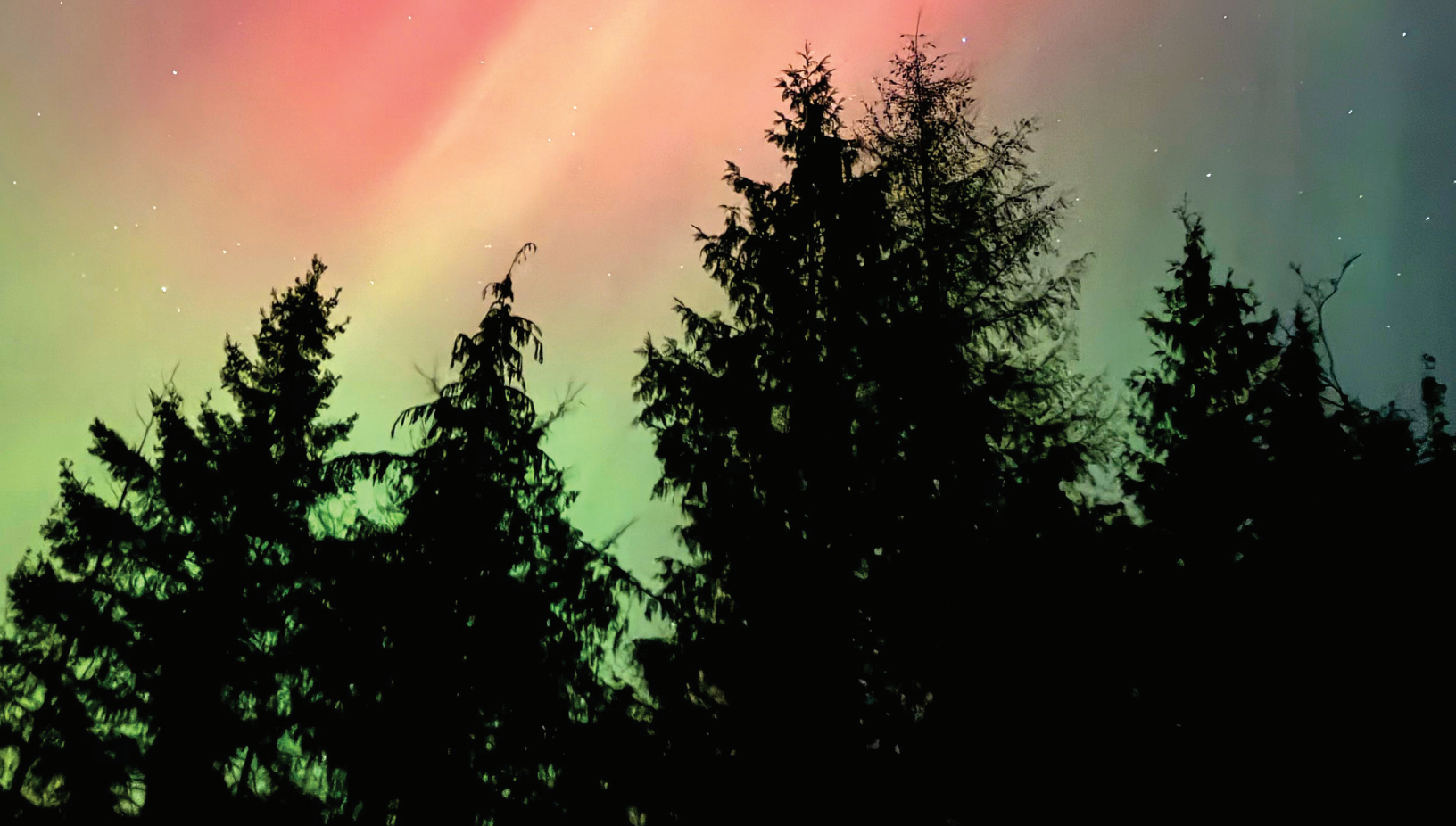


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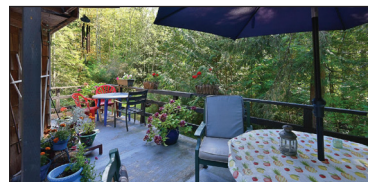
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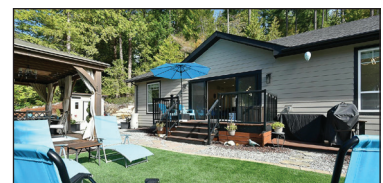
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COVER

According to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a large geomagnetic storm (a disturbance of the Earth's magnetic field, typically triggered by solar activity on the sun) hit Earth on Oct. 10. The storm kept photographers up late in order to catch the stunning Aurora borealis/northern lights display. Kristina Slater snapped this shot from Earls Cove. (Kristina Slater photo)

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More like the “Orange Fade”



Brian Lee

For weeks, pundits have been dissecting causes for the surge in popularity of the BC Conservatives to take so many seats from the NDP on Oct. 19.

But you don't have to be Vaughn Palmer to understand that the “Blue Wave” that overtook BC could have been called the “Orange Fade.”

In 2020, the BCCP won 1.91 per cent of the vote and zero seats.

At press time, the vote share in this election differed by only one percentage point — 44.6% for the NDP to 43.6% for the BC Conservatives.

The withdrawal of the BC United party make comparisons meaningless but still, 16 NDP incumbents lost.

The BCCP have a reputation for being a little bit wacky and some say their victory is a case of the popularity of Trump-style politics moving north.

Rustad himself encouraged the superstition that Bonnie Henry is an ogre bent on controlling the population with a “so-called vaccine.”

Even in BC, truth has become increasingly flexible when falsehoods support political beliefs, but there's a much less repugnant explanation for this election than the former president.

Among many other things, this election exhibited the discontentment many voters had with the NDP.

Frustrated by mass social problems and six years of gripes, they wanted a choice and without options, they swung farther right to find it.

In the process they ignored some of the less favourable qualities of Rustad's crew.

At least five BCCP candidates publicly endorsed conspiracy theories in the U.S. alleging the Jan. 6 insurrection was a “hoax” and that Biden stole the 2020 U.S. election.

One of them, Chris Sankey, who lost to his NDP opponent in North

Coast-Haida Gwaii, reportedly shared a post on X that falsely claimed the COVID-19 vaccine causes AIDS,

“No Canadian should tolerate this,” he wrote.

Another of the five, Sharon Hartwell (Bulkley Valley-Stikine), beat out Nathan Cullen, NDP cabinet minister and the de facto spokesperson behind his government's controversial push to give First Nations joint decision-making authority over Crown land.

Then there's BC Conservative Judy Toor who won the Langley-Willowbrook riding despite falsely presenting herself as a medical doctor throughout the campaign.

On Oct. 16, the Hospital Employees' Union filed a complaint with the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC asking the regulatory body to investigate her actions.

Toor has a doctorate from Hawaii-based Quantum University, an online school that offers “degrees in natural medicine based on the science of quantum physics.”

Quantum makes it clear on their website that they are “not accredited” and “graduates are not physicians or naturopaths.”

Even the most hyper of Rustad's cheerleaders must be a little uncomfortable allowing a candidate charading as a medical doctor to preside over health care legislation.

But, once again, voters held their nose and scratched an “X.”

Regardless of how you feel about the outcome of this election, parties have regained respect for voters and will adjust their strategies accordingly to please us.

Here, we should be thankful for the choice of four solid candidates and that our new MLA, Randene Neill, lives in our community.

We should now expect no less than a new velodrome and priority ferry boarding for Pender residents.

ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR SCOTCH TASTING: Sat. Nov. 30, Doors at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

This annual Rotary fundraising event is the only way to try a unique selection of fine whiskies paired with a five-course dinner. The tasting and dinner will be at the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park. There's only 75 tickets available and each costs \$125. Partner tickets (meal only) are also available for \$75. It's a fun night with 50/50 draws, a silent and live auction and a wine raffle. For information and tickets, contact Kathy Riches at (604) 865-0637 or kriches57@gmail.com.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Monday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.

The Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 will host a full outdoor Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in Madeira Park on Nov. 11. The procession begins its march towards the Legion through Madeira Park at 10:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. The service at the Pender Harbour cenotaph will include a colour party, pipers, an emcee, chaplain and a number of local representatives. Poppies are now available and can be purchased by donation at local businesses and poppy sale tables hosted by Legion representatives near Marketplace IGA and the Marina Pharmacy.



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Rotary exchange student Emma Valli arrived in Pender Harbour from northern Italy in late August to begin the school year at Pender Harbour Secondary School. Valli, 17, will be living with the Young family ((pictured here) until late June. If you meet her say, 'Salve, come va?' From left to right: Ava Young, Josh Young (back), Valli, Lauryn Young (back) and Jodee Young.

Pender Harbour Legion fires up the gennie

With the recent installation of a large propane generator, the Royal Canadian Legion 112 in Madeira Park now has a long-term source of backup power in case of emergency.

Bob Baker, president of Royal Canadian Legion 112, told the *Harbour Spiel* that a planned BC Hydro power outage on Oct. 22 marked the first time the Legion has maintained full operation with its back up power source including heat, food orders and the all-important Wi-Fi.

“It will power both of our heat pumps, all of our seven fridges and freezers, our stove — everything,” said Baker.

“And, it’ll run everything here 24-7 for eight or nine days,”

The 80-kilowatt propane generator cost just over \$47,000 and including installation and the propane fuel system, the Legion’s cost was approximately \$70,000.

Baker said much of that cost was raised through donations from locals and events including the recent Oct. 5 Thanksgiving meat draw that attracted close to 200 people and raised over \$6,500 for the generator fund.

“This is to make sure that we can back up the Legion as well as look after our community in the event of an emergency,” said Baker.

“I hope it never happens but if a forest fire shuts down our road, we need to be self-sufficient.

“In that case, the Legion can feed up to 200 people a day no problem.”

But Baker said the generator will be equally important to maintain service at the Legion.

“A perfect example is last year, on Remembrance Day,” he said.

“Everybody showed up and the power went out and we had to send everybody home.



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Posing proudly with their recently installed 80 kilowatt propane generator are (l-r): Graham Macfarlane, RCL 112 vice president, Bob Baker, RCL 112 president, and Doug Borden, RCL 112 director.

“We couldn’t feed anybody, we had no lights, it was unsafe inside — that won’t happen this year.”

Baker added the generator is also necessary to protect perishables in the fridges and freezers and continue running services out of the Legion like the Healthy Meals program.

Each Monday, volunteers prepare enough meals to be delivered to 70 to

90 seniors and people who can’t get out of their homes.

But Baker said the main advantage of the generator is when the power is out, people now have a warm place to wait out the outage.

“Especially the older people.

“They’re stuck in the dark and they don’t think they have place to go.

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Patti Gaudet

The Pender Harbour Pipe Band performed at the P. H. Seniors Initiative's weekly 'Harbourside Friendship' gathering on Oct. 10. The performance featured a special guest. Wilma Thompson started playing in the band in 1986 and recently passed her bagpipes on to a younger person who has joined the band. Tears and smiles were reported while the PHPB performed her favourite tunes. From left to right: Bill Hunsche, Barb Watt, Jim McKnight, Craig Trca, Thompson, Ian Mackay, Charlie Park and Judy Halford-Thompson.

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Randene Neill victorious in Powell River-Sunshine Coast riding

Political newcomer Randene Neill has extended the NDP's two-decade reign over the riding of Powell River-Sunshine Coast by taking 49.4% of the vote in the Oct. 19 provincial election.

In the preliminary count, Neill picked up 14,064 votes to beat out the BC Conservative candidate Chris Moore who received 10,218 votes (35.9%).

The Green Party's Chris Hergesheimer earned 3,837 votes while independent candidate Greg Reid took 344.

Earlier this year, Neill won the nomination to replace the retiring Nicholas Simons who has held the riding for the NDP since first winning in 2005.

Candidates cannot officially be declared elected until the final count is

completed.

Overall, it was an incredibly close election without a party being declared winner until after press time on Oct. 27.

By Sunday, Oct. 27, the NDP had notched 44.6% of the vote and were leading in 46 ridings with John Rustad's BC Conservatives taking 43.6% and leading in 45 ridings.

Declaration of the winner was delayed by screening of mail-in ballots and recounts required for at least two electoral districts where the difference between the leading candidates was 100 votes or fewer.

The Green Party took two seats including West Vancouver-Sea to Sky where former SCRD manager of waste reduction and recovery and Gibsons councillor Jeremy Valeriote was declared winner in a tight race



NDP

Our new MLA, Randene Neill, poses for a campaign photo in Hospital Bay.

with the BC Conservative candidate.

It was an election with a high voter turnout despite an atmospheric river wreaking havoc across the province on election day.

At the conclusion of the initial count, voter turnout was estimated to be 57.41%, up from the last B.C. election in 2020 in which 53.86% of registered voters cast a ballot.

Pender library is seeing stars

The Pender Harbour Library recently announced the launch of a new library loan program thanks to a generous donation from the Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club.

Two entry-level telescopes have been made available for loan to the Pender Harbour community.

The telescopes may be borrowed just like books for a period of three weeks by any registered library borrower, although they must sign an

agreement to return all parts of the telescope in good condition.

There is no charge to borrow the telescopes, and no fee to become a library borrower.

"Many libraries are now loaning real objects like educational kits or rainy day boxes and games, I am very excited for our community to have access to this fine equipment thanks to the Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club," said Karen Dyck, Pender Harbour

Library board member, in a statement.

The Pender Harbour Library is located at 12952 Madeira Park Rd, Madeira Park, near the P. H. School of Music and art gallery on the former forestry station site.

The hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit their website at penderharbourlibrary.ca.

CORRECTION: Many noticed last month's issue, No. 406, October 2024, was mislabelled on the cover as issue No. 405, September 2024. The editor apologizes for this mishap but is happy to report that the error has resulted in the edition becoming a collector's item. It's been reported that copies are already reselling in Kleindale for 10% over the newstand price. ~ ed.





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Grizzly bear spotted in Sakinaw Ridge area of Irvines Landing Oct. 11

A security camera image posted to social media of what looks to be a young grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*) strolling around the neighbourhood near the Sakinaw Lake outlet on Oct. 11 have some anxious.

It is at least the third grizzly reported on the Sunshine Coast in the past two months.

A grizzly spotted in Gibsons and another on the beach in Sechelt were both trapped and relocated to Jervis Inlet in September.

So far, the Conservation Officer Service doesn't have much to say about the Irvines Landing bear.

In an Oct. 18 email, the COS told the *Harbour Spiel* they are "aware of a recent grizzly bear sighting in the

Pender Harbour area.

"Conservation officers are monitoring bear activity in the area and will respond as necessary to ensure public safety."

They advise residents to take precautions such as ensuring pets are leashed.

Bear conflicts can be reported to the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) hotline at 1 (877) 952-7277.

According to WildSafeBC, grizzly bears are not as abundant or widely distributed as black bears and are generally absent from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and the Central Interior.

Grizzly bears are omnivorous animals with vegetation making up



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This photo of a young grizzly bear was captured by a home webcam in the Sakinaw Ridge area around Oct. 11.

about 70 per cent of their diet.

They are most active from April to November and conflicts can increase when natural food sources are reduced and/or unnatural attractants are readily accessible.

Royal Canadian Legion #112

Pender Harbour 2024 Poppy Campaign

Donations to our Poppy Campaign benefit our community:

In 2024, two bursaries were awarded to PHSS graduates.

2024 Poppy Campaign begins FRIDAY, OCT. 25.

Please come to our Remembrance Day Ceremony on

Monday, November 11

Procession marches off at 10:30 am.

Service at 11:00 am.

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Everyone welcome including children.

