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qathet's biggest secret: everyone works so hard

I chuckle a bit when I read the monthly real estate reports for this region. “Lifestyle” is the number one reason out-of-towners – mostly from the Lower Mainland – say they’re moving to qathet. In their heads, I’m sure they’re thinking that this “lifestyle” will involve daily leisurely kayak paddles, tending vast gardens, and perfecting their bonk (mountain biking term, I promise.)

What do people actually do when they’re here? What is the authentic, honest-to-goodness, down-to-brass-tacks qathet “lifestyle”? It’s all about hard work.

For the volunteers at PROWLs, the “lifestyle” is about caring for local birds and wildlife – including educating the public about them (Page 6). For the hundreds of volunteers

at the Powell River Salmon Society, “lifestyle” is all about hands-on salmon enhancement and often, advocacy (Page 10). For the builders of the Sunshine Coast Trail, “lifestyle” is maintaining the 184-kilometres of trail in their “down” time. For those involved in reconciliation, “lifestyle” is about patience, values, steadfastness, and education (Pages 14, 15, 36, 37, 45 & 46). And for the vast

numbers of people involved in real estate, construction and affordable housing, “lifestyle” is about solving problems in real time, both with hands and brains (Pages 19 to 28).

Anyone who thinks the local “lifestyle” is about chillaxing full time can give their head a shake. This place is all about stepping up and making great things happen. This issue of *qL* proves it on each page. **PL**



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PIETA WOOLLEY

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Brooks 2022 graduates **Thea Healy** & **Steven Tello Hernandez** pose for **Leah Laurie Photography**. See the grad class of 2022 in all their glory during the grad parade June 25 (see Page 39) and a story about a few stand-out grads on Page 13.



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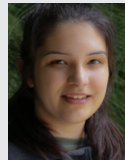
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None of this stuff exists without crazy people who work for free.

- Scott Glaspey, Sunshine Coast Trailbuilder and Powell River Sports Hall of Fame inductee, **Page 29.**



'MAKE POWELL RIVER BLOOM' MASCOT GNOME IS OFFICIALLY 'ON THE TOWN'!!

Marc and Leo Harutunyan (above) found him at Springtime Garden Centre. Where will he go next? When you spot him at a Bloomin Business, take a photo/selfie and send it to the Powell River Garden Club Facebook page or to powellrivergardenclub@gmail.com. Your photo will be entered for the prize, which is to take Gnomeo home at the end of the season and have this famous towny in your garden forever. Year of the Garden event sponsored by the Powell River Garden Club and *qathet Living* magazine.

JUNE'S CONTRIBUTORS



CAITLIN BRYANT is a dedicated social purpose professional who has lived in the area since 1995 when her family relocated from Vancouver (shout-out to the East Van fam in qathet!) See **Caitlin's story, Kindness Circle, on Page 37.**



JOANNE DUNBAR moved from Alberta 12 years ago, enjoys meeting the birds of Powell River, volunteering at PROWLS, and caring for her own flock of eight budgies. See **Joanne's story, Mmmmm Salmon, on Page 7**



BILL HOPKINS has lived here all his life. He loves working as an education assistant. "The story I wrote is about a very caring man, if only more people were like him," he said. See **Bill's story, Bottle Collector, on Page 31.**



Originally from the South coast of England, **MICHELLE PENNELL** has found her happy place here photographing wildlife for PROWLS, and WOWS. See **Michelle's photos of local fauna eating salmon on pages 6 & 7.**

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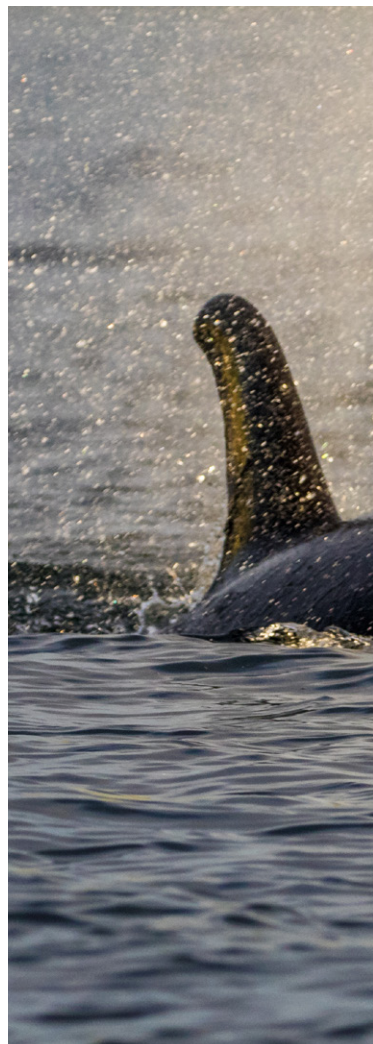
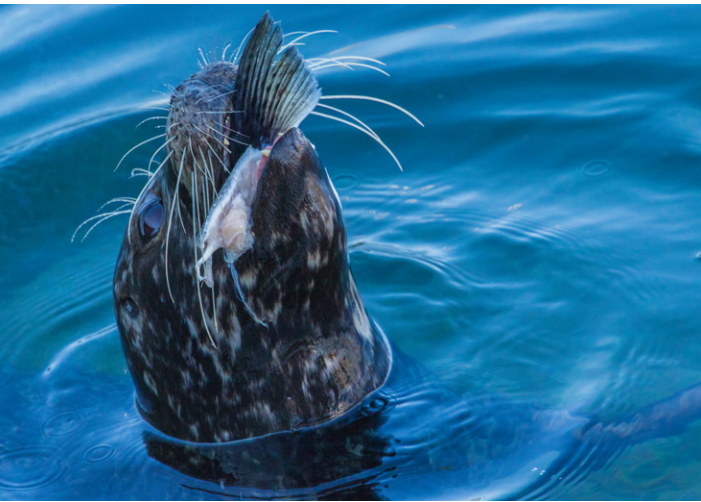
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MMmmm salmon

Normally in June, tourists rush to the Northern Sunshine Coast to drop hooks in the water. Not so much, this year. Ottawa is protecting salmon, our region's keystone species, with a 'catch and release' rule until July 15.

Of course, that rule doesn't deter other animals...

BY JOANNA DUNBAR

All year long, wildlife of all sizes feed on the Pacific salmon that live in our waters. Salmon are a keystone species: they are essential to countless life forms and species, providing vital sustenance to the myriad wildlife that inhabit our area. When the Powell River Salmon Society offered a field trip to three classes from James Thompson School to observe the release of salmon fry and view that point in their life cycle, they also invited Merrilee Prior, president of Powell River Orphaned Wildlife Society (PROWLS), to speak to the children about how essential salmon are to our wildlife.

Salmon are crucial to the survival of many of our land mammals, such as bears, raccoons and mink, as well as aquatic mammals, such as otters, seals and sea lions and, of course, orca. Bears gorge themselves on the spawning salmon to put on the body fat they need to survive their winter hibernation. Without salmon, there would be no bears.

The survival of seals, sea lions and otters is also dependent on the abundance of salmon.

The variety of birds is breathtaking: land-based birds range in size from herons, eagles, turkey vul-

BC FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND

When: June 17 to 19

What: An annual event where residents can fish for some species without a license – both salt and freshwater.

Where: There's usually an event at Inland Lake on the Saturday, but as of press time, nothing had been announced. Go to gofishbc.com for details, or watch the [qL Facebook page](#).

tures and ravens, who feast on the spawning adult salmon, to the kingfishers and the little dippers who feed on the roe and fry right in the stream at the hatchery, diving and swimming after them. Out in the ocean, the gulls, cormorants, loons and many pelagic birds live on a diet of fish.

All year long – through all seasons of Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter – as these incredible fish, from young to old, go through their life cycles, our precious wildlife feast on salmon.

We thank the Salmon Society for the part they play in this vital cycle. **qL**

THEY'RE LOVIN' IT: Counter-clockwise from top left, a turkey vulture, harbour seal, American dipper, black bear, orca, bald eagle, and river otters (photos by Michelle Pennell). All depend on salmon. Below, Brooks International students help out at a chinook release at the Powell River Salmon Society facility at Duck Lake in May (photo by Abby Francis, LJI reporter).





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CATCH AND RELEASE: Powell River Outdoors owner Sam Sansalone with angler Walt Mickelson, as he plays a chinook salmon. Far from a leisurely sport right now, recreational fishing is contentious.

Big 3 fish debates of qathet 2022

BY ABBY FRANCIS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Sitting outside Powell River Outdoors, owner Sam Sansalone fiddles with a fish hook on the picnic table.

“Look out on the water, and tell me how many boats you see,” Sam says.

On a bright sunny day with calm water, there was a single sailboat that could be seen on the Salish Sea.

“The Lund Harbour, both harbours out front, the Beach Gardens, all of our harbours are booked full beyond capacity—and yet none of those boats are out on the water. The boats are sitting idle despite the millions of dollars in investments recreational fishermen put into them.

“It’s really a sad thing to see.”

Sam says there are no boats out there because no one is fishing, mostly due to the non-retention of chinook salmon the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) announced about four years ago. “Non-retention means catch and release. The problem is when you catch and release the fish it will often die, if not done properly,” says Sam.

Sam says it’s very important if you do practise catch and release, to not net your fish wherever possible. “This will give fish a better chance at survival.”

The non-retention of chinook is only one of the biggest local fish debates, according to Sam.

So what are the top three?

#1 Non-retention of chinook salmon and yellow-eyed rockfish

DFO closed the retention of chinook salmon because some upper Fraser River chinook salmon runs had low numbers. These fish also make up about 80% of the diet of endangered Southern Resident killer whales.

While qathet was included in this, recreational fishermen say they have seen the best fishing in our oceans in the past 20 years prior to the non-retention rules.

“The fish we catch here mostly come from Vancouver Island, the US, and our local hatcheries. We know this because of the Salmon Head Recovery program run through DFO shows us where our fish are coming from, and also a lot of sampling done by avid anglers,” says Sam. “We also know there’s plenty of fish here, simply by going fishing.”

“If you go fishing, in the summer you will see whales out front almost all the time, and see the healthiest population of seals and sea lions, and I’m sure you won’t see a skinny one. Meaning the seals and sea lions are eating fish, and there are so many of them because we have so many fish.”

Sam says the non-retention includes hatchery fish as well.

“So you have the hatchery in Tla’amin, the hatchery at Lang Creek, and several hatcheries up and down the coast, which have put in years of work and volunteer hours to recreate populations that are meant to be fished by recreational and sport fishermen that can’t be fished until late summer, when the

non-retention is over on July 15.”

The other side of this debate is that we need to protect the Southern Resident killer whales, as there are only 74 of these whales left compared to the over 200 whales before the 20th century.

Besides killer whales, according to the DFO website, almost half of southern BC chinook salmon populations are on either Canada’s threatened or endangered species lists.

“DFO needs to manage populations, not close everything. Not all areas have bad chinook populations; for us in the Salish Sea the non-retention of chinook kind of came out of nowhere.”

Sam said that yellow-eye rockfish have met the same fate as chinook salmon.

Yellow-eye are prized fish, and they are ‘long-lived’ – they can live to be over 100 years old.

“You used to be allowed one yellow-eyed, but they closed this fishery completely six or seven years ago, due to DFO reporting ‘low numbers.’ If you go out fishing, you are very likely to catch a yellow-eye every time.”

With some of the rules DFO has, Sam says anglers are catching and releasing several fish due to size restrictions.

“Both anglers and DFO need to do a better job with this.”

#2 Shellfish Tourism

Back in 2017, shellfish tourism in qathet was huge.

“Shellfish tours of Powell River would take place and the tour guides would bring several people to beaches where they’d pick oysters. This went on for several years,” says Sam. “Well, the locals didn’t like this. If the tours were to keep up, most oysters would be gone in a short period of time.”

Sam said that people had been sending complaints to DFO, who recognized the problem.

“The fisheries officers did the best they could to control the issue but the tour buses kept coming.”

While shellfish tourism seems to have slowed, the overharvesting of oysters and clams is one of the top violations in the qathet area, says Sam.

“The Sport Fishing Advisory Board that I am a part of, took input from the locals and we reported to DFO.

“When we met with DFO, we suggested that we close all our beaches to shellfish harvesting during the peak summer months. The locals were happy with this because it would protect the shellfish on our beaches, but DFO said that this wasn’t a good idea.”

#3 Fish farms

From the Discovery Islands to Lois Lake, fish farms are one of the quieter debates in qathet.

“Locally, we have the Lois Lake fish farm, which has been in operation for over 30 years, and has employed several local people.

“The debate here is that some of the fish escape from the farm. These fish are an introduced species and can interfere with resident stock (such as cutthroat trout),” Sam says.

“On the flip side, it has created a huge local recreational fishery, and has taken the pressure off all other lakes in the qathet region.”

Sam said that recently, the Lois Lake fish farm switched to a closed containment system meaning that fish escapement will be reduced in the future – hopefully.

The Discovery Island fish farms have been contentious too.


In 2020, then-DFO Minister Bernadette Jordan announced that all 19 salmon farms in the Discovery Islands would be closed by June 2022. Since that announcement, the farm companies, MOWI Canada West, Grieg Seafood, Cermaq Canada, and 622335 BC Ltd have all called on Ottawa for a judicial review of the Minister’s decision.

While some of the fish farm companies have created partnerships with coastal First Nations, other nations, such as Tla’amin, see the fish farms as harmful to wild salmon populations.

In the call for a judicial review, Tla’amin and Homalco, in whose territories the Discovery Islands reside, asked to be respondents or intervenors. The Nations were denied both roles – despite appealing this decision.

The debate over the Discovery Island salmon farms is similar to Lois Lake – these farms create hundreds of jobs and are part of an industry that small coastal towns rely on. If the government shuts the farms down without a plan in place for all of those workers, they are impacting the First Nations’ rights who have partnered with the fish farm companies.

However, the other side of the debate is that these Atlantic salmon farms pass on diseases and sea lice to migrating wild Pacific salmon passing through, sometimes killing them before they get to spawn.

In April, the federal court judge shut down DFO’s decision to close the farms by June 2022. As of qathet Living’s deadline, new Minister Joyce Murray has yet to make an announcement about what happens next. 

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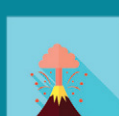
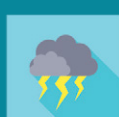
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FRY GUYS: Hatchery tech Tyler Bartfai moves salmon fry at the PR Salmon Society at the Mill. Despite remarkable results over decades, Ottawa has not so far included local hatcheries in a flush of cash this spring.

C'mon DFO. Fund us.

BY ABBY FRANCIS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Powell River Salmon Society has received zero increase in funding from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the federal government over the past 40 years.

With the federal announcement of the \$647.1 million investment towards saving Pacific wild salmon last year, the Powell River Salmon Society had heard nothing about receiving any of this, despite North Island-Powell River MP Rachel Blaney writing a letter to the Department of Fisheries Oceans (DFO) minister last July. After no response to the letter, Rachel and the Salmon Society worked together to create a petition.

In May the over 300-signature petition was taken by Rachel to the House of Commons and on April 6, Rachel spoke in the House again.

"The Powell River Salmon Society in my riding is one of several non-profits doing amazing work on local salmon enhancement and preservation, and the minister agrees," said Rachel.

"Small local hatcheries have not seen federal funding increase for over 40 years, and they were ignored during all the federal consultations.

"Why is the minister not supporting these successful and existing hatcheries now?"

DFO Minister Joyce Murray gave her response.

She explained that she had recently visited a local hatchery in Metro Vancouver, and saw the important work these hatcheries do.

"The protection of wild Pacific salmon population is an incredibly important priority for British Columbia," says Joyce. "I know that the work the hatchery groups do assist with that. It will be supported by an almost \$650 million historic investment in Pacific salmon and salmon enhancement, i.e. hatcheries, as one of the pillars of that initiative."

Salmon Society manager Shane Dobler says while he appreciates the minister's statement, her words are not consistent with DFO Pacific. "To date, there is no plan to address our funding concerns."

While no announcement has been made of when these funds will be granted to community hatcheries, a media release from April 22 shows a list of hatcheries and organizations that had gained funding through the Province's version of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative; the BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation fund.

Hatcheries from Campbell River, the Lower Sunshine Coast, and Comox Valley all received a part of this; neither the Powell River Salmon Society nor the Tla'amin Nation Salmon Hatchery were included on this list. **PL**



Celebrate everything all at once

Father's Day (this page), Graduation (Page 12), National Indigenous People's Day (Page 15), Canada Day (Page 14)... not to mention PRISMA (Page 45), Assumption School's 60th anniversary (Page 50), BC Trails Day (Page 50), Family Fishing Weekend (Page 7), and much, much more. All of this happens in June – evidently the month when we celebrate stuff.

After two years of not celebrating much – not even entire lives (Page 54)

– we're back at it. There's even going to be fireworks July 1.

Between COVID and our region's fraught movements towards reconciliation, we've been through a lot together over the last while. This month, it seems as though we're pulling together what we've learned, and re-thinking our biggest summer splashes for a new era.

We might not be there yet – but certainly, the community effort is worthy of a good time.

