Canada Day 150 Sooke, Saturday, July 1

at Sooke Flatts, 2259 Philipps Ridge

gates open 9 am for a public picnic.

Activities in picnic area.

Opening ceremony 12 noon

Art activities, Sooke Community Choir,

Virtual Elvis - Scott MacDonald

Jazz on the Rocks - Live band

Phoenix 7 to 10 pm

Fireworks 10 pm (weather permitting)

Admission $5

EMCS & Evergreen mall

Bring seating (chair or blanket)

No pets | No drugs or alcohol

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If so, he was elected in 2017 as a leader with a 40.3% vote. Although his share of the vote was not the largest, his vote took the BC Liberals into a minority government with 41 seats, while the NDP, led by John Horgan, won 49 seats and the Greens won 3 seats.

Horgan's leadership was unexpected, as he had not been elected as the leader of the NDP previously. His victory was seen as a surprise, as the BC Liberals had been in power for 16 years and had been led by Christy Clark. Horgan's victory was seen as a mandate for change, as he promised to implement a number of policies, including a carbon tax, no bridge tolls, and improvements to the health and education systems.

Horgan's victory was also seen as a victory for the NDP, as they had been led by the Greens for the previous 16 years. The Greens had voted in support of Horgan's victory, as they believed that it would lead to a stronger government and a more progressive agenda.

Horgan's victory was also seen as a victory for the province of British Columbia, as his government was seen as a mandate for change and growth. He promised to implement policies that would improve the quality of life for all British Columbians, including improvements to the health and education systems, as well as a focus on sustainability and the environment.

In the days following his election, Horgan was seen as a role model for leadership, as he faced the challenges of governing during a time of national economic uncertainty. His leadership was seen as a beacon of hope for the future of British Columbia, as he promised to work towards a brighter and more prosperous future for all British Columbians.
Weaver: “Canadians united by shared values”

Legislature last month.

That ancient Chinese proverb proposing it’s a curse to live in exciting times. How-

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is the science/math/tech-educated among us

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~ We’re closed July 1 to celebrate the day! ~

Pubisher’s Note
West Shore Voice News

In this graduation season, I will take the opportunity to publicly congratulate my son, James Twiggs, 29, for this season completing his Masters degree in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Simon Fraser University, built upon his undergrad degree in applied math from UVic.

As AI changes all of us into the future, it is the science/math/tech/educational community among us who will be driving the edge of everyday change in our society. The counterpoint to that is de-

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This week’s lyric feature, for the BC-NDP

who worked in the trenches for 16 years:

“...The faces all around me, they don’t smile they just crack | Waiting for our ship to come but our ship’s not coming back | We do our time like pennies in a jar | What are we saving for?

...Something’s always coming, you can hear it in the ground ...”

- lyrics from ‘Believe’, by The Bravery from their ‘The Sun and the Moon’ album (2007)

 Weaver: “Canadians united by shared values”

Canada Day comes around every year on

July 1. But not like this year. This is Canada’s 150th year since confederation, the centennial! A few years ago there seemed to be a sagging level of interest in wearing Canadian pride on one’s sleeve. But since 2015 within the open arms of multi-culturalism, paying attention to the middle class, and applying innovation to new and old sectors of the economy, it seems that this country has re-achieved its true Canadian flavour. As Canadians we are robust, winter-management types who are so-polite. But together, Canadians also set a tone of wanting to do better, wanting to be more. We seek this as a culture, and it’s quite rare if not unique on this planet.

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Favourite coffee mug: every day is Canada Day at the WSV news office.

Weaver: “Canadians united by shared values”

BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, at the BC Legislature last month.

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Guichon: guiding the Parliamentary system

The Hon Judith Guichon, BC Lieutenant Governor, issued the following statement around 6 pm on Thursday, June 28. “As the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada, I have met with Premier Clark and will accept her resignation. I have asked Mr. Holland to form a government, he having assured me that he can form a government which will have the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.” The BC Liberals will now form the Official Opposition, something they say they’re good at from pre-2001. The NDP and Greens signed an accord at the end of May, to work together for progress in BC legislation and affairs of government. Clark’s lengthy meeting with Guichon pushed available media time to quite late by the time Holland had met with the Lieutenant Governor, but TV media managed to catch the item for their late-night newscasts.