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news



Brian Lee/WCWL (inset)

For anyone curious about the newly-constructed buildings on the waterfront along Maple Road in Egmont, the West Coast Wilderness Lodge recently announced the completion of 20 new units at their Egmont Adventure Centre property. According to an October press release, the West Coast Wilderness Lodge, formerly a seasonal operation, is introducing year-round accommodation with the recent launch of these self-catering vacation rental units. Each is over 650 square feet, featuring kitchens, king-sized bedroom, bathroom, living area with a sofa bed and a waterfront balcony. Starting in summer 2025, the WCWL will also open a waterfront bistro on the property, formerly the site of the Egmont fish processing plant, with an 8,000-square-foot space for up to 200 people, 2,500 square feet of meeting space and a new spa, gym and pool.

Local publishers take four of 10 BC book awards

Local publishers and their authors once again picked up a bounty of awards at the annual BC and Yukon Book Prizes, taking away four of the ten prizes.

The BC and Yukon Book Prizes were established in 1985 to celebrate the achievements of BC and Yukon writers, illustrators and publishers.

Winners were announced at the 40th annual BCYBP gala on Sept. 28 at the University Golf Club in Vancouver.

IAN KENNEDY

As it has many times before, Madeira Park's Harbour Publishing shared in the accolades when author Ian Kennedy picked up the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Prize for his *The Best Loved Boat: The Princess Maquina*.



Kennedy is the author of several books about BC history including *Sunny Sandy Savary* (Kennell Publishing, 1992) and he co-authored *Tofino and Clayoquot Sound* (cloth edition, 2014; paperback edition, 2023).

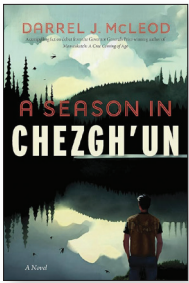
Kennedy lives in Comox.

DARREL J. MCLEOD

Best known as an award winning memoirist, Cree author Darrel J. McLeod died just a month before the gala on Aug. 29.

McLeod was posthumously awarded the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize for his first novel, *A Season in Chezgh'un*.

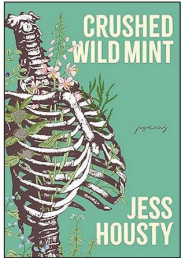
The novel was published by Madeira Park's Douglas & McIntyre, an imprint owned by Harbour Publishing's Howard and Mary White.



JESS HOUSTY

Gibsons-based Nightwood Editions' author Jess Housty travelled from Bella Bella to pick up two awards at the gala.

Housty won both the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize and the Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award for their poetry collection *Crushed Wild Mint*.



Crushed Wild Mint might be the first book of poetry to win the Bill Duthie booksellers choice award — which is often awarded to a popular book that delivers outstanding sales.

Last year, Housty's book was a mainstay on the Association of Book Publishers of BC bestseller list for 2023, finishing as the ninth bestselling book for the year.

It's still going strong — last month, it was still the seventh best-selling BC book according to the list (which is published monthly in the *Harbour Spiel* almanac).

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A cheque so big it takes three people to hold it. On Sept. 29, Margaret Harrington, Bargain Barn president (m), presented a \$50,000 cheque to Pender Harbour Health Centre representatives Diane Hopkinson, PHHC board president (l) and Nick Gaskin, PHHC executive director (r). The \$50,000 was raised from 2024 spring and summer retail sales at the Bargain Barn and is the largest amount donated for any time period in the Bargain Barn's history.

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Union of BC Municipalities convention tackles reconciliation



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

September's Union of BC Municipalities convention, where I joined about 2,250 other delegates in Vancouver, plays an important role in reconciliation by facilitating frank and enlightened conversations and motivating us all to do better.

I attended an optional forum offering a First Nations perspective on the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and reconciliation over a day of dialogue about advancing reconciliation and working together.

This forum focused on truth before reconciliation, reconciliation in action, UNDRIP, and the role of local

government in collaborative land-use planning.

Elder Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, opened discussions by saying that reconciliation includes anyone with an open heart and open mind, and that our future and the well-being of all our children rests with the relations we build today.

Missing children and unmarked graves were the focus of truth before reconciliation, which identified understanding the truth as a crucial first step.

Most First Nations residential school students were treated without respect, and some Indigenous families still don't know what happened to their children while in the care of the church and state, despite government and university information that was never made public.

Searches for graves are complex, time-consuming, and expensive because some cemetery borders are unknown, and grave markers were not installed or were removed.

First Nations have no access to cemetery plans, and governments refuse to pay for the return of buried children to their communities.

The First Nations Leadership Council, one of our hosts, stated that the pursuit of justice by First Nations has been relentless but is especially challenging because of denialism caused by a lack of information.

They said denialism must be eliminated, provincial laws must be charter-compliant and that we have many shared concerns to address, such as crime and homelessness.

The Union of BC Indian Chiefs and First Nations Summit have passed



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resolutions directing provincial and federal governments to have local governments implement UNDRIP.

VANCOUVER

The Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and City of Vancouver created a task force in 2021 to implement UNDRIP in Vancouver, and the following year became the first Canadian intergovernmental partners to approve a strategy to implement UNDRIP at the local government level, which led to the city approving an UNDRIP action plan.

Implementation of the plan, organized in five thematic areas including 18 groups, each with one or more of the 45 UNDRIP calls to action, will begin over the next five years.

They observed that discussions are often initiated by economic development and housing needs, and that work is progressing as new people are inserted in the process.

PORT ALBERNI

This regional district formed a reconciliation committee in 2017 that recommended advancing reconciliation in the Alberni Valley, and recently have undertaken collaborative land-use planning and development along the city’s waterfront.

They are working together on planning and development of the 43-acre waterfront Somass Lands and Clutesi Haven Marina, and how it aligns with UNDRIP.

They said children from 70 different First Nations attended Port Alberni residential schools.

They noted that people want to be at the table to decide what reconciliation is, that regional governance must be inclusive, and that “a rising tide carries all boats.”

CENTRAL OKANAGAN AND WESTBANK FIRST NATION

The self-governing Westbank First Nations and the Regional District of Central Okanagan want to develop an inclusive governance model based on Article 5 of UNDRIP, “Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political legal, economic, social, and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully in the political, economic, and cultural life of the state.”

They expressed concern that reconciliation is exhausting, often set back by elections, and lacks funding, noting the perception that equality must be paid for.

They stated that parks can be co-managed with a memorandum of understanding, joint planning and collaboration.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS

The SCRCD submitted resolutions that hopefully will result in local road improvements.

Resolution EB74 asks the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to improve road design standards and improve and maintain rural roads, particularly with paved shoulders and crosswalks, for the users’ safety.

Resolution EB76 asks the province to fund MOTI to engage with local governments in road and subdivision planning to avoid runoff and facilitate decision-making.

Resolution EB78 asks the province to fund MOTI to establish a capital asset management plan for rural roads to improve service.

CAO RESIGNS

Dean McKinley, the SCRCD’s chief administrative officer since 2020, resigned in August following a May leave of absence when Tina Perreault, GM of corporate services and corporate financial officer, became acting CAO.

Perreault became interim CAO in September, and the SCRCD expects the vacancy to be filled by early next year.



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Kathie Tweedie

Madeira Park's Peggy Terry spent the year knitting toques and other items just so she can give them away to students at Madeira Park Elementary School. This marks the third year in a row that the 85-year-old provided enough items for each of the school's 117 students (plus a few extra). Terry presented the school with the gifts at the school's weekly breakfast club on Oct. 2. In the top photo, she is at home with some of her knitted items before handing them out to the students on Oct. 2 (bottom photo).



Note your Seal of Approval or Disapproval!

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Seals of Approval and kudos to **IGA managers Matt and Alana McDonald** and their proud crew who worked extra hard this summer.

The Madeira Park IGA was so busy this year that it beat the Wilson Creek and the Gibsons IGAs.

Well done and thank you for the friendly service, no matter how busy you are.

Annelise Sorg

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Harbour Seals of Meowiness to you and you and you and you too. Heartfelt thanks to an incredible community — you are beautiful people.

Jenny Yeske

Harbour Spiel

Lil Abbott

DECEMBER 4, 1932 — OCTOBER 6, 2024



Lil Abbott died peacefully on Oct. 6 surrounded by her family.

She was 91.

Abbott and her husband Ken bought their little seaside home in

Bargain Harbour 50 years ago before becoming full time residents in 1983.

