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Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Artistry At Work

The annual Port Hardy Recreation Spring Festival took place April 20 in the arena with vendors, crafts, face painting and more. An inflatable obstacle course, bouncy castle and mini ball pit were provided by the Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre. Above, Sandra Wilson, Happy Town Face Painting, carefully applies some paint.

# New burl display unveiled

#### By Kathy O'Reilly

Port McNeill may have the biggest, but Malcolm Island is now on the map for the world's smallest burl.

The burl was unveiled at a recent ceremony with Regional District of Mount Waddington Area A (including Malcolm Island) Director Michelle Pottage there to cut the very small ribbon. "Tyler Brett (Sointula Art Shed) spearheaded this initiative and (investigated) if there was a World Smallest Burl, he didn't find anything. So here we are now with the World's Smallest Burl," said Pottage via email, adding the burl is being registered with Guinness World Records and Wikipedia. "Tyler is pretty sure it might not last long as the World's Smallest Burl but thought it was fun and looks forward to seeing where the next smallest burl might pop up in the world," she said.

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# Big hopes for Guinness World Record listing

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"I was excited to be part of the unveiling and ribbon cutting."

The burl was discovered by Graham Douglas near a small lake south of Malcolm Point about 10 kilometres northwest of Sointula and was moved to its present location in the fall of 2023.

The burl was growing on a five-year-old Shore Pine tree that was about 2.13 metres (seven feet) tall and 11.75 centimetres (4.63 inches) in diameter.

The weight of the burl when it was moved was 10 grams (.35 ounces). It's circumference at the widest point is 11.5 centimetres (4.52 inch-

The World's Smallest Burl is now open for viewing all day any day, (or in the evening with a flashlight), on the corner of 2nd and 13th/ Wanda's Way in downtown Sointula.

For those who might not know, burls are round, oval, or irregularly shaped woody benign outgrowths of the main trunk, branches or roots that result from a disturbance to the cambium layer located just below the layer of bark.

Among the most common causes are environmental stress, bacterium, virus, fungus, or insect infestations. Burls vary considerably in



Photo - Submitted

The World's Smallest Burl's circumference at the widest point is 11.5 centimetres (4.52 inches).

size and in rare cases, will reach a metre in diameter or

For examples of extremely enormous burls, two of the world's largest can be found fice.

on display nearby in Port McNeill – one by the community hall, and the other off Highway 19 at the turnoff to Western Forest Products' of-

# Pool opening delayed, again

The opening of Port Hardy's swimming pool has been pushed back again.

"While we hadn't set an official opening date, we anticipated hosting programs next week when we built the guide in March," said the Port Hardy Recreation in a Face-

"However, we regret to inform you that the pool's opening is delayed due to ongoing project completion and necessary equipment adjustments, particularly with the boiler. Despite our best efforts, we've encountered challenges getting the boiler commissioned," they said.

"The water is in the pool and ready to be heated, but delays in supply, trades, and reengineering have pushed back our timeline." Staff are working "diligently to determine a new completion date, factoring in final commissioning, inspections, and staff training".

Those who registered to swim for May 2 and 3 will be contacted of new dates once confirmed and "we are working hard to shift to create fun in place of the pool on both days".



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The World's Smallest Burl is now on display on Malcolm Island.



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# editorial



Photo —Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography

Alert Bay Farm has adorable newborn lambs.





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— Our beautiful First Nation's eagle (kwikw) courtesy Nakwaxda'xw artist Davis Henderson

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# 2024 cruise ship season begins in Alert Bay

#### By Robin Quirk and Kathy O'Reilly

A National Geographic expedition cruise ship stopped in Alert Bay on April 18 signaling the start of the 2024 tourist season. Each year, large cruise ships dock and moor at the Alert Bay Government Dock and Harbour.

This year, 23 cruise ships are scheduled to stop between April 19 and Oct. 17.

While on Cormorant Island, some passengers disembark and visit the U'mista Cultural Centre, Big House, Culture Shock and the Alert Bay tourist office and library. They come to see the historical totem poles and native traditional dance, weaving, jewellery, storytelling, and carving.

They also visit the Ecological Park and go for a walk through the well-groomed trails.

Before heading back to the ship, they often stop to shop or grab a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants.

In summer, residents schedule farmers' and artisans markets for cruise ship passengers to purchase homemade baking and food, jewellery, flowers, and other items from local vendors.

