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Brandon Isaak riffs on 'Little K,' a guitar custom-made for him by German luthier Redemption, at the Pender Harbour Blues Festival June 2. (Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

The urbanization of West FranPen

Brian Lee



I knew West FranPen would be discovered eventually.

This past winter and spring I suffered rock hammers and excavators on both sides of the *Harbour Spiel* office.

There's a home being built on the east side and an empty lot being prepared for another one to the west.

Down the street a bit, some contractors are chipping branches and trees from a clearing project.

An ongoing landscape project across the street has received dozens of dump trucks through the winter.

Other construction projects out at the end of Francis Peninsula Road ensure a stream of cement trucks and pumpers, building supply trucks, tradespeople and landscapers (with their rattle-crashing aluminum equipment trailers) all day long.

Some might complain about these noisy disturbances, but not me.

I miss the serenity that I've come to expect in West FranPen and I'll miss the trees that are coming down at an impressive rate, but the neighbourhood had become a little stale in recent years.

I'd say about half of my neighbours are part-time residents.

Most of the oldtimers who lived nearby when I bought in 2003 are dead or moved away now.

One of them, Bill Course, died in May — his obituary is on page 11.

He lived just down the road, alone in an old house perched above the water.

That home was built in the mid-1950s and sits waiting to be replaced by something one would expect to adorn "green zone" waterfront.

If it's like many recent Harbour

builds, there will be little need for the trees that blanket Bill's property now.

It's a little more woodsy out here compared to metropolitan neighbourhoods like Esquire Drive and Merrill Crescent.

I suppose you accept your home being separated by four undeveloped properties, then three, then two, until one day, it's Coquitlam.

We won't be getting a Starbucks just yet — there's still a waterfront lot across the road that doesn't even have a house on it.

Imagine — just blackberry, salal and cedar, right down to the beach.

But the driveways are starting to stack up and I see now how easy it is to take these spacer lots for granted.

Their role in lending privacy and a natural backdrop to your daily routine often goes unnoticed.

Until they get cleared.

I see construction projects on this block that will be changing the landscape well into the 2020s.

Even I plan to make a sizable scar across the lid of Francis Peninsula soon.

I hate to do it but, progress.

Adding value to your property is still what it's all about when it comes to retirement planning.

A recent study found that a quarter of Canadians expect their home to be their primary source of income when they retire.

Since I'm not sure how many more editorials I have left in me, I need to consider how to capitalize on surging real estate values too.

But I'm also wary.

Fortunes were sunk into developing much of Pender Harbour before real estate nosedived in 2008.

It could all end as quickly as it began.

It usually does.

JAN WATSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Saturday, July 14, 11 a.m.

The Pender Harbour Golf Club is proud to be hosting the first annual Jan Watson Memorial Golf Tournament fundraiser on July 14. This fun, 18-hole modified Texas Scramble will include on course competitions such as longest drives, putting, chipping, sand trap and closest-to-the-pin contests. The day will wrap up at the Back Nine Bistro for a barbecue steak dinner, auction, door prizes and award presentations. Tournament entry deadline is Tuesday, July 10 (noon).

Jan Watson, a founding member of the Pender Harbour Golf Club, was very passionate about the game and encouraged everyone she met to participate, learn and, most importantly, have fun.

FOUR GALS AND AN AMPHITHEATRE: Saturday, July 21

The Ruby Lake Resort amphitheatre is once again hosting live musicians. On July 21, “Four Gals and An Amphitheatre” features four different, yet equally talented performers from the Sunshine Coast and Vancouver. Heading the bill is Katherine Penfold, a Coast favourite as at home with pop stylings as she is with jazz — with a voice not to be missed. Taryn Laronge is a piano-based singer-songwriter just starting to make waves in Western Canada, as is Breanne McDaniel, who brings an earthy sensibility to her guitar-rooted songs. Halfmoon Bay’s Susan Ssun, is a local musician jumping back into the spotlight after a short hiatus. The venue is capped at 150 people and tickets cost \$25 (not available at the door). Tickets can be purchased at <https://share-there.com/index.php/upcomingevents/event?id=292>. Food and refreshments will be available on site (cash only). It is an outdoor event with picnic seating so bring blankets, festival seats, sunscreen and hats. In the event of rain, the show will go on, so bring appropriate attire.

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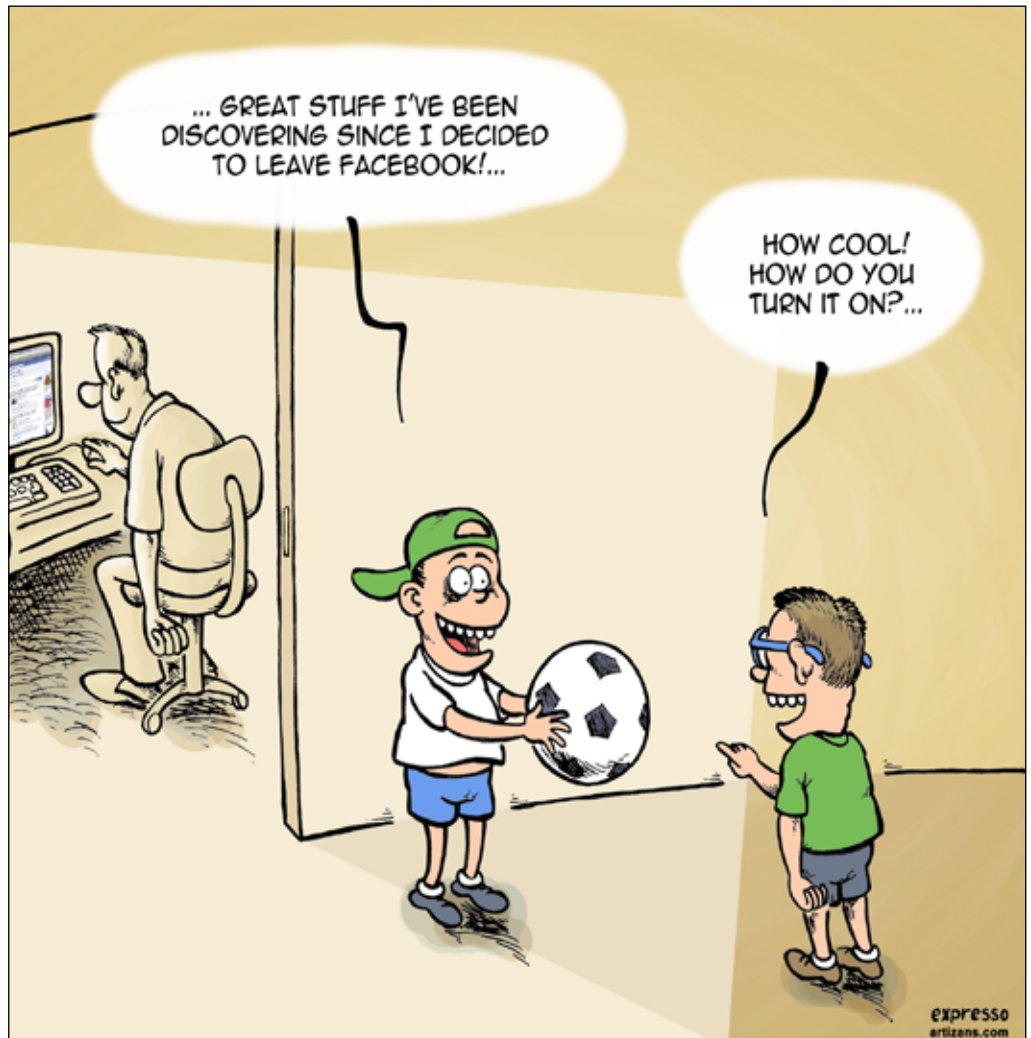
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SCRD launches illegal dumping prevention program

The Sunshine Coast Regional District recently announced it will be targeting illegal garbage dumpers with the launch of their “Keep our community clean” program.

The initiative is aimed at preventing illegal dumping across the region through education.

From an SCRDR statement:

“Dump sites can pollute, affect wildlife habitat and interfere with enjoying the outdoors,” said Robyn Cooper, SCRDR Manager of Solid Waste Services.