Three generations of plumbers on Father's Day

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT

On June 19, Father's Day, Tony Johnson, of DJ's Plumbing, will be thinking about his father Dennis, who passed away 10 years ago.

Dennis founded the company DJ's Plumbing. Tony took over when his dad retired and still runs it today. "I started with my dad in 1992," said

Tony. We worked together for eight years before he retired."

Dennis was a pipefitter and supervisor in the mill. He was well-known and even now people will share memories of Dennis with Tony.

When Tony's son Kyle decided to become a plumber, he became the third generation of plumbers in the Johnson

family. Kyle apprenticed with his father before going out on his own and starting Johnson-Son Contracting.

"Plumbing is a good reliable job," says Kyle. "People still have the same basic needs now as they used to: cold water, hot water and sewage."

Like many other businesses, Tony and Kyle say they have more work

than they know what to do with these days. "We can't keep up with the boom this town is having, we don't have enough plumbers," said Tony.

On June 20, Tony will be thinking about his Dad just like his son Kyle will be thinking about him and hopefully Kyle's five-year-old son Elias will be thinking about Kyle! **PL**

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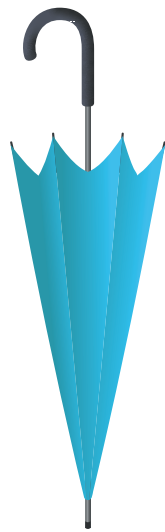
Call for estate planning with insurance

By Colin White,
Portfolio Manager,
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We are living through another period where it feels like there is an abundance of uncertainty, more than we have seen for some time. It is curious how the mind works, how easily we forget. The Global Pandemic hit just over two years ago, and that really was some epic level uncertainty, yet somehow many feel more uncertain now.

The truth is that feelings of uncertainty are real, whether they stand up to scientific rigour. So how can we help manage these emotions? As I am not a trained Psychologist or Psychiatrist, I will have to use the limited toolkit available to me as a financial professional and talk about the benefit of having a plan. More specifically, in this case, an Estate plan.

One of the pillars of your Estate can be life insurance. You can have many goals, from paying off debt, replacing income for your family, and paying final expenses, so you do not leave a mess for your loved ones; others have a favourite charity they would like to support. All of these goals are incredibly personal and important to different people.



One of the most effective ways to address these issues is to use life insurance. There are many complicated life insurance contracts out there, but at their core, life insurance is one of the best ways to make sure there is money left in your Estate to accomplish your goals.

Basic term insurance is the least expensive way to look after obligations that will expire at some point if you live long enough. Examples of this are paying off a mortgage or other debt, paying for kids' education, or providing income replacement to the family while kids are young. First, it is most important to get enough coverage; then, you can worry about how long the premium will stay the same before it renews. For example, if you have a 20-year mortgage, you may take out a 10-year term insurance policy to save money today, but it will cost you more over the 20 years.

For goals or obligations that do not expire, like the goal to leave behind a "bury me" policy to clean up

the loose ends for the family, making sure there is money for the family, or supporting your favourite charity, permanent insurance or Term to 100 insurance makes sense. This type of policy does not expire, and the premiums do not increase, so you know exactly what you are getting into.

For those who look at life insurance as an investment, you tell me when you're going to die, and I'll let you know how good of an investment it is. Life insurance is one of the few insurances I see people treating this way. Have you ever considered adding up your house insurance premiums to see how effective an investment it is? I didn't think so.

The true advantage to life insurance is that it pays out 100% tax-free to your beneficiaries outside of your Estate if you set it up that way. This is one of the few ways to create tax-free money and get it to the next generation. You can thank the orphans and widows lobby for pointing out to successive governments that life insurance should be

treated as a tax-free benefit.

The key to life insurance is to understand what you are concerned about and what you are not and work with a professional to put the right amount and kind of insurance in place. If you have a policy in place, you should review it from time to time to make sure it is still accomplishing your goals. Online is a great place to get information. Never confuse information with advice; for advice, seek out a professional.

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What COVID taught the Class of 2022

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The strength and resiliency of students and our community have been challenged through the past year. The current Grade 12s are not just graduating from school; they are stepping out of the pandemic.

It is a time that included many other challenges that affected our health, our hearts, and our world and we are beyond proud and inspired by the Class of 2022 who have continued to meet each change and challenge with passion, patience, and optimism.

From remote learning to smaller groupings, fewer extra-curricular activities, and other health restrictions, these students have experienced significant changes to a typical high school experience. In many instances,

we were able to respond with creative approaches which continue to have positive impacts on students and classrooms today, but we know how much everyone has missed regular high school activities and being together as a school community.

We are thrilled to offer this year's students a more traditional graduation with an in-person celebration. Students will be able to be honoured in front of their family, friends, teachers, and other school district staff and dignitaries.

This year's graduates are a resilient and determined group. I've never been more optimistic about a group of students moving forward into the next phase of their learning journey. I wish them all the best.

GRADS

Who know where they're going

gathet's Class of 2022 has 180 young adults in it: About 140 from Brooks Secondary, and another 40 from Brooks' Off-Site Program, PIE (online learning school), and Francophone School District 93.

Here, meet two graduates who are about to launch into the world – in very different ways.

Mel Yerna

Class of 2022

I define success as living to my full potential and having a positive impact on the lives of people by inspiring them to think and act in ways they may have not considered before. The way I do this is by exploring and pursuing my passion in filmmaking, all while attempting to get a message across.

I have been intrigued by the art of filmmaking ever since I was a little girl. My first movie, made with a handheld video camera, was about a girl's mystery story set on Hornby Island. Fast forward to May 2022, having won several regional film festival awards this year, my passion for film has only grown stronger.

At Brooks, I completed the five-month Digital Film School while maintaining a 4.0 GPA in all my high school academics. At the same time, I was able to make films about Orange Shirt Day, Mental Health in the Workplace, coming out as a teenager dealing with societal expectations, and more.

I would absolutely recommend get-



ting involved with extracurricular activities that you are interested in. It's a fantastic way to make school more fun and engaging, and it also brings you together with so many more people.

I plan to work as a director of photography in the Vancouver film industry after gradating from Capilano University with a Bachelor's in the Motion Picture Arts. I will join the International Cinematographers Guild (Local 669) as a trainee.

A desire to create something meaningful in film is the drive that will propel me to achieve my dreams.

Cole Baron

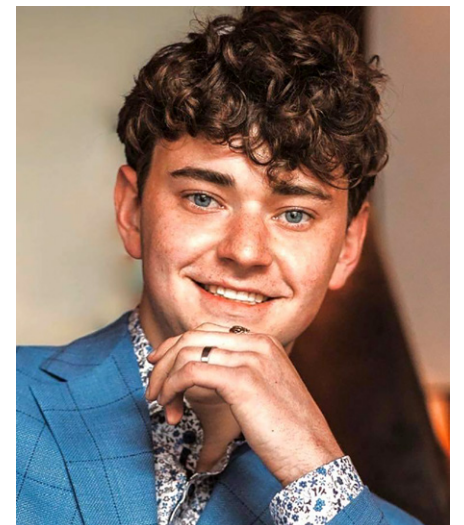
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I have been interested in business since before Kindergarten. I enjoy reading books from the 1930s with a preference for French authors such as Albert Camus, and also F. Scott Fitzgerald. I enjoy creative writing and poetry, and have started writing my first book. Lately I have become interested in Japanese landscaping, bonsai, zen gardens and their layouts.

I am passionate about the future. I would like to be the force of change in the now intersecting business and environmental world.

My best memories of high school are playing on sports teams; especially going on trips to tournaments and I have made friends from all over the province through this.

I love that I have been able to further my business journey by taking many business courses at Brooks. They have enabled me to turn a Grade 12 E-commerce course into a real internship, as a project coordinator for Cedar Crest Ventures. I have also just started working as a social media coordinator



for a local counselling group.

I have chosen the Odette School of Business Bachelor of Commerce Program, at the University of Windsor, in Ontario. I like that it's a smaller school where the faculty are really hands on with the students.

The school is linked across the border to Detroit where I will have access to the Detroit Economic Club's world class speakers.

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All kinds of fireworks over Canada Day

BY PIETA WOOLLEY | OPINION

At Dollarama, you can get Canada flag tattoos, Canada flag pins, Canada flag pencils, Canada flag t-shirts, and of course, Canada flags. If you want to show off your continuing devotion to the Freedom Convoy, it's your one-stop-shop. But if you want to celebrate Canada Day, waving the maple leaf has taken on new meaning this year, now that it has become synonymous with the most boisterous arm of the vaccine freedom movement.

Canada Day itself is fraught, too. Since the end of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, there's been a sense of unease about celebrating superficially. Before Canada's 150th in 2017, both then-Hegus Clint Williams and then-Métis Association president Russell Brewer told then-Powell River Living the national holiday was complicated for them as individuals, and for Indigenous people generally.

We've collectively taken a break from Canada Day for two years, due to COVID. Since then, thousands of suspected unmarked graves have been discovered at former residential schools, and reconciliation is tougher than most of us probably imagined.

So what's a Canadian to do? How do we party on July 1 while conflicted? What do we wave, if not the flag?

I asked our federal MP, Rachel Blaney, what she'll be up to on Canada Day.

You will find her at Powell River's Willingdon Beach celebrations, at a booth with swag to give away. Don't look for flag hats, though. Our represen-

tative to Ottawa plans to hand out bookmarks with "Rachel Blaney's Reading List: Indigenous History in Canada" on them. Other swag, she said, will be overwhelmingly orange - the colour that represents recognition of residential schools.

"Every Canada Day should be uncomfortable, because we have not recognized that our country was built on a genocide that is still happening today," Rachel said in a phone interview with *qL*.

As much as Canada is complicated and uncomfortable, and the maple leaf's symbolism has evolved in awkward ways, there is still enormous value in a big, public, everyone-is-invited celebration - with food, with fireworks, and mostly with each other.

Seeing other people in public without masks, stopping to talk to friends and acquaintances, is still a daily thrill in barely-post COVID-19 times. Being with other people is good. Especially at a time when tensions are high over a possible name change and Freedom activism, being together at the beach might be exactly what we need.

This isn't the Canada Day of a decade ago, when celebrations were, frankly, a bit vacuous. This is a new celebration for a new, tougher era. Even though it may look the same on the surface - a big cake, sunscreen, sitting on a blanket and watching fireworks - it's not the same inside each of us. Just showing up means we're committed to each other. And there's nothing more appropriate to celebrate on Canada Day than that. **qL**

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(Davis McKenzie, Tla'amin, Scottish, and Swedish, with his Grandmother Elsie Paul)

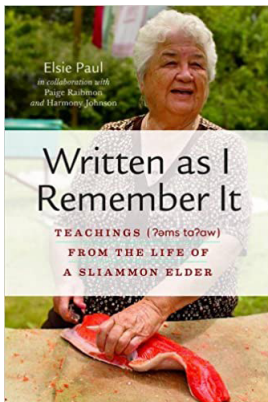
After living away from the qathet region for many years and having just returned home to the territory, National Indigenous People's Day takes on new meaning.

It's a powerful joy to be visiting places that my ancestors walked for thousands and thousands of years.

Coming home is also stirring up things I'd rather forget. My class was the last to attend the old Brooks school in 1993. School District 47's version of history, combined with the conversations around the dinner tables of many of my non-Indigenous classmates, told me that I should not be proud to be Indigenous, that our people were "lesser than" and that we should feel grateful for what has been

gifted to us through colonialism.

As an adult I understand that this version of history was created to help settlers to feel okay about the theft of land and oppression of our spirit, to rationalize these acts. The fact that this narrative endures and is so boldly and publicly shared in this town, makes National Indigenous People's Day a solemn occasion for me this year.



My hope is that our neighbours will mark June 21 by taking an active and curious stance about what they think they know about Indigenous people and how they know it.

A good starting place to gain new perspectives on the history of this place can be found in qa?axstaləs (Elsie Paul's) book and Website 'As I Remember it': publications.ravenspacepublishing.org/as-i-remember-it/index

National Indigenous People's Day June 21

A more thoughtful day for a more complex time

BY ABBY FRANCIS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

From the Red River Jig to drumming and bannock: National Indigenous People's Day is celebrated June 21 all over Canada as a day to recognize Indigenous peoples.

Here in qathet, previous years' celebrations have been held by Tla'amin Nation at ?ah?jumiχ^w Ah-joo-miexw (Willingdon Beach), λa?amən Kla-ah-men (Lund), and tišosəm t'ish-o-sum (Tla'amin Nation village.)

The qathet Métis Nation Powell River has held drive-through bison-burger BBQ events during COVID.

This year the Métis Nation will be hosting a small community gathering as a pilot project after the past few years of COVID, with more info

to be announced soon. Information on Tla'amin events are also to be announced soon.

The public is also invited to a kindness circle that day from 6:30-8:30 pm at the field at tis'kwat at the corner of Arbutus and Marine. (See Page 37 for more).

While National Indigenous People's Day (NIPD) is celebrated by many, it has its critics too.

Whether Indigenous People's Day is meant to make the 'government feel good' or meant to 'share Indigenous culture with the world,' in the end, there is a common thread through all opinions of NIPD: the value and pride Indigenous peoples have in their respective traditions; whether Métis, Inuit, or First Nations.

LaDean Paquette

(Métis and Indigenous)

During the past year, I have been doing research on my family tree.

I have discovered that my family is Métis, from my father, grandmother, back to my great great great grandparents. My children, grandchildren and I are now members of the Métis Nation Powell River and have been learning more about our Métis history and culture.

I haven't really celebrated National Indigenous People's Day in the past, other than what had been done in the various schools when I was working as a school secretary. I remember when I worked at James Thomson, Gail Blaney would make fish-egg soup and bannock for the students and staff.

I am really looking forward to learning more about the Métis, Cree and other Indigenous people.

I'm not sure how I'd like to see the



day celebrated, being it's all brand new to me and I'm still learning.

I'm looking forward to my first celebration as a member of the Métis Nation Powell River.

I think National Indigenous People's Day is meant to recognize all Indigenous peoples so we can all, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous, learn more about the different cultures.

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Tabatha Berggren
(Métis)

National Indigenous People's Day is a small and important step in Reconciliation to have Indigenous peoples acknowledged in a national way.

The day should be celebrated by the community to seek out and hold space for Indigenous stories.

NIPD is the beginning of an acknowledgement for the unparalleled value that Indigenous peoples bring to society in this country named Canada.



Karina Peters
(łəʔamın and Indigenous)

A few years ago, the Nation hosted its own celebration in the community. We shared our language, songs, dances, art, and stories. I would love to see this happen again within our community or at one of our former village sites to raise awareness where our people settled.

NIPD is important because Canada Day has been celebrated since 1868. Indigenous people have been here since time immemorial and have only recently had a day to celebrate who they are. It is important for Indigenous people to celebrate the languages of the land, cultural practices and traditions that shape their identity.



Les. Pet
(Doreen Point, First Nations)

It is good that the Canadian government is recognizing us as people.

We come from such a rich, vibrant culture and we really value that and our traditions.

I almost didn't feel that way because of Residential Schools. The schools took our identities, our culture, and our spirit. They took everything from us. I was moulded into somebody I wasn't. It's amazing we survived, Residential Schools were a place of horror.

I think National Indigenous People's Day bringing together folks from different cultures in ways we never knew how to, is really incredible. I would love to see it celebrated worldwide, but you have to understand what you are celebrating.

I have always been a people person, so having everyone come together for a big celebration ceremony where we share our traditional foods, our culture, and our art would be great. Our people have so much love to give, we can do this through sharing our culture with the world.



Qwastånayá
(L. Maynard Harry, First Nations)

For me, the fact that systemic racism exists in this country takes away from what a NIPD should be about.

NIPD is a Canadian symptom of greed, dishonesty and corruption. I would prefer no national holiday in exchange for an answered 'land question,' which is 155 years and counting. I would prefer for Canada to stop stealing land, oil, gas, and other valuable natural resources. I would like Canada to stop praising itself on the world stage when Indian Reserves and an Indian Act (apartheid instruments) continue to exist for far too many First Nations.

White privilege in Canada is strong because its citizens have no understanding of the impacts Indian Reserves or the Indian Act have had in First Nation communities. That being said, I was mildly surprised by the amount of knowledge and support at the possible name change open house May 11.

If reconciliation is possible in Canada, it will come from a younger, smarter and more open-minded generation. I raise my hands to those who had the courage to stand up and be heard. That is leadership.



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Yaxhum
(John Louie, Elder)

Different nationalities celebrate through their flags and cultural activities. We were put under the Indian Act and weren't allowed to be who we are.

Now, our songs, drums, and sacred ceremonies are all coming back and more people are involved in our culture. I am proud of who I am today.

People are still under the Indian Act mentality. Until the citizens of Canada and North America realize our history, change can't happen. I think this holiday is a way for the government to make themselves feel good.

NIPD could be celebrated by more gatherings of folks talking about the history of our land and our culture. I believe this could help change the future.



Grace Adams
(Tla'amin citizen)

It's exciting to see on TV and social media the celebrations happening across the country from so many Indigenous performers who showcase their talent.

It's a day of reflection to honour and remember those who have gone before us and who endured and did the absolute best they could in challenging times.

