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This is a mating pair of narrow-winged damselflies known as Pacific Forktails. I photographed this pair on the edge of our small pond. They are one of the first damselflies to emerge in the spring. They are very common. You will see them around Cranberry Lake and Powell Lake. They like to be around water, where they feed on the abundant small insects. Their beautiful blue color makes them easy to spot.

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- Rod Innes



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ON THE COVER Best friends Gabriella Adams and Susan Silvey graduate from Brooks this month. Photo by Isabelle Southcott



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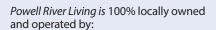


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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hold on to what you can. Take pictures. Summer's quick.



n May, we went camping for the first time at Haywire Bay with our kids and some other families. It was ah-maz-ing, as anyone who has camped there knows. The bikes scene, the boats scene, the gorgeousness of Powell Lake and the trees, and the joy of being with other people - plus being forced to chill without a cell phone.

It took forever to plan and pack. We camped three nights, and then poof, the camping trip was gone, into the memory bank. All that's left is a cooler-full of wet food and three baskets of wood-smoke scented laundry.

That's summer for you. It's here, dazzling, and gone.

This issue of *Powell River Living* is packed with stories about temporariness. Half the magazine is about holding on to and honouring the things we love. The other half is about things that are ephemeral.

Here's how we're holding on:

Brendan Allen is honouring his long-deceased childhood priest by refinishing his 1928 Model A (Page 6). The Lang Bay salmon facility is now the Alex Dobler Salmon Centre, in honour of his fine work (Page 39). Christie Dionne's new climbing book *Powell River Rocks* is a tribute to her late husband (Page 10). Louise Gloslee has captured a PRISMA concert in a painting (Page 37).

Here's what's nearly slipped through our fingers:

Powell River is home to 280 species at risk - just a fraction of the half of all species that will potentially be extinct by mid-century (Page 15). A hiker narrowly missed death from hypothermia (Page 17). The first of the Hulks - a landmark in Powell River since 1930 - will be sunk this month, disappearing from the view of most of us (Page 33). And, it's festivals and events season hundreds of pleasant sunshine-y moments that will slip away almost as soon as they begin (Page 22).

Maybe nothing is a more poignant marker of time

passing than the ceremonies around high school graduation (Cover and Page 13): the Grand March, the formal photos, the gifts, the clothes. Your child made it through childhood. This is the end. You can't hold on. But you can take a picture and frame it, so you can touch that moment of transition forever.

Hello, I love you, and goodbye.

At Haywire Bay, we sang around the campfire (apologies if you were in an adjoining site). I love the song Our Town, by Iris Dement - about the heartbreak that goes with leaving your hometown. "Don't you know, the sun's setting fast, and just like they say nothing good ever lasts," she sings.

I hope this issue of PRL inspires you to grab on to summer and pour yourself into it - come fall, if you're lucky, you'll have 1,000 snapshots and a sweater that smells like wood smoke.

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A Model Tribute

During the last years of the depression, a rural BC priest drove Brendan Allen's large family to church each Sunday in this 1928 Model A. Now, the retired builder is restoring the car to honour his childhood mentor.

BY PIETA WOOLLEY | pieta@prliving.ca

ide by side in Brendan Allen's Westview driveway are his 1928 Model A Ford and his futuristic Nissan Leaf.

Ethical and practical considerations explain the electric vehicle. But the Ford?

"I'm not a vintage car buff," explained the 82-year-old retired construction business owner and pilot, wedging his lanky six-foot frame into the cramped driver's seat. "I do this for sentimental reasons."

For more than 60 years, Brendan kept the matte black Model A – affectionately known as "Oh Henry" - in storage, first in the interior, then at his home on Savary Island. After a full adulthood of marriage and family, building homes, flying, and finally retiring to Powell

"If I ever knew a saint it is probably him....These were the war years and you couldn't get car tires. So if he got a flat, he'd just bike to the next mass."

– Brendan Allen

River, he moved it to his garage – and is currently bringing it back to life.

Model As are not rare. They were manufactured from

1927 until 1932, and five million of them rolled out of Ford's factory. At just \$385 US for a basic model, they were a steal - that's about \$7,500 in today's Canadian dollars. Model As are a favourite among vintage car enthusiastists; here in Powell River, car show season begins this month (see sidebar, next page). You may or may not see Brendan out rumbling around town with "Oh Henry," depending on how the next few weeks go.

It's been a project, since he hauled it out of storage. Rats infested the original upholstery. The paint was a mess. Maybe worse, the car had no VIN number or even clear proof of ownership, so he couldn't register it with ICBC – no driving allowed.

These are problems he's been fixing, in between delivering Meals on Wheels, Assumption Parish choir ▶







JAZZ-ERA DESIGN HAS NO EQUAL

Top: During the war years, tires were hard to come by. So Fr. Phelan kept a bike in the back seat just in case he got a flat on his way to

Middle: With the help of Powell River upholsterer Trish Markvoort, Brendan Allen refinished all the seats.

Bottom: The dashboard on this Model A is so hip, it could have been manufactured by 21st century artisans in Brooklyn. Black, flat, metal and plain, it's home to just the steering wheel and a few dials. So steampunk.



It's vintage car season

Restoring a vintage vehicle is a labour of love. Just ask the 45 members of Powell River's Vintage Car Club! Starting this month, they'll be rolling around town in the sunshine with more style and glamour than any new car could lend its driver.

Brian and Marlene Crilly

ur car (above) is a 1928 Buick McLaughlin that I totally restored.

I purchased it in Nanaimo from another car enthusiast, Andy Stull (below). He brought it to BC from Toronto in 1970. When I brought it home to Powell River, pieces of rotten wood were flying off on to the Island Highway. The comment we overheard when we came off the ferry was "I hope they didn't pay for that."

The body of the car is a Fisher, which means it is a wood frame with the metal nailed to the wood. The wooden spokes on the wheels are the original spokes cleaned up and restored. All other wood on the frame was redone.

It took me four years to complete the restoration. I have driven around many happy brides.

MEET YOUR DREAM CAR

June 7: Cruisin' the Dub kick-off

Each Thursday evening til mid-August, anyone with a vintage car is welcome to park at A&W for a great scene. Usually 20 to 30 cars

June 16: Cranberry Seniors' Centre

Powell River Vintage Car Club (PRVCC) will show cars between 12 and 2 pm.

July 13-15: Logger's Sports

PRVCC will have a booth and four vehicles showing, plus other cars on the grounds.

August 16: A&W's Burgers to Beat MS

More than 130 cars are expected in the Canadian Tire parking lot for this open event.

August 17: Blackberry Fest

Look for PRVCC members' cars across from the Marine Medical Building.

There will be more events!

Powell River's Vintage Car Club is one of 24 in the province. See all events and learn how you can be involved at www.vccc.com.







Gary & Loretta O'Brien (below)

We found this 1951 Fargo pickup truck in 1993 at a transmission shop in Calgary. It was looking rough. The truck is a fluid drive which was a forerunner to the automatic transmission. We did an off-frame restoration.

Finding original Fargo parts such as emblems, decals and hubcaps was a challenge as Fargos were Canadian-made and were not sold in the U.S.

The restoration took four years.

Lee & Chris Koleszar (above)

The first car we purchased was a 1930 Model A Tudor although it turned out not to be the one we worked on first.

Our starting project was a 1952 MGTD, a car of which I was particularly fond. I think it stemmed from childhood days of watching the old Avengers series with John Steed driving something similar- at least in my eyes.

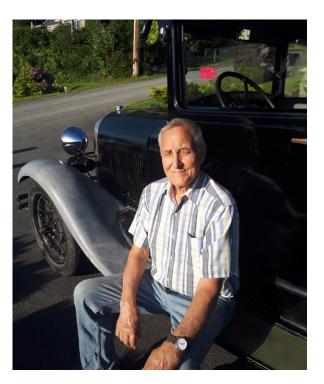
Restoring cars is a time consuming but rewarding hobby which both my husband and I enjoy. Combine this memory with my British roots and I was sold.

We also have a 1955 Oldsmobile, a car of great comfort, nothing like coasting down the highway while you feel like you are on the living room couch, a far cry from the ride of the MG.

Being a member of the Powell River Vintage car club has provided us with a number of great friends and numerous activities and events to enjoy.



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▶ practice; lifting weights at the Complex, and playing pool at the Legion. He hired Spring Tied Upholstery's Trish Markvoort to train him; together, they completed one seat. He sewed the rest on his own. Now, he's working on the exterior finish. And, battling with ICBC to register and insure the car.

"They think, 'Was it stolen?' I had no proof of owner-ship other than my tale."

He's close. The BC Archives found a copy of the original will that transferred ownership to Brendan. Now he's waiting for a road inspection.

The former owner of the car was Father Matt Phelan, Brendan's childhood priest and a teaching missionary. The gravel and mud roads of BC's North Thompson Valley were the car's first calling, carrying the priest from mass to mass, visiting the ill and elderly, and often, picking up Brendan and his four tall, farm-isolated siblings, and driving them to church. The entire Irish-English family crammed in the back seat.

Brendan recalls working on the car with Fr. Phelan when he was very small – the priest had noticed his aptitude for mechanics. They repaired the car with whatever was at hand, including haywire, clothes pegs and binder-twine.

Fr. Phelan stayed with the family occasionally – once for three weeks in the winter when his own rough room was made uninhabitable by the cold.

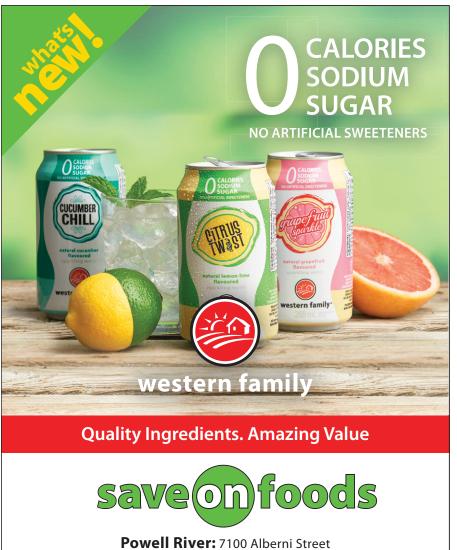
"He didn't go in for anything comfortable," recalls Brendan. "People would give him chocolates and oranges at Christmas. They really were a luxury in those days. He'd give them all away, because he knew his parishioners were poor as church mice too."

"If I ever knew a saint it is probably him," said Brendan – high praise from someone who flew United Nations medical missions into Congo during the worst years of the civil war there. "He lived absolutely hand-to-mouth. When he travelled, he'd carry a bike in the backseat. These were the war years and you couldn't get car tires. So if he got a flat, he'd just bike to the next mass."

The priest died in 1949, and he willed the Model A to Brendan. The then-14-year-old went to Barriere, where "Oh Henry" was stored, and drove it home. He drove it around the ranch, and then parked it when he moved away in the mid-1950s.

