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WEATHER

Heavy dumps of snow bury island



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A truck seen Monday that was left abandoned in the ditch on Upper Ganges Road, as slippery conditions made roads treacherous for driving.

More winter weather in the forecast

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands' first blast of winter on Friday was followed up with a major snowfall Sunday as the "coldest and snowiest pattern in a decade" got underway.

Some areas of the coast saw 30 centimetres or more of snow accumulate over the weekend, causing school districts in the Gulf Islands, Victoria and Surrey to close all schools on Monday. The poor road conditions on Salt Spring Monday morning resulted in the cancellation of the early morning ferry sailings between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay as crew members were unable to reach the Fulford terminal. Mainroad Contracting crews were concentrating on clearing roads to ferries first and hoped to move on the secondary roads after that.

Many Salt Spring businesses were closed on Monday due to the weather.

Environment Canada warned this may be just the beginning of an extended week

of exceptionally bad weather. The agency was calling for another 10 to 15 cm over Monday night/Tuesday morning with a second low pressure system in two days expected to sweep through the region.

The white-out conditions and quickly accumulating snow caused travel havoc for many. Salt Spring Fire Rescue warned drivers to stay off the road after the snow started Sunday afternoon, reporting one roll-over accident had already occurred. Bus service was restricted to main roads only. By the evening cars were stuck on Fulford-Ganges Road at Lee's hill, partially blocking the travel lanes.

Other than the roll-over, things were quiet for the fire department, whose members also attended a hydro line issue and a medical incident on Sunday. Fire Chief Arjuna George said things tend to go better when the snow falls on a weekend or an evening and people don't feel the pressure to get to work or school.

George advised islanders to be ready

for the next bout and to continue staying home if possible.

"If you don't have to be on the roads, don't go on the roads, and if you do need to go out be properly equipped with winter tires, all-season tires or chains," George said. "It's not worth the risk to be out on summer tires or even bald winter tires."

Heavy snowfall also impacted ferry passengers travelling on Sunday afternoon and evening, when the RCMP closed Highway 17 in both directions between Swartz Bay and Keating Cross road following several major car crashes. People arriving at the terminal from Vancouver and the Gulf Islands were forced to stay put in the arrivals area for several hours before the road was re-opened. The Malahat highway was also closed between Langford and Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road due to dangerous road conditions.

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ME	1748	1.1	3.6	DI	2112	0.3	1.0
14	0218	2.8	9.2	18	0517	3.4	11.2
	0506	2.7	8.9		1003	2.7	8.9
TH	1031	3.1	10.2	MO	1430	3.2	10.5
JE	1841	0.8	2.6	LU	2159	0.3	1.0
15	0319	3.0	9.8	19	0550	3.4	11.2
	0644	2.9	9.5		1050	2.5	8.2
FR	1119	3.1	10.2	TU	1536	3.2	10.5
VE	1933	0.6	2.0	MA	2245	0.4	1.3
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What does POD mean?

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Ferry travel impacted by weather



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Josh Lawrence uses a leaf blower to clear a Quarry Drive driveway of snow on Monday. The flakes were lighter than the usual wet west coast variety, making it easier to blow or shovel the white stuff away. More snow is in the forecast.

SNOW

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A former Salt Spring family now living in Victoria were among those caught in the chaos. Jordan Stratford had been warning others not to attempt driving because of the ice under the snow when he got a text message from his kids saying they were stuck at Swartz Bay. His 14-year-old son and 15-year-old daughter had been visiting friends on Salt Spring for the weekend and were on their way home when they found out that buses could not reach the terminal. Stratford left home from Victoria's Cook Street Village before 5 p.m. and finally arrived at Swartz Bay three and a half hours later.

"I put that as the third worst drive of my life," Stratford said Monday morning.

Jordan said drivers were behaving well in that they were taking it slow and going single file, but as soon as he reached the highway there were numbers of cars that had hit ice and

just stopped. Along the way he encountered a "ballet" of tow-trucks removing abandoned vehicles, and was stopped several times while waiting for accidents to clear.

"At Royal Oak and Elk Lake, the wind had just polished the road into ice," Stratford said.

When Stratford finally arrived at Beacon Avenue in Sidney he found the highway was closed from that point, as were any possible side routes. He had to wait there for 45 minutes until RCMP cleared the area, finally arriving at the terminal at 8:30 to collect his children.

"The kids were really sane and responsible. But as the ferries kept arriving and disgorging passengers with nowhere to go, the arrivals terminal was getting really full. There were about 200 people there at one point," Stratford said, adding the kids were not permitted to go back to the departure area cafeteria.

The return trip was just as harrowing, with four accidents within 100 metres near McTavish Road among other issues. They finally got home at 11:30 p.m.

Stratford said the delays in information about road conditions and the lack of communication between BC Ferries and BC Transit caused problems, but he realizes the situation was probably unique.

"We're not prepared for this," he said. "Everybody was working on outdated and insufficient intel and nobody was prepared for this because it's not a thing."

Ferries running off schedule on Sunday afternoon and evening included the Skeena Queen, which was held to wait for passengers transferring from the Spirit of British Columbia, the Howe Sound Queen, the Kitsa serving Brentwood-Mill Bay and the Chemainus-Penelakut-Thetis ferry.

Snow and high winds that started Friday and accrued through Saturday morning resulted in power outages for almost all residents on Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands through Saturday and into Sunday. Multiple Salt Spring residents also lost power for a short time on Friday night or Saturday morning.

CRD

CRD director adds emergency funds to budget

Grants-in-aid also boosted further

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

CRD director Gary Holman is proposing additional requisition increases for the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program and the grant-in-aid program of \$5,000 each for the 2019-20 budget year.

Holman had originally presented a \$6.4-million budget to the public at the library on Jan. 22. The amount was initially an increase of \$25,000 to the provisional budget set out by previous CRD director Wayne McIntyre. At that time, the requisition increase for the Emergen-

cy Program and the Grant in Aid programs were not part of the budget.

"Now I am proposing to add another \$10,000 to that \$25,000," Holman said. "That will include the \$5,000 for the emergency program, and I will add another five to the grant-in-aid program."

Additional funds for the emergency program will go towards giving the program more capacity to do educational work in the community, he said. The SSIEP requisition currently goes towards paying the coordinator's salary, as well as that of her deputy. It also helps cover rent for hosting the emergency operations centre. The deputy position at the SSIEP will also be

split between two people, though that will not be a budgetary concern because the salary will also be split.

"As you might imagine, during events like the windstorm, all of a sudden, a normal job becomes extraordinarily taxing and stressful. [Coordinator Elizabeth Zook] needs deputies during those times to share the workload," Holman said.

In addition to the increase to the Emergency Program, Holman also said he was going to increase the amount of money allocated for the grant-in-aid program. Grants-in-aid are one-time grants that are awarded to community non-profits in the area. The original proposed budget

set out by McIntyre in the fall was to add \$10,000 to the program, and Holman will be increasing that to \$15,000. The total requisition for the program will be \$37,000, which Holman explained is less than it was when he was previously in office.

"I've already had applications for grants in aid for about half of the requisition already and we're only half way through February," he said. "The demand is clearly there. The GIA requisition is going to be less than it was when I was director 10 years ago, despite inflation and population increase."

The CRD budget will be approved by the CRD Board in March.

NEWS BRIEFS

Trust Council deadline

Those interested in making a delegation presentation to the Islands Trust Council's next quarterly business meeting have until Feb. 22 to make their requests. The meeting will include a trustee roundtable, a discussion of the 2019-20 budget, as well as delegations and a town hall session. It will be held on Gabriola Island from March 12 to 14 at the Phoenix Auditorium at the Haven, located at 240 Davis Rd. The agenda package for the meeting will be posted on March 4.

Delegation requests can be sent to lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca and must include the topic and the speaker's name and contact information.

RCMP report

Winter driving conditions have kept the local RCMP detachment busy as they responded to over 70 calls over the last week. Drivers are reminded that they must have appropriate tires for the season, which either say M and S, or Winter (with a snowflake image) on the sides. Any vehicles abandoned during storms that impede traffic or snow plows will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Salt Spring RCMP detachment would also like to welcome their newest member Cpl. Matt Crist, who joined the detachment in January. Crist has an extensive background working in rural policing and will be a welcome addition.

MP MacGregor visits

The Salt Spring NDP Club is holding a luncheon and meeting on Feb. 16 in the Lower Hall of the United Church in Ganges. The guest speaker will be Cowichan-Malahat-Langford MP Alistair MacGregor. The talk will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will include a question and answer period. Lunch is served at 12:45 p.m. For NDP club members, there will be a short AGM after the event to elect officers for 2019.

About this paper

Due to the snowstorm and threat of more snow to come, this issue of the Driftwood was sent to press on Monday evening. Check our gulfislandsdriftwood.com site for updated news.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Benwell joins SD64



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Scott Benwell, who is the new superintendent for the Gulf Islands School District, replacing Lisa Halstead. Benwell formerly held the position of superintendent for the Vancouver Island North district.

Increasing graduation rates is a focus for new superintendent

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District's new superintendent started his new position in January, and is looking forward to working with the district at improving education in the Gulf Islands.

Scott Benwell was appointed as superintendent in March 2018. He came to the Gulf Islands after working in the Vancouver Island North district as superintendent beginning on a half-time basis. He is currently seconded to the Ministry of Education as a field liaison for aboriginal education, and will begin full-time work with the district in May.

Benwell grew up in Victoria where he got his bachelor's degree in education. He worked as a teacher and principal at a school in Bella Bella, and later in Pelly Crossing as principal. He moved to Ponoka, Alta. where he worked as a principal of a high school, and got his PhD from the University of Calgary. After he finished his doctorate, he worked in the Fraser Cascade School District as assistant superintendent, and then as superintendent of the Vancouver Island North District.

Benwell was interested in working in the Gulf Islands because of the district's innovation and dedication to learning.

