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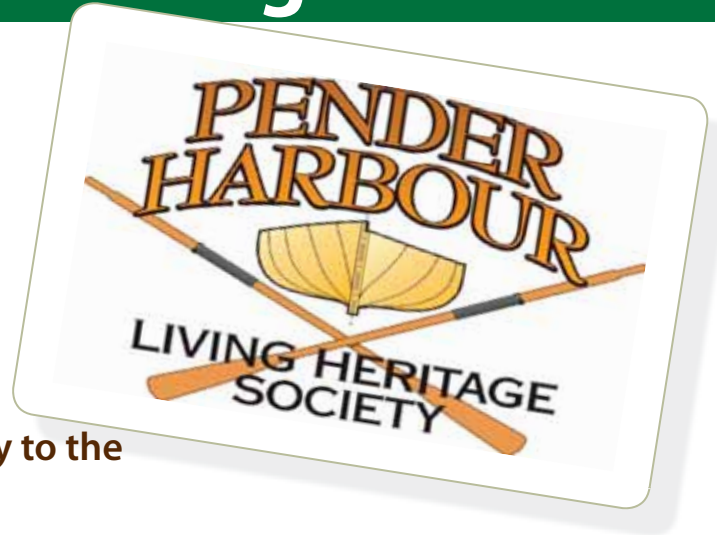


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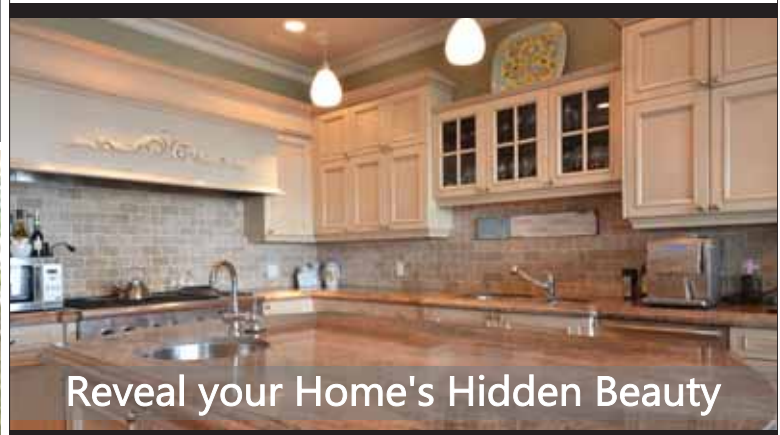
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editorial

Growing up in a tidepool has its advantages

By Brian Lee



As the Langdale ferry whisks another batch of Pender grads off to their future, they might be a little nervous.

They might feel that growing up in a tidepool has paced them a step behind their urban counterparts in preparation for whatever unknowns lie on the other side of Howe Sound.

But they shouldn't worry too much.

I think most PHSS alumni would agree that growing up here provides a rich mix of benefits and handicaps.

As this graduating class goes on to college and university, they'll suddenly sit elbow to elbow with people who, instead of graduating with 13 kids as I did, graduated with 1,300.

They will quickly realize the novelty value of having the smallest grad class by a hundred or so anytime the topic comes up in conversation.

Others will laugh, check their hand for six fingers and if they don't find any, will offer their admiration for overcoming their situation and accept them as "normal."

But I would argue kids graduating from here are more than "normal."

Most might not recognize how growing up in a town like Pender Harbour bestows certain social advantages.

As when I was in school, it's still not uncommon for groups of friends to span two or three grades.

Weekend parties may have been smaller than other places but they also included most of the school, as well as those recently (or not so recently) graduated.

And for such a small town, we have a surprisingly diverse group of characters we're forced to accommodate.

Ironically, kids in larger schools aren't forced to meld with the range of personalities that exist.

There may be more of them but they often gravitate to cliques of their own age and type where it would be absurd, or creepy, to hang around with younger or older students, jocks or dorks.

And, in a way, it stunts them.

Out of necessity, kids here benefit from the influence of older friends and in turn learn to appreciate younger ones.

They come to oblige a variety of personalities because they have to see them every day.

You could liken a Pender grad to "The Canadians" in the Molson Canadian commercials.

They are accepted everywhere because they're humble and can relate to most people but when called upon, can lead the streakers across the quad.

In essence, they're likeable.

Most kids from here also benefit from being forced out of the small town womb in one shot.

It was scary but I recall an instant boost of self-reliance and maturity when I left here to go to school.

That's increasingly rare in "Town" where many, if not most, post-secondary students remain at home for many years after high school.

That's not to say they won't face a transition as they hit the streets.

It will take a few weeks to shake off the tendency to say, "Gawwwllee," at buildings taller than five stories.

And the girls will be soooo purty, they'll just want to hug them all.

But much of that small town unworldliness will be shed after the first pub night or a bus ride through the Downtown Eastside.

Harder to pick up is the ability to adapt and relate to the wide variety of people they will come into contact with for the rest of their lives.

They should never underestimate the value of that in their career and future relationships.

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This photo was taken on June 1 or 2 and shows a porta-potty at the Garden Bay Lake 'T-dock' after it was pushed in the evening before. According to the company that leases the tank, the contents were mostly undisturbed and it is believed there was little danger of contamination. The portable toilet had recently been delivered to the site and may have been anchored to its platform while awaiting the installation of a wooden shroud around it. Vancouver Coastal Health officials weren't aware of the incident until contacted by the *Harbour Spiel*.

Local longboarder in serious condition after colliding with car

What many predicted would happen did when a local longboarder collided head on with a car June 5.

Justin Mottishaw, a 19-year-old Madeira Park man, suffered extensive injuries after colliding with a moving vehicle while navigating the corner into Madeira Park on his longboard just before lunchtime.

Mottishaw was airlifted to Vancouver General Hospital where he is still being treated for a multitude of injuries including serious head trauma, facial fractures, cuts to his face and head, a collapsed lung, internal bleeding, lumbar fractures and fractures to both ankles and heel.

According to his father Cory, Mottishaw was held in a induced coma for 10 days to help with the swelling in his brain, with a device surgically implanted in his head to monitor and relieve the pressure from bleeding.

It's believed that Mottishaw was heading southbound on the Sunshine Coast Highway and was attempting to make a right turn onto Madeira Park Road when he struck the eastbound vehicle head on.

The Integrated Collision Analysis Reconstruction Services (ICARS) arrived later that afternoon, reducing Madeira Park Road to one lane until late in the evening while they investigated the accident scene.

It happened during a period when a rash of similar incidents occurred in the Lower Mainland.

On the same day, two longboarders were seriously injured when they collided with a parked car in West Vancouver.

A week before, a 17 year-old hit a van, suffering what CBC reported as "serious head injuries," while on June 9, a 12-year-old boy Maple Ridge boy



Brian Lee photo

RCMP investigators were at the site of the collision at the entrance to Madeira Park, reducing traffic to one alternating lane until late in the evening.

was critically injured after riding into oncoming traffic.

Though Mottishaw's Dad admits his recovery will be a long haul, he says his condition continues to improve.

"We are now living day to day with our son's recovery, which is a lot better than hour to hour like we were," Cory Mottishaw told the *Harbour Spiel* in an email.

At press time, Mottishaw's head trauma was showing "positive trends,"

he was able to breathe on his own and just finished first meal — cream of mushroom soup — without a feeding tube.

Back surgery was considered while Mottishaw was still in a coma but doctors felt an MRI showed substantial healing so they opted for a brace and a reassessment in 12-16 weeks.

Cory Mottishaw says he credits the helmet his son was wearing as the "only reason Justin is alive today."