"This rebuild was just something I felt like I should do to honour the old man who left it to me all those years ago." \mathbb{RL}





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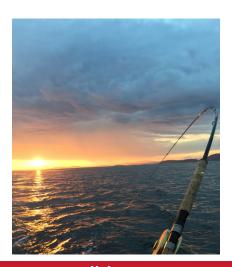
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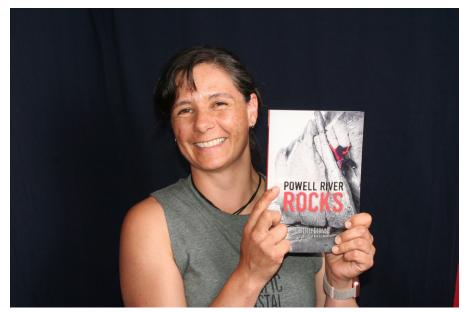
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SIX YEARS WRITING, REALIZED: Christie Dionne's *Powell River Rocks* is available for your summer reading - and planning - pleasure.

photo by Sean Percy

photo by Sean Percy

More than a guidebook

BY SEAN PERCY | sean@prliving.ca

Writing the definitive Powell River climbing manual has been an emotional adventure for Christie Dionne.

Widowed in 2012, just two weeks after her wedding to local climbing legend Colin Dionne, Christie started working on the guide shortly after her husband's death

"It started out as a way to protect and salvage some of the history and a lot of the stories of the early climbing around Powell River. We could never get that back," she told *Powell River Living*.

"We were together for 16 years and I still didn't have all the details. He told stories around the campfires all the time."

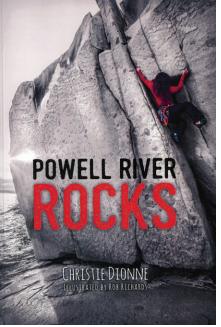
"I can't bring it back," she says, her voice breaking. Tears. She apologizes, unnecessarily, but out of habit.

A question moves the conversation in a more comfortable direction. Is it a guidebook or a history?

"It's a guidebook. Personally, the history piece is more important. But it's a climber's guidebook to Powell River. Once they look in the book and plan a climbing trip, they'll see the rest. It's interesting reading when you're in your tent on a rainy day."

Going through Colin's notes and photos was sometimes too emotional, so for the first few years, work on the project was sporadic. When the memories were too hard to handle, she'd put it away, sometimes for months.

"The last two years it has been easier, and I could go through the photographs."



As climbing became more popular in the Powell River area, the need for a definitive book became more urgent.

"People were claiming (first ascent status) on things that had been done in the 80s," she said. So she talked to local climbing pioneers like Rob Richards (who illustrated the book) and Michael Conway-Brown.

In addition to the climbing history, the book also includes information about local wildlife and ecology.

Descriptions include six cragging areas, three big wall areas and four popular mountain routes in the Eldred Valley. There are over 200 pages of colour photos and climbing information on areas as diverse as Higgyland, Stillwater and the Daniels Valley.

Powell River Rocks is available at Thick, Basecamp and Terracentric locally, as well as various outfitters on Vancouver Island and Mountain Equipment Coop in Vancouver, and online at Blurb.ca

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Music and art

Each year, students work on new legacy projects. This year, Grade 7 students at James Thomson have made 12 drums - enough to gift one to each school in the District and to have enough to run the drum program at James Thomson, said Gail Blaney, Indigenous Education Teacher. Drew Blaney worked with James Thomson Music Teacher Karin Westland to compose a special May Day song.

"It involves the house teams all taking turns dancing when their team's name comes up," said Gail.

The Eagle Beak Drummers, a group of Grade 8 (mostly boys) get together for weekly practices at Brooks with Drew Blaney.

Their drum group performs at community and School District events.

New welcome figure projects are launched each year and this year, carvers are working on a pole at Westview Elementary.

Special Events

The new curriculum covers more Indigenous Learning than it used to. Gail Blaney coordinates Cultural events across the School District including the upcoming Indigenous Day (formerly known as First Nations Day) on June 21.

Last year more than 600 students participated in activities at Willingdon Beach.

In the fall, students learn how cedar is used by Indigenous people. Grade 5 students who visit the Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC) learn how to strip cedar, how to harvest and make dye from Oregon grape. Students learn about harvesting salmon berry roots in the spring.

Students at the fifth annual Story to Song held at the OLC last month made drums, cedar hats, paddles and headbands. They sang, danced, drummed and created their own songs. Gail's grandson, seven-year-old Menat'hey Blaney made a necklace out of Devil's Club during the workshop. The necklace is worn for protection, explained Elder John Louie.

Tla'amin language

Starting in Kindergarten at James Thomson, students begin taking Tla'amin language classes, and many continue through high school. Because Tla'amin is officially recognized as a second language for acceptance at post-secondary institutions, some students prefer to study it rather than French or Spanish.

Community connections

Although reconciliation projects such as the Hehewsin canoe aren't spearheaded by the School District, the students are very much a part of community efforts. Three students from the Tla'amin Nation worked daily as apprentice carvers during the Hehewsin project, said District Principal Rod Perrault.

When the movie *Indian Horse* screened at the Patricia Theatre in May, students attended a special screening. The School District uses a number of novels by Indigenous authors that reflect Indigenous experiences. *Indian Horse*, is one of those novels and it is read by Grade 10 students.

The School District also supports the canoe journey that takes place in July. In the Story to Song workshop students worked on songs that will be sung during the journey.



Grad Proud

n 1958, Mary Jane (Wilson) Adams and Jeannie Paul graduated from St. Mary's Residential School; they were among the first Tla'amin girls to graduate from high school. Eugene Louie, who is now 73, was the first Tla'amin boy to graduate.

This year, 12 students from Tla'amin Nation will participate in the Celebration of Success ceremony on June 16. This ritual is a big night for them and part of their rite of passage.

Held at the Salish Centre, 300 guests will attend a sit down dinner. Drumming and speeches will celebrate the graduating students' achievements.

One of the 12 is Mary Jane's youngest

Want to learn more? Contact us. School District #47 4351 Ontario Ave 604 485-6271 www.sd47.bc.ca granddaughter, Gabriella Adams, who is graduating from Brooks Secondary School.

Education has always been important to Mary Jane and her husband, Leslie. All five of their children, Rose, Grace, Maureen, Evan and Bradley, graduated.

"Their dad really pushed them," Mary Jane said.

In School District 47 classrooms, much has changed since 1958. Indigenous curriculum and the impacts on Indigenous students and community are key in decision making at the School and District level, says District Principal Rod Perrault.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 47



Future nurse and social worker bonded over hard work and firm goals

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT isabelle@prliving.ca

Gabriella Adams and her best friend Susan Silvey —both members of Tla'amin Nation — are about to graduate from high school.

On June 2 at the Recreation Complex, they'll be among the 160 Brooks, Oceanview Education Centre and Partners in Education graduates who are being honoured.

Powell River Living caught up with these two young women to learn about their future plans.

The two became fast friends when Susan moved to Powell River at age 12 to live with her aunt and uncle, Eugene and Linda Louie.

Susan and her younger brother lived in

foster care in Campbell River before they came. Since moving back to Tla'amin, Susan says she tries to do as many culturally-related activities as possible.

She says her aunt and uncle made sure both she and her brother learned independence and how to take care of themselves

The siblings are both passionate about soccer - Susan said her uncle Eugene was a really good soccer player when he was younger - and he passed that love onto them.

Susan is planning a career in social work and will study criminology and psychology. She plans to take as many courses as possible at Vancouver Island University's Powell River campus next year so she can live at home and pay off her car. The following year she will transfer to Camosun or the University of Victoria

Her uncle and aunt are very proud of Susan.

"She works hard," Eugene said. For three summers starting at 13, Susan worked at a resort in Ucluelet.



NOT JUST ACADEMICS, EITHER: Susan Silvey, left, also plays soccer, and Gabriella Adams, right, is a dancer. The two friends will part this fall to pursue their fierce futures.

"I did two jobs that summer. My morning job was housekeeping and in the evening I worked at the restaurant. I babysat in between."

At 16, she started as a cashier at Tla'amin Convenience Store. She is also bussing tables in the restaurant at the Lund Hotel this summer.

Meanwhile, Gabriella is heading to Prince George this fall to work on her practical nursing diploma at the College of New Caledonia. She had health challenges growing up and spent a lot of time in and out of BC Children's Hospital, until finally she was diagnosed with a condition that causes extreme high fevers every month or so - Periodic fever, who is a caregiver cide," she said.

"I've always bee people."

Although nursi calling, dancing is "I started at the thing. Jazz, lyricathop, and tap."

aphthous stomatitis, pharyngitis and adenitis (PFAPA).

"That was a really big part of why I wanted to be a nurse and seeing what my Uncle Evan (Dr. Evan Adams, chief medical officer for the First Nations Health Authority), does and how he has helped the community. And what my mother, who is a caregiver, does, helped me decide," she said.

"I've always been interested in helping

Although nursing may be Gabriella's calling, dancing is her passion.

"I started at the age of two. I do everything. Jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop, and tap." RL



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I MADE THE MOVE

Leaving family is hard, but...

eriko Kubota and Jonathan Taggart moved here from Vancouver earlier this year. Meriko managed corporate social responsibility for Mountain Equipment Co-op and is starting her own consultancy once her maternity leave is over.

Jonathan is a traditional land use researcher with Land Forest People, a small consultancy that works with First Nations communities throughout BC. He's also completing his PhD in resource management at UBC. Their son, Matsuo, turns one at the end of May. In their free time they like to hike, bike, camp, canoe, cross-country ski, and forage for wild foods. Meriko is also a weaver, and Jonathan is getting into freediving.

Why did you choose to move to Powell River?

Meriko and Jonathan • We chose Powell River for the incredible access to the outdoors, the tightknit community, and the ability to have a healthier work-life balance.

When? Where from?

Meriko and Jonathan • We moved in April 2018 from a 600 sq ft loft in Gastown, downtown Vancouver.

What surprised you once you moved here?

Meriko and Jonathan • We moved to a lovely street with the friendliest neighbours including several other young families, and they have all been so welcoming, supportive, and fun. We were surprised at how quickly it felt like home, and that's in large part thanks to them.

What made you decide to move to Powell River?

Meriko and Jonathan • When our son was born last May we realized that we would quickly need more space for our family, but also that we wanted to raise him in a place where he can explore the outdoors easily and safely. Powell River had been on our radar for a few years already, but Matsuo was the final push.

Where is your favourite place in Powell River?

Meriko and Jonathan • We spent Mother's Day biking around Inland Lake and that was incredibly tranquil. Jon worked mostly from 32 Lakes Coffee before we set up our home office, and he can't get enough of the pain

au chocolat and Americano (it's the only place he's ever filled up a customer loyalty card!). We love Okeover for oysters, Penticton Trails for spontaneous walks, and we jump at every opportunity to go up the lake.

How did you first hear about Powell River?

Meriko and Jonathan • Meriko grew up coming to Powell River in the summers to visit a friend with a cabin up the lake. Three years ago we took our first trip here together and arrived in the middle of the Blackberry Festival. We looked at each other and said, "We could live here. We should live here!"

What would make this a nicer community?

