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**Craig our Facilitator** has started his container gardening again and looks like he will have another nice crop. He has motivated me to do the same. I have planted tomatoes, a purple pepper, strawberries, thyme, rosemary. I have a nice garden space but without a fence it's useless. The deer will chow down and it will be over. So I have containers on my deck.

**Our VHES members Mark and Debi** are doing well. Debi is limited by her health. Mark has taken a new job in Duncan and works weekends. **Bonnie** is still working 2 jobs and at least 6 days a week. **Tim** is doing very well. He is managing Domino's pizza. He is responsible for both Nanaimo stores and also steps up to help other north island stores. He has the sales number the best he's ever been.

I'd like to celebrate a few of our previous residents:

**Mitch:** Mitch was with us for about six months coming in from NCC. He is now one of the top salesman at Nanaimo Nissan. He is in a relationship with a wonderful young lady. They are both very happy and look amazing.

**Marcel.** Marcel was with us for over a year, he had some slips but cleansed up and came back, twice actually. He now has his class 1 drivers license, is working full time. He still keeps in touch as well.

**Little Wil:** at one point we had two men named Wil. One was 5 foot nothing, the other six foot. They became big Will and Little Wil. Little Wil lived with us for over a year. Before coming to us he had never stayed at one place for longer than six months. He has now much more grounded, working, paid off all his fines and got his license back. He is getting married in the next few days.

**Rich:** Rich is doing amazing. Rich is in a relationship and appears to be very happy. He is still doing very well in school and continues to maintain contact just to let us know he is well. The beginning of May was very emotional for then. They had a baby boy on May 1st. This is Rich's first child but I believe his partner has two. Then on May 2nd Rich's father passed away. It hit him pretty hard but he was able to work through his emotions through connections with Elders. He has come so far, I am very proud of him.



Debbie Scott

Photo taken by Wes at the AGM. shows Jacob Moreau's Band entertaining us.

**Every Meeting of persons can be an Exchange of Life's Gifts – a Human Exchange.**