"I think the size of the district is ideal," he said. "I'm intrigued by the programs that are offered, the people that are here, I have a high degree of respect for what the Gulf Islands has been able to accomplish and I just wanted to be a part of it."

Benwell's priority is to get to know the district before solidifying plans and directions for his tenure as superintendent. However, he has identified some areas that need work in the district.

One area in particular that Benwell would like to focus on is the graduation rate. Over the last four years, district-wide graduation rates have been at around 60 per cent, compared to a provincial average of 85.5 per cent. According to data published by the Ministry of Education, of the 192 students who were eligible for graduation in the 2017/18 school year, 103 students received a diploma.

"I think we have some work to do with regard to being very specific to where students are in their learning, to keep track of that and to ensure that we're working with families to address any concerns that there are. We want to address those concerns in time to make a difference," he said. "We should have a year's worth of student output for a year's worth of our input . . . The older a student gets that has fallen behind early, the harder it is to adjust that trajectory in their learning."

Also on his radar is working on improving numeracy and literacy rates, but he explained that those goals are the regular business of running a school district.

"I think that's the work of a school district: to pay attention to those things. Whether I'm new or old or in this district or that district, that's the agenda."

Benwell is coming into his position during a time of change. The district will be looking at working within a new funding model in the next few years, and was directed by the previous board of education to undertake a look at the district's configuration over a similar time period. Benwell hopes that the process opens up community interest in education.

"I think it's timely that after 25 years of doing it one way we're looking at the possibility of a better approach," he said. "I'm thankful and respectful that the board of education didn't put a timeline on it. They had the priority of doing it well, not quickly."

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Sea-level rise plans in the works



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Claude Tremblay of Living Oceans discusses Sea Level Rise during a community talk at Mahon Hall on Jan. 28.

Living Oceans Society shares information at workshop

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Over the next three decades, ocean levels are expected to rise by at least 0.5 metres and islanders need to be ready, according to a community presentation put on by Living Oceans Society through the Islands Trust on Jan. 28.

According to Living Oceans, global sea levels have been increasing gradually over the last century, and that rate has increased over the last 20 years. The rise in water levels is expected to reach at least one metre by 2100, and could be more depending on future events. The increased water level will bring an increase in salt water intrusion, higher shoreline erosion, flooding and increased damage from storm surges and high tides.

"We should be very worried," said Karen Wristen, executive director of Living Oceans. "We've got a lot of coastal infrastructure that will have to be relocated or improved. However, we're working on exactly the time-

line you work on for major infrastructure like wharves and docks and dockside facilities."

In B.C., 80 per cent of the population lives within five kilometres of the coast. That adds up to around 3.5 million people in the province who will likely be affected by rising ocean levels. Though the effects of sea level rise will be gradually increasing over the years, Living Oceans recommends beginning to plan for higher water levels now.

"Knowing that scientists are finding out that things are happening at a faster rate, that's the reason that we're doing these workshops: to have people start to think about sea level rise," said Living Oceans climate change campaigner Claude Tremblay, who facilitated the talk. "Thirty-one years is not a long time for planning, when you have to consider so many complex things like engaging people, finding resource money and all that. If people start thinking about it now, it's a good time. If they ask the right questions, hopefully things will be ready for 2050."

Living Oceans has identified four ways to deal with rising waters. These include protecting against it using natural barriers, accommodating it in the design of new buildings, avoiding it by building new projects further away from the flood plain or retreating from the coast all together.

"Managing a retreat from rising waters is often the best solution . . . You may have buildings that require major repairs in the 30 years, so it's easier to make the decision to relocate today and just let the water keep rising," Wristen said. "It is going to be difficult. There are going to be waterfront properties that are severely impacted and people aren't going to like that, and there's no answer for them at the moment . . . It's going to be a loss in some cases, and there's no way around that."

One difficulty for planning for sea level rise is knowing exactly where the new coastline will be. Predicting new waterlines necessitates a precise knowledge of the topography of a given area. Using tsunami flood plain calculations as a baseline, Living Oceans recommends building at a 1.5 metre vertical setback, combined with a 15-metre setback for buildings within the Georgia Strait area.

"That's part of the reason you need the professional assessment done. The first thing that needs to be done is to map where that new waterline is going to be because the setback going to be 1.5 vertical metres above the new water level, and you don't know where that's going to be located on a plane until you know where the water is going to come to," Wristen explained.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans originally funded Living Oceans to give four talks on the subject to coastal communities. They have already exceeded that amount, and are fielding requests for more discussions from other areas.

Both the federal and provincial governments have contributed funds for the assessment of sea level rise planning. Larger cities have already been developing plans for the higher waters, but small towns have been slower to start. Funding also exists for the infrastructure phases. A list of funding sources and other information is available on the Living Oceans website.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Community windstorm debrief meeting set

Community Alliance hosts session on Feb. 25 at Lions Hall

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 25 to give Salt Spring residents the chance to discuss the Dec. 20 windstorm and to learn about how to better prepare for future emergencies.

The meeting will be held by CRD director Gary Holman and the Salt

Spring Community Alliance at Lions Hall. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., representatives from the CRD Emergency and Social Services programs, Salt Spring Fire Rescue and the Ground Search and Rescue group will be able to answer questions and share tips about how to prepare for future events.

"We've had debriefs within the CRD, we've had debriefs with the CRD and all the responders. We've had a debrief with all of the POD leaders, we still haven't heard directly from the public," Holman said. "I think there would be a

value in doing that."

The meeting will be for all members of the community to share lessons learned during the windstorm.

"One of Salt Spring's strengths is that we take care of each other in a crisis, said Holman. "This emergency really brought out the best in our community. This meeting is a chance to learn what we can do better next time in terms of personal and community preparedness and learn more about the organizations that work so hard to keep us safe."

ENVIRONMENT

Dead boats take toll on region



PHOTO BY GREG SLAKOV

A boat that had been moored in Ganges Harbour for an estimated three years sinks on Jan. 27.

Owners urged to sign off on dead boat removal program

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With winter storm season not over yet and derelict boats piling up on Salt Spring beaches and at the bottom of its sheltered bays, local organizations are hoping to act before the situation becomes much worse.

"Don't be embarrassed if you've made a bad deal. Let us know before they sink," advised John Roe of the Dead Boats Society. "It just costs so much more to bring them up from the bottom."

At least three boats are known to have slipped below the waters of Ganges Harbour just last month. One on Jan. 7 and another on Jan. 27 were both reported to the Coast Guard by Greg Slakov. Roe said he knows of one more that sunk there in January, as well as six boats underwater at Burgoyne Bay.

Roe's society has spent the past year collecting such vessels for disposal under the federal Abandoned Boats Program, working in partnership with the Capital Regional District and private donors. His team has inventoried, seized or taken responsibility for and removed 34 boats in the past three years from the problematic Gorge waterway in Victoria to Powell River. The effort has taken 600,000 pounds of dead boats and garbage from the water and beaches.

Roe said while other communities seem to be getting a handle on their derelict boats, Salt Spring has the highest number of abandoned or sunken vessels he's inventoried on the south coast, and the problem just seems to be getting worse. He is urging people who have boats in danger of sinking to turn them over to the program before they go under.

"The thing is this federal program with Transport Canada ends in three years," Roe said. "We need to start

cooperating as a community. If you have a derelict boat and can't afford to keep it, give it to us."

"I'd just rather get it all done and come back five years from now rather than in five months," he added.

Coastal communities around B.C. and throughout the world are being hit with a tidal wave of boating garbage due to the technological advance that first made recreational boat ownership possible for the average family.

The environmental action website Earth911 explains: "While fibreglass boats first appeared in the 1940s, they didn't really take off until the 1960s. These new, easily manufactured boats made it easier for a middle-class person to afford a boat of their own.

"It is believed that there are 35 to 40 million boats around the world nearing their end of life."

EARTH 911

"This led to a boom in boat sales in the 1960s and 1970s. Unfortunately, many of these boats are now reaching the end of their lives and are ready for disposal. It is believed that there are 35 to 40 million boats around the world nearing their end of life."

The technology that made fibreglass so durable to begin with also make it uniquely challenging to recycle, and disposal costs for getting boats into landfills are high. But while fibreglass boats at their end of their lifespan are of negative value to actual boaters, they can be attractive to people looking for cheap live-aboard accommodation.

People with few financial resources may be less able or likely to dispose of a dead boat properly, which explains why so many aging craft are just left moored in harbours until they finally break free

and go down.

How to manage moorage in Ganges Harbour is one of the issues on which the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island is seeking input from community stakeholders. HASSI does not allow mooring buoys to be installed in its limited area water lots near Kanaka and Centennial wharfs, but there are many private buoys found just beyond its borders.

Harbour manager Jim Heath said these are officially regulated by Transport Canada, which has strict guidelines about navigable waters and the types of "works" that can be placed in them. In his opinion, though, many of the blocks in Ganges Harbour probably do not comply with those regulations.

"The mooring buoys are kind of a free-for-all. The problem is there's not enough funding for enforcement," Heath said.

Municipalities and other forms of local government can sometimes get more control over harbour management through tenure agreements with the province, such as Bowen Island has done with Mannion Bay. People who install mooring buoys there are required to provide proof of ownership, name of the boat and licence information, local contact information and proof of third party liability insurance.

Heath said that type of idea is something the community could discuss, although he noted there are many overlapping and potentially competing interests to consider, and local government would have to take the lead. HASSI's mandate is limited to the management of small craft harbours with a focus on commercial fishing. For any eventual decision, taxpayers would have to decide whether the benefits of an extra layer of management would be worth the cost, Heath noted.

A stakeholder's meeting hosted by HASSI is expected to be scheduled in the next month or so with locally elected officials invited.

"It's going to be a challenge but at least the dialogue has started," Heath said. "It's got to be done."

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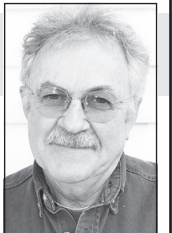
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EDITORIAL

Keel hauled

It seems for every function-
ing vessel on the coast, a
junker with no hint of life
is tied up just alongside.