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Nelson Island fire likely sparked by equipment

Boaters leaving Pender Harbour were surprised to see smoke rising above Fearney Point on Nelson Island's after a forest fire broke out June 9.

Marg Drysdale, information officer for the Coastal Fire Centre in Parksville, said the 4.2-hectare blaze was caused by equipment working in the area but it is still under investigation.

A ground crew of 21 people was dispatched to the site approximately one kilometre northwest of Quarry Lake.

By the morning, much of the smoke had disappeared but crews still found at least eight hot spots two days later and monitored the site for days after.

Heavy rains arriving on June 11 also aided efforts.



Brian Lee photo

Plumes of smoke rose above Fearney Point on the afternoon of June 9. The 4.2-hectare fire was quickly extinguished thanks to a quick response by Coastal Fire Centre crews and a sprinkling of rain.

Master plan reflects local priorities for parks and recreation

The Sunshine Coast Regional District held a series of open houses throughout the Coast to present a draft of the parks and recreation master plan on June 17 and 18.

The Pender Harbour open house was held at the Aquatic and Fitness Centre and attracted about 20 people.

According to a media release, the document aims to "provide a vision for the future and strategies for the next 10 years to achieve that vision.

"It will focus on healthy lifestyle opportunities, community development, parks, trail and walkway development, recreation facilities, and volunteer programs."

It's the culmination of a community-wide telephone survey as well as focus group sessions and community meetings, one of which took place at the Pender Harbour Community Hall last year.

The document is short on spe-

cifics as to how objectives will be achieved.

Instead the PRMP outlines general priorities the community has indicated it would like the SCRDP to pursue during the next 10 years when allocating resources for parks and recreation.

From the exercise came four recommendations to guide future policy-making:

1. Strengthen community fabric throughout the region;
2. Motivate individuals and families to be healthy and active;
3. Be stewards of the environment, and
4. Contribute to a diverse and sustainable economy.

To view the full document visit www.scrd.ca and under "Departments" click "Parks."

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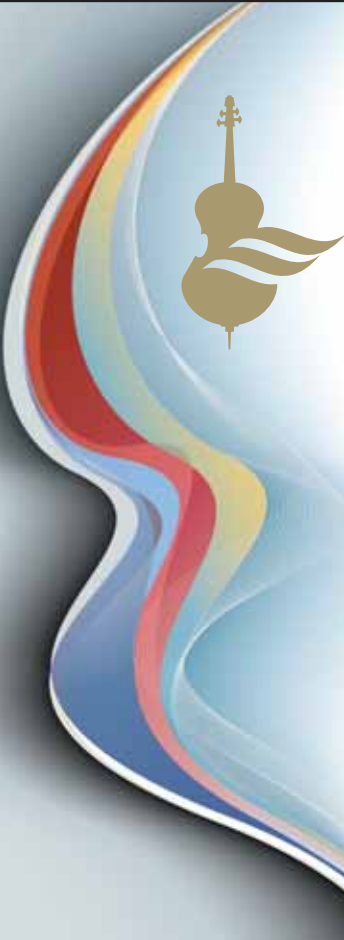


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Kenneth Norman Johnson (l) shared his passion for composing by joining with (l-r) vocalist Jena Wren, cellist Peter Williams and saxophonist Barry O' Hara for performances on May 25 and June 1. 'Sérénade' was a benefit for the Ruby Slipper Fund that explored the diverse aspects of love. Wren sang original tunes like a pro, including Johnson's 'Why Did He Have to Go,' written in memory of his son. The second half of the concert featured such standards as 'Unforgettable' and 'Cry Me a River.'



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Lafarge blast application ignites controversy in Egmont

Lafarge Canada wants to blast and crush rock at its Earle Creek aggregate mine and it doesn't sit well with some Egmont neighbours.

At issue is Lafarge Canada's recent application to amend its mining permit with BC's Ministry of Energy and Mines to allow quarry mining.

The existing permit is for gravel extraction only but as that gravel is depleted, Lafarge wants to blast the rock underneath the current footprint and crush 600,000 to 700,000 tonnes of it per year into gravel.

Representatives from Lafarge say they would require one blast per day for "the first year or so" until the quarry production is established and then two to three times per week.

Some Egmont residents say it's already too loud and would only get louder, threatening the growing tourist industry the community depends on.

Mining applications fall under the authority of the Ministry of Energy and Mines which often refers them to regional governments for comment.

Representatives from Lafarge Canada attended the Sunshine Coast Regional District planning and development committee meeting in the SCRD board room on June 20.

Representing Lafarge Canada,



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Egmont residents fear a recent application by Lafarge Canada to begin quarry mining at their Earle Creek gravel operation will make the noise 'unbearable.'

engineer Alf Randall briefly outlined the application and addressed a number of concerns brought up at an earlier Area A advisory planning commission meeting.

Addressing noise, Randall said modern hydraulic drills "will probably be no louder than the existing operation of trucks and loaders, perhaps even less."

Kal Helyar lives directly across from the operation and spoke next, opposing the application.

Helyar disputed a number of

Randall's claims including that shifts begin at 7 a.m.

"The machines start up anywhere between 5:45 a.m. to 6:15 a.m., not 7 a.m." said Helyar.

Helyar also refuted Randall's claims of undertaking an "independent noise study," claiming it was prepared by a Lafarge employee.

During discussion, SCRD board chair Garry Nohr reacted to comments by Randall about the noise of "jet boats" in the Skookumchuck and said he hoped the issue wouldn't come down to tourism versus industry.

"You're a company well-known in the province and North America and I'm pretty sure with a little effort you could handle this issue quite well," said Nohr.

"I would hope you try to do so."

Recommendations carried include that the ministry require Lafarge to comply with SCRD noise bylaws and to request the applicant to meet in Egmont "to advise the community of the expected activities and to discuss solutions to mitigate the expected increase in sound from blasting and crushing."

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Suspects busted in Egmont crime spree

Sunshine Coast RCMP responded on the morning of May 30 to a report of an interrupted break and enter on Nelson Island.

A neighbour discovered two unidentified men in her neighbour's cabin.

The witness called a water taxi in the area, which followed the suspects who fled the area in a stolen boat.

The witness took a photograph of the suspects on her phone as they fled the scene.

RCMP immediately dispatched the RCMP vessel *Higget* which was assisted by members of the BC Conservation Officers service.

The stolen boat was recovered abandoned near a cabin in Agamemnon Channel.

Both suspects were located near one of the cabins by RCMP and conservation officers.

One of the suspects, a 33-year-old Mission man, was arrested without incident, while the second suspect fled into the forest on foot.

RCMP identified the second sus-

pect and believed he may have been responsible for a vehicle and trailer reported stolen in the area near the time of the incident and later recovered in Halfmoon Bay.

On June 13, RCMP arrested Timothy John Shepherd, 45, in Mission without incident.

Shepherd was charged with two counts of break and enter, theft under \$5,000, and possession of stolen property under \$5,000 and was scheduled to appear in Sechelt Provincial Court on June 26.

The RCMP has seized a large quantity of property which they are attempting to link to other alleged break-ins.

The Sunshine Coast RCMP is asking anyone with information to contact Constable Tracy Dubnyk at (604)885-2266.

Also on May 30, a thief gained entry to an unlocked vehicle parked near the Skookumchuk trail and stole a purse left inside containing a large assortment of identification, credit cards and cash.

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sports

Mansbridge-Fafard captures fencing gold



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Fynn Mansbridge-Fafard poses with the championship trophy and silver and bronze medallists at the Y12 Okanagan Valley Fencing Championships on May 12. (In fencing, semi-final losers are awarded the bronze, thus four medallists.)

Don't mess with Francis Peninsula's Fynn Mansbridge-Fafard — especially if he's holding a stick.

