



# MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MAY 12th

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## Here are some fun facts about April you probably didn't know

Most of us look forward to the month of April as spring returns with warm temperatures, blooming flowers, and many outdoor festivals. There are a lot of fun facts and celebrations in April.

Did you ever wonder how April Fool's Day started? It is speculated that the custom of April Fools began in France during the 16th century, after the New year calendar was moved from April 1st to January 1st. Those who continued to celebrate the April new year were considered fools, and often the victims of practical jokes. Today we just like to have a little fun with our friends!

- If you were born in April, your zodiac sign is either Aries or Taurus.
- April has two birth flowers. Both the daisy and the sweet pea are considered birth flowers for the month of April. The sweet pea signifies blissful pleasure, while daisies represent childhood innocence, loyalty, and purity. The birthstone is diamond.
- For our friends in the Southern Hemisphere, April is the seasonal equivalent to October
- The month celebrates the birth of Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, William Shakespeare and Thomas Jefferson.
- The first shots of the American Revolution started April 19, 1775. The Civil War, Spanish War and World War II all started in April.
- On 15 April 1912 the Titanic, believed to be unsinkable, hit an iceberg and sank 2 hours and 40 minutes later. Unfortunately, there were too few lifeboats to save everyone and only about 700 of the 2,224 passengers were rescued.
- Did you know April used to only have 29 days? The 30<sup>th</sup> day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar. The Romans also called it "Aprillis".
- It is thought that the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open", which makes sense since April is the season of trees and flowers beginning to bloom.
- After a 1,500 year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens.
- George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789
- Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his Dictionary in April 1828.

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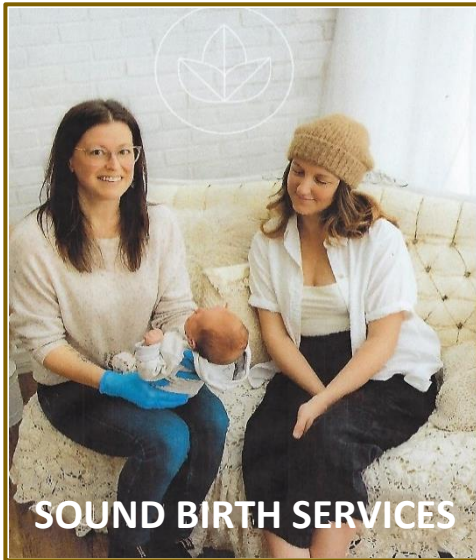
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Bay Day & Car Show	Sunday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 6pm
Fall Craft Fair	Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm
Fall Supper	Sunday October 20 <sup>th</sup>	5pm
Kids Halloween Party/ Fireworks	Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	4pm & 7:30pm
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am
Christmas Craft Fair	Sunday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm



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## Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS)



Eight years ago, we were all a little worried. The Fanny Bay Inn was changing ownership. The FBI is a local institution with a far-flung reputation. When we were still living in Seattle, we would tell people that we were moving to a tiny community called Fanny Bay on Vancouver Island. It was amazing the number of people who said, “isn’t that where that cool pub is?” Mainland golfers on their way to a weekend at Crowne Isle would stop in for a meal. Bikers, both bicycle and motorcycle, would plan their island touring around a stop at the FBI. So, a new owner was worrisome. Would they change the vibe? Would it still be a community hangout? As we now know, we needn’t have worried. Indeed, Roxanne, the new owner, breathed new life into the historic pub. After a few years of slow decline prior to her arrival, she made it a warm, fun place to go again, not just a place to eat. Amazingly, she kept it going through the unknowns of COVID. She hung on while the old highway was shut down for the summer and tourist traffic plummeted. She cooked when she couldn’t find a cook and washed dishes when she couldn’t find a dishwasher. And she always found time to come out of the kitchen and exchange friendly insults with the regulars. Roxanne herself was the biggest attraction.