Wrecked and abandoned boats have been common on the coast for centuries, but the inventory of historic steamships and wooden trading vessels downed by local hazards is seeing a boost from entirely modern sources as cheap pleasure craft manufactured in the 1960s through the 1980s reach the end of their lifespan. Many of those dying boats have been turned into temporary housing on the water; all of them are costly and difficult to dispose of, making it easier for some to leave them behind.

The Driftwood is just one voice that has called for a concrete program to deal with abandoned boats over the years. The Islands Trust made the issue one of its top advocacy areas, and its former

chair Sheila Malcomson continued to champion the need for senior government action in her role as Nanaimo-Ladysmith MP.

The federal government has finally made its own steps toward implementing legislation to assign owner responsibility and the authority to respond under various depart-

THE ISSUE:
Derelict boats

WE SAY:
Timely action needed

ments, with the bill expected to reach final approval this summer. Temporary funding to clean up derelict boats has also been made available. It's being put to good use on the south coast by groups such as the Dead Boats Society, its partners in local government and community volunteers involved with inventories and beach cleanup events.

The Dead Boats Society is asking people whose boats haven't yet sunk to sign over authority and allow the organization to collect vessels before they slip beneath the waves or get lodged on a rocky cove. Notices will be going out to abandoned-looking boats soon. This is a great opportunity for people who might not otherwise be able to act to do the right thing for their community and the environment, and it should be supported wherever possible.

Now is also the time to think about the additional regulatory tools that will be needed to deal with a growing problem, by all levels of government. Fibreglass recycling, moorage management and boat ownership licensing are just some of the areas that need to be addressed sooner rather than later. Our precious marine environment depends on it.



Extinction can be halted

The following was sent to Catherine McKenna, Canada's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY RODNEY POLDEN

I strongly endorse the recommendation of the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada to add the red-necked phalarope, Cassin's auklet, lark bunting, black swift and evening grosbeak to Schedule 1 of the Species At Risk Act.

Additionally, the pink-footed shearwater should be upgraded to "endangered," and both the McCown's longspur and Louisiana water-thrush to "threatened."

We are losing far too many species, and we all know what steps need to be taken to slow and halt this appalling trend. I do hope you yourself can find the moral strength and resiliency, as well as the political will, to take the steps that are within your ambit and mandate to do, such as the necessary actions regarding these eight avian species.

There is so much that could be achieved by a Minister of the Environ-

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ment who decided it was time for something to actually be done in a realistic and meaningful way that would change the present toxic and entirely unsustainable relationship between industry, business, government, consumers and NGOs — the latter apparently the only segment to actually be attempting everything within their reach to be done.

We are losing far too many species, and we all know what steps need to be taken to slow and halt this appalling trend.

The apathy, inaction, greed and carelessness of every other sector will be a stain on this era of Canada's history that will never be escaped, since what we are losing every single day now will never,

as we are all aware, ever be regained.

It's not that we do not know how to save it, it's not that we are unable for other reasons to do so, it is solely and quite simply that we all as Canadians are willing to leave all this up to "leaders" who only lead us towards more toys and fewer true wonders, such as these eight bird species that will quite possibly be some of the next to join the swelling lists of tens of thousands of vanishing unique creatures and plants.

I do hope that my words here may just possibly stir your conscience as one individual who possesses both more access and more influence to begin the task that is so desperately needed, if we too are not to join all those extinguished species. The choice is ours, all of us, and that choice is also quite uniquely yours too, to lead. Will you do so? Will you try?

Thank you for the opportunity to address you regarding this important issue.

The writer is a long-time Salt Spring resident.

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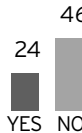
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Should the Islands Trust do more to tackle climate change?



OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

"The mooring buoys are kind of a free-for-all. The problem is there's not enough funding for enforcement."

JIM HEATH, HASSI HARBOUR MANAGER

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *How have you been getting around in the snow?*

PUTU OKUDA



My neighbours had chains on their wheels, so they drove me into town. Now I'm going to hitchhike into Long Harbour to catch a ferry.

ROSA MEYER



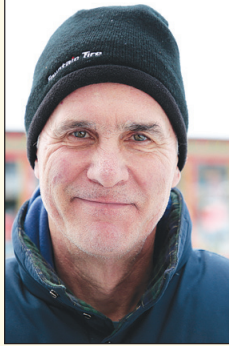
I have four wheel drive, so it has been alright.

IVAN HAJEK



Thank God for 4x4, I've been learning how to drive in the snow as I go. I'm not invincible, but it's been doable.

CHRIS MULLINS



I've been getting around pretty easily. I have a good truck, and I've been waiting for the guys to plow before I go out.

STEVE PHILLIPS



I've been walking.

LETTERS to the editor

SSIWPA provides good value

There can be little disagreement that water is an essential concern, not only to life on Salt Spring, but anywhere. In making it a top priority, the Islands Trust echoes the fact.

Maxine Leichter, president of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society (of which I am a longtime member), concludes in her Jan. 30 letter that the \$98,500 in funding for the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance should be reduced because SSIWPA, in her view, has not produced results for money. An examination of the SSIWPA record will allow any individual to form their own informed assessment of that question.

I believe Maxine is naive to think we can do more with less by reducing SSIWPA's current budget. For a top priority file confronted with climate change and mushrooming land-use governance challenges, SSIWPA's minuscule

budget (\$10 per year for the average assessed property) is not even a concern. It is the equivalent of four cups of restaurant coffee.

More needs to be done. Everyone recognizes that, particularly at any political meeting.

Nothing happens without water. Connect the dots. SSIWPA provides more results, boots on the ground, more data, ongoing on-site monitoring, plus comparative analyses and more site-specific investigations of particular groundwater anomalies for informed decision-making, more public education and enforcement.

This is and will continue to be more achievable as partnership agencies working with SSIWPA, like the CRD, continue to streamline their recognition of the complementarity of agencies, programs and budgets working together, where one plus one becomes three, not two overlapping independent views.

RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING

Terrible island drivers

What is with the drivers on Salt Spring these days?

Many seem to be very religious. They have blind faith that they won't be killed no matter how stupidly they drive. Others seem to epitomize blind arrogance. Either way they seem to be blind.

I had to slam on the brakes to keep from rear-ending some idiot who decided to stop and wave a car sitting at a stop sign to go ahead. I cringed as I heard the car behind me slam on their brakes. That idiot had set up a possible multi-car collision.

Another time, a truck saw me coming and whipped out in front of me. It was slippery out. He fishtailed across the road and had to stop to get back under control. I had to brake hard to keep from rear-ending his truck.

Another time a truck pulled out right in front of me to turn left and I had to lock up the brakes to keep from broadsiding him. In both instances there

was no one behind me. If they had waited three to four seconds they would have had a clear road and no danger.

A woman pulled out in front of me and again I had to brake hard so as not to hit her. She was totally oblivious to the situation as she tottered on her way.

I was stuck behind a woman who was stopped at a yield sign while she rummaged in her purse. She passed up chances to pull out while she continued her treasure hunt.

Don't even get me started on the jerks who leave their cars parked at the gas pump after they have filled up and wander off to get a coffee or have a chat, all while completely blocking the pump. (See my rant in the Jan. 23 issue of the Driftwood.)

All this happened within the last three weeks, so I can't blame it on the tourists, much as I would like to.

Driving is not a right, it is a privilege. Treat it as such.

KERRY BUTLER,
FAIRWAY DRIVE

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'Slow down' invective makes a laggard laugh

The other day someone called me "Tubby."

"Slow down, Tubby!" were her very words as I hurtled past her and her dogs in my car at 30 km/h on my neighbourhood hill.

I think she must have been a visitor, probably from somewhere a little way south of here, because such abrasive language just isn't Salt Spring, is it? But I suppose that had she been an American visitor my lifeless corpse would have been discovered bloody with bullets and slumped across the steering wheel, assuming that like most of our southern neighbours she'd have an AK-47 secreted in her underwear.

But in truth it wasn't the "Tubby" that set me back. Once I had lifted my tear-streaked face from my sodden pillow I remembered that my brother, who has always carried as much extra flesh as a chopstick, had called me Tubby since we were kids, even though I was actually a young Adonis, a perfectly proportioned sun-bronzed godling in short trousers, glowing with health and joie de vivre. At least, that's how I remember it . . .

I finally put a stop to the plump-shaming when his daughters, encouraged by their father, started calling me "Uncle Tubby." (One of those nieces, incidentally, is now a consultant heart surgeon and the last thing you want to be called by a heart surgeon — other than "Dead" — is "Tubby.") Furthermore, in the interest of impartiality, I will tell you now that he was always called "Bat" because his ears stuck out at right angles to his head. These days he is Dr. Bat and his ears would still shame a jumbo jet.

But no, it was the "slow down" that shook me. In a life mostly punctuated by "Get a bloody move on" or "Are you ever going to finish that?" to be told to "slow down" was more than a little different.



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER
THING

I was once described in a school report by an English teacher with a penchant for irregular vocabulary as a "laggard" with which my mum, once she'd looked it up, entirely agreed. "Laggard? A straggler, loiterer, lingerer, dawdler, slug-gard, snail, idler, loafer." He got that right then, didn't he, dear?"

It's true that I have, for the most part, tended to loaf at the tail-end of events, although in fairness to myself I should point out that it is nigh-on impossible to carve a reasonably successful career in the media as I did without being at least a little bit quick on your toes. It is also true though that I spent the better part of the past 30 years sitting behind various desks, pontificating. The last time I did any proper moving-about journalism pre-dates the Relief of Mafeking.

As a much younger man I fancied myself as louche, attractively disreputable, a sort of Beau Brummell without the wardrobe, but I suspect now that I was merely a scruffy layabout who fell into journalism because I could spell and because it offered a degree of infamy for very little effort.