Meriko and Jonathan • We're too new to town to have much of an opinion on this, but we know that composting is difficult because of bears and other critters. It would be great if the Community Organics Recovery Exchange program returned some of the finished compost to the community so that waste could be directly reincorporated into people's own garden food systems.

What aspect of your previous community do you think would benefit Powell River?

Meriko and Jonathan • We're overwhelmed with positive feelings about our move so it's hard to answer this one, but we moved from a very cycling-savvy city. Powell River doesn't feel anywhere near as safe as Vancouver, and Jon in particular thinks that motorists and cyclists here would benefit from more awareness of each other.

What challenges did you face in trying to make a life for yourself here?

Meriko and Jonathan • Leaving family has been hard. We both grew up in Vancouver and are used to having extended family close at hand: it's been emotionally hard being even just a few hours away, but it's also been logistically challenging not having their casual help with childcare. Thankfully our wonderful neighbours have been there for us when we've ended up in a scheduling jam, and knowing that we can count on them is just one of the many wonderful things about living in a smaller community.



FOREST PEOPLE: Jonathan, Meriko and Matsuo.

If you were mayor, what would you do?

Meriko and Jonathan • We hope the city continues to support entrepreneurship and economic diversification, as these are the things that will keep Powell River a lively and prosperous place to live. We'd also love to see the residential sections of Marine Ave become more pedestrian-friendly.

What are Powell River's best assets?

Meriko and Jonathan • Warm and friendly people and world class outdoor experiences right out your back door.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Meriko and Jonathan • We like simple pleasures, but we definitely splurge on spot prawns when they're available at the fish dock (we haven't splurged on our own boat just yet so we're at the mercy of the market).

Which superpower would you most like to have?

Meriko and Jonathan • As new parents, there are basic human functions that now seem like superpowers. Short-term memory is a superpower we would like to have back, as well as the ability to sleep for more than four hours at a stretch.







Hide and seek with species at risk

BY DAN STEWART, BIOLOGIST

Do you recognize any of these species? If yes, biologists working in the Powell River area want to hear from you.

Lasqueti, Texada, Savary, and Powell River's mainland are part of the Coastal Douglas-Fir (CDF) biogeoclimatic zone, the smallest and most threatened zone in BC, representing less than one per cent of the landbase.

The remarkable biodiversity of this zone is continually under threat, and currently possesses over 280 Spe-

cies at Risk (SAR).

For two years, a team of biologists have been on the hunt for six SAR in the CDF zone under a federal Habitat Stewardship Program project. Several new populations have been documented, including bat and amphibian breeding populations. They hope to continue work soon, but in the meantime they want to collect as much data as possible.

If you come across any of the species listed here and on the following page, please take detailed notes and photographs. Include date, time, quantity, and location (GPS coordinates are ideal).

Then email your discovery to Aimee Mitchell: atheneecological@gmail.com

Thank you for your assistance. Conservation starts with knowing what is in our backyards!

RED-LEGGED FROG

These frogs require mature forest habitats and forested wetlands. Breeding in spring, juveniles emerge from wetlands in June-August. Look for red colouring beneath the hind legs and folds of skin along the back from behind the eyes. Restricted to the South Coast, they continue to be threatened by road mortality, habitat loss, and predation by invasive bullfrogs.

Photographer: Bill Parker

WESTERN TOAD

60% of the world's Western Toads live in BC. Adults require forests with abundant woody debris on the forest floor, as well as open sunny wetlands for breeding. Look for the bright stripe down their back and a warty appearance. Threats include disease, habitat loss and road mortality.

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SHARP-TAILED SNAKE

These snakes, roughly the size of a large earthworm, can be distinguished by their spine-like tail tip. Habitat includes open forests on south-facing slopes, and their diet is primarily slugs. These snakes are known on SE Vancouver Island, the Southern Gulf Islands, and more recently in Pemberton. Habitat loss continues to threaten their viability in BC.

Photographer: Christian Engelstoft

WESTERN SCREECH-OWL

Once abundant, these owls have declined 90% in the last 15 years. They live year- round in mixed forests, using large tree cavities for breeding. Listen for their high-pitched "bouncing ball" call. These owls are threatened by habitat loss, and predation and competition by non-native Barred Owls.

Photographer: Dave Stiles

APPLE MOSS

This moss has been detected in less than 10 locations in BC. It stands 1 - 3 cm high showing "apple" like spore capsules in late winter and early spring. This moss grows in seasonally-moist areas on south-facing rocky bluffs (e.g.rock faces, seeps, crevices). Invasive plants, trampling, and grazing are their greatest threats.

Photographer: Daniel Stewart

LITTLE BROWN BAT

Bats hibernate in caves in winter and often move to attics or hollow trees in summer. Diet includes flying insects, grasshoppers and spiders. Threats are loss of roost habitats (trees, derelict buildings) and White-Nose Syndrome, a recently-arrived disease. RL











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Good Samaritan saves a life on Hwy 101

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT | isabelle@prliving.ca

aneen Poole was driving home from her job at BC Ferries just before midnight on a dark, wintery March evening when she saw a man wearing a headlamp waving his arms on the other side of the road.

"He wasn't waving me down - but something didn't feel right."

She drove past him as she was by herself but soon turned around to see if he needed help. He was disoriented and she wondered if he'd been a car accident.

"I asked him if he'd been drinking and he said no. He wanted a drive but he was kind of freaking me out and I told him I wasn't giving him a drive but was going to call the RCMP because he seemed really confused."

Mike Thom, a retired RCMP constable, was working as auxiliary that night.

He and his partner found Tom Smith (not his real name) on the side of the road.

"At first I thought he was drunk as he had a hard job standing up," said Mike.

He soon realized the man had been hiking.

They took Tom to hospital and within minutes he was taken to the trauma room in Emergency.

He had hypothermia.

The doctor told Mike that the man likely would not have lived for another half hour and it was good that someone stopped.

How many people had driven by this man? At least one boatload of ferry traffic. But only one person who noticed that he was struggling took it upon herself to make the call. To take that extra step that very likely saved his life.

Powell River Living caught up with Tom to find out what happened that day. An experienced hiker, Tom parked his car and left the Saltery Bay kiosk at 6:30 am that morning, alone. He had 2.5 litres of water, enough food (three sandwiches, an apple, trail mix, dried meat), and snowshoes.

Near the peak of Mount Troubridge, he lost the tree trail markers due to the amount of snow. He found and lost the trail a few more times during the hike which added extra time to his day.

He got wet with snow and sweat but the sun kept him warm during the day. He ran out of water so stopped to filter more .

"At this point, I'd eaten all my food but was feeling great and still moving."

He made it to the bottom of Lois Lake, a two kilometre walk along easy gravel road to the highway, and was excited about reaching his goal.

As he dug through his bag for warm, dry, clothes, he realized that either his water bottle or filter had leaked and everything in his bag was soaked! He texted a friend to let her know he was done and was waiting for a ride.

Twenty cars from the last ferry passed by before he realized it was the last rush of ferry traffic cars. "So I start walking with my thumb out but no one stopped."

By this time Tom figured his brain was slowing down. "I needed a short nap to keep me going, so I laid down on the ridge crest just off the road."

Even though he was going in and out of conscious-

ness, he realized it was a bad idea to nap by the side of the road and tried to stand up but his legs weren't working well.

"By now all I could do was actually wave my arms." This is when Janeen stopped to see what was wrong.

"I start walking with my thumb out but no one stopped. I needed a short nap to keep me going, so I laid down on the ridge crest just off the road."

After she left, he says his body shut down and he fell into the ditch but left his headlamp on hoping that would attract help. Lucky he did because that helped the RCMP find him.

After that Tom doesn't remember anything until he woke up at the Powell River General Hospital.

"I was naked under a heated blanket with pretty much everything they could hook up to me."

Later Tom discovered two big influences on how your body reacts to cold and hypothermia: anti-depressant medicines, and thyroid problems. He has both - which could explain why he fell into a hyopthermic state that day.

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MAILBAG

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to you in regards to an article in your April magazine titled "What do you know about this former school house?"

I'm a volunteer at the Powell River Museum and Archives. I figured I might find something in the Clippings Vault where I'm stationed. It's all old news articles, and every kind of document you could think of, a whole miscellany of everything.

I couldn't find anything specific about a schoolhouse operated by a logging company, but the earliest logging company in the area was The Moodyville Sawmill Co., around 1883.

They logged with oxen, and probably didn't go very far from the beach. The main camp was at the bay where Myrtle Rocks are. There was a post office and the community was called Froer, operated by Mr. Frolander around the same time.

Several families stayed after the company left, namely the McCormacks, whose daughter Myrtle is the origin of several place names in the area. There was probably a school, but I don't think it would have been up at Nootka Road, but at Myrtle Rocks.

There have also been several forest fires in the area since the 1880s, and I don't think anything could have survived.

I have heard of a school house in the area, but this was in the 1920s, and it stood at the top of the present Westview Rd where it meets Nootka St.

That being said, I think Mr. McAulay is mistaken as to the building being from that era, its origin and purpose. However, he is not wrong in that the building is indeed of historical value and interest.

I did find several compelling references to a building at the top of Nootka Street. In *Powell River: The First Fifty Years*, it is stated that there was a man named Reuben Fidler who was the first shoemaker in the town, and he later built the first cabin in Westview. Another reference from a different source said that "Fidler's Place" was one of the farthest places you could reach by road from town in the 1920s and it was on Nootka St or Westview Rd as it was called back then. Also, in a news article from Stuart Lambert, he says he remembers his first Powell River Christmas in 1926 at "Reuben Fidler's log cabin at the extreme end of Westview Road."

Furthermore, in a interview, included in the book *Boats, Bucksaws, and Blisters*, Gertie Lambert recalls that they spent the winter of 1926 at the Fidler's log cabin at the extreme end of Nootka Street. I suppose also that this explains and corroborates well with Mr. McAulay's name for the place being "Fiddler's Field," as it is now apparent that it was named after Reuben Fidler, the first settler in Westview.

At first I thought the name was in reference to Fid-



dler's Green, which is the place of the afterlife in Sailor's Folklore, but now I believe that it is in reference to Mr. Fidler.

Therefore, it seems that this building was not the first schoolhouse in Powell River, but rather the first building in Westview, built by Reuben Fidler in the early 1910s, and is nevertheless still of historical value and interest to Powell River's history. It is a pity that it has since been torn down.

I hope this answers Mr. McAulay's questions, even if it is not exactly what he expected. It's little questions and searches like these that make history so fun but also valuable and we realize how vulnerable it is. This building could have slipped through our fingers and be forgotten forever.

I can say I've learned from this, too, and thank Mr. McAulay and you for the article. He is very welcome to visit the Museum and Archives for further research if he wishes.