It speaks to the endurance of the human spirit and the power of love for family and community to overcome such devastation. It's very humbling to witness so much pride and joy as we all celebrate National Indigenous People's Day.



ġigetoję
(Jessica Johnson, Métis and raising two Tla'amin daughters)

Indigenous People's Day, to me, is a day to celebrate our unique identities and the knowledge, contributions, and perspectives of our people. As I work in education, I often celebrate by supporting community, district, or school-based activities to assist others in celebrating NIPD.

In other years, I have taught the Red River Jig to classes of students, hosted storytellers, made fry-bread for staff and students at various schools... just to name a few things.

National Indigenous People's Day is a time to celebrate, honour, and recognize the contribution, richness, resilience, and diversity of Indigenous peoples.



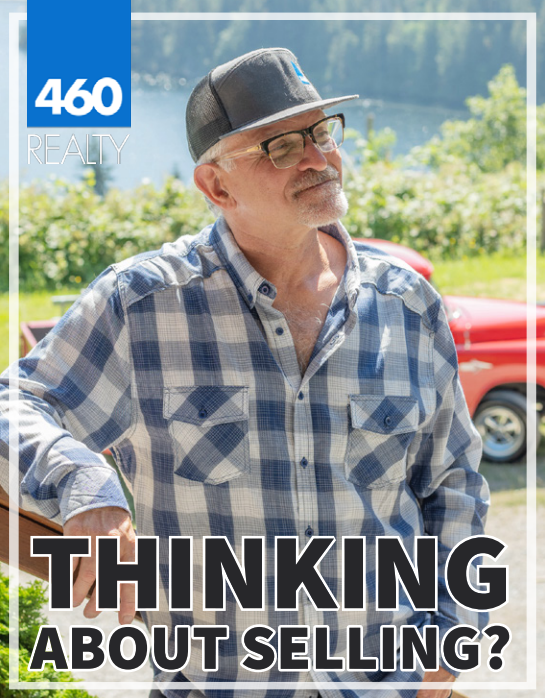
Randolph Timothy Jr.
(Indigenous)

NIPD, to me, is celebrating being Indigenous. There are still some things to work on, but it's a different day for the younger generation to grow up in, because it is that much better.

I can't wait to see NIPD as a holiday, like Canada Day. I have previously worked a camp job in Fort McKay, just north of Fort McMurray, and on June 21 there were drummers and dancers from that area dancing and singing. This performance made me feel connected.

The importance of this holiday shows the growth of Canada, that Indigenous people are recognized and celebrated. 🇺🇸

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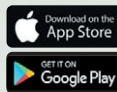
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1. Sticker shock

Average price of a home in this region was up again in April, to \$828,000, according to MLS. That’s a nearly 50% increase over April 2021.

2. Sellers wanted

The number of listings was down by 28% in April 2022, over April 2021. Just 58 locals put their homes on the market – not nearly enough to feed demand.

3. Four-ever homes

A bit of “good” news: in April, two first-time homebuyers bought here. Since January, a total of just four first-timers got into the market in this region out of 124 total. –PW

Real Estate in qathet

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takes qathet

Bidding wars are driving up prices. Retired realtor Dan De Vita argues that no one should tame this monster.

BY PIETA WOOLLEY

If you want to know about bidding, the guy to talk to is Dan De Vita. He retired in March from a 38-year local career as a real estate agent – so he’s free to say whatever he likes. He’s also an auctioneer – so he knows something about bidding. And like all auctioneers, he can talk.

But over a coffee at River City in May, he set aside his bluster and spoke

deeply about home prices, the role of family, government intervention, and of course, bidding. At a time when much of the housing conversation is devoted to increasing affordability for first-time home buyers, Dan offers a worthy counter-perspective, rooted in the free-market.

Here in qathet, home-ownership is more common than elsewhere in Canada. About 77% of adults here own their homes, compared to 68% nation-wide. Given that we also have a lower household income than elsewhere – about \$56,000 compared to \$66,000 BC-wide – homes are a critical asset for many families. Artificially depressing home prices here, Dan argues, will not benefit the vast majority of locals. High house prices, he says, benefit the whole region.

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Raised in Powell River, surrounded by a large extended family, she is eager to share her local, in-depth knowledge with clients.

For 18 years, Lisa worked as an Educator for School District 47 as a Teacher, Vice-Principal and Principal.

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Money is good, in other words. In an auction, or in real estate he said, "the person with the most money wins. That's the reality. Through bidding, some people will pay a premium because they want it. Sometimes they buy surety." Just like on eBay.

Here in qathet, we've never seen so much money. The selling price of homes doubled over the two years of the pandemic, and it's on track to triple by spring 2023. Where just a handful of years ago homes would sell well below asking, now they're regularly driven up in price through buyers offering more than the list price. Sometimes many buyers, and sometimes much more. Dan heard of one local home, listed for \$850,000, that was

bought this spring for \$300,000 over asking in a blind bidding war.

For those who are selling, that's meant unprecedented prosperity. For those who are trying to get in to the market, unprecedented frustration. Often, first-time homebuyers are out-bid by those who have sold their even-more-expensive homes elsewhere, and can drop more cash in a bid.

However, beware government policies that are designed to cool the market, Dan said. Governments at all levels are making far too much money off real estate to genuinely want to reduce prices, he noted. For example, the capital gains tax sends initiated in 1972 sends vast amounts of money to Ottawa each year – the more a home sells for, the more the Federal Government reaps. Dan was recently involved in the sale of a home on Joyce that was bought for \$32,000 in 1978 as a family home, but when it sold earlier this year for \$603,000, the family had been renting it out – meaning it was no longer a principal residence and was sub-

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Bidding on real estate: what's hot, what's not

Blind bidding – Our current system. The seller is asking for, say, \$828,000. The agent sets an offer date of June 6 at 3 pm for bids. None of the buyers can know how much the other buyers are offering, or how many offers there are, or who is offering. On June 6, the seller looks at the offers and conditions (such as subject to financing or inspection) and chooses which bid to accept.

Transparent bidding – A proposed alternative to blind bidding. Under this system, buyers will be able to see each others' offers – putting an end to some buyer frustration, but probably not cooling the market. The Canadian Real Estate Association is piloting this system this summer in some provinces, using the Australian software program Openn Negotiation.

Bully bidding – Under the blind bidding system, a buyer will make an offer before the offer date, with an "accept now!" clause – the offer is only good for a few hours. The seller then chooses whether to accept the bully offer, or wait for the offer date and look at all the bids.

ject to capital gains. Half of the equity was slammed with a 53% tax, so "after having done nothing, the government made about \$140,000."

"I hate it when the government gets involved [in trying to cool the market] because nothing they do increases affordability. Intervention just sends vast amounts of money out of the pockets of people buying and selling homes and into the hands of government, without the government providing anything for it."

Other interventions – such as the new seven-day cooling off period, the proposal that bidding should be transparent instead of blind, the Property Purchase Tax (which raises billions for the province's coffers), foreign buyers bans or special taxes for non-citizen buyers, the tax on vacant housing, the ban on real estate agents working for both buyer and seller, the possibility of capital gains tax on principal residences, and the new anti-flipping tax – will all either send even more dollars to governments without cooling the market to the point of genuine affordability, Dan said, or the results are unknown.

Genuine affordability here in qathet is maximum \$300,000 for a home, with a \$30,000 down payment (based on the median household income of \$56,000 a year, 30% of income going to a mortgage, and interest rates remaining low – and assuming no other major costs such as debt servicing or childcare). The average selling price for a home here in April was \$828,000 – more than half a million more than what most first-time homebuyers can pay. So to create genuine affordability in this market, interventions would have to drastically drop prices by nearly two-thirds. Just softening the market isn't going to help most first-time buyers get in, in this era.

The reality is, Dan reiterated, when real estate sells for what it's worth on the free market, most people win. Prosperity – especially when it's shared across generations – is a good thing, he said.

Speaking personally, Dan explained that both he and his wife Marian are children of immigrants. His are from Italy, hers from Holland. Both fathers came

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Desiree Collings of Royal LePage

is thrilled to welcome Marten, Haley and their daughter Isla to the qathet region. They will be able to work remotely, Haley as an environmental scientist and Marten as an IT manager.

“Introducing wonderful families like the Wilmlink’s to our area is the best part of the job,” says Desiree. “You know that they will be a benefit to the community, and that they will absolutely love living here!”

Here’s part of a letter they sent to the owner of the home they bought:



We’re a Dutch-Canadian family of three - Haley, Marten & one-year-old Isla - that currently lives in Yellowknife, NT. We were fortunate enough to view your beautiful house during our most recent visit to Powell River two weeks ago.

Walking around town and meeting many members of the community got us really excited about moving there, and we’ve since made steps towards making it happen sooner than we originally expected. We love your home and it would be perfect for our growing family.

After we first met in Colombia during our travels in 2010, we lived in the Netherlands for a few years and decided to move to Yellowknife to start Haley’s career as an environmental scientist.

However, after six long winters, the time has come to choose what’s best for our health and happiness.

Every year we visit and vacation the Sunshine Coast or Vancouver Island at least once and last summer we fell in

love with Powell River. We have met so many lovely people there and have heard nothing but great things about the community and the outdoor possibilities.

Haley’s great passion is gardening and the yard with the greenhouses is one of the main reasons we fell in love with your place and we promise to give both the house and garden the same care and attention that you have given it over the years.

For Isla it’s also a great opportunity to be so close to Westview Elementary School and the amazing trails off Penticton, not to mention the Salish Sea. When we were visiting, Isla would point out to the mountains and exclaim, ‘WOW!’

We share her excitement about the outdoors and can’t wait to explore the area with her.

We’re really hoping to make your beautiful place our new home in Powell River and become part of its community.

- Haley, Isla & Marten Wilmlink

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“When a home sells for a lot of money, that’s really good for a lot of people. Seniors can pay for their retirements, family estates can share that money across many down-payments, [and some spend locally on] boats, cars, or renovations.”

- Dan Devita

to work at the mill during the bleak years after WWII, having survived the devastation of the war and the poverty of post-war Europe. Like many immigrants, Dan said, his parents understood that their role in life was to help their children prosper in Canada. It’s a mentality the couple retained for their own children, who are now adults. The older generations invest time and money in younger generations, giving them the tools to help the next generations, too.

It’s a moral idea he sees in other immigrant families here also – many of whom have been his clients over the last four decades. They scrimp, and they spend on real estate to help their children. It’s a strategy that works, he said, but it’s not

universal among families.

And neither is home ownership. For the minority of adults in qathet who do not already own a home, have not acquired an education or a business that lets them earn enough to save, and also have no relatives likely to extend a down payment or help in other ways, the prosperity that comes with real estate investment here is indeed shut to them, said Dan. Sometimes home ownership skips a generation, he said. But government policy should support a free market, and let those who have invested spend that money in ways that makes sense to their own circumstances: for retirement, for their family, or for their enjoyment. **PL**

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We're swiftly aging, and we have far too many empty bedrooms

In May, Statistics Canada released new data from Census 2021, about qathet's population and housing. **Since 2006 this region has:**

Aged by 7.3 years

From a median age of 47.5 in 2006, to 54.8 in 2021. BC's median age is 42.8 – 12 years younger than ours. .

Grown by 1,879 people

From 19,599 to 21,496 – that's 10.4%. Over the same time period, BC grew by 22%.

Gained 930 Septugenarians

From 2016 to 2021, the biggest gains in population were among those 30 to 39 (up by 375), 60 to 69 (up by 255) and 70 to 79 (up by a whopping 930).

Built up our total housing supply by 1,480 dwellings.

qathet now has 1,283 more private homes with people living in them, than it did 15 years ago.

Gained 197 vacant homes

Or, homes without their usual, permanent residents in them, such as squatters, or AirB&B guests. Though the number of unoccupied homes is slightly higher now than in 2006, the percentage of these homes has stayed stable. In 2006, the region had 1,667 unoccupied dwellings; in 2021, there were 1,864 – representing about 2% of all homes.

Lost 370 50-somethings

The biggest loss was among those aged 50 to 59 (down by 370). There are slightly fewer preschoolers (down by 30) and 15 to 19 year olds (down by 30).

More than one third of locals live alone, but just 13% of homes are one-bedroom or bachelors (2016).

In other words, there are a lot of two, three and more bedroom homes with just one person living in them. In addition, 76% of locals live as singles or couples, but just 42% of homes have fewer than three bedrooms. We are a community in which some people are dramatically overhoused, and others are dramatically underhoused.

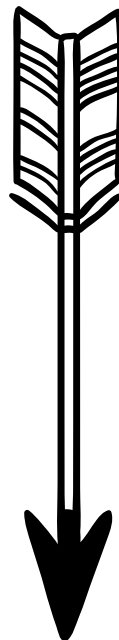
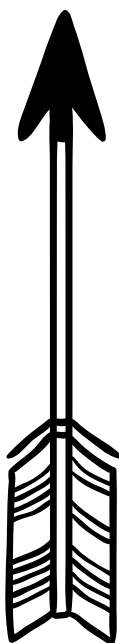
Gained 40 children and teens... sort of

Between 2006 and 2016, we lost 790 children and teens. In the last five years, we've gained 40 back. That's both a substantial loss, and a hopeful turnaround.

In 2006, qathet had 4,275 children and teens. In 2021, we have 3,525. There are 18% fewer children and teens in qathet today than 15 years ago.

Kids these days...

	2006	2011	2016	2021	Loss over the past 15 years
Age 0-4	785	810	770	735	-50
Age 5-9	940	810	885	915	-25
Age 10-19	2550	2155	1830	1875	-675
Totals	4,275	3,815	3,485	3,525	-750 – mostly pre-teens and teens



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Company-built rooming houses once solved the local worker housing crisis

As the struggle increases to enter the real estate market and the difficulty to find rentals worsens, perhaps we should consider bringing back a concept that was once more popular: boarding houses.

harder if you were not an employee of the mill. This is because prior to 1955, houses in the Townsite were reserved for employees of the PR Co. and other essential workers only.

In 1913, Anna Piccoli and her two children moved from Italy to Powell River to join her husband, Giuseppe (Joe) Piccoli. At first, the family lived in tents in Lutzville (located by the old golf course). They lived in one, cooked in another, and the third housed 16 Italian boarders. Similarly, the Van Bilderbeek family from Holland found no house available in Powell River when they arrived in 1912. They pitched a large circus tent just outside the boundaries of Lot 450, waiting for the completion of the houses on Cedar Street.

The solution to alleviate the housing shortage was boarding houses; private



BLAST FROM THE PAST

JOËLLE SÉVIGNY

When Powell River was developed by settlers in the early 1900s, there was never enough housing available. Mill workers would rent homes from the Powell River Company, however houses could not be built fast enough for all the workers arriving to town.

This meant that there was a long wait list for the highly sought after homes. Finding housing was even



ROOM & BOARD: Top, the 1913 Avenue Lodge provided rooms to mill workers—two workers to a room, shared bathroom, and food provided in the dining room (above)—which is decorated for Christmas in this 1920s photo.

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WORKER HOUSING: It wasn't always glamorous. Above, the "Townsite Tent Town" or Lutzville, housed hundreds of Italian immigrants who were waiting for the company's homes to be built. Right, Cedar Street boarding homes, circa 1915. *Photos courtesy of the Powell River Historical Museum & Archives*



homes where each room is rented out, including breakfast, supper and packed lunches. All of the tall houses on the lower end of Cedar Street (from 6340 to 6304) were designed to be boarding houses. These homes follow an eastern "salt-box" style, and each have seven rooms. To ensure the boarding concept was put into practice, the rent charged for these houses by the Company was much higher: around \$46 per month (\$1,123.68 today). Many residents lived in these homes throughout the years: one house has over 80 different tenants recorded!

No longer standing today, the Avenue Lodge on the corner of Ash and Marine Avenue was also another form of a Company boarding house. The first wing was built in 1913 and a second wing was added in 1919. Each bedroom housed two workers who shared bathroom facilities. The lodge provided meals as well in a 60 person dining room, serving on average 1500 meals a day.

In addition to boarding houses, families commonly practiced boarding. A home housing a primary family would welcome one or two workers to board with them. Boarders were usually workers at the paper mill, the shingle mill or immigrant workers. On top of providing a solution to the shortage of housing, boarders provided an added source of income for the host family.

Around the 1950s, the practice of boarding houses

In addition to (formal) boarding houses, families commonly practiced boarding. A home housing a primary family would welcome one or two workers to board with them.

started becoming less popular as the homes in Townsite were sold and the concept of the Company Town was disappearing. Other areas like Cranberry, Wildwood and Westview were increasingly developed, opening more housing options as well.

Today, this older affordable housing solution may just be what qathet needs!

Blast from the Past is written monthly by Powell River Historical Museum and Archives public engagement coordinator Joëlle Sévigny.

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Leaving the nest is a luxury now

Two young adults speak out on qathet's outrageous rents, discrimination, their own housing solutions, and their vision for a better-housed region.

Rachel Driedger, 22, works for Lift Community Services as the intake coordinator and co-chair of the Youth Community Action Team. She lives with her parents—an arrangement they all know is temporary, but is mutually beneficial.