But elsewhere I've tended toward the laggardly, especially in those matters in which I had no interest. Running, for example. I never really took to running and have always favoured missing a bus or train rather than working up a sweat trying to catch

them. When the Great Earthquake inevitably arrives, I shall simply sit it out — better to go out under fallen masonry than as another elderly heart victim. And there is a good chance of being dug out in a week or so and getting onto TV as a miracle survivor while a busted blood vessel stays busted.

At school, where athleticism was regarded as a virtue, I was a virtue-free zone, preferring to saunter along the cross-country route with my sluggish chums, staying well behind the others who didn't mind a spot of exercise, keeping out of sight and stopping occasionally for a smoke in the thickets of rhododendron bushes that adorned the countryside. By my reckoning even then, there was no shame in coming in 20 minutes after the sweated masses because we got the showers to ourselves and in any case had barely raised more than a genteel sheen of perspiration. So, while the swats and lickspittles aspired to a five-minute mile, I was perfectly content with a mile an hour.

In fact, sweating is another thing I'm not entirely comfortable with. It's always struck me as slightly vulgar, just a little "common," if I can go all upper-middle class on you for a moment. I can't imagine the Queen has ever sweated and the vision of the Blessed Diana and the Even More Blessed Kate working up anything more than a decorous glow is unthinkable. Prince Charles, I'm sure, has a man who sweats for him.

And so, I would like to thank the dog lady for her curbside invective. I'm sorry if I frightened her or her dogs, but she sent me down memory lanes I hadn't trodden for years — and gave me something to write about as I languished in the writer's doldrum that is January.

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Salt Spring not ready for moratorium exceptions

BY CHRIS DIXON

This is a response to the Driftwood editorial of Feb. 6 titled Wasted Water.

Imagine that there is a tall mountain right exactly where we now have St. Mary Lake. Let's call it Mount Saint Mary and have our imagination fill in the details. How tall she is; how steep and are there trees?

Imagine how many people could live on Salt Spring today if our precious St. Mary Lake was a lump of rock. Not so many, because we can't drink rock. Imagine all those addresses north and west of town which would still be forested because without water, humans wouldn't try to live there.

Imagine your bank account; it's like a glass of water, in that each sip you take brings you closer to being broke. Worse, your bank manager won't let you go into

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debt because you're unable to convince anyone that you could repay that debt sometime later.

Back to reality; St. Mary Lake holds a finite amount of water, and the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has a licence that very clearly describes the limits on how much water it can deliver for human needs and how much must be left for environmental needs.

The day has inevitably arrived when we can't build any more driveways because there is no more water; it's all committed to the driveways that are already in place. The decision to stop adding to the list of people who get water is called a moratorium. It's not a pleasant word.

A moratorium is like any rule:

it only works when we follow it. Making even one exception inevitably leads to the next request for an exception, based on the existence of the first.

We're there. There is no extra water, just like there is no extra parking in Ganges. At this time the moratorium is necessary. It is not an opinion, nor is it a political stance. The moratorium is based on hard data derived from good science. It may be possible in the future to relax the moratorium in certain specific ways, but we're not anywhere near that day yet.

Our shared responsibility to manage a finite source of water means that we can only consider an additional use here if we can match it with a durable reduction in demand there. Said another way, we will need to modify our culture in sustainable ways if we want to provide for additional demand.

Changing our culture is not as difficult as it sounds; when was the last time you saw an ashtray in a public space? Today, we use treated water to clean our town. Imagine a day when it is illegal to power wash the sidewalks in Ganges with drinking water.

We will learn to store rain water for various uses that don't require drinking water. We will pay our own way, according to our shared or individual needs. We will still have gardens, clean cars and public fountains, but they won't compete with human needs.

When we can demonstrate that we have consistently reduced our dependence on treated water for utility uses, we will be able to have conversations about lifting the moratorium, and the first conversations will be about how to use our newly available water for the greatest good. We may

call a referendum that decides to provide water for affordable housing projects. We may choose to have an annual lottery to allow x number of new connections per year. Time will tell.

Our decisions will be based on science and careful observation rather than on politics or opinion. We'll have an eye upwind to account for climate change, because as a community we may face a day when some of us will leave our tiny island for lack of water. Time will tell.

Today, we can be thankful that our precious resource is being handled carefully and responsibly by talented and methodical people. North Salt Spring Waterworks is about making good decisions, even when they're sometimes hard or unpopular decisions.

The writer is a North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustee.

celebrating SENIORS

Caregivers share wisdom and advice about dementia in new video series

Dementia disorders slowly erode people's ability to understand and perform everyday tasks, creating new and unexpected challenges for families. One of the best sources of information and support about life with dementia is other family caregivers, whose experience and advice is now available in a new video series called Sharing the Journey: Practical Approaches to Caring for a Loved One With Dementia.

Family caregivers and medical experts share their experiences and advice in this collection of short videos, which include dramatizations to demonstrate common solutions for problems like wandering or confusion.

"Caregivers said 'Show us

what to do, don't just tell us,'" said Sandra Somers, a recently retired seniors health nurse with Island Health and clinical advisor to the project. "By involving caregivers in every part of the production and using actors to dramatize common scenarios, we were able to identify the most important issues for caregivers and really show how to deal with them."

Family caregivers, who acted as both advisors and participants in the video series, were integral to the project. "We called this series Sharing the Journey because it really is built on enabling caregivers to share their lived experiences to help other families like theirs," said Somers. "These videos will help

a lot of families, and we have these caregivers to thank for that."

Creation of the videos was supported by the Alzheimer Society of B.C. "Being able to provide practical, meaningful education and resources to people on the dementia journey is at the core of our work," says Maria Howard, CEO, Alzheimer Society of B.C. "Having the opportunity to work with Island Health on this project shows us what is possible when we all work together to build a dementia-friendly province."

The 18-part video series is available to view online at: www.IslandHealth.ca/dementia/videos

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Herring need our help

The following was sent to Fisheries and Oceans Minister Jonathan Wilkinson and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

Your rejection of the request by MP Gord Johns for a moratorium on the herring roe fishery planned for the waters around Hornby Island in March of this year, claiming science and evidence is not credible.

DFO's science concerning herring populations has proved wrong six times in the past 13 years.

The protected waters of the Strait of Georgia is the last remaining major Pacific herring spawning area from Washington State to Alaska.

These herring are the indispensable base of the marine food web. They don't belong to you, or DFO, or Jimmy Pattison, or the few seiners with massive nets that can trap whole runs and equipment that sucks their life out of the sea. They belong to the future, to the people of Canada, to the 44,000 people who signed that petition. They belong to creation, to the countless creatures, from migrating sea birds to humpback whales, and the salmon, cod, halibut, rockfish sharks, cetaceans and sea mammals that depend on them for essential food. They also belong to all the recreational, sport, commercial and tourist fisheries that depend on the above.

Culling the seals won't do it, it's too little and too late. The herring have to be allowed to spawn, and live to spawn again many times in order to restore their normal population, and also renew all the species that depend on them. Nature will do this if you give it the chance.

There needs to be a moratorium on the herring roe fishery now, or at the very least a drastic cut in the quota seine boats can take from this precious spawning population.

Please amend your decision.

NANCY WIGEN,
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The Tsunami Circus Troupe would like to extend a huge juggling mass of roses to the Salt Spring Foundation Island for their generous donation to help purchase three more large mats to use in our program. The support of the Foundation and those who donate to it are so very much appreciated. Thank you for helping keep our kids safe as they fly high.

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Comedians bring Paws for Laughter

Second City alumni present comedy night for SPCA

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Alumni from the famous Second City comedy group are bringing their Paws for Laughter show to ArtSpring on Feb. 16 to raise money for the Salt Spring Island SPCA.

Paws for Laughter is part sketch comedy and part improv, written by Second City's Ron Harner. It has seen a successful four-year run in Los Angeles, selling out three of the last four years. Harner has recently relocated from Los Angeles to Salt Spring Island, and was approached to bring the successful show to ArtSpring for a one-time performance. Harner reached out to his colleagues in California, who all agreed to come up to Salt Spring for the show.

"It's a really talented group of people coming up from LA," he said. "It's just a great night because the performers are there out of the goodness of their own hearts . . . Everybody is there for the right reasons and it sounds a little cheesy, but there's a lot of warmth in the room."

When it is performed in the states, all of the proceeds for the show go to the American Humane Society's Red Star program. The pro-



Paws for Laughter promotional poster.

gram helps reunite people with their lost animals after a disaster. They find animals, treat any injuries or illnesses, and work at reconnecting people with their lost pets.

"I thought that was just the greatest thing for both the animals and the humans. If you lose your house in a disaster and then you also lose your dog, that's just tough to take," Harner said.

Part of the proceeds from the Salt Spring show

will go towards the local SPCA, and some will go to the American Humane Society program.

Billed as "Good comedy. Good cause. Everybody wins," the evening will incorporate Harner's sketch comedy, performed by members of the Second City cast from LA. The other half of the evening will be an improv show, where anything could happen.

"There's satire, some flat-out farce, there's some improv where you never know what you're going to get, that's the nature of the business. It's laughs first. The money goes to a good place, but it's not like we're doing dog sketches," Harner said.

As a group of accomplished comedians who have been featured in both television and film, the cast brings a wealth of talent to the show. Cast members include Ithamar Enriquez, Jaime Moyer, Heather Horton, Frank Caeti, Joe DeBolt, Jay Pennick and Harner.

"These are just really funny people. Some of them have been on television and in movies, they're just funny, funny people," Harner said. "Everybody said yes when it was a lot easier to not travel the 1,000 miles to get here and perform for free."

The show begins at 7:30 on Saturday, Feb. 16. The program is one hour long with no intermission, and there will be a reception after the show. All ages are invited to attend.

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FILM FESTIVAL

Gala night features food and ecology film

The Serengeti Rules is Friday night offering at 20th festival

BY THERIN GOWER
SS FILM FESTIVAL SOCIETY

In just over a fortnight the doors will open for the 20th anniversary of the Salt Spring Film Festival.

The Friday night gala is on March 1 in the multipurpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m.