“This program will raise awareness of illegal dumping and how to report an illegal dump site.”

As part of ongoing initiatives to stop illegal dumping in the region, the SCRDR has partnered with the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities to develop a public educational video about this issue.

The video highlights the impact of illegal dumping and reminds residents how to report illegal dump sites.

“It is necessary for people to understand that it is against the law to improperly dispose of waste,” said Cooper.

“It’s not just the person dumping who is responsible, it’s the person who owns the material.

“If you ask someone to dispose garbage for you, ask for a receipt as proof it was disposed properly at the landfill or transfer station.”

To view the educational video visit: www.scrd.ca/illegal dumping and www.scrd.ca/trashbash.

Dumping waste such as garbage, hazardous waste and even green waste is illegal, with fines up to \$1 million or six months in jail.



Brian Lee

This pile of garbage was left alongside a forestry road near the Pender Harbour Secondary School and later cleaned up by volunteers.

The SCRDR recommends that residents who witness illegal dumping or spot an illegal dump site should document as much information about the violators and their vehicles as possible and note down the exact location.

This information should be reported to the Ministry of Environment’s 24-hour hotline (RAPP line) at 1 (877) 952-7277 (#7277 from cell-phones).

The SCRDR continues to work on other initiatives to address illegal dumping in our region including collaboration with multiple on-Coast government agencies for prevention and enforcement.

The SCRDR’s annual “Backroad Trash Bash” event saw 82 volunteers last year cleanup 7.8 tonnes of material from backroads in the West Howe Sound and Elphinstone areas.

This year’s 7th annual Backroad Trash Bash is set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the P. H. Lions Park, focusing on the clean-up of dump sites in the Pender Harbour and Egmont areas.

Cooper said a key message of the education campaign is that most commonly dumped materials can be properly disposed of for little or no cost at SCRDR waste management facilities or through recycling depots.

As an example, large appliances such as washers, dryers and stoves can be dropped off at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station for \$70 per tonne — on average \$5 to \$6 for a stove and \$10 for a washer/dryer.

Small appliances and electronics can be dropped off at GRIPS recycling depots for free.

“Blaming the cost of tipping fees for illegal dumping is inaccurate,” said Cooper.

“In areas of BC with lower or no tipping fees, illegal dumping still occurs.”

“The majority of residents living on the Sunshine Coast make the time and effort to dispose of or recycle their materials responsibly and do not illegally dump.

“We want to thank them for keeping our community clean.”

UPDATE: Area D (Halmoon Bay) SCRDR director Garry Nohr announced that he would not be running in the upcoming municipal after the publication deadline for last month’s issue of the *Harbour Spiel*. The editorial, ‘Here we go again,’ (June 2018), referenced his previous intention to run.

Pender Harbour Blues Festival (June 1-3)



Brian Lee

'I think we are on the map now,' said Pender Harbour Blues Festival organizer Marilyn Macleod about this year's festival. Macleod told the *Harbour Spiel* that this year's, the 15th annual, was the most successful PHBF ever with the Saturday evening dance, Sunday morning gospel show and the wrap up jam later in the day on Sunday all selling out with people lining up outside hoping tickets would become available at the door. Seen here is just a portion of the crowd who turned up for the 'Blues in the Park' show in Madeira Park on Saturday.

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Algal bloom the cause of mortality at two Jervis Inlet salmon farms

Harmful algal blooms have been an expensive problem for local fish farms recently.

A spokesperson from Fisheries and Oceans Canada confirmed that an algal bloom was to blame for recent fish mortalities at two Jervis Inlet sites last month.

Grieg Seafood BC Ltd. operates the farms near Saltery Bay and, in a news release, estimated total mortality to be approximately 250,000 fish or 1,000 tonnes.

This amount represents 50 per cent of the total biomass from the two locations.

In an email, FOC spokesperson Michelle Rainer told the *Harbour Spiel*, “The event was reported to the department, consistent with DFO aquaculture conditions of licence, which require facilities to report any unusual fish health incidences or events.”

Rainer said these fish mortalities are the result of a natural occurring algal bloom that is non-infectious.

“DFO is satisfied the facility operator is managing this fish health event appropriately, consistent with their conditions of licence and fish health management plan,” said Rainer.

“This event does not pose a risk to human health.”

According to Grieg Seafood, this particular algal bloom consisted of *Heterosigma*, a species of microscopic algae that cause acute mortality in fish.

“Due to extraordinarily high concentration and spread throughout the entire water column, use of aeration treatments or other protective measures could not prevent the incident.”

The fish affected were scheduled to be harvested in the second half of 2018.



Brian Lee

Two Grieg Seafood salmon farm sites in Jervis Inlet, similar to this one in Sechelt Inlet, recently experienced a mortality event caused by a harmful algal bloom. The company estimates it killed 250,000 salmon.

Grieg Seafood said insurance will cover the loss and estimated it be just over over \$4 million.

Rainer said that dead fish are collected and sent to a land-based facility

for composting.

“Procedures must be in place to prevent any contents from leaking into the surrounding waters while storing and transferring these carcasses.”

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THEFT

Overnight on May 24, a thief entered a shed on a property in the 6000-block of Garden Bay Road, and stole three chainsaws, a leaf blower, a variety of tools and 50 pounds of frozen prawn tails.

Anyone with information about this break and enter and theft is asked to contact RCMP, file 2018-3250.

THEFT

On June 6, at around 3 a.m., two thieves stole a dry storage box containing tools and camping gear off a truck parked in the 12200-block Highway 101, Madeira Park.

The thieves, including a smoking driver, pulled up in a beige or tan SUV and a male who was either bald or had white hair and wearing dark pants and a grey hoodie, got out and looked into the backs of several parked vehicles.

A witness noted the male got into the passenger seat and the SUV left with the truck box hanging out the back compartment.

No licence plate was taken but the truck box has a distinctive one-foot wide dent in the front made by the bow

of a boat.

Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact RCMP, reference file 2018-3578.

MISCHIEF

Between June 3 and 7, vandals broke into a residence in the 6700 block of Bradwynne Road, Egmont, gaining access through an unlocked door, and vandalized the interior with a fire extinguisher.

The vandals also damaged fishing equipment and an inflatable boat and stole two internet routers.

Anyone with information about this break and enter is asked to contact RCMP, reference file 2018-3601.

BREAK AND ENTER

Around 4:30 a.m. on June 10, a resident in the 7800 block of Fawn Road, Halfmoon Bay, heard noises and interrupted two male suspects attempting to take copper and metal from a pile on the property.

The suspects fled the scene in a silver Chevrolet SUV.

The driver is described as a slim Caucasian male, approximately six

feet, two inches tall with light hair wearing a grey hoodie.

The passenger is described as a slim Caucasian male, approximately 5-foot, 10-inches tall, with dark hair wearing a plaid jacket.

Police made extensive patrols but were unable to locate the vehicle.

IMPAIRED DRIVER

On June 10, police attended a single-vehicle incident on Highway 101 near Madeira Park.

Emergency Health Services, which were already on scene, reported the vehicle was in the ditch sideways, with the wheels off the ground.

Police spoke with the driver who advised he had been drinking before driving and backed the vehicle into the ditch by accident.

As the driver had already received a roadside prohibition in the past, he was arrested for impaired driving and taken back to cells for processing.

The driver was given and failed an alcohol screening test and released on a promise to appear for court, a 24-hour driving prohibition and an administrative driving prohibition.

MVA

On June 17, police attended an incident involving two motorcycles and a vehicle in the 12600 block of Highway 101, Madeira Park.

A southbound motorcycle drifted into the oncoming lane on a curve and struck a northbound vehicle head-on.

A second motorcycle, following behind, lost control and drove off the road just past the first motorcycle's crash site.

The first rider was airlifted to Vancouver General Hospital with serious injuries.

The second rider, and the driver and passenger of the vehicle, were treated for minor injuries locally.

Speed is considered to be a factor and the file is still under investigation.

Congratulations to the Fielding girls!

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Pender Harbour Lions host 'Bark in the Park'



Brian Lee photos

The Pender Harbour Lions 'Bark for the Park' on June 16 received perfect weather for a 3.5-kilometre forest walk with a bunch of friendly pooches. The annual meet up for dogs and their owners is a fundraiser for hall and park improvements at the Kleindale site and was well-attended. Said one dog, 'Why only once a year? We should do this every day.'