On moving back home after university: It's been a really interesting and fulfilling experience being in a situation with my family where we have all willingly chosen to live together. We came back together after I lived away for three years at UVIC and came back to finish my degree online during COVID. I am now living with them post-graduation, working and volunteering in the community.

On multigenerational benefits: They're both in their 60s and it's a lot of work having a house. So, that's another reason I like being near them—to be able to offer help with what I can and they need. It's also really nice having meals and shared cooking responsibilities with people that you love. We can talk quite deeply and thoughtfully about what's going on in the community and the world. CBC radio is always on, and we all read the papers and watch the news. However, we have a lot of generational differences, so that provides me with a lot of different perspectives in our conversations that I otherwise wouldn't be hearing. I would be living in an echo chamber with my peers, which I love too, but I think it's really cool to be able to reach conclusions

in these conversations that I think otherwise I might not have the patience or perspective to reach. I am also able to live with our dogs which would be very difficult or near impossible to do if I lived on my own as a renter due to lack of affordable, pet friendly rentals in BC.

On housing envy: I do get in my head quite a bit when I compare my life with other peoples' lives on social media—living alone or living in the city. However, I am ultimately so grateful to have stable, secure housing. And this is kind of a special moment in my life; living with my parents on such a beautiful coast with fulfilling work and community. I do also try to remember that life will be long. So, I have time for more experiences. And it helps that some of my friends choose to live with their parents too.

On fixing the qathet housing crisis: I think fostering the relationships between young people (students or workers) and seniors would go a long way. Often, both are low-income, but have much to gain from relationships to one another. However there needs to be physical space made available for these low-income groups to foster community and relationships. I think there's huge opportunity in our community for co-op housing options that could be made available through community organizations, credit unions and federal housing grants.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME: At least for now, says Rachel Draeger. Photo by Claudia Medina

Home at last – the series

This is the third in a series of six monthly articles, produced in collaboration with social planner Meriko Kubota (City of Powell River, qathet Regional District and Tla'amin Nation), *qathet Living* editor Pieta Woolley, filmmaker Claudia Medina, several local nonprofits and, of course, the individuals who graciously agreed to tell their stories.

These are success stories—locals who have found housing solutions in spite of a record tight market and scarcity of affordable public or private housing.

Everyone involved in this project hopes these stories inspire locals to work towards decent, stable housing solutions for all our neighbours.

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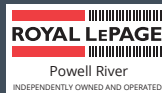
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NIGHT OWL: Cate Miner needed her own space to accommodate her night shifts. *Photo by Claudia Medina*

Cate Miner, 19, works for LIFT, and staffed the overnight Winter Shelter this past year. She rented with roommates, but the owner of the house moved back to live here, and evicted them. She was able to secure a small rental apartment in Westview.

On having roommates: Because there was three of us, the rent was reasonable. It was nice to have people around me and to feel supported. But it also helped me realize I wanted to live alone. I work nights, so I need quiet during the day. One of my roommates taught online, and even though she did her best to stay quiet when I was sleeping, sometimes small sounds wake me up. So living alone is better for me and my weird schedule.

On finding housing on social media: If you don't check Craigslist, you should, because there's some stuff that doesn't make it onto Facebook at all. I was obsessed with checking Craigslist – I checked it up to six times a day.

On inappropriate rentals: There were some big houses for rent South of town when I was looking, but they are inaccessible if you don't drive, and I don't drive. I like to be in walking distance of everything.

On COVID's continuing impact on youth: COVID started during my Grade 12 year, so I got to graduate early. I started a couple of social work courses, but unfortunately I had too much going on and couldn't finish them. I am hoping maybe in a year or two after I've saved up, I'll be able to go to university in person and take those courses. Originally I wanted to work with youth and women, but now I'm leaning towards doing addiction studies alongside my degree.

On working in a shelter: It's hard to see how stigmatized the people we serve are and how easily people discriminate against them for something that they can't necessarily control. You don't choose to be

homeless. I find it sad when I see people being awful to our folks. All I can do is support them.

On being a part of Youth CAT (Community Action Team): We deal with stuff like schooling, housing issues, transit issues, and trying to make those services better and improve the quality of life for the youth who live here. There's between 15 and 20 of us. We have an Instagram page. It's been fantastic.

On working hard to pay the rent: Finding housing in this town is so difficult, it's insane. I was looking for a month before I met my previous roommates – because there was just nothing affordable. I was working two jobs. But not everyone has the ability to work full time, especially when retail jobs are only offering part time. I've seen one bedrooms for over \$1,200 a month and that doesn't include utilities. That makes no sense to me. It's weird – it's almost Vancouver prices. I found one place in town that was looking for a paystub before they'd rent to you. That's really not fair.

On discrimination against youth in rental: I'm usually seen as a youth, right? Landlords assume I am immature, or inexperienced. They assume youth are working part-time. When there are a lot of really hardworking youth in this town and people who are trying so hard to make a living for themselves.

On one cozy housing solution: I would really love to see a tiny homes cooperative, so we can have a garden, composting toilets, an art space, a hang-out space, and be able to help each other. The only real solution for both youth and homeless adults is to create more affordable housing – and that should have happened five years ago. I enjoy talking about my own housing situation because I am one of the very few fortunate youth that do live on their own, and I'm not struggling. That is something I am thankful for every single day, whether I'm at work or not. 🐱

HEART OF QATHET

“Crazy people who work for free” built the SCT’s trails & huts

The Sunshine Coast Trail (SCT) was conceived in 1992 when a handful of outdoor enthusiasts realized the amount of accessible old growth on the Northern Sunshine Coast was vanishing. They formed the Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society (PAWS), a registered non-profit charitable society, to set aside protected areas linked by forested trail corridors.

Fifteen huts have been built so far, with 2022 plans including: hut upgrades, new composting outhouses and food storage locker installations.

There are many ways you can help, starting by simply hiking the SCT! Please volunteer with trail maintenance, cabin building, event organization. Contact PRPAWS through sunshinecoasttrail.info@gmail.com

Scott Glaspey has volunteered countless hours of his time (and knees) over the last three decades scheduling and managing the Trail Crew (and many other roles), keeping the SCT looking spotless, removing downed trees, maintaining trail infrastructure, executing reroutes, etc; year after year.

How and when did you start working with PRPAWS? What attracted you to this organization?

Scott • In 1992, I was part of a handful of people who met to start a “conservation”



WHAT THIS HALL OF FAMER DOES ON HIS DAYS OFF: The Sunshine Coast Trail was conceived of and built by volunteers 30 years ago, and Scott Glaspey (centre, white beard) has been there from the beginning. For his work in track & field, Scott is being inducted into the Powell River Sports Hall of Fame June 11 (see Page 48). Also, try out the SCT on BC Trails Day June 4, during an event starting at 10 am in Wildwood (see Page 50.)

organization which became PRPAWS. (three of those members are still active: me, Eagle Walz and Mondy Drake). The main idea was to try and save some old growth in the area and just maybe, establish some parks. Our group has been instrumental in forming Confederation Lake Provincial Park, Duck Lake Protected Area, Millenium Park and Malaspina Peninsula Park!

I remember being told by Helmut Godau (one of founders of BOMB, the trail-building Bloody Old Men’s Brigade) that, “of course you’ll be building trails too.” At the time, I thought not, but since 1994, the main focus of PRPAWS has been the building and improving of the SCT. It has morphed from just 180km of trail to a world class trail with 15 huts and newly designed composting outhouses at each hut site. We’ve got about a dozen people seriously working to keep this beast working well.

What part of the work is the most satisfying?

Scott • When people from “away” use the SCT and are really impressed and happy with the experience.

What part of the work do you find the most challenging?

Scott • The most frustrating part has been dealing with changes in forest companies and tenures. We often have to completely start over when talking about protection for trails, etc., with a new tenure holder.

Do you bring any unique skills to this organization?

Scott • I moved to PR (Kelly Creek) in late 1971 with my wife Margot. We built and lived in a 12x12’ log cabin for three years. I fell into volunteer coaching for the track

and field club in 1973, and I’ve been at it on and off ever since. I spent about 20 years teaching here, starting in the alternate program and moving to Max Cameron and Brooks as a math teacher.

What do you wish other people knew about the work PRPAWS does?

Scott • People need to know that there is a core of very dedicated folk out there working on their behalf to build and maintain hiking, biking, quading, four-wheel drive, and horseback systems. None of this free stuff exists without crazy people who work for free.

What would you say to other people who might be thinking about volunteering?

Scott • Anyone who joins in will meet great people. 🐾

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Community is connection. It’s where the people we love live. So, what happens if we are forced to leave our community as we age because there is nowhere suitable for us to live? It’s a problem that the team at the **Texada Island Seniors Housing Society (TINSHS)** started looking at in 2019.

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COLOURFUL AND POLITICAL: Members of the Brainiacs who painted tiles for June's Brain Injury Awareness Month's national mosaic project are, back row left to right: Rachel Peterson, Whitney Lafortune, Debbie Dee, Leanne Kerntopf and Jeanette Francis, seated in front are left to right Pauline Ricketts and Dale Humphries.

Brainiacs to deposit mural on bank

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT

Believing that even if you take a whack to the head, you can still do really cool things in life, members of the Powell River Brain Injury Society created mural tiles for the Westcost chapter of Canada Connects' mural mosaic project. The "Brainiacs," – the name the group call themselves – considered renting a van and driving to Langford where the unveiling of the mural was to take place, but decided against it due to the cost and time involved. Instead, they found their painted tiles scattered throughout the mural when it was posted online.

"This was a lot of fun," said Debbie Dee, Executive Director of the Powell River Brain Injury Society. "It was our first time doing it and we painted 11 tiles."

The mural project is a Canada wide event, noted Debbie.

With Brain Injury Awareness Month taking place in June, Debbie pulled out sketches for the group's art mural drawn by Whitney LaFortune. "We received a \$15,500 grant from the Disability Alliance


of BC to do this project – "Our people, Our place; A history in art. We're really lucky to have Whitney, a professional mural artist, in the group."

Six murals will be painted on Powell River's RBC Royal Bank building.

"We are working with Drew Blaney of the Tla'amin Nation," said Debbie. The mural begins before 1910 when Powell River was a tent city and moves along to the sixth panel featuring a totem pole with a raven, people in a dugout canoe and herring roe hanging on cedar boughs. A thread weaving through each mural will carry words in English and ʔayʔajuθəm.


The art mural is expected to be complete by spring 2023.

The Powell River Brain Injury Society provides support, education and advocacy for persons living with an acquired brain injury, their family, friends and caregivers through goal specific, unique and innovative programming.


The Brain Injury Society will hold an open house in June (date and time TBD) in honour of brain injury awareness month. 

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Charitable giving helps this life-long bottle collector stay chipper

BY BILL HOPKINS

Chances are you've seen a guy at the Town Centre Mall rain or shine, every season of the year, collecting recycling bottles of every sort.

Summer time he can be seen working on his tan and chatting with the generous people stopping by to give him their donations.

We lost a young baseball player from our slow pitch family recently. The cause of his passing I do not know but his family has been very verbal in sending out the message that if you are ever feeling down in the dumps, that you should talk to anyone about your mental health.

At our Celebration of Life ball games in late March, his brother was doing a little talking and thanking us all for coming out to play ball in Wade's memory, on such a wet day, but we were there for Wade and his family rain or shine. They started talking about raising money for Wade's young daughter and a cousin read a very moving email from Wade's daughter.

After this he then mentioned that they got a \$5,000 donation from someone that does not even play baseball; as I looked around the crowd I could see the surprise and delight in my fellow ball players faces as they looked at each other wondering who this generous Powell Riverite was.

During my break time at Brooks Secondary School, where I work, I was recanting my story about the generous donation.

Well it turns out the person I was talking to told me her brother was one of the people that helped set this up – go figure small town. As we talked and she told me about the transaction that happened I decided to go visit this very considerate person, who, it turns out, was the “guy who collects recycling bottles in the mall parking lot.”

So I took him a load of bottles and asked him if I could shake his hand and I thanked him on behalf of all the ball players that played in Wade's memory that day.

Brock Yuill told me he did know the family a bit and had a lot of respect for them and his strong faith in Jesus gave him the reason to make that donation. I have told several people this heart-warming story and several have said that they heard that he has done



YES HE CAN: Brock Yuill collects so he can give.

similar things in the past.

I stopped in to see Brock again recently to find out a little about him. He has been collecting any kind of bottle recycling for 12 years up at the mall. His friend Bill Trembly showed him the ropes.

In 2010 he had a heart attack and it was almost fatal. Happily it was not, but it gave him a drive to help others and his strong faith in the Lord is his best motivation.

Before the bottle collection gig he was at our local Safeway for 31 years and before that in a similar store in the Vancouver area.

He came here in 1980 from Western Canada. After his heart attack he started suffering from clinical depression – days and weeks on end not having the drive to get off of the couch. But having survived a major scare he felt God had a special purpose for him.

When he can manage the depression and migraines he goes to the Four Square church on Manson to meet with friends.

He told me last winter was tough. He is usually out there rain or shine, but his migraines kept him on the couch for long periods of time, sometimes sleeping for 16 hours. He did not want to give in to his depression and let it get the better of him, so he pushed on and kept collecting.

His desire to help others comes from his heart and strong faith. He has helped several single moms in tough spots, a burn victim's family, as well as Wade's family from our Powell River slo-pitch baseball family.

Brock, I salute your everlasting love for others and your faith to help others when ever possible. Thank you for what you have done for this community. **PL**

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Small town feel reminds this international family of home

Lena Keshysheva, Andrew Cisakowski and their three kids moved to Powell River in May of 2022 from Anmore, BC. Lena is a Certified Financial Planner/Investment Advisor with Edward Jones – a position that allows her to service her clients remotely. Andrew runs his own plumbing company – Iliad Mechanical.

In January of 2022 they visited their friends in Powell River and decided that they were not going back to Vancouver.

Both Andrew and Lena grew up in smaller communities – Lena in Odessa, Ukraine – and qathet reminded them of their childhood. Ultimately, they want to provide the same experience for their children. They have a small boat and enjoy water and outdoor activities and a slower pace of life.

Why did you choose to move to Powell River?

Lena • We want more time with our children, and we want to feel that we can positively impact the community we live in.

When? Where from?

Lena • Andrew was born in Edmonton (Devon), Alberta and moved to BC in 2012. I was born in Ukraine and grew up in a small village by Odessa. I moved to Vancouver in 2003.

What surprised you about Powell River once you moved here?

Lena • That feeling of a small, vibrant and caring community I experienced as a child. People are kind and altruistic. They have passion and care for their town and want to make a difference in each other's lives. It was very refreshing to see after spending the last 18+ years in a big city. My internal voice told me Powell River is our home and I am so lucky that my husband went ahead with the idea to move so quickly.

What made you decide to move to Powell River?

Lena • Our older son is 12 years old and there is only so much time left until he begins his own journey. We want to have more family time to bond with our children as our late 20s and early 30s were focused on building our businesses. It is time to slow down and enjoy our life.

Now Lena's Ukrainian cousins are making the move, too

My cousins left a war-torn Ukraine in March. Ekateryna and Oleh have four children: Ruslana, 21, Victoria, 18, and two twin boys, Kyrylo and Danilo, age 8. They slept in bomb shelters with their kids.

The family resided in Romania temporarily until we helped them get their work visas for Canada. They are happy to join us in Powell River on about June 15, and to become a part of this wonderful community.

Oleh has been in construction businesses his entire life and has built his own home. He will join my husband's company to assist with full scale bathroom renovations. Ruslana will help us as a nanny for my two year old. Kateryna will be looking for employment opportunities in September when the boys start school.

Where is your favourite place in qathet?

Lena • While waiting for a ferry we took a small hike to Mermaid Cove, it was absolutely beautiful! It was such an unexpected little adventure that, as we explore the area, I'm sure we will find many new favourites.

How did you first hear about Powell River?

Lena • We had neighbors that were renting a house next to us while they were building in Powell River. Neighbors turned into friends and we went to visit them this year.

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What would make Powell River a nicer community?

Lena • Improved access to childcare for young children is instrumental in attracting young families that will help this community to become independent and sustainable on its own.

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

Lena • Rocky Point Ice Cream is amazing and we would love to take that with us. Actually maybe all of Rocky Point Park - including Brewer's Row! Comes down to a few more local young entrepreneurs and businesses while still maintaining a small and quaint community.

If I could take any aspect of Powell River to my previous community it would be just the slower pace and a more relaxed setting. In the lower mainland people seem often stressed and in a hurry. Our previous community is about to get busier with a big development plan to add 6,000-7,000 residents to 100 acres, adding an extra 15-20 minutes to our daily commute; therefore, making it unsuitable to our lifestyle and prompting a quick change.



MORE TO ADORE: Lena Keshysheva moved here with her family in May 2022: Sophie, 6, Nikita, 12, Violet Rose, 2, and husband Andrew. They'll be joined by her Ukrainian cousins this week. Most of Lena's extended family remains in Ukraine.

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

Lena • We faced a challenge of finding a rental place while our house is being built. We didn't want to rent in Vancouver so we were adamant about settling in Powell River before summer. We also faced the challenge of finding a daycare for my two-year-old daughter.

