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All Ears

The Port Hardy Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt behind the Civic Centre and at Storey's Beach April 5 much to the delight of little hunters.

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60th celebrations kick off at Spring Festival

By Kathy O'Reilly

Port Hardy kicks off its 60th birthday celebrations April 18 at the annual Spring Festival on the dry floor at the arena.

The event will feature a sensory friendly opening from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with the general public invited to attend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Spring Festival will include market vendors, delicious cuisine and tasty treats,

Bingo and give kids the opportunity to run wild in a Kids Zone packed with bouncy castles, games, plasma cars, Lego competition and more.

Admission to the event is free and sponsored by Engie and Mowi. At the event, residents are encouraged to stop by Port Hardy's 60th Birthday Booth to see everything the district has planned to celebrate this milestone.

An official Facebook page - Celebrating 60 Years of Port Hardy - has also been launched to keep the community informed about all birthday celebrations.

Belen Becker has been hired as the Event Coordinator to organize celebrations.

As part of those celebrations, the district is creating a Port Hardy Timeline Project to showcase the photos, stories, and memories that make our community special. Share photos and stories at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G22M296>

The district is also hosting a Youth Button Design Contest inviting creative minds ages 5-18 to design a commemorative button for the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Submit your designs to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQ263GC>

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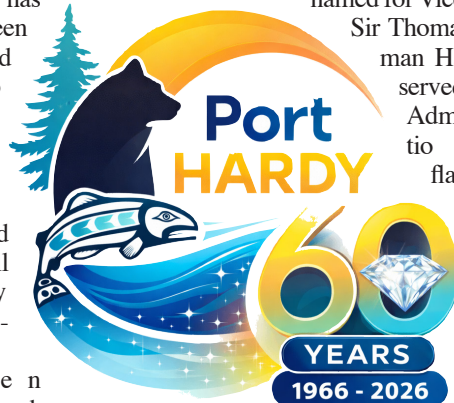
as a district municipality on May 5, 1966. Port Hardy was named for Vice-Admiral

Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy, who served aboard Admiral Horatio Nelson's flagship, the H M S Victory, in the Battle of Trafalgar. The earliest non-na-

tive settlement in the area was in the 1850s.

The current location of Port Hardy was settled at the turn of the century when Alec and Sarah Lyon operated a store and post office on the east side of Hardy Bay. A 1912 land deal promoted by the Hardy Bay Land Co., put the area on the map and increased its population.

By 1914, 12 families had settled, built a school, sawmill, church and hotel. There was limited access to the community until the logging road connecting Port Hardy to Campbell River was paved in December of 1979.



North Island Farmers & Artisans Market



2026 Market Schedule

April 11 - Port McNeill Lions Hall

Port McNeill - IGA Plaza

• May 2 • May 16 • May 30 • June 13 • June 27
• July 11 • July 25 • Aug. 8 • Aug. 22
• Sept. 5 • Sept. 19

Port Hardy - Carrot Park

• June 14 • June 28 • July 12 • July 26 • Aug. 9
• Aug. 23 • Sept. 20

Port McNeill Markets
Saturdays - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Port Hardy Markets
Sundays - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Easter Eggs

The Jack and Sue Walkus family hosted an Easter Egg Hunt April 5 at the Tsulquate Memorial Park on the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nation.

Hazardous waste day approved

By Kathy O'Reilly


The Regional District of Mount Waddington is proposing an annual Residential Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the 7 Mile Landfill at a yet to be determined date.

"I have absolutely no problem with this but based on the amount of garbage that goes into the bush, is there any appetite to have an annual residential waste collection day of anything free of charge," asked Port Hardy Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt at the Regional District of Mount Waddington monthly board meeting March 17.

"If an individual knew this was going to be a free tipping day, they could just take whatever they want" and "not just limit it to the hazardous waste collection," Corbett-Labatt said.

The federal government defines hazardous waste as waste that, due to its nature or quantity, may pose a risk to human health and the environment and therefore requires special disposal methods to eliminate or reduce the hazard. These types of waste cannot be disposed of in landfills, sanitary sewers, or storm-water systems. Examples include acids, contaminated oils, household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, poisons, and detergents.

The program will help ensure hazardous materials are handled safely and disposed of using proper treatment methods, reducing environmental risks. The two motions were approved by the board with the agreement collection days be kept separate.