Mansbridge-Fafard won the boys Y12 gold medal at the Okanagan Valley Fencing Championships in Vernon on May 12.

The tournament consisted of two pools of 10 in a round-robin format.

Mansbridge-Fafard compiled a record of seven wins and two losses at the end of the round robin.

That ranked him third going into a seeded four-round knockout series.

After losing his first match in a

best-of-three final against the tournament favourite, Mansbridge-Fafard won the final two, 5-3 and 5, to take gold.

Two weeks later, he won a silver medal at the Port Moody Fencing Tournament on May 26.

At that event, the Sunshine Coast Fencing Club placed five fencers in the the top 10.

The Vernon tournament was only his second fencing tournament and the first time he competed in épée.

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Information on the 2013 -2014 annual campaign will appear in the August issue of the Harbour Spiel.

Rosslyn William Ivor Palmer

MARCH 22, 1932 — MAY 9, 2013



Ross lived in Vancouver until 1992 when he and wife Helen moved to Madeira Park. He worked as a heavy duty mechanic before retiring from Canadian Oxy in 1992.

He was a proud member and past master of the Masonic Lodge for 54 years and a charter member of the Vanzorgroto, Army and Navy, 100 Club and R. C. Legion No. 112.

He was an avid fisherman and

boater. He and Helen spent 10 years wintering in Sun City, Ariz.

Ross is survived by his loving wife Helen, sons Ivor and Grant and their families, daughter Judy Price, sister Iola Adde and brother-in-law Don from Alberta, stepson Bill Purnell and family and three grandchildren.

Donations to the Pender Harbour Health Centre would be appreciated.

William David (Bill) Bryson

MAY 18, 1941 — MAY 28, 2013



ters Kendra (Chuck) Edstrand, Shari (Sam) Barranti, their mother Sandie Bryson (his former wife of 37 years), son-in-law Jons Edstrand, Jody Barranti, grandchildren Bryson, Jayden, Skyler and Rya, and his loving and devoted friend Pat Powell.

He was a very dedicated father who could always be seen at his daughters' hockey, ringette, or soccer games and at swim meets.

It is important for everyone to know that his kind, considerate nature and sense of humour remained with him until the end.

Bill will be thought of often by his many friends that he met along his life journey.

If you were lucky enough to be one of them, please join us and raise a glass to Bill at his celebration of life on Friday, July 12 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Capilano Golf and Country Club in West Vancouver

Please RSVP sbarranti@telus.net, or if you have any questions.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his honour may be made to the North Shore Hospice or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Bill passed away peacefully on May 28 at age 72 after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Bill will be remembered most for his love of the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting with good friends, as well as his time spent as the manager of the NSWC Flames Junior B hockey team.

Some of his fondest memories were of his travels to Spain, the Mayan Riviera, and the Northwest Territories.

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Industrial activity update



By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

The SCRD has received a referral from the provincial Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding an application for an amendment to the permit under which Lafarge Canada operates the gravel pit at Earle Creek, across the Skookumchuck from Egmont.

The current SCRD zoning at the site allows for the operation of the current gravel extraction and the proposed rock quarry.

The SCRD does not directly regulate or have jurisdiction over the mining activity at the site; the mine operates under the Mines Act and activities are regulated by the permit and

amendments to the permit.

The referral allows the SCRD to make recommendations to the ministry regarding the application.

The application is to allow blasting to create a rock quarry on the existing site.

The reason given is that the availability of coarse rock is low and the quarry/crushing operation is required to provide coarser rock to be mixed with the available fine material to make the final product.

There is no annual production rate; it does however change the "character" of the crushing, the additional drilling, and the blasting.

The application has been reviewed by the area planning commission and the natural resource advisory committee.

The comments from both were

included in the staff report presented to the SCRD planning and development committee.

At the APC and PDC meetings the applicant and several concerned residents made presentations.

Many residents also expressed their concerns, mostly about noise, both existing and feared increases.

Many other concerns were also expressed, such as unsightliness, possible impact on fisheries, mine reclamation plan and others.

But noise, both crushing and blasting, was the main concern.

The applicant voluntarily provided information, appearing before both the APC and the PDC.

It described mitigation measures that will be taken.

It also offered to host a public information meeting in Egmont to

We invite you to join the conversation
at the SCRD committee meetings below:

**Infrastructure Services
Committee**

July 4 at 1:30 p.m.

**Community Services
Committee**

July 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

July 11 at 7:30 p.m.

**Planning and
Development Services
Committee**

July 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**Corporate and
Administrative Services
Committee**

July 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

July 25 at 7:30 p.m.

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present its information.

The PDC made recommendations to address concerns expressed and to make a comprehensive statement to be forwarded to the ministry.

The recommendations are paraphrased in summary below:

1. The ministry should consult with BC Parks regarding activity at the mine and the proximity to Skookumchuck Park.

2. The applicant is requested to hold a meeting in Egmont to advise the community of the changes and activities and to discuss mitigation.

3. The applicant should construct and maintain a visual and sound barrier around the quarry operation.

4. The applicant must consult the Sechelt Indian Band to ensure that their issues are considered.

5. The applicant should be aware of the SCRD's noise bylaw and obtain an independent assessment to measure and record the baseline noise levels.

6. The ministry is requested to amend the permit to incorporate the SCRD noise bylaw into the permit such as hours of operation.

7. Concerns of adjacent owners to the north should be surveyed.

8. The applicant should contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding a protocol with respect to rockfish conservation.

9. Exhausted areas should be reclaimed and planted with approved indigenous species as work proceeds.

The Crown should increase the bond amount for reclamation.

10. The applicant should develop a strategy to minimize invasive plants.

11. The ministry should require the applicant to update its 1999 rehabilitation plan to reflect the proposed new activities.

12. The applicant commits to use

industry best practices, to be included in an environmental protection plan in the amended mine permit.

13. The SCRD should be apprised of changes to this application.

14. The applicant should establish a policy that includes low noise generation as a heavily weighted factor in the criteria used to select and

purchase replacement equipment.

The recommendations reflect the changing environment the mine operates in.

For more information, refer to the SCRD website under Agendas, PDC June 20 (part 1) and for the final full recommendations, under Agendas, Board June 27.



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Bantam Boys: Jordan Haines
Junior Girls: Dani Pazur
Junior Boys: Angus Venalainen
Senior Girls: Solveig van Wersch
Senior Boys: Matthew Silvey

MOST SPORTSMANLIKE

Bantam Girls: Maribeth Haines
Bantam Boys: Cypher Clerx
Junior Girls: Brenna Young
Junior Boys: Cameron Anderson
Senior Girls: Carly Fielding,
Ryleigh Lightbourn
Senior Boys: Matthew Silvey

SERVICE

(10 TO 19 HOURS OF SERVICE):

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Cameron Anderson, Charlotte Gray, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Grace Mattson, Dani Pazur.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

(OVER 19 HOURS OF SERVICE):

Teaguen Craig, Carly Fielding, Solveig van Wersch.

McQUITTY AWARD

(TOP JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP):

Cameron Anderson

MICHAEL PHILLIPS AWARD

(TOP GRADE 11-12 CITIZEN):

Carly Fielding



Brian Lee photo

Grade 12 Ryleigh Lightbourn picked up a stack of awards including the Science Council award, Prescesky Performing Arts award and honours for top academic and top graduating student overall.

SCIENCE COUNCIL AWARD

(TOP GRADE 12 SCIENCE STUDENT):

Ryleigh Lightbourn

Grade 9-10: Cassidy Craig-Watters

Grade 11-12: Charlotte Gray

SHOP TECHNICAL AWARD:

Brandon Ewen

PRESCESKY VISUAL ARTS AWARD:

Grade 7-8: Tanner Haase, Jessica Linnmann.