"The Cruise ships bring some much-needed revenue into the community," said Alert Bay Mayor Dennis Buchanan.

"The U'mista Cultural Centre is known all over the world and brings in tourists not only off the Cruise ships but by foot, bicycle and car," Buchanan said. "They have a great experience here and when they get back home, they spread the word which gets more people coming to the North Island," Buchanan said.

"This is a net benefit to all of the communities in the Regional District of Mount Waddington as they take in the sites that the North Island has to offer," he continued.

"The Regional District Board supports all of the efforts of each community to bring more exposure and tourists to the region as it benefits the Regional District as a whole. More tourists, more revenue for the businesses and hopefully it may lead to people wanting to move to the North Island and fill some of the vacant job postings - especially in the health care field," said Buchanan.

"Now we just need someplace to house them if they do want to move here."



*Photo* — *Robin Quirk*, *Robin's Eye Photography* 

The U'mista bus picks up tourists from a National Geographic expedition cruise ship that stopped in Alert Bay April 18.



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# BC Humpbacks bring hope to Planet Earth

#### By Kathy O'Reilly

North Islanders will be able to watch locally filmed Hump-back footage that appeared in an episode of Planet Earth III on the big screen at the Gate House Theatre in Port McNeill on April 28 at 2 p.m.

The episode debuted on BBC Earth April 21.

"We will be showing the footage from the Planet Earth III episode we were involved with and video interviews with some of the world-famous videographers we worked with," said Marine Education and Research Society (MERS) Humpback Researcher and Director of Education and Communications Jackie Hildering.

This footage includes trap-feeding, the 'Whale Pump', and the Humpback Comeback story.

"We want to share this moment with our home community and contribute to the North Island identity about how extraordinary the wildlife of this area is!"

"We will be answering questions and sharing what the filming experience was like behind the scenes," Hildering said.

"We could never have imagined our research boat carrying the extraordinary wealth and volume of camera gear and working with famous nature documentarians, let alone that Sir David Attenborough himself would say the name of one of the Humpbacks we nicknamed and that we would spend weeks looking for whale poo."

BBC producer Fredi Devas first became interested in the Humpback Whales in BC waters after learning of MERS' research on a novel Humpback feeding strategy dubbed "trap-feeding".

This feeding strategy is used under very specific condi-

tions by some Humpbacks near northeastern Vancouver Island. If juvenile herring are in small, diffuse schools, these Humpbacks set a "trap" by positioning beside the fish with their mouths wide open. The fish then collect near, or in, the mouth of the Humpback to escape predation by birds. In 2011, a young whale named Conger was one of only two Humpbacks known to use this jaw-dropping new feeding strategy. MERS has now documented that at least 32 Humpbacks have learned to trapfeed. It is Conger's name that Sir David Attenborough says when trap-feeding is explained in the episode. "It was wonderful to watch producer Fredi Devas, who has filmed all over the world, fall in love with the area, experiencing the abundance and biodiversity of marine life sustained in BC waters" said Hildering. Humpback Whales



*Photo* — *Submitted* 

Marine Education & Research Society Science Lead Christie McMillan and Education & Communications Director Jackie Hildering react to the size of the BBC's equipment.

are ambassadors for how productive these cold, high current, oxygen and plankton rich waters are. Humpbacks bulk up with small schooling fish and krill in BC to be able to migrate and sustain themselves in warm water breeding grounds where there is little to no food for them. Christie McMillan, MERS Humpback Researcher and Science Lead

shared, "Commercial whaling only ended in British Columbia in 1967. When we began documenting the return of Humpbacks from the brink of extinction, we wanted to know who individual Humpbacks were and to make it count for conservation. We applied our research to create awareness and action for the threats they continue to face — climate

change, entanglement, vessel strike, and noise."

The return of Humpback Whales provides a message of hope and capacity for human values to change. It is now understood how important whales are for the world's climate.

The MERS team spent considerable time looking for whale feces when working with the Planet Earth III film crew in order for this connection to be communicated in the episode. By defecating at the surface, whales fertilize algae leading to carbon capture. It's estimated that every large whale sequesters (removes) approximately 33 tons of carbon from the atmosphere. That's the equivalent of around 30,000 trees. The Marine Education and Research Society's involvement with Planet Earth III was motivated by the opportunity to communicate the vital importance of whales and how our daily actions connect to the welfare of whales. Thank goodness for second chances.