She was born in Vancouver and spent many happy summers with her grandparents who owned a general store in Nova Scotia.

Abbott worked a lot in recreation and she was also a nurse before marrying her husband Ken at age 25.

The two of them raised two kids, Barbara and Bill, and enjoyed bridge, bowling and camping — which is how they discovered their beloved Pender Harbour.

Abbott was well-known in the

community, volunteering at the Pender Harbour Library, the Bargain Barn and as an emergency response helper.

She was also involved as a volunteer in getting the Pender Harbour Golf Course going in the mid-1980s.

Always full of life and laughter, Abbott was famous on the block for her love of swimming out front of her home from May to September.

Abbott left a legacy of five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by her many friends and family.

Ray Hansen

NOVEMBER 16, 1932 — OCTOBER 16, 2024



Ray Hansen, aka “Ray Handsome,” died peacefully in Gibsons on Oct. 16 with family at his side.

He was born in Saskatchewan outside of Instow in 1932 and was the eldest of three boys to Clarence Hansen and Hattie (Erickson).

Hansen met and married the love of his life, Aileen, in 1955 and they had three children — twins Blaine and Barry, and daughter Brenda.

He tragically lost both his sons at age 17 and 26.

Hansen is survived by his brothers Bob (Carol Ann) and Gord (Jaaneen), daughter Brenda Bennett, and grand-daughters Korie Kessel (Mike),

Nicole Bennett (Mike) and great-grandchildren, Braeden Kessel, Ethan Bennett and Owen Bennett as well as many nieces and nephews.

Hansen was a member of the Princess Patricia Infantry of Paratroopers in his youth, and fondly remembered jumping out of planes with his pack.

He grew up on a farm and during his younger years, he helped with cattle branding, growing grain and travelling around by horse.

He left Saskatchewan for Alberta in 1959, and later moved to Maple Ridge where he raised his three children in the Dewdney Trunk area.

The Hansens moved from Maple Ridge to the Coast in the late 1970s.

After years spent as a long-haul truck driver, Hansen started his own trucking company on the Coast helping build many new roads, subdivisions, rock walls and highways.

The couple enjoyed golf and loved to spend time at their cabin or on their boat traveling around Desola-

tion Sound and the Sunshine Coast.

After they retired, they bought a place in Indio, Calif., where they enjoyed the warm winters.

At happy hour they would drive their golf cart all around the park, to visit with their many friends.

After Aileen died of cancer, he volunteered at the senior centre in Sechelt and drove busloads of seniors to casinos in the Lower Mainland.

He also spent time fixing and selling boats with his friend Gary as well as running a fishing charter business taking tourists on adventures.

Hansen’s family thanks the amazing friends that he had until his last days who would call, visit or play crib with him and the staff at Christianson Village Care Home, especially his nurse in his final hours, Richard.

Please consider a donation in his name to the RCMSAR Unit 61 (Pender Harbour).

A celebration of life will be held on Nov. 16 at the Pender Harbour Community Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.

Pacific white-sided dolphins return to Bargain Harbour (Nov. 2014)

Story and photos by Brian Lee

This story originally appeared in the Nov. 2014 issue of the Harbour Spiel.

In a spectacular repeat performance of an April 2010 appearance, a school of 70-plus Pacific white-sided dolphins appeared in Bargain Harbour on Oct. 9, 2014.

Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*) and other cetaceans have been a common sight on the Sunshine Coast these past few years and sightings this summer have been especially frequent.

In the 2010 sighting, transient orca whales were clearly herding the dolphins into the constricted shallows of Bargain Harbour.

No orca sightings were reported during this most recent encounter but according to John Ford, head of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's cetacean research program at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, that doesn't mean they weren't there.

Ford told the *Harbour Spiel* that their behaviour — tightly milling around the shallows followed by intermittent displays of speed or “squalling” — suggests they were likely chased into the bay by unseen Bigg's (transient) orca whales.

“Sometimes it's pretty subtle and may not be obvious that they've made a kill.

“Sometimes it's quite dramatic with blood flying and dolphins either dead or still alive in the shallows,” says Ford.

“Their strategy is to corral them into a restricted area like a bay or small inlet and that's generally where they succeed in getting them.

“They can get them occasionally in open water but the success rate is really low.”



According to Ford's recently published, *Marine Mammals of British Columbia* (Royal BC Museum):

Pacific white-sided dolphins are quick to flee from approaching Bigg's killer whales, they are regularly seen near or even mixed in with groups of resident killer whales.

It's clear that they recognize the differences between these two ecotypes of killer whales and don't consider fish-eating residents a threat.

In fact, these dolphins may harass resident killer whales on occasion, perhaps taking pieces of fish that have been broken up for sharing among the whales.

Whatever motivated these two encounters, one thing is clear — there are many more dolphins than there used to be.

The Vancouver Aquarium estimates there to be 900,000 Pacific white-sided dolphins in the North

Pacific ranging from Japan across to Alaska and as far south as Baja, Mexico.

On the BC coast, it's estimated that there are about 25,000, often found in groups of 10 to 100 animals, although some groups have been seen numbering 2,000 or more.

But the most fascinating bit of trivia about the Pacific white-sided dolphin may be that this hasn't always been the case.

Though Pacific white-sided dolphin remains are present in First Nations middens dating back 2,000 years, they were rare in B.C. during the 19th and 20th centuries.

According to the Vancouver Aquarium, they were first spotted by fishermen in 1956 north of Vancouver Island.

“White-sided dolphins, generally in inshore waters, were quite rare for many decades and we don't really



in the mid-1980s but Ford says they didn't start coming into the Strait of Georgia until about 1998.

"Prior to that they were basically not in the strait," he says.

As an example, Ford cites a 1969 booklet published by the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo that lists only 19 "reliable sightings" of the species on the entire BC coast.

"By 2012, white-sided dolphins had been reported to the BC Cetacean Sightings Network on 4,800 occasions which represents about 10 per cent of all cetacean sightings on the network database," said Ford.

Dolphins feed on small schooling fish like herring and sand lance and it's been suggested that their long absence was related to a change in ocean temperatures and a shift in their prey distribution.

"There's really no evidence that they should have been depleted either by indirect effects or by any direct fishery so it may be conditions were better offshore and, because they're

highly mobile, they just moved."

Ford says recent sightings in the Strait of Georgia of huge schools of up to 1,000 individuals seem to indicate "they are doing well."

Whatever the reason for the comeback of the Pacific white-sided dolphin, it seems to parallel the apparent rebound of other marine mammals in the Strait of Georgia.

Ford suggests a good indicator of the apparent health of the local marine ecosystem is the fact that we're seeing more transient killer whales (mammal hunting whales).

"The frequency of sightings has really increased and it's because primarily their food has returned," says Ford.

He points to a scarcity of harbour seals 40 years ago when the study of BC killer whales began at the Pacific Biological Station.

"Harbour seals were depleted from almost a century of harvesting

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know why," says Ford.

Numbers of Pacific white-sided dolphins started increasing in the Central Coast and Johnstone Strait starting



According to Dr. John Ford's book, *Marine Mammals of BC*, 'squalling' is a term used to describe a dolphin pod's rapid movement as a tight unit in a single direction because, at a distance, 'it resembles an intense wind squall that whips the sea surface into whitecaps. In many cases, squalling dolphins are fleeing from transient killer whales, their main predators.'

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1. What is the name of the mountain that rises up from Madeira Park to a height of 455 meters (1,493 feet)?

- ☐ a. Mt. Daniel
- ☐ b. Cecil Hill
- ☐ c. Pender Hill
- ☐ d. Mt. Hallowell

2. Last month, the *Harbour Spiel* featured an excerpt from a new edition of which classic BC book?

- ☐ a. The Curve of Time
- ☐ b. Writing in the Rain
- ☐ c. Spilsbury's Coast
- ☐ d. Fishing With John

3. What is kalpilin?

- ☐ a. Earls Cove
- ☐ b. Madeira Park
- ☐ c. Garden Bay
- ☐ d. Pender Harbour

4. Pender Harbour's Klein family supplied the timber for which Vancouver installation?

- ☐ a. Stanley Park Centennial
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5. Which precious metal is currently valued at the highest price per ounce?