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INTERAC e-Transfer down June 30

Clearly demonstrating how dependent Canadians have become on online and mobile banking, on June 30 an Interac e-Transfer network system failure interfered with long week financial management, timely bill payments and month-end commitments. The five big banks were impacted. Retail and ATM Interac were not affected, and other web-banking functions were also resolved as of 4 pm PDT.
**Happy Canada Day 150 from Randall Garrison, MP**

Happy 150th Birthday Canada and Happy Canada Day to Sooke and the Westshore! “Sooke and the Westshore are so representative of Canada: the Canadian plateaux, coupled with First Nations; a community where people look out for each other and pitch in to make the community better for all. These attributes are always prevalent across the riding that I am so honoured to represent. I hope all residents get a chance to enjoy family, the outdoors, our wild west coast and the many community events in the region this long weekend. We need to take every opportunity like this weekend to celebrate Canada, its natural beauty and our extended families and communities.

But we must also remember that this anniversary marks a very turbulent period for many of our Indigenous peoples, who continue to suffer deep inequity. So on Canada’s 150th anniversary, let’s commit to meaningful reconciliation, and to making Canada more equal, just and inclusive. During Canada Day events and to everyone else I join you in saluting Canada, our great Nation. ~ Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke)
The Westshore Centre for Learning & Training (a division of SD62) GRADUATION CEREMONY for 65 students was held 4 pm on TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. WCLT offers a range of courses, locations, classroom and instruction arrangements in Langford, Colwood, Sooke and the Juan de Fuca area.

In cap and gown, graduates of the region-wide Westshore Centre for Learning and Training gathered for their formal photo, June 27 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. WCLT offers a range of courses, locations, classroom and instruction arrangements in Langford, Colwood, Sooke and the Juan de Fuca area.

New course supports EA career direction

- Inclusion Support is a new course approved by SD62 trustees. The course as available to Gr. 10, 11 & 12 students (first just at Belmont as a starting point for 2017-2018), provides (course credit for in-class/school peer assistance that students are in many cases already providing to classmates who require assistance.

- Students will work alongside Educational Assistants (EAs): CUPE is on board for it. Trustee Denise Riley (Education Standing Committee Chair) said it would give SD62 students an edge in applying for post-secondary education in areas that could help them get EA positions in their future careers.

Congratulations to All SD62 Graduates...


...from the Board of Education

- Sooke School District 62 (www.sd62.bc.ca)

Sooke’s new board chair the youngest in BC

- Sooke School District 62 (SD62) has a new Board Chair. Ravi Parmar was acclaimed to the position Thursday evening, June 29, John Horgan included in his comments to media about the importance of education in BC and making sure that class sizes are sustainable for the best possible learning scenarios,

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Horgan: September comes up fast

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In a short speech, Ravi Parmar said: “School board business does slow down over the summer where the board may be on summer break (not thinking about school!), but that September comes around in the blink of an eye.

- SD62 Trustee and Vice-Chair Dianna Seaton was nominated for the chair position by Trustee Wendy Hobbs (herself a former chair), but Seaton declined saying it was not a good time for her to take on that level of commitment.

- In a short speech, Ravi Parmar said he appreciated the leadership opportunity and would not let people down.

- Attending to witness the move of Parmar into the chair’s seat was newly-elected MLA Mitzi Dean (Esquimalt-Metchosin) whose electoral area includes Colwood and Metchosin which are both in the SD62 catchment area. Parmar and Dean are both deep within the John Horgan NDP team, as are Phillips and trustees Neil Poitier and Margot Swinburnson.

When asked about his immediate plans, Parmar said: “School board business does slow down over the summer but I do expect with the potential for a new government and our capital and land acquisition needs there may be periods over the summer where the board may meet.” The next board meeting is scheduled for August 23.

- SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge praised Bob Phillips’ leadership and dedication: “Bob has worked extremely hard on development of a strong corporate Board which represents the values of the community and aspirations of parents for their children.”

- Cambridge said that SD62 has been fortunate to have “solid committed experience on the Board” with three current trustees having previously served as board chair.

- Phillips told West Shore Voice News “that ‘the Bernie Sanders factor’ most definitely hit home for him. In other words, there were no young leaders in the US democratic race last year. Phillips, still on the board, feels he and his other long-time trustee peers can be a strong guiding influence to the present chair, setting an example for future boards.

- SD62 operates public schools in the west shore, serving the families and students of a fast-growing region that includes Langford, Colwood, Metchosin, Sooke, Highlands, East Sooke and Port Renfrew.
Edward Milne Community School Award Recipients 2017

AWARDS as announced June 15, 2017 during an evening event at Edward Milne Community School.