Admission is by donation and "there will be popcorn".

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Just need to communicate that they have to register at www.mersociety.org/events please.





# Millions earmarked for North Island communities

North Island communities will benefit from millions of dollars in grants.

Local governments, First Nations and not-for-profit organizations throughout the Coast and Vancouver Island are receiving funding to promote economic diversification, clean economy opportunities and infrastructure development.

In the North Island, 18 projects are receiving over \$3.8 million in funding.

'Namgis Business Development Corp. will receive \$54,860 to enhance their accommodation business known as The Cabins at Alert Bay to position it as a world-class, Indigenous-inspired, boutique resort destination that can be promoted to target travellers across the globe while creating employment, skills development, and community development opportunities for diverse members of their Nation. The funding is earmarked for the necessary assessments, consultations, and planning processes required to make NBDC's long-term vision for The Cabins possible.

The Regional District of Mount Waddington will receive \$256,000 to engage regional stakeholders in planning for an updated Economic Development Strategy for North Vancouver Island based on robust consultation and feedback specifically from local communities, partners, and First Nations.

The Village of Port Alice will receive \$75,000 to complete a feasibility study to explore the redevelopment of its arena to provide a space for new industries and businesses to open and operate.

The Port Hardy & District Chamber of Commerce will receive \$491,280 to develop excellent, confident retail and customer service providers to be employed at a variety of local businesses

experience in the community. This will be accomplished with a comprehensive and holistic training program that will address hard and soft skills and include work experience with employers who have staff vacancies or staffing challenges.

Tlatlasikwala First Nation receives \$100,000 for a comprehensive economic development project that seeks to balance sustainable economic growth, environmental responsibility, and the preservation of Indigenous culture in the Shushartie region, promoting clean energy projects, eco-tourism, and the revitalization of cultural heritage. The project will conduct feasibility assessments to evaluate the potential of emerging industries, ensuring that it aligns with the community's economic goals and lays the groundwork for future sustainable business opportunities.

tion (Kingcome) will receive \$100,000 to move the general manager of the Dzawada'enuxw Development Corporation Ltd. from part time to full time. The general manager is tasked with developing the organization to operate as a viable business. Indigenext Business Accelerator will receive \$90,700 for the world's largest totem pole. The Kwakwaka'wakw Sovereignty Pole will become the largest tourist and cultural attraction in North Vancouver Island, demonstrating the cultural heritage of the Kwakwaka'wakw

Dzawada'enuxw First Na-

The funds will be used for the feasibility phase of the project.

people to the world and

bringing reconciliation and

economic benefit to all of

Vancouver Island.

The project has three components: 1) Recreation of the world's largest pole, a collaboration between 18 Nations. includes safely removing the existing pole. 2)

and to enhance the customer A public viewing experience which presents the skill, beauty, and traditions of the Kwakwaka'wakw carvers. 3) Creation of a community arts centre.

Quatsino First Nation will receive \$500,000 to understand potential economic opportunities, invest in training and monitoring, and ensure the community has input into the reclamation and economic development of contaminated sites in its Territory. It is seeking support to conduct the required studies and community consultation, as well as create immediate monitoring jobs so that Quatsino can establish an economic future that is culturally appropriate, diverse, sustainable, and meets the needs of its diverse membership.

Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation will receive \$500,000 for their Kwaxwalawadi Disability Accessible washroom and Wastewater System. Kwaxwalawadi (Echo Bay Marina) provides yacht mooring at a dock and lodge location with amenities of fuel, store, post office, and gathering hall. Previously, it depended on Interfor Forestry to occupy its accommodations and provide \$100,000 per year in revenue. Since they pulled out, Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation is building a food service kitchen that will offer First Nation traditional and western style cuisine to tourists which will offset the loss of revenue. They cannot open this kitchen without Health Canada approved disability accessible washrooms and wastewater system.

"Northern Vancouver Island is full of incredible organizations, municipalities, and First Nations that are leading the way when it comes to rural development," says Michele Babchuk, MLA for North Island. "This funding will help create more opportunities for people, business and non-profits to thrive across the northern island."

The BC NDP Government is investing up to \$33 million across rural areas of the province for the second intake of the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP). Communities on Vancouver Island and other coastal communities will be receiving up to \$12.9 million in funding for 41 approved projects from REDIP to help strengthen local economies.