If you were mayor of Powell River what would you do?

Lena • I would focus on areas in our community that attract younger families and local business. I observed that some services are missing from PR to make it a sustainable independent community. There is a shortage of early educators to provide the necessary childcare services. I've seen

from a community Facebook group that many services are in high demand but in short supply. A few factors that may be contributing to this issue is the lack of rentals or affordable housing and the child-care. Increasing these two assets will allow younger families to move in to help and fill some gaps in the service sector.

What are qathet's best assets?

Lena • Its people! And then its beauty.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Lena • Our house that we are so fortunate to build here. Coming from Vancouver where housing is unaffordable for larger families, we are lucky to sell our small home in Anmore and to build our dream house in Powell River. It was always our dream to have a sauna, a home office and a home gym.

Which talent or superpower would you most like to have?

Lena • I would love to learn how to play piano and join a choir! This has been my dream since I was a small child, but life has always been too busy. 🎹

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Principals

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In September 2022, these eight professionals will lead School District 47's schools



New! Jasmin Marshman,
Principal,
Brooks Secondary School

Jasmin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Victoria and a Master's Degree in Rural Education from James Cook University. She brings 18 years of school leadership experience to her new role as Principal of Brooks. She started her career as Vice Principal of Grief Point and then James Thomson. She then moved into the role of Principal of James Thomson and is currently the Principal of Henderson Elementary, a role she has held for the last three years. Her educational beliefs, heart, and ability to make students feel seen, heard, and recognized will be highly valued in her new role at Brooks Secondary.

Proudest achievement: The strong results we achieved when we first introduced the Professional Learning Pilot, which included no outside interruptions to learning in the morning, at James Thomson. The effect on students and staff was immediate: relationships grew stronger, students were calmer, and our academic successes jumped significantly.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: I love connecting with shy kids. I know that feeling. I love welcoming new students and I love reassuring parents that they are doing it right, it does take a village. We are all in it together.

One interesting fact about you: From K-12 I went to 14 different schools, between BC, Alberta & Manitoba. I also won a Young Author's award in Grade 3 and had my storybook in the Winnipeg Public Library.



New! Jamie Burt, Principal,
Edgehill Elementary

Jamie holds a Bachelor's Degree in History, a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, all from the University of British Columbia. He has spent 18 of his 23 years in School District 47 in school leadership roles holding positions as Vice Principal and Principal of multiple elementary schools and Brooks Secondary. Jamie's passion for the outdoors, biking, and building positive relationships with students, staff, and community will serve him well at Edgehill as they continue to implement their school growth plan for the 2022/2023 school year.

Proudest achievement: The ability to create meaningful connections with students, their families and colleagues.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: The daily informal, interactions with students throughout the day. Getting to be a part of their lives.

One interesting fact about you: Moved to Powell River from North Delta in 1988 and was a member of the inaugural Powell River Paper Kings team. Played two years here and graduated from Max Cameron in 1990. Continued playing hockey in a variety of places, including a one year stint in London, England. Moved back to Powell River in 1999 to coach the Kings.



New! Matthew Hull, Principal,
Henderson Elementary

Matthew holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education specializing in Spanish and History from Brigham Young University – Idaho and a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from the University of British Columbia. With over 15 years in School District 47 in multiple roles including Teacher, Director of Technology, and Vice Principal, Matthew's wide-ranging experiences and dedication to social emotional learning and building school community make him an outstanding fit for Henderson Elementary.

Proudest achievement: During this last year, even as staff and students struggled with slowly lifting mandates, I have been successful in creating strong relationships with students and staff throughout the school. I believe this has helped students feel safe and connected and it's supported teachers to do what they do best: teach.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: Definitely the students. My core philosophy is based on the belief that every student deserves to feel cared for and valued.

One interesting fact about you: I got a 57% in Spanish 11 in high school. Now I have a degree in Spanish Education and am a fluent language speaker.



New! Bill Rounis, Principal,
James Thomson Elementary

Bill holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Victoria and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Gonzaga University. Bill joined School District 47 in 2015 and has worked as Principal of Kelly Creek Elementary and then Principal of Brooks Secondary. Previous to this, he held positions as Vice Principal at several secondary schools and the largest elementary school for Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools. Bill's background, commitment to diversity and equity, and past performance for improving students' outcomes will be an asset to James Thomson.

Proudest achievement: Being part of the high school during the pandemic and we were able to not only keep in person learning going, but also to continue to promote student achievement.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: Working with students, helping them succeed at school, and supporting them to become young adults who are ready to take their next steps.

One interesting fact about you: When I first started in kindergarten, I was an English as a second language student. My family had just returned to Canada from Greece, and I struggled to be understood at school. Fortunately, it didn't take long for me to adjust.

Brooks Secondary School

Principal • Ms. Jasmin Marshman
Vice-Principal • Ms. Michelle Doyle
Vice-Principal • Mr. Michael Hilleren
Vice-Principal • Ms. Tanya Larkin

Edgehill Elementary School

Principal • Mr. Jamie Burt
Vice-Principal • Ms. Courtney Leigh

Henderson Elementary School

Principal • Mr. Matthew Hull

James Thomson Elementary

Principal • Mr. Bill Rounis
Vice-Principal • Ms. Caroline Brennan

Kelly Creek Community School

Principal • Ms. Jennifer Kennedy

Partners in Education

Principal • Mr. Don Fairbairn
Principal: Mr. Allan Saugstad
Vice-Principal: Ms. Stephanie Hall

Texada Elementary School

Principal • Ms. Rhonda Gordon

Westview Elementary School

Principal • Dr. Shannon Behan
Vice-Principal • Mr. Raun Rainbow

Principals are the educational leaders of each school. They are responsible for supporting student success and overseeing the administration and operation of their school. They work with district and school staff to implement district priorities and educational programs.

Just as important, Principals are real people. They each bring their own experiences as learners, parents and teachers to their roles - along with their personalities, values and goals.



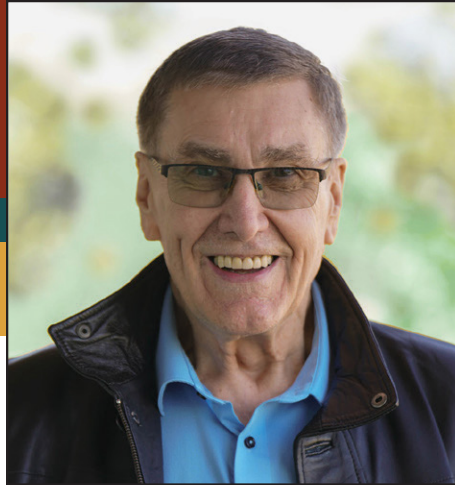
New! Jennifer Kennedy, Principal,
Kelly Creek
Community School

Jennifer holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Victoria. She also has a Master's Degree in Education specializing in Assessment and Evaluation from Queen's University. Jennifer has been in a school leadership role for the past six years. First, in the role of Vice Principal at Brooks Secondary and then as Vice Principal of Westview Elementary. Her background and passion for student and servant leadership, wellness, and project and play based learning make her a wonderful addition to Kelly Creek.

Proudest achievement: Having been a long-time high school educator, I have loved the transition from secondary to elementary, something I didn't think or realize would be so rewarding, challenging, and fun!

Your favourite part of being a Principal: I'm looking forward to building strong relationships with students, staff, and the community and continuing to create quality learning opportunities and fun events that bring everyone together.

One interesting fact about you: I love to travel to challenge myself, engage with different people and to embrace adventures as they come.



Don Fairbairn, Principal,
Partners in Education

Don holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Queen Charlotte Islands and a Master's Degree in Education specializing in Curriculum and Leadership from Oregon University. He has led the Partners in Education (PIE) program for 18 years as Principal and will continue to do so next year. Don brings a wealth of school leadership experience to School District 47 having been Principal of Texada, Principal of Kelly Creek, and Principal of Oceanview Middle School. Previous to School District 47, Don taught in Victoria, the Queen Charlottes, and Fort St James. His dedication to personalized programs and commitment to lifelong learning make him an outstanding Principal for Partners in Education.

Proudest achievement: Too many to count: proudest still to come.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: Working with students and seeing how PIE can uniquely help students personalize their school experience.

One interesting fact about you: Played in a rock band during my high school years.



Rhonda Gordon, Principal,
Texada Elementary

Rhonda holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Victoria and a Master's Degree in Education in Curriculum and Learning from the University of Calgary. She began working in School District 47 as a Teacher On Call in 1993 and with the exception of four months teaching kindergarten at James Thompson, her entire career has been on Texada. Her passion for personalized learning, differentiation, and rural communities has made her an incredible Teacher and Principal for Texada Elementary School.

Proudest achievement: Leading the school I myself attended as a child, and to be a constant presence and strong advocate for our small school during times of great change in our community.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: Being able to form positive relationships with all students rather than just my class.

One interesting fact about you: During my career, I have taught all four of my own children, three of my siblings, and countless cousins of varying degrees, and I've loved every minute of it!



Dr. Shannon Behan,
Principal,
Westview Elementary

Shannon holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Victoria. In addition, she has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Calgary and a Doctorate in Education Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Kansas. Her extensive experience from a variety of roles in School District 47 including Vice Principal of Brooks Secondary and Oceanview Middle School, District Principal of International Education and currently Principal of Westview has been an enormous asset to our learning and leadership community. Her enthusiasm for engaging students, building school community, and vision for student success are a great fit for Westview Elementary where she will continue to have a positive impact on student learning and well-being.

Proudest achievement: Being part of the teams that are leading change, growing our diverse international student population as we welcome students from countries all over the world, and ensuring we have a welcoming and inclusive culture at Westview Elementary.

Your favourite part of being a Principal: The kids!!

One interesting fact about you: I went to high school in Finland and my first teaching position was in Taiwan.

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WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE MILL?: Library and Museum staff are gathering stories like yours. See below.

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Memoirs of the Mill needs you

Did you work at the mill? Did your relatives? What are your memories of the pulp and paper maker?

The Library, Museum and the regional social planner are working together to gather personal stories and photos, to document the 110 years of this industry here.

Everyone is invited to the launch for the memoir gathering project: June 10, 7 to 8 pm at the Museum. (See ad on Page 18.)

The deadline for submissions is September 1.

The Library's Mark Merlino is also offering a seven-week memoir writing course on Thursdays from 11 am - 1 pm from May 26 until July 7 at the Powell River Public Library. Writing a memoir is a way to share your story based on your experience related to Powell River's paper mill.

There will also be a book launch/celebration event in the fall. Each writer will receive a gift of a copy of the book. The book will also be available at the library and for sale at the museum.

If you know of any individuals you would like to encourage to participate in this project, please tell them to contact Joëlle Sevigny jssevigny@powellrivermuseum.ca at the qathet Museum and Archives or via phone at 604-485-2222.

Dr. Adams appointed to Residential School Monument committee

Pre-eminent Tla'amin Nation member Dr. Evan Adams has been asked to help lead a process designing a new Residential Schools National Monument.

Pablo Rodriguez, minister of Canadian Heritage, announced the formation of a 16-member committee that will "guide" the work. Members of the committee were "selected through a combination of direct appointments and a public nomination process managed by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation."

The committee includes representatives from First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples and two members who are not Indigenous.

Rodriguez says the committee's first meeting will take place in May.

The process is part of the 81st call to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which called on the federal government to build "a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential Schools National Monument in the City of Ottawa to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities."



THE MAYORAL SLATE SO FAR: From left, George Doubt, CaroleAnn Leishman and Ron Woznow have declared they'll run for Mayor this fall.

The face of your next Mayor is...

On October 15, the City of Powell River goes to the polls to elect a new Mayor and Council.

Current Mayor Dave Formosa has been in the seat since November 2011. He was acclaimed in November 2014 and re-elected Mayor in October 2018. Dave has announced he will not be seeking re-election.

So far, three locals have announced their candidacy to fill his shoes. *qL* asked each of them to write a very short blip introducing themselves here. Expect more coverage throughout the summer, and heading into the fall.

In alphabetical order:

George Doubt: "As Councilor I have learned much about the City, qathet Regional District, the people, and

ways we can all work together. My experience and clear understanding of all issues will guide my leadership on Council as Mayor for the next four years."

CaroleAnn Leishman: "Climate leader. Youth advocate. Housing champion. Reasons: Climate change, ongoing impacts from a global pandemic, housing crisis, inequality, require action now. True reconciliation and building community resiliency are opportunities to run toward."

Ron Woznow: "Ron is an ethical, experienced team leader with a proven track record who believes in transparency and will listen to and address community member concerns and promote positive solutions."

Party with your neighbours

The City of Powell River's Parks, Recreation & Culture department Block Party program is back for 2022 – and grants of up to \$200 are available.

Between work, volunteering, extra-curricular activities, and other commitments, we often find it hard to interact with those who we live closest to. That's where a block party can help! A Block Party is a gathering of people who want to celebrate and strengthen their neighbourhoods' feeling of togetherness and build resiliency. It's a great way to get to know each other, create new friendships, enhance, and preserve safety and encourage a sense of local community.

Visit powellriverprc.ca/arts-culture/blockparties/ for more information, or to download your application.

- Shawna Rahier

The Kindness Circle

The Kindness Circle is an opportunity to settle into a new way of being. Through storytelling, we will stand in our commitment to being kind while we connect with each other and deepen our resilience as a community. This is a non-political event. Everyone is

welcome to attend. Care will be taken to set the stage for open and heart-felt dialogue with each other.


In this two-hour interactive conversation, Elder John Louie (yaɣwum) will open the circle in a good way and facilitator Ame-Lia Tamburrini of Hum Consulting will guide us through an exploration of the importance of kindness in healing our communities, the commitment that will make kindness easier, how to be kind when you're standing in the fire, and an act of kindness that will change the lives of those around you.

Join us on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 from 6:30 pm – 9 pm at the field at tis'kwat (corner of Arbutus and Marine). What to bring: appropriate clothing for outdoors, a chair or blanket to sit on and curiosity and openness. Advanced registration is requested and appreciated but not required. Go to bit.ly/3yDXG9X.

In circle we keep each other's stories sacred, we invite curiosity and we love each other and ourselves unconditionally. We invite you to walk in with these intentions. Please call 604-834-4238 if you have any questions. We look forward to being with you!

~ Caitlin Bryant


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BUSINESS AFFAIRS

SEAN PERCY

Mother Nature under new ownership

The new owners of **Mother Nature** say they have no plans to change a thing at the qathet home, pet and garden store.

“They’ve done such a great job there that we don’t want to touch any of it,” said **Robert Davison**, who, with daughter **Samantha**, will be the new owners at the end of this month.

Ron and Dianne Pfister are retiring after owning the store for 31 years, and are pleased that all the existing staff are staying on under the new owners.

Robert, who is based in Duncan, said his wife Sherry has family in Powell River. The Davisons own Top Shelf Feeds here, as well as the Top Shelf feed manufacturer and four other retail locations on Vancouver Island, and Island Tractor. He says the two businesses they own in qathet will run as completely separate entities.

“They’ve done very well and have a nice niche,” said Robert. “We were more than impressed when we took a look around and met with some staff.”

Mother Nature will be closed June 26 and 27 for inventory before re-opening June 28 under the new ownership.

Plumber’s move drains stress

There’s a new plumber in town with the arrival of **Andrew Cisakowski** and his wife **Lena Keshysheva**, the team behind **Illiad Mechanical Ltd.** The family moved recently from Anmore near Port Moody and are building their dream home in Westview.

“My wife and I have been seeking nature and a slower pace for a while now. We believe it means a better life for our kids,” said Andrew. “When we visited friends who had recently moved up to Powell River we fell in love with the natural beauty and the sense of community.”

Andrew is a red seal plumber and class B gasfitter who has had his own company for the last three years doing primarily residential and light commercial service and renovations. He says he heard qathet has a shortage of plumbers and tradespeople who can pull gas permits. Illiad also has all the drain cleaning equipment to handle any job.

“I’m hoping Illiad Mechanical can help fill all these needs,” said Andrew.

You can call Illiad at 778-789-0037 or email andrew@iliadmechanical.com

Okeover copper shines again

Yet another mining company is hoping to cash in on copper deposits high in the Bunster Range above Okeover Inlet. Mineral rights on the property have changed hands numerous times since copper and molybdenum were first discovered in creekbeds in the area in 1965. Now, **Alpha Copper Corp.**, which purchased the claims in March, is planning to do more exploratory work this fall. The company has been granted an extension to March of 2024 to further develop the claims, which cover 3,950 hectares.

“We are excited to have the permitting in place to advance our understanding of the true scope of this ideally located and exciting copper prospect,” said Alpha Copper CEO **Darryl Jones**.

Since 1966, at least nine companies have carried out geological, geochemical, and geophysical surveys, and drilled 116 holes. A 2006 historic resource calculation inferred 87 million tonnes of ore at 0.31% copper, but Alpha Copper believes recent testing suggests there is much more.

