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# NEWS



Sandy Kowalski (left), provincial co-ordinator of BC Angel Dresses and Bobby-Jo Kowalski, administrator, are putting the call out for local volunteers for a team in the Comox Valley. Upper right, samples of an angel dress.

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## Dresses for the smallest of angels



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Bobby-Jo Kowalski knew it was the right thing to do at the right time. After being through multiple losses, she knew wanted to give back to other parents who have lost a baby. Her outlet was creating one less item parents had to worry about when suffering a loss - a dress for a final farewell. "These are all for babies who don't get to come home," she explains. "The

goal is to be able to offer our services to all hospitals across the province, and to co-ordinate with midwives and funeral homes. It is my passion." Kowalski is the group administrator for BC Angel Dresses, a group of dedicated volunteers across the province who create dresses and wraps from donated wedding, bridesmaid and grad dresses. "With my four losses, I didn't make it past the ER. You leave empty-handed; (the dresses) allows for a keepsake, and it validates that your baby mattered. It's a small piece to help the family start the grieving process." The dresses and wraps are made for both girls and boys, and volunteer

sewers create the dress from a basic pattern, and can add embellishment and design - something that Kowalski explains is left up to whomever is creating the dress. She estimates it takes about 40 volunteer hours to create each dress, but even someone with basic sewing skills can make a dress, or crochet a blanket. Dresses come in a variety of sizes from extra-extra small (for those at 14 weeks gestation) to large for a full-term baby; Kowalski said they are open in the back to easily put on babies without too much manipulation.

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## Johns tours site of derelict boat sinkings in Deep Bay

Record Staff

On Tuesday, NDP Courtenay-Alberni MP Gord Johns toured the site in Deep Bay where two derelict vessels sank in recent days, as reported in *The Comox Valley Record*. Another abandoned vessel, a 100-foot tug named Silver King, has taken on water and poses a serious threat to the local economy and environment. "I invite government officials to come here and see it for themselves," said Johns, "We need immediate action to safely remove the Silver King before it's too late." The community has been warned that if the Silver King sinks the subsequent spill could shut down the local shellfish industry and disrupt the adjacent Vancouver Island University facility, resulting in 60 job losses. The effect on vegetation and wildlife would also be devastating.

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MP Gord Johns (right) and Bill Veenhof, local Director of Nanaimo Regional District (left), survey derelict vessels in Deep Bay. Johns was also joined on the tour by local First Nation Chief Michael Recalma, owners of a nearby shellfish hatchery and farms, and staff from Vancouver Island University.

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## IN BRIEF

### Union Bay elects two new trustees

Union Bay Improvement District (UBID) returning officer Kevin Douville confirmed Tuesday that landowners elected Peter Jacques and Glenn Loxam as new trustees at UBID's annual general meeting and trustee election held Saturday, April 2 at the Union Bay Community Hall. Jacques and Loxam were two of four candidates seeking election to the two, three-year term trustee positions available this year. The other candidates who ran this year were Jim Elliott and incumbent Bruce Livesey.

A total of 427 eligible landowners registered and received ballots resulting in 839 total votes being cast and five spoiled ballots. The breakdown of votes per candidate was as follows:

- Peter Jacques – 226
- Glenn Loxam – 220
- Jim Elliott – 200
- Bruce Livesey (incumbent) – 193

### City details 2016 road/utility projects

The City of Courtenay is planning several road and utility construction projects for 2016, and is hosting an open house to share details about the projects. Courtenay's 2016 Construction Projects Open House is set for Tuesday, April 12, from 6-8 p.m. in the Florence Filberg Centre Conference Hall. City of Courtenay Engineering Services staff will be on-hand to provide information and answer questions.

- Projects planned for 2016 include:
- 3rd Street – Reconstruction from Cliffe Avenue to England Avenue;
  - Replacing all underground City utilities, road repaving, narrowing roadway width, new sidewalk on south side, removal of north sidewalk, and new traffic circle at Duncan Avenue;
  - Anderton Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street - Watermain replacement;
  - Duncan Avenue from 4th Street to 6th Street - Watermain replacement;
  - Dingwall Road from Western Road to McLaughlin Drive - Watermain replacement.

For further information, please contact City of Courtenay Engineering Services at 250-334-4441 or email [engineering@courtenay.ca](mailto:engineering@courtenay.ca)

### Village seeks heritage feedback

Cumberland residents can provide input about the future of the village's heritage at an open house on Saturday, April 16 at council chambers next to the fire hall. Feedback can also be provided in an online questionnaire, available April 16 to May 31. Through these two processes, the Village will begin to create a vision and strategies for the conservation of Cumberland's heritage in a community heritage management plan. The open house will include workshops from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1-3 p.m. The questionnaire will be available at [cumberland.ca](http://cumberland.ca)

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# Two local businesspeople among Top 20 Under 40