- Kyle Erickson









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PRISMA on the Beach Gibsons Landing Jazz Fest Father's Day Family Fishing Weekend RV Canada reading

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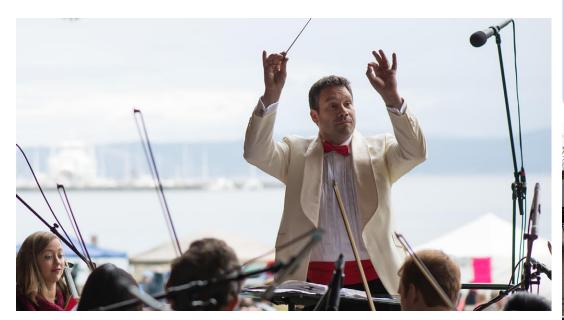
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August 5

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Aug 18-20

Chamber Music Festival
Pender Harbour

Sep TBA

Pender Harbour Jazz Festival

Oct TBA

Pender Harbour Fall Faire

Oct 13-15

Sunshine Coast Mushroom Festival

Pender Harbour

Oct TBA

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June 17-19

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Lower Coast

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July 23

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Friday, June 15th features a concert by the Tom Keenlyside Quartet.

Saturday, the street in Gibsons Landing will be closed noon-5 pm for the Main Stage Street Festival. Featured artists include the Laila Biala Trio, Vince Mai Ouintet, Nick La Riviere Septet, and Mimosa. Stiltwalkers and street performers adding to the festivities. Community groups, kids

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PRISMA on the Beach Tla'amin Nation Celebration of Success evening for Graduates

June 17

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June 21

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National Indigenous Day

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June 22

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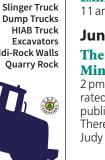
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CHILL OUT AT VIU: One of Powell River's most accomplished painters and a retired commercial artist, Arnold Nouwens, shows Arctic + Stars at VIU this month. Above: Mount Asgard. Reception June 7.

Art, film, dance, cars

June 1 – 7

The Book Club

7 pm Nightly, The Patricia

June 6

Children's Art Camp Fundraiser

6:30 pm, Culaccino. Fundraiser for The Art Centre summer programming. Tickets are \$60 and include a glass of wine, delicious Italian bites, and entry into a door prize draw.

June 7

Cruisin' the Dub - first official vintage car show of the year

5 pm, A&W. 30+ vintage cars on display in the parking lot. Thursday evenings through August.

June 7 to June 29

Arnold Nouwens Malaspina Art Society show at VIU

Reception June 7, 7 to 9 pm

June 8

Don't Stop Believin'

Laszlo Tamasik Dance Academy end-ofyear performance at the Evergreen.

Schreurs Cinema Classic Films Purple Rain

9:30 pm only, The Patricia

Lake and Land Youth Art **Exhibition**

11 am to 5 pm, The Art Centre.

June 9

The Occupation of the American Mind screening

2 pm, Library. A new documentary narrated by Roger Waters about Israel's public relations wars in the United States. There will be a presentation afterwards by Judy Goldschmidt.

June 10

PRISMA fundraising dinner

Laughing Oyster, seatings begin at 5:30 pm. Performances will include PRISMA favourites Edwin Sungpil Kim, Janet Arms and Marc Goldberg – and, of course, maestro Arthur Arnold. All proceeds support the 2018 PRISMA Festival. \$45. Reserve by calling the restaurant.

June 13

Tech Savvy – Digital Memoir Resources

10:15 am at the Library. Discover various digital tools that enable you to capture, preserve, share, and publish your own stories. To register call 604-485-4796 Ext.

June 15

Local Author Barb Rees Presents RV Canada - Western Canada Off the Beaten Path

7 pm at the Library Join Barb Rees as she reads from her latest volume in the RV Canada series, featuring practical tips and stories of their trip through Alberta, BC, Yukon, Haida Gwaii and home.

June 16

Vintage Car show

2 til 4, Cranberry Seniors Centre

June 23

Powell River Photography Competition – Photo Display

2 pm at the Library. The Library will showcase all photo competition submissions and announce the winner.

June 30

Dog Done Grooming photo contest closes

See ad on Page 41.

Live music

June 1

Shari Ulrich in concert with the Powell River Chorus

7:30 Max Cameron Theatre, \$20. Tix at Rocklt. Kids 12 and under free.

Theo Angell Album Release show/ Fanfare and Mr. Twyford

8 pm, pay what you can, McKinneys

June 2

Back Eddy and the Procrastinators 9 pm, \$15, McKinneys

June 7

Diemm Chamber Folk concert

7 to 9 pm, Rodmay Hotel lobby. Suggested donation \$10 to \$15.



June 9

Deep Blue Sea concert with the Powell River Community Band

Noon, Willingdon Beach at the Loggers Memorial bowl. Free admission. Directed by Roy Carson.

The Dollarstore Jesus, Black Metal Astronaut

8pm, \$10, McKinneys

Dinner & a show - Blues

5 pm, Mary Mary café, Texada. Both Sam Hurrie & Doug Cox agree, Old Friends is the best CD they have made together. \$40 including dinner. \$20 show only.

June 11

Academy Children's Choirs

7 pm, James Hall. Tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for students 18 and under.

June 11 to 23

PRISMA

See ad on Page 3 for full schedule

June 15 Gemini Party with the Chad & PAPA D

9 pm, sliding scale, McKinneys

The Candy and Petunia Show

8:30 pm, Cranberry Hall. An evening of comedy and song. \$15, tickets at Base-Camp.

June 15 to 17

Gibsons Landing Jazz Fest

See coastjazz.com, or ad on Page 19.

June 16

Wild Nights Summer Dance Parties with Jupiter Wildz and Michael Jacques

8 pm, McKinneys

PRISMA on the Beach

Free concert at Willingdon Beach. Vendors open at 5. Concert begins at 6.

June 17

Ceilish for breakfast

Pancake breakfast fundraiser for Lang Bay Community Club and Ceilish (KAY-lish), a fiddle band of kids 12-19 who are travelling to Scotland in July. 9-noon at Lang Bay Hall.Bid on a chainsaw carving by Clinton Bleaney and get the new Ceilish CD "Tunes from the Market."

June 21

qwaqw0əmštəm National Indigenous Day fundraiser for the Cheechlem Chi-Chia Canoe Family

5 pm, Tla'amin Salish Centre. \$25 per ticket includes dinner. Performances include Simone Blais, Metis Jigger from Toronto; Duane Hanson, Klahoose First Nation; Albert Hackett, Tla'amin First Nation; Tla'amin Nunkum Dancers Tickets at the Tla'amin Convenience Store.

June 22

Blues Busters

9pm, \$10, McKinney's

June 23

St. Jean Baptiste night

9pm, \$10, McKinney's

June 28

Jennifer Louise Taylor

5 pm, Mary Mary café, Texada. \$40 including dinner. \$20 show only.

June 29

David GoGo

9pm, \$15. McKinneys

June 30

Dennis Fox and Whoever Rocks,

9pm, \$10, McKinneys





MADRIGAL WITH A VOLKSWAGON: Salt Spring's Jill Willmott and her van have seen the world - but one of her favourite experiences is just up the coast: <u>K</u>athaumixw.

Photo by GAIL SJUBERG

'Kathaumixw is happifying'

BY JOYCE CARLSON

ill and Dick Willmott traveled from Salt Spring Island for their first International Choral <u>Kathaumixw</u> in 2004 after being told about the event by a friend in Burnaby.

"It gave me as much joy as I have ever had, listening to the music," said Jill.

The couple came every time after that first year until Dick died in 2012. Two years later, Jill was preparing for a trip on a freighter and missed the festival.

In 2016, she decided to try coming on her own and she will return for the July 3 to 7 festival. She'll be driving her 1984 Volkswagen camper van that she and Dick travelled to so many places in together. "It has a stick shift and I always get it fully serviced before I use it," she said with a laugh.

The couple ended up with the van when someone needed to replace a roof and sold it for the money required to do the job. "We had some interesting trips in it, including our honeymoon.

She'll park in a spot at Willingdon Beach Campsite and drive it to and from the concerts. "I'll go to bed and then get up and do the same thing the next day."

Jill says she scours the information about which choirs are attending <u>Kathaumixw</u>. "I read about them and carefully check off the concerts I must attend to see my first choices."

She also attends the competitions each day and is "busy all day long."

Jill and her husband met at the University of British Columbia and after graduation travelled together for many years.

The widow still lives in the home they bought when they moved to Salt Spring Island in August 1999 from Kingston, Ontario. "We had always talked about living close to the ocean again. Once winter with skiing was no longer part of our lives, we made the move. All three of

our children had moved before us."

Madrigal singing is a source of joy in Jill's life. She and her husband sang in madrigal choirs together after spending time in Zambia. They belonged to an international folk dancing group and madrigal singers in Kingston where Jill enjoyed performing and making costumes for concerts.

Once they moved to the island, Dick joined the community choir named Salt Spring Singers.

"I prefer madrigal singing with its harmonies," said Jill, adding she does not sight read and hates singing scales. "For 10 years I approached people about forming a madrigal group and got nowhere. I must have put up notices on 10 different bulletin boards. It was difficult but finally I found a keyboardist and then was able to entice enough singers to participate."

Jill's group of singers is named Mostly Madrigal.

"We are called mostly, because we also sing rounds and favourite songs of members," she explained.

Thinking back on the <u>Kathaumixw</u> festivals she has attended, Jill remembers watching the conductor of a children's choir. "When they were finished, he first bowed to the children and then to the audience; I thought that was just wonderful."

She also recalls fondly watching a South African youth choir and hearing that it was the first one comprised of black and Caucasian members.

"I thought to myself, 'Tremendous, just tremendous."

And she remains impressed with an Estonian women's choir that won its category.

"Coming to \underline{K} athaumixw brings me a whole lot of good feelings, with all the bad things that are happening in the world. \underline{K} athaumixw is happifying."

Connect with your Community

June 1, ongoing

Pilot project starts: Bring your flexible plastics to the recycling depot

See more in the ad on Page 11.

June 2

Army cadets annual Ceremonial Review

1 pm, Timberlane. Come out to Timberlane Barracks and support our local Army Cadet Corps as they show off what they have learned over the training year. Open to everyone to watch.

June 3

Fall Fair planning meeting

3:15 pm, Everyone Welcome Bring your ideas and your desire to help make this Fall Fair the best on record. We will be checking in on progress to ensure that planning is on track and we will be finalizing some outstanding items.

June 6

Resilient streets kick-off

6:30 Rec Complex. At the event you can apply for our Micro Grants (\$50 preplanning grant) or \$200 Grants for your neighbourhood project (or block party!). See you at 6:30 pm in the Cedar Room.

June 7

Holy Cross Cemetery AGM

6 pm, Cranberry Seniors Centre

June 9

Hearthstone Village Open House

4 pm Cranberry Community Hall. Cohousing info, potluck, and more.

June 11

Open Air Market work party

10am at the market. There will be tasks for all ages and skill levels. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Refreshments offered.

June 13 & 14

40th anniversary celebration - Aaron Service & Supply

Wednesday, June 13, 1pm to 7pm and Thursday, June 14, 10 to 5 Demos, coffee & refreshments. Enter your name in one of our draws. See ad on Page 36.

June 16

Top Shelf Feeds Customer Appreciation Day

Noon til 3 pm, BBQ by donation to the Therapeutic Riding Association. Specials and more. See ad on Page 36.

June 16 & 17

Summer solstice fire ceremony and camp out

Lang Bay. See Facebook for more.