“One of the most attractive aspects of this property is the sheer amount of available historic data which offers an excellent opportunity to implement a highly targeted approach to further unlocking the potential value of this asset,” says Darryl. Existing logging roads make exploration much easier. “(The) deep-water port facility in Powell River ... presents an immense opportunity for the potential commercial viability of future mining operations. With demand for copper heating up due to the relentless push for clean electric technologies, we are confident that this project will prove to play an important role in the strategic plans for Alpha Copper.”

Oil change comes to you

A new mechanic will bring oil changes to you. **Cole Stasiewich**, who moved here from Kelowna seven months ago, had been working part-time in construction, but has decided to put his automotive training to work by starting **Coast Line Mobile Oil Change**.

“I’ll come to your house, put your vehicle up on jacks or ramps, put a tarp down to ensure there are no oil spills on the driveway, and change the oil,” says Cole. While he’s at it, he tops up wiper fluid, checks your tire pressure, cleans the windows and disinfects where he has been. He also offers a 35-point inspection. Call or text Cole at 778-594-2653.

Huckle + Berry Kids


Andrea Nicholson loved watching her kids play, but hated the cheap, plastic toys that they were constantly breaking.

“I decided that we would be more conscientious about the products we brought into our house,” said Andrea. “That meant more wood, natural materials, good quality recycled plastic toys. When I went looking locally, there was very little to choose from, and with the closure of Coles, there are even fewer options for children’s books.”

“I decided that I would open the shop I wish our town had.” Thus was born **Huckle + Berry Kids**, now open at 4488 Marine Avenue, selling heirloom quality wooden toys and children’s books in a 900 square foot space beneath the bowling alley.

Passive passed

This area’s first Passive House certification has been granted. As featured in the November 2021 edition of this magazine, **Neil and Haruyo Abramson’s** home on Brunswick Avenue has no heat source. Built by **Wes Brown** and the crew of **WB Contracting**, the home has been approved by the **Passive House Institute**, with a plaque now affixed to the outside of the home honouring the fact that it was built to standards that are more than 90% more efficient for heating and cooling than typical buildings.

 | sean@prliving.ca

LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR IS JUNE

20 & 21: Sunrise at 5:07 am, sunset 9:32 pm. From the seawalk, the sun sets over ah gyk sun (Harwood Island) and ay hos (Savary Island) on the left, and the Discovery Islands in the background. Photo by Carl Anderson, seaforestphotography.com.

June in qathet

BIG DATES & COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

June 3 & 4

Assumption School 60th anniversary celebrations

See Page 50 for the schedule.

Saturday, June 4

BC Trails Day 5K hike

10 am, starting in Willwood. See Page 51.

Monday, June 6

SD47 Pro-D Day

No school.

June 13 to 25

PRISMA

See Pages 2 and 45 for more.

Tuesday, June 14

Full Moon, Supermoon

Slightly larger and brighter than usual.

Tuesday, June 21

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Celebration details TBA. See also Page 37.

First day of summer / June Solstice.

Longest day of the year.

Friday, June 24

St. Jean Baptiste Day

Quebec holiday.

Saturday, June 25

Grad parade

5 pm, leave from the Beach Gardens. Parade Route: Joyce Ave to Manson Ave to Cranberry Street to Poplar Street to Ash Ave. The parade ends at Dwight Hall where the grads will go to Prom!

Wednesday, June 29

Graduation Ceremony and Convocation

6 pm. Doors open at 5 pm, Rec Complex. Cap and gown ceremony that will be live streamed. Ticketed event.

New Moon

This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

Friday, July 1

Canada Day – City celebrations

3–10:30 pm, Willingdon Beach. A day filled with live local entertainment, games and activities for all ages, with a fireworks finale.

Canada Day pig roast at the Legion

6 pm, \$20/\$25, music by the Twisted Tornadoes. Everyone welcome.

FESTIVALS: PLAN YOUR SUMMER 2022

Confirmed! These festivals are happening in 2022 – many of them did not in 2020 and 2021, due to COVID-19. Lots of new stuff, too.

May 30 to June 5

• Bike to Work Week

June 1 to 19 • **NEW** Youth arts

festival at qathet Art Centre

June 13 to 25 • PRISMA

June 21 • National Indigenous

Peoples Day

July 1 • Canada Day, City-organized celebration

July 10 • Savary Fun Triathlon

July 12 to September 1 • **NEW** Summer art swap

at qathet Art Centre

July 16 • Great Townsite Garage

Sale & **NEW** Townsite Street Festival

July 23 & 24 • Texada Artists studio tour

July 27 to 30 • Aerospace Camp on Texada

July 29 to August 1 • **NEW** Powtown Shakedown Music Fest

July 30 • Texada Fly-In Fling

July 31 • Texada Fly-In

August 6 & 7 • Texada Blues and Roots Festival

August 8 to 14 • 10th Anniversary qathet Pride celebration

August 13 & 14 • Texada Sandcastle Weekend

August 19 • Blackberry Festival Street Party

Dates TBA • Edible Garden Tour

August 27 & 28 • qathet Studio Tour

September 2 to 4 • Sunshine Music Festival

September 24 & 25 • Fall Fair



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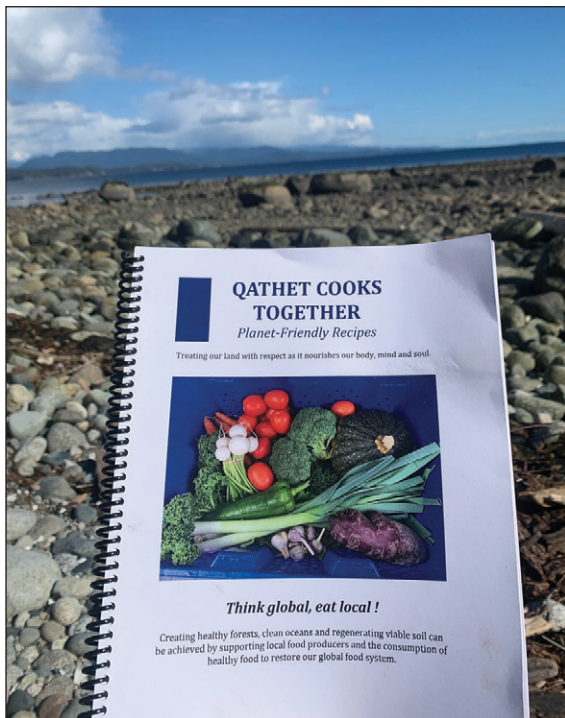


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Elena Martin, author

Cook for the Climate

Saturday June 18, 2022 at 12pm

Local author Elena Martin is presenting her new educational cookbook, *qathet Cooks Together*, providing information on how our daily food choices impact our climate.

Saturday June 18th at 2:00pm

First Credit Union Community Room

Email Adult Services Coordinator Mark Merlino for more information: mmerlino@prpl.ca



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FLIPPIN' AWESOME: Vinyl Flip co-coordinator Bob Davey shows off the glamour of real records here: check out the Tom Waits and Slim Milke posters. He and Mark Lemna are re-launching the event June 25 at Cran Hall, noon til 4pm. Admission is \$2 and a table rental is \$10. Find the event on Facebook to book a table.

FARMERS' & ARTISAN MARKETS

Saturdays and Sundays

PR Farmers' Market

10:30 to 12:30 Saturdays, 12:30 to 2:30 Sundays, at the Farmers' Market. 4365 McLeod Road - just off Padgett.

Saturdays

32 Lakes Market

9 to 3 pm, beside 32 Lakes on Marine. Gathered Farm and local artisans.

Sundays

Texada Island Farmers' Market

Noon til 1:30 pm, Gillies Bay ball field.

Wednesdays

Uptown Midweek Market

4:30 to 6:30 pm, outside the CRC on Joyce Avenue.

Saturday June 18

Spring into Summer Market

11 to 2 pm, Springtime Garden Centre. Featuring: Fresh food, Yoga in the Garden, workshops, garden masters, PROWLs, and more!

Thursday, June 30 and beyond

Thursday Night Markets start

6 to 9 pm, Westview Terminal Pier. Every Thursday night through September 1. See ad on Page 23.

FILM TO SEE & MAKE

June 1st and 2nd

Mothering Sunday

7pm nightly, 1:30 pm matinee Thursday Female directed, beautiful and wonderfully engaging English drama. Think *Downton Abbey* with a bit more kick and intrigue.

June 3-9

Downton Abbey

7pm nightly and matinee 1:30 pm Thursday June 9. Upstairs/Downstairs meets Hollywood magic in this perfectly charming British drama.

Monday, June 6

Deadline for the PR Film Fest Youth 5 Minute Film Contest

prfilmfestival.ca/5-minute-film-contest

June 10-16

Top Gun Maverick

7pm nightly, 1:30 pm matinee June 12.

June 24-30

Jurassic World Dominion

7pm nightly.

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LIVE MUSIC & PERFORMING ON STAGE

Friday, June 3

Joel Fafard in Concert
9 pm, Wildwood Pub.

Saturday, June 4

A Celebration of Kathaumixw
1:30 & 7:30 pm repeat performance,
James Hall. \$20. See more on Page 51.

Malaspina Ensemble
10:30 am at the Powell River
Farmers' Market.

**Assumption Presents:
Kevin Luty Magic**

10 am, Assumption. Please join us as we
celebrate our 60th year! We're hosting a
magic show that's open to all in the qathet
region to enjoy! Tickets are \$10 each and
are available at Assumption School, Rec-
tory, Massullo Motors and The Peak.

Sunday, June 5

Sunday Social – Kardias Quing
7 pm Wildwood Pub.

June 10 & 11

**Time to Shine: Laszlo Tamasik
year end showcase**
7 pm Evergreen both nights. Tickets \$20
at The Peak or at the door.

Saturday, June 11

Deborah Holland
7 pm, Cranberry Hall. Deborah Holland
rose to prominence with the iconic trio
Animal Logic, spawning decades of suc-

cess as a solo performer, member of folk
supergroup The Refugees, film scorer,
and educator, all leading up to the release
of her 2020 EP Fine, Thank You! – a
wide-ranging fusion of pop, folk, jazz, and
more. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

**PR Community Band – Marches of
the World**

1 pm – at the Loggers Bowl, Willingdon
Beach (cancelled if raining). Free concert,
donations gratefully accepted. Come
hear us play! You might want to consider
joining the Band in September!!



KICKING OFF THE SEASIDE-MUSIC SEASON: Above, the Powell River Community Band plays Marches of the World at Willingdon June 11; PRISMA at the Beach returns June 18; and Music in the Park is back June 29.

**June
13 to
25**

**PRISMA
Festival**

Dozens of music
events – free and
ticketed – are part of
this festival. See Pages 2 and
45 for more.

Friday, June 24

Sam Hurrie Band
8 pm, Legion. \$10 – \$12.

Saturday, June 25

Vinylflip 2022
Noon til 4 pm, Cranberry Hall. Swap meet
for records, CDs, cassettes and 8-tracks.
See more on Page 40.

Un Charmant Printemps

5 pm, Club Bon Accueil. Forest aerialist
circus. Free event. Thai food available.
See ad on Page 43. Everyone welcome,
but limited capacity.

Sunday, June 26

Sunday Social – Joseph teBulte
7 pm, Wildwood Pub.

Wednesday, June 29

Music in the Park
7 pm, Rotary Stage, Willingdon Beach.
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DISCOVERING DARKNESS: *Night Owls*, by Naomi Harrison. Acrylic on canvas, 2022. This work and much more visual, performance and more art by 12- to 29-year-olds is exhibited at the qathet Art Centre until June 18.

Whoooo are today's youth?

BY ABBY FRANCIS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Artist Naomi Harrison creates artwork that represents her true self.

"I've been creating art since I was about six years old. When I was little my mom had done a lot of watercolour paintings, and I wanted to be like her," says Naomi, whose work is featured in the show, *Art of the True Self*, at qathet Art Centre this month.

"I have three paintings at the show, two of them have themes of duality

ART OF THE TRUE SELF

When: June 1 to 18. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday noon to 5 pm.

What: A youth-driven initiative spearheaded by Brooks Secondary School's Gender and Sexuality Alliance with support from Malaspina Art Society, qathet Art Centre, BC Arts Council and community organizations and individuals.

Where: qathet Art Centre Public Gallery, above the Library.

VISUAL ART & VINTAGE CARS

To June 20

Friends at Easel Group Exhibition
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To September

Yeonmi Kim - Sewstainability
Powell River Public Library

Wednesday, June 1

Opening Celebration, Art of the True Self Youth Art Festival
7 to 9 pm, qathet Art Centre. See more below.

June 1 to 18

Art of the True Self Youth Art Festival
qathet Art Centre. Event includes Youth Drop-In art making Saturdays until June 18, from 1-4 pm. See below for more.

June 3 to 26

Robert Mackle
Crucible Gallery.

Saturday, June 4

Purple Banner Art Map Launch Party
12:30 - 2:30 pm, Townsite Brewing. Wear PURPLE, come join the fun and get a copy of the new Purple Banner guide for

2022/2023! Evelyn Kirkaldy will be painting on site, Paintillio will have a paint by number for you to try, colouring pages for the kids, door prizes every 20 minutes and a quiz you can enter to win the grand prize of a tour for four with Sunshine Coast Art Tours!

Wednesday, June 8

Deadline: 2022 The Coast Photo Competition
There are adult and youth photographers categories. For prizes and competition rules : visit www.prpl.ca

Wednesdays, June 8 & 22

Youth art drop-ins
3:30 to 6 pm, Amplitude Arts (bottom of the Rodmay Hotel in Townsite). Facilitated by Annie Simms. Free.

Friday, June 10

Memories of the Mill launch event
7 pm at the Museum.
See more on Page 36.

Sunday, June 12

Vintage Car Show
Powell River Farmers' Market
12:30 to 2:30 pm.

and polarization. I think that using light and dark colours is important because it reflects nature, the positives and negatives of life."

Naomi spent two full days creating each piece for the art show.

"I use three mediums for my artwork; acrylic, oil, and watercolour with pens. My piece 'Night owls' is made with acrylic paint."

Naomi says art is an important way for people to express themselves.

"Art creates a sense of community,

culture, and brings people together. There were some really awesome teachers and students from Brooks Secondary who helped do all the planning for this event, I am really thankful for them."

qathet Art Centre invites all youth to come to the gallery Saturdays until June 18 for free art-making sessions, 1 to 4 pm. It's one of several upcoming events at the gallery that invites participation.

This event is sponsored in part by *qathet Living* magazine.



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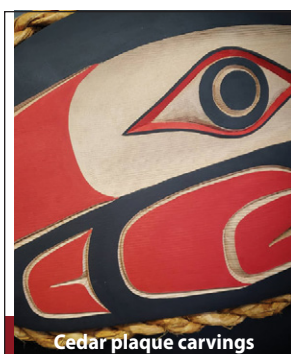
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KIDS & YOUTH

To June 3

GoByBike Week

Wednesday, June 1: afternoon celebration station at Monks on Marine. Thursday, June 2: morning celebration station at 32 Lakes on Marine. Friday, June 3: wrap-up party: Townsite Brewing. All times TBA.

Sundays

Mini Train at the Farmers' Market

12:30 to 2:30 Sundays, at the PR Farmers' Market. Miniature train rides.

June 1 to 18

Art of the True Self Youth Art Festival

qathet Art Centre. Event includes Youth Drop-In art making Saturdays until June 18, from 1-4 pm. See previous page for more.

Saturday, June 4

Assumption's 60th Anniversary Carnival

11 am to 2 pm, 20 free tickets to every child, and additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 each. The fun includes: bouncy castles, traditional carnival games like a claw machine, hoops, fish pond, and more, face painting, the Travelling Llamas, concession & so much more!

BC Trails Day 5K

10 am, at the Sunshine Coast Trail access point in Wildwood (see Page 50). Rain or shine. Welcome by Tla'amin Hegus John Hackett and Eagle Walz, PRPAWS.

Kevin Lucy Magic Show

10-11 am, Assumption. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Assumption School, Rectory, Massullo Motors and The Peak office. In celebration of Assumption's 60th anniversary.

Sunday, June 5

Bike Safety Rodeo

11 am to 1 pm, First Credit Union parking lot. For kids aged 4 to 12, bring your bikes and helmets and have fun learning about bike safety. You could win a bike or a helmet! Sponsored by Rotary.

Monday, June 6

Summer registration opens for the Rec Complex

See ad on Page 3, and powellriverprc.ca.

Deadline for the PR Film Fest Youth 5 Minute Film Contest

See prfilmfestival.ca/5-minute-film-contest

Wednesday, June 8

Deadline: 2022 The Coast Photo Competition

There are adult and youth photographers categories. For prizes and competition rules: visit www.prpl.ca

June 17 to 19

BC's Family Fishing Weekend

Fish for free - no licenses needed to fish in fresh or saltwater. See gofishbc.com.

Saturday, June 18

PRISMA on the Beach

Food booths open at 5, music starts at 6 pm. Willingdon Beach. Free!

Tuesday, June 21

Kids' concert & fun fair

6:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Free by donation. Tla'amin Elder Doreen Point reads a traditional story with music Sonia Zagwyn reads the story of Scheherazade with projection and dancer.

Saturday, June 25

Un Charmant Printemps

5 pm, Club Bon Accueil. Forest aerialist circus. Free event. Thai food available. See ad, right. Everyone welcome, but limited capacity.