Affordable housing and short term rentals



Frank Mauro

Lately, there has been considerable citizen engagement on the Sunshine Coast to determine how best to address increasing the supply of affordable housing and regulating short-term rentals.

While both involve housing, there are strong indication that they are unrelated; that is, if housing was prevented from being used for STRs, it would not likely become available for long term rentals and improve housing availability.

Following is a brief summary of progress on these topics.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Official community plan amend-

ments for rural areas are being proposed for consideration.

Since Area A OCP is currently under review, similar statements will be added for consideration in its approval process.

One of the main tools to create affordable housing is densification.

It can create land use opportunities and favourable conditions for affordable housing to be developed.

A number of policies are being proposed to increase the supply of affordable housing.

In summary, they are:

- Infill development of auxiliary dwellings, duplexes and second dwellings will be encouraged on existing eligible parcels;
- Lots smaller than 1,000 square metres (0.247 acres), developments such as townhouses, mixed-use such

as residential use with commercial, retail, service and office will be encouraged in community hubs subject to services such as water supply, solid waste, etc.;

- Higher-density developments of three lots or less may be considered outside of village hubs if they are properly serviced and the development design is compatible with the surrounding rural environment;

- Higher density outside of community hubs of more than three lots may also be considered if properly serviced and a contribution to affordable or special needs housing is made;

- Affordable or higher-density housing is to be developed to integrate into rural communities and strengthen community identity and character.

That is, they must be complementary to the area for form and char-

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning and Community Development
July 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
July 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee
July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Policing Committee
July 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee
July 19 at 2:45 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
July 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
July 26 at 1:30 p.m.

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acter for the development site, and

- Housing agreements are to be used wherever applicable to secure the provision of affordable housing in appropriate areas and to ensure the long term affordability of that housing.

B&BS/SHORT-TERM RENTALS

There have been several questions from our constituents regarding B&Bs and STRs and I believe most of the answers can be found in bylaw 337, which can be accessed and/or downloaded from the SCRD website.

Bed and breakfast homes are permitted in most residential zones and other zones as long as associated restrictions such as lot size and other conditions are met.

The B&B definition in the bylaw:

“Bed and breakfast home means auxiliary use of a dwelling as a tran-

sient accommodation business that contains not more than two bedrooms for overnight accommodation of travellers and provides at least breakfast to those being accommodated.”

The bylaw also states:

Bed and breakfast homes, where permitted, are subject to the following conditions:

- The number of guests shall not exceed four per dwelling;
- No external indication shall exist that a building is used for any purpose other than normally associated with a dwelling except for a single sign not exceeding 3,500 square centimetres;
- The bed and breakfast home shall be operated by a resident of the parcel;
- Employees of a bed and breakfast home are restricted to members

of a family residing on the parcel plus one other person, and

- A dwelling used for bed and breakfast home shall be connected to a community sewer system or have on-site sewage disposal in compliance with Health Act regulations.

While B&Bs are permitted, as of today, STRs are not a permitted use in any zone.

The SCRD has done a lot of community engagement to determine how best to regulate STRs.

Much more information on the progress of this initiative can be found at www.scrd.ca/str.

CONTACT

For answers to your questions or concerns please contact me at (604) 740-1451 or by email at Frank.Mau-ro@scrd.ca.



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trivia

1. Body of water separating Nelson Island from Sunshine Coast mainland.

- ☐ a. Narrows Inlet
- ☐ b. Malaspina Strait
- ☐ c. Sechelt Inlet
- ☐ d. Agamemnon Channel

2. In which season was the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival held?

- ☐ a. Winter
- ☐ b. Spring
- ☐ c. Summer
- ☐ d. Fall

3. Where is Doriston?

- ☐ a. Hotham Sound
- ☐ b. West side of Sechelt Inlet
- ☐ c. Head of Jervis Inlet
- ☐ d. Welcome Pass

4. Which species of marine mammal would you *not* expect in local waters?

- ☐ a. Blue whale
- ☐ b. Northern elephant seal
- ☐ c. Humpback whale
- ☐ d. California sea lion

5. How many “sub-groups” are members of the Shishálh First Nation descended from?

- ☐ a. Two
- ☐ b. Four
- ☐ c. Six
- ☐ d. Eight

6. A popular local wall SCUBA diving spot.

- ☐ a. Martin Cove
- ☐ b. Hodgson Islands
- ☐ c. Fernie Point
- ☐ d. Cape Cockburn

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



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AVAILABLE NOW

William Rodney Course

JUNE 27, 1925 — MAY 24, 2018



Bill Course died on May 24, 2018 at the age of 92.

In 1944, Bill joined the Royal

Canadian Air Force because he loved planes and flying.

Sadly, he had to leave his chosen profession after he contracted scarlet fever.

He then went to UBC and graduated as an engineer.

Bill used his engineering knowledge designing commercial heating and cooling systems for a firm in Burnaby.

Later, he worked for BC Tel until his retirement.

Pender Harbour is where he often spent his spare time and, in 1955 when he retired, Bill and wife Win moved there permanently.

They built a home on the waterfront on Francis Peninsula across from Irvine's Landing.

During the two-year construc-

tion, the couple stayed in a motel cottage in Pender Harbour.

Win used a 12-foot boat to get around the Harbour as there was no road access to the property.

She was instrumental in starting St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary and forming a Sunday School for the harbour children.

Bill was a very religious man.

He spent many happy hours singing in the choir and participating in church activities.

His family would like to thank the church members for their kindness and help through the years.

Bill will be dearly missed by his nieces and their families.

A memorial service will be held on July 14 at 2 p.m. at the Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries free (for local residents) as a longstanding effort to recognize those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely and include the date of birth and date of death. The editor will edit for length and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.

letters

An imperialist conspiracy?

Editor,

A pet peeve of mine is to see that items advertised and displayed in supermarkets by the pound, ends up being priced by the kilogram in most cases at the checkout.

So, if you want to check whether you are getting the right price, you have to do some math while you are shuffled along out of the checkout line.

The reason of course, is that supermarkets want to advertise at whatever looks the cheapest.

The pound system solves that problem.

Stores should be forced to go metric or not to go metric, and

keep the consumer able to easily check the price at the checkout.

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Turning 14 in 2018: The Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival

Theresa Kishkan

As surely as summer brings flowers and warm breezes, ice-cream and lake swimming, the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival returns August 17-19 to bring a wonderful weekend of concerts to the School of Music in Madeira Park.

Afternoon events begin at 1:30 p.m. and evening concerts at 7 p.m.

To celebrate young performers and to continue a festival tradition of offering a free concert to the community, we initiated the “Rising Tide” series of concerts in 2015.

This year, Coast musicians David Poon and Sarah Poon, playing harpsichord, piano, cello, and viola da gamba, will be joined by soprano Lucy Smith and bassist Jacob Gramit.

“Til the stars fade from above,” on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 17, features music from Dowland to Stephen Sondheim, showcasing these talented musicians.

Festival organizers are delighted that the popular Lafayette String Quartet (Ann Elliott-Goldschmid and Sharon Stanis, violin; Joanna Hood, viola; and Pamela Highbaugh Aloni, cello) returns to the festival, as well as violinist David Gillham, violist Yariv



Brian Yoon



Jenny Jonquil

Alone, cellist Brian Yoon, and clarinetist Jenny Jonquil.

And what musical magic has artistic director Alexander Tselyakov programmed for us this year?

On Friday evening, audiences will aspire to “A Higher Revelation.”

The Lafayette String Quartet will explore Beethoven in a late lyrical string quartet, followed by Brahms — the luminous and beautiful *Piano Quartet in G minor*, with pianist Alexander Tselyakov, David Gillham, Yariv Aloni and Brian Yoon.

Saturday afternoon will be lively.

“Shall We Dance?” guides us across dance floors, from the gracious court salons of Hadyn’s Austria to Argentinian Astor Piazzolla’s fine tangos to Americans George Gershwin and Artie Shaw (with Jenny Jonquil).

A late addition to the programme is Debussy’s enchanting *Clair de Lune*.