June 25

Permaculture Design Course

The course will be taught by Erin Innes and Ron Berezan with many other guest instructors. To register or for more information email rin@passionatepermaculture.ca or call Ron at 604 223 4800.

June 27

Mall 'Marketplace' concept Open House

4 til 5:30 pm, Town Centre Mall. Refreshments, giveaways, tours and more. See ad on Page 43.

July 3

Summer Reading Club Starts

Powell River Library. See ad Page 30.

July 4

Introduction to the Self Employment Program

9:30 til 4 pm, through Community Futures. See ad on Page 19.



HANGING OUT IN THE HANGAR: At AeroSpace Camp, youth savour a first taste of flying fever. Texada's flying scene offers much for all ages this summer.

Believe you can fly

BY DOBY DOBROSTANSKI

here is a lot more going on at the Texada Airport these days. There have been several busloads of youth that came to visit the AeroSpace Camp hangar, and a constant stream of pilots have made #8 Hangar a regular destination

It might be Peter Teuner's airplane cookies, or maybe the new Texada Aviation Museum (TAM) that has piqued the interest of the flying community. Maybe both!

The 2018 Texada AeroSpace Camp will be held early this year, as will the Texada Annual Fly-In. The Camp will operate from July 4 to 7, and the Flying Fling dance will be on Saturday, July 7.

The Fly-In will be on July 8. The Fraser Blues and other exciting acts are on the

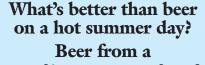
agenda, including Skydive Vancouver Island and more! Cars and Bikes will also be there. Over 70 planes are expected to arrive at the Fly-In.

A new exciting feature is the Texada Aviation Museum containing many exhibits and a diorama. Some exhibits are technical, others deal with regional aviation history.

Larry Dawe and his daughter Charlotte diligently took on the job in the library and organized the books in various categories so they can be found easily. At last count the library holds nearly 600 volumes and a number of fine art prints. The Amateur radio antennas are being connected up next week to finish the facility for now!

Anyone willing to help or donate aviation artifacts, books etc., please call 604 223-2588.





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IF YOU GO DOWN IN THE WOODS TODAY: Bear Aware's Francine Uhlmer and Conservation Officer Andrew Anaka ham it up at a Family Fishing event.

Hook your offspring

BY ANDREW ANAKA

Conservation Officer, Sunshine Coast Zone

ast year's event saw more than 140 people come out and enjoy a fun filled family event which included free food, free fishing (yes, we are giving away 30 rod/reel combos again!) and free prizes.

Bring the family and come out and enjoy a completely free day of fishing (no licences required).

BC's Family Fishing Weekend is an annual celebration of the great sport of fishing. "GO FISH" is our slogan to motivate more people to take up angling as a pastime and to enjoy B.C.'s magnificent outdoors. Additionally, we are committed to educating the public of the vital significance of fish and their fragile habitat.

The B.C. Government waives the requirement for a basic freshwater licence for June 15, 16 and 17, 2018 (some rules

FAMILY FISHING DAY

What: Free food, free fishing, prizes and more. When: Sunday, June 17 from 10 til 2 pm Where: Inland Lake

and regulations still apply). Fisheries and Oceans Canada also encourages B.C. residents to try their hand at tidal (saltwater) fishing by allowing licence-free fishing (see website for restrictions).

Annually our program attracts an estimated 40,000 people who go fishing during the Family Fishing Weekend around B.C. and approximately 15,000 more visit our popular community events. The Family Fishing Weekend has developed into a well-liked and much anticipated annual event.

Our sponsor again this year is the BC Ferry and Marine Workers Union who will be cooking up food for everyone! RL

Outside & sporty

June 1

Student track meet at Timberlane

June 2

Free afternoon at the pool

2 til 4 pm. Sponsored by the United Way.

June 2 & 3

Ladies Sweep

Myrtle Creek Golf Club, 10 am tee times

Strides for Stroke

Powell River Stroke Recovery will be having their annual "Strides for Stroke" on Tuesday June 5. Leaving from the United Church, along Joyce Avenue and back to the Church. If you would like to donate please call Sandy at 604 489-0024.

June 9

Steve Steel Golf Tourney

Myrtle Creek Golf Club, 9:30 am tee times

June 10

Powell River Rotary Sunrise golf tournament

Myrtle Point Golf Club. Shotgun start at 1 pm. Texas Scramble. Proceeds stay in Powell River to support the community and Rotary projects. Lots of fun, great prizes! Business team challenge, Prizes for a hole-in-one, high score, low score, and best dressed! For more info contact Viv Watson, chairperson at 604 483-8697 or viv@prcruisetravel.ca or Frank Clayton, club president at 604 483-1803 or frankclayton@telus.net.

June 14

Dorothy Olive Franklin Tournament

Myrtle Creek Golf Club, 8:30 am tee times

June 15 to 17

Family Fishing Weekend

Fishing event at Inland Lake Sunday only (the 17th), 10 am to 2 pm. See story on this page and www.bcfamilyfishing.com

June 17

Walter Harstrom Memorial Golf Tournament

9am, Myrtle Creek. Hosted by the Legion. Come celebrate Fathers Day out on the golf course! Finish off a day of golf with prizes and a delicious steak BBQ. Sign-up sheet is at the Legion. It only cost \$35/person.....and that includes your meal! Entry cut-off date is June 12th

June 21

Ladies Warren Behan Stableford Tourney

Myrtle Creek Golf Club, 8:30 am tee times

June 23

Sink day - YOGN 82

11 am, viewing from Willingdon Beach. The Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia will sink the first of four surplus vessels as an artificial reef off Willingdon Beach Trail. See story Page 33.

June 23 & 30

Disc Golf tournaments

11 am til 2 pm, Sunset park. \$10 per person. Call the Rec Complex for more info.

June 23 & 24

Men's Malaspina Tourney

Myrtle Creek Golf Club, 8:30 am tee times

July 1

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The strength to carry on

BY HEATHER ARMSTRONG

I took a big breath when I first learned I had multiple sclerosis (MS). I was 47 years old.

I thought I was having a stroke because my left side went numb. After my doctor calmed me down, she told me what we were going to look for – MS. I was dumbfounded and speechless.

My mother has MS and it's affected both her cognitive and physical abilities. I'm sure my husband and family were all wondering if it would affect me the same way.

I had the hardest time telling my mom. I didn't want her to think it was her fault and blame herself for my diagnosis. Fortunately, we were able to talk about it and get past it.

MS BIKE

What: A fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis research

When: August 11 and 12

Where: Cowichan Valley

Who: Powell River's James and Heather Armstrong, Mac and Doreen Fraser, and Mike and Lucy Lambert will ride with the MS Deraileurs.

To donate: www.mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/BikeTour?fr_id=5950&pg=pfind.

That was 12 years ago. What I found is that, while MS is certainly scary and unpredictable, having the disease motivates me to tell my story, listen to stories of people with MS, volunteer and raise money to help find a cure.

I've worked on a range of MS campaigns; my favourite campaign is the Volunteer Legal Advocacy Program (VLAP).

VLAP offers a range of services that will benefit people living with MS who



FOR A CURE: Heather and James Armstrong are raising money for research.

often face advocacy and/or legal challenges in the areas of disability rights, housing, employment, income security, etc.

My focus is helping people with their applications for Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D) benefits.

Working with another volunteer, we have hours-long conference calls helping MS clients apply for this benefit. A successful result can be life-changing for our clients.

One of the Society's annual fundraising highlights is MS Bike. My nine-person team is called MS Derailleurs and we ride in the Cowichan Valley event August 11 and 12; two days of cycling, wine and cider-tasting at small scale producers in the Valley.

This year's Powell River members are me and my husband James, Mac and Doreen Fraser and Mike and Lucy Lambert. Our team is seeking donations (see sidebar). Make a pledge to our ride and help us reach this year's team goal of \$12,000!

The 300 riders in the Island event raised over \$300,000 last year. My team chipped in \$10,000. The dollars raised are invested in world-leading MS research happening right here in Canada, research that will bring us closer than ever to the first treatment for progressive MS and ultimately a cure for the disease.

A cure to MS means everything to me; an end to this dark and nasty disease. Without advancements in MS research, we'll never find the cure.





Summer is Sweet

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Summer Reading Club

The theme this year is "Motion Commotion." Sign up at the Library, and keep track of the books you read, to win prizes. Books to be showcased are *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown and *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker.

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WHAT IS MS?

MS is an autoimmune disease of the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord). MS is unpredictable and can cause symptoms such as extreme fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder problems, cognitive impairment and mood changes. Its effects can be physical, emotional and financial.

WHO GETS MS?

MS can occur at any age, but is usually diagnosed between the ages of 15 to 40. Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world, with an estimated 1 in every 340 Canadians living with the disease. While it is most often diagnosed in young adults aged 15 to 40, younger children and older adults are also diagnosed with the disease.

LOOKING FOR HELP?

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The doctors and researchers put in endless hours of their time, energy, and brain power into finding the cure.

The very least I can do is put my own time, resolve and passion into raising money for their research.

Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring to be performed at PRISMA

A very Powell River scandal

MIKE ROBINSON | PRISMA Treasurer

n May 29, 1913, the Paris premiere of *The Rite of Spring* took place at the Theatre of the Champs Elysees. The Russian ballet's choreographer was Vaslav Nijinsky and the symphony's composer, Igor Stravinsky.

Together that night, almost exactly 105 years ago, they unleashed a mad torrent of modernity on the members of Parisienne high society. Russian intellectual Lydia Sokolova was in Paris for the opening, and she was interviewed in 1965 about the event. "The audience didn't even let the overture begin. As soon as it was known that the conductor was there, the uproar began."

"There was an existing tremor in the air against Nijinsky before any curtain went up!" said Stephen Walsh, a noted Professor of Music at Cardiff University. Apparently blows were exchanged, objects hurled at the stage, and at least one person was challenged to a duel as Stravinsky's strangled bassoon melody began during the opening section.

THE RITE OF SPRING AT PRISMA

What: The 20th century's most loathed, loved and important symphony will be performed by PRISMA students.

When: June 22 at the 7:30 concert at the Evergreen Theatre, and June 23 RBC Symphony Cruise at 1:30 pm.

Learn more: www.prismafestival.com.

The sounds in the theatre were truly unlike any the Parisienne society patrons had ever heard in their prior lives. The dance was even more disturbing than the music – it invoked Russian primitivism and modernist chic simultaneously. Stravinsky himself characterized the dancers as, "A group of knock kneed and long- braided Lolitas jumping up and down..."

Today the celebrated "Riot at the Rite" is acknowl-



THESE DANCERS WERE A RIOT: Back in 1913, *The Rite of Spring's* innovative music and choreography - inspired by indigenous Russia - changed performance forever. Hear what caused the uproar at PRISMA on June 22 and 23.

edged as one of the first very public gate-openings to Modernism in Europe, and indeed to the 20th Century. Together Nijinsky and Stravinsky pitched tradition to the winds. Their actions really played to a growing sense, certainly in Russia in 1913, of class warfare and impending revolution.