There are plenty of other reasons, besides Roxanne’s personality, that the FBI has been the place to go in Fanny Bay. Music Jams, Trivia Night, Karaoke, and, of course, the Toonie Draw. All the local non-profits have benefitted from Roxanne’s Toonie Draw. BWS has been fortunate to have been chosen three times. And I must say, it’s quite entertaining to be sitting at a table, nursing a beer with a fellow BWS member when Roxanne comes over and starts plunking down hundred-dollar bills with all the panache of a Vegas card dealer. People sneak surreptitious peeks. Some stare outright. I can only imagine what stories they concoct to explain this showy transfer of bills. But for BWS, no matter the style of delivery, it’s a huge boost to our budget and is greatly appreciated. So now, eight years later, we’re worrying about the FBI again. Roxanne is leaving. She assures us the pub will be in good hands and the new owner will fit right in. Maybe that’s true, but it won’t be the same without Roxanne. We wish her the best in retirement, she’s certainly earned it! And hopefully she’ll stop in when she’s in town and join us for a beer in her old community with its famous pub.

By Mike Mesford





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The weather turned out to be a beautiful sunny day for our annual Spring Craft Fair. Thank you to our volunteers in the kitchen who served our famous Souper Lunch and to the many who came to help set up for the fair! Thanks Starr, for organizing another great fair!



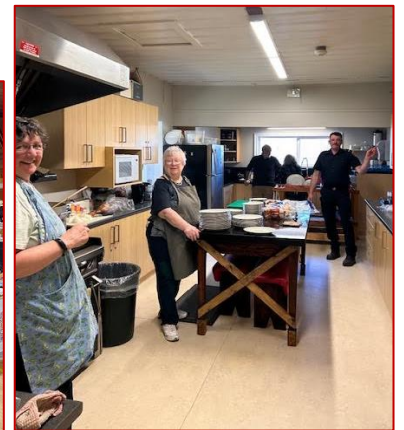
These volunteers set up tables and greet the sellers to carry in their crafts.



Everyone is set up so now its time for a soup and sandwich!



Union Bay/ Fanny Bay Fire Resue Set up a display and information table.



The Union Bay Community Club is seeking an individual with experience in audio, video, and sound systems. We need help to set up the new system in the hall. It would be necessary for this person to be able to put up a professional audio/visual system, digital projectors, speakers, and amp. Please leave a message if you can help at 250-335-2500. Thank You

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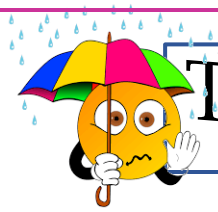
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# The Bays Bouquets



## April Birthday's



Donna Chapman	April 3
Bruce Campbell	April 3
Karen Skinner	April 4
Rod Bitten	April 6
Colleen McKay Hogg	April 6
Linda Spencer	April 11
Diane Etherington	April 16
David Hymers	April 17
Margaret Anderson	April 23



A huge thank you to  
Mary Bowen!  
Mary helps us with many of  
our hall activities.

A big welcome to  
Mike Jager  
Thank you for becoming a  
UBCC director!

The Union Bay Community Club  
would like to welcome  
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## Qualicum Tom and Annie:

J. Glover-Geidt

Dogfish oil had long been used in the woods. Qualicum Tom was one of the earliest processors. He extracted the oil in a crude little refinery at his home on the Big Qualicum River, where spawning fish were plentiful. With his horse and wagon he travelled up Island and sold the oil to Logging camps, at 50c per gallon. It was mainly used as a lubricant on the skids to make the logs slip easily when the oxen pulled them to the booming ground.

At the end of the 1800's, the mail wagon travelled from Nanaimo to the Comox Valley on a poorly made trail with no bridges, so they had to ford the creeks and rivers. When the Big Qualicum was high, the driver hired Tom to row him and the mail across, while the horse swam the river.

Qualicum Tom was probably the first travelling salesman to come to Union Bay. He lived with his wife Annie in a log house at the mouth of the Big Qualicum River. They tended a large orchard which provided them with lots of apples, cherries, plums, and pears to sell. They always had something to trade or sell if not fruit, smoked fish or live chicken.

Tom was a big man, well over 300#, with arms that reached down to his knees. Annie was a roly- poly. Whenever the couple felt the urge to 'go on a toot', they loaded the wagon and headed to Union Bay. They were gentle- people who loved nothing better than to come to town for a visit. They stopped and talked to everyone, and Tom did like to talk in a slow and deliberate way. Annie sat patiently listening until she could bear it no longer and would lean across him and say, 'Let me talk for a while, Tom'. Annie particularly liked to stop at the Post Office to visit Post Master Brown's wife for a chat and tea. Mrs. Brown's father, Adam Grant Horne, was a Hudson Bay factor and was posted to many spots, including Comox, where his children played with the native children and learned to speak Chinook.