We will be treated to “Two Views of Sunset” on Saturday evening with a program of Bruch, Menotti, and two glorious string quartets by Schubert and Shostakovich.

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the musicians to the stage for the final concert on Sunday, Aug. 19.

The audience will hear Mozart's *String Quartet No.3 in C major*, a passage from Crusell's *Quartet in D major No. 3*, concluding with a stunning piano quintet by Ernst von Dohnanyi.

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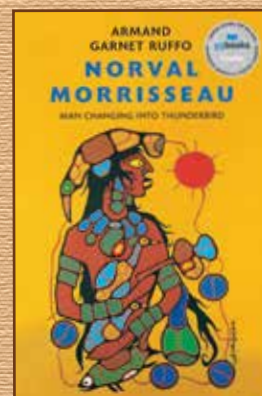
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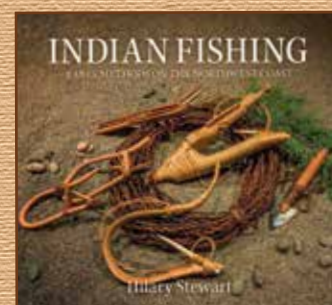
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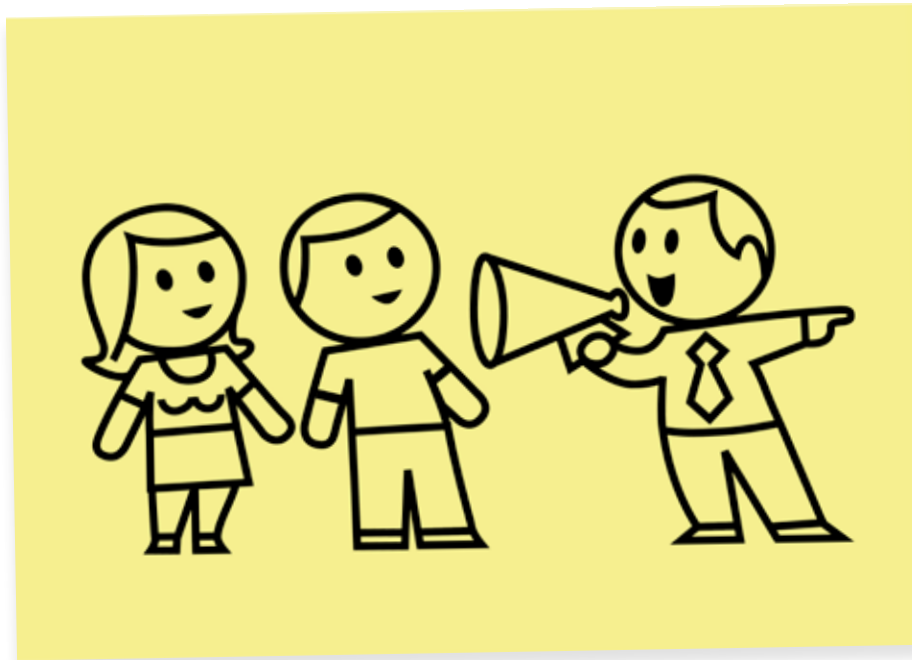


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Annelise Escalante

Emergency crews have been busy dealing with accidents on local roads recently. On June 17, BC's air ambulance service carted off a motorcyclist who collided head-on with a vehicle near the Grasshopper Pub (see p. 7). On social media, one witness said the motorcyclist was travelling in a group with three other motorcyclists who were seen driving dangerously moments before the crash.

nature

Tips to protect our area's natural resources from abusers

Carole Logtenberg

We all enjoy our oceans, lakes, forests and rivers and we can help protect them from poachers and polluters.

The following are simple steps to follow this summer if you come across people threatening our area's abundant wildlife resources.

WRITE A LETTER

First of all, pen a letter to the Fisheries and Oceans Minister Dominic LeBlanc.

Ask him to restore a fisheries officer to Pender Harbour to help protect our marine ecosystems for future generations.

You can find a sample letter on the Pender Harbour Wildlife Society website at www.penderharbourwildlife.com under "society news" or send your own letter to his email min@dfp-mpo.gc.ca.

OBSERVE, RECORD AND REPORT

We must all assist the conservation service and share the responsibility

to protect the forest, animals and marine life, but the general public is not adequately trained to police or to stop possible violations.

If you see something suspicious, remember to "observe, record and report" it.

Photos are especially valuable as well as any car or boat identification.

Also record the time, date and location of the violation — it is important to note as much information as possible.

Violations to report include illegal waste disposal, unlawful open burning, the discharge of chemicals or sewage to lakes and rivers, exceeding

daily bag or catch limits, illegal fishing, hunting or tree felling.

To report violations with wildlife, poachers or polluters, please call the Conservation Officer Service 24 hour hotline at 1(877) 952-7277.

If you're on a cell phone, simply dial #7277.

If the situation is not an emergency, report the incident online or contact the nearest Conservation Officer Service district office.

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'Weekend logger' incidents on the rise

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A report released by BC Hydro finds electrical contact incidents involving "weekend loggers" are up 60 per cent from 2013.

The report ("Crossing the line: The dangerous rise of incidents involving power lines and weekend loggers") found there have been over 400 incidents over the past five years —and many more go unreported.

The report estimates 7,500 British Columbians have had a close call with electricity while pruning trees or doing work on a roof, such as cleaning gutters or replacing shingles.

According to a survey of 800 British Columbians, a large number of "weekend loggers" — homeowners trimming trees and pruning hedges on their property — are unprepared or unaware of vital safety rules.

Other details in the report:

- 80 per cent of those surveyed do not know how far their tools should be from overhead power lines when doing yard work, and

- 60 per cent of those surveyed trim trees, bushes and hedges near power lines without the help of a professional.

"Contact with a power line can cause severe injury or death — and accidents happen every year," said Chris O'Riley, president and chief operating officer of BC Hydro.

"That's why we want to remind the public that when trimming a tree, a property owner, their equipment and the tree should be at least three metres — about a car length — away from a power line."

The same report also found there are other important safety rules British Columbians are unaware of:

- 30 per cent of those surveyed



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If you don't look like this guy when clearing and pruning trees on your property, you might be a 'weekend logger' — a hazard to yourself and others.

are under the mistaken impression that tools and ladders must touch a power line to be dangerous.

However, electricity can "arc" or jump from power lines across a gap to tools and ladders, and,

- 20 per cent surveyed believe trees cannot conduct electricity.

Trees do conduct electricity, and branches that touch power lines can make the tree a safety hazard — especially when wet.

From the report's accompanying

press release:

"Public safety is a top priority at BC Hydro where it is promoted year-round through a number of channels, including radio, television, online and face-to-face at community events."

BC Hydro also offers safety programs for elementary and secondary students as well as free training for trades workers and first responders.

For more information on how to stay safe around electricity, visit bchydro.com/besafe.

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The July School of Music Coffee House will run Friday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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- Tamara Goble, a signer/songwriter, guitarist, and
- David J. Taylor, a composer and vocalist with piano.

The School of Music Coffeehouse has been running monthly since 2012.

Acts are booked two or more months in advance and each show is a mix of seasoned and emerging artists.

The three or four acts are given a sound check before being showcased in a cabaret setting.

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Brian Lee

Though work is underway to assess how and when it will be removed, the wreck of the *Kwatna* still rests on the beach in Gerrans Bay. Photo taken June 10.

harbour seals



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A huge Seal to **everyone who supported the Rotary Club's Wine/Food Pairing** event June 9 at the community hall and made this the best event yet. Donors, patrons and volunteers all deserve a thank you, with special mention to Emelle's Catering and auctioneer Richard Massullo.