While the audience that opening night was swathed in furs and diamonds, The Rite of Spring was directly appealing to the new, growing and increasingly enfranchised middle class. Through their small business "The dance was even more disturbing than the music – it invoked Russian primitivism and modernist chic simultaneously."



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incomes and public education, they were showing 'Society' that they had the power to catalyze change in the artistic and aesthetic realms as well.

In Russia and generally in Europe, people were growing tired of the inherited privilege of Tsars and Kings. And they sought dissonant chords and pulsating rhythms in their lives as well. Serge Diaghilev, founder of the Ballets Russes, famously asked Stravinsky of his opening score, "Will it last a very long time this way?" To which Stravinsky replied, "To the end, my dear."

Estaban Buch, Director of the School of Advanced Studies in Social Science in Paris, notes that what upset the opening night audience was, "the very notion of the primitive society being shown on the stage."

Nevertheless, The Rite of Spring concluded with an ovation of sorts, and chaos in the crowd as Stravinsky and Nijinsky took their bows. People left the performance with a sense that they had been a part of an awakening. Diaghilev told the Paris press that The Rite of Spring had caused "impassioned debate." One account of the evening says that forty people were arrested for their exuberant celebratory behaviour!

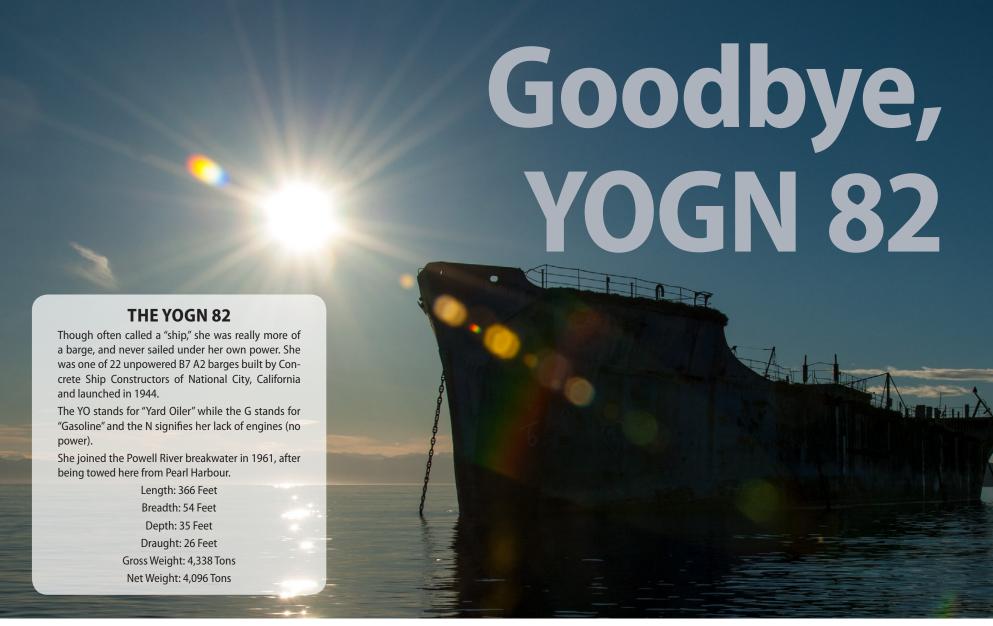
So how will Powell River residents and PRISMA guests react on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23 (at 7:30 pm and 1:30 pm respectively), in the Evergreen Theatre, some 105 years and 24 days later, when Maestro Arthur Arnold conducts Le Sacre du Printemps, arguably the gateway music of 20th century social reform?

If we are true to our town's history, we will thrill to a performance that celebrates the open embrace of modernity, workers' rights, the promotion of diversity, and the acceptance of new technology. In 1910 the Powell River Townsite was created on a parallel architectural template, that set the Canadian stage for how remote industrial communities should embrace family values, the Arts and Crafts philosophy and the Garden City Design Movement as core planning concepts.

One hundred and eight years later, Powell River is still supporting and advancing concepts that began in the original Townsite. In 1939 local millworkers secured the first BC Credit Unions Act charter with an opening deposit of \$48.30. By 1955, First Credit Union had over 3,000 members and \$1 million in assets. Today it is the region's lead financial player.

In 2004 Powell River was nationally designated a Cultural Capital of Canada for its arts and cultural program leadership. The Tla'amin Final Agreement, which came into effect on April 5, 2016, set the stage for innovative First Nations government by the Tla'amin First Nation, the indigenous leaders of local creative thinking. Their involvement as local government sponsors of PRISMA shows by example how Reconciliation works amongst neighbouring communities.

Arguably, Powell River is exactly the kind of community that Nijinsky and Stravinsky would celebrate. Their choreography and composition nurtures the same roots, and feeds the same ambitions.



BY SEAN PERCY | sean@prliving.ca

ne of Powell River's iconic Hulks will take her final voyage this month.

The YOGN-82, one of the best-known con-

The YOGN-82, one of the best-known concrete barges because of its former location close to the breakwater at "Second Beach," is the first of four hulks to be sunk by the Artificial Reef Society of BC as attractions for divers and marine life.

Powell River's diving community has been trying to get an artificial reef sunk here since the early 1990s, but have missed many opportunities. Delays have been long for this project, too. Proponents were hoping to sink the YOGN last year.

But now all the approvals are in place, including endorsements from Tla'amin, the City of Powell River, and the required federal agencies, and a sinking date has been set for June 23.

"I remember seeing an old PowerPoint presentation created, I think, on Windows 3 about buying the Hulks and sinking them," said Gary Lambeth, owner of the local dive shop, Salish Sea Dive.

YOGN 82 SINK DAY

What: The first of Powell River's Hulks will be sunk by the Artificial Reef Society of BC.

When: 11 til noon, June 23

Where: Spectator viewing is possible near Willingdon Beach. For safety, all watercraft will be required to maintain a distance of 450 metres (1,500 feet) from the hulk and the area will be patrolled to ensure that this safe distance is maintained.

You should also know: Preceding the sinking, the command tug boat will sound 12 short whistle signals, followed by a two-minute interval before a final warning signal. After the sinking, the area will remain closed to the public for 36-48 hours, allowing the ARSBC technical divers to survey the wreck site and ensure it's safe for divers to explore.

"It has been a long time coming."

"I'm super excited. Me and everybody else. I'm super excited to dive on it myself. I'm also looking forward to taking some students out on it. We're taking pictures

with some students on the boat before they sink it and then after the sinking we'll take those kids down and take pictures on the same place on the boat."

He expects it won't just be locals interested in the new reef.

"It's going to be fabulous for tourism in general and specifically us, of course," said Gary. "It will bring people here that aren't just diving. These people will also be eating in restaurants and staying in hotels and shopping."

The Artificial Reef Society's president, Howie Robins, said his organization has a successful record of converting ships into productive long-term reef habitat. The society has sunk eight reefs in BC alone, as well as others around the world.

"This will be the most unique and creative marine habitat project ever undertaken by our Society. The challenge will be to place up to four of these large vessels in a group formation at variable depths ranging from 25-35 meters. Divers of all skill levels seek novelty, and this will be a dive back into maritime history for adventure divers worldwide," said Howie.



My love affair with Lavender





A growing concern

BY JONATHAN VAN WILTENBURG | jonathan vw@yahoo.com

have always loved lavender. My wife would say it is my big nose that draws me to it. As a boy, we had sturdy English lavender in our front garden that begged to be picked. There always seemed to be plenty of flowers, and as long as I could avoid the bees, I would pick spires of blue flowers and rub them all over my face, neck, and clothes.

Nowadays I still enjoy the fragrance of lavender but in a slightly more refined way. One or two drops of lavender essential oil on our wool drier balls and the smell of a summer day can hit you hard, even in the middle of winter.

As a gardener I have come to love lavender even more.

With our undeniably chaotic weather, it is a plant that can keep a show no matter what nature throws at it.

Lavender is low maintenance, drought tolerant, the bees adore it, and with prun-

ing it can push out two flushes of bloom in summer

Lavender also has many household uses. Apart from the age-old bath products and sachets for your clothes, lavender is now a trendy culinary ingredient in ice cream, salad dressing, chocolate, and spirits to name a few.

There are two main types of lavender grown in our area, English and Spanish. English (*Lavendula angustafolia*) produces blue purple flowers, and tougher flower spikes with silvery green foliage. It has plenty of fragrance and is a classic species used to harvest edible petals.

Spanish lavender (*Lavendula stoechas*) offers softer spikes of pinkish purple pineapple shaped flowers, with foliage that has longer silvery leaves. Both are excellent choices and can look quite attractive when planted in combination with one another.



Top priorities in the garden for June

Keep watering. It has been very dry already so make sure plants stay hydrated, especially fruit and vegetable crops. Always put a finger in the soil after you finished to see how far the water has penetrated.

Weed, weed, weed. If you take control of the weeds now, it will pay dividends later on. If your weeding is out of control seriously consider putting down a good layer of mulch to smother the unwanted plants. You will be surprised how good the mulch looks and how much less work will be needed.

Be mindful of your greenhouse temperature. Optimal is not above 30°C. If the temperature shoots up above 35°C, plants like tomatoes will drop their flowers. Use white wash or shade cloth covering to bring down the temperature.

It's hedge-trimming time! Many common hedges need some green growth left behind to grow back. Laurels and yew are the main exceptions; you can prune them back hard and they will come back. Cedars, cypress, and most other conifer hedging do not grow back from older wood.

If you have not already done so, plant out all your heat loving plant such as beans, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, eggplant, summer flowering annuals, etc.

Keep sowing your seeds every three weeks to secure a supply of tender young veggies all summer long.

Tomatoes plants should be tied up or supported. Also pinch off the side shoots that are growing in the crotches of the side leaves and main stem.

Watch for pests and disease. Be on the alert for powdery mildew, black spot, aphids, carrot root fly, cabbage white moth, and onion maggot.

Don't let the cucumbers dry out. As soon as they get stressed they are more susceptible to powdery mildew and spider mite infestations.



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Bonsai is alive!

Near cat-astrophe averted

BY SUZANNAH SCHREURS

onsai is a 13-year-old chocolate point Siamese cat. He left his South of Powell River home on the evening of February 9 on one of his usual adventures...hunting and exploring. It just so happened that he didn't come home as he usually did after one of his outings. After a couple of days passed we went looking for him. Still, no sign of Bonsai.

A month later, we'd given up hope of ever seeing him alive again. Maybe, we thought, he'd been the victim of a cougar or raccoon.

We live in a forested neighbourhood with lots of places to roam and a creek to drink from. We posted missing cat signs and canvassed neighbours in search of Bonsai but had no luck.

Meanwhile, next door to us, a new home was being built. We searched the neighbouring property but didn't see any signs of him. That all changed on March 7 when the new neighbours found our cat in their crawl space. They delivered him to us, and let's just say, they were shocked.

Bonsai looked awful. He'd been accidently trapped in their home that had just been built to lock up.

He'd had nothing to eat or drink for almost a month. Although our neighbours had been to their property before, they hadn't heard Bonsai. But that day, they went down to the crawl space thinking they heard a raccoon. Bonsai had burrowed into the wall and insulation trying to get out.