- ☐ a. Gold
- ☐ b. Silver
- ☐ c. Platinum
- ☐ d. Palladium

6. Longtime Pender Harbour mens' soccer team.

- ☐ a. Carrots
- ☐ b. Bananas
- ☐ c. Aubergines
- ☐ d. Cucumbers

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Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Pacific white-sided dolphins (cont.)

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and a bounty program and that all ended in the late 1960s,” says Ford.

“Since then harbour seal numbers have really rebounded, probably back to historical levels.”

Ford points to increased numbers of Steller and California sea lions found in the Strait of Georgia to offer further evidence that now is a good time be an apex predator.

But it’s not just the mammal eaters that are doing well.

Humpback whales feed on small fish and invertebrates like krill and have been sighted off the entrance to Pender Harbour at least twice last month.

The population of humpback whales was severely depleted in the Strait of Georgia by commercial whaling efforts by the early 1900s.

The BC Cetacean Sightings Network claims that since then virtually no humpback whales have been seen in the Strait of Georgia for 100 years.

Now, however, Ford says hump-

back populations are increasing by about four per cent per year on the Coast and the sightings have become much more frequent throughout the Strait of Georgia.

In 2011, the humpback whale was downlisted from “threatened” to “special concern” by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada.

Humpback whales can weigh up to 48 tons and often vacuum up as much as a ton of food per day.

Their population growth hints at a possible return to health for species occupying the lower rungs of the food chain like herring and krill.

There may still be significant threats to marine life in the Strait of Georgia but Ford sums up one secret to the return of the humpback whale and of many other marine mammals’ recent success:

“Basically, it’s the case with many animals, if you stop killing them and provide habitat, they will come back.”



Pacific white-sided dolphins in Bargain Harbour on Oct. 9, 2014.

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- They have a 12-month gestation period with calves measuring approximately 3 feet (1 m) at birth.
- The maximum age recorded for a female Pacific white-sided dolphin is 46. The oldest male recorded is 42.
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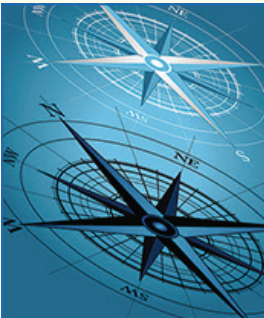
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The number of family physicians on the Coast has declined from 40 in Dec. 2022 to 31 in Oct. 2023, while the population has gone up.



With a growing and aging population, access to primary health care is a concern for many on the Sunshine Coast. The number of family physicians practising in the community has declined and many of those still practising are nearing retirement. Like many in BC, Coast residents report their mental health and overall wellbeing was impacted by the pandemic. On the positive side, use of area recreation facilities is increasing since the pandemic and substance use among high school students continues the downward trend that started in the late 1990s.

Drug & Alcohol Related Deaths on the Sunshine Coast

	Number of deaths	Sunshine Coast health area no. of deaths per 100,000 pop'n	British Columbia no. of deaths per 100,000 pop'n
2016	3	9.6	20.5
2017	7	22.4	30.3
2018	6	19	31.2
2019	3	9.5	19.4
2020	7	21.9	34.4
2021	12	37.1	44.3
2022	9	27.4	44.8
2023	12	35.4	45.7

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205,037

2023 admissions to SCRD recreation facilities was up 11% from 2022's 182,179 and roughly equal to the pre-pandemic year of 2019.

According to the Adolescent Health Survey of high school students, among those who had tried a substance, the percentages who had tried the substance by age 12 were: **27%** for vaping, **24%** for smoking tobacco, **28%** for alcohol and **15%** for cannabis. Those who vaped and smoked were over **3x** more likely to have vaped first than to have smoked first. Among those who had tried cannabis, most smoked it (**73%**),



while **34%** vaped it, and **23%** ate it. Among those who used alcohol, **31%** drank alcohol on the Saturday before the survey. **60%** drank in the last month (most commonly on **1** or **2** days). **34%** had **5** or more drinks within a couple of hours on at least **1** day in the past month and **1%** drank that much on **20** or more days. They most commonly drank liquor (**68%**) followed by coolers (**53%**), beer (**33%**) and wine (**13%**).

Local emergency rescue FAQs

Bill Haskett

*Lieutenant & Training Officer,
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Sydney More

A group shot of the P. H. Volunteer Fire Department from 2023.

ment that needs to respond and send out a signal tone to activate pagers and the Madeira Park Hall roof siren.

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Seniors activities for November!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

Nov. 7 – TBA

Nov. 14 – "Bingo" with the High School Students

Nov. 21 – A visit from our Dietician Dianne Paulus

Nov. 28 – Free Lunch for those who attend – music with the "HUGS" Ukulele Club

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Nov. 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am – 12pm with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11–12pm. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Cost: \$3

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES

NOVEMBER

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

1. 12:05 PM -M, 4:24 PM +M
2. 12:46 PM -M, 4:50 PM +M
3. 12:27 PM -S
4. 1:09 PM -S
5. 1:55 PM -S
6. 2:45 PM -S
7. **8:17 AM +XL**, 3:52 PM -S
8. **9:09 AM +XL**
9. **11:34 AM +XL**
10. **11:49 AM +XL**
11. 12:34 PM +L
12. 12:59 PM +L
13. 8:06 AM -M, 1:33 PM +L
14. 9:22 AM -M, 2:10 PM +L
15. 10:22 AM -M, 2:51 PM +L
16. 11:14 AM -M, 3:33 PM +M
17. 12:02 PM -M
18. 12:48 PM -M
19. 1:50 PM -M
20. **8:32 AM +XL**, 2:49 PM -M
21. **9:20 AM +XL**, 3:30 PM -M
22. **10:05 AM +XL**
23. **10:48 AM +XL**
24. **11:28 AM +XL**
25. 12:03 PM +L
26. 12:35 PM +L
27. 8:22 AM -S, 1:06 PM +M
28. 9:18 AM -S, 1:37 PM +M
29. 10:04 AM -S, 2:17 PM +M
30. 10:47 AM -S, 2:51 PM +M

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CANADIAN RETIREMENT

\$129,000

The amount the average 65-plus-year-old Canadian has saved in their RRSP. The figure rises to about \$160,000 if you include the Tax-Free Savings Account.

\$6,183

According to Statistics Canada's 2024 Canadian Income Survey, the average monthly after-tax retirement income for senior families in 2022.

\$2,800

The average after-tax monthly retirement income for individual seniors in 2022.

\$1,364.60

For 2024, the maximum Canada Pension Plan monthly benefit for someone retiring at age 65.

\$831.92

For 2024, the average Canada Pension Plan monthly benefit for someone retiring at age 65.

\$713.34

For 2024, the maximum monthly Old Age Security payment for 65- to 74-year-olds, which is based on income and how long you've lived in Canada.

22.4%

In 2021, more than one-fifth (22.4%) of all tax filers contributed to their RRSP, up slightly from 2020.

\$3,890

In 2021, the median contribution amount of Canadian tax filers to an RRSP, an all-time high.

~ StatsCan, Fidelity, Yahoo Finance

NOVEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our November average daily high temperature is 8.8 C and our average low is 5.2 C, giving us a daily mean of 7 C. The highest November temperature recorded is 15 C (Nov. 4, 1975); the lowest is -7.3 C (Nov. 27, 1985).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

November averages 55.8 hours of bright sunshine and 19 days with precipitation. November's average monthly rainfall is 148.5 mm; snowfall is 2.5 cm. The highest November daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island is 50 mm (Nov. 3, 1989); snowfall is 9.6 cm (Nov. 25, 1985).

NOVEMBER ASTROLOGY



SCORPIO: OCT. 24 – NOV. 22

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. With Pluto as the ruling ex-planet, people born under this sign are considered to be dynamic and extreme in their opinions. Pluto continues to visit Capricorn until Nov. 19 and because this celestial event will not take place for another 230 years, make use of it. Huge benefits are waiting to be reaped in all aspects of finance, family relationships and love. By the 20th, you will return to being a below-average, vanilla underachiever.