PRESCESKY PERFORMING ARTS AWARD:

Top Bantam: Hannah Stewart
Top Senior: Ryleigh Lightbourn, Solveig van Wersch

THOMPSON SPIRIT AWARD

Carly Fielding

ALL YEAR HONOUR ROLL

Grade 7: Cole Charlton, Lilah Donnahee, Kimberly Fielding, Kaitlin Gross, Brandon Lamarche, Jessica Linnmann, Saoirse Stephan, Hannah Stewart.

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Grace Mattson, Madeline Roach,
Jesses Venalainen.

Grade 9: Alex Dyck, Yasmeena Kennedy, Marena Mackenzie, Mitchell Silvey, Samantha Stewart, Brenna Young.

Grade 10: Cameron Anderson, Keenan Clerx, Crystal Cook, Teaguen Craig, Cassidy Craig-Watters, Jace Landry, Zena Lanteigne, Dani Pazur, Caleb Rouleau, Jade Storoschuk, Salem Taylor.

Grade 11: Matteo Alps Mocellin, Aaron Pazur, Emily Reid, Matthew Silvey, Solveig van Wersch.

Grade 12: Carly Fielding, Charlotte Gray, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Brianna Milligan, Brad Seabrook, Savannah Sosa, Shaylen Sosa.

TOP AGGREGATE

Grade 7: Hannah Stewart.

Grade 8: Grace Mattson.

Grade 9: Brenna Young.

Grade 10: Cameron Anderson.

Grade 11: Solveigh van Wersch.

TOP ACADEMIC

Grade 7: Hannah Stewart.

Grade 8: Chiara Alps Mocellin,
Grace Mattson.

Grade 9: Samantha Stewart,
Brenna Young.

Grade 10: Teaguen Craig, Cassidy
Craig-Watters, Jace Landry.

Grade 11: Matteo Alps Mocellin,
Solveig van Wersch.

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Infrastructure support also lacking

Dear Editor,

Some thoughts to add to your dialogue (June 2013 editorial, “Let’s plan for all seasons”).

It is a sad fact that our rural Area A is unable to keep our young people here or attract younger families to our beautiful community.

As you pointed out in your editorial, there are just not enough jobs to enable them to stay and support their families.

While I agree that tourism and retirement are not enough to support

everyone, neither is our current industry of resource extraction. At least not in the way it is being done.

We need to rethink how we can best utilize our valuable resources.

To my mind, that means not sending our raw resources out of our community, but looking to value-added industries.

How many more jobs could be created from our land or seas if we expanded our value-added industries?

Meanwhile, we need to add infrastructure to our community that will attract young entrepreneurs.

That means high-speed Internet, cell phone service everywhere and good shipping options.

Many young people would love to live here if they could just figure out how to make a living.

With the right infrastructure, the tech industry and home-based Internet businesses would be here.

Finally, we need affordable housing — co-operative housing, clustered housing and smaller houses would be a start.

Beverly Saunders
Jervis Inlet

Housing and community investment needed to offset ‘crisis’

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you on your hard look at our community.

I absolutely concur that we are in the middle of a crisis and need to take steps now before the highway signs are changed to “Pender Harbour: A Retirement Community.”

Since moving to this area several

years ago, I have attended conference after conference with VOICE, Vital Signs, economic development, as well as spending time on the APC.

What I heard and felt was not positive for Area A.

As your editorial notes, we are losing the battle for maintaining or bringing in new blood. We have no new commerce to speak of and we

totally lack in the area of housing.

What to do?

With respect to the latter, we absolutely need to look at multi-family zoning and development.

With the OCP now front and centre, we as a community can do something about it.

No housing will lead to no new people, guaranteed.

With respect to the former, one thing comes to mind and that is an investment club.

While many of these are dedicated to stocks and bonds, making money in the marketplace, why not a club that invests in its own community?

Not in housing but investing in small businesses that can employ local people.

The details of such a club would need to be sorted out, but if the future of this fine community is at stake (and make no mistake, it is), then it would be worth the effort and the investment.

And this cannot be done on what we all call “Pender time.”

The crisis is very real.

Rick Harmer
Garden Bay
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Stewart toasts the Harbour

Dear Editor,

As past chairman of the annual Pender Harbour Legion Robbie Burns Night, I've heard some beautiful toasts made to our community.

As the "For Sale" sign went up in front of our property yesterday, I was reminded of how wonderful a place Pender Harbour is — and just how much I will miss being a part of its daily fabric.

My wife Paola and I discussed moving to Pender Harbour in 1997 when we were intrigued by the idea of escaping the high cost of living in Vancouver and excited about the idea of being able to bring up our kids in a safe, rural environment.

Not knowing anyone who lived here, however, we decided to spend some time investigating both the community and the people.

We used the Internet to connect with some "work at home entrepreneurs" that could offer us insights into living in the Harbour

We boarded the ferry the next weekend.

We met with Martin and Julie Nichols' family and enjoyed the morning sharing muffins and coffee and talking about how life in this little town differed from life in the big city.

To say that the Nichols were encouraging about the idea of us making the move would be an understatement.

They enjoyed the benefits of bringing up their kids in Pender Harbour and sincerely wanted us to do the same.

We were sold and spent the rest of the morning puttering about Francis Peninsula and going for lunch at the Pender Harbour Restaurant (R.I.P.).

I admit that we thought twice about making the move after order-

ing the Chinese food that was on the menu that day, but the charm of the place was undeniable.

We packed up and moved to the Harbour in 1998 with two-year-old Mackenzie and fresh-from-the-delivery-room Samantha in tow.

I'll never forget how nervous and excited we were about this big move away from our family and friends.

While I do the commute to Vancouver without blinking three times a week now, it felt like we were moving a million miles away.

I had found work in Gibsons at the time, but it wasn't long before Paola was missing her friends and feeling a need to connect.

Fortunately, Mackenzie was a conduit for connecting with other moms and tots and if it weren't for the connection our kids gave us, our stay may have been short-lived.

But there were special people who invited us into their lives.

People who made an effort to help us connect and introduced us to their family and friends, expanding our network in doing so.

They were people who understood how hard it can be to make friends in a small town where locals have had their hearts broken in making friends who simply cut loose in too short a time.

Hannah completed our family as one of the first deliveries in St. Mary's Hospital's new pre-natal ward in June of 2000 and she provided yet another conduit for connecting.

And the connections and activities kept coming through dozens of groups like preschool, elementary school, Brownies, high school, PAC, church board, golf club, adult soccer (go Bananas!), kids soccer, Rotary etc.

It was these connections and the

many others that made our time in Pender Harbour such a special part of our family's history.

My advice to newcomers, and locals alike, is that if you want to get the most out of this wonderful community, get involved.

Pender Harbour returns in spades whatever time and energy you offer.

So, on behalf of my family, here is a toast of thanks to all those people who we have let us share in their lives over the past 15 years.

A toast of respect to those who have lent a hand in creating such a colourful and vibrant community.

A toast of gratitude to those who mentored me in business and allowed us the opportunity to work alongside them.

A toast of appreciation to those people who helped raise our children into the people they are today.

A toast of love to our friends and Pender Harbour family who are, and forever will be, etched into our hearts... as will be this beautiful and spectacular place we endearingly call "the Harbour."

Cheers,

Alan Stewart (& family)



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Shame on young Gibsons couple

Dear Editor,

A huge Harbour Seal of Disapproval to the young couple from Gibsons who stole antique window frames from our net house on May 12, Mother's Day.

My husband caught you lowering items you looted from our net house onto the foreshore and told you to return those items, which you apparently did.