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Mon	02	12.8	11.5	10.7	10.4	10.7	11.3	11.9	12.1	11.8	10.7	9.1	7.3	5.6	4.5	4.0	4.5	5.9	8.0	10.3	12.6	14.3	15.3	15.3	14.6
Tue	03	13.4	12.1	10.9	10.1	10.0	10.4	11.0	11.5	11.7	11.3	10.2	8.8	7.2	5.8	5.0	4.9	5.7	7.3	9.3	11.5	13.5	14.8	15.3	15.0
Wed	04	14.0	12.7	11.3	10.1	9.5	9.5	9.9	10.5	11.1	11.3	11.0	10.1	8.8	7.5	6.4	5.9	6.0	7.0	8.6	10.6	12.6	14.1	15.0	15.1
Thu	05	14.5	13.3	11.8	10.4	9.2	8.7	8.8	9.3	10.0	10.7	11.0	10.9	10.2	9.2	8.1	7.3	7.0	7.3	8.3	9.9	11.7	13.3	14.5	15.0
Fri	06	14.8	13.8	12.4	10.8	9.2	8.1	7.7	7.9	8.6	9.5	10.4	10.9	11.0	10.6	9.9	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.5	9.5	11.0	12.5	13.8	14.7
Sat	07	14.9	14.3	13.0	11.3	9.5	7.9	6.8	6.5	6.9	7.8	9.0	10.2	11.1	11.5	11.3	10.8	10.1	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.5	11.8	13.1	14.2
Sun	08	14.7	14.6	13.6	12.0	10.0	8.0	6.3	5.4	5.2	5.8	7.1	8.6	10.3	11.6	12.3	12.3	11.8	11.1	10.5	10.2	10.4	11.2	12.3	13.5
Mon	09	14.4	14.7	14.2	12.9	10.9	8.6	6.4	4.7	3.9	3.9	4.9	6.5	8.5	10.6	12.2	13.2	13.3	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.9	11.0	11.7	12.7
Tue	10	13.8	14.5	14.6	13.8	12.0	9.7	7.1	4.9	3.2	2.5	2.8	4.2	6.2	8.7	11.1	13.1	14.2	14.3	13.8	12.8	11.8	11.3	11.3	11.9
Wed	11	13.0	14.0	14.6	14.5	13.3	11.2	8.6	5.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	2.1	3.8	6.3	9.2	11.9	14.0	15.1	15.1	14.3	13.2	12.1	11.4	11.4
Thu	12	12.1	13.1	14.1	14.7	14.3	12.9	10.5	7.6	4.8	2.4	1.0	0.7	1.8	3.9	6.8	9.9	12.8	14.8	15.8	15.5	14.6	13.2	12.0	11.2
Fri	13	11.3	12.0	13.2	14.2	14.6	14.1	12.5	9.9	6.9	4.1	1.8	0.6	0.6	2.0	4.4	7.6	10.8	13.7	15.6	16.2	15.7	14.5	13.0	11.6
Sat	14	10.9	11.0	11.8	13.0	14.0	14.4	13.8	12.1	9.5	6.5	3.8	1.7	0.7	1.1	2.7	5.4	8.6	11.9	14.5	16.1	16.3	15.6	14.1	12.5
Sun	15	11.1	10.4	10.6	11.5	12.7	13.6	14.0	13.4	11.7	9.2	6.4	3.9	2.1	1.4	2.0	3.9	6.7	9.9	12.9	15.2	16.4	16.3	15.2	13.6
Mon	16	11.8	10.4	9.8	10.0	10.9	12.1	13.1	13.4	12.9	11.4	9.1	6.7	4.5	3.1	2.7	3.5	5.5	8.2	11.2	13.8	15.7	16.4	16.0	14.7
Tue	17	12.9	11.1	9.6	9.0	9.3	10.2	11.3	12.3	12.8	12.4	11.1	9.2	7.2	5.5	4.4	4.3	5.3	7.2	9.8	12.4	14.6	16.0	16.2	15.5
Wed	18	14.0	12.1	10.3	8.8	8.2	8.5	9.3	10.4	11.5	12.0	11.9	11.0	9.6	8.1	6.7	6.0	6.1	7.1	9.0	11.2	13.4	15.1	15.9	15.8
Thu	19	14.9	13.2	11.3	9.4	8.0	7.4	7.6	8.4	9.5	10.7	11.5	11.6	11.2	10.3	9.1	8.2	7.7	7.9	8.8	10.4	12.2	14.0	15.2	15.7
Fri	20	15.3	14.1	12.3	10.4	8.5	7.1	6.5	6.6	7.4	8.6	9.9	11.0	11.6	11.6	11.1	10.4	9.7	9.3	9.4	10.2	11.5	12.9	14.2	15.0
Sat	21	15.2	14.6	13.2	11.4	9.3	7.5	6.2	5.6	5.8	6.6	7.9	9.4	10.8	11.8	12.2	12.1	11.6	11.0	10.6	10.6	11.1	12.1	13.2	14.1
Sun	22	14.7	14.6	13.8	12.3	10.3	8.3	6.5	5.3	4.8	5.1	6.1	7.6	9.3	11.0	12.3	13.0	13.1	12.6	12.0	11.4	11.3	11.6	12.3	13.2
Mon	23	13.9	14.3	14.0	12.9	11.2	9.2	7.2	5.5	4.4	4.2	4.7	6.0	7.8	9.7	11.6	13.0	13.8	13.8	13.3	12.5	11.8	11.5	11.7	12.3
Tue	24	13.1	13.7	13.9	13.4	12.1	10.2	8.1	6.1	4.6	3.7	3.7	4.6	6.2	8.2	10.4	12.4	13.7	14.4	14.2	13.5	12.6	11.8	11.5	11.6
Wed	25	12.2	12.9	13.4	13.5	12.8	11.3	9.2	7.1	5.2	3.8	3.3	3.6	4.9	6.8	9.1	11.3	13.2	14.4	14.7	14.3	13.4	12.4	11.6	11.3
Thu	26	11.5	12.2	12.8	13.3	13.1	12.1	10.4	8.3	6.1	4.4	3.3	3.1	3.8	5.5	7.7	10.1	12.3	14.0	14.8	14.7	14.0	12.9	11.8	11.1
Fri	27	11.0	11.4	12.1	12.8	13.1	12.8	11.5	9.6	7.4	5.3	3.8	3.0	3.2	4.4	6.4	8.8	11.2	13.3	14.6	14.9	14.5	13.4	12.2	11.2
Sat	28	10.6	10.8	11.4	12.2	12.8	13.0	12.3	10.8	8.8	6.6	4.7	3.4	3.1	3.7	5.3	7.6	10.1	12.4	14.1	14.9	14.8	13.9	12.7	11.4
Sun	29	10.5	10.2	10.6	11.3	12.2	12.7	12.7	11.8	10.2	8.1	6.0	4.3	3.4	3.5	4.6	6.5	8.9	11.4	13.5	14.7	15.0	14.4	13.3	11.8
Mon	30	10.6	9.9	9.9	10.4	11.3	12.2	12.6	12.4	11.3	9.5	7.5	5.6	4.3	3.8	4.3	5.8	7.9	10.4	12.6	14.3	15.0	14.8	13.8	12.4
Tue	31	11.0	9.8	9.3	9.5	10.3	11.2	12.0	12.4	12.0	10.8	9.1	7.2	5.6	4.7	4.6	5.5	7.2	9.4	11.7	13.6	14.8	15.0	14.3	13.1

Robert Livingston (with data provided at www.tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide)

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 and wind conditions etc.

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The ubiquitous Pacific tree frog

Brian Lee

Though they are one of the most common visitors to our gardens, the tiny Pacific tree frog (*Pseudacris regilla*) often goes unseen.

But not unheard.

In early spring, the Pacific tree frog begins to breed.

To speed up the dating process, males call in unison to attract females.

That call is so distinctive that the frog is also known as the Pacific chorus frog and its call is often used in films to provide background “tropical” sounds.

It is a small frog — only growing up to five centimetres long — and can be any colour from pale grey or tan to bright emerald green.

It is thought that the Pacific tree frog changes colour based on the air temperature and humidity.

Outside of breeding season when they congregate near ponds or shallow seasonal wetlands, tree frogs can be found just about anywhere.

They are distinguished from the similar Wood frog by the lack of ridges running down their back.

Tree frogs also have distinctive round, padded toes which help grip and climb plants in search of prey — spiders and a wide variety of insects.

In turn, they are eaten by snakes and many birds and mammals.

The Pacific tree frog is abundant in BC and can be found all along the North American coast as far south as Mexico but not east of the Rockies.