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Hope Air provides help for those in financial need

By Kathy O'Reilly

"It's one thing to know this charity exists, another thing to know that we're actually boots on the ground," said Hope Air Regional Manager, Partnerships and Communication Tammy Tait at the regular meeting of Port Hardy council March 24.

Hope Air is Canada's only national charity.

"We provide travel and accommodation for Canadians in financial need. Universal Healthcare is a point of pride in Canada, unfortunately, we all know access to health care isn't always equal," Tait said. "Our vision is a world in which every Canadian has access to health care that they need, regardless of the distance, and the cost of travel."

Port Hardy is fortunate because Hope Air has a volunteer pilot who can cover this area. Pacific Coastal Airlines is located here as well.

There are two Hope Air Travel programs available – Cancer Travel Support funded fully by the BC Ministry of Health and General Travel Support funded in part by the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) with the rest of the funding coming from Hope Air donors and partners that support all other health conditions.

Hope Air's travel program includes an escort ticket when medically required.

Hope Air currently services 230 communities in British Columbia.

In BC in 2025, Hope Air made 22,095 travel arrangements, including 9,334 flights, resulting in a 42 per cent reduction in missed appointments.

"I think it's a fantastic program and I totally support it," said Councillor John Tidbury.

In 2024, Hope Air did 380 travel arrangements and in



Hope Air's Tammy Tait spoke about the charity's work at the regular meeting of Port Hardy council March 24.

2025, 53 in Port Hardy.

"One of the things I had looked at was that perhaps taking the accommodation piece out was quite a detriment to people travelling,

because if you have to go to Vancouver, it doesn't matter that we pay for (the) \$1,000 flight because the hotel room is \$500," said Tait of the discrepancy in numbers.

"We're working on that and we're hoping that with the advocacy we will see it come back. Other than that, I don't know why" the numbers have dropped so significantly.

"I have talked to people in the community that have used Hope Air to get to Vancouver for treatment, and they have said it's been their lifesaver," said Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt.

To raise awareness about the service, Tait left behind brochures at the district office and with Tidbury, who is a member of the Port Hardy Lions Club, and also put some posters up at the Port Hardy Airport.

For more information about booking visit homeair.ca.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

A Welcome Treat

Northern Bliss owner Savannah Hobson and staff were busy offering free hand massages at the Community Connection Fair for seniors and elders held April 1 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

North Island Seedy Saturday

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Three Red-breasted Mergansers prepare to land.



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Young chefs rise in Spring break workshop

This past spring break, the kitchen at Nimpkish Restaurant was filled with more than just the aroma of fresh dough and simmering fillings — it was filled with laughter, curiosity, and the energy of young hands learning something meaningful.

Chef Pemba Bhatia opened her kitchen doors to a group of local children for a hands-on cooking workshop designed to teach both skill and understanding. Over the course of the day, the young participants rolled, folded, and shaped their way

through a menu that reflected both culture and creativity.

The children learned how to pleat traditional Himalayan momos, carefully fold spring rolls, and make pizza from scratch. But beyond the hands-on work, they were also introduced to the science behind cooking — learning how yeast works, how dough rises, and how simple ingredients transform through heat and time.

Inside the working kitchen, flour-covered tables became classrooms. Small hands pressed dough into shape,

while others carefully filled and rolled spring rolls with focused determination.

At the stove, steaming pots introduced them to the magic of cooking — turning basic ingredients into something they could proudly serve.

After hours of preparation, the young chefs sat down together in the dining room overlooking the ocean — sharing a meal they had created themselves. For many, it was their first time experiencing food from start to finish. “This is more than just cooking,” said Chef Pemba. “It’s about confidence, community, and showing these kids that they can create something with their own hands.”

The workshop also carried a deeper purpose. With the support of the community, the event raised \$635 that was donated to the Whe-La-La-U youth program, chosen by the participants themselves, giving the young chefs a meaningful way to give back.

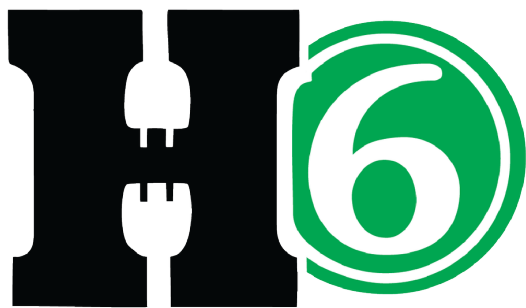
Each child left with more than just a full stomach. They earned a certificate recognizing their efforts, but more importantly, they carried home new skills, new confidence, and a deeper understanding of food.

