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Marking A Milestone

Port McNeill celebrated 60 years of incorporation with a party on May 30 with the Community Hall set up a walk down memory lane with old photos, newspapers and yearbooks. Outside were a series of activities, games and food for people to enjoy. Mayor James Furney has a huge smile for everyone that attended.

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Hardy Hustle sets new record with 121 runners

By Kathy O'Reilly

Blue skies and sunshine greeted participants in the 2026 Hardy Hustle May 30.

"We wrapped up registration with 121 runners, up from 108 last year, and 99 runners completed the course," said Community Outreach Coordinator Sara Klatt.

Participants had the opportunity to run a half marathon or a 10-kilometre loop - 23 runners took on the half marathon and 76 runners attempted the 10 kilometre.

A half marathon is 13.1 miles or 21.1 kilometres.

Alex Biah from Port Hardy finished the half marathon in 1:23:46.

Artur Podgorny from Nanaimo finished the 10-kilometre run first with a time of 0:42:08.

"Alex also set a new half marathon course record, breaking the previous record of 1:34:38 set by Brian Texmo last year.

"He now holds the course records for both the half marathon and the 10 kilometre," said Klatt.

"His current 10 kilometre course record was set in 2024 with a time of 0:41:26."

The Hustle included runners from Port Hardy, Port Alice and Port McNeill, as well as runners visiting from all over the island including Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver and Kitimat, BC.

"We also had two runners from Victoria register at the last minute on Sunday morning. Artur Podgorny, our top 10K finisher, was another late addition, reaching out after online registration had closed on Friday evening to see if he could still participate."


The race went off with only one minor hiccup when a breaker tripped, cutting power to the bridge and causing the finish line archway to deflate.

"Fortunately, I was able to quickly connect it to a spare outlet on an extension cord at the snack table, and the archway was back up before the next runners reached the finish line."



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

The 4th annual Hardy Hustle saw 121 runners participate in a 10k or a half marathon May 30.



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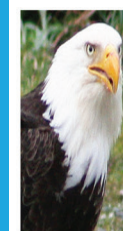
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Port Hardy helps VIRL celebrate 90th

The Port Hardy Library joined in the celebrations for the Vancouver Island Regional Library's 90th birthday celebrations May 30.

Port Hardy's library has a significant history itself, having been established in 1972.

According to information compiled by the Port Hardy Museum, the first Port Hardy Library was sponsored by the Port Hardy Community Club and the Robert Scott School Parent Teacher Organization. It was located in the old Community Hall. The book collection was mainly donated by local residents and supplemented by an exchange of books from the BC Travelling Library Commission.

Four or five cartons of books would be sent up by coastal steamer to the Port Hardy dock every four or five months to be picked up, unpacked and shelved by the volunteer library workers who would then pack up the previous shipment of books for return to Victoria. Ethel Woodward and Bessie O'Connor were among the volunteers who ran the library during the early years.

In the mid-60s, the Community Hall needed renovations and so the library was tem-

porarily closed, except for the travelling Library Commission books which Lorraine Spencer distributed from her home. The library was reopened in the Community Hall in 1968 by Jerri Reddies and Barbara Bruner. They began a campaign to have the area join the Vancouver Island Regional Library system. During the next three years, several letters of inquiry were sent to Fred White, the director of the VIRL and to Port Hardy council members and citizens, looking for a place suitable to house a larger library. It was not until 1972 that accommodation could be found, when the District of Port Hardy purchased the old Ecumenical Church building. This was moved to a spot between the Fire Hall and the North Island Gazette office, and then later to a site in Carrot Park.

The VIRL opened its Port Hardy branch in the old church building in October 1972. Joel Scott was the Area Librarian for the North Island and Barbara Bruner and Grace Nicholls were the branch staff. When Nicholls resigned her position it was filled by Kirsten Fleming who later left to join the school library. Nan

Reynolds then joined the staff.

The little church building served very well in the first few years, but as circulation and daily use increased it began to almost burst at the seams. Alderman Peterson headed the building committee which worked very hard at fund-raising, planning, and organizing the construction of a new library/museum building.

Then in 1979, the staff and current Area Librarian, Anna O'Brien moved into the new complex on Market Street.

1990 was a year of much activity as VIRL's computer system was replaced and all of the books in the system had to be barcoded. In 1991, it was decided to open the branch on Saturdays, and another staff position was created. Diane Newman joined Branch Head Bruner and Branch Assistant Nan Reynolds.

In 1994, Port Hardy's Library went on-line. This required some renovations to the building and staff training.

1995 and 1996 brought more changes to the branch as Librarian Sharon Walker moved to Sidney Branch and Shirley Milligan assumed her role.

A large bear sculpture was erected outside the library in



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

The Vancouver Island Regional Library is celebrating its 90th birthday. On May 30, the Port Hardy Library, established in 1972, recognized the occasion with cupcakes.

the garden and a beautifully carved cub became the library mascot, standing just inside the entrance. The Island Cop-

per Mine closed over a period of years with the shutdown complete in 1996. This caused many changes in the commu-

nity, including a drop in library use resulting in a reduction of hours of service and the layoff of Newman.



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Beehive of Activity

The Port McNeill Farmers and Artisans Market was a busy place on May 30.



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A Western Tiger Swallowtail butterfly.

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Celtic Celebration

Team Engel and the Mount Waddington Highland Dancing Association presented their year-end Spring Fling Celtic Celebration on Saturday, May 30 at Port Hardy Secondary School auditorium to an appreciative full house.

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Port McNeill hosts 60th anniversary party



Are fermented foods and beverages really healthy?

By Susan Holbrook

I think many of us know that fermented products are beneficial for our digestive systems but there are some pitfalls that should be recognized.

I'll address a few popular products I see people using frequently.

When I buy yogurt and kefir, although the flavoured versions are tempting, I buy plain for the very simple reason that there isn't any added sugar. I can add flavours with berries, cinnamon or vanilla myself.

When buying kimchi or sauerkraut, read the label for additives and watch for high sodium. Although salt is needed for the fermenting process, too much is not good. Look for products with less than 200 mg per serving. I would also cut the serving size back to lower the amount of sodium in one sitting.

Kombucha is another popular product that can be high in sugar so again... read, read, read those labels. Kombucha like wine, requires sugar to ferment. Much of this sugar can be fermented out but check because some are still quite high. These brands seem to have the best ratings for lower sugar content ... Remedy, Healthy Hooch and Brew Dr (stocked at PM store). Look for simple ingredients like tea, sugar source, live cultures and other health boosters such as ginger, turmeric or lemon juice. Make sure it isn't pasteurized as that defeats the purpose. I never drink an entire bottle at one sitting but space it out over a few days.

So, all this considered, I think fermented foods are a great addition to our diet but in moderation. There



Photo — Submitted

You can make your own fermented frozen treats at home to enjoy on warm days.

are, however, some people who shouldn't consume them and they are those with histamine intolerance, severe immune deficiencies or SIBO/IBS (may experience bloating) or kidney disease (sodium).

If you are following a GLP-1 diet plan or low carbohydrate diet, be aware that some of these foods or beverages might not be appropriate while adhering to those diet plans.

Now, let's have some summer fun and make some fermented frozen treats. Notice I say treats... re-

member moderation!

First let me tell you about some products I've tried from the Port McNeill store. Squamish Water Kefir popsicles... fudge, grape, lemonade and my favourite coconut/horchata.

Horchata is a Spanish/Mexican drink. Each pop contains 13g organic sugar so be reasonable.

Make them at home! You can of course make your own water kefir or buy some like Squamish Water Kefir or Kindred Cultures. Blend the water kefir with berries and/or coconut milk. If you want to add some sweetness, use a small amount of Swerve or stevia. Pour into popsicle molds leaving 1/2 inch head-space and freeze. Also, use your imagination and make up your own flavours. Keep opened and unopened water kefir and kombucha in the fridge.

I should mention another new product. It's not a treat but it's a wrap made of mainly egg whites. Egglife wraps are gluten free and versatile. They warm up easily in the microwave or in a fry pan. I put my scrambled eggs in one and it was great!

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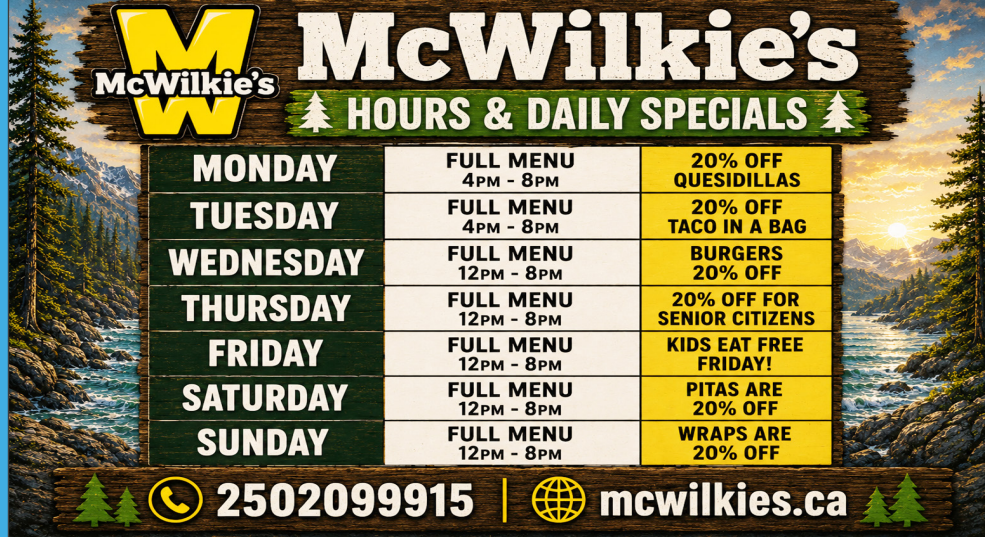
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Spring Carnival amuses North Islanders



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Port McNeill Men's Shed celebrates one year

By Ken Burkholder

The Port McNeill Men's Shed will celebrate its first anniversary on Friday, June 19, marking an important milestone for a community organization that has already made a meaningful impact in Port McNeill.

Part of the international Men's Shed movement, Men's Sheds provide a welcoming place where men

can gather to share skills, work on projects, build friendships, and contribute to their communities. While originally created to help reduce social isolation among men, the Port McNeill Men's Shed has quickly become a valuable community resource for everyone.

Over the past year, the Shed has completed a number of successful projects

and community initiatives. Among them was the Green Bench project, which now proudly sits outside the Better at Home office as a symbol of connection and conversation in the community.

Members of the Shed also participated in building activities and games for Port McNeill's 60th anniversary celebrations including Jenga, the corn hole games (decorated with help from Reaper Signs), the fishing game and the bean bag toss games. They also completed a special project for the local Parent Teacher Association. One particularly meaningful restoration project involved rebuilding and restoring a cherished rocking chair that had been destined for the landfill, preserving both an important family keepsake and a piece of local history.

In addition, the Men's Shed has repaired and rebuilt numerous household items brought in by local residents, helping reduce waste while giving new life to items that otherwise may have been discarded.

The success of the Shed would not have been possible without strong community support. Special thanks go to the Town of Port McNeill for providing the space for the Shed to operate out

of. Without that support, the Men's Shed would not have survived its first year. The Shed would also like to extend sincere thanks to the Better at Home program for its continued support and assistance particularly in organizing the anniversary celebrations. Thanks also go out to the many individuals who have generously donated much-needed tools and materials that have helped sustain the Shed throughout the year.

The anniversary celebration will take place in Room 1 of the Old School. Doors will open Friday June 19 at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at 12 noon, followed by presentations and activities. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the Men's Shed movement, tour the workshop, and enjoy a demonstration of the wood-turning lathe in operation and enter their name for a door prize. This celebration, presented by the North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre Society's Better at Home and Social Prescribing Programs, is a unique opportunity for the entire community to see firsthand what the Port McNeill Men's Shed is all about - and to discover that the Shed is not just for men,



Photo — Port McNeill Men's Shed Facebook

The Port McNeill Teen Centre had a broken chess board that needed some TLC that was provided by Port McNeill Men's Shed member Ken Burkholder.

but a place where community, creativity, skills, and connection come together for everyone. We, at the

Men's Shed are looking forward to continuing working to make the town a stronger place for everyone.

Seven Hills applies for extended liquor hours

By Kathy O'Reilly

The Regional District of Mount Waddington board has voted to support an application from Seven Hills Golf and Country Club to extend its licensed liquor service hours.

The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch asked the regional district for a formal motion confirming the board's support for the application as part of the approval process. The club's current licence allows liquor sales on Sundays

from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. The application seeks to standardize those hours to 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. every day.

At its May 19 monthly meeting, the board of directors voted to support the request.

Seven Hills General Manager Scott Mitchell said the club initially wanted to make its licensed hours consistent across all seven days of the week.

"The difference causes confusion every

year during the Logger's Tournament, which runs on both Saturday and Sunday," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he requested the broader extension after seeing that the proposed hours matched the standard maximum listed on the branch's website, adding that the change would provide flexibility for occasional private events, including a wedding booked for July, and could reduce the need for future special event permits.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Walkies

This beautiful pooch took itself for a walk in Port Hardy's Carrot Park recently.

Injured juvenile raven rescued in Alert Bay

An Alert Bay woman helped rescue an injured juvenile raven after finding the bird near the Alert Bay Ecological Reserve and contacting local bird rescuer Robin Quirk.

Bee Fallon placed the bird in a dog crate and called Quirk after noticing it appeared to be injured.

"It was a great experience while I waited for Robin to respond," Fallon said. "I called a relative to ask what I should do and whether I should try to capture it and put it in the crate. The response was that if it could be saved, I should do so."

"I'm grateful for my elder Donald Wadhams' guidance," she said. "I'm truly honoured that the young

raven seemed to sense I had good intentions and allowed me to capture it."

Quirk said a friend, Jared Towers, had been monitoring the young raven for the previous two days. The bird was first seen just off a walking path at the Alert Bay Ecological Reserve before wandering into the nearby camping area on May 31.

Its parents remained nearby, but Fallon and other witnesses were unsure whether the bird was being fed.

At first, Quirk believed the bird was a healthy juvenile and released it after consulting MARS Wildlife Rescue, which advised that its parents should be feeding it where it was found.

While Quirk observed the raven, two eagles swooped down, but the parent birds drove them away.

Quirk later returned with Towers for a second look. After taking photographs, she saw the young raven was limping and using a wing to balance, signs of a condition known as bumblefoot.

MARS Wildlife Rescue was contacted again and agreed the bird should be picked up. Fallon recaptured the raven and placed it in the crate.

The bird remained in Quirk's care overnight, and transportation was arranged for Monday so it could be taken to the rescue centre for treatment.

The baby raven was flown to MARS by pilot Chris Hansen.

Quirk identified the issue as pododermatitis, commonly known as bumblefoot, a condition that causes inflammation and infection in a bird's foot pad.

In more serious cases, it can lead to swelling, ab-



Photo — Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography

A juvenile raven with bumblefoot was rescued in Alert Bay by Bee Fallon and Robin Quirk and flown to MARS Wildlife Rescue Hospital in Merville by volunteer pilot Chris Hansen.

cesses and difficulty walking.

If left untreated, bumble-

foot can worsen and lead to serious health complications, which is why

early treatment is important.

The baby raven is doing well.

North Island Farmers & Artisans Market



2026 Market Schedule

Port McNeill - IGA Plaza

• 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.

Campground bookings up for 2026

By Kathy O'Reilly

It is shaping up to be a banner year for local campgrounds, with early 2026 booking figures showing strong gains across the North Island.

At the Regional District of Mount Waddington board of directors meeting on May 19, Chief Administrative Officer David Kim highlighted the increase in bookings for the 2026 season.

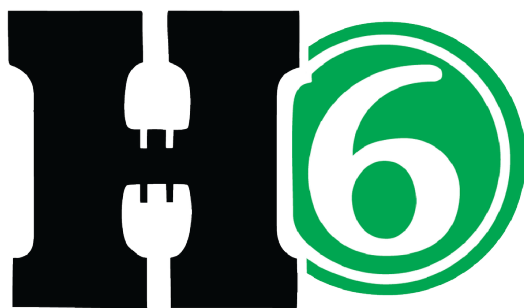
As of April 30, Bere Point Camp-

ground, located on Malcolm Island, had total revenue of \$79,851, a 26 per cent increase from the same period last year, with total occupancy bookings at 76 per cent.

Quatse Regional Campground, located in Port Hardy, had total revenue of \$47,692 as of April 30, a 42 per cent increase from the same time last year, while total occupancy bookings have reached 19 per cent.

A similar trend is also being reported in Port Alice, where municipally managed Link River Campground has seen significant increases in bookings.

Port Alice Mayor Kevin Cameron said year-to-date bookings to mid-May were up 42 per cent over last year and 96 per cent over two years, a rise Chief Administrative Officer Bonnie Danyk said was due in part to the addition of more campsites.



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The marvel of a bird's eyes' evolutionary adaptations

There is a treasure between Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountain Range. It is called Vancouver Island, a veritable bird's paradise. From temperate rainforests, rocky coastal shorelines, to urban parks and backyards, the Island is home to a spectacular variety of bird life. Whether hiking into San Josef's Bay, kayaking in the Nimpkish Valley, or strolling through Hyde Creek gardens, we are greeted by amazing, winged residents. Hundreds of species call this Island home, agile Barn Swallows darting through open spaces, Mountain Chickadees, the ever-watchful Herring Gull patrolling shorelines, or chattering Black Turnstones foraging in the inter-tidal zone.... A visual odyssey waits right outside our front doors, an adventure of curiosity, wonder, and amazement.

Chris and I, like many others, are fascinated by bird life, in part by their unique way of seeing the world, a perspective shaped by optical evolution, habitat, and lifestyle. Their outstanding vision has given rise to numerous metaphors, "eye like an eagle", "watching like a hawk" - colloquialisms used in everyday speech emphasizing human desire to express detail and focus.

Perhaps "a bird's eye view" is one of the more popular metaphors to describe seeing things from above or viewing a situation in its entirety. But what if we took this expression literally?

What if we imagined ourselves observing the world not just in rhetorical sense, but



actually through the eye of a bird? We would experience a whole new cinematic way of processing optical information: superior colour, vibrancy, focus, and distance vision.

The intricacies of a bird's eye are more than just a metaphor; they are a gateway to understanding Mother Nature's ingenuity. The vision of each of our feathered friends is a result of millennia of evolutionary adaptations responding to ecological demands to eat and avoid being eaten. Visual adaptations among bird species, eye colour, positioning, size, reflects their varied lifestyles and habitats highlighting the intricate relationships between sensory abilities and ecological roles. The avian lens offers us a window into the remarkable ways life adapts and thrives. Every time a Bald Eagle uses his talons to snatch a salmon, or a Belted Kingfisher catches a minnow, imagine an eyesight far more vivid and detailed than ours.

Unique Eye Form and Foveae

Birds have unique eye form engineered to an avian lifestyle. Unlike the roundness of

human eyeballs, many birds have eyes shaped more like tubes or oblong which allows for a larger retina surface and more light-gathering power. Birds generally possess more photo-receptor cells (cones and rods) affording sharper, richer colour perceptions. Some birds, such as hawks and eagles, have two specialized retina focal regions for pinpointing details forward called foveae. Humans have just one.

Eye Positioning

Avian eyes are often positioned species specific allowing varied fields of view and depth perception depending on their role in the Wild Kingdom. For example the Black Oystercatcher eyes are placed on the side of their skulls incorporating highly acute, specialized daytime vision that can see side to side simultaneously yet having precision to detect tiny, camouflaged prey or perceive details in bright, high-glare coastal habitat.

While this ability does not match that of raptors, their structural adaptations allow it to flourish in inter-tidal zones with a clarity affording it near-



Photo — Christine Patterson

Red Tailed Hawks can dive with their eyes open at speeds approaching 190 kilometres per hour.

ly 360-degree field of view.

Colourful Perceptions

Humans see three primary colours (red, green, blue), but many birds see four when adding ultraviolet spectrum. This "tetra-chromatic" vision means flowers, feathers, and landscapes reveal secrets of vibrancy we'll never see. Birds' eyes are also proportionally larger, often dominating their skulls, enhancing their visual power, opening sight to a world of hidden signals and patterns.

Flexible Cornea, Binocular, & Telescoping Vision

Another amazing anatomical feature, unlike humans who rely on flexible lenses to focus, birds can shift the shape of

their cornea and lens for rapid adjustment. They also employ a transparent third eyelid, "a clear nictitating membrane" like goggles for protection and cleaning eye surfaces, especially during perilous flight dynamics. Humans need to blink repeatedly with an opaque eyelid momentarily obscuring vision to moisturize and clean eye surfaces.

Perhaps no bird symbolizes the tag phrase "Discover your Wild Heart" quite like the Bald Eagle. With a wingspan reaching two metres, these regal hunters patrol shorelines and forests, scanning for fish, rabbits, and other prey at great distances, using their astonishing eyesight.

Bald Eagles are believed to see up to four to eight times farther than humans, thanks to densely packed cones and dual retina focal centres. They can adjust perception to zoom in or out like a telescope. Imagine being able to spot a mouse from a kilometre away while gliding hundreds of metres above the ground!

Hawk and Eagle vision is so acute that they can track moving prey even as they dive, continuously refocusing with the precision of a laser beam. This superpower shapes their role to an apex avian predator, crucial for maintaining the balance of nature in many interconnected ecosystems.

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The avian eye is a source of amazement

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Watching an Eagle or Hawk gracefully manoeuvring overhead, is witnessing masters of focal adaptations and cunning.

Discriminating Cones & Rods and Wide Field of View

A frequent flyer in Vancouver Island woodlands is the Red-tailed Hawk. Often seen circling high in the sky over open fields or perched on a treetop, hawks possess extraordinary adaptations for spotting prey. Like the Bald Eagle, hawk eyes are positioned forward affording binocular vision and depth perception ideal for calculating distances, including a nictitating membrane acting like goggles, a must when swooping down on mice or voles at incredible velocities approaching 190 kph! Red-tailed Hawks and Bald Eagles also benefit from a wide almost 340-degree field of view, allowing them to scan large areas for movement. Their retinas are packed with cones are especially tuned to detect brown and green, perfect for picking out camouflaged animals in grassy landscapes. Hawks are not just watching; they're reading the environment seeing the pulse of life even as it seemingly hides beneath ground cover.

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If you've ever lingered by a shoreline, who could ever forget spotting a Great Blue Heron, standing motionless like a statue. Herons have

eyes set high and forward on their heads, granting them excellent binocular vision and optical zoom like Eagles and Red-tailed Hawks, for their precision lightning fast strikes.

Their pupils adjust quickly, allowing them to transition from the bright glare of open water. Herons can see into the water using rapid focus adjustments to detect fish movements that escape human notice. This unique vision, combined with their slow, deliberate stalking movements, lets them hunt with remarkable efficiency in day and night environments. Their feeding strategy relies on patience, stealth, and a visual system attuned to glare, ripples and flashes beneath the surface.

High density Photo-receptors

Among birds with extraordinary eyesight, the Turkey Vulture stands out for their remarkable ability to spot carrion from dizzying heights. This acuity is made possible by several specialized eye adaptations. Turkeys do not have binocular vision having large eyes on the sides of their head with a high density of specialized photo-receptors.

They constantly turn their heads from side to side thus enabling them to process information from each eye reading minute contrasts in landscape from several kilometres away. Their retinas contain deep foveas that sharpen focus and enhance detail, while a wide field of

view ensures they remain aware of their surroundings. Unlike many other raptors, Turkey Vultures also rely on a highly developed sense of smell, but their visual sharpness, sensitivity to movement, and anatomical eye features combine to make them expert scavengers. These features allow Turkey Vultures to efficiently locate food and fulfill an ecological niche as nature's clean-up crew.

Polarized Light and Colour Sensitivity

The American Robin is a familiar sight in woodlands, gardens, and parks all across Vancouver Island. Unlike raptors, Robins rely on their colour vision to forage for berries, worms, and insects. Their eyes detect subtle hues and contrasts in grass and soil we do not see.

These red breasted wonders are sensitive to polarized light, giving an ability to pick out insects and worms in ground glare. Their vision supports hunting success in urban areas' bright surfaces and manicured green lawns, allowing these cheerful critters to thrive in human-altered landscapes. Watching a Robin hop across a lawn is to witness an expert observer, attuned to both woodland and urban cues.

Remarkable Sight Better than Humans

At the end of the day birds see the world in ways we can only imagine. Their colour vision extends into ultraviolet, revealing patterns on flowers and feathers that are



Photo — Christine Patterson

Great Blue Herons have glare resistant vision.

invisible to us. Eagles, vultures, and hawks can resolve fine details at great distances, while herons and owls dominate the night with their rod-rich retinas.

Birds' eyes are proportionately larger and more sensitive, tuned to the demands of their lifestyle. Where humans miss a camouflaged mouse or distant movement, birds catch every nuance.

Some species, such as Robins, can detect polarized light, aids to foraging and navigating dense grassy areas.

Specific visual adaptations highlight evolutionary pressures shaping vision whether for hunting, foraging, migra-

tion, or social interaction. Birds respond to threats and opportunities that elude human eyes.

They find mates based on visual cues, avoid predators, and exploit resources with precision. The avian world is richer, more colourful, reacting to light signals that guide their lives.

Returning to my opening metaphor, "a bird's eye view" is not just about looking from above; it's about seeing things differently. By observing birds, we learn to appreciate diversity, resilience, ingenuity. Perhaps the greatest gift of a "bird's eye view" is an invitation to see anew. To step outside our

limited human capacity and comfort zone and imagine a world filled with ultraviolet light, distant clarity, and subtle movements a kilometre away.

The wonder of an avian eye goes beyond simple biological curiosity; it's truly a source of amazement and inspiration. So grab your binoculars, step outside, and join Chris, Rosie, and myself as we explore what our feathered friends see and experience.

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Robert Paul Addison October 28, 1946 - May 12, 2026

Paul Addison, born in Pt. Alberni, BC, passed away peacefully May 12, 2026, at the home of his long-time landlords and very good friends, Peter and Ann Kloosterboer of Departure Bay, Nanaimo. Paul was the third of four children of John A. Addison (Sarita River logging camp superintendent) and Isabel K. Addison (last employed in the office of Nanaimo's Woodland Supplies).

Words by sister Chris: "Paul was a bubbly child, fun and well-liked. He grew up in the Franklin River beach logging camp—a small community of ten families—commuting to Pt. Alberni for school and necessities. In 1955, the family moved to Sarita River, a much larger logging camp way out the Alberni Canal. Around 1956, Paul suffered severe burns to his body when his clothing caught fire, necessitating several weeks of treatment in Vancouver—a traumatic event for an eight-year-old. (Six years later, further trauma was experienced by all in the family when stomach cancer caused the loss of father, John A.) By 1958, the family had settled at 426 St. Andrews Street in Nanaimo, where Paul played football in his youth and softball into adulthood. Paul graduated NHS and then was recruited by family friend John McNulty Sr. to work for Canadian Forest Products from 1970 to 1991."

Words by sister-in-law Mary: "Paul's employment as a camp accountant took him all over the Englewood Division (mostly Nimpkish and Woss). He was known everywhere for his humour and incessant record-keeping and note-leaving. Paul had a love of music, evidenced by the quantity of vinyl records and cassette tapes he owned over the years. He was probably the best dancer in the family!

When Paul returned to his family home in Nanaimo post Canfor, he became a devoted caregiver to his mother until her passing in 1993, and to other family members and friends who were often guests on weekends. By his own choice, Paul eagerly 'waited' on us all."

In 1995, Paul made a major decision in his life to receive treatment at the Edgewood Centre in Nanaimo. He was openly very proud of the sobriety he maintained for the rest of his life (30 years). He also enjoyed gainful employment there and is remembered by a current supervisor as: "a mainstay at Edgewood for over 20 years. He started off with us as support staff and then became our patient driver. He was always laughing and had a joke to tell. He was often seen wearing his bright red suspenders that he was quite proud of. He made the staff smile and always had a kind word. He had a wonderful laugh. The patients always felt comforted and enjoyed going with him to outside appointments. He diligently took care of our fleet of vehicles to ensure safety and care for everyone. He was a wonderful fixture around here for so many years, and left us with wonderful memories."

Paul is survived by his loving son, Darcy Addison (Cathy); his grandchildren, Mae, Hannah, and Calvin (all of Calgary); his sister Christina Baker (of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho); his sister-in-law Mary Addison (of Port McNeill); and many caring cousins, nieces, and nephews. He will be missed greatly by those he leaves behind.

Along with his parents, Paul was predeceased by his brothers, Mike (2018) and John (2019). Our hearts are warmed to think the three might be together again—challenging each other in crib games, watching their favourite sports teams, and perhaps even betting (or at least arguing) on whose team is going to win.

Arrangements for a small gathering of family and friends to celebrate Paul are being planned for a time in the summer that meets needs of key family members. To all who have sent memories and their appreciation of Paul, we thank you greatly for your contributions and your wishes for Paul to "Rest in Peace".

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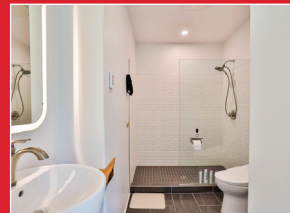
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