We are delighted to offer delicious hot dinners prepared by Michael and Daniel Shipley of Farm's Gate Foods and Catering. Choices include Za'atar roasted whole chicken leg served over braised lentils, roasted shallots and squash with house yogurt; Turkish bean stew with toasted rice pilaf, roasted shallots and squash; and for soup and salad they offer roasted squash and apple bisque plus lightly dressed organic greens and Francis sourdough bread. These scrumptious meals will be sold in the cafeteria, with some seating there. However, many people will observe the time-honoured gala tradition of convivial dining perched on a chair in the multi-purpose room.

Decadent desserts and mouth-watering savoury snacks from Jana's Bake Shop, Coco Loco Bakery and Laughing Daughters will be available at the Intermission Café, down the hall from the multi-purpose room. Freshly made coffee provided by TJ Beans, teas and special festive cold drinks will slake your thirst. And our wildly popular hot buttered popcorn will add to the cinema ambiance.

Please remember that the gala (like the rest of the festival) is a cash-only event and there is no bank machine on the premises.

Enjoy the food and drink and schmoozing with friends, and take some time to check out our display commemorating our 20 years of film. Then at 7 p.m. settle in for a brief opening ceremony and the main event: the wonderful film *The Serengeti Rules*.

Exploring some of the most remote and spectacular places in the world, a small band of visionary young scien-



tists made surprising discoveries that flipped our understanding of nature on its head. Beginning in the 1960s, five pioneering ecologists — Bob Paine, Jim Estes, Mary Power, John Terborgh and Tony Sinclair — headed into the wilderness, driven by an insatiable curiosity about how nature works. They discovered a single set of rules that govern all life. Now in the twilight of their eminent careers, these five unsung heroes of modern ecology share the stories of their adventures, giving us a chance to reimagine the world as it could and should be.

This celebration of scientific excellence is directed by BAFTA and Emmy-winning filmmaker Nicolas Brown and narrated by Sean B. Carroll, author of the acclaimed 2016 book upon which the film is based: *The Serengeti Rules: The Quest to Discover How Life Works and Why It Matters*. Juxtaposing scenes of exquisite beauty and diversity — from Pacific tidal pools to the Serengeti, from the Arctic tundra to the Amazon — this poignant elegy for what we are about to lose offers a glimmer of hope for restoring our planet. With profound implications for the fate of all life on Earth, this is one of the most important untold stories of our time.

Further details of the entire weekend and various pass options can be found in our paper programs at various locations or at www.saltspringfilmfestival.com.

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FABRIC ARTS

Quilt at library honours 150 Canadian women

Guild project presents fascinating history and fundraiser for library

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Public Library fundraising efforts take a warm turn this winter thanks to a donation from the Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild.

The island-based group has presented the library with the result of a special group project called 150 Canadian Women — The Quilt, to be raffled off on March 9. The final date to buy tickets falls on International Women's Day, a fitting time to recognize the contributions of the historical figures commemorated in fabric art.

The local project was inspired by quilter Kathryn (Kat) Wilson Tucker of Calgary, who created the design for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017.

"When members of Salt Spring's Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild learned of this project, we immediately thought it would be a perfect group undertaking. It could be broken down into 'bite-sized' pieces, it accommodated a range of stitching abilities, there were challenges to be met, and it was illuminating to read about fellow Canadians along the way," said Stitch Dimension Guild member Liesbeth Leatherbarrow, who coordinated the project.

Tucker's pattern features a different type of quilting style in each individual six-inch block. She originally released three block patterns each week



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

The quilt, donated by the Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild, is on display at the Library and will be raffled off on March 9.

on her website, along with the corresponding one-page biographies of the historical women she had selected to celebrate. Tucker made the entire collection available for purchase at the end of the project.

Leatherbarrow said while the guild members often donate their work to non-profit orga-

nizations they seldom do a single project together, so finding Tucker's design was a fun experience.

"We really enjoyed the group aspect," Leatherbarrow said. "We all realized this was going back to the roots of quilting in more than one way. Lots of the women who are commemo-

rated would have been participating in traditional quilting in groups. It was interesting to speculate on that."

Tucker decided on which pioneering women to include using two books by Merna Forster: 100 Canadian Heroines and 100 More Canadian Heroines. She matched traditional

(and wonderfully poetic sounding) patterns to the women for each block. For example, Geraldine Moodie gets Friendship Star, Harriet Brooks has Shoofly, and Pitseolak Ashoona is represented by Squash Blossom.

Leatherbarrow assigned the blocks to the guild members in more random fashion. Each worked on 12 or 13 blocks on their own time through the course of a year. While Tucker's original design featured just red and white, the local guild updated the project to include black and grey, raiding their own fabric stashes for suitable material. The group worked together on assembling the blocks, and the long-arm quilting was done at Sweet Pea Quilting in Parksville.

After deciding to take on the project, the guild was pleased to find a good match for donation in the Salt Spring Public Library, where head librarian Karen Hudson is a big quilting fan. A few of the quilters are also library volunteers, and another quilt the guild donated hangs on the library wall.

A limited number of 300 raffle tickets are being sold, and the prize potential is enormous compared to the minimal ticket price. In addition to a handmade artwork crafted over countless hours, the winner will receive Forster's two books on Canadian heroines and a guide to the quilt's history that includes an index showing each block's placement, pattern style and the woman commemorated.

Tickets will be available at the library up to March 8 at 5 p.m. (unless they sell out earlier). The draw is set for Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m.

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With the recent return of colder weather and snow it is setting our regular maintenance back a bit.

Let's be optimistic and say we will probably only be a couple of weeks behind last year by the time we are into the last week of March.

So take your snow tires off the middle to end of March along with your spring check over and plan for any major work to be done in time for summer holidays.

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RETIREMENT PLANNING

Poll finds choice to retire sometimes regretted

Desire for mental stimulation tops the list of reasons why

A new CIBC poll finds that more than a quarter (27 per cent) of retired Canadians regret retiring and an almost equal number (23 per cent) have tried re-entering the labour market. While 59 per cent choose to return to work for the intellectual stimulation, 50 per cent say it's financial concerns that have them hitting the pavement.

The poll also revealed that half of all Canadians would rather keep working past age 65 than retire and endure a lower standard of living. Most (78 per cent) believe that reducing their work hours or "semi-retirement" gives them the "best of both worlds."

"Too many Canadians approach retirement without a plan, which can lead to unnecessary stress, worries about money and even course corrections," says Jamie Golombek, managing director, CIBC Financial Planning and Advice. "It's important to visualize your retirement and be clear about how you'll spend your time. While some choose to stop working entirely, others gradually ease into it. Consider how tax strategies can help you keep more of your money and make it easier to achieve the retirement lifestyle you want. Whichever route you choose, plan ahead and review your plan as your situation changes."

Return to work can come with less pay

Betting on returning to work to help fund a retirement lifestyle is a bit of a gamble, given that only a third (32 per cent) of those who tried to re-enter the labour market post retirement did so successfully at a similar pay and level. The rest were only able to enter at a lower level/pay (38 per cent) or gave up trying (30 per cent).

"The idea of working in retirement doesn't replace the need to properly plan ahead and save. The fact is, even if you're in great shape, healthy and want to return to work, there are no guarantees that you'll be able to earn sufficient pay and benefits," says Mr. Golombek. "Plus, any extra income you earn could impact your retirement benefits, limit your ability to claim certain credits or put you in a higher tax bracket, and end up costing you more

than you think when your tax bill comes due."

The poll revealed that there are at least some Canadians who are ready for their golden years: one in five (18 per cent) Canadians said they never worry about money, because their "retirement plan is all set." And some Canadians are ready to join the retired ranks if their employers made it worth their while: one in two (51 per cent) working Canadians aged 55-64 secretly wish their employer would offer them a severance package to leave.

Need more money in retirement? Try lowering your tax bill

Along with a plan, using strategies to minimize taxes during retirement can help stretch retirement dollars. Yet, most Canadians (89 per cent) don't fully know how their retirement income is taxed, even among those already retired.

This can be a costly mistake when deciding how best to draw down on your assets in your non-working years, says Golombek in a new report titled "Retiring Right: Understanding the Taxation of Retirement Income" and video that outline strategies to help reduce taxes and potentially preserve certain government benefits over the course of your retirement.

"When most think about maximizing their retirement income they think about earning more or spending less. But few consider how to reduce their tax bill and keep more of their money when drawing down their assets — and effectively building their retirement paycheck," says Golombek.

For example, by electing to split up to 50 per cent of your eligible pension income with your spouse or common-law partner, you may be able to reap an income tax savings of up to 30 percentage points annually, depending on your province of residence and the difference between the tax rates of you and your spouse/partner. And, by decreasing your own income, you may be able to preserve your income-tested government benefits, such as the Old Age Security Pension and the Age Credit.

But, no tax advice is one-size-fits-all, since pension splitting may help lower your tax bill and preserve government benefits, but it may also cause your spouse/partner to lose some (or all) of those same benefits. "Getting the right advice is crucial, so be

sure to consult with your financial and tax advisors to ensure you're taking the right steps to reduce your overall tax bill and keep more of your hard-earned money to enjoy your retirement."

Other poll findings:

- Half (47 per cent) of retirees stopped working earlier than they expected due to health, family obligations or employment changes
- While Canadians say 58 is the average age they plan to retire, they also say they expect to keep working in some capacity until age 62
- 74 per cent worry about having enough income in retirement
- 89 per cent of all Canadians don't fully know how retirement income is taxed, with some (17 per cent) who erro-

neously believe that CPP benefits are tax-free

About the 2019 Retirement Income poll: From Jan. 3 to Jan. 6, 2019 an online survey of 3,029 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Maru Voice Canada panelists was executed by Maru/Blue. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size has an estimated margin of error (which measures sampling variability) of +/- 1.6%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been weighted by education, age, gender and region (and in Quebec, language) to match the population, according to Census data. This is to ensure the sample is representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.