As you professed ignorance of

the net house being private property, and your wife/girlfriend had been taking pictures, my husband graciously invited you both up onto our new home's deck to take some advantageous pictures of our old net house.

Yesterday, when my husband went into the net house to retrieve some items to decorate our new house he discovered that you had obviously stolen some of our old window frames before he had intercepted you.

Shame on you both.

My husband and I moved to Pender Harbour to live in a peaceful community after our young son died of cancer, after battling it since he was 10 years old.

Then to have you boldly steal our property, when we had been so gracious to you, on Mother's Day as we grieve for our boy, is especially hurtful.

If you have any sort of a conscience you will return our property.

Lea and Sam Beaton

pender golf

Just the highlights from a busy June



By Jan Watson

The eagles are flying at the golf club.

On May 29 Mike Reid had an eagle 2 on hole No. 1 and on June 3 Ian Grant had an eagle on No. 7.

25TH ANNUAL GARDEN BAY PUB GOLF CLASSIC, MAY 26

Eleven teams competed in this fun scramble.

The winners were Merv and Roberta Oleksyn, Lorna Lycan and Jan Watson with a three-under score of 33.

KP for the ladies was Midge Meeres and, men, "Johnnie 8iron."

The long drive for the ladies was Bev Inkster and men's was "Johnnie 8iron."

INTERCLUB MATCHES

A very successful season so far. The men beat Sunshine Coast G&CC at home and away, with Pender Harbour scoring 34.5 and Roberts Creek 13.5.

The men also beat Sechelt Golf Club at home and away with Pender 31 and Sechelt 17.

The ladies lost at Sechelt by a few points but won by a larger margin at Pender thus retaining the trophy by a total difference of five points.

MEN'S CLUB

June 15 was the annual Menzies Tournament and the winning team of Harry Friesen and Bruce Forbes shot a net score of 132. Second place went to George Brown and Larry Honeybourne with 140.

KPs: Garry Noble on No. 3 and on No. 6 Merv Oleksyn.

LADIES CLUB

June 13 was alternate shots

with winners Carol Reid and Anita Caspersen 111 while second was Kathy Needham and Jan Watson 113.

LADIES' STEAK NIGHT

Six teams participated and the winning team at one under par were Lorna Lycan, Reni Ducich, Kathy Love and Nora Brooks.

MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT

June 17 saw six teams with winners Harry Friesen, Anita Caspersen, Ian and Evelyn McNee shooting a sizzling 33.

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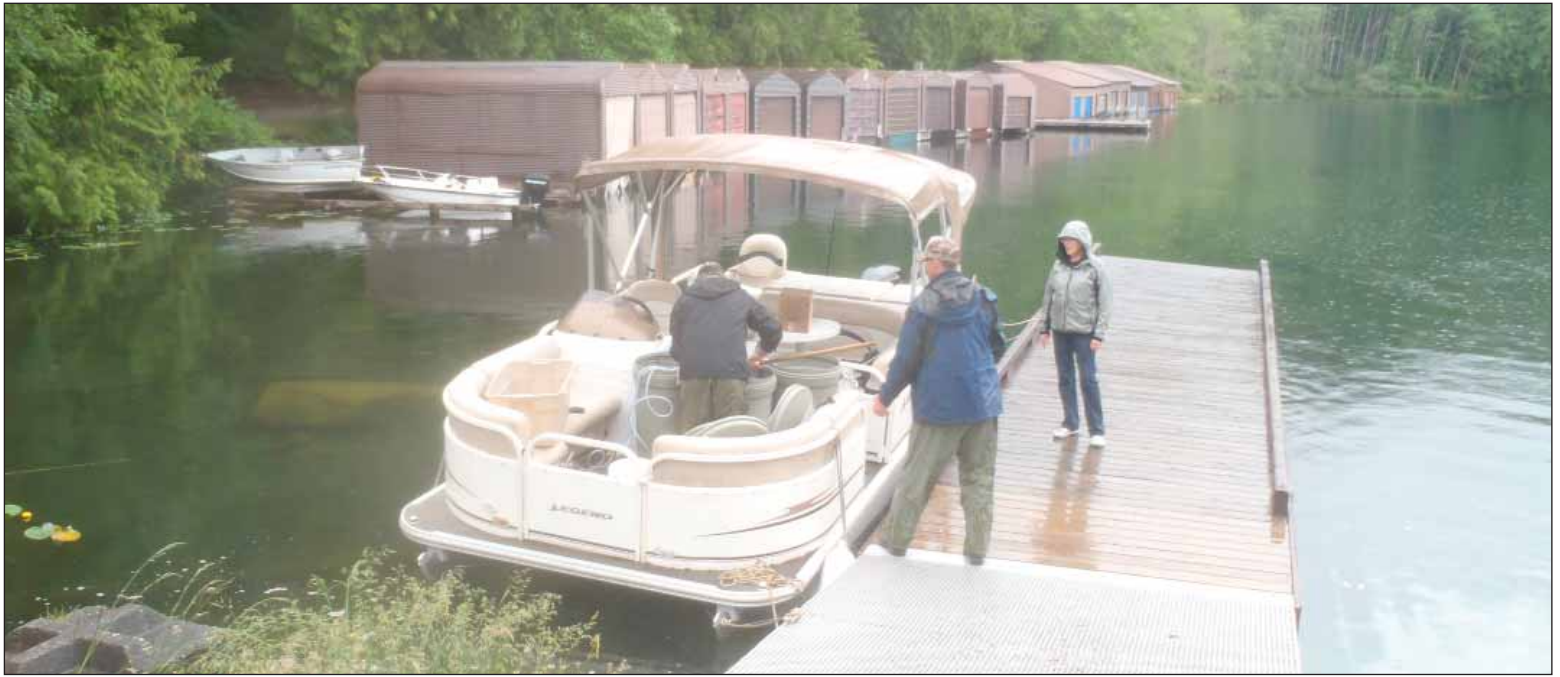
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I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced.



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Four Lakes 10K and 3K set to run August 11

Submitted

The sixth annual Four Lakes 10K running race will be held on Sunday Aug. 11.

The family-friendly event is hosted by Sunshine Coast Athletics and starts and finishes at Katherine Lake Park.

For those not interested in running the entire tour of Garden Bay, there is also a three-kilometre family fun run/walk which takes participants to Mixal Lake and back.

The out and back 10-kilometre route starts at 9 a.m. and is as tranquil as it is gorgeous with views of Garden Bay Lake, Mixal Lake and Hotel Lake.

Upon returning to the finish line near the beach at Katherine Lake Park, participants can enjoy a cool dip in the lake and feast on watermelon and home-baked treats.

The top three finishers in each age group receive custom-made medals and all participants get a chance to compete for great draw prizes.

To register online, visit www.sunshinecoastathletics.org/4lakes/ until 6



Teresa Nightingale photo

The start and finish of the Four Lakes 10K (and 3K) is at Katherine Lake Park.

p.m. on Saturday Aug. 10.

The entry fee for the 10K is \$15 in advance (\$20 on race day) while the 3K is just \$5 and \$12 per family.

A paper entry form can be printed from the web page and mailed by July 31 or brought on race day.

Race day sign-up is at the gazebo at Katherine Lake Park from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.

In the interest of safety, please leave your dogs and headphones at home.

For more information, including parking directions and a course map, please see the event web page.