Because of their abundance and ability to thrive in a variety of habitats, the Pacific tree frog is not a conservation concern although, according to BC’s Ministry of Environment, “loss of wetland habitats can mean loss of local populations.”



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Pacific tree frog (*Pseudacris regilla*).



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Also a Pacific tree frog.



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JULY

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

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

1. 12:58 PM -XL, 8:31 PM +XL
2. 7:14 AM +S, 1:34 PM -L
3. 8:06 AM +S, 2:16 PM -L
4. 9:15 AM +S, 3:06 PM -L
5. 10:43 AM +S, 4:05 PM -M
6. 11:58 AM +M, 5:15 PM -M
7. 1:01 PM +M, 6:36 PM -S
8. 6:57 AM -L, 2:14 PM +L
9. 7:48 AM -XL, 3:20 PM +L
10. 8:51 AM -XL, 4:21 PM +XL
11. 9:54 AM -XL, 5:17 PM +XL
12. 10:48 AM -XL, 6:07 PM +XL
13. 11:39 AM +XL, 6:52 PM +XL
14. 12:30 PM -XL, 7:34 PM +XL
15. 1:27 PM -XL, 8:13 PM +XL
16. 7:03 AM +M, 2:07 PM -XL
17. 8:20 AM +M, 2:58 PM -XL
18. 9:34 AM +M, 3:52 PM -L
19. 10:59 AM +M, 4:54 PM -M
20. 12:24 AM +M, 6:06 PM -M
21. 1:43 PM +L, 7:18 PM -S
22. 8:45 AM -XL, 2:54 PM +L
23. 9:40 AM -XL, 3:55 PM +L
24. 10:28 AM -XL, 4:49 PM +XL
25. 11:09 AM -XL, 5:31 PM +XL
26. 11:43 AM -XL, 6:11 PM +XL
27. 11:37 AM -XL, 6:45 PM +XL
28. 11:44 AM -XL, 7:14 PM +XL
29. 12:11 PM -XL, 7:39 PM +XL
30. 12:43 PM -XL, 7:59 PM +XL
31. 7:04 AM +M, 1:19 PM -L

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.



CANADA/US TRADE

\$638 billion (U.S.)

Amount of trade that the U.S. and Canada did in 2017.

62.7%

The percentage of Canada's total imports that come from the United States.

71.3%

The percentage of Canada's total exports that go to the United States.

~ Statistics Canada, CBC.ca, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

\$750 million (U.S.)

The combined Canada/U.S. dairy trading relationship.

\$621 million (U.S.)

The amount of dairy products the United States exported to Canada last year.

Wisconsin

This state alone produces more milk than all Canadian dairy farms combined.

-\$1.9 billion (U.S.)

Canada's trade deficit with the U.S. in the first quarter of 2018 (according to Stats Can figures).

-\$8 billion (U.S.)

Canada's annual trade deficit with the U.S. (overall trade in goods and services) according to Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland (quoting figures from the the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis in the Dept. of Commerce).

JULY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average daily high temperature is 21° C and low is 14.3° C giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7° C. The highest July temperature recorded is 29.5° C (2015) and the lowest is 9° C (July 1, 1979).

JULY PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

July averages seven days with rainfall with a total of 41.5 mm. July has an average of 283 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in July is 37.1 mm back on July 19, 1968. Total rainfall for the month averages 41.5 mm.

JULY ASTROLOGY



CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22

Those born under the sign of the crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities.

Life gets much easier in the coming months as stellar conflict moves to the southern hemisphere. Take advantage of this enjoyable time and reap the benefits for years to come. Focusing on family, not monetary, investments right now will prove extremely fruitful. Tragedy strikes a close friend, a brunette Gemini, and she will blame you.



LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. Planetary strength is moving to

the southern sector of the horoscope this month and as it does, Leos' spiritual baggage will bubble up to further complicate life. Expect a series of existential crises until July 23. This is a time to make amends for you spiritual failings — use it wisely. Business will see a large uptick this month and next before falling back to normal levels by September's new moon.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending June 16

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.

- 105 Hikes In and Around Southwestern British Columbia** by Stephen Hui (Greystone Books)
- Whitewater Cooks: More Beautiful Food** by Shelley Adams (Alicon Holdings Ltd)
- One Eagle Soaring** by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd (Harbour Publishing)
- E.J. Hughes Paints Vancouver Island** by Robert Amos (TouchWood Editions)
- 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act** by Bob Joseph (Page Two Strategies)
- A Matter of Confidence: The Inside Story of the Political Battle for BC** by Rob Shaw & Richard Zussman (Heritage House Publishing)
- Property Values** by Charlie Demers (Arsenal Pulp Press)
- It Begins in Betrayal: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
- West Coast ABCs** by Jockey Asnong (RMB | Rocky Mountain Books)
- Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation** by Monique Gray Smith (Orca Book Publishers)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 2: **Richard Massullo.**
 July 3: **Loy Haase, Bill Jones and Roy LaFave.**
 July 4: **Don White and Stephanie Phillips.**
 July 5: **Ali Fraser, Wendy Lowings, Andrew Vickers and Lawrie Munro.**
 July 6: **Bryce Viitanen.**
 July 7: **Cypher Clerx, Shaun Georgison and Alexa Dornbierer.**
 July 9: **Silas White and Danielle Silvey.**
 July 10: **Tanner Haase, Beau Sladey, Sage Wright, Candy Whittaker and Maureen Luck.**
 July 11: **Brittany Bouvette and Skinny Jimmy Dougan.**
 July 12: **Betty Silvey and Bill Jack.**
 July 13: **Steve Morris, Amy Coombes, Terry Cowan and Daron Petraschuk.**
 July 14: **Malcolm Ingram.**
 July 15: **Ty Campbell and Fred Baldwin.**
 July 16: **Jane McOuat, Shelly Brown, Danielle Gough and Jodee Young.**
 July 17: **Amanda Civitareale.**
 July 18: **Maxine Gilkes.**
 July 19: **Wade Lajlar.**
 July 20: **Dwight Young and Grace Pazur.**
 July 21: **Eric Phillips, Karen Purnell and Marlayne Williams.**
 July 22: **Buck Rice, Lee Walters, Mike Zacharias, Christina Wharton, Wyatt Baldwin and Tiffany Baldwin.**
 July 23: **Brody Pantages.**
 July 24: **Paige Coombes and Renee Harper.**
 July 25: **Adam Dornbierer.**
 July 26: **Chris Schroeder.**
 July 28: **Rick Wagner Sr. and Keith Mackie.**
 July 29: **Randy Edwardson, Connie Sutherland and Tucker Pantages.**
 July 30: **Darlene Fowlie, Robert Hynd, Shane McCune and Marvin Wutzke.**
 July 31: **Parker Hohn, Bonny Shotropa and Ron Sim.**



*By John Rees
(former Area A SCRD director)*

As previously promised, here is an explanation of the process of a study for possible incorporation.

Initially the area director, on behalf of the community, approaches the ministry with the request for a restructure grant, and provides general

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Rees' Piece, July 2008: Steps and stumbling

information supporting this request.

This is the beginning of a lengthy process which has five basic parts:

PART ONE

After an evaluation, the ministry responds by providing the public with information on the process while attempting to gauge local interest in public meetings.

PART TWO

After the ministry has sanctioned a study, a broadly representative local restructure committee is formed, by appointment by the area director, to oversee preparation of the restructure study and manage public consultation

This committee would have approximately 12 people from Area A.

During this period the ministry provides advice to the committee and a design of the local discussion process.

PART THREE

Terms of reference, boundaries, a tender call and selection of a consultant are all part of the process at this time.

PART FOUR

The study findings would be reviewed and presented to the community through any number of public

meetings required.

The committee then analyzes the response and makes a recommendation to the ministry as to whether or not a vote should be held.

Also during this period the minister provides an offer of financial restructure assistance for roads and startup and orders a restructure vote if requested.

PART FIVE

A referendum is held and, if successful, an implementation process begins.

Letters patent are prepared, cabinet is engaged and post-implementation assistance is offered by the ministry.

The length of process could be two years, in my opinion.

Even without having officially submitted the request for the above to the minister I have been told that, since the SCRD and municipalities on the Sunshine Coast are beginning to engage in a Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), our request for an incorporation study will have to wait.