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Wed. Feb. 13

ACTIVITIES
SS Historical Society: May Q. Wong. The author of the new book called *City in Colour: Rediscovered*. **CANCELLED** V. Wong's *City in Colour: Rediscovered* Past gives a presentation to the SS Historical Society at Central Hall. 2 p.m. (Doors at 1:45 p.m.)
Music Bingo. Wednesdays with Taylor at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.
SS Film Fest Screening: The Woman Who Loves Giraffes. The Woman Who Loves Giraffes is Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, "one of Canada's greatest scientists, man or woman", who was the first scientist in the world to study African animal behaviour in the wild, four years before Dr. Jane Goodall. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. Join Nomi and Hannah on Wednesday mornings in the Salt Spring Public Library program room. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For parents and children ages 0-6. Sign up at the info desk, by phone at 250-537-4666 or email to info@saltspringlibrary.com.

Thur. Feb. 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Sue's Blue Shoes. Valentine's Day dinner and dance at the Legion with Sue Newman and band. Italian meal served 5:30 to 6 p.m.; dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
The Vagina Monologues. Benefit production of Eve Ensler's award-winning play at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Mic at Moby's. Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

Thur. Feb. 14

ACTIVITIES
National Theatre Live: Antony and Cleopatra. At The Fritz Movie Theatre. Two shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Karaoke. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Silent Disco. Dreamland Silent Disco night at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Dan Snakehead. DJ music at The Local. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
StoryWalk. Today's book is *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. StoryWalk is a self-led program where participants walk from the library, through Mouat Park to the pool, following the story along the path. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
StoryTime. Stories, games and crafts for ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers on Fridays at the Salt Spring Public Library. 11 a.m.
Family Movie Matinee. Family-friendly movies every Friday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room until March 8 at 2:30 p.m. (except when school is in session). Today's movie is: *How to Train Your Dragon 2*.
Workshop: Contemporary Embroidery for Adults. Chilean textile artist Katy Biele leads intensive workshop at Mahon Hall. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. While registration is currently filled for this workshop, email wor@ssartsCouncil.com to be put on a cancellation list.

Fri. Feb. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
SSI Support Event for Unist'ot'en and Gidimt'en Land Defenders. Event to support Unist'ot'en and Gidimt'en Land Defenders on the front lines of climate change. GISS Multipurpose Room. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Live stream talk and Q & A with Unist'ot'en/ Gidimt'en spokesperson, Coastal GasLink LNG Pipeline presentation. Sign letters to the Prime Minister and Premier. Donate to legal funds. Sign up for future events.
Art Show Opening: Erotica. Opening wine & cheese reception for *Erotica* - a sensuous art show about love, sexuality, pleasure & the body. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m. (Postponed from last Friday.)



Sat. Feb. 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Swing Shift Valentine Dance. Annual favourite dance with Swing Shift Big Band at Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Paws for Laughter - Second City Hollywood Alumni. World-famous Second City LA theatre alumni perform a night of improv and sketch comedy to benefit Salt Spring Island's SPCA. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Interchill Records DJ Night. With Adham Shaikh at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 16

ACTIVITIES
Art Makers Lab: Embroidery - Colour Galore. Workshop for ages 6 to 12 led by Chilean embroidery artist Katy Biele. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Record Sale & Lightshow. LPs from the collections of David Wisdom and Nigel Harrison, plus the projection of 1,000 album covers and Music for Art Galleries playing of 1,000 recordings. Fault Line Projects. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Meet the Artists: Karin & John Millson. Double Vision photographers are in attendance at their exhibit called *Questionable* at Fernwood Road Cafe. 2 to 4 p.m.
Badminton. Every Sunday at GISS gym for all levels of play. Must have your own racquet and non-marking gym shoes are necessary. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.
Film Screening: The Gardener. Salt Spring Garden Club presents a beautiful and stirring 90-minute documentary film called *The Gardener* at The Fritz Theatre. 2 p.m. All profits benefit The Copper Kettle.



Sun. Feb. 17

ACTIVITIES
Unitarian Fellowship. Amanda Tarling is the speaker. SS Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m. Children's program and child-minding available.

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Mon. Feb. 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Family Day Celebration With Anne Glover. Dynamic storyteller who uses string figures in her shows performs at Mahon Hall for Family Day. 2 p.m. Beginning at 1 p.m. and after the show, kids can enjoy crafts, facepainting and more.
ACTIVITIES
Monday Night Darts. Every Monday at the Legion. 6 p.m. (Sign-ups and warm-up starts at 5:30 p.m.) Drop-ins welcome.
Salt Spring Toastmasters. Group meets every Monday at Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m. Public welcome to attend and observe a meeting.

Tue. Feb. 19

ACTIVITIES
Probus Club Meeting. Guest speaker is Christie Doyle of Haywards Funeral Service on Salt Spring. Lions Hall. Doors open at 10 a.m.; speaker starts at 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Poetry. Sacred Poetry, facilitated by Lottie Devindisch, sees participants share a favourite poem with the group and take time to listen, reflect and consider their impact and meaning for personal journeys in the search for spiritual insight. On the third Tuesday of each month at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church). 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Farmers' Institute AGM. Annual general meeting at Farmers' Institute meeting room. Guest speakers are Gerda Lattey and Mike Lachelt of Salt Spring Wild Cider. 7:30 p.m.

Tue. Feb. 19

ACTIVITIES
Film Screening: A Silent Transformation. 2018 film about successful co-ops in Ontario and ethical business practices. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Trivia Tuesday. Every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Forum: Mary McBride, BC Cancer Agency Scientist. Mary McBride speaks on Cancer: Causes and Consequences. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 20

ACTIVITIES
Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. See last Wednesday's listing.
Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.

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- **Bumblebee** Feb. 18-21 Mon. to Thurs. 7pm
- **National Theatre Antony & Cleopatra** starring Ralph Fiennes Thurs. Feb. 14 Only 3pm matinee & 7pm

EXHIBITIONS

- **Erotica art show** opens at **Salt Spring Gallery** on Friday, Feb. 15 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. *Erotica* is a multi-artist sensuous art show about love, sexuality, pleasure & the body that runs until March 12. (Note the opening was postponed from last week due to the snow.)

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Record Sale & Lightshow** features LPS from the collections of **David Wisdom** and **Nigel Harrison**, plus the projection of 1,000 album covers and Music for Art Galleries playing of 1,000 recordings. Fault Line Projects. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 16-17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Feb. 23-24.
- **Margarite Sanchez** shows new work in an exhibit called **From Seed to Canvas** in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through February.
- **Double Vision** presents **Questionable**, an exhibit of contemplative photography by **Karin** and **John Millson** at Fernwood Road Cafe until March 16. Meet the artists on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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- Feb. 9 is the last day to see **Eidolon**, sculpture and paintings by **Michael Robb** and photographs of their creation by **Michael Wall**, at **Fault Line Projects**.
- **Looking Up 5**, a co-show of photography and art by **Bill Underwood** and **Suzanne Prendergast**, hangs in the **ArtSpring** lobby until Feb. 27.
- **Salt Spring Gallery** artists have work hanging in **Island Savings**.



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NUTRITION

Food Guide makes shift to plants

Food banks will also need to adapt

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canadians need to eat their green vegetables.

That is the main takeaway from the recently updated Food Guide, released by the Ministry of Health on Jan. 22. However, for food banks and people experiencing food insecurity, that may be easier said than done.

According to the guide, most of the calories that Canadians eat should come from plant-based sources. The new guide takes a simpler approach to nutrition than previous versions, doing away with the familiar food groups, portion sizes and recommendations for different parts of the population. Instead, it is recommended that of all the calories consumed in a day, fruits and vegetables should account for at least half of those. The other half should be split into whole grains at 25 per cent of daily calories and protein sources (again, mainly from plants) with the final 25 per cent. The Dairy and Meat and Alternatives categories have been brought under the protein portion. As for drinks, the guide recommends choosing water as a main source of hydration.

The emphasis on plant-based foods is new for the guide, which in all previous versions has included sections on both meat and dairy. However, this version recommends that Canadian eaters "choose protein foods that come from plants more often" since these foods have more fibre and less saturated fats than other types of protein foods. This does not mean that meat is off the table. Lean cuts of beef, pork, wild game, turkey and chicken are all listed



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Canada's Food Guide recommends choosing plant-based protein foods more often. Dried or canned beans are good alternatives to meat-based proteins.

as healthy protein options, as are different kinds of seafood. Dairy products have also found a place in the protein options. Most protein, however, should come from plant sources like soy, beans, lentils, nuts and seeds and eggs.

The other two recommendations are easier to understand. Fruits and vegetables are great sources of unprocessed nutrients, vitamins and essentially anything needed to keep a human healthy. Whole grains are also fairly easy to understand, but should not be confused with similar terms. Whole grains include foods that are made with the entirety of a grain kernel. This includes the bran, germ and endosperm. These differ from more refined grains that strip away the nutritious parts of the grain. Multigrain foods contain more than one kind of grain, but these do not have to have the entire grain. Even multigrain foods that are marked as "made with whole grains" can be misleading. In that situation, only one of the grains used to make the food actually needs to be a whole grain, and it only needs to be a

minuscule amount.

However, this emphasis on quality, healthy food can be a problem for food banks, where donations often come in the form of cheaper, calorie-heavy foods. Bringing in more fresh food and storing it properly can be a problem that food banks need to adapt to.

Simone Cazabon, the food security coordinator for Salt Spring Island Community Services, explained that "It's going to be a question of preservation, refrigeration, freezing, distribution, pick up and that kind of thing . . . we had to apply for grants for extra refrigerators and freezers to store these items. Then we had to add in the system of pick-up and delivery that timed well with our food bank so that the food is there either on the day before or the day of the food bank so that the volunteers could sort it."

It is possible for food banks and food security programs to bring in fresher vegetables and other healthier foods. On Salt Spring, the food bank is supplemented by gardeners who donate their crops in the summer time. Community Services also runs a community farm in the Fulford Valley that provides vegetables to their various programs. Grocery stores and restaurants in the area also donate unsold fruits and vegetables to the program.

