

Willis  
Point



# The Pointer

Autumn 2011

## To The Point:

October, 2011

I would like to thank all of you for your patience and promptness when it came to submitting articles. There are many wonderful volunteers in our community. Examples are: Don Gorling who been has doing such a wonderful job of the sign at the hall and Mary O'Rourke and Dianne Twamley who have been keeping up the Willis Point Fitness tradition.

Events around the Point are generally advertised on the bulletin boards at the mail boxes and the sign at the hall. The Pointer comes out quarterly and often carries a heads up about upcoming events.

Upcoming Events until the next Pointer are:

**Willis Point Craft Fair Oct. 29**

**WPCA AGM & Elections and Fire and Rec. Elections Oct. 30**

**Halloween Bonfire Oct. 31**

**Possible All Candidates Meeting before our Electoral Area Elections in November**

**Family Christmas Party and Potluck on a Sunday early in December**

**Happy Hour/Pub Night in January**

--Ida

To my delivery team: I want to thank you for great effort with the last issue and in advance for this one. Thanks again: Ken Leighton, Trevor and Ian Espin, Pat Orr and Family, Joyce Menzies, Dawn Campbell, Helen Resnick , and Tessa Clayton.

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## Note from the Chair of the Community Association

Special thanks to the following outgoing members of the executive:  
Art Wynans, Laurel Nash, David Lawrie, and Sheryl Campbell.

Thank you to those who have already let their names stand for the following 5 positions:  
Vice-Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and 2 Members-at-large.  
There will be nominations from the floor taken at the meeting. .

To encourage the attendance of as many Pointers as possible, the executive has organized a pumpkin carving event with child minding during the meeting and a barbecue burger dinner to follow. With the craft fair, AGM & bonfire, we appreciate that this will be a Willis Point weekend but just think of the neighbours you'll get to know better and the gas money you'll save.

See you at the AGM, Bill Douglas, Chair

## Willis Point Community Association WPCA Executive

Chair	Bill Douglas	544-1042
Vice-Chair	Art Wynans	652-5898
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Membership Secretary	Ken Leighton	652-2686
Member-at-Large	Sheryl Campbell	652-7189
Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jeff Irwin	652-6869

**Full minutes of the WPCA meetings are posted on the notice boards or can be obtained by contacting the Recording Secretary.**

**WPCA meetings are held in the annex at the Hall on the second Monday of each month. To confirm when the next meeting is scheduled call any Executive member.**

**For information, or to have an item placed on the agenda, please call :**

**Chair, Bill Douglas 250-544-1042 or Vice-Chair Art Wynans 250-652-5898**

### **Fire and Rec Commission:**

**Bob Halsey, Pat O'Rourke, Brian McCandless, Vern McConnell (Chair), Joel Cotter**

Any questions call **Vernon McConnell 250-652-2996**



*About the cover: Willis Pointers always get into the spirit of the season. All over the Point characters appear that add a smile to your face.*



## Annual Meeting/Election of Commissioners Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRFC)

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### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 3 POSITIONS**

The Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRFC) will hold its elections on

**October 30, 2011,  
in conjunction with the WPCA AGM**

The WPFRFC was established in 1975 and is governed by CRD By-Law 3654, and has the administrative powers of the CRD Regional Board. The Commission has 7 voting commissioners - 6 residents and the JDF/CRD Director and meets monthly.

Commissioners are elected for two year terms (three people one year, four people on the alternating year). The JDF/CRD seat is permanent. WPFRFC responsibilities include:  
Brief overview of Commission responsibilities

- Appoints the Fire Chief;
- Establishes the annual property tax levy for the Fire Department and Community Hall and oversees the annual budget for both the Hall and Fire Department;
- Responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance, major repairs and management of the Community Hall and Grounds.
- The commission is an administrative body with no political agenda. We plan for the long term, to maintain the stability and viability of the community's assets.

If you are interested in running for one of the 3 positions or in nominating someone, please contact:

**Joel Cotter Secretary (250 –480-8146 cell). or (250-652-2039)**

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the WPCA AGM.

**Vernon McConnell- chair 250-652-2996**



## **Willis Point Community Association**

### **AGM**

Held along with the WP Fire & Recreation Facilities Commission AGM and elections.

**October 30, 2011**

**At**

**4:00 PM**

**Location: WP Community Hall**

**WPCA AGM and Elections for the following positions:**

**Vice-Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary,  
and 2 Members-at-large.**

There will be nominations from the floor taken at the meeting.

For families of children too young to attend, there will be a pumpkin carving event with child minding. Please bring your prepared pumpkins (without seeds) ready to carve. If you don't have child safe carving tools, they can be purchased at the dollar store in Brentwood. As always the WPCA will serve Burger barbecue dinner after the meeting.

**Bill Doualas. Chair. WPCA**

*This article is provided to give Pointers some educational information about our local government.*

*--Ida*

**Recently, a friend of mine in Otter Point sent me the following regarding our up-coming elections. Her remarks can also apply to Pointers wishing to be part of our Community Association or the Fire & Rec Commission.**

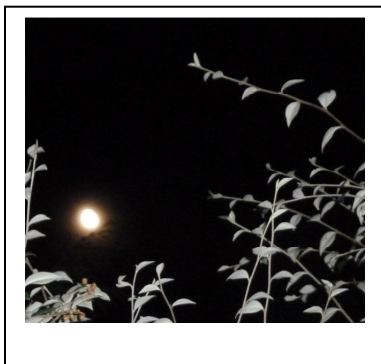
**Patricia Sloan**

In six weeks we will be voting for our local government. **The Civic Election is on Saturday November 19.** It is what happens at the local level that has the most effect on our day to day lives. At this level that our votes really count. We need good candidates to step forward. We need to turn out and vote

In Juan de Fuca, we elect our Regional Director who sits on the CRD Board. We also use the election process to identify the five people who will be appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission for each sub-area and the Land Use Committee member for each sub-area.

Land use decisions start with the Advisory Planning Commissions. The Commission meets with area residents to discuss any proposed land use bylaw changes and then advises the Land Use Committee how to proceed—or not to proceed—with the changes. The Land Use Committee takes advice from the APCs and also hears directly from members of the public on variances for individual properties. For Juan de Fuca, the final decision is made by a voting panel of the CRD on the recommendation from the locally “elected” Land Use Committee.

Our Official Community Plan and land use bylaws identify how the community wants our area developed: the pattern of residential, agricultural, commercial or resource use and desired conservation and natural areas; the appropriate lot size and the number of residences and other buildings on each lot. As well, Development Permit areas are identified to protect buildings from hazards such as slope failure and erosion. They can also be used to manage development around any feature in the community that is valued such as sensitive ecosystems or viewscapes. In some jurisdictions a Development Permit area is used to establish the character of buildings in the DP area. Our values are identified at the local level through the Advisory Planning Commissions.



More scenes around  
the Point

**Annual General Meeting  
Willis Point Community Association  
October 17, 2010  
Agenda**

Executives Present:

Bill Douglas, Chair  
Arthur Wynans, Vice Chair  
Bob Scott, Treasurer  
Laurel Nash, Corresponding secretary  
Sheryl Campbell, Member-at-large  
Larry Resnick, Advisory Planning Commission  
Ken Leighton, Membership secretary  
Elizabeth Errington-Wynans, Recording secretary

Absent: David Lawrie, Member-at-large

Call to order: 16:07

Welcome and Introductions: guests Tom Watson Larissa Hutcheson, CRD

1. Adoption of Agenda – motion to adopt Vern McConnell, Don Gorling: carried
2. Adoption of 2009 Minutes – motion to adopt Jeff Irwin, Peter Gary: carried

3. Reports:

3.1 Chair – Bill Douglas:

- The past year saw a modest turn-over in ownership of properties.
- The WPCA offers condolences to the surviving loved ones of Pointer pioneers that passed away.
- The playground renovation was the Playground major project for the year. The WPCA asks Pointers to please consider shopping at the businesses that donated to this project.
- We anticipate meeting with the RCMP regarding the neighbour-watch program.
- A thorough community clean-up took place earlier in the year.
- A large WPCA fundraiser was not held this year. The casino night, 2 years ago, raised a good source of funds as did the Darts Night this year.
- Please come forward with your ideas for fundraiser in 2011.
- Willis Point is still in need of a Parks Commissioner. We are looking into being able to attend meetings as a teleconference.
- The “26 weeks to Emergency Preparedness program” has been organized by Judy and Peter Gary.
- Thank you to all volunteers for donating time, talents, and resources to the community!

3.2 Treasurer – Bob Scott:

- As of Aug 31/10 - \$137 made, spent \$7943, brought in \$8xxx (see Treasurer's Report).
- Did very well in lieu of not having a major fundraiser thanks to donations.
- Propose a dart night in March 2011?

Moved to be accepted as presented: McConnell, Al Campbell: carried

3.3 Vice Chair – Arthur Wynans:

- Busy year with organizing the playground restoration.
- Thank you to corporate and community sponsors, as well as grants, made things very successful.

3.4 Membership – Ken Leighton:

- 9 people have joined the WPCA in the last year.
- Condolences to families who have had members resident and non-resident family members pass away.

- Bill Wright has written a history of WP. Ken is hoping to update it and have it published.
- 3.5 WP Volunteer Department – JC Patchell (for Greg Elvedahl, Fire Chief):
- Variety of calls this year and the Department has to be prepared to attend a wide variety of emergencies.
  - Please be mindful of parking vehicles on road with cold weather coming this year.
  - Downed power lines; please stay at least 10 M back and call 911.
- 3.6 Advisory Planning Commission – Larry Resnick:
- TC article “WP land back on market”, taking the 8 lots to the south together to sell as a group and sell to one buyer.
    - Concern that article mentioned the lots could be split into double density. The actual fact is the zoning is a 30 acre minimum for a single dwelling.
    - There is a provincial law which allows for a lot to be split but only in order to build a house for a close relative, but this is subject to a number of restrictions.
  - Questions arose about the CRD article in the Pointer about having secondary dwellings at WP?
    - June Klassen brought this to APC (unofficially), no real discussion, suggested to bring to AGM (she is not here).
    - Informal poll at AGM = 24 not in favour of legalizing separate suites, 10 in favour of legalizing separate suites (with rules in place), and 3 abstaining.
    - The Chair suggests this issue be left with the APC for the time being and a more official poll of the entire community be done.
- 3.7 Land Use Committee – Pat Sloan (absent)
- 3.8 Parks Commission – Chair (vacant role)
- Willis Point needs a representative!!
  - WP does have some parks related issues and it would be nice to have someone from our community there.
- 3.9 The Pointer Editor: - Ida von Schuckmann
- Thank you for articles and photo contributions for the Pointer.
  - New ideas are appreciated. Would like to introduce history of Willis Point to the newsletter.
  - Approach elected officials (Director, MLA, MP) once a year to have them contribute as well.
  - Idea: Transportation to/from Willis Point? Think about a community park-and-ride commuter bus?

A. WP Fire and Recreation Commission (WPFRC) – Vernon McConnell:

Motion to suspend AGM to facilitate WPFRC Elections: JC Patchell, Joel Cotter Carried.

- The WPFRC is made up of 7 community members and Director Mick Hicks. (4 elected one year, 3 on the other year).
- This year a new bylaw by CRD for the operation of fire departments came into effect.
  - The new bylaw was designed to cover all Juan de Fuca communities.
  - The bylaw was negotiated to suit WP.
- Replacement of 103 shed – developed a consensus that this building will be replaced in next year or two.
  - Can apply for a provincial grants “towns of the future” which will pay 80% of cost
  - Looking for help in putting application for government grant together.
- Telus and Wind Mobile have applied for cell tower installation.
  - CRD was to have arranged a meeting, Telus was going to poll the community but this didn't happen.
  - WP is apparently a designated “micro-wave friendly site”.
  - The new CRD person has now assured Vern that nothing will happen without community input.

B. Election of WPFRC Commissioners. Joel Cotter:

- New bylaw states: Commissioners cannot be officers of fire department and the Commission can only elect 2 fire department members.
- No further nominations have been put forward. There are 4 incumbents:

Bob Halsey  
Pat O'Rourke  
Brian McCandless  
Vern McConnell

No further nominations, the slate was re-elected by acclamation.

WP AGM resumed

4. New Business:

4.1 Organics program and relationship with the CRD with respect to Hartland. Larisa Hutcheson, General Mgr, Environmental Sustainability, CRD

- information to be provided to residents in November about possible organics program through the blue box program
- like to be do a really good job of communicating with the community and having open dialogue
- Any questions about the landfill? Verne McConnell – why designate trucks come to pick up waste that residents could compost themselves? Provide composters rather than take it away with trucks.
  - additional trucks would not come to pick up compost, they would come with regular blue box pick up.
- Packaging: before 2015, producers of packaging will be responsible for recycling packaging.
- Funding options: 1. raise tipping fees to further fund blue box programs; 2. implement a tax for solid waste; 3. surplus aggregate pile sales; 4. consider Cowichan valley waste – transported to SE Washington state (province is looking at making it illegal to send waste out of country).
- projected lifespan of Hartland: 2040.

4.2 Founders Grove. Pat Sloan (absent) – will be presented in Pointer

4.3 Sponsor and funding for Children's Christmas Party – Sheryl Campbell will sponsor.

- Motion to donate \$600: Bob Scott, Bill Wright: carried

4.4 Fireworks funding – Jeff Irwin:

- motion for WPCA to match funds up to \$400 for next year: Don Gorling, Bob Scott
- money collected last year was \$595, WPCA to donate up \$300 for this year
- suggestion to donate \$5
- Motion to allow refuse drop-off for bonfire 1 week in advance
  - Vern will speak with Maryann Malvet about perhaps not renting hall 1 week before.

4.5 Waiver of membership fees: Chair

- Motion to approve: Paul Williams, Geri Gorling: carried

5. Elections

Nominees for Positions vacated in 2010:

Call for nominations from the floor: no further nominations put forth

Chair: Bill Douglas - carried

Recording Secretary: Laurel Nash - carried

Correspondence Secretary: Karen Davies - carried

Member at Large: Sheryl Campbell - carried

Adjourned: 17:26

# Willis Point Community Craft Fair

This event is set in beautiful Willis Point - just a 20 minute scenic drive from Victoria. It features the work of 20 talented individuals.

Items range from wood craft, fun and colorful magnetic jewelry, amazing aprons, hand painted glassware, feather earrings, fresh baking, holiday confections, designer art jewelry in sterling silver, handmade soy candles, Epicure, naturally smoked dog bones, and much more.

*If you have never explored this part of the Peninsula, we promise visiting our event will inspire you to return!*

**Date:** October 29, 2011

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Place:** Willis Point Community Hall  
6933 Willis Point Road

**Admission:** \$2 per adult

**Please note: NO wheelchair access, NO bank machine**

#### Driving Instructions from Victoria:

1. Head north on HWY 17N towards Broadmead.
2. Take the Royal Oak Drive turn off.
3. Turn left at the lights and continue on Royal Oak Drive until you reach West Saanich Rd. (3<sup>rd</sup> set of lights).
4. Turn right on to West Saanich Rd and continue until you pass the Red Barn Market.
5. Make the next left on to Wallace Drive.
6. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> left on to Willis Point Road.
7. Continue on Willis Point Road. Ignore the sign that says "No through road". Continue driving for approx 5 mins.
8. The Community Hall is attached to the Willis Point Fire Department on your right.



## Notices about the next week and beyond...



Notice from the Fire Dept.

**Halloween Bonfire Construction to begin (and not before!) Sunday Oct 30.**

Thank you WPVFD

Bill Wright will have copies of the new **Willis Point History Book** on display at the *AGM*.

If you would like your personal copy, he will be taking orders.



**Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department**

is hosting

the annual **Halloween Bonfire and Fireworks** display.

Burgers hotdogs refreshments

Bonfire will start at dusk after 6:00 pm.



# Fire Department Report



## Call Summary

September 7 - Mutual aid with the Highlands fire department to assist with a house and forest fire. Multiple departments from Langford and View Royal also responded.

September 7 - Smoke sighting around Sea aira heights.(unfounded)

Sept.29 - Smoke sighting on the south end of mark lane.

## Home heating

Unseasoned or wet firewood is bad wood. Because it is wet, it creates much less heat, and actually fails to burn up a lot of the available fuel in the wood. Because so much energy is used initially just to drive off the water trapped in the cells of the logs, burning green wood causes the whole fire, and the flue to stay cool. The "smoke" of unseasoned wood is heavily laden with unburned creosote. Because unseasoned wood causes the whole system to burn cool, the creosote laden flue gas quickly condenses on the surface of the flue. Only dry, well seasoned wood should be used in any chimney system. Third stage glazed tar creosote in an open chimney is almost always caused by burning wet, or unseasoned wood. Make sure your chimney is cleaned annually.

## Home Smoke Alarms

Most fatal home fires happen at night when people are sleeping. In reality, the smell of smoke may not wake a sleeping person. A fire produces poisonous gases and smoke, which can numb the senses and put you into a deeper sleep.

Inexpensive household smoke alarms can save your life by sounding an alarm alerting you to a fire, and giving you time to escape safely. Home fire deaths have steadily decreased as the numbers of homes with working smoke alarms has increased. Having working smoke alarms in your home reduces your risk of dying in a fire.

When purchasing a smoke alarm check to make sure that it has been tested to the CAN/ULC S531-M standard by an approved testing agency. Be aware that there are two types of smoke alarms for home use. They are ionization and photoelectric alarms.

Every home should have a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. For maximum protection, consider installing a smoke alarm in every bedroom. The installation of smoke alarms is governed by the BC Building Code. To ensure compliance, check with your local jurisdiction.

Since smoke rises, install smoke alarms high on a wall or on the ceiling.

Take the time to read the manufacturer's instructions and carefully follow them exactly.

Do not install an alarm near a window, door, or air register where drafts could prevent smoke from reaching the alarm. It is very important to test and clean all smoke alarms regularly. Test your smoke alarms by pressing the test button once a month.

Vacuum your smoke alarms twice a year to remove any dust or dirt from the sensing chamber.

For battery operated smoke alarms, change the battery at least once a year. Remember, never "borrow" the smoke alarms battery for another use.

Smoke alarms do not last forever. Alarms older than 10 years and those near the end of their service life should be replaced.

Smoke alarms give your family a warning, but it is your responsibility to get yourself and your family out of your home safely. Your family will do the right thing if you've planned ahead for a fire emergency.

Ensure everyone knows what the smoke alarm sounds like. Plan your escape routes. Know at least two ways out of every room and choose a meeting place outside your home where your family can gather. Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year. When a smoke alarm sounds, leave right away. Go directly to your family meeting place and call 9-1-1 from a neighbour's phone. Remember, once you're out, stay out. Never go back inside a burning building.

## **Home Insurance**

Many people learn after a fire or storm that their home was underinsured. Don't just automatically send a check to your insurance company. Take the time to review your coverage to ensure that you will be protected and call your agent with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding your homeowners insurance. Jim Potvin one of the members of our department and an owner of Thunderbird Insurance Brokers pointed out at a recent meeting,

"Home insurance policies in Willis Point should reflect our fire protection: within 8 km's of a Fire Department, but not within 300 meters of a fire hydrant. This should be written on your annual home insurance policies declaration sheet every year when you receive your renewal. If your policy has your home shown as within 300 meters of a hydrant and you had a fire loss, your insurance coverage would not respond." This is well worth checking every year to be sure.

We wish to thank the community for its vigilance in fire prevention and ensuring our community stayed safe over this past summer. We hope everyone had a great summer despite the high and extreme fire hazards. Also I would like to thank all of the members in the department for the countless volunteer hours that you put forth every year.

Interested in joining our team, come check us out on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,

**Greg Elvedah**  
**Fire Chief**

## Neighbourhood Notices:

**Discreet, Reliable Pointer available for security of Vacation Houses**, watering plants, feeding fish, cats, etc. On-site supervision of tradespeople while you are at work or on vacation, emergency rides or pick-up for kids to sports, appointments or school, and vet appointments.  
If you can't do it, maybe I can!  
**Pat Sloan 652-0226**

### Willis Point Handyman

Brad Taylor-Gorling Cell 250-217-8785  
Decks – Painting – Yardwork – Hauling

### Catharsis Web Design

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## Welcome New Neighbours:



7066 W.P. Rd. (formerly Peek Vout)

**Cory** and **Katy Coombs** with children, **Bradon** 4 and **Lily**, 20 mos. The Coombs family moved here from Strawberry Vale.

Cory is a car salesman at Ensign Chrysler. Katy was born in Victoria and graduated from Reynolds Secondary School. Her hobby is creating abstract art.

Cory and Katy chose Willis Point for its quiet natural beauty. They believe that this is a great place

7035 W.P. Rd. (Formerly Davies)

**Cindy Shaffer**, the daughter of Carl and Ruby Johnson, formerly lived at Brentwood and Sea Aira Hts. She works part time as a medical examiner for an insurance company. She is also working on several projects at home.

Cindy and her boys, **Jordon** and **Joshua** (with green goggles) are very happy to be back at Willis Point.



6671 Mark Lane (formerly Devon Young)

**Ned Jackson** and **Nikki Macdonald**  
plus daughter **Meghan**

Ned and Nikki came from Ottawa. Ned is a social worker. They came to Victoria because Nikki applied and was given the position of executive director of government relations.

Their daughter, **Sarah** is in Grade 11 at Mt. Doug, and Meghan has graduated from Mt. Doug and is going to Queens University.

Their first year in Victoria, they lived in a town house near Mt. Doug.

Ned likes to hike in this area. He is also a canoe and kayak enthusiast.



Dear Willis Point Neighbors,

Summer? Summer? Was that it? I knew when I could play in the leaf pile in August that things were not looking good. I barely got rid of my winter coat when it grew right back in.

I'm really sorry about my walking buddy, Charlie. He was a nice guy, albeit totally motivated by food (I'm motivated by food AND balls). My dog heart goes out to his person, Judy. She's a nice lady. Hope she'll walk with us again, soon.

Yup, the Mildred's went away. Rumor has it that they are soup stock, but I've not seen any evidence of them that way. New Mildred's came. Same complaint. Lots of eating, lots of chicken poo. Very few eggs. Maybe by the end of the year.

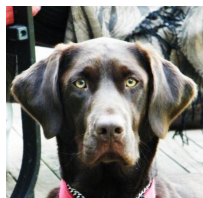
My poor friend Pierrot. His arthritis is bad and he's having a hard time getting his neck up at all. Looks like the vet will have to come back out. For a guy who loves cold, damp weather, he doesn't tolerate it well. Don't think he's going to like winter this year at all.

My people went away for a long time but they had someone stay in the house at night with me. I really liked that. Rides to Brentwood, playing with Diesel next door. Yeah, I was glad they came home, but I sure did like getting to stay home without them.

Ick. Halloween is coming up. Just like those Saturday night fireworks from Butchart Gardens, there'll be lots of noise coming from the Hall. I hope they leave me home and in the house. Then I can howl without the neighbors complaining. I did great job all summer of protecting them from the fireworks. And it worked; they're safe and sound!

One scary moment for me this summer. I have this thing called "Exercise Induced Collapse". If I run all out or try to swim, my hind quarters give out. Pretty embarrassing for a guy, especially a Labrador Retriever, not to be able to swim. Brenda and Barbara jumped into the water to rescue me one time early in the summer. I'm almost over being humiliated. Carried out of the water like a puppy. And me a grown boy. I gave them lots of kisses, though, to cover up for being afraid.

Ha, a good one. She didn't take me with her one day when she left really early. Fixed her wagon. Ate the cornbread that was on the kitchen table. Don't know how she found it. Must have been the bird who told.....



Don't forget to stock up your earthquake/disaster preparedness kit for your pets.

Nick

*As dictated by Nick to Judy Estrin and Peter Gary of  
842 Sea Aira Heights.*

**Wedding Congratulations:**



**Joanne and Dean Taylor**

**Married August 6, 2011**

**Happy Parents:**

**Rev. John and Lillian Davidson**

**Don and Gerry Gorling**

**Birth Congratulations:**



Pictured here with proud

**Grandpa Vern McConnell!**

Elli was born April 4<sup>th</sup>

in Oak Harbour on Whitby Island to

**Bree McConnell and Matt Gadd** her fiancé.

Hard to imagine that:

**Katelynn Grace Smith** is 3 months old!

Born June 30, 8 lbs. 4 oz.





A friend who lives in Nevada recently posted a disaster shopping list made available by through the Southern Nevada Health District. For those who don't want to make a large cash outlay all at one time, it advises spreading the cost out over 24 weeks. If you'd like the entire plan, send your request to: [jestrin@pacbell.net](mailto:jestrin@pacbell.net) I'll forward the complete list to you. In the meantime, we'll post it in segments over the next few Pointers. Here are the first 8 weeks and a "use or replace" list.

## Keeping Your Family Safe: A Preparedness Calendar

This preparedness calendar is designed to help you plan for a natural or manmade disaster by creating a 3-7 day disaster supply kit. Using the calendar, your family can create a disaster kit in small steps over a six-month period. Check off the items you collect or the actions you take during the week. Supplies may be stored all together in a large plastic garbage can with wheels. Perishable supplies and water should be rotated every six months.

You should store at least 1-2 gallons of water per person for each day. This water is for drinking and sanitation.

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of meat*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 manual can openers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> safety pins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of latex gloves</li> </ul> <p><b>Gather or Purchase:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> permanent marker</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> waterproof plastic container for first aid supplies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> pen and paper</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify and discuss what kinds of disasters are most likely to occur and how they will affect your family and property.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a family emergency plan. (See "Keeping Your Family Safe during a Disaster" pocket guide for details.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of fruit*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of meat*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> sunscreen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> anti-diarrhea medicine</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan to have at least two means of communicating with your family (such as email, phone, cell phone, two-way radios).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Designate an out-of-town emergency contact.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of fruit*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of meat*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> baby food, if needed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> aspirin and/or acetaminophen</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare a list of important phone numbers: out-of-state contact, doctors, veterinarian (if applicable), insurance company, etc., and place in kit and/or wallet for easy access.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 for emergency help.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> portable am/fm radio</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> crescent wrench</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> plastic safety goggles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> waterproof matches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> heavy work gloves</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pick two places for your family to meet in an emergency. (See "Keeping Your Family Safe during a Disaster" pocket guide for details.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack a "go bag" in case you need to evacuate your home. (See "Keeping Your Family Safe during a Disaster" pocket guide for details.)</li> </ul> <p>* One per person in household ** One per person and pet</p>

WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of fruit*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of meat*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> diapers, if needed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> compresses</li> </ul> <p><b>Gather or Purchase:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> extra medications or prescriptions for humans and/or pets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> videotape or film</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> battery-powered cell phone charger</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine the best escape routes from your home. Identify at least two ways out of each room.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a timed drill with family members to ensure they are able to use the routes by memory.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Locate areas in your home where you and your family can shelter-in-place. (See "Keeping Your Family Safe during a Disaster" pocket guide for details.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of juice*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of vegetables*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> pet food, if needed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> first aid tape</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use a video camera or standard camera to capture images of the contents of your home for insurance purposes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Place videotape or pictures in a safe deposit box or fireproof safe or cabinet.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of fruit*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of vegetables*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> rolls of gauze or bandages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> saline solution and extra lens storage case for contacts, if needed</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scan your favorite family and pet photographs and burn to a CD. Store the CD in a safe deposit box or fireproof safe or cabinet.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make photocopies or scan important papers (such as birth and/or death records, insurance policies, marriage certificates, etc.) and store in a safe deposit box or fireproof safe or cabinet.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Purchase for Supply Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> whistle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 flashlights and one extra set of batteries for each of them</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> camping or utility knife</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> tarp</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> heavy rope</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Update animal vaccination records and put with important papers.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact utility companies for direction about shut-off procedures.</li> </ul> <p>* One per person in household ** One per person and pet</p>

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USE OR REPLACE AT THE SUGGESTED TIME	USE OR REPLACE AT THE SUGGESTED TIME	USE OR REPLACE AT THE SUGGESTED TIME	STORAGE TIPS
<p><b>Use within 6 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> powdered milk (in box)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> dried fruit (in air tight container)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> dry, crisp crackers (in air tight container)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> potatoes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> bleach</li> </ul>	<p><b>Use within one year:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> canned condensed milk</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> canned vegetable soups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ready-to-eat and/or uncooked cereals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> peanut butter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> jelly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> canned meats</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> hard candy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin C</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> water in manufactured sealed containers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Long life (if checked annually and stored in air tight containers and proper conditions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> wheat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> vegetable oil</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> dried com</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> baking powder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> soybeans</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> instant coffee, tea and cocoa</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> salt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> non-carbonated soft drinks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> white rice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> bouillon products</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> dry pasta</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> powered milk (nitrogen-packed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep food in dry, cool place – dark area, if possible.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep food covered at all times.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If you open food boxes or cans, do so carefully, so you can close them tightly after each use.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wrap cookies and crackers in a plastic bag and inside a tight container.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Empty opened packages of sugar, dried fruit and nuts into screw-top jars or air tight cans to protect them from pests.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect all foods for signs of spoilage before use.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use foods before they go bad, and replace them with fresh supplies.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mark all foods with purchase date with a permanent marker. Place new items at the back or bottom of the storage area/container.</li> </ul>

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## From Young Pointers:

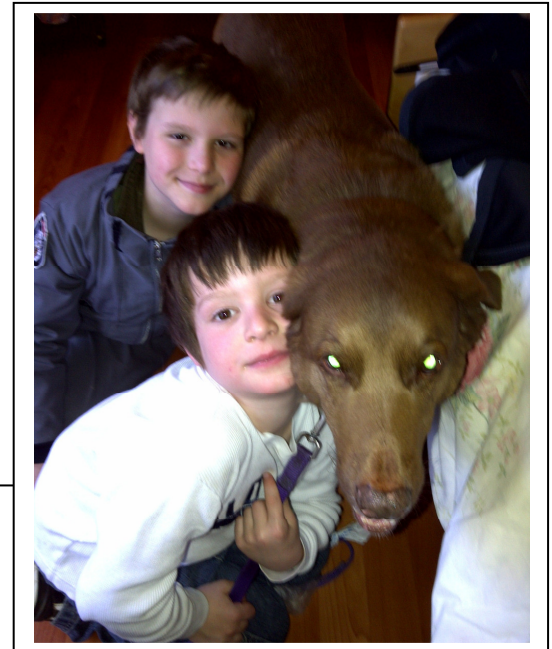


**Hello**

**My name is Isaac Pine.**

**I have started my own recycling depot here at home. I am collecting cans and bottles (anything refundable) to make money to go to Lego Land. If you don't enjoy going to the recycling depots, let me do it for you! Just drop off your empties in our drive way anytime or give me a call and I would be happy to come and pick up at your place. Thank you for your business!**

**Phone : 250-544-0202**



## Tinky Shaffer

September.15. 1999 -- August.27.2011

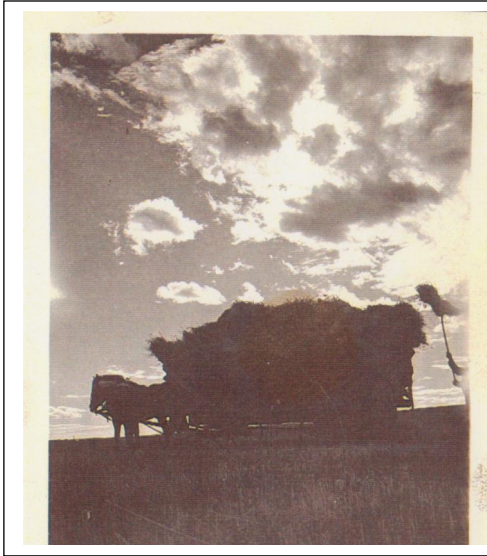
It is of great sadness to share that our Tinky girl has passed away after eleven years. We had so many amazing years with her and so many terrific memories. Words cannot express how much we miss her. We miss her most incredible amazing greetings when we got home or if company came over they were sure to know they were being warmly welcomed by our girl!! She passed in her sleep and is now running like the wind and looking at us. I know she is missing some of her four legged friends too like Gofer and Nicky just to mention a few. She had the most amazing ability to connect with anyone she met and if you were ever feeling blah she sure knew it. She would cheer you up and it wasn't long before you were feeling better. As much as we miss her we know she is in a better place now out of pain from her hip dysphasia.

Joshua wanted to share; when one candle goes out there are always two candles lit.

Jordan wanted to share; when there are three links there is always one that goes but there's always one that comes back glowing.

And we all want to share..... Tinky we miss you and you will never be forgotten!!!

*Submitted by Myless and the Boys*



## Haymaking

By Carmen Moore

During the thirties when feed for livestock was in short supply, each summer our father travelled far afield to find hay. The best hay was found in low lying areas close to natural springs so Dad would seek out these spots and go some distance with team and mower to cut this precious grass.

After it had dried sufficiently, one or two of us girls would be recruited to help collect and bring it home to the farm. We would accompany him to whatever marsh he had cut. Dad would fork the hay up to us and we would place it evenly on the rack. These areas were invariably spongy and full of hammocks. As we drove the team from one raked pile to another the rack would pitch wildly as the wheels hit and plunged over them. As the load grew our position became increasingly precarious and we grew progressively terrified of being pitched off.

Daddy on the ground would strike off to the next pile calling out blithely “Just swing around here, girlie” and high above the team we would rein the horses toward the designated area, expecting momentarily to be pitched headlong off our perch. Of course, we would never admit to Dad that we were frightened but we experienced many tense moments before finally he would decree that we had a sufficient load.

Once he ascended the rack and took over the reins we would settle back in the sweet smelling hay and enjoy the ride home in the twilight.





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