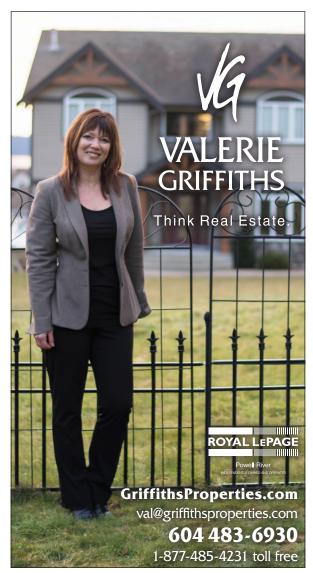




FREE AT LAST: Bonsai the survivalist Siamese.

Bonsai was taken to see Dr. Bryce Fleming at the Powell River Vet Hospital for immediate attention. He was given some fluids and a small amount of food, as he could not have too much at first because he could get "food overload," which would make him ill and be hard on his system.

Bonsai is happy to be home and we're happy to have him back. He was put a restricted diet and had a few wounds from trying to claw his way out of the crawl space. Everyone is happy Bonsai is home and he is getting lots of love and cuddles.





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WHAT'S UP

Bring your neighbours together

Do you know your neighbours? Their names? The names of their kids? Dog? Cat?

If the answer is yes, that's great but in this day and age, many people don't.

The City of Powell River hopes to change all that with a new program they're launching this month.

The Resilient Streets Program is a new initiative that builds on the City's block party program. Powell River is one of four BC communities to receive a grant so it can expand neighbourhood gatherings. Last year there were eight neighbourhood block parties, this year the City would like to see to upwards of 25.

Being connected to neighbours and knowing their names, is important for all of us for long-term resilience and well-being, said Shawna Rahier, the City's Community Recreation Program Coordinator.

The Resilient Streets Program makes it easier for neighbours to get to know each other. And if you know your neighbours you know who might have a rake, a generator, or an extra life jacket should you need to borrow one.

"We want to strengthen neighbourhoods in our community and that involves building upon those block parties," said Neil Pukesh, The City's Manager of Recreation. "We are purchasing an event trailer that is going to be fully stocked with supplies to help people plan and execute events in their neighbourhoods, whether it be a beautification project, street cleaning, or similar projects, as well as block parties."

The Resilient Streets Kick-Off Workshop is on Wednesday, June 6th, from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Powell River Recreation Complex Cedar Room. Call (604) 485-2891 to register for this free event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Micro-planning grants of \$50 are available for organizers planning a Resilient Streets events. An additional \$200 is available to execute the event. Grant applications available at the June 6th kickoff. For more info visit www.powellriverprc.ca.

Volunteers needed

Evergreen Extended Care is looking for bingo helpers. They play every Monday and Wednesday from 2 to 3:15 pm. Volunteers are seated at the tables with residents to assist them in covering their cards and watching for 'Bingos.' Volunteers may also apply to call bingo.

Success by 6 is looking for bus drivers. Volunteer drivers move a 40 foot reconfigured bus (the ORCA Bus) to scheduled stops/visits to all areas of the Powell River Regional District. The ORCA Bus parks for the duration of the program and is then returned to the storage yard. Typically, volunteer drivers spend three to four hours on each trip. The ORCA bus delivers a Strong Start out-

reach program for School District 47, The City of Powell River, Supported Child Development (inclusion Powell River), Tla'amin Health, and other activities at various community events.

Volunteer Powell River (VPR) is looking for photographers interested in documenting the good work of other volunteers. Work with VPR to connect with local groups and give annual recognition for National Volunteer Week. This would be in preparation for April 2019.

For more details or more volunteer opportunities please visit unitedwayofpowellriver.ca or our volunteering platform dosomegood.ca.

Local teen wins coveted award

Congratulations to Brooks Secondary student Alenor Boyd for being awarded the silver level of The Duke of Edinburgh Award last month.

Alenor, who is a Grade 10 student, was presented her award at a ceremony held at Government House in Victoria on May 12. She was one of 34 youth from across BC to achieve this award.

The Duke of Edinburgh is an international self-development leadership program for young people ages 14 to 24. The program provides youth with opportunities to challenge themselves so they can become the best possible versions of themselves.

Long-time hockey couple lauded

Congratulations to Jodi and Mike Mastrodonato who were recently recognized for their many years of volunteer work with Powell River Minor Hockey.

The couple were awarded the Fred Heslop Award by the BC Hockey Amateur Hockey Association in April.

"Mike and Jodi make themselves available to help anyone, answer any questions people might have about all the different programs offered with BC Hockey, and if they don't know the answer, they know who to ask," says a BC Hockey news press release.

Both Mike and Jodi are referees. Mike has been a coach, assistant coach and manager. He's also held different positions on the executive over the year with the last being president and acting president.

Jodi is on the referee in chief committee, and was one of those who got the female hockey program up and running. Today she is head coach of that program and she doesn't even have a daughter in it. As well, Jodi organizes tournaments, fundraises, score keeps, has managed rep teams and helps wherever needed. The couple was very involved when Powell River hosted the Tier 2 Bantam Provincials last season.

The Fred Heslop Minor Hockey Week Awards recognize outstanding volunteer service to hockey in BC and the Yukon. The Mastrodonatos were two of six awards recipients announced during National Volunteer Week, April 15 - 21.







Art inspired by PRISMA on the Beach

BY LOUISE GLOSLEE

long with a group of artists, I was asked to bring a painting to the first PRISMA on the Beach.

I thought would it be fun to paint it there, as the orchestra was playing on the main stage. I would paint away to the sounds of the symbol crashing, the cellos, the violins, the brass - experiencing the music.

PRISMA was in my soul, so all the strokes that you see on this painting the music brought to me that day. The PRISMA Wave is my way of expressing my appreciation for PRISMA

Arts Alive In The Park every year in August is a great venue where I can display these large panels. I totally encourage people to come along and paint their mark on my creations so we can create a lovely painting together.

It is interesting - people need encouragement to touch these paintings or paint on them because they're afraid they're going to make a mis-

I believe there are no mistakes in abstract expressionist art.

Community Forest grants set new record; \$1.1 million awarded

Powell River Community Forest handed the City of Powell River its largest dividend cheque ever: \$2,130,450, from log sales in 2017.

At the May 17 City of Powell River Council meeting, Mayor Dave Formosa expressed his appreciation to the Powell River Community Forest board of directors for its ongoing efforts. "We all know how great an opportunity this is for everyone."

With the 18 grants allocated at the May 17th council meeting, more than \$1.1 million of the \$2.1 million dividend has been committed.

The large 2017 dividend allows both spring and fall grants.

The following applicants received spring grant funding for their projects.

- Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society Sunshine Coast Trail, north end shelter and other enhancements, \$73,304
- Zackery's Social Network Society K-Lumet Pilot Project waste wood trucking, storage container, office equipment, wood splitter, wax tank - contribution towards a facility for manufacture of quick-burning fire starters employing persons with disabilities, \$36,289.51
- Powell River Curling Club contribution towards replacement of the ice plant, \$150,000
- · Wild Ocean Whale Society to set up ocean viewpoints, including standing binoculars, signage, presentation materials, \$44,167, subject to siting approval by local government
- Knuckleheads Winter Recreation Association Sentinel Backcountry cabin construction - second top-up grant to cover increase in construction costs, \$15,000
- Ohtaqken Canoe Paddle Project purchase wood, pay carvers to make paddles, purchase mast and sail for tribal journey, \$14,235

- Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department contribution towards a Mobile Structural Protection Unit for regional emergency resource to be located on Texada Island, \$23,000
- Powell River Employment Program tenant improvements for new lease space at Crossroads Village for PREP administration staff and Immigrant Services Program, \$130,000
- Cadet Corps of Powell River, with support of BC Target Sports Association contribution towards establishing an indoor training facility for target shooting, \$14,545
- Vancouver Coastal Health on behalf of Evergreen Extended Care Resident and Families, purchase and install double-wall oven, \$6,365
- Powell River Gymnastics Club, replace the foam pit, including removal and disposal of old foam, \$60,000
- · Powell River Public Library contribution towards PRPL fundraising "Build a Future" campaign associated with cost/naming rights for Library foyer, \$250,000
- · City of Powell River North Harbour Launching Ramp improvements, \$200,000
- City of Powell River park signage upgrades, \$30,000
- · City of Powell River playground equipment replacement at DA Evans Park, swing sets at Grief Point and Lindsay Parks,
- · City of Powell River disabled seating and pathways, Logger Sports Memorial Bowl, \$10,000
- · City of Powell River cedar shake siding on Timberlane Park washroom building, \$10,000
- · City of Powell River cedar shake siding on Museum Centennial Building, \$25,000

Applicants may apply for grants at any time. PRCF president Greg Hemphill said it is expected the review process for the Fall 2018 grants will start in mid-September. For more information about the Powell River Community Forest, the website can be found at www.prcommunityforest.ca



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BY KIM MILLER | office@powellriverchamber.com



Santé Veritas Therapeutics (SVT) Powell River is merging with three other North American cannabisgrowing companies to create a multinational corporation called TILT Holdings. Last month, US based companies Baker Technologies, Sea Hunter and Briteside combined with Sante'

Veritas, which has headquarters in Vancouver. The new corporation is forecasted to have revenue of \$200 million next year. Santé Veritas, which is constructing a 40,000-square foot cultivation facility in the former mill administration building in the Townsite, is awaiting a Health Canada license for the production of medical marijuana. SVT anticipates it will be able to begin cultivation later this year.

Catalyst Paper says an agreement to sell its two American mills will help the company focus on its three BC mills: Powell River, Port Alberni and Crofton. Last month, Catalyst entered an agreement to sell its paper mills in Rumford, Maine and Biron, Wisconsin to China's Nine Dragons Paper for US \$175 million. The deal is expected to close near the end of June. "This transaction allows Catalyst to re-pay a significant portion of our debt and focus on our British Columbia operations," said Ned Dwyer, Catalyst President and CEO.

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees at the Powell River Women in Business awards. Tanya Close of Fits To A T won Outstanding Woman in Business. Emma Levez-Larocque won Outstanding Woman With a Home-Based Busines. Ronnie Uhlmann was named Influential Woman in Business. Thanks to guest speaker Sandra McDowell and the many volunteers, friends and supporters of Powell River Women in Business for making this the best awards ever.

Studio 101 Hair and Body Bar has moved to the Town Centre Mall near People's Jewellers. Owner Karen Staniforth is excited about the move and says the new location is more visible and accessible for clients. They will be open mall hours, seven days a week. Karen and her team of four hair stylists and one esthetician welcome all their clients as well as walk ins in their new location. For more information or to book an appointment please call the salon at 604 485-5600.

The Furniture Gals will hold their grand opening on June 21 at the Old Courthouse Inn. Owners/operators Lisa Oakes and Barb Oliver are interior decorating and staging consultants who can help transform your space into the home of your dreams. As proud retailers of Fat Paint, they offer fun workshops to walk you through the tricks of using this colourful chalk paint that can transform old furniture into upcycled works of art. Follow them on Facebook for their Fat Flips! Visit the Furniture Gals at the east entrance of the Old Courthouse Inn, 6243 Walnut Street and enjoy a complimentary





A Perfect Storm of awards

Townsite Brewing was recognized once at the Canadian Brewing Awards, taking third in the category of Oatmeal Stout at the May 27 event.