In its first two years, REDIP will see as much as \$99 million invested in more than 300 projects throughout rural B.C.

Building resilient economies is part of the BC NDP government's work through the StrongerBC Economic Plan to build a strong and sustainable economy for people through clean and inclusive growth.

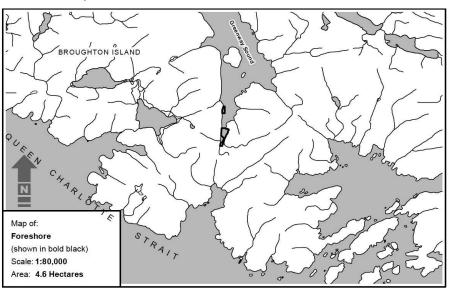
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# lifestyles&leisure Hahn hatches new chicken business

By Kathy O'Reilly

Janice Hahn doesn't do the chicken dance, but she sure sings their praises.

Janice has a fledgling business - Hahn's Hen Hatchery - that supplies live chicks to North Island residents.

"I discovered a few years ago in COVID it was very difficult to find certain breeds and types of chickens on the North Island or even on Vancouver Island," Janice said.

She discovered a woman in the Abbotsford area that will direct-ship baby chicks to her by airplane.

The chicks are 90 to 100 per cent females and there is a rooster return policy for those who do not want roosters or cannot have them due to municipal bylaws.

Janice's new source will create a lot of variety for the North Island ranging from heritage breeds to specialty and ornamental chickens, and make it a little more fun for kids, and backyard enthusiasts.

Over Easter, her pastel-coloured eggs were a huge hit with children and grown-ups alike.

Hahn's Hen Hatchery, located in Nimpkish Heights, will offer direct sales. Orders will be placed once a month starting in the Spring.

Janice is well-known on the North Island as owner of Visions Learning Centre: Salon & Spa where she honed the skills of future hairdressers.

She has called Nimpkish Heights home for about 30

vears. "I've had chickens about four years now and I discovered the joy of having chickens as therapy, and just for the eggs," she explained, adding the birds have a lot more personality than she was expecting.

"They are so happy to see you, just like a dog in the morning, but if you work all day, it is super easy for them to just go and do their chicken business and you don't have to worry about them. It's like a cat that way."

Chickens are cheaper as

A hen costs anywhere from \$12 for a specialty layer, to \$60 and up for exotic ones.

"I have 35 hens, varying ages, including Americanas that lay blue eggs, and Aus-



Photo - Kathy O'Reilly

Janice Hahn's business - Hahn's Hen Hatchery - supplies live chicks to North Island residents.

Forest Operations Map (FOM)

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tralorps that hold the world record of eggs per year from a heritage breed - which is up to 360 under the right conditions," she said.

"I get between 250 to 300." Janice sells some of her eggs and always has enough for friends and family.

Of course, she keeps enough for her own needs.

Another bonus of owning chickens is that they will eat everything.

"They'll finish up your table scraps, your spaghetti, and whatever you have that is left over. For getting rid of waste, they are fabulous," she said.

"They're great little gardeners. Sometimes they're a little too diligent – they'll eat your peas for you and a few other things - your strawberries, your oregano," Janice laughed.

Chickens also get rid of bugs.

"I find that now in my garden, I don't have as many slugs which is really kind of nice to have up here."

They do well in winter on the North Island.

"You don't have to have anything special for them as long as they have enough friends to cuddle up and snuggle up (with) at night." Janice says chickens' most influential use is as therapy.

"When you work all the time and you have a lot of anxiety when you come home, there's nothing more fun than sitting there with your chickens," she said.

"They'll come and visit you on your deck. They'll see what you are doing, and you can sit there and hold them. My little ones watch tv with me. They love cartoons, they don't like the commercials."

For people that are a little bit older and don't want the responsibility of caring for a dog, chickens are a great option. "I didn't realize there was so much joy in having chickens. It's actually fabulous. Now I need the North Island to experience what I'm experiencing."

For more information on Hahn's Hen Hatchery visit www.hahns-hens.ca.

# Heith takes over as Manager of Recreation

By Kathy O'Reilly

The District of Port Hardy has a familiar face in a new role.

Naomi Heith has taken over as Manager of Recreation and Community Services.

"What a whirlwind of a month it has been. I moved back to Port Hardy almost three years ago and have been working as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the District of Port Hardy at Port Hardy Recreation," Heith said.