They stopped at Fraser and Bishop's and visited with everyone. Bob McKay remembers: "Jack Fraser used to give me a bottle of whiskey and say, 'Put this in the back of their wagon'. Tom would say, 'I didn't see a thing'. A few yards down the road out would come the bottle and they would start celebrating and singing, as they went down the road. One time the horse and wagon went off the road and over the bank. They were found under the overturned wagon, happy as clams. Sometimes if the weather was poor, they stayed the night at the Muschamp farm where Tom always saved a drink for his friend, Alf Walker, who also spoke Chinook. Occasionally the couple made the long trip to Courtenay. On one trip they stopped at McQuillan's livery stable where they admired the latest buggy, glistening and shining, waiting to be hired by businessmen or dandies. Tom couldn't resist it and rented the carriage to take Annie for a ride. Just then Cuddy Johnson, owner of the Courtenay Hotel, came in wanting to rent it but Bob McQuillan said "Sorry, first come first served".

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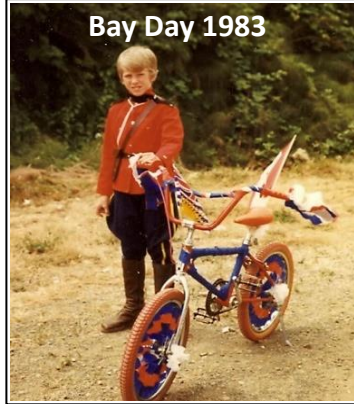


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- 1. The central part
- 5. Behold, in old Rome
- 9. Upper limbs
- 13. Not closed
- 14. Swindle
- 16. Train track
- 17. Deposited
- 18. Ancient Roman magistrate
- 19. Your majesty
- 20. Change
- 22. Neatened
- 24. Broadcast
- 26. Buffalo
- 27. Peach-like fruit
- 30. Stop working
- 33. Wrist ornament
- 35. Disdain
- 37. Ignited
- 38. Foe
- 41. Letter after sigma
- 42. Swelling
- 45. Praise giver
- 48. Safe to eat
- 51. Humiliates
- 52. Crunchy
- 54. Tiny leafy-stemmed flowerless plants
- 55. Attorney
- 59. File
- 62. Margarine
- 63. Committee
- 65. District
- 66. Pierce
- 67. Barrel part
- 68. Type of fabric
- 69. Several
- 70. Apart from this
- 71. Lock openers

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**DOWN**

- 1. Soft drink
- 2. Iridescent gem
- 3. Restated
- 4. Confined to certain regions
- 5. An uncle
- 6. Ruminants' mouthfuls
- 7. Ascent
- 8. Cream-filled pastry
- 9. A poison
- 10. Precipitation
- 11. Bog
- 12. Sleigh
- 15. To the point
- 21. Oriental grain
- 23. Kiddies
- 25. Lacquered metalware
- 27. Possessing necessary skills
- 28. Group of lions
- 29. Right after nine
- 31. Rotating spit oven
- 32. Delete
- 34. Golf ball support
- 36. Daft
- 39. Muck
- 40. Primordial matter
- 43. Germ
- 44. Dugout shelter
- 46. Double-reed woodwind
- 47. Gas helmet
- 49. Speech defects
- 50. Property
- 53. Prison-related
- 55. Supervisor
- 56. Countertenor
- 57. Unit of paper
- 58. Guns an engine
- 60. Depend upon
- 61. Long-haired wild oxen
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Job well done!



## CVRD 2024 BUDGET FOR UNION BAY By Daniel Arbour (Area A Director)

a) Water rates are increasing as we implement the asset management plan for water pipes, as I discussed last year.

b) The sewage project continues to advance. Currently there are no tax increases for this project but obviously if the project proceeds there will be significant increases to pay for the resident's portion. Thank you to all residents who have engaged in this process over the past year.

c) Some great news - the CVRD Rural Areas Committee agreed to fund up to \$290,000 towards the renewal of the Playground at the Union Bay Hall and a better connection to Tappen Street! Thanks so much to UBCC and the playground committee for the excellent work this past year! This will have zero tax impact as we were able to assemble our contribution through existing available dollars.

d) Firehall planning is advancing with possible build in 2025/2026. Projected costs will be updated and presented to the community this coming year.

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