SUBJECT AWARDS
Multiple subject awards were given in these subject areas at various grade levels
(names can be posted online at reader request):

ENGLISH

HUMAN ECOLOGY
Fibre Arts/Textiles
Feoods and Nutrition

CULINARY ARTS

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

SCIENCE
Junior Science, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Environmental Studies

MODERN LANGUAGES
French, Spanish

MATHEMATICS
Junior, Senior, Calculus

SOCIAL STUDIES
Socials, Geography, History, Law, Economics, First Nations, Psychology

VISUAL ARTS

BAND

FIRST NATIONS ACHIEVE-
MENT AWARD - Alison Sudlow

HOME HARDWARE
PRACTICAL ARTS AWARD - Justin Logan

MOST IMPROVED
STUDENT AWARD -
 JR: Laticia Dorsey-Taylor
SR: Reece Anderson,
Nyomi Thomperello

NEILA SANGHA MEMORIAL
TROPHY -
Kalhe Purnell, Drue Julien

MIKLENIC MEMORIAL
TROPHY -
Yann Joslin, Tia Helfrich

PATTERSON
HUMANITARIAN AWARD -
Ashleigh Tregear

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Public Applications
being accepted for;

Development & Engagement Committee

The purpose of this committee will be to provide recommendations to Council regarding initiatives that focus on improvements to the building permitting and development process, in the District of Sooke.

Applicants interested in serving on this Committee, are invited to submit their application to the District of Sooke for consideration.

There will be three (3) public members appointed, by the Mayor, for this committee.

Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30–11:30 am or at the call of the chair.

If you are interested in volunteering please submit your application to the District of Sooke by 4:30 pm, Friday, July 7, 2017 to:

Mayor
c/o Corporate Services Department
District of Sooke
2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1J2

Or by email to corp@sooke.ca

For more information please contact the Mayor directly at mstal@sooke.ca or visit www.sooke.ca

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Mayor and Council in a quiet room.

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The video tape archive of the June 26 Regular Council meeting will be available on the www.sooke.ca website. It’s worth listening to.

As of June 26, 2017 this article had been viewed by 315 people on Facebook at WestShoreSookeVoiceNews

Sooke municipal activist Gail Hall (left) at a District of Sooke public input session at Sooke Community Hall in September 2013, in discussion with Sooke Councillor Kevin Pearson.

Cell tower angst handled at Sooke Council

In follow-up to a long Committee of the Whole meeting (June 19) at which Councillors (chaired by Bev Berger) heard public input mostly on the health and aesthetic problems regarding proximity to monopoles as proposed by Freedom Mobile (Shaw), Sooke Council (June 26) said it was not up to the municipality to produce a proactive report. They will wait for the proponent (one rep for each pole location) to get back to Sooke staff. Potentially still aiming for the July 10 meeting. Yeah, Shakespeare may have it right: much ado about nothing? #8W

This is PART TWO

See the June 23 issue for Part One.

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Summer safety

Summer is a fun season, but there are always a few things to consider about safety outdoors. Juan de Fuca Emergency Program coordinator Jennifer Grant has a few tips:

• Weekend camping: Make sure your campfire is completely extinguished & the embers are cold before leaving your campfire is completely extinguished & the embers are cold before leaving your fire. Build and maintain reading skills.

• BBQ season: Always position the grill away from combustible objects. Build and maintain reading skills.

• Life jackets: The most effective piece of safety equipment while on the water.

• Sun protection: a wide-brimmed hat, full-coverage sun protection and UV-protective eyewear. Use sun screen throughout the day.

Wishing grads on Vancouver Island a future filled with fun, awareness, and the willingness to take on important challenges.

Prepared for emergencies, prepared for life.

Juan de Fuca Emergency Program

The Father’s Day Cookout event at the Sooke Night Market this past Saturday, July 15, was a big hit. The live music and the food were both fantastic.

Sooke Night Market

Every Thursday night at the Sooke Night Market in Sooke, BC.

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RETRO: Canada’s 100th Birthday

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The 1967 International and Universal Exposition or Expo 67, was a general exhibition, a Category One World’s Fair. It ran from April 27 to October 29 in that year for Canada’s Centennial. People travelled from all over Canada to see exhibits, enjoy food, and have fun.

From a cultural development viewpoint, the most important aspect of the first “category one” classification was that the exposition needed to cover the full range of activities of contemporary people in the society of the day. The iconic spherical USA Pavilion included a minaret.

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