Storytime at the Market

11 am, Powell River Farmers' Market. With the Library.

Grad parade

5 pm, leave from the Beach Gardens. Parade Route: Joyce Ave to Manson Ave to Cranberry Street to Poplar Street to Ash Ave. The parade ends at Dwight Hall where the grads will go Prom!!

Wednesday, June 29

SD47 last day of school before Summer Holidays

Friday, July 1

Canada Day - City celebrations

3-10:30 pm, Willingdon Beach. A day filled with live local entertainment, games and activities for all ages, with a fireworks finale.

SOME SUMMER DAYCAMPS

This is not EVERY daycamp that's happening, but here's a small sample of what to expect this summer:

Rec Complex

Weekly daycamps, swimming lessons, and much more. powellriverprc.ca.

qathet Art Centre

Art camps throughout the summer. qathetart.ca.

Terracentric Adventures

Mountain biking & marine daycamps. terracentricadventures.com.

School District 47

LEAP outdoor program, Summer Learning Program for K to 3, Brooks summer school & more. sd47.bc.ca.

Library

The self-directed Summer Reading Club is back with Junior and Senior bookclubs, weekly workshops and events. prpl.ca.

Club Bon Accueil

French immersion summer camp. clubbonaccueil.com.

Texada Aerospace Camp

July 27 to 30 only. texada.org.

Academy of Music

Rock Band Camp and Choir Camp. powellriveracademy.org.



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Wednesday, June 1

**Open Mic Roundtable
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7 to 10 pm, Evergreen Theatre. The purpose of these sessions is for us to listen to you. We want to learn directly from city residents and Tla'amin citizens about how this project impacts you and what your thoughts are on the possible name change project. Note: Speakers' list is full from previous registration.

Friday, June 3

**An Author Reading
with Tanis Helliwell**
7 pm at the Library. Prolific local self-actualization writer Tanis Helliwell will present her new book Good Morning Henry - an in-depth journey with the body intelligence. To register contact Mark at mmerlino@prpl.ca

Friday, June 10

Memories of the Mill
7 pm, Museum. Come to the launch event for the 'Memories of the Mill,' a community memoir project, including access to photographic resources from the Archives and memoir writing support from the Library. For information contact Mark mmerlino@prpl.ca. See more on Page 36.

Saturday, June 11

Cambium Blue - Life in a Small BC Resource Town
2 pm at the Library. Author Maureen Brownlee presents her new powerful novel about the heart of a small BC lumber town that is struggling with an uncertain future

after its only sawmill is shuttered. For information or to register mmerlino@prpl.ca

**What is Old Growth Forest?
with Janet May**

1 pm, meet at the start of McGuffie Creek Trail across from the Willingdon Beach Campsite on Marine Avenue. Weather permitting. A recording will be available to watch online a week later. \$5. To purchase tickets, you can use the online checkout, pay by phone at 604-485-2222 or pay with cash at the museum.

Saturday, June 18

qathet Cooks Together
2 pm at the Library. Local author Elena Martin will present her new educational cookbook qathet Cooks Together that provides information about how our daily food choices can impact our climate. For information contact Mark mmerlino@prpl.ca

Tuesday, June 21

Kindness Circle - National Indigenous People's Day
6:30 to 9 pm, tiskWat. See Page 37 for more.

Monday, June 27

hehewšin Circle
7 to 9 pm, qathet Art Centre. Come together with other qathet residents for a talking circle to share feelings, thoughts, questions and challenges in support of each of us finding good ways forward to decolonize, be allies to the Tla'amin People and cultivate true reconciliation in this area. hehewšincircle@gmail.com to RSVP or for more info.

OUTDOORS, FITNESS & SPORTS

To June 3

GoByBike Week
Wednesday, June 1: afternoon celebration station at Monks on Marine. Thursday, June 2: morning celebration station at 32 Lakes on Marine. Friday, June 3: wrap-up party: Townsite Brewing. All times TBA.

Saturday, June 4

BC Trails Day 5K hike
10 am, starting in Wildwood. For details, see Page 50.

**80s Fitness Throwback:
free class**

9:15 to 10:15 at the Rec Complex. See powellriverprc.ca for more!

Sunday, June 5

Bike Safety Rodeo
11 am to 1 pm, First Credit Union parking lot. For kids aged 4 to 12, bring your bikes and helmets and have fun learning about bike safety. You could win a bike or a helmet! Sponsored by Rotary.

Monday, June 6

**Summer registration opens for
the Rec Complex**
See ad on Page 2, and powellriverprc.ca.

Saturday, June 11

PR Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
See ad on Page 48. \$60. Hap Parker Arena.

Island Series Disc Golf Tourney
Sunset Park. See more on the qathet Disc Golf Club Facebook page.

June 17 to 19

BC's Family Fishing Weekend
Fish for free - no licenses needed to fish in fresh or saltwater. See gofishbc.com.

June 24 to 26

**Thichum Cup Ball Hockey
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Saturday, June 25

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PRISMA's back for it's 10-year celebration

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BY ANDY RICE

This month, the Pacific Region International Summer Music Association (PRISMA) Festival & Academy will celebrate its 10th season. Dozens of daily and nightly music events are set to take place between June 13 and 25, offering a thrilling classical music experience for people of all ages.

To whet the appetite for what's to come, here are some highlights of PRISMA through the years:

2013 - The dream lives on...

From the embers of Symphony Orchestra Academy of the Pacific (SOAP) came the first-ever PRISMA Festival, in 2013. "What a miracle we pulled it off," recalls artistic director and co-founder Arthur Arnold. "There was an orchestra, indeed, and it was good!" Even in its infancy, PRISMA was able to draw star power with an appearance by acclaimed South Korean violinist Soyoung Yoon, who played Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D major with the Pacific Philharmonic (now known as the PRISMA Festival Orchestra.)

2014 - Battle of the million-dollar violin

If you think Coca Cola and Pepsi are a contentions comparison, try Stradivari and Guadagnini - makers of two of the most valuable, beautiful-sounding and sought-after string instruments on earth. One of the highlights of PRISMA 2014 was a spontaneous comparison - on stage, mid-concert, at Arnold's behest - between Herbert Greenberg's 1685 Stradivarius violin and Soyoung Yoon's 1773 ex Bückeburg Guadagnini violin. (For the record, Yoon's other instrument happens to be a 1710 King George Stradivarius, so don't get any ideas about brand loyalty...)

Are you new? Here's a PRISMA explainer

PRISMA is unique to Powell River - the brain-child of local celeb music man Arthur Arnold. Until recently, Arthur spent half his year conducting the Moscow Symphony Orchestra and half his year here in qathet, cello-bombing COVID vaccine clinics and more, and organizing PRISMA, among many other activities.

PRISMA is a two-week destination pre-professional intensive for young, classically-trained musicians. They study individually with masters, and perform for the community over nine special concerts - some free and some ticketed.

In other words, for locals, it's a chance to hear live symphonies, chamber music and more, made relevant under Arthur's thoughtful hand.

From the Website: PRISMA draws over 5000 concertgoers from BC and beyond to daily musical events, symphony and chamber music concerts, master classes and student recitals. The PRISMA Festival Orchestra, the highlight of the festival, performs four full symphony concerts.

PRISMA's 2022 orchestra program will feature Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, and great masterworks by Boulanger, Mozart, Smetana and more, charismatically led by artistic director Arthur Arnold. Our esteemed Guest Artists are members of some of the world's leading orchestras, such as Berlin Philharmonic, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, LA Philharmonic, Montreal Symphony, Vancouver Symphony, and more.



PRISMA CONCERTS & EVENTS

Tuesday, June 14

Lafayette String Quartet

7:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Enjoy the works of Haydn and Mendelssohn - plus, a world premiere by co-composers Nicole Mandryk and Leila Lustig.

Wednesday, June 15

Concert Competition Semi-Finals

7:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Free by donation. Selected students will perform their concerto with piano for the international jury and an excited festival audience.

Two finalists will be announced during the Gala Opening Concert and will perform with the PRISMA Festival Orchestra at the Gala Closing Concert and Sail to Symphony Concert.

Thursday June 16

Beethoven's Belated Birthday

7:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Hear our 2022 Guest Artists and the PRISMA Festival Orchestra as they celebrate Beethoven's belated 250th birthday, and Mozart... just because. This concert will be a musical sampler of all that PRISMA has to offer.

Friday, June 17

Sounds of day and night

7:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. The PRISMA Festival Orchestra plays Boulanger, Mozart and Rimsky-Korsakov. Arthur Arnold, Conductor. Edwin Kim, Piano.

Saturday, June 18

PRISMA on the Beach

Food booths open at 5, music starts at 6 pm. Conductor Arthur Arnold. Soloists: Carla Leurs, violin; Hung-Wei Huang viola; Edwin Sungpil Kim, piano. Cyndi Palen - Welcome Song; Drew Blaney - COVID Song; Drew Blaney - PRISMA 10 Song. Movements from: Mozart - Symfonia Concertante K. 364 Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 20 k. 466 D Minor Rimsky-Korsakov - Scheherazade John Williams - Theme from Schindler's List and more...

Tuesday, June 21

Kids' concert & fun fair

6:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Free by donation. Tla'amin Elder Doreen Point reads a traditional story with music. Sonia Zagwyn reads the story of Scheherazade with projection and dancer.

Thursday, June 23

Forbidden Music Regained

7:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Guest artists and select students will inspire your imagination through a host of unique collaborations that bring rare works back to life. Enjoy beautiful works by oppressed Dutch composers including Lex van Delden, Rosy Wertheim, Ignace Lilien, Leo Smit, Henriette Bosmans, and Jan van Gilse.

Friday, June 24

Bohemian Reflections

7:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Hear works by Smetana and Bartók. Plus, the thrilling final round of our Concerto Competition and the announcement of our 2022 grand prize winner!

Saturday, June 25

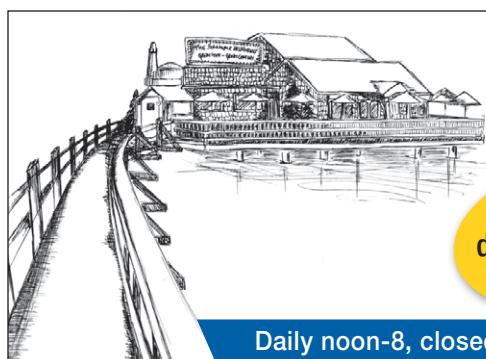
Bohemian Reflections: Sail to the Symphony Matinee Concert

1:30 pm, Evergreen Theatre. Hear works by Smetana and Bartók. Plus, the thrilling final round of our Concerto Competition and the announcement of our 2022 grand prize winner!

Throughout PRISMA

Masterclasses and Limelight Concerts

Limelight Concerts will feature both students and guest artists in unique configurations, playing the music that excites them the most. From solo tuba to chamber music ensembles, each 30-minute concert will be curated by a different member of the PRISMA Festival Orchestra or Guest Artist roster. \$5 daily admission (free for youth and pass-holders) and take place at the Evergreen Theatre.



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2015 - Commemoration from air, land and sea

The free community event now known as “PRISMA on the Beach” used to be called “A Celebration of the Senses” and the 2015 instalment commemorated 70 years since the Liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian Armed Forces. World War II veteran Fred Gendron (1925-2017) fought as a member of the Queen’s own Rifles, 3rd division, and was in attendance at the event. Audiences were treated to an airborne

spectacle involving the Fraser Blues formation flying team, as well as a grand finale performance of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 overture complete with cannonade supplied by the Canadian Navy.

2016 - International connections

During the penultimate concert of the 2016 PRISMA Festival, Arizona-born percussionist Trevor Barroero was crowned the concerto competition winner. The prize was an invite to Rus-

PRISMA FESTIVAL

When: June 14 to 25

What: Free and ticketed concerts by dozens of visiting pre-professional musicians.

Where: Mostly at the Evergreen Theatre. PRISMA at the Beach June 18 is at Willingdon.

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sia to play timpani with the Moscow Symphony Orchestra, where Arnold was music director from January 2012 until his resignation in March 2022. “Hearing Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet, the timpani so proudly present in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, itself named after the composer, I could only smile,” recalls Arnold. “Though, it might have been on the loud side!”

2017 - Emotional performance

In her first appearance at PRISMA, Canadian soprano Lauren Margison was the guest soloist for Strauss’ Four Last Songs. Arnold still remembers the orchestra musicians being overcome with emotion during that performance. “There was a magical moment on stage where we all got tears in our eyes,” he says, recalling the line: “And my soul, unobserved, will float about on untrammelled wings, in the enchanted circle of the night, living a thousandfold more deeply.”

2018 - The universal language

One of the most outstanding guest appearances in PRISMA history undoubtedly came from Hungarian-born musician Máté Szücs, who at the time was principal viola with the Berlin Philharmonic. The musical connection was palpable, with a kinship on display for all to see. “Playing together was seemingly effortless – the same musical language,” remembers Arnold. “What an inspiration he was for the students.”

2019 - An on-stage switcheroo

Sometimes the most unorthodox solutions garner the best results. During a conducting masterclass in

2019, Arnold’s two students were having a little trouble leading the soprano soloist while still allowing her a sense of artistic freedom. “Everything kept slowing down, making it rather impossible to sing,” he reminisced. “So, they switched places and the conducting students sang the aria, the soprano conducted the orchestra, and after that everything fell into place.”

2020 - PRISMA on the Couch

“Who knew we would be successful as TV producers and announcers?” laughs Arnold, referring to the late-spring 2020 pivot that led to the first 10-episode season of PRISMA on the Couch. (He didn’t know it at the time, but the series would return in 2021 for additional episodes as well.) This trip into the archives unearthed hours of footage from past performances and coupled it with newly-recorded educational and interview content, all hosted from centre stage at the Evergreen Theatre. To this day, re-runs continue to air on Shaw Spotlight, Channel 4.

2021 - Some strings attached...

With the pandemic still affecting events worldwide, organizers knew that the 2021 festival would need to be adaptable to any and all scenarios. In the end, a hybrid model was used as PRISMA offered in-person masterclasses and performances for small groups with a much larger audience joining online via livestream. The absence of an orchestra freed Arnold up to be able to trade his conductors’ baton for a cello, joining the Lafayette String Quartet on the Evergreen Theatre stage for a performance of Schubert’s String Quintet in C Major. A rare treat!

2022 - The orchestra returns

“Musicians need an audience, not just a camera and microphone,” says Arnold. “That incredible sense of connection through music only happens when being together in the same space.” Fortunately, the current COVID-19 situation is such that PRISMA will once again be able to welcome 80 international students to form the PRISMA Festival Orchestra. Under the tutelage of 23 world-renowned guest artists, many of whom will be featured in additional chamber music concerts throughout the duration of PRISMA, you won’t want to miss this triumphant return to a full-scale festival model. **PL**



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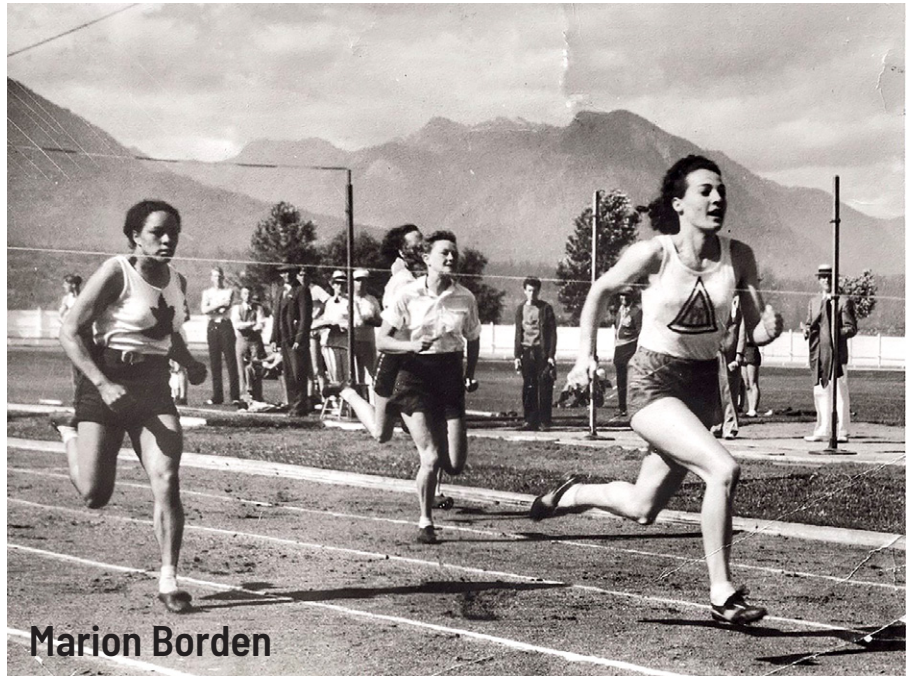
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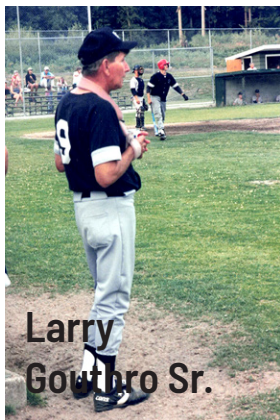
Marion Borden



Powell River Regals 1997 team



Scott Glaspey



Larry Gouthro Sr.