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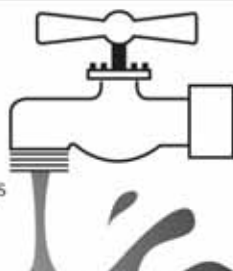


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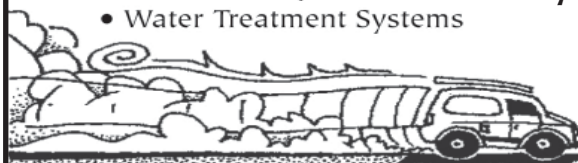
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Get stuffed!

by Jim Rutherford

(This article originally appeared in the July 2007 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*.)

Pot stuffers is a term used in the industry for four-inch containers of annuals that you see everywhere now.

They are used to stuff into your patio pots, window boxes, hanging baskets and perennial borders.

They bring quick colour and instant gratification.

If you're a little nervous about separating the 4x1 and 6x1 flats of plants, then stick with the plants that are in individual containers.

There will be less root shock but still use a root-booster when watering to stimulate root growth and help recover from transplanting trauma.

SUN

For sun to part-shade, torenia, a Don Fraser favourite, can be used effectively.

This plant has rather weak stems, which can be left to trail over the sides of containers.

Full sun is needed for osteospermum, heliotrope, diascia and oxalis.

Diascia was once a rarity but is now readily available and what a show it is.

From a sprawling mat of leaves rise spikes of open-faced flowers.

The flowering period lasts from early July to first frost, but cut back



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Fuchsias are a favourite among local gardeners.

the stems between flushes.

In our milder climate, it may come back to be a perennial.

Oxalis has a clover-like leaf with five-petalled flowers which open when the sun shines.

It is unusual to buy the plants in pots but bulbs can be planted three-inch deep in autumn.

HALF AND HALF

Potato vine gives you a great contrast in colour with its chartreuse foliage especially when mixed with tradescantia.

Tradescantia is one plant that provides deep purple blossoms and variegated foliage for contrast.

SHADY BUT ABOVE BOARD

Coleus, begonias and impatiens

are all grandma standbys but now there are gracious ferns that can be added in and they're perennials.

Maidenhair ferns I find difficult, because if they dry out there's no recovery but silver leaf and other ferns are so calming in contrast.

If you see wilted annuals don't buy them unless you're familiar with which ones will snap back.

FUCHSIAS

For some people, fuchsia is the most beautiful flower in the garden.

In our climate, the woody-stemmed varieties are permanent.

F. Magellanic "Riccartonii" is an old favourite known for its hardiness.

Perennials in one-gallon pots is a good place to start as no plant division is needed this season.

Pot stuffers are added after the perennials or grasses are placed.

Then, come early next spring, divide the perennials/grasses to double your investment.

Perhaps trade with your friends or neighbours some of these sub-divisions and you may get back something from their garden like a plant that you've always admired or can't find at the nursery.

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THURSDAYS

Hwy 101 Music Festival rolls back into town July 19-21

Going into its second year, the Hwy 101 Music Festival is back with another stellar lineup of musicians.

This year will see the festival move to the Pender Harbour Lions Park on the weekend of July 19-21.

Whether it's rock or country you like, Hwy 101 music festival organizer Heather Brown has found something for everyone with 17 acts on a bill that ranges from a Beatles revue to hard rock to country twang.

ODDS

The Odds found their musical footing as Dawn Patrol, the 1980s house band at The Roxy in Vancouver.

Through the next decade they found commercial success with a number of hits including *It Falls Apart*, *Heterosexual Man* and *Someone Who's Cool*.

The Odds toured extensively throughout the '90s with the Tragically Hip and Barenaked Ladies before calling it quits in 1999.

In 2007 they started performing again and released an EP, *The Most Beautiful Place on Earth*, this past February.

JOHNNY AND CASH

Johnny and Cash are Gary Kehoe and Dirk Henke and are billed as "the



Odds photo

Headlining the Hwy 101 music festival are the Odds, seen here looking a little overdressed on a recent duck hunting trip.

best Johnny Cash revue anywhere."

Kehoe and Henke do more than perform Cash songs. They put on a musical extravaganza with music, little-known anecdotes, video elements and lots of good old fashioned fun — all in tribute to the Man in Black.

ALAN MOBERG

Alan Moberg was born and raised in Pender Harbour and now lives on Saltspring Island.

He is a singer, songwriter and performer of B.C. folk, country, cow-

boy, gospel and western roots music.

He is an award winner and a legendary Canadian performer and this will be his first show back in Pender Harbour in more than a decade.

TRAMA W/ JERRY DOUCETTE

Trama has been a mainstay in the Vancouver music scene for 25 years.

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Joining them will be Canadian legend Jerry Doucette.

Doucette is probably best known for his 1977 hit "Mama Let Him Play."

For more information on the lineup of talent and ticket information, visit www.hwy101musicfest.com or purchase tickets at Java Docks in Madeira Park.

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Many thanks to **those who organized and attended** the candlelight tribute on June 8 at Kleindale and Forrest View Cemeteries.

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A Harbour Seal of approval to the **P. H. Lions Club** for letting the Pender Harbour Sparks and Brownies use the Hall and beautiful grounds for our sleepovers this year.

Gwen Walwyn

Harbour Seals to **everyone who donated to our RCL #112 garage sale.** Special thanks to **Margaret, Cindy, Judy, Sancia and Joan** who worked to set up and look after it all.

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Harbour seals to the **P. H. Women's Connection** for the great day at the Laughing Oyster — you gals are the best. Barb I hope that your twig survived.

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All about gout

*By Kathy Bergman, RN
(with information from Good Times
magazine, June 2013 issue)*

Over the last two decades gout has nearly quadrupled, affecting four per cent of the population.

More common in the developed world, affecting people over the age of 50, gout is an ailment similar to arthritis.

Gout is caused by a buildup of uric acid, a byproduct of normal cell metabolism and the breakdown of purines that are found in foods such as red meats and shellfish.

If too much uric acid is produced or not enough of it is flushed out through the kidneys, it builds up in the blood.

This excess uric acid forms crystals which build up either in the skin, the kidneys or one of the many joints.

About 50% of the time the big toe is involved though gout can target other joints such as ankles, knees, hands, wrists and elbows.

Over time these crystals can form lumps and if they grow large enough they may distort and even damage surrounding structures.

A person who has had one such acute attack stands a chance of having a recurrent attack.

Gout is all about balance.

If your uric acid levels are stable your gout may be stable.

You may get a flare-up of your gout by just getting dehydrated.

Men get gout three times more than females.

Family history is another factor, as it runs in families.

Impaired kidney function, which interferes with the clearance of uric acid, can also increase the odds of getting gout.

Other risk factors are elevated

triglycerides, blood sugars or elevated blood pressure.

Diet and lifestyle play a huge role in preventing flare-ups.

Avoiding alcohol and reducing the amount of red meat and seafood consumed can help keep gout under control.

Sugary beverages such as pop and fruit juices seem to raise the risk of gout.

How do you know that you have gout?

Obviously, a swollen, throbbing, fire-engine-red toe hints strongly of a gout attack, especially if you have a family history of gout or other risk factors.

Sometimes it is diagnosed solely on the history and symptoms, but often a blood test is done to confirm.

Treatment may be a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory such as indomethacin which is often the first treatment for acute flare-ups.

If the attack is very severe, the doctor may prescribe prednisone either by pill or as an injection.

In mild cases dietary treatment such as avoiding alcohol and cutting back on the red meats may be enough



image submitted

to ward off further attacks.

Persons having two attacks of gout in a year may be put on allopurinol.

If you think you have had a gout attack you need to see your doctor.

Untreated gout can have some long-term effects on your body.

PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE SUMMER HOURS

Between July 6 and Sept. 14, a nurse will be on duty Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as well as the usual hours, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BETTER AT HOME

Better at Home, a United Way program to help seniors remain independent is looking for volunteers to provide non-medical services such as friendly visiting and grocery shopping to seniors in our community.