"We're constantly thinking about how we can update our system to hold those items properly. That's a big adjustment for food banks in general. We're trying new things like food cooking programs or giving out cooked food . . . it just brings the attention to eating less sugary and carbohydrate-heavy food," Cazabon said. "If we have a mentality that fresh food should be for everybody, then we need to make a society that has an economy that makes fresh food accessible."

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Norman Page



Norm Page is a longtime Salt Spring resident, whose jokes can brighten anyone's day. Norm is also known for being the dishwasher at Golden Island Restaurant, helping out at the Lady Minto Auxiliary Thrift Shop, working out at North End Fitness, his love of NHL hockey, his Elvis impression and his artistic abilities.

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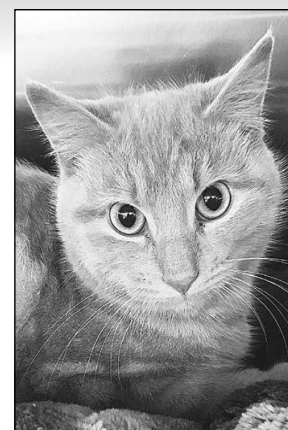
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(MP for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford)

Saturday, February 16
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Ganges United Church
Guest speaker at 11:45am

Lunch provided @ 12:45
for a small donation (\$5 to \$10).
At 1:15 will be a short AGM for
members and friends.

Coming Events

**SSI Farmers' Institute
AGM meeting
Tuesday Feb 19 at 730pm**
Farmers' Institute Meeting Room

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Salt Spring Wild Cider. They will tell the story of developing
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THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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TIP OF THE WEEK: READ MORE IN MY NEWSLETTER. SIGN-UP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE.

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love. Astrologically, the Sun in Aquarius seems an odd choice as it is the most detached sign. Yet, when we look deeper, beyond the outer show of bodies and skin and sentimental verses, we discover the Decant of Libra and the Duad of Sagittarius. Libra is ruled by Venus and Sagittarius by Jupiter. Where Sun is King and Moon Queen, Venus is Princess and Jupiter Prince. As well, the polar opposite sign of Aquarius is Leo, the sign of pro-creation... So, there they are beneath the covers, our lovers eternally entwined. Yet, Aquarius in its higher reaches extends love to all humanity. While not necessarily strictly romantic, true love shared pierces the heart and reaches beyond to touch the soul. This love reveals a deeper embrace that yearns to be shared with and between all people, young and old and beautiful to behold and less so too. This year, break the old mold and extend your valentine to all humankind.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

You have become fully aware that it is time to enter new territory. Although you are happy to proceed slowly, your pace is sure. Yet, with each step forward you are also realizing the incline is getting steeper. Like a true mountain pass, it is not all uphill neither and some of the challenges are in the descent. As your goal now is not the peak so much as a place you can call home.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Mars in your sign now will shift you into high gear. Ambitions to be seen, heard, acknowledged and rewarded too are also therefore strong. Yet, you are probably wise to take action right now if this is your desire because the Sun in Pisces as of February 19th may have a deflating effect in this regard. However, the Pisces influence will activate desires to share quality time with friends.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Many changes are occurring both inside and out. Of course, change is always happening. Yet some cycles are more rapid and turbulent than others. Somehow, you have entered a cycle of ending and completion, of death and rebirth. This can prove to be liberating and empowering. Yet, it can also bring sorrow and pain. You yearn for stability.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

You are poised to enter new territory. Whether literal or figurative, it could come about as a rebellious and/or adventurous determination. Your confidence levels could remain a challenge and you may, the short term, be happy to think and dream more than act. If you do take the initiative, rather than a spontaneous approach, a deliberate pace will prevail.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Your relationship life has been expanding. This could also manifest as your social network, whether online or out in the world. Now you are poised to take a deeper dive. This will bring about measurable, if subtle, changes. Although you are in a playful and adventurous mood generally, you are expected to give more these days and this includes investments into education.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Your relationship life is about to enter into an expansive phase. If you have the opportunity, this is an ideal window to escape for a while. Combining the two, getting away on a romantic holiday is an ideal prospect. Doing so could contribute to feeling more confident about yourself, your relationship and your life in general.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Hopefully, you have taken the opportunity to be more playful of late. If not, you might want to get in some R & R soon. A busier cycle is about to resume. Already you may find that you are busier in your life, partially due to the task of attending to more fronts than before. This could prove quite satisfying yet be sure to weave fun into the plot.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Changes and fresh starts close to home have been keeping you busy. These include increase financially and could also manifest as focusing on where and how to invest. This can include renovations close to home as well as key purchases as opposed to stock, bonds or other business interests. Yet, your ambitions are rising so the prospect of risk ventures is there.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Increase and expansion continue and, in many ways, this is affecting your perspectives on things. Circumstances may be pushing you to see a bigger picture, to plan for the long-term future. Lifestyle changes are implied. You will have to work a little harder to establish now rhythms and momentums, though, and this could include learning how.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You have begun to build on new foundations. This comes after a long stretch of major changes on the home front and with family dynamics and structures. Now you are entering a time when you are meant to be innovative and design a whole new approach. In the short term, this can manifest as a rebellious push to break through inner resistance and outer restriction.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

A pioneering cycle over the past few weeks will continue yet will likely slow down for the next several. Yet, some major shifts are destined to occur soon. Some of these already began last year. At worst you feel as though you are in foreign territory. At best, you are excited about the prospects. It might until April for these to more fully manifest, but they will...

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

You are getting ready to explore new lands. These may be outer and literal, but could also include inner regions you have only dreamed of discovering. Already you are pushing to make things happen. The real work will begin in spring, yet a momentum is building, if only in your mind and emotions. Now is the time to plan and prepare.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Tugboat sinking anniversary recalls local disaster

SALT SPRING FERRY CAPTAIN REMEMBERED AS HERO

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sixty years ago today, the front page story in the Victoria Daily Times had chilling news to report from Salt Spring: six men had died after the tug Henry Foss struck a rock and sank near Beaver Point at around 4 a.m.

"Only one crew member survived immersion in the icy, gale-whipped water," wrote Times reporter Monte Roberts. "The tug went down so quickly she could not even get a wireless message away."

In 1959, Feb. 13 happened to fall on a Friday, and there could be no worse luck for the Foss Launch and Tug Co. The celebrated Washington state shipping firm lost a prized vessel and suffered its biggest loss of life, both up to that date and afterward.

The voyage was supposed to be a routine journey for the Port Angeles-based crew, who were on their way to pick up logs in Lady-smith as they had done many times before. Those who didn't make it back were Capt. Warren Waterman, age 47; mate Laurence Berg, 56; assistant engineer Martin Gullstein, 51; deckhand Oswald Sorenson, 47; ship's cook Erick Danielson, 60; and deckhand Richard Lothian (age unreported).

The one person on board the Henry Foss who survived that horrible morning and lived to tell his story was chief engineer Edward Hansen. He managed to hang onto the back of an overturned lifeboat for four hours before being spotted by Gulf Islands ferry Capt. Edward Lacy from the bridge of the Cy Peck.

MURKY WATERS

Today the Henry lies on her port side in 35 metres of water (when measured on a 1.7-metre tide). The wrecked tug was never recovered, and its exact location has been kept secret to discourage souvenir hunters. The location is known, however, to divers from the Underwater Archaeological Society of British Columbia, who have visited the site on several occasions since 1985. Their most recent trip was in March 2018, part of a project re-surveying the shipwrecks of the southern Gulf Islands.

"It's not a place that's dove frequently and in our report we will not be broadcasting its location," UASBC's explorations director Jacques Marc told the Driftwood. "It's more of a memorial site."

Marc, who lives in Victoria, said the Henry Foss was located immediately after it sunk by legendary hard-hat diver Jack Daley, who did an inspection for the owners and their insurance company.

"It is rumoured that throughout the 1960s and '70s sport div-

ers from Vancouver Island visited the site and raised a number of artifacts, including the binnacle, compass, bell and some portholes. However, this could not be substantiated and none of the artifacts are known to be in the possession of a public institution," Marc wrote in a report for the society.

Just a rough sketch of the site was produced during the UASBC's expeditions in the '90s. The depth and poor visibility of the water in the channel thwarted efforts for a proper scale drawing then and continue to make it difficult to see now, but nautical history buffs who remember the tug as the pick of the Foss fleet would find little to celebrate. The wooden hull and decking have been heavily impacted by rot and marine borers, and the wheelhouse and cabin have completely disappeared.

The Henry Foss was not the only shipwreck, nor the worst to occur during the winter of 1959. The annual report for that year is full of other ships that ran aground, had fires or sank, many with loss of life. Just two weeks before the Salt Spring tragedy, a Danish cargo liner had sunk on her maiden voyage off Cape Farewell, Greenland and lost all 95 passengers and crew. Nevertheless, the tug's loss was a devastating event for the community of Port Angeles and big news for all coastal communities bound together by the resource trades. The event made headlines across the Pacific Northwest, on both sides of the border.

Foss Maritime Company is now an international concern operating under Saltchuk Resources, Inc., from Seattle, but its humble origins in Tacoma have become the stuff of legend. Founder Thea Foss was reportedly the inspiration for the 1933 movie Tugboat Annie and a later television program. Company lore has it the Norwegian immigrant started out in 1889 by offering rental services of a single rowboat while her husband was working on a construction project. Foss soon sold that rowboat and purchased more boats with the profits, and continued to build and diversify the operation.

"Soon, the fleets were up to 200 boats. Thea then expanded the business by transporting logs with towboats under the name Foss Launch and Tug Company. By 1904, the company boasted 10 launches, a shipyard, a 60-passenger oil-powered boat, and a

small rescue craft to help disabled vessels," the Foss website recounts. "World War I propelled the small towing business to a new level, allowing Foss to purchase interests in a Seattle-based towboat company." The growth continued through WWII and beyond.