I am certainly not opposed to the RGS and would willingly, on your behalf, commit to the process under certain conditions, namely:

1. All areas are included and committed to the process.

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blocks to incorporation

2. There is a more equitable cost sharing plan for this strategy for the Sunshine Coast.

3. That the two processes can run concurrently.

The reasons given to defer the application are that the province does not have the human resources and money to finance both at the same time.

Originally I had intended to submit the basic letter of request to the ministry along with a community backgrounder which outlines our increasing taxation concerns.

I will now include some more information uncovered in my research in an attempt to persuade the ministry to allow our request to go ahead regardless of the RGS.

B.C. has 165 rural areas in 30 regional districts and, even based on 2007 figures, (2008 are worse), Area A is the highest assessed rural area per capita in the province.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Obviously it's time for the ministry to take the request seriously and to allow the study to go ahead.

It is considerably more important to this community to look at the consequences of this tax escalation trend, among other concerns, than it is to wait for an unknown period,

maybe years, for others to decide our destiny through a RGS.

Other information provided to Minister Ida Chong will include:

There are 20 cities in the province with a tax base smaller than Egmont/Pender Harbour — notably Williams Lake, Castlegar, Nelson, Revelstoke, Duncan, Fernie, Kimberly, Terrace and Armstrong.

Do you know that there are 23 municipal districts in the province with a smaller tax base than Area A — most notably Tofino, Houston, 100 Mile House, Invermere, Hope, Kitimat, Sparwood and Port Hardy?

Do you know that there are 10 towns in the province with a smaller tax base than ours — including Smithers, Creston, Golden and Gibsons?

This information will be provided to the ministry to demonstrate that this area can comfortably sustain the challenge of incorporation.

Our geographical separation from Wilson Creek combined with an obvious reluctance by the current board to effect any relief in tax participation, a sustainable and growing fiscal presence combined with a huge workload for a single director are all reasons to consider moving toward district municipality status.

The rest is up to you, the community.

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Hepatitis C is a virus that has the potential to destroy your liver.

It is the leading cause of cirrhosis, liver cancer, and liver transplant.

The virus is transmitted by blood to blood contact and is often asymptomatic in the acute infectious stage, lasting 6-8 weeks or longer.

If symptomatic, it is usually mild and one might feel fatigued, lethargic, nausea, decrease in appetite, abdominal pain, jaundice, and may have dark colored urine.

It can take decades before symptoms become evident.

Because of this, it is believed that approximately 250,000 Canadians are infected with this virus but an estimated 40-70 per cent are unaware that they may be harbouring the blood-borne virus.

Statistics state that 66 to 75 per cent of people infected with hepatitis C are born between 1945 and 1975.

Therefore, new guidelines from the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver are recommending that those born between those years be screened for hepatitis C.

The key note is that people should be tested based on their age, not only on possible risk factors.

High risk behaviours may include:

- IV drug use with shared needles;
- Tattoo/body piercing with unsterile equipment;
- Blood products/transfusions or organ transplant prior to 1990-1992;
- A history of, or current, incarceration, and/or
- A mother who is infected with hepatitis C virus.

The asymptomatic nature and



slow progression of this infection require that individuals be identified through screening.

This involves an inexpensive, simple blood test that can be done at any lab.

Approximately 15-30 per cent of people exposed to the virus are able to clear the infection.

If the virus doesn't clear the body after six months, the infection becomes chronic in 75 per cent of individuals.

One in four cases can lead to cirrhosis, liver failure and cancer over a 25-30 year period.

One is more likely to develop cirrhosis if you drink alcohol, are obese, male or have co-infections such as HIV or hepatitis B.

All individuals with chronic hepatitis C infection should be considered candidates for antiviral therapy.

Direct-acting antiviral medication is used to treat Hep C with a cure rate of more than 90 per cent when on treatment for 8-24 weeks.

Your immune system makes antibodies to protect you from hepatitis C but the virus changes so quickly that it escapes your body's defences.

That means there is no lifelong protection and there is no vaccine available.

Reinfection can happen if one is not taking these precautions:

- Practise safe sex;
- Avoid sharing personal items like razors, toothbrushes, nail clippers;

- Never share needles, and
 - For tattoos, piercings, manicures or pedicures, ensure the facility uses single-use needles/ink and follows proper sterilization procedures.
- Hepatitis C is not transmitted by:
- Coughing or sneezing;
 - Touching or shaking hands;
 - Sharing food, drinks or utensils;
 - Using toilet seats;
 - Hugging or kissing;
 - Casual contact;
 - Breast feeding, unless nipples are cracked or bleeding, or
 - Oral sex unless blood is present.

Hepatitis C is a major public health problem in Canada because it is underdiagnosed and undertreated.

We now know that the treatment offered is safer, better tolerated and more effective.

Canada has signed on to the World Health Organization commitment to eliminate viral hepatitis C by 2030.

Please get tested.

The P. H. Health Centre youth clinic will continue to offer services throughout the summer, on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Our age limit has increased to ages 13-24 with free birth control for those as old as age 21 and we offer low cost birth control for those aged 22 to 24.

We will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting June 30 and running through Sept. 1.

This month in recreation

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PHAFC staff are saying good bye to Tommy Gamble as he pursues a new career. Tommy has worked over 15 years at the pool and we wish him all the best!



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SWIM LESSONS: Mondays-Fridays, 10 lessons

Pre-school (ages 3-5 years)	July 2-13 and July 16-27	11:30-12pm	\$70
Red Cross Swim Kids (ages 5-plus):			
Level 1-3	July 2-13 and July 16-27	12-12:30pm	\$70
Level 4-5	July 2-13	12:30-1pm	\$70
Level 6-10	July 16-27	12:30-1pm	\$70

Adult Lessons are available Tuesday and Thursday from 11-11:30am.

PHAFC FACILITY HOURS: July 2 - 27

Open Mondays-Fridays 7:30am-1pm

Closed evenings and weekends

ANNUAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE CLOSURE: July 28 - Sept. 9

Both gym and pool are closed during this time.

Watch for the Fall/Winter guide arriving in your mail in August and check out all the amazing programs coming to the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre next season!

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New! COFFEE/TEA & SOCIAL: Tuesdays, July 3, 17 & 31

There's a new activity in Garden Bay area happening every other Tuesday! Come join us for coffee or tea and goodies and maybe a discussion a topic of your choice at the Sarah Wray Hall from 10:30-12pm. Free, drop-in.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, July 4, 11, 18 & 25

At the P. H. Community Hall 1-3pm Drop-in \$3. Join us for a fun game!

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES: Fridays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27

With Carole Logtenberg at the P. H. Community Hall. 10:30 to 11:30am. Drop-In \$3.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays

At the P. H. Community Hall at 10:30am. Lunch served at noon. \$10 drop-in.

July 5 – Harbour Tour aboard the *Slo Cat* followed by picnic in Seafarer's Millennium Park. Sign up to reserve boat seat. Bring your own paper bag picnic lunch.
Cost \$30 per person

July 12 – Presentation of the "Benefits of Reverse Mortgages" for seniors by Kim Darwin.

July 19 – Garden tour and high tea at GeoPia's Gallery. Duck Bus departs Madeira Park at 1pm and will pick up along way. Return about 4:30pm. Call to reserve \$10pp.

July 26 – Music by Lynn & Reg Dickson

Seniors programs for July



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HARBOUR LEARNING CENTRE HOURS:
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NEW! WELCOME BROCHURE

Look for the new 'Welcome to Pender Harbour' brochure – at IGA, Bathgates, Health Centre, Visitor Centre and more! A quick reference for newcomers and not-so-newcomers.

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH DAY CAMP

July 2-9, 9am-3pm, Free. Please contact the Church for details and registration.

THANK YOU!

To all of the volunteers who help make our programs run! We couldn't do what we do without people like Fishing Club Tom, Boys Club Xander and Julian, Garden Club Jill, Breakfast Club Chelsea and so many more. We thank you so much.