SAGITTARIUS: NOV. 23 – DEC. 21

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trendsetters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. This month, the presence of the career planet Saturn in the third house means your work life will take on a new focus. It is a positive time for you in your professional life but, as we know, the stars giveth as they take away. You'll find yourself suffering from temporary health issues, including sexual impotence, until Dec. 4.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Oct. 19

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

1. **Whitewater Cooks The Food We Love** by Shelley Adams, Conner Adams (Alicon Holdings)
2. **Never Boring: The Up and Down History of the Vancouver Canucks** by Ed Willes (Harbour Publishing)
3. **Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays** by Wade Davis (Greystone Books)
4. **The Curve of Time: New, Expanded Edition** by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing)
5. **Untold Tales of Old British Columbia** by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press)
6. **Today is Orange Shirt Day** by Phyllis Webstad (Medicine Wheel Publishing)
7. **The Animal People Choose a Leader** by Richard Wagamese, illus. by Bridget George (Douglas & McIntyre)
8. **Lightning Strikes the Silence** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
9. **Lost at Windy River: A True Story of Survival** by Trina Rathgeber (Orca Book Publishers)
10. **A Perfect Day for a Walk: The History, Cultures, and Communities of Vancouver, on Foot** by Bill Arnott (Arsenal Pulp Press)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 2 ~ **Carrie Hillhouse** and **Charles Lee**.
 Nov. 3 ~ **Charlene Cote**, **Sue Rayment** and **Trevor Ross**.
 Nov. 4 ~ **Sandy Boyd**, **Brennan Bennett**, **Pressley Silvey** and **Daphne Taylor**.
 Nov. 5 ~ **Diana Degraaf**, **Colton Edwardson**, **Finnley Silvey** and **Tanis Zayshley**.
 Nov. 6 ~ **Kathie Atherfold** and **Max Scoular**.
 Nov. 7 ~ **Joni Mitchell**.
 Nov. 8 ~ **Eleanor Reid** and **Ryan Boyd**.
 Nov. 9 ~ **Candace Cruikshank** and **Matthew McKimm**.
 Nov. 10 ~ **Tom Duncan** and **Nicole MacDonald**.
 Nov. 11 ~ **Loretta McDonald**.
 Nov. 12 ~ **Roger Duncan**, **Dwayne Knock** and **Cooper Pantages**.
 Nov. 13 ~ **Hunter Edwardson**, **Tanya Cummings**, **Paul Jones**, **Darrin Jordison** and **John Maveety**.
 Nov. 14 ~ **Amber Kincaide**.
 Nov. 15 ~ **Josey Bennett**.
 Nov. 16 ~ **Ray Hansen** and **Janique Peters-Gray**.
 Nov. 17 ~ **Biada Priest**, **Rodney Kammerle**, **Lin Sullivan** and **Barb Watt**.
 Nov. 18 ~ **Steve McCanse** and **Amanda Ross**.
 Nov. 19 ~ **Cheryl Jensen** and **Dennis Levasseur**.
 Nov. 20 ~ **Umeyo Kishimoto** and **Jill Wagner**.
 Nov. 22 ~ **Jennifer Girard**, **Alysa English**, **Brooke Fraser**, **Anne Fraser** and **Mark Raaflaub**.
 Nov. 23 ~ **Dodie Edwardson**, **May Silvey**, **Dave Daiken** and **Wayne Griffith**.
 Nov. 24 ~ **Maggi Guzzi** and **Chase Campbell**.
 Nov. 25 ~ **Neil Remmen** and **Leah Pockrant**.
 Nov. 26 ~ **Gary Griffith**.
 Nov. 27 ~ **Betty Sladey** and **Natasha Landry**.
 Nov. 28 ~ **Tavia Chandler-Kwan**, **Ryder Noble** and **twins Paige** and **Lexi Pauls**.
 Nov. 29 ~ **Marie Coombes**, **Pete Hannah**, **John McDonald**, **Malcolm McDougall**, **Myrna Pickering** and **Kaila Silvey**.
 Nov. 30 ~ **Lori Clarke**, **Brayden Zayshley** & **Foster Willan**.

pender harbour tides ~ november 2024

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



November	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Fri 01	4.4	5.7	7.6	9.9	11.9	13.4	14.1	13.8	13.0	11.8	10.6	10.0	9.9	10.6	11.6	12.7	13.4	13.4	12.5	10.8	8.7	6.4	4.6	3.5
Sat 02	3.4	4.3	6.1	8.4	10.8	12.8	14.1	14.5	14.0	13.0	11.9	10.9	10.4	10.6	11.3	12.2	13.0	13.3	12.7	11.3	9.3	7.0	5.0	3.5
Sun 03	2.9	3.4	5.2	7.9	10.8	13.2	14.6	14.7	14.0	13.0	11.9	11.1	10.8	11.2	11.9	12.6	13.0	12.8	11.7	10.0	7.8	5.7	3.9	2.8
Mon 04	2.7	3.6	5.3	7.6	10.1	12.4	14.1	14.8	14.7	14.0	13.0	12.0	11.3	11.2	11.6	12.2	12.7	12.8	12.1	10.7	8.7	6.6	4.7	3.3
Tue 05	2.6	2.9	4.0	6.0	8.4	10.8	13.0	14.4	14.9	14.6	13.9	13.0	12.1	11.6	11.6	11.9	12.4	12.6	12.3	11.3	9.7	7.7	5.8	4.2
Wed 06	3.1	2.8	3.3	4.6	6.7	9.0	11.3	13.3	14.5	14.9	14.6	13.9	13.0	12.2	11.8	11.7	12.0	12.3	12.3	11.7	10.5	8.9	7.1	5.4
Thu 07	4.1	3.3	3.1	3.8	5.3	7.3	9.5	11.7	13.5	14.6	14.9	14.6	13.9	13.1	12.3	11.8	11.6	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.1	9.9	8.5	6.9
Fri 08	5.5	4.4	3.7	3.7	4.4	5.9	7.8	10.0	12.1	13.7	14.7	14.9	14.6	13.8	12.9	12.1	11.4	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.3	10.8	9.9	8.7
Sat 09	7.3	6.0	5.0	4.4	4.4	5.1	6.5	8.5	10.6	12.5	14.1	14.9	15.0	14.5	13.5	12.4	11.3	10.5	10.2	10.3	10.6	10.8	10.9	10.5
Sun 10	9.6	8.4	7.1	6.0	5.3	5.2	5.9	7.3	9.2	11.3	13.2	14.5	15.1	14.9	14.1	12.8	11.3	10.0	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.7	10.5	11.0
Mon 11	11.1	10.5	9.5	8.3	7.1	6.4	6.2	6.8	8.2	10.1	12.1	13.9	15.0	15.2	14.6	13.3	11.5	9.6	8.1	7.2	7.2	7.8	9.0	10.3
Tue 12	11.3	11.8	11.6	10.8	9.6	8.4	7.5	7.3	7.9	9.3	11.1	13.0	14.5	15.3	15.1	13.9	12.0	9.7	7.6	6.0	5.3	5.5	6.7	8.4
Wed 13	10.3	11.9	12.8	12.8	12.1	10.9	9.6	8.7	8.4	9.1	10.4	12.2	13.9	15.1	15.4	14.6	12.8	10.3	7.6	5.3	3.8	3.4	4.2	5.8
Thu 14	8.1	10.5	12.6	13.8	14.0	13.3	12.1	10.7	9.8	9.6	10.2	11.5	13.2	14.6	15.3	15.1	13.7	11.3	8.4	5.6	3.3	2.1	2.1	3.3
Fri 15	5.5	8.2	11.0	13.3	14.7	14.9	14.2	13.0	11.7	10.7	10.5	11.2	12.5	13.9	15.0	15.3	14.5	12.5	9.7	6.6	3.8	1.8	0.9	1.3
Sat 16	2.9	5.5	8.6	11.6	14.0	15.4	15.6	14.9	13.6	12.3	11.4	11.3	12.0	13.1	14.3	15.0	14.9	13.5	11.2	8.2	5.2	2.6	0.9	0.4
Sun 17	1.2	3.2	6.0	9.2	12.3	14.6	15.9	15.9	15.1	13.9	12.7	11.9	11.8	12.4	13.4	14.3	14.6	14.1	12.4	9.9	7.0	4.2	2.0	0.7
Mon 18	0.5	1.6	3.8	6.8	9.9	12.9	15.0	16.1	16.0	15.2	14.0	12.9	12.1	12.1	12.6	13.4	13.9	14.0	13.2	11.4	8.9	6.3	3.8	1.9
Tue 19	1.0	1.2	2.5	4.8	7.7	10.7	13.3	15.2	16.0	15.8	15.0	13.9	12.9	12.2	12.1	12.5	13.0	13.4	13.2	12.2	10.5	8.3	5.9	3.9
Wed 20	2.5	1.9	2.3	3.7	5.9	8.5	11.3	13.6	15.2	15.8	15.6	14.8	13.8	12.7	12.0	11.9	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.4	11.4	9.8	8.0	6.1
Thu 21	4.4	3.4	3.0	3.5	4.9	7.0	9.4	11.8	13.8	15.1	15.6	15.3	14.6	13.5	12.5	11.7	11.4	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.6	10.8	9.6	8.1
Fri 22	6.6	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.9	6.2	8.1	10.3	12.3	14.0	15.1	15.3	14.9	14.2	13.1	12.0	11.1	10.6	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.0	10.6	9.8
Sat 23	8.6	7.4	6.4	5.8	5.6	6.2	7.5	9.2	11.1	12.9	14.2	15.0	15.0	14.5	13.5	12.3	11.1	10.1	9.5	9.5	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.6
Sun 24	10.2	9.4	8.5	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.5	8.6	10.2	11.9	13.4	14.4	14.8	14.6	13.7	12.5	11.0	9.7	8.7	8.3	8.5	9.0	9.8	10.5
Mon 25	10.9	10.8	10.3	9.6	8.8	8.3	8.1	8.6	9.7	11.1	12.5	13.8	14.5	14.5	13.9	12.7	11.1	9.5	8.1	7.3	7.1	7.6	8.5	9.7
Tue 26	10.8	11.5	11.7	11.4	10.7	9.9	9.3	9.2	9.6	10.6	11.9	13.1	14.0	14.3	13.9	12.8	11.2	9.4	7.7	6.4	5.9	6.1	7.0	8.4
Wed 27	9.9	11.3	12.3	12.6	12.3	11.6	10.8	10.2	10.1	10.5	11.4	12.5	13.5	14.0	13.9	13.0	11.4	9.5	7.5	5.9	4.9	4.8	5.5	6.9
Thu 28	8.7	10.6	12.2	13.2	13.5	13.1	12.3	11.5	10.9	10.8	11.3	12.1	13.0	13.7	13.9	13.2	11.8	9.8	7.6	5.7	4.3	3.8	4.1	5.3
Fri 29	7.2	9.4	11.5	13.1	14.1	14.2	13.6	12.7	11.9	11.3	11.3	11.8	12.6	13.3	13.7	13.4	12.2	10.3	8.1	5.9	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.9
Sat 30	5.6	7.9	10.3	12.5	14.1	14.7	14.6	13.9	12.9	12.0	11.6	11.7	12.2	12.9	13.4	13.5	12.6	11.0	8.8	6.5	4.4	3.0	2.4	2.8

PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC SOCIETY

In thanks and appreciation for the overwhelming generosity of their small community during their recent 50/50 draw, the Pender Harbour Aquatic Society is hosting a free afternoon at the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

All are welcome — those new to the gym and to the pool — and those familiar faces the staff look forward to seeing once again.

PENDER HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB

The Pender Harbour Garden Club is pleased to present Tamara Litke who will speak about ecological gardening on Monday, Nov. 25 at the Pender Harbour School of Music in Madeira Park at 1 p.m.

Litke has a master of education in sustainability and is a PhD candidate in ecology and consciousness who has worked with community gardens, school greenways and commercial projects. She is a board member of the Native Bee Society of BC, a Butterfly Ranger and a master gardener, focusing on sustainable plants that benefit biodiversity and support a healthy climate.

Litke will review the top 10 plants, location choices, look at healthy habitats, the best practices and the reasons why reintroducing indigenous species to your garden in our current climate is a smart choice.

Free for members and a \$5 drop-in fee otherwise with coffee, tea and snacks provided.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month’s School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Nov. 8.

The musicians this month are Lynn and Reg Dixon and the Mother Pluckers ukulele band.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN’S CONNECTION

On Nov. 12, the P. H. Women’s Connection is honoured to present Sunshine Coast family physician, Dr. Paul Dhillon. Dhillon was recently appointed the chief medical officer for the Invictus Games to be held in Whistler, Feb. 8 to 16.

On Nov. 26, the P. H. Women’s Connection welcomes the Harbour Ukulele Group Strummers. HUGS will treat the group with a wonderful performance.

At the Pender Harbour School of Music — doors open at 9:30 a.m. with a drop-in fee of \$4 and complimentary refreshments are included.



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Local health matters

2023 – 2024 PHHC Annual General Meeting in Review

The Pender Harbour Health Centre Society held its annual general meeting at the Madeira Park Community Hall on Sept. 30 with over 30 PHHCS members in attendance to learn all about the successes and challenges at your Health Centre over the past year.

Speakers included Diane Hopkinson, board president, Doug Cameron, PHHC board treasurer, Nick Gaskin, PHHC executive director, Lisa Kennedy from Crowe and MacKay accountants and Marg Harrington, board president of the Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary.

Updates were given on the financial health of the society, operational highlights from the past year and plans moving forward.

The speakers also thanked and acknowledged the society membership and wider Pender Harbour community who have supported the Health Centre over the past year.

A special mention needs to go to the PHHC Auxiliary, their board of directors and volunteers at the Bargain Barn who donated \$50,000 to the Health Centre at the AGM.

We thank them for their continued support and

the public who support the Bargain Barn.

Also, at the AGM we said farewell to Alan Skelley who had served on the PHHC Society board for nine years. Alan's commitment and dedication to health and wellness in his community and his service to the Health Centre has been greatly valued and his presence will be missed.

The PHHC board also welcomed Marilyn Duggan back for another term and Kathie Tweedie and Madison Macdonald for their first terms.

At the end of the AGM there was a Q&A period and community members brought forward questions around the governance and operations of the Health Centre and our plans for the future. We thank these community members for their questions and thoughts.

As you know, for the last 48 years, the Health Centre has been a community led organization, governed by an elected board of directors and supported by the society membership.

If you would like to become a member of the PHHC Society, then please reach out to John Rathbone at the Health Centre at john.rathbone@pend-erharbourhealth.com.



Pictured (l-r): Nick Gaskin, PHHC executive director, Marg Harrington, PHHC Auxiliary president, Doug Cameron, PHHC treasurer and Diane Hopkinson, PHHC Society president, providing updates.

The *Book of Gnome*: Season 3

John Dickinson

For the third consecutive year I placed a notebook in the trusted hands of the gnome, a four-foot wooden carving at the Ruby Lake lookout between Sakinaw and Klein Lakes.

Once again, many travellers from all over the Sunshine Coast and the rest of the world entrusted the wise gnome with the best advice they've ever received in their life.

These are their stories:

BM (VANCOUVER)

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is knowing not to put one in a fruit salad.

WILL, 42 (GIBSONS)

Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana. — Groucho Marx

MC (RUBY LAKE)

Married 50 years tomorrow!

Secret to a successful marriage: take separate holidays sometimes (and go together other times as well.)

RACHELLE, 52, AND CRAIG, 53 (SURREY)

Marry your best friend.

JG, 18 (WHITE ROCK)

Real courage is not the lack of fear, it is the grace you exhibit under pressure.

Do it scared.

KGC & MGC, YOUNG AND SPRY (NEW WESTMINSTER)

There are no shoulds in life.



John Dickinson

For the third summer, John Dickinson collected comments from visitors on the Klein Lake-Ruby Lake traverse with the help of Gnome.