In a small coastal community like Alert Bay, moments like this matter because sometimes, the most important thing you can teach a child is not just how to cook — but how to understand, create, and believe they can.



Photos — Pemba Bhatia

Nimpkish Restaurant Chef Pemba Bhatia, bottom left with Zadam Bayle, opened her kitchen doors to a group of local children for a hands-on cooking workshop over Spring break. Participants learned skills and were presented with a certificate of achievement.



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Gypsy Jazz music makes way to Port Hardy

Christine and group have toured the world for 20 years now. Pioneers and precursors of the Gypsy wave that swept across Québec, this quartet continues to reinvent this Gypsy Jazz music while adding new ideas and influences with originality and flair. From standards to original compositions, their musical arrangements innovate,

refresh and show unbridled creativity from four talented musicians. Christine Tassan et les Imposteures have managed to win the esteem and loyalty of an ever-growing audience. True pioneers in a field usually reserved for men and forerunners of the Gypsy Jazz wave that swept over Quebec, these four musicians reinvent, with their character-

istic singularity, a music that, far from being frozen in time, adapts instead to all sorts of new ideas. From covers to original compositions, Les Imposteures' arrangements innovate, refresh, and give free rein to the unbridled creativity of four seasoned musicians.

The group's reputation precedes them, with seven albums to their credit and over 700 performances in concert halls and festivals, including numerous tours in Québec, Canada, Europe, the United States, and China. Christine Tassan et les Imposteures have performed at the Montreal International Jazz Festival, the Django Reinhardt Festival in Samois-sur-Seine (France), the Django Festival in Liberchies (Belgium), and the North-West Django Fest (USA). Their album "Entre Félix et Django" received the Opus Award for Jazz Album of the Year in 2017 and was nominated for Show of the Year in 2018. Since 2020, the group has presented a special holiday show called "Django Belles," which has become an annual tradition.

The musicians are:

Christine Tassan - Solo Guitarist - Singer, composer, arranger. Musical director and unifying force of the group.

At the helm of Les Imposteures since their inception, and after more than 20 years



Photo — Submitted

The North Island Concert Society presents Gypsy Jazz with Christine Tassan TASSAN et les Imposteures on Sunday, April 19 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

of a successful career as a guitarist, Tassan is now a leading figure in Gypsy jazz. A proud ambassador of the genre, she is also one of its few female soloists. An excellent composer, a refined melodist, an exceptional improviser, and

a sensitive singer, she navigates her career with finesse, brilliance, confidence, and an absolutely contagious dynamism.

Martine Gaumond – Violinist, singer, arranger. A remarkable violinist, Gaumond is a

virtuoso musician who captivates both violin and audience with equal intensity. An excellent improviser, she wields the bow with disarming ease, paving the way for the most beautiful lyrical flights.

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Black-bellied Plovers make 16,000km annual journey

As winter's steel-blue sky loosens and sunlight begins to warm, avian life emerges along the shores of Vancouver Island's Hardy Bay. In a gentle and magical transformation, coastal ecosystems awaken in a riot of shorebird activity. As Salmon and Thimbleberries blossom and spawning herring flood shoals and bays, large flocks of opportunistic gulls, diving, and migratory birds gather. The chatter of migrating flocks' serenades shorelines as the small nimble fliers forage on a tidal flat of renewed emerald and brown seaweed. Secreted amongst barnacle encrusted rock and gravel are visitors from distant lands, some from other continents... April is a time of celebration and revitalization for thousands upon thousands of migrating birds traveling the Pacific Flyway on their way to Arctic nesting grounds. One of our favourite transient visitors is the handsome Black-bellied Plover, the largest of the plover species. Shorebirds form one of the most fascinating and spectacular groups of birds in the Pacific Northwest, comprised of a diverse species including: plovers, Oyster-catchers, Avocets, Stilts, Turnstones, Sandpipers, Yellow-legs, Snipes, Godwits, Curlews, and others. Yet these small seashore visitors, especially the sandpipers, appear confusingly similar; while at the same time have wonderful variations on design: short or long legs, long



or stubby bills, multi-coloured wings, and a variety of streamlined body features. Features offering clues to the Darwin lifestyle for which these birds have evolved over millennia... long legs for wading in water, mudflats, or marshes, long bills for searching for tiny animal and insect prey by probing into Arctic tundra or short bills to probe a variety of marine and lake substrate. Wing structure and streamlined bodies facilitate energy efficient flights over thousands of kilometres in distance. Nature is a marvel of adaptation.