The Henry Foss actually started life as the John Cudahy. It was built for Pacific American Fisheries of Bellingham and launched in 1900. The Foss company purchased the boat in 1941 and renamed it for the company's then president, who was the eldest son of Thea Foss.

Michael Skalley, who would become the company's official historian, worked for Foss for 47 years in marine operations, dispatch and finance department before retiring in 2017. Speaking from his home in Washington, Skalley told the Driftwood he had talked with Henry Foss survivor Edward Hansen several times. The engineer remained employed by Foss until his retirement in 1979. It's still unknown precisely why things went awry that February day, other than the fact there were gale force winds and near zero visibility.

"That particular crew had been running on that route for years so they certainly knew it," Skalley said. "It's a narrow area up there. Maybe they were set off course. But you always have to be vigilant."

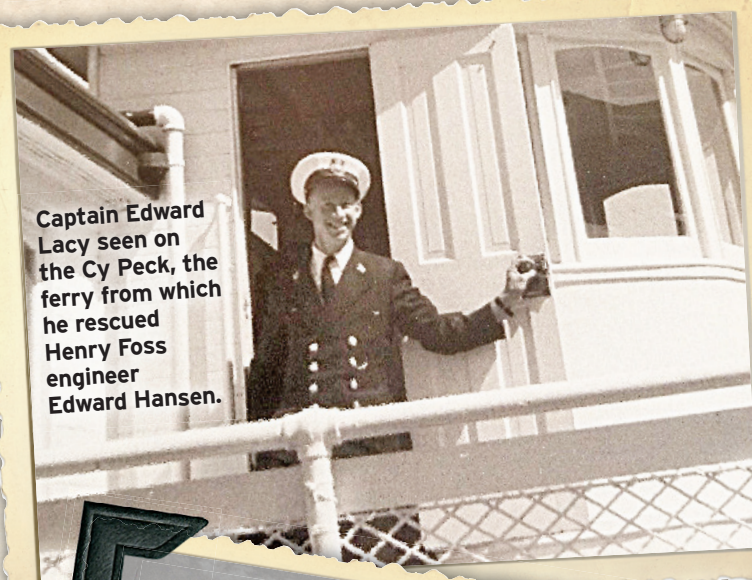
A coroner's jury presided by Miles Acheson in Ganges on Feb. 20, 1959 was unable to determine a reason for the sinking. Hansen testified the tug started to go down within a short time of coming up against some rocks, presumably one of the Channel Islands in Captain's Passage. In the excitement, none of the crew members thought to radio for help.

Skalley said the crew could possibly have been saved if they had stayed on the rocks they hit instead of trying to get free. But they went "full astern" and tried to get off the barrier.

"When the chief went down to the engine room, they were already flooding," Skalley said.

Since the crash occurred in the early morning, it's likely just the mate and one sailor would have been on watch while the rest of the crew slept. Skalley said the Henry would have been equipped with the most up-to-date charts,

Captain Edward Lacy seen on the Cy Peck, the ferry from which he rescued Henry Foss engineer Edward Hansen.



In 1959, Feb. 13 happened to fall on a Friday, and there could be no worse luck for the Foss Launch and Tug Co.



though, and had radar installed a few years before the sinking.

The crew evacuated to the lifeboat, but when the Henry went over onto its side it swamped the smaller boat, which overturned. Hansen later described a harrowing end to his shipmates, according to Associated Press reporters who visited Salt Spring's Lady Minto Hospital where he was recovering from severe shock and exposure. Hansen said three men who had been holding onto the overturned lifeboat let go within the first 20 minutes.

"Finally it was just Dick [Lothian] and myself clinging to our boat," Hansen said. "I was spreadeagled on the keel and he was in the water wearing a lifejacket."

Lothian was still alive when recovered by the crew of the Cy Peck after more than four hours in the water, but he was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

LOCAL HERO

Reporting on the aftermath of the sinking the following day, the Vancouver Province said Hansen told hospital employees "the crew were uneasy about sailing in a storm on Friday the 13th. But he added that he believed he was saved through his wife's prayers on World Day of Prayer."

Whether or not divine intervention played a role, it is certain that Hansen would not have survived without the Cy Peck's actions. The Province reported Vancouver Air Sea Rescue first heard of the sinking when the Cy Peck radioed the life boat had been sighted, and they didn't arrive until nearly eight hours after the crash.

At the helm of the rescuing

vessel was born-and-raised Salt Springer Ed Lacy, who had a 41-year career on ferries and also served with the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Province reported it took Lacy "a half hour of hard maneuvers" to get the Cy Peck into position in the gale-swept channel in order to get to Hansen. A Driftwood profile of Lacy published in 1976 further reported the details as he remembered them.

"He told of spotting, from a distance, what looked like a bird on a log in the vast, glittering sea. 'When we came nearer,' he said, 'we found a man alive, hanging to an overturned lifeboat.'

"Looking back now, he finds it gratifying that he was 'on the spot' and able to help save the life of one seaman, who is still alive today somewhere in the United States."

Lacy started out his sea career on the Cy Peck and had become its master by September 1956. He went on to helm the BC Ferries vessels Queen of the Islands and Bowen Queen after the provincial company was formed in 1960, subsuming the smaller private ventures. Born and schooled on Isabella Point Road, he lived until age 90 and had a peaceful death at Lady Minto in 2015.

While marine rescues are part of the job for ferry crews, the surrounding circumstances of the Henry Foss sinking and the tragic loss of life made the incident memorable for Lacy's family. His children grew up knowing their father was not just a respectable ship's captain, but in fact a hero.

Out + ABOUT

Out + About is a compilation of items about upcoming events on Salt Spring Island.

Sacred poetry sessions begin

Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice is offering the first of a series of evenings of Sacred Poetry on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The series will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, with this month's facilitator being writer and poet Lottie Devindisch.

Participants are asked to bring one or two of their favourite poems to read aloud and share with the group. These may be either their own writing, or those of another, from any tradition.

"We will take time to listen, reflect, and consider their impact and meaning for our personal journeys in the search for spiritual insight," said Devindisch.

The evening's event will take place at St. Mary's church in Fulford, home of Star of the Sea Centre. Participation is by donation. Registration not required. For information on Star of the Sea visit www.staroftheseassi.ca.

Family Day fun at Mahon Hall

Family Day celebrations hosted by the Salt Spring Arts Council run at Mahon Hall on Monday, Feb. 18, with special guest Anne Glover.

A national award winner, Glover enthralled audiences with her dynamic storytelling that uses unforgettable string figures. From Buenos Aires to Tokyo to Dublin, Glover leaves communities in a merry tangle of string wherever she goes.

Doors open at 1 p.m., with crafts, facepainting and more. The storytelling show is at 2 p.m., followed by more arts and crafts for all ages at the on-stage art laboratory until 4 p.m.

Virtues workshop offered

On Feb. 21 and 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., Janine Fernandes-Hayden will lead a two-part workshop called Awakening the Virtues Within at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice.

Fernandes-Hayden is a trained Virtues Project facilitator who was mentored by project co-creator Linda Kavelin-Popov.

Awakening the Virtues Within is for parents, grandparents, caregivers and others who work with children. It is an interactive workshop in which participants will engage in activities that will introduce them to the five strategies of The Virtues Project through hands-on activities.

Participants are expected to attend both sessions.

Registration is required at staroftheseassi@gmail.com.



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CONTEST WINNERS: Lily Greene, left, and Piper Wightman hold their winning fire safety poster images and awards at a whole school meeting at Salt Spring Elementary School. The students, who are in Katharine Byers' and Linda McDaniel's class, won a combined \$550 contribution towards the school plus money for their class to hold a pizza party celebration. The prize was donated by the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund and presented by Salt Spring firefighter Warren Nuyens. More than 600 posters were submitted for the contest from across B.C.

Remember WHEN

Five years ago

Islanders were steamed over un-scooped dog poop, as it was noticed that little piles kept accumulating in heavily used areas on the island. CRD bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser said the issue had been much more of a problem before dogs were banned from Centennial Park. Few people would deny the benefits of having a pet, but Kingfisher Cove strata complex resident Russell Logan felt that many people did not follow the basic measures required for public health. The only real course of action was "prompt removal of animal feces" to prevent the spread of toxins and infections. Thankfully, more and more parks and public areas had poop bags ready for use.

Ten years ago

RCMP were asking for help tracking down those responsible for a maple syrup heist. Thieves broke into the Harbour House Farm's nursery building and made off with the sweet stuff. They also ransacked a small building on the property.

Twenty years ago

Former Salt Spring auxiliary police officer Mike Byrne refused to go into the front lines of policing without a gun. He and fellow auxiliary officer Ian Lyon resigned from their posts after a RCMP decision to prohibit auxiliary constables from carrying firearms. Byrne, who spent 25 years as a regular RCMP officer, said, "I know lots of policing situations where you might need a firearm." The decision was made to align B.C.'s auxiliaries with those of the rest of the country.

Thirty years ago

The location of the south Salt Spring Island ferry terminal was examined at a meeting of island representatives and spokesmen for the ferry corporation. The two courses discussed at the meeting were to make extensive changes to the Fulford terminal, or to move the operation to Isabella Point. The decision to move the terminal would have launched a three-and-a-half-year project, and require looking into future transportation planning on the island.

Forty years ago

It was very quick attention on the part of a number of Salt Spring students that saved the life of an island man. Gulf Islands school trustee Ivan Mouat was pulled out of the waters of Fulford Harbour by students who were on a field trip. Around 10 students and a teacher went to the aid of Mouat, who fell into the water while tying up a boat at the government dock. "If no one had been around, he would be there still," said Gulf Islands Secondary School vice-principal Hugh Archer after the rescue.

Fifty years ago

No school bus would come for North Galiano Island kids until the road to the south end of the island was repaired. Long a thorn in the flesh of North Galiano residents, the road was broken up into a deep sea of mud. The school bus got bogged down and the driver refused to make any further attempt to travel to the north end. Residents were hopping mad since they had protested the road conditions for months. Students went to school for two days in January, and February attendance would be sharply curtailed while the road was impassable.

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