If interested in volunteering or receiving support, please contact program co-ordinator Darlene LaRose at (604) 885-2655 or betterathome@sccss.ca.

You can also contact Kathy Bergman at the P. H. Health Centre.

McKinlay explores our strained relationship with local deer

Shot entirely in Pender Harbour, Mike McKinlay's film *Fallen Gardens* "explores the relationship between garden culture and deer populations."

McKinlay is a Vancouver-based documentary filmmaker whose parents live on Francis Peninsula.

Three summers ago, he staked out the surrounding neighbourhood to film deer dining on people's gardens.

Then he interviewed the gardeners themselves.

The result is a sensitive portrait of the strained relationship many BC gardeners have with their local deer population.

"Implicit is the ethical question around how wildlife and human populations interrelate in ways that are environmentally honourable," writes McKinlay.

Fallen Gardens recently played at film festivals in Victoria, Santa Cruz and Arkansas and it will soon debut on BC's Knowledge Network.

"The film will play periodically throughout the network's broadcast flow and will find a home on Knowledge for the next few years," says McKinlay.

"This is great news because it means that people will see it pop up quite frequently, giving it a lot of attention."

You can watch *Fallen Gardens* online on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/34476768>.



Mike McKinlay photos

Screen grabs from Mike McKinlay's locally shot *Fallen Garden*, soon to be appearing on the Knowledge Network.

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- ☐ b. Entrance to Egmont
- ☐ c. Private Garden Bay home
- ☐ d. Millennium Park



4. It's a cabin...

- ☐ a. Nelson Island
- ☐ b. Ruby Lake
- ☐ c. Egmont
- ☐ d. Kleindale



2. It's graffiti...

- ☐ a. Sarah Wray Hall
- ☐ b. P. H. Secondary School
- ☐ c. Marketplace IGA
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5. It's a fire lookout...

- ☐ a. Mt. Elphinstone
- ☐ b. Mt. Hallowell
- ☐ c. Mt. Daniel
- ☐ d. Mt. Caren



3. It's a store...

- ☐ a. Egmont
- ☐ b. Halfmoon Bay
- ☐ c. Kleindale
- ☐ d. Garden Bay



6. It's a dam...

- ☐ a. Ruby Lake
- ☐ b. Sakinaw Lake
- ☐ c. McNeill Lake
- ☐ d. Waugh Lake

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Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

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JULY ASTROLOGY

CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22

Cancer can be one of the most challenging Zodiac signs to get to know. Emotion runs strong for this sign, and when it comes to family and home, nothing is more important. Sympathetic and empathetic, Cancerians are greatly attuned to those around them. Devotion is the keyword for this sign, making them wonderfully sensitive people to be around but also really hard to get rid of. In a majority of cases, serial stalkers are Can-cerians. Beware of engaging in Internet dating with members of this zodiac sign.

LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 23

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. They might feel a little overworked this month so it might be a good idea to take some time alone to rest. If you can't, at least be encouraged to self-medicate. Also, some unexpected changes in your community might have tongues wagging. Be sure to check out the facts before jumping to con-clusions and ruining someone's life again.

OF JULY

LONG RANGE SUMMER WEATHER FORECAST

According to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, July temperatures will average 16.5°C and rain 25mm.

The forecast is as follows:

July 1-3: Sunny and hot.

July 4-8: Showers, turning cool.

July 9-15: Scattered showers, cool.

July 16-27: Sunny, turning very warm.

July 28-31: Showers, then sunny, cool.

Overall, this summer will be slightly cooler than normal, with near-normal rainfall. The hottest periods will occur from late June through early July and in late July. Looking ahead, the Almanac reports September and October will be slightly cooler than normal, with precipitation above normal near the coast and below normal inland.

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 29.4° C (July 12, 1961) and the lowest is 9° C (July 1, 1979).

JULY PRECIPITATION

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 at 41.5 mm.

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Get out on the road this summer — but don't forget these books



By Theresa
Kishkan

In our household, summer has always brought its share of road trips.

There's almost nothing nicer than to wake early on a June morning and head down to the ferry to begin a journey into the rich natural and human history of our province.

We bring books along. Old travel guides, field guides, even novels with their stories of rivers and gold rushes. On a recent ramble through the Similkameen valley and Boundary country, I realized how much we rely on books to tell us what happened in these landscapes. Many of these are

out of print. Every driver on summer's highways will have his or her own favourites, often found in second-hand bookstores or acquired in general stores along with ice cream.

For Highway 1 as far as Cache Creek, then Highway 97 to Quesnel, there's no better companion than Art Downs and his *Wagon Road North* (Heritage House). Using wonderful archival photographs, fragments from old journals and letters, newspaper reportage, and other rich materials, Downs details the difficult work of travelling to the gold fields both before the building of the Cariboo Wagon Road — a reproduction of a painting by John Innes shows some men clinging to a precarious platform of vines and sticks hanging above the turbulent Fraser River — and after the heroic efforts of the Royal Engineers, beginning in 1861, to create an 18-foot-wide road from Yale to Barkerville.

The modern highway largely follows the route of what was called

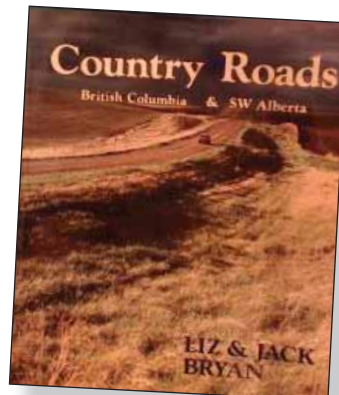
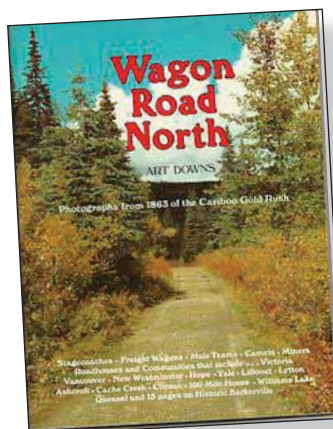
the eighth wonder of the world for its feats of engineering and for its role in expanding the frontier. When you drive it, you can still hear the old voices if you pay attention. Dr. Cheadle, who was to write of his and his companion Viscount Milton's experiences visiting the Cariboo in 1863:

"The road is frequently cut out of nearly perpendicular precipice overhanging the river, rocky and rugged, many places of a kind where I would be sorry to drive on a dark night."

Or miner J.C. Bryant who said of his stop at a roadhouse run by Peter Dunlevy and Jim Sellars, "Sellars pointed to a large huckleberry pie, supported by a dish of fresh cream, and said to me, 'This is your supper.' This hotel was the best between Victoria and Cariboo."

My father subscribed to Bill Barlee's quirky and fascinating magazine, *Canada West*, and it was always full of articles about old mines and vanished towns from B.C.'s past. There's a collection, *The Best of Canada West* (Stagecoach Publishing), which would be worth looking for. And his *South Okanagan: The Sagebrush Country* (Canada West) is terrific.

I'd forgotten that we have Garnet Basque's *Ghost Towns & Mining Camps of the Boundary Country* (Heritage House) on our shelves. I wish we had it on our last ramble. We drove up a gravel road towards the Mount Baldy ski area because our map showed a ghost town, Camp McKinney, on it in type as large and bold as



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many of the communities along Highway 3 — Rock Creek, Greenwood, etc. But alas, there's nothing left, apart from a few collapsed walls. It would have been good to try to imagine that place by consulting the photographs in the Basque book — Hugh Cameron's Camp McKinney Hotel, for instance, or Dr. White's residence and office on the main business street.