"This is a very exciting time in the Canadian beer industry with over 800 breweries in operation," said GM Chloe Smith who flew out to Halifax to attend the conference and awards ceremony. "To be recognized as having one of the top stouts amongst all those companies is incredible." With the gold medal in Canada in 2016 and silver at the BC beer awards the same year, it is Townsite's most decorated beer..

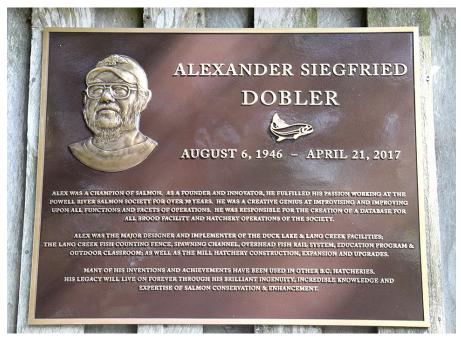
cup of cappuccino. Store hours are Wednesday to Saturday 10 am to 5:30 pm and Sundays, to be determined. For more info call Lisa at 604-848-1848 or Barb at 604-

The Powell River Kings hired Tyler Kuntz as head coach and general manger at the end of April. Tyler was the assistant coach for the Daemyung Killer Whales in South Korea last season. He's also served as an assistant with the WHL's Vancouver Giants (2015-2017) and the University of British Columbia (UBC) Thunderbirds, where he was promoted to head coach after four years with the team. In addition to coaching, Tyler played with BCHL's Burnaby Bulldogs in the late 90s, at UBC and professionally in Europe and North America. He replaces long-term coach Kent Lewis who was let go in January. RL



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Alex Dobler Salmon Centre named for local visionary

tudents from all local schools released salmon fry into Lang Creek last month as part of salmon education programs.

Students learned about the conditions needed for successful salmon rearing at the Lang Creek spawning channel and hatchery. The complex was recently renamed the Alex Dobler Salmon Centre, in memory of a hard-working visionary who designed most of the society's existing facilities, including the Lang Creek, Duck Lake and mill hatcheries and worked on those projects for over 30 years.

Photos by Sean Percy





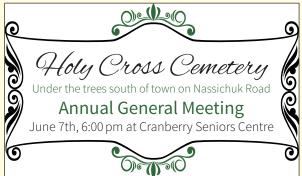
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Powell River Tarot: a community reading, by Teresa Harwood-Lynn

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seem to have fallen into a state of inertia. My garden is overgrown, the house is a tip and I am finding it difficult to settle into writing about the tarot.

My friend has a cure for such times. "One, two three," she counts, then yells "GO!" as she leaps into action tackling what ever it is that needs tackling. I have employed this technique while preparing to plunge myself into the crisp cold water of a lake. But today, curling up on the couch seems easier than tricking myself into writing.

Thinking about my friend's cure seems to help though as I begin to wonder about her process. One, two three, what is it about the number one that allows two and three to follow and move us towards action? As another diversionary tactic, I research the world of numerology.

In numerology, the number '1' takes a special place. It is the number of creation and all others follow it. It is considered a doer with all the energy necessary to create. The intensity of one has no room for lazy and late.

In tarot the four aces (cups, sword, wands and pentacles)





The Four Aces

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PRACTICALITY
CREATIVE FORCE
FORTITUDE

hold the same significance. They represent a raw potential spirit that can spur you on. Aces are not static, when they appear you are invited to gather momentum.

Each of the four aces show a hand reaching out of the clouds. It is simple, yet beautiful, giving the feeling that a spark of an idea has come to us as if out of nowhere. Clouds represent our higher thoughts and the hands in each of the four cards are points of transition with each hand holding its suit's symbol.

Which of these cards can I use to snap me out of my state of immobility?

Cups are a symbol of intuition, emotion and love. They encourage compassion. The ace of wands is the start of our creative force and is the seed of enthusiasm. Who can't use a bit of fortitude, intelligence and clarity when beginning a project. The Ace of Swords holds the crown of success for all of these. The ace of pentacles is handing you prosperity, abundance and a practical attitude.

Creative force, intuition, fortitude and practicality. Who says I have to use the message of just one card?

And now I must press on. Ace, two three......GO!. RL

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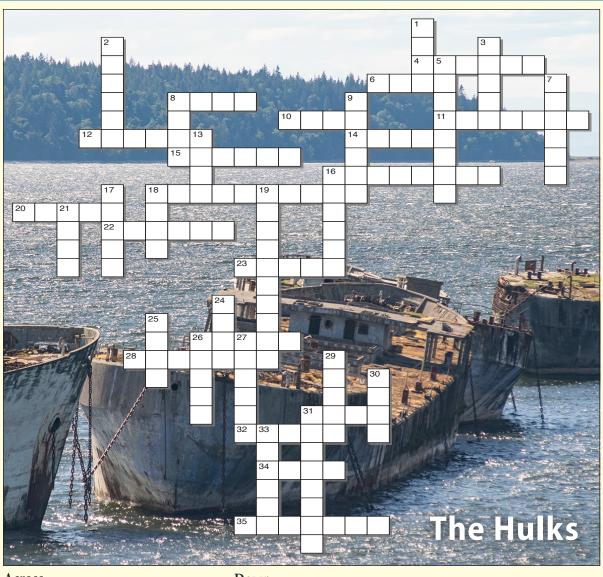
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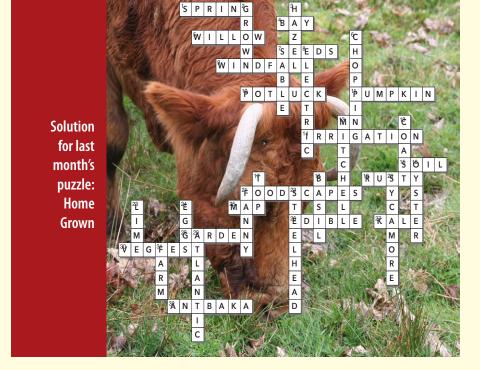
- 4) Local indigenous languages
- 6) Smeaton, not Jack
- 8) To send by truck
- 10) Hulk to sink this month
- 11) Hwy to Vic, or wooden schooner
- 12) Pricey: ____ a leg
- 14) Freight by ship
- 15) Only people who will soon see sunken hulk
- 16) What hulks are made of, solid
- 18) Rocks, logs or ships to stop waves
- 20) One who lubricates, or carries fuel
- 22) Will grow on hulks, also used to clean
- 23) Ship named after mortar man, not 6 cats
- 26) Canadian carol, hulk sunk in 1961
- 28) PM, not Pamela
- 31) It's a paper, not a pulp
- 32) # of ships to remain
- 34) Lambeth keen to see ship sunk
- 35) Last remaining concrete ship from WWI Finding this puzzle tough? Visit the viewpoint at the mill or concreteships.org.

Down

- 1) Future hulk residents
- 2) Bruce hulk, good day
- 3) S.S. Emile
- 5) With fronds like these, who needs
- 7) Barge was there in first atomic tests at Bikini
- 8) Hulk-making ingredient, found on beaches
- 9) To hold down, sailor's tattoo
- 13) To go underwater
- 16) Portland stuff that sticks aggregate together
- 17) Artificial reef group acronym
- 18) Collection of logs or explosive sound
- 19) Beach or trail best for viewing sinking
- 21) Cut and trimmed trees
- 24) # of ships to sink
- 25) Everything but the kitchen to go down
- 26) Le Chatelier
- 27) Reef group pres
- 29) Links weigh 55 lbs/foot
- 30) Local lingo for big cement boat
- 31) Thaddeus makes happy
- 33) Motor, burns fuel to move



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How is an 18-year-old supposed to know what he or she wants to do? Did you? Some know from a very young age that they want to become a mechanic or a teacher or a singer, but most of us don't.

If you don't know what it is you want right now, don't worry. You're on a journey, and along the way you'll have new experiences, meet exciting people, and be exposed to many situations that will influence you. You won't be the same person in five, 10, or 20 years that you are today.

Everything changes. Chances are you won't spend



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your entire life doing the same things. Your paycheck, work, family situation, physical health, mental health, and goals will fluctuate constantly over your adult life. So will your feelings about what you're doing.

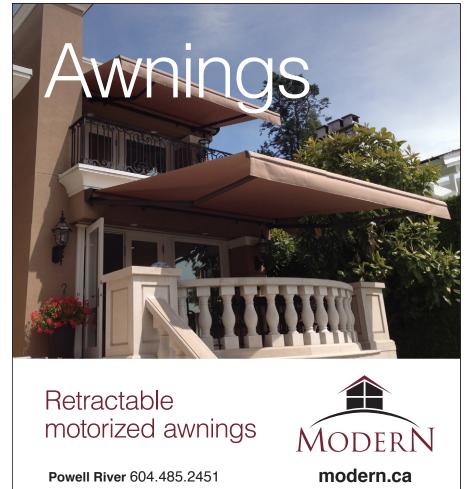
There'll probably be at least one person in your graduating class who will go on to do amazing things right away. Try to feel good about their success; your time is coming. Many people don't hit their stride until their 30s, 40s or even later.

When I read a CBC story today about Powell River's Karla Welch, who is now one of Hollywood's most celebrated celebrity stylists, I wondered if she knew at age 18 if this is what she'd be doing so many years later.

Maybe, maybe not. She was always interested in fashion, having grown up working at her father's clothing store. But when she moved to Vancouver and began working for Vij's restaurant she went to chef school. According to the CBC article, her transition to a successful stylist in her 30s was a bit of luck, family connections, and a lot of grunt work.

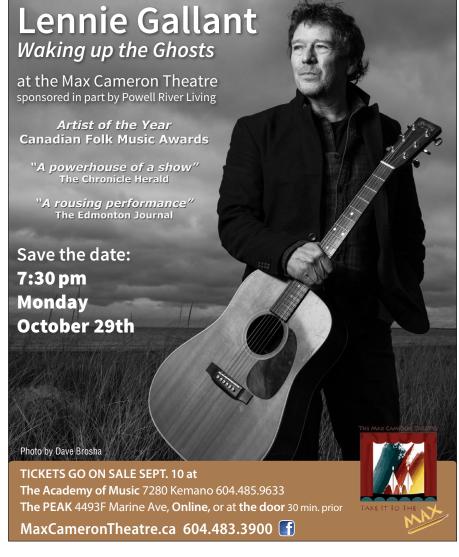
I wonder if Justin Trudeau dreamed of becoming the Prime Minister of Canada when he was a child? Apparently, a few months after his birth, American president Richard Nixon predicted his political future during a Canadian state dinner with his father Pierre. According to BBC News, Nixon said: "I'd like to toast to the future prime minister of Canada: To Justin Pierre Trudeau."

Circumstances, timing and luck play a role in your future. We're human and we don't always execute every move according to plan. You never know what will happen tomorrow or next year. The joy is in the journey.



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