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BY THE WAY

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The beat goes on for pipe band

By the way, did you hear. • **Cowichan Pipes & Drums** was the best and biggest squad entered in Squamish's recent 2010 B.C. Legion Highland Gathering. The local 37-member band under pipe major **Gordon Pollock** notched the most aggregate points to win the **Donald Ross** trophy, plus 28 other awards. Those honours included best pipe band on parade, tenor section, bass drummer, pipe section, and drum major.

• Duncan bassist **Martyn Jones** celebrated his 54th birthday June 24 at **Susie's Restaurant** at Crofton corners with pals **Eugene Smith**, **Lonesome Don Wilkie**, **Blaine Bartleman**, **Ed and Gail Peekeekoot**, **Laura Cardriver**, **Delphine** and **Richard Clarke**, **Norma Irving**, **June Rosetto**, **Dave Cambul**, **Anthony Duke**, **Nik Bloxham**, **Joe Fortin**, and **Beverley McKeen**.

• Valley Highland-dance teacher **Kathy White's** school is still open and operating in Cowichan despite White moving to Victoria so son **Eric**, 13, can attend **St. Andrew's School**. Eric is half of the rock duo **Chasing Shadows**. His bandmate is local guy **Brody Reid**, 13, who's also going to St. Andrew's.

• **Cowichan secondary's** 2010 valedictorian **Kevin Schmidt** got an interesting grad gift on

July 2. He took over the soundboard at Victoria radio station, **91.3 The Zone**.

"Kevin is one of our most hardcore Zoners, so we know he'll do a great job at being on the radio," states The Zone's website of Schmidt, who was also featured in the *NLP's* front page photograph June 23. He got his turn to play his tunes and talk on the radio during the station's My Turn segment, Friday, July 2 after 7 p.m.

• **Jeff Rowan** will be filling former Quamichan principal **Charlie Coleman's** shoes at the local middle school. Coleman is taking over for now-retired **Grant Foster** at Cowichan secondary, while Rowan is leaving his post as vice-principal at Lake Cowichan secondary to take the new role.

• After six years at the helm of **Queen Margaret's School**, head of school **Pat Rowantree** is retiring. Rowantree's tenure has seen some big changes in QMS, including boosted enrolment, construction of three new campus buildings and an indoor riding arena for the equestrian-enthusiastic school. Taking over is **Wilma Jamieson**, who Rowantree wishes much success.

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