Liz and Jack Bryan's *Country Roads: British Columbia and SW Alberta* (Sunflower Publications) is pretty good though there are some errors in distance and landmarks. Still, I was delighted to have it along a few years ago when we went in search of Granite City, at one point the third largest town in B.C. and now just a clearing near where Granite Creek meets the Tula-meen River. Nearby is Coalmont and its aging hotel with a shady verandah and a For Sale sign fixed to one wall. You can stop there and drink cold beer and feel like you've drifted back to the early 20th century, not a bad place to be on a warm day.

We always carry bird books and plant guides because there will be a drift of some beautiful red wildflowers along Anarchist Mountain and it will good to learn that they're scarlet gilia. Or that the sound resembling creaking wagon wheels over Nicola Lake in early October is a flock of sandhill cranes heading south. The *B.C. Roadside Naturalist* (Greystone Books) by Richard and Sydney Cannings is an excellent all-in-one guide.

A copy of G.P.V. and Helen B. Akrigg's *British Columbia Place Names* (Sono Nis) is indispensable

for those moments when you wonder how Canal Flats got its name or what Osoyoos means.

No doubt there's an app for all this and I'm betraying my stubborn allegiance to the non-virtual world by confessing to taking actual books on road trips, but how lovely it is to stop for coffee in a small place like Ashcroft and to pull out Pat Foster's *Historic Ashcroft: For the Strong Eye Only* (Plateau

Press). Sleepy Ashcroft once had a Chinatown, a horse racetrack...

Photographs help take me there, to see with my own eyes the history that lurks in forgotten corners of the province.



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it might have happened...

Wei Hsu: The first non-native resident of Pender Harbour



Vague recollections have persisted for many years that the first non-native person to live in Pender Harbour was a Chinese man who operated a fish saltery in Irvines Landing.

Before Charles Irvine landed here and lent his name to the stretch of beach at the western entrance to Pender Harbour, a family named Hsu had settled there in 1873.

The historic events depicted here are loosely based on the author's own imagination and should not be interpreted as fact — unless it suits the reader to do so.

By Anne Crocker

PART XXXVI ~ 1885

(Continued from Harbour Spiel, May 2013 issue)

Charles Irvine landed his schooner, *Packer*, at Wei Hsu's dock, as he did on every visit he'd made in the previous 10 years. He swung the boat around to the leeward side of the dock, unfastened the sheets and jumped out with a line before the boat started to drift. By this time, the Englishman was an experienced mariner. He'd sailed his 24-foot boat through every kind of weather the Strait of Georgia could throw up and had complete confidence in his abilities and ship.

But Irvine was likely confident for another reason that day as he strode up the dock to greet Wei Hsu standing at the top of the ramp.

As was often the case when Irvine arrived, Mary was off attending to chores or foraging plants. They were amicable but she wrote that his presence still made her feel uncomfortable.

Because of her departure at the sight of the *Packer* as it rounded Francis Peninsula, Mary didn't witness his surprising offer to purchase the land, business and all buildings and equipment on the property. Had she been nearby, she likely would have chased him back down the ramp with a shovel. It is not known what Charles Irvine offered Wei Hsu that day for his 160 acres of waterfront and a growing supply business but she

would later describe his offer as "... nothing more than a few barrels of salt." She considered it an insult to the labour her family had poured into the property over the previous 15 years.

Wei Hsu rejected the offer in his usual polite way and turned the conversation to other business. But Charles Irvine wasn't finished. He had expected rejection and carried on, producing a deed proclaiming himself as sole owner of the property. Wei Hsu scoffed but looked intently at the paperwork before ushering Irvine back into his boat. It's unclear what transpired next but within a week, Wei Hsu was in Victoria, checking up on Irvine's claims of title.

Later historical research failed to uncover any record of Wei Hsu's application for pre-emption of the property in Pender Harbour. From what can be pieced from Mary's diary and other land records of the time, it seems likely that Wei Hsu fell victim to an unscrupulous lawyer who accepted payment for processing pre-emption applications on other's behalf but never actually filed them. The lawyer, whose name has been lost to history, showed a pattern of promises, often to immigrants with a weak grasp of English, in which he'd produce a certificate of pre-emption and indicate the process was complete.

Wei Hsu clearly misunderstood the process that he thought he'd entered into in the summer of 1874 when he visited Victoria. Started in 1859, the land pre-emption process

it might have happened...

allowed settlers to acquire provincial Crown land by claiming it for settlement and agricultural purposes. It was a policy promoted by the government to encourage settlement and land improvements in the new province. Applicants first staked a block of vacant, non-reserved, unsurveyed Crown land before submitting a written application. A Certificate of Pre-emption was then issued in triplicate (copies to the pre-emptor, the local office, and the department in Victoria). After improvements were shown, residency qualification and land surveying, a Certificate of Improvement was issued and the land purchased at a discount rate or at no further charge.

Wei Hsu believed he owned the land outright and wasn't subject to further improvements and qualifications in order to gain title. He'd paid the lawyer a substantial sum that

he believed granted him ownership of the land. He wasn't alone. In the years between 1873 and 1876, a number of similar deals occurred, likely with the same lawyer, costing a number of families throughout the mainland and Vancouver Island their land.

By the time Wei Hsu arrived in 1885, the lawyer and his office no longer existed and the clerks in the land and titles office just laughed at the idea of a "chink" claiming ownership to such a piece of land. They produced paperwork showing a man named Charles Irvine listed as pre-emptor.

It was many weeks before Wei Hsu returned to Pender's Harbour. Mary described the man that did as looking much old than the one who left with "...eyes glazed from the smoke of the poppy."

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Wed. July 3.....BC Bike Race rolls through local trails - Earls Cove to Sechelt, 10 a.m.
 Sat. July 6.....P. H. Legion presents "Christmas in July" - P. H. Legion, 6 p.m.
 Sat. July 6.....Egmont Community Club seafood dinner fundraiser - Egmont Community Hall, 6 p.m.
 Sun. July 7.....Sunday Jam with Mark Vance w/ Cannery Row - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. July 8.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Thurs. July 11-12.....Harp Dog Brown (3 nights) - Garden Bay Pub
 Fri. July 12.....School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. July 14.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Fri. July 19.....Hwy. 101 Music Festival - P. H. Lions Park, 6 p.m.
 Sat. July 20.....Hwy. 101 Music Festival - P. H. Lions Park, 11 a.m.
 Sat. July 20.....P. H. Lions Pancake Breakfast (Hwy. 101 Music Fest) - P. H. Lions Hall, 8-11 a.m. (All welcome)
 Sun. July 21.....Hwy. 101 Music Festival - P. H. Lions Park, 11 a.m.
 Sun. July 21.....P. H. Lions Pancake Breakfast (Hwy. 101 Music Fest) - P. H. Lions Hall, 8-11 a.m. (All welcome)
 Sun. July 21.....Peter Arnstein concert - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Sun. July 21.....Sunday Jam with Larry Cook and The Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. July 22-26.....Kids Summer Day Camp - P. H. Community Church, 9 a.m. - noon.
 Mon. July 22.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Mon. July 22-24.....1066 billed as "Celtic with attitude!" (3 nights) - Garden Bay Pub
 Wed. July 24-25.....P. H. Golf Club's junior golf camp - P. H. Golf Course
 Sat. July 28.....Keats Island Mile Swim - Armours Beach, Gibsons, 10 a.m.
 Sun. July 29.....Sunday Jam with Peter B3 & Surveillance - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Tues. July 30.....Darlene Fowlie's 40th birthday
 Thurs. Aug. 1.....Harbour Spiel August issue delivery

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



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