SUMMER HOURS:

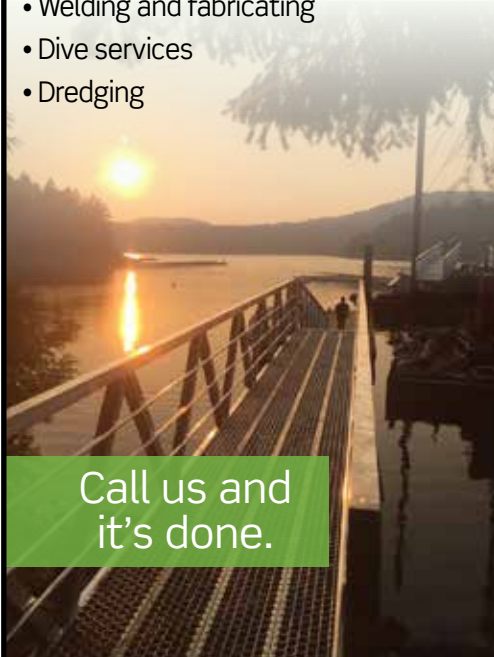
The Community School is closed in July and August.
We will reopen Tuesday, September 4 and return to our usual hours (9am-3pm).

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local history

The Egmont Story (part 12)



BC Archives

A colourized photo of Egmont, 1922. The commercial hub of Egmont was originally situated across the Chuck, on the other side from its present site.

Gladys McNutt

*This article appeared in the
Coast News, Oct. 25, 1956.*

Continued from June 2018 issue.

The fishing co-op decided to carry supplies for the fishermen but later talked the people into a consumers co-operative.

With the help of a loan from

the Fishermen's Co-op and volunteer labour, a small store was built at the head of the floats as well as a small house for the manager.

Several local men had a go at running the store but the shareholders were not satisfied with the operation and decided to hire an outsider.

The Wholesale Co-operative in Vancouver recommended Percy

*Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society
Outreach Healthy Meal Program*



Service will resume in September.

For emergency service over the summer, please contact Wendy (604.883.2514), Anky (604.883.0033) or Linda (604.883.2819).

Crowe-Swords who came from Lasqueti Island to take over.

Angus Lutz had been trying to get the government to take over the upkeep of his floats because, as he said, they were used by the public.

While he was negotiating, the Co-op petitioned the government for a dock in front of their store.

The government decided in favour of the Co-op and built a large float and dock right by their store, leaving Mr. Lutz to maintain his own floats.

The Union Oil Company, of course, kept up their installations.

Then Home oil set up near the Co-op.

It appears to have been taken for granted that the presence of a post office brings business to the store on mail days.

With this idea in mind, Crowe-Swords persuaded the Consumer's Co-op to allow a lean-to to be built onto the store and equipped as a post office.

Then, a tug-of-war started with Lutz trying to keep it where it was on the north side and Crowe-Swords trying to get it over to that side.

The postal authorities must have received a deluge of letters.

They finally wrote to Mr. Beamish and requested him to move his post office to Secret Bay as they had been informed that the majority of the people lived there.

Mr. Beamish replied that, as

he was getting on in years and had only an open putt-putt boat for transportation, he would be unable to meet this request because it would require crossing the water twice a day in all weathers.

No one could be persuaded to take his job.

So, Mrs. Crowe-Swords became postmistress.

The postal authorities informed the people of Egmont that this was positively the last time the post office would be moved.

In the light of what transpired, several months later, the postal authorities asked Mr. Beamish to reconsider but he replied that he was no longer interested.

So, Mrs. Crowe-Swords continued with the job and Mrs. Jean Jeffrey was made assistant.

The one-room school on the property donated by William Griffith Sr. was becoming old and overcrowded so a new school was in order.

The school board requested and received a large piece of land on the western part of the Co-op property.

At the same time, and leaving a road allowance between, an acre was set aside between the school site and the creek for a community hall.

This road allowance ran down past the store to the head of the dock.

(continued next month.)



Brian Lee

A second pole carved under the direction of Arnie Jones now adorns the entrance to Pender Harbour Secondary School after a pole raising ceremony on June 15.

community calendar

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

JULY

Sun. July 1.....Canada Day
Mon. July 2.....Monday Night Scramble - P. H. Golf Course, 4 p.m. (shotgun start)
Tues. July 3.....P. H. Seniors Initiative coffee/tea social - Sarah Wray Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Mon. July 9.....Monday Night Scramble - P. H. Golf Course, 4 p.m. (shotgun start)
Mon. July 9.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Fri. July 13.....School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
Sat. July 14.....Annual Egmont Seafood Dinner - Egmont Community Hall, 5 p.m. (dinner at 6 p.m.)
Mon. July 16.....Monday Night Scramble - P. H. Golf Course, 4 p.m. (shotgun start)
Tues. July 17.....P. H. Seniors Initiative coffee/tea social - Sarah Wray Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Sun. July 18.....University of Newcastle Chamber Choir (Australia) - P. H. School of Music, 4:30 p.m.
Fri. July 20.....Pender Harbour Golf Club's Friday Night Mixer - P. H. Golf Course, 5 p.m. (shotgun start)
Sat. July 21.....Ruby Lake Amphitheatre concert (original music, four performers) - Ruby Lake Resort, 1-5 p.m.
Mon. July 23.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
Mon. July 23.....Monday Night Scramble - P. H. Golf Course, 4 p.m. (shotgun start)
Thurs. July 26....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD office (Wilson Creek) 1:30 p.m.
Fri. July 27.....Full moon
Sat. July 28.....P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre annual facility maintenance closure (until Sept. 9)
Mon. July 30.....Monday Night Scramble - P. H. Golf Course, 4 p.m. (shotgun start)
Tues. July 31.....P. H. Seniors Initiative coffee/tea social - Sarah Wray Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Sat. Aug. 4.....Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 presents "Let's Dance" - Pender Harbour Legion, 6 p.m.

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



FERRY DEPARTURES

Effective to July 31

Crossing time: Langdale 40 min./Earl's Cove 50 min. Ticket sales end 10 min. before sailing for foot passengers, 5 min. before for vehicles. See www.bcferries.com for information on added sailings during peak periods.

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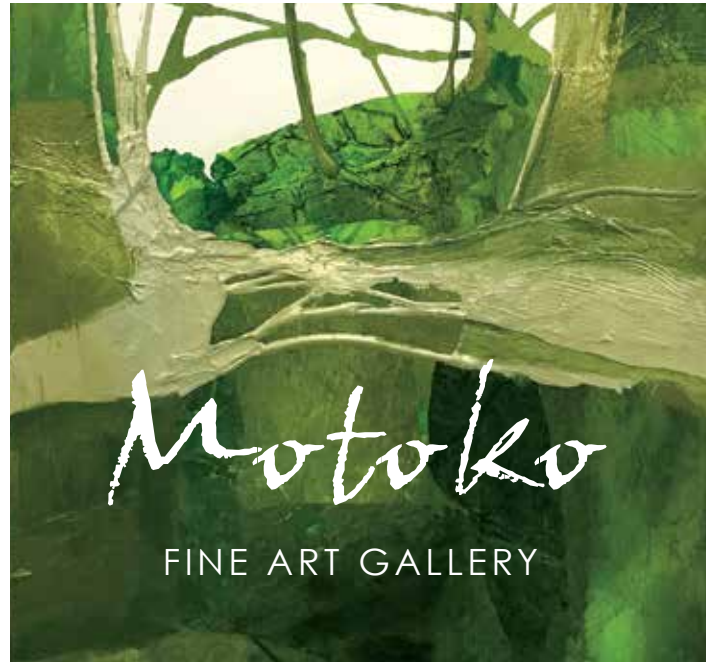


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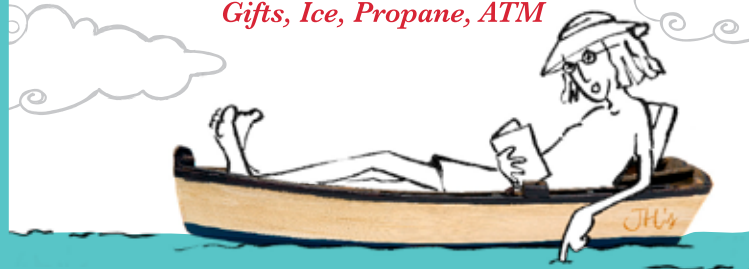
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