This time of year always brings excitement to Chris and I... we look forward to the sight of migrating flocks in Vancouver Island's coastal estuaries. They arrive in perfectly synchronized groups ranging from just a few dozen to several hundred birds in a chorus of squeaks, trills, and whistles as they select a spot to land and feed.

Estuary stopovers are crucial for migrating birds traveling

the Pacific Flyway, especially stopovers harbouring safe foraging of nutrient-rich inter-tidal biofilms. North Island's pure biomass is rich in fatty acids, a "super food" that helps the birds quickly restore energy reserves to continue their journey to northern nesting grounds. One of the first and most striking arrivals is the Black-bellied Plover, also known as a Grey Plover. Males are dressed in elegant breeding plumage resembling a tuxedo. Outside of the breeding season both males and females look quite plain, displaying gray-brown feathers on the wings and back with white bellies, making sexes nearly indistinguishable.

Springtime beaches are lively and social, with friendly shorebird interactions, chatting with each other in stark contrast to behaviour in the Arctic Tundra nesting locations. Breeding ground behaviour is more-over in solitary pairs, when plovers become highly territorial. We are indeed fortunate on the North Coast to witness great



Photo — Christine Patterson

A male Black-bellied Plover in breeding plumage.

groups of like birds mixed together as happy feathered friends sharing choice feeding spots. On Arctic arrival, flocks of Black-bellied Plovers become independent choosing well-separated individual nesting territories they will defend. Unlike colony nesters such as certain Sandpiper and Sanderlings, Black-bellied Plovers maintain only one or two nesting pairs per square kilometre. Interesting eh! Males are especially vigilant, guarding rearing sites from other plovers and shorebirds. This solitary behaviour during breeding is in stark contrast to large social groups foraging together during migration as we see along the coast, highlighting the remarkable instinctual biorhythms of these elegantly dressed travellers!

I first became acquainted with Black-bellied Plover as a young fella hiking Arctic tundra and was thrilled to renew my acquaintance in Port Hardy. Weighing in at about 160 to 270 grams it is larger than most other plovers, at 27 to 30 centimetres in length, with a wingspan reaching up to 60 plus centimetres.

Standing alert and regally on coastal emerald seaweed, or on

a lichen covered tundra boulder this bird commands attention!

In spring, males don a unique unmistakable breeding plumage: a contrast of jet-black belly, face, and chest, framed by a white crown and nape. The upper parts are intricately speckled with silver and black, shimmer in shards of sunshine across the seashore.

In non-breeding seasons, both males' and females' attire softens to mottled greys and whites, hence the alternative name Grey Plover. Here in Hardy Bay male Black-bellied Plover's contrasting colours are a remarkable sight for any observer. The 16,000 km annual journey of the Black-bellied Plover is truly one of the world's great migrations. Though not as long as the ultra-marathoners, such as the Arctic Tern, Shearwater, or Bar-tailed Godwit, it is still an amazing feat of endurance. It ranks among the top avian long-distance athletes due to its nearly worldwide distribution and ability to perform massive non-stop flights!

Some Black-bellied Plovers traverse nearly 4,000 kilometres in a single, ceaseless flight, crossing open Pacific waters and mountainous terrain, push-

ing onwards with the certainty of the Fraser River's salmon runs or the predictable April rainforest rains.

After a short refuelling stop in Hardy Bay, plovers will again take flight driven to reproduce in remote reaches across wind-swept open tundra landscapes where standing water above permafrost is filled with nutrient rich insect biomass. In a landscape of pastel greens, greys, and blues, plovers are well camouflaged from predators when nested in shallow scrapes among moss and lichen.

They will raise two or three young in a world seemingly barren but in reality, is steeped in bountiful micro foods necessary to build body energy stores for the fall journey to wintering grounds. The tundra biomass provides hatchlings with a terrific start on life that can stretch fifteen to twenty years.

The chicks, precocial and camouflaged amid the low tundra vegetation, grow quickly in the twenty-four hours of sunshine. Remarkably, plover chicks are able to forage for food by themselves within twelve hours of hatching! Amazing eh!

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Gypsy Jazz performance

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She also skillfully utilizes her talents as a chorister and arranger, weaving subtle vocal harmonies that are the essence of the ensemble. Jeff Moseley – Guitarist, singer, arranger. A solid rhythm and lead guitarist, Jeff is a jazz specialist. He accompanies several Montreal ensembles, bringing his personal touch to the compositions and arrangements. He infuses the group with energy, passion, and diverse musical influences, including Bulgarian folk music and swing.

David Meunier-Roy - Double bassist, singer, arranger A seasoned musician, David excels

on the double bass. A graduate of Cégep de Sherbrooke and the University of Montreal in Jazz, he blends jazz, rock, pop, folk, and funk. He has performed in Québec, Ontario, and around the world on cruise ships. He effortlessly provides the rhythmic foundation for the group while also contributing some inspired solos, fueled by his passion and energy.

The performance is at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre. Tickets are available at Café Guido, Essentials Refillery, and from Gail Neely in Port Alice. For further information please phone 250-956-0452.

Plovers a barometer of coastal well-being

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Both parents guide the chicks to food sources and protect them from predators for the first few weeks, though the female usually leaves the site after about two weeks, leaving the male to finish raising them until they fledge at roughly 35–45 days. All the while preparing for the arduous southern flight as the Arctic summer wanes.

If the Black-bellied Plover inspires awe with its plumage, its migration is nothing short of a marvel. Each spring and autumn, these birds have been known to traverse immense distances up to 16,000 kilometres annually, linking the high Arctic with temperate and tropical coasts of the Americas, Africa, and Australia!

Black-bellied Plovers travel at an average speed of 60 to 70 km/h, often flying through the night guided by stars and the earth's magnetic field. It is not uncommon for a single journey segment to take upwards of 48 hours of continuous flight highlighting the bird's remarkable tenacity and endurance!

Their ability to sustain long flights is a product of evolutionary adaptation of strong, broad wings, efficient energy storage, and meticulous instinctual preparation. Before embarking on migration, plovers spend days intensively feeding to augment fat reserves essential to marathon flying efforts.

The tidal flats of Hardy Bay, with their exposed mud, barnacled rocks, and an ever-changing mat of green and brown seaweeds, are a veritable buffet

for many visiting shore birds. The bay offers a diet that is varied and opportunistic, reflecting both the abundance of the season and energy needs for flight endurance. Here, plovers can be spotted probing the mud or sand with sturdy black bills, vigorously searching for marine worms, small crustaceans, insects, and mollusks. Their sharp vision allows them to spot tiny movement amongst the rocks and gravel, seizing upon small crabs and crustaceans darting across the wet surface.

Before migrating, these plovers enter a state called "hyperphagia," where they consume large amounts of food to build up fat reserves. They will gain as much as one-third to one-half of their body weight in fat, as their primary high-density fuel for the journey.

For birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts, Hardy Bay is a site of camera pilgrimage, and the appearance of the Black-bellied Plover is a highlight for many photographers. To observe a plover is to engage all the senses: the salt air, the crunch of boots on wet sand and clam shells, the raucous cries of gulls, and the quieter more musical notes of the plovers themselves. There is a meditative quality to the practice; waiting quietly as the tide recedes, scanning the expanse for a flicker of movement, hoping for an electrifying appearance of a plover's black belly shining against damp seaweed. The pleasure is not merely in the visual spectacle of wild beauty; it is a connection to a broader ecological web. Each

sighting is a link to distant Arctic tundras, to cycles of life, and migration patterns spanning continents! Observing the Black-bellied Plover is to see nature's inter-connectivity and beauty.

Black Bellied Plovers only grace Hardy Bay's waterfront briefly, but a sighting can have lasting impact in those fortunate to see one. Residents who live alongside among the tidal flats and rocky headlands of northern Vancouver Island, the Black-bellied Plover is more than a seasonal visitor. In the glory of sunrise or the golden light of late afternoon, the sight of a plover foraging amongst seaweed or flashing its monochrome wings is a promise of hope, continuity, and wonder throughout the British Columbia's coastal habitat.

The plover species stands as a sturdy barometer of British Columbia's wild coastal well-being! The bird's health is as delicate as the Pacific seashore itself. As the bay transitions from the damp winter silence to the vibrant awakenings of spring the Black-bellied Plover's arrival is a living parallel to the land's own seasonal rebirth, and part of Mother Nature's cyclical change. The Black-bellied Plover's epic migratory drive mirrors the calling drama of barren lands Caribou, Grey Whales, Monarch Butterflies, and even Chinook Salmon who are renowned for migratory record-breaking distances of up to 4,800 km total to reach their spawning grounds. After stopping in Hardy Bay's living tidal spawn and seaweeds, the plover will heed



Photo — Christine Patterson

A female Black-bellied Plover in Hardy Bay.

a primeval call northward to a midnight sun with the same vigour as Salmon racing up warming coastal rivers in the fall. Their presence among the shifting sands, clamshells, and seaweeds of Hardy Bay as short and brilliant as plum tree blossoms.

Safeguarding the Black-bellied Plover and other intercontinental migrants along North Vancouver Island's tidal flats is paramount. Their survival hinges on a delicate web of timing and resource management directed towards pollution control and ecological conservation along the migratory routes. Maintenance of a nutrient rich biofilm in the lush estuaries and mudflats of Har-

dy Bay is essential to avian visitor health having far reaching consequences. Yet, our local wetlands, estuaries, and wild coastlines, are under constant environmental and political pressures. Development, industrial and domestic pollution, oil spills, recreational use, careless pet owners, all threaten spaces that not only nurture wildlife but also support local communities, fishing, and cultural traditions. Wetlands are among the most bountiful yet most fragile of ecosystems on the planet. They are observatories vital for people of all cultures and plovers alike and must be protected. The health of the shorebird flocks weaving through North Vancouver

Island coastal fiords is a living barometer of global environmental well-being.

To observe and protect these wonderful birds is not simply an act of appreciation, but a necessity for humanity itself. Avian health is a window that offers immediate insight into the state of our natural world. And, as the Black-bellied Plover's epic journeys remind us, the stewardship of estuaries is a practice linking coastal communities, distant tundras, and southern continents together in a common purpose; ultimately tending to the vibrancy of our small visitors is tending to our own wellbeing.

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Tri-Port Minor Baseball hosted the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Caravan April 4 at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

Coaches Caravan makes stop in Hardy

By Kathy O'Reilly

Tri-Port Minor Baseball hosted the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Caravan April 4.

The Caravan is geared towards local association coaches, parents and players, working together with the Caravan coaches. The Caravan coaches provide the adults with simple drills

and games they can use in practice and at home with the players, emphasizing the importance of positivity, fun and dialogue around the game. BC Minor Baseball sent three of their coaches, all with extensive playing/coaching experience. "We had about 20 athletes in the first group (5U - 9U age groups), along with many

parents, some of whom have volunteered to coach this season," said Tri-Port Minor Baseball's Trish Fossum.

"The second group consisted of about 15 athletes (11U - 15U age groups), again with some parents and coaches participating with them," Fossum said.

The Caravan coaches went through the basics of throwing, hitting and fielding with the players and parents, providing them with key teaching points and simple drills.

"Many parents expressed their gratitude for this unique event, as it gave them valuable knowledge to be able to play with and offer some instruction to their children."

Tri-Port Minor Baseball is fortunate to have had this opportunity.

"This was one of 27 stops in the province and the Caravan coaches had a long day of travel to get here," Fossum said.

"Also, a huge thank you to all the players, parents and coaches who participated, as well as the Port Hardy Lion's Club for donating the space for the event."



Photo — Trish Fossum

North Island Reflections



A juvenile Bald Eagle coming in for a landing. Photo by Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography. If you have a photo you would like to share with our readers please email publisher@northislandeagle.com.

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McLary antique wood and coal stove for sale \$1,200. Good condition.
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The Seniors Advocate is presenting at Hardy Bay Seniors on April 17th at 1:00. No fee but register at hardybayseniors@gmail.com

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Arrow canopy, from a Ford Ranger, fire red, 6 foot long, 2 feet high and four and a half feet wide. Excellent condition, no scratches. Asking \$600.
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FEATURE PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Lot 10 Ingersoll, Quatsino \$350,000 MLS® # 1030996



Lot 10 Ingersoll on Quatsino Sound. 2.59 acres with approx 200ft of low bank easy ocean-front access. The 3 year old furnished cabin offers 840sqft of living space with 3 bedrooms and woodstove. Kitchen and bathroom are ready for new owner to install. The cabin is wired and ready for a power system. There is an easement to a shared well on Lot 12 or alternate water collection could be investigated from creek on the property. Access to the property is from Coal Harbour or Port Alice by boat or by limited Forest Service Road from Port Alice.



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