CASSIDY & CLARA, (CHERRYVILLE, BC)

Grandma made us walk up the hill.

SARAH AND JASON, (AUSTRALIA)

Do it now!

SHIRA, 26 (CANMORE, ALTA.)

People don't remember what you did, they remember how you made them feel.

XG AND WC (EATONVILLE, U.S.)

Don't focus on the potholes in life.
Focus on the journey and experience.

JF, 22, (LONDON, ENGLAND)

If you don't know what you want to be, figure out WHERE you want to be.

BF, 32, AND CR, 28 (BELLINGHAM, WASH.)

Don't take life too seriously.
Keep being a kid.

A, K, D & S (GIBSONS, ENGLAND, NEW ZEALAND)

Breathe.
Breathe in the air.

**DIARY OF A GNOME,
AUG. 21, 2024**

It was a day just like the last three, somewhat rainy, more than mildly cloudy, perfect for any such as my humble self, when I saw a young lad in green stroll on by.

Curious fella, oh yes.

Hair the colour of straw and wood, blackberry in his mouth and a twinkle in his eyes.

Oh yes, yes.

First, he didn't see me.

Of course he didn't — his head in those white, wispy clouds, let me tell ya.

But then he did, and smile he did then too.

See, most do.

Smile, I mean.

They come up here, walking 'round like they own all the world, smiling over both cheeks 'cuz they

can see as far as a giant.

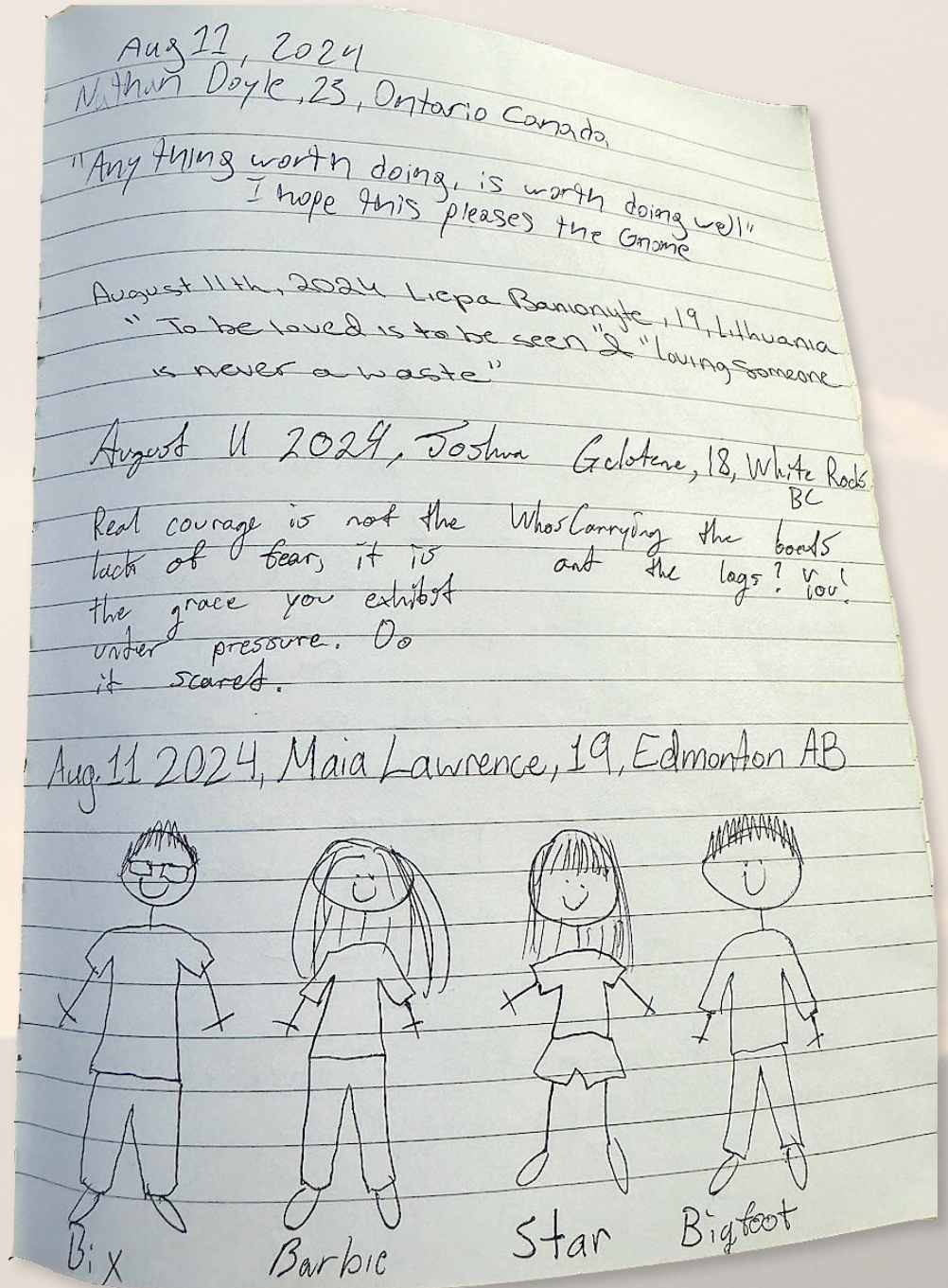
Ya see, most people come see me are nice fellas.

Good and smiley folk.

That's where I got my face from.

All the smiley folk.

Gnome



A page from the *Book of Gnome*.

NOVEMBER

- Sun. Nov. 3.....Free "Gym and Swim" - P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre, 1 to 4 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 3.....Live music at the Legion with Steve Hinton Band - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 4.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Thu. Nov. 7.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (TBA) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Fri. Nov. 8.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 8.....SoM Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 10.....P. H. Music Society presents John Wort Hannam - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 10.....Live music at the Legion with the Eddy Edrik Band - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 11...Remembrance Day - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 11 a.m.
Tue. Nov. 12.....P. H. Women's Connection (Dr. Paul Dhillon) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 14....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Bingo) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 14....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 14....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 15.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 17....Grey Cup Party - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, kick off at 3 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 18....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Thu. Nov. 21....SCRD electoral services committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 21....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Dianne Paulus) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 21....SCRD Finance committee - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 22.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 23.....Garden Bay Firehall Open House - 13303 Deller Rd., 1 to 3 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 24....Live music at the Legion with Magic Carpet Ride - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 25....Pender Harbour Garden Club presents Tamara Litke - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
Tue. Nov. 26.....P. H. Women's Connection (HUGS ukulele group) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 28....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (HUGS ukulele) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 28....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thu. Nov. 28....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 29.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 30.....Rotary Club of Pender Harbour Scotch Tasting - Royal Canadian Legion, doors at 5 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. a 6. b



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~ E. B. White



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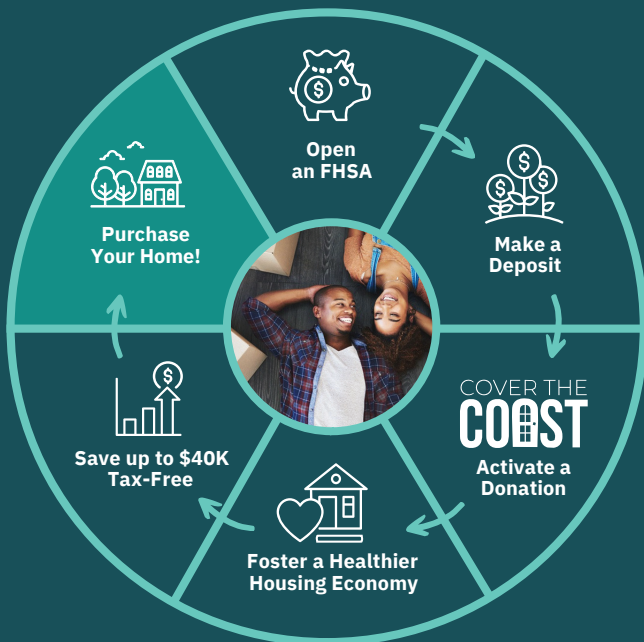
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