Hall of famers 2022

qathet region has produced some incredible athletes that have shone on the world, national and local stages.

The second induction of great local athletes into the Powell River Sports Hall of Fame will be taking place on June 11 at the Powell River Recreation Complex.

The following is a list of the 2022 inductees:

Brad Bombardir was an NHL player and Stanley Cup champion.

Marion Borden (deceased) was a sprinter in the 1930s and 1940s who held provincial and national records.

Tristen Chernove was a Paralympian who won four medals and has 13 world championships to his name.

Scott Glaspey built the Powell River track club into

one of the top in BC, and he also coached Olympian Connie Polman Tuin, a sports hall of fame inductee in 2019. He was also a Team Canada coach.

Larry Gouthro Sr. (deceased) taught hundreds of local children to play baseball to a high standard.

Doug Ladret was an Olympic figure skater, competing in two Olympic Winter Games.

Larry Louie, former soccer player, was an exceptional athlete, and is a natural leader and mentor.

Debbie Massullo is a world champion curler.

Jesse Newman is a former Canadian Football League player and two-time Grey Cup winner.

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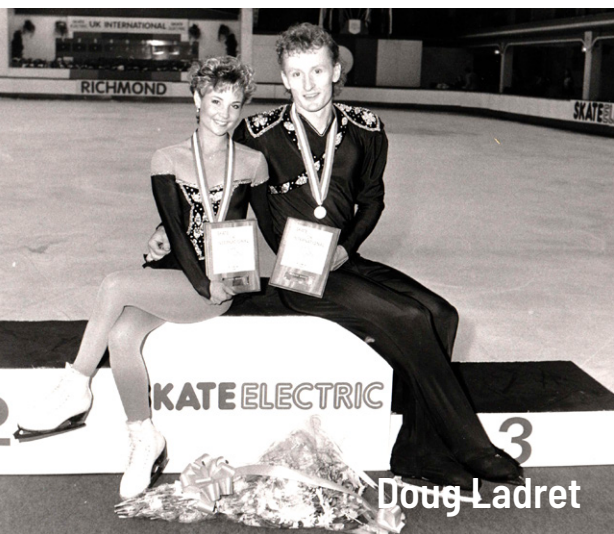


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ALL GROWN UP NOW: Left, Mary James and Les with the Adams family's high-achieving children – Rose, Gracie, Janice, Maureen and, the now-Dr. Evan Adams (see Page 36), who were students at Assumption (photo 1968). Right, the six teaching nuns arriving from Malta (1961). *Photos courtesy of Assumption Catholic School*

WHAT'S UP • EVENTS

Assumption celebrates 60 years

Assumption School is proud to celebrate its 60th year! Founded in 1961, our Grade 1 to 7 school was first led by six Missionary Sisters of Jesus of Nazareth.

Sister Petronilla worked tirelessly to improve the school. It took a lot of hard work and many sacrifices on the part of the Sisters to help make the school what it is today.

We've grown to offer an academic program for students in Preschool through Grade 9 and continue to be committed to excellence in education. As an independent school, we have the freedom to incorporate additional elements into our learning environment, such as our focus to foster positive spiritual development in our students.

We are a part of the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese, which provides us a network of professionals and support. Catholic and non-Catholic families alike choose our school for the warm and supportive family-like atmosphere. We encourage you to join us, meet our teachers, view our campus, and see what we have to offer.

The 60th year celebrations include:

Aged to Perfection: Wine and Cheese

To celebrate 60 years, Assumption School will be hosting "Aged to Perfection", a wine and cheese

night! This event will take place on June 3 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at Assumption School and Rectory, as well as at Massullo Motors. All proceeds will go to our Bridget Bigold Tuition Fund.

Assumption Presents: Kevin Luty Magic

Please join us as we celebrate our 60th year! We're hosting a magic show that's open to all in the qathet region to enjoy! The show is on Saturday, June 4 from 10 - 11 am. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Assumption School, Rectory, Massullo Motors and The Peak office.

Assumption's 60th Anniversary Carnival

Come one, come all! Assumption School is excited to welcome the entire qathet region to our school carnival on Saturday, June 4 from 11 am - 2 pm! We'll offer 20 free tickets to every child, and additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 each.

The fun includes: bouncy castles; traditional carnival games; face painting; the Travelling Llamas; concession; so much more!

~ Angela Bennett

Get on the SCT for BC Trails Day

At 10 am on Saturday, June 4, the Tla'amin Nation and PRPAWS (Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society) will celebrate BC Trails Day with a free,

family-friendly 5K hike, intended to introduce new hikers and new community members to the Sunshine Coast Trail.

Held each spring on the first Saturday in June, this day draws attention to hiking trails and encourages folks to experience nature first-hand. Since 1992, hiking associations and nature lovers worldwide have adopted the date to showcase local trails.

- Saturday, June 4 at 10 am. Rain or shine. Welcome by Tla'amin Hegus John Hackett and Eagle Walz, PRPAWS.

- Meet at the Sunshine Coast Trail access point in the community of Wildwood. From Lund Street at the corner of Wildwood Public House take Sutherland Avenue to the end. Go right onto Wolfson Street to the parking area. Note: Parking is limited. Please do not block driveways.

- Hike will be roughly 5-kilometers total distance out and back on rolling terrain and easy-moderate trails through Tla'amin Traditional Lands to Little Sliammon Lake.

- The high point of the gentle trail is about 1.5 km from the start – and a natural turnaround for those whose time is limited.

- Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring water and snacks, and to pace themselves and smell the aromas.

- Hike will be moderated by Eagle Walz and Keith Laughton of PRPAWS. 🐾

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Concert, new plaque salute Kathaumixw – qathet’s flagship music fest

A long-envisioned project has come to fruition at the Powell River Academy of Music. A totem pole displays all the winners of the Kathaumixw “Choir of the World Award!”

Since 2018, a western red cedar totem pole, created by Tla’amin carver Craig Galligos, has been permanently installed at the Academy. At over three metres (10 feet) tall, topped with an eagle, its imposing presence greets visitors at the building entrance. Below the eagle sits a frog, and at the bottom an orca supports the three. Now, brass plaques of the winners of Choir of the World from every year of the International Choral Kathaumixw since the first festival in 1984 have been installed on the red cedar base.

During the festival, choirs compete in various age and style categories. First place winners from these

A CELEBRATION OF KATHAUMIXW

When: Saturday, June 4. 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm.


What: Academy choirs and the Powell River Chorus will keep alive the spirit of the festival as they perform favourite songs from the festival repertoire at this special event. Due to ongoing effects of COVID-19 the International Choral Kathaumixw festival has been postponed to 2023.

Where: James Hall, at the Academy of Music

Tickets: Powell River Academy of Music, 7280 Kemano St. Mon- Thurs 9:30 -4:30 or call 604-485-9633; or buy online at www.powellriveracademy.org.

competitions perform during the Awards Ceremony and at this concert, a Choir of the World winner is chosen. The winner is announced at the Gala Closing Concert.

In 2014, a totem pole was awarded for the first time for the Choir of the World recipient. It was delivered to the St. Stanislav Youth Choir (conducted by Damijan Močnik) in Ljubljana, Slovenia. In 2016 a second totem pole even taller than the first was delivered to the Wah Yan College Kowloon Boys’ Choir (conducted by Lesley Ka-Hei Chan) in Hong Kong. Since then the cost of delivering totem poles around the world has become prohibitive, so the permanent totem was carved and installed at the Academy. Smaller carvings are awarded to winning choirs to take home.

The totem pole initiative attracted more choirs to attend the festival. It further strengthened our connection between the Tla’amin Nation and the festival that has existed since Kathaumixw began three decades ago. 



EAGLE, FROG, ORCA: On a newly-installed plaque on this pole’s pedestal are the winners of each Kathaumixw Choir of the World Award going back to 1984. *Photo courtesy of the Powell River Academy of Music*

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TAKE A BREAK

A Remedial Summer Solstice

Observing seasonal celebrations and cyclical celestial happenings leads us along a medicinal path through the stuff of life, and depending on what we need most, we can either revel in what is present or feel into what is coming.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, after a long wet Spring, Summer Solstice, the longest day, offers a much needed energetic height to the year, full of first day of Summer inspirations to pull us out of a soggy wetcoast daze.

By the time the heat sets in and we feel Summer's intensity deep in our bones, we can already see the days are rapidly shortening, so those of us seeking relief can sense it is truly coming. Harvest celebrations like Lughnasadh and Lammas, slowly ease hot weather lovers into accepting Autumn's approach with time still left to soak up more warmth.

After half a year of active growing and outward focus, Winter invites us inward to cultivate restful ways until we are ready to engage again.

Nature offers us an excellent map to follow. If we consider June as leading us to a fullness of expression, the buzz of activity and full bloom wakefulness around us becomes a potency we can apply to all manner of mundane things in a way that feels medicinal to our soul.

When we ritualize our daily doings, we deepen feelings of meaning, purpose, and connection. If life feels full of chaos and tangled webs, spending time

bringing order in reachable ways such as combing hair, spinning wool, tidying house, or undoing knots can sooth like a salve.

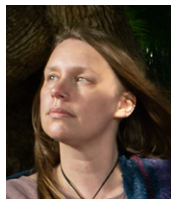
If a project or intention has stalled, feeling into these Summertime energies may renew vigour for the task. Wild swimming or outdoor sleeping quickly establishes connection with the elements, while foraging and preserving not only keeps us in this full Solstice abundance, but also lends feelings of security with a nod to times ahead.

Including formal annual celebration or ceremony to recognize times like Solstice, invites a sense of rhythmic time keeping. Like a touchstone, it anchors us into the stages and ages we move through. It provides thresholds to purposefully cross.

With many honouring this time before us, and knowing many will continue to, we may feel part of the great web, taking up a thread spanning from the past leading to the future. This can be a wonderful remedy for feelings of disconnection, or of time passing without our engagement, and to bring a sense of something *more* to life.

With life force at its highest expression, the question becomes, what can we do to foster the feelings we need most right now?

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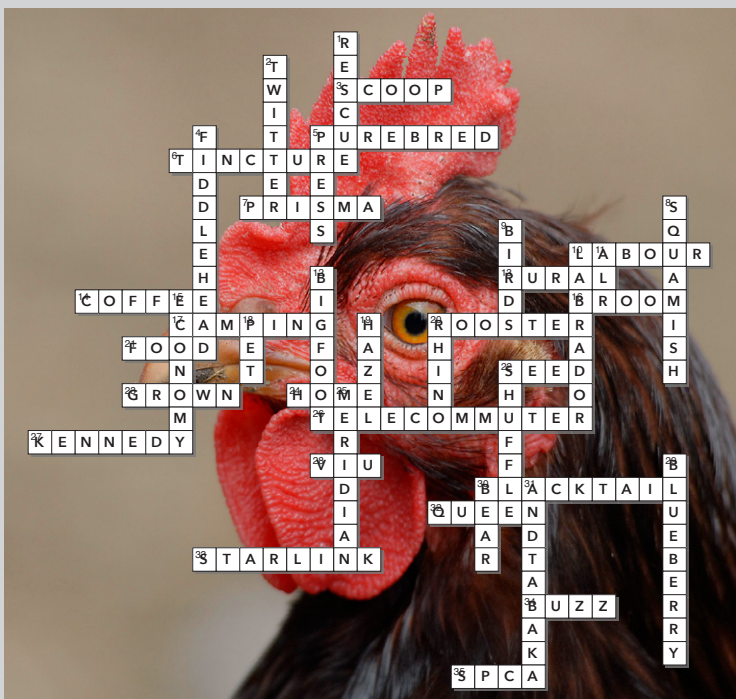
At midnight, in the month of June, I stand beneath the mystic moon.

- Edgar Allan Poe



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We're finally doing the good work of tending to the deceased of 2020 and 2021

In May, I was asked to speak at the late Gerry Gray's celebration of life. He died last summer, but his memorial service was delayed due to COVID.

I was grateful to be part of Gerry's celebration. To talk to his children, to hear stories about him as a father, a naval officer, and a passionate volunteer with inclusion Powell River.

I hadn't thought about how important these gatherings were until COVID hit and we couldn't hold them. During the pandemic, as I read the obituaries of those I knew who had passed, I felt an overwhelming sadness that I couldn't remember them with friends and family. Social media just isn't the same.

Some obituaries promised memorial services at a later date, when it was safe for us to gather. In the meantime, loved ones felt like they were holding their breath as they tried to deal with the loss on their own. Now some of those celebrations of lives are taking place, finally.

I met Gerry (pictured above) when I began working for the *Powell River News* in 1993. He was a long-time columnist (and former editor before working for the mill). Gerry used to pop into the newsroom at the *News* every now and then. We'd chew the fat and so began our friendship. When I started *Powell River Living* in 2006, many of my journalist friends volunteered to write for me, Gerry included.

Over the years he wrote dozens of stories for this magazine. We had a habit of going out to lunch every now and then. It was during these one-on-one times that I got a better sense of who Gerry was and what made him tick.

As I sat at a computer at the museum reading old *Powell River News* newspapers, I was struck again by how Gerry's column connected this community and brought the past to life.

This hit home for me when I married into the Southcott family in the early nineties. My husband's father died many years earlier so all I had was stories to get a sense of who he was. When I came across a "Dateline Millville" column by Gerry about my late father-in-law Bert Southcott, I felt a better sense of who he was.

"Death of a fighter: Another community stalwart has left the local scene with the passing last Sunday evening of Bert Southcott. How can one describe the loss to our municipality? How do you use words to describe Bert such as scrappy, hard hitting, fair, tenacious, without using the very same cliches he detested when he was actively working towards the betterment of this community?"

And then Gerry dove right into a time when Bert

got members of the Cranberry Ratepayers together (and faithful scribe Gerry Gray) on a rainy Saturday to prove or disprove Fred Parsons' allegations that the Haslam Lake dam was in danger of breaking and the subsequent flood would overflow Cranberry Lake. Gerry went into great detail how they slogged through the rain and mud for hours as Bert worked on his report. "So there we have Bert Southcott, the terrier who got his teeth into a problem and worried the solution out of it. His whole life was characterized by that feature of his personality. His single mindedness of purpose in all he undertook, whether it was preparing a committee report for the Cranberry Ratepayers or organizing the ground department at Millville, he was consistent," Gerry wrote of Bert.

That beautifully written column of Gerry's introduced me to my late father-in-law all those years ago; it was a gift that I've never forgotten.

When we share stories about loved ones and

friends, we connect with each other. As I looked around the room at Gerry's celebration of life and listened to his daughter Cathie speak about a trip up

the Sunshine Coast in her dad's convertible with the top that wouldn't close in the pouring rain, I saw people nodding and smiling. For a moment, we saw and felt Gerry, bigger than life, in our midst.

I remember the last time I picked Gerry up for lunch. He and Kay had sold their house on Manitoba Avenue by then and Gerry had moved to his new place close to Quality Foods. Gerry didn't have much of an appetite, he was 91, and I could see he was slipping away. The next time I saw him he was in hospital and then COVID hit.

Gerry may be gone but he's not forgotten. It has been said that a man is not dead while his name is still spoken and that we are only truly gone when we disappear from the memories of those who loved us.

If this is true, then Gerry and all the others we lost in the last few years are still with us. When I come across a story written by Gerry or when we have a conversation and the name of someone we lost comes up, they rise again in our hearts and minds.

Funerals and celebrations provide assurance and acknowledgment to loved ones about how the deceased's life mattered; how they impacted others.

Death creates vacancies in our lives. Funerals and celebrations of life provide a kind of reality that allows us to grieve together and by doing so, they bring about a closure that so many of us have desperately missed during COVID. 📣



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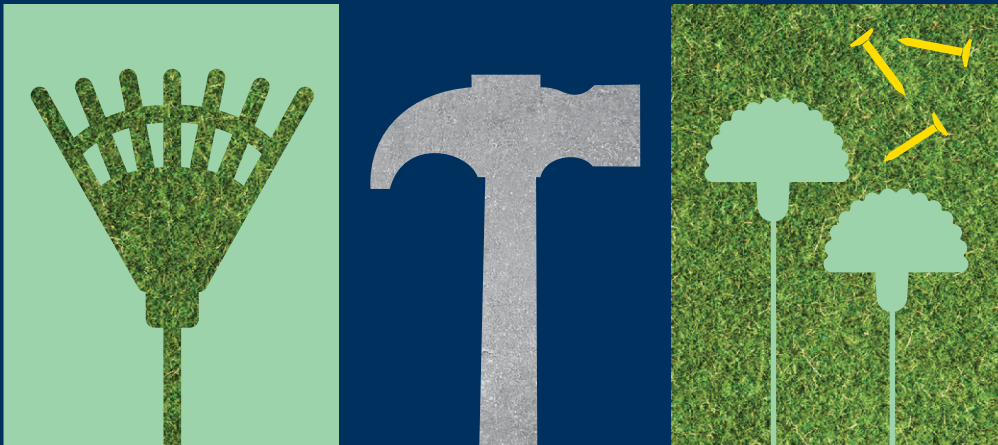


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