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Lifeless otter given CPR by citizen

by Sgt. David Ribeiro,
Detachment Commander,
Alert Bay RCMP

Three juvenile otters were rescued from gill netting at the 'Namgis Dock in Alert Bay on July 28, 2026, after local residents heard animals in distress and took immediate action.

A large fishing net had been left on the dock, an area frequently travelled by otters. Barbara Mindel and her husband, Vaughn, investigated the sounds and found three juvenile otters trapped in sections of gill netting. They carefully freed two pups, which returned to the water and reunited with their mother nearby.

The third pup was in critical condition after the net became tightly wrapped around its neck, severely restricting its breathing. Barbara called her uncle, Gordie Mellish, who helped Vaughn cut the net away. When the otter was found unresponsive, Gordie performed CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and restored its breathing.

Const. Gachter and Public Service Employee Ann Jack-



Photo — Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography

An otter pup is alive after a concerned citizen performed CPR and mouth to mouth resuscitation to restore its breathing after it was caught in a gillnet in Alert Bay. Its two siblings were rescued and returned to their mother.

son attended the scene and contacted local wildlife rescue volunteer Robin Quirk

for support. Quirk consulted by telephone with the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Soci-

ety (MARS) in Merville and coordinated transport of the injured otter to the wildlife

rehabilitation facility for further care.

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Hardy gets \$1.1 million earmarked for water treatment

The District of Port Hardy is receiving \$1,110,480 (100 per cent funded) through the Community stream of the Build Communities Strong

Fund (BCSF) to improve local community infrastructure. This funding was administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities

(UBCM)'s Strategic Priorities Fund. The District of Port Hardy is investing this funding in the Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Resiliency

and Deficiency Project. The project will replace the existing watermain and install a new redundant supply line between the treatment plant and the reservoirs, helping ensure a reliable and continuous supply of treated water while strengthening the overall resilience of the community's water system. On July 30, 2026, the federal and provincial governments, along

with the Union of BC Municipalities, announced a federal investment of more than \$152 million to support 55 community infrastructure and capacity-building projects. The District of Port Hardy is one of the 55 recently announced projects. The Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) Community stream is a transfer-based program that pro-

vides \$2.5 billion per year in funding to communities across Canada. The Province of British Columbia receives over \$310 million annually from this stream, which is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities and distributed to local governments through the Community Works Fund, Strategic Priorities Fund, and Metro Vancouver Regional Fund.

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Brain Teaser

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The Whale Interpretive Centre officially re-opened Aug. 1. 'Orcas: Our Shared Future', a traveling exhibit on loan from the Royal BC Museum, is on site until the end of September. The WIC is still undergoing improvements, however staff is on hand to greet visitors and share information about marine mammals in the area.



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Otter revived with CPR, mouth to mouth

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"When I arrived at the marina, I met Gordie Mellish rushing towards me holding his hand. One of the otter pups had bitten him as he was rescuing it, and he was heading to the hospital," said Quirk.

"Those pups would have drowned if not for Barbara and her husband Vaughn hearing their screams," Quirk said.

After MARS authorized the rescue, Jackson brought a box for the pup. Ruby Peterson and her daughter, Autumn, lifted boards that had been placed over the animal and helped blanket it. Barbara then lifted the pup and gently placed it in the box.

Quirk said she and Diana Bichel attempted to administer subcutaneous fluids, but the otter would not stay still.

They placed the pup in a crate with water, which it drank quickly before settling onto a small cat bed inside the crate and falling asleep.

Quirk drove the otter as far as Sayward, where volunteer Chris Hanson, who had travelled from Comox, continued the transport to MARS Wildlife Hospital. Quirk said the pup is now doing well.

"It was put on antibiotics for several days. The most recent report is that it is feistier and ready to come home within a few days," said Quirk.

The Alert Bay RCMP recognizes the quick thinking and compassionate actions of the local residents whose efforts helped save the young otter's life. Their response shows the positive impact community members can have when they take action to protect local wildlife.

"The incident is also a reminder for residents and visitors to store fishing nets, ropes, and other gear responsibly. Cormorant Island is home to a wide variety of wildlife, and improperly stored equipment can pose serious risks to animals that share the community and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe. This incident serves as an important reminder to properly secure and store fishing gear to prevent unnecessary harm to animals," the Alert Bay RCMP said.



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A juvenile otter was in critical condition after a fishing net left on the dock became tightly wrapped around its neck, severely restricting its breathing.

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Raven babies play with a cone.



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Island Health to receive \$1.3 million to help seniors Thrive in Community

Island Health will receive \$1.3 million over three years to help seniors and elders on North Vancouver Island stay safely in their homes and communities. The funding, awarded by Health Research BC, will support Thriving in Community, a project focused on reducing social isolation, improving care coordination and addressing everyday practical needs that can otherwise lead to health crises and hospital visits.

The project will support seniors and Elders across North Vancouver Island and North Vancouver Island Nations, through partnerships with Indigenous communities, local organizations and health-care providers.

“Our Elders carry the knowledge, history, and strength of our communities. Supporting them to remain connected to home, family, and culture is deeply important,” said Rosie Dugas, health director from the Gwa’sala-Nakwaxda’xw Nations. “This project reflects a shared commitment to working together in ways that are respectful, community-centered, and responsive to the needs of seniors and elders across the North Island.”

Ian Wood, Island Health director of clinical services for North Vancouver Island and primary applicant for the project, said the initiative fills an important gap in care.

“Seniors and elders in our rural communities often face barriers that can turn small issues into health emergencies,” said Wood. “This project will help us reach people earlier, coordinate their care more effectively and provide the supports they need to remain in the homes and communities where they want to be.”

“Across Canada, about 25 per cent of people aged 65 and older are considered clinically frail. This means their health and strength are declining, making daily activities more difficult. Frailty increases the risk of falls, hospitalization, social isolation, loneliness and depression. These challenges can be even greater for seniors living in rural and remote communities, where access to health-care services, transportation, and social supports may be limited,” said Max Jajszczok, Island Health executive director and also a primary researcher on this project.

The Thriving in Community project connects seniors and elders with three layers of support.

An enhanced friendly visiting program will match trained visitors with seniors and elders to build relationships, reduce isolation, and help identify unmet needs early. An integrated care team will bring together community partners to coordinate care and services for seniors with complex needs. This team is being developed in partnership with the Gwa’sala-Nakwaxda’xw

Nations, North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre and Island Health, with a strong focus on culturally responsive care for First Nations elders. The team will also provide education about local health services and help seniors navigate the health services.

The project will also offer flexible funding through philanthropic partners to address practical needs - such as transportation or home supports - before they become barriers to staying healthy at home. This approach aims to prevent health complications and reduce avoidable hospital visits and readmissions.

“We know that coordinated, community-based care can prevent hospitalization and help seniors live well at home,” said Dr. Amy Salmon, evaluation co-lead and clinical associate professor at the University of British Columbia’s School of Population and Public Health. “Our evaluation will measure how effective this approach is in a rural and remote setting, and what we learn can inform seniors’ care across the province.”

Dr. Salmon is also the inaugural Conconi Family Foundation Distinguished Scholar in Seniors Care at UBC, a role co-funded by three foundations that support Island Health.

“Through our partnership with the Thriving in Community project, the North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre is able to provide better support to seniors to remain connected and confident in their own homes and in their own communities. Working alongside our other seniors’ programs, this unique project is about more than just providing additional services - it is about empowering seniors to thrive with dignity, belonging and will enhance their ability to live well in the communities they call home,” said Nicki Ranger, executive director of the North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre. In addition to the Health Research BC funding, the Conconi Family Foundation and an anonymous donor have pledged \$500,000 to support friendly visitor positions throughout the project.

“We believe in supporting seniors to age well in their communities,” said Sanja Simic, executive director of the Conconi Family Foundation. “This project reflects our commitment to improving the quality of life for older adults on Vancouver Island. We’re thrilled to support this innovative approach that is informed by lived experience of seniors and elders as well as the best evidence from research and practice.”

Thriving in Community is one of five projects funded province-wide through Health Research BC’s investment in seniors’ health research, representing a total provincial investment of \$6.3 million.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Street Market Shoppers

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of shoppers at the District of Port Hardy Evening Street Market July 31 on a cordoned off block of Market Street. The next is Aug. 14

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Free programs help adults build skills, confidence

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Literacy isn't just about reading books. It's about gaining the skills and confidence to make everyday life easier.

This summer, the Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society (MWFLS) is inviting adults (18+) to join a variety of free programs designed to help people learn, connect, and have fun.

"Learning should feel welcoming, not intimidating,"

said Adult Literacy Coordinator Jeanne James-Hory. "Whether you're figuring out your phone, writing your first story, learning to cook, or working toward a personal goal, we'll help you get there."

MWFLS offers free programs for adults who want to build practical life skills, connect with others, or receive one-to-one learning support.

"Many people are sur-

prised to learn that literacy isn't just about reading", Jeanne said. "It also includes everyday skills like using technology, managing money, preparing healthy meals, filling out forms, improving your writing, or getting ready for employment or further education. Our goal is to make learning practical, welcoming, and useful for everyday life."

Literacy Lounge

Looking for a friendly place to ask questions, learn something new, or simply enjoy good company?

Literacy Lounge is a welcoming drop-in program where adults can enjoy refreshments, conversation, a simple hands-on activity, and one-to-one support. Whether you need help with your phone, understanding paperwork, setting goals, or learning a new skill, everyone is welcome. Guest pre-

senters regularly share their expertise on topics such as technology, writing, wellness, and more.

• Port McNeill: 1st & 3rd Monday each month, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at A-Frame Bookstore

• Port Hardy: 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Port Hardy Civic Centre

Story Circle: An Introduction to Creative Writing

Everyone has stories worth telling.

Join guest instructor Garth Holden for a six-week introduction to storytelling and fiction writing. Together, participants will explore the basics of building engaging stories through fun discussions, writing activities, and examples from books, movies, comics, and everyday storytelling.

No previous writing experience is needed - just curiosity and a love of stories.

• Port Hardy: Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (August 12-September 16) at Port Hardy Civic Centre

Visit Us at the Farmers' Market: Community Meal Kits Coming Soon

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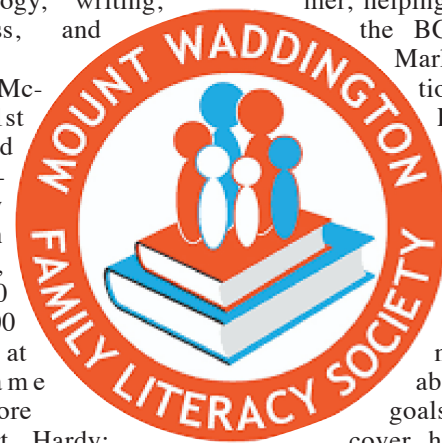
at the Port Hardy Farmers' Market throughout the summer, helping to deliver the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

Stop by to say hello, learn about free adult learning opportunities, chat about your goals, and discover how a volunteer learning coach can help you build the skills you're after.

Later this summer, MWFLS hopes to launch free take-home Meal Kits for adult beginner cooks, readers, and low-income adults. Each kit will feature healthy recipes and fresh local ingredients whenever possible. Participants will be able to cook at home or join an online cook-along with a guest instructor. Watch for details on Facebook and at the Port Hardy Farmers' Market.

Interested in volunteering? MWFLS is always looking for people who would like to share a skill, mentor an adult learner, or help with workshops.

For more information: Visit MWFLS on Facebook or the website: www.mwfamilyliteracy.org Email Jeanne at: adult.literacy@mwfamilyliteracy.org



Community garden produce used for hot lunch program, seniors

By Kathy O'Reilly

The A-Frame Anglican United Church in Port McNeill celebrated a community garden that helps feed local seniors and supports the church's weekly hot lunch program.

The Community Garden Party, held Aug. 1 in appreciation of local support for the garden, moved inside due to rain.

"Lady Faer Designs has been managing the A-Frame Community Garden for several years now," said Faerlyn Marzoff.

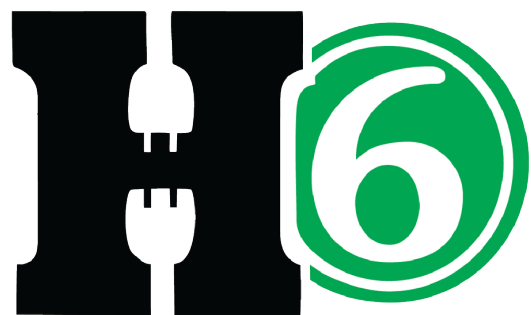
"My staff, volunteers and I run the garden, and food is distributed regularly to different demographics, mostly seniors in the community," Marzoff said.

Harvests are also used to support the Church's weekly hot lunch program.



Lady Faer Designs and volunteers manage the A-Frame Church Community Garden in Port McNeill.

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McNeill supports regional Active Communities grant bid

By Kathy O'Reilly
The Town of Port McNeill is looking to support water safety and professional development in the community through a partnership with the Strathcona Regional District on a regional application to the 2026 Active Communities grant.
Supported by the Province of British Columbia, the Active Communities Grant Program provides grants of up to \$20,000 to Indigenous and local governments to create or expand physical activity opportunities.
The grant is administered by the BC Health Living Alliance and the deadline to submit an application is Sept. 18, 2026.
The Town previously partnered with the Strathcona Regional District on this program in 2025 to support similar lifesaving and professional development opportunities.
If the grant application is successful, the Town would receive \$4,755 to support offering subsidized Bronze Cross, National Lifeguard Pool Option and Aquafit Instructor certifications in the community. It is believed that a regional application involving multiple communities will increase the chances of the grant application being viewed favourably.
The grant is 100 per cent fully funded.
The town is looking for \$4,755 to pay for National Lifeguard Pool certification course, Bronze Cross certification course, Fitness Theory certification course, Aquafit Instructor certification course, and Alert manual (National Lifeguard Pool).
Council agreed to support the partnership at their regular meeting July 28.

North Island Farmers & Artisans Market



2026 Market Schedule

Port McNeill - IGA Plaza

- Aug. 8 • Aug. 22
- Sept. 5 • Sept. 19

Port Hardy - Carrot Park

- Aug. 9
- Aug. 23 • Sept. 20

Port McNeill Markets
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Port Hardy Markets
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DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

**Are you eligible to vote in the 2026 Local General Elections?
Is your name on the current list of electors?
The close of advance registration for the 2026 Local Election is Tuesday, August 25, 2026.**

If you are not sure you can find out by calling 250-949-6665 or visiting the Municipal Hall at 7360 Columbia St. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).
Advance elector registrations will be accepted at the District of Port Hardy office until August 25th, 2026. Elector registrations will not be accepted during the period August 26 to October 16, 2026, but will be accepted on voting days.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the District of Port Hardy or Trustee Electoral Area 1 which includes: the District of Port Hardy, Regional District Area B, the northerly part of Regional District Area C including the Reserves of the Kwakiutl and Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nations; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
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LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning September 1st, 2026, until the close of general voting for the election on October 17th, 2026, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection, at the District of Port Hardy municipal office at 7360 Columbia Street, Port Hardy, during regular office hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list, make copies, or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the Local Government Act.

REQUEST TO OMIT OR OBSCURE

An elector may request that their address or other personal information about them be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors. The elector must contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Election Officer to make this request.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 pm on Friday, September 11th, 2026. An objection must be in writing and an objection may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the District of Port Hardy and only on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or is not qualified to register as an elector of the District of Port Hardy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, the following persons may be contacted:

Heather Nelson-Smith, Chief Election Officer
Louisa Bates, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Contact information:
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Paddlers converge for Alert Bay 360

The Alert Bay 360 Eco Paddle drew 87 vessels to Cormorant Island over the BC Day long weekend, bringing together paddlers of all ages for a lively community race and celebration. Before the race began, a Humpback Whale passed the dock, while Chief Ernest Alfred drummed and sang and supporters gathered with instruments to cheer on the paddlers as they circled the island.

This year's field included surf skis, outrigger canoes, sea kayaks, rowboats, and paddle boards, with standout paddler Daniel Hund completing two laps of Cormorant Island in 2:16:28, including a 15-minute break between circuits.

The race's community spirit was reflected in its wide age range, from a youngest paddler under 10 to an oldest paddler over 80, as well as four dogs paddling alongside their humans. Organizers thanked the volunteers, sponsors, paddlers, and supporters who helped make the BC Day weekend event a strong showcase of local participation and island hospitality.

Men's: 1) Hugh Fisher — 56:26; 2) Kelvin Hymenn — 1:08:38; 3) Desmond McCall — 1:00:30.
Women's: 1) Tamlyn Bohm — 59:43; 2) Eva Burgulmb — 1:01:42; 3) Cara Weirmier — 1:16:59.
Double: 1) Cheryl Skribe — 58:53.



Photos — Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography

The Alert Bay 360 Eco Paddle Aug. 31 attracted 87 vessels with a few including their dogs in the event. Below, left, Daniel Hund completed two laps of Cormorant Island.



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Rap artist now calls the North Island home



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

WarmOGR-Scintilla brought his growing rap career to the stage at Port Hardy's 2026 Filomi Days.

By Kathy O'Reilly

After drawing a national online audience with his Canadian remixes and original music, OGR-Scintilla brought his growing rap career to the stage at Port Hardy's 2026 Filomi Days.

Now living on the North Island, the Alberta-born performer is building a career that blends prairie humour, small-town storytelling and a fast-growing digital following.

His repertoire includes Canadian remixes of popular songs, original music, music videos and playful concepts built around everyday Canadian life.

OGR-Scintilla, whose first name is Shane, is originally from Youngstown, Alberta, where he grew up on a cattle ranch and later attended university in Camrose.

Shane and his wife were married in October 2025

and visited Vancouver Island for their honeymoon.

"Victoria was okay, but we decided to explore, and the further north we drove, the better things felt. When we got to Port Hardy, we loved the nature and small-town community so much we started thinking about moving.

"A few months later, we've fully pulled the trigger," he said.

Shane began posting parody songs to TikTok in 2019, testing different ideas to see what would connect with listeners.

"I had zero audience and just wanted to find out what kind of music I could create to resonate with people. My very first Canadian remix went viral, and I just kept rolling with it ever since," he said.

"The inspiration for the remix was simply from using the things I had around me to make an entertaining piece of art. We had just got over a foot of snow, and I thought it would be funny to go out in the snow and make a song about it," he recalled.

"Whenever an aspiring musician or creator asks me for advice, I always encourage them to do the same.

"Don't spend a bunch of time and money getting what you think you need, look at what you have and find a creative way to make something out of it!"

Shane has been writing songs since he was about 12 and has done it nearly every day since then.

"At this point, I just think in songs, and whatever topic I choose to write about, I can just start thinking about it and the words flow instantly.

"It's a skill developed from consistency. Just keep writing, rhyming and singing about everything until it's ingrained into how you communicate."

He performs wherever he can.

"I've done shows all around Alberta, and now I'm looking to do more on the Island or wherever else they'll have me."

Over the years, Shane's audience has continued to grow across TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, reaching about 1.4 million followers.

Streams from hundreds of thousands of fans have allowed Shane to focus on music full time.

What he likes most about living on the North Island is the nature, community and climate.

"My wife and I are both very outdoors oriented, so there is no end of things to do and interesting people to meet. I also grew up rural, so I much prefer it to the cities."

Outside music, Shane spends most of his time with his wife and pets.

"We have cats and a dog. I love swimming, volleyball, reading and watching other artists' content for inspiration," he said.

"Live music is always a huge thing for me and just listening to music in general.

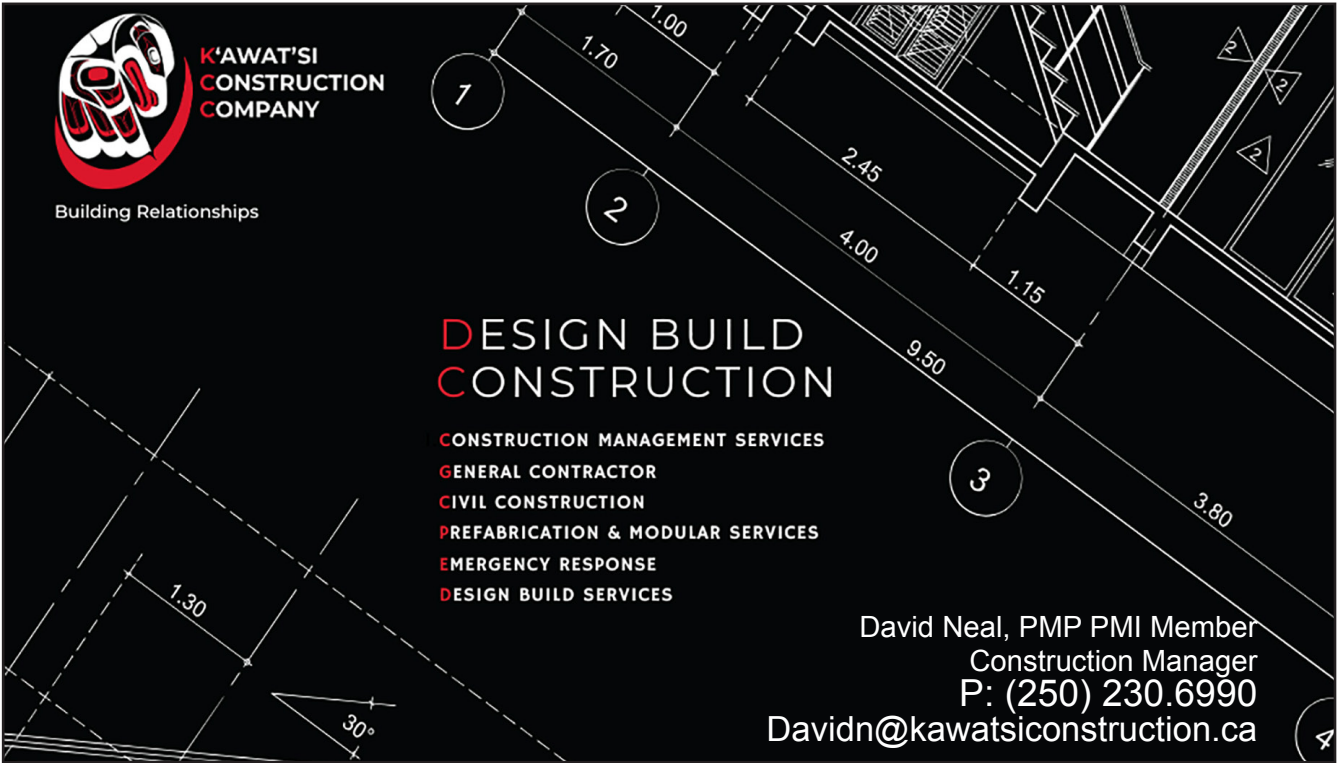
"I'm a very big sit-back-and-relax type of guy," he said.

"Just listen to the trees or watch the clouds go by; that is when I get some down time. With life getting faster all the time, just taking time to slow down and breathe is increasingly my number one interest outside of art."



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The Nobs entertain the crowd in Quatsino during Quatstock III July 25.

Quatsino party morphs into annual event

What started as a 40th Anniversary party for Ron and Dianne Moores in 2024 has become a yearly event.

They wanted to have a party and thought it would be awesome to have Ron's band (the NOBS) play in Quatsino.

It was very well received by all and Quatstock II in 2025 followed with local musicians joining the lineup. Ron wanted to get local talent involved so that they had an opportunity to play for their neighbours and friends.

Quatstock III was held on July 25.

The evening started with a set by The Treelane Ramblers, a 3-piece band sharing their take on classic tunes like Layla, Georgia on my Mind and Moondance, just to name a few, consisting of local Jim Vinning keyboard/vocals, Collin Masse guitar/vocals, and Jack Patterson rhythm/vocals.

Their instrumental talent

and vocals were amazing and greatly enjoyed by all.

The NOBS closed the evening with two sets of their classic rock tunes. Local Ron Moores' guitar/vocals, Kara Moores drums/vocals, Dave Saul guitar/vocals/drums, Ron Hyslop guitar/vocals and Ken Moores bass.

Collin Frank also sat in and showed off his talent on drums for several songs.

The evening was enjoyed by approximately 80 to 100 people who braved the inclement weather.

It was a great turnout from the Quatsino community and appreciated by the bands.



North Island Reflections

Alex Alfred caught a halibut off the Alert Bay Government Dock. The fish was so heavy it broke his fishing pole. 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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Restored sign symbolizes revival

By Kathy O'Reilly
A restored Telegraph Cove sign was unveiled on Aug. 3, marking another step in the community's recovery from the devastating Dec. 31, 2024 fire.

Telegraph Cove Resort owner Gordie Graham spoke about the history of the original sign.

In 1946, the 12-foot sign was painted by Margaret Griffiths, the teacher at the community's schoolhouse. The original sign was destroyed in the fire that also burned several structures to the ground, including the Whale Interpretive Centre, the Old Saltery Pub, and the Killer Whale Cafe. In 2026, Margaret's daughter, Mary McFarland, and her partner, Bill Adams, volunteered to paint the replica, which is now mounted on the side of the Whale Interpretive Centre.

"Thanks went out to our contractor, Stuart Abernethy, and his crew for managing



to get the restaurant, pub, Prince of Whales office, and the Whale Interpretive Centre rebuilt within eight months of starting on the buildings — a phenomenal achievement," said Marilyn Graham., and to "Jim and Mary Borrowman

and crew for reestablishing the WIC, given the losses incurred from the fire of Dec. 31, 2024," Graham said. "It is a remarkable contribution not only to this region but to all of Vancouver Island and British Columbia."

The interpretive centre is now open, with displays from the Royal BC Museum as well as the beginnings of a new collection of bones.

"The best part is the education offered on our local whales and life in the ocean."



Photos — Marilyn Graham

Left, the new Telegraph Cove sign was unveiled at a ceremony Aug. 3. Above, Telegraph Cove Resort owner Gordie Graham spoke about the history and thanked those involved.



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Drowning often silent

Most people picture splashing and shouting, but drowning is almost always silent and happens quickly, a reality Island Health is urging people to watch for as summer starts. Drowning can happen in less than 60 seconds, and the signs are far more subtle than most people expect.

“Drowning rarely looks dramatic like it does on TV and in the movies. It can be quiet, fast, and easy to miss,” said Lenea Grace, Executive Director, Lifesaving Society BC and Yukon. “People often don’t realize that someone in trouble may not be able to wave or shout for help. Knowing the signs to watch for can save a life.”

The person in distress is often silent, sometimes only gasping, coughing, or breathing irregularly, with their arms still and angled down, rather than flailing. Their body is typically vertical, with the mouth just above the water and head low, and sometimes only intermittently visible as they struggle to stay afloat. There were 17 fatal drownings recorded in the Island Health region in 2025, according to the BC Coroners Service. For every fatal drowning there are at least three non-fatal drownings. A non-fatal drowning may result in brain or other organ damage, ranging from mild to severe effects, including hypoxic

wearing a lifejacket, swimming with others, and learning the skills to help someone in trouble. As a community, the more of those layers we put in place, the more lives we protect this summer.”

This summer, Island Health is expanding access to lifesaving education by partnering with the Lifesaving Society of BC & Yukon to deliver Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross training for youth in rural and remote communities. Youth aged 13 to 24 living in Tofino, Ucluelet, Bamfield and Port Alberni are encouraged to sign up for free by emailing the Society at dirkp@lifesaving.bc.ca.

Drowning prevention tips

- Keep young children within arm’s reach and within view at all times (never turn away, not even for a brief moment).
- Swim at lifeguard supervised beaches and pools when feasible – so others can watch you.
- Supervision: Designate a responsible adult to monitor the backyard pool. No phones, no alcohol!
- Watch out for others using alcohol or other substances. stances during any water activity.
- If you see a friend/family member not wearing PFDs/lifejacket encourage them to put one on.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

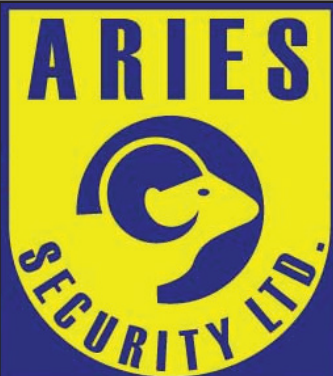
Daughter and Dad Duet

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Garage Sale In the alley behind Hotel 19 in Port Hardy. Rain or shine! Saturday August 8th & 9th, 9 am-1pm All kinds of hand tools/air tools. New doors, bifolds, interior, exterior, new cupboard doors, sinks, new vanities, new over toilet cabinet, countertops, new lights. Household items, photography studio lighting, wood, new propane/natural gas stackable washer and dryer, enclosed utility trailer, Impala Car, Women's and men's clothes, and so much more. No early birds please!

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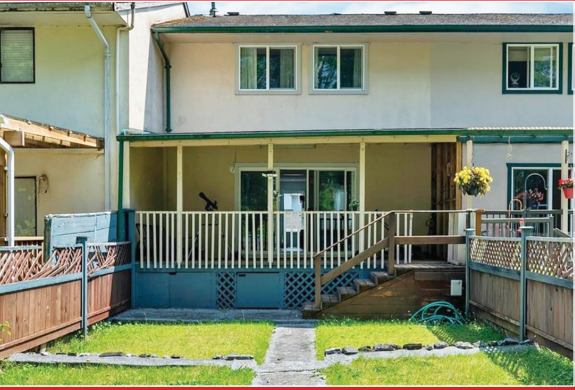


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Sandra Masales
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