"This job has been so life giving; allowing me to be creative, find solutions to challenges, and listen to the community in what they want to see for recreation and execute that to the best of my ability."

Heith was interested in growing in her professional career and responsibilities, while still having a job that revolves around people.

Two job postings became available: Executive Director of Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society (MWFLS) and Manager of Recreation and Community Services. Heith applied for both.

"I was offered the position of Executive Director for MWFLS and was thrilled, this was a 10 hour a week position which would allow me to continue as Community Outreach Coordinator for 30 hours a week," she said.

"For the next month, I was able to meet beautiful staff members and supports of Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society. This is a fantastic organization that promotes literacy at its core in various ways through tutoring, Mother Goose programs, adult literacy, community nights, and food programs.

The Manager of Recreation and Community Ser-



Photo - Submitted

Naomi Heith has taken over as Manager of Recreation and Community Services for the District of Port Hardy.

vices hiring process took a little longer as the district had a variety of candidates to work through.

"I was offered this position with the option to continue as the Executive Director of MWFLS. After lots of consideration and thinking through logistics, I realized these were both big positions and knew they needed someone who could properly focus on each one," Heith explained.

"It was a tough decision to make, but I stepped down as Executive Director of MWFLS and accepted the position of Manager of Recreation and Community Services."

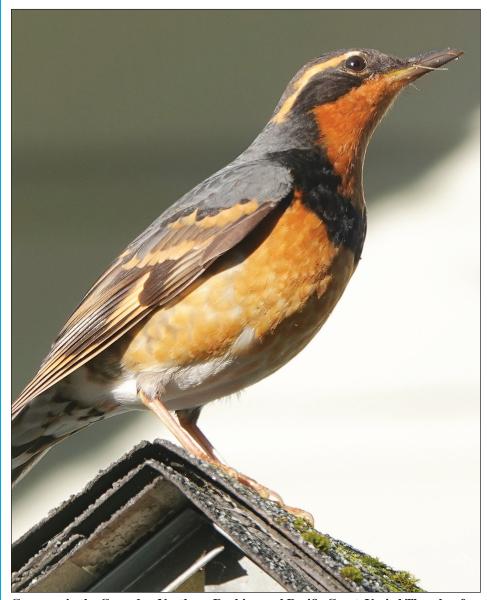
Heith is excited for this new position and looks

forward to all the opportunities, growth, challenges, and fun it will bring. "I work alongside a great group of people who work hard to bring different programs, activities, and events together as well as maintain and develop our buildings to operate to their full capacity," she said.

"I look forward to connecting with user groups of the recreation facility, listening and supporting the staff and community, and continuing to find ways to make recreation in Port Hardy grow," she said.

"We have exciting ideas for the pool and can't wait for all three facilities (pool, arena and civic centre) to be full of people and events."

# North Island Reflections-



Common in the Cascades, Northern Rockies, and Pacific Coast, Varied Thrushes forage for insects in summer and switch to berries and seeds in winter. Photo by Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography. If you have a photograph you would like to share with our readers, please email it to publisher@northislandeagle.com.

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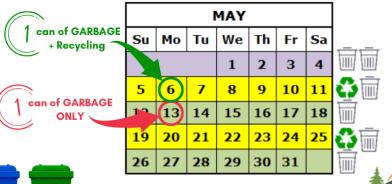
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Weekly residential curbside garbage pick-up begins May 6. This service will continue through to October 25. Curbside recycling pick-up will continue every other week.



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*Photo* — *Kathy O'Reilly* 

Chicken Little

Little chicks were a big highlight at the Port McNeill Farmers & Artisans Market at the Community Hall April 13. The next McNeill market is on the waterfront May 4.



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#### ACROSS

- 2. fat layer that keeps some marine mammals warm
- 5. fish use these to breathe oxygen from the water
- 6. name for a group of whales 9. ocean dwellers that lay eggs and have
- 11. what a shark has instead of bones
- 12. a shark has several rows of these
- 13, what younger whales are called 14. marine animals with soft bodies and
- no backbone

#### DOWN

- 1. small creatures that look like shrimp
- 3. how a whale or dolphin breathes
- 4. largest animal in the world
- 7. bioluminescent animals make their own
- 8. clams, oysters and scallops are
- 10. ocean dwellers that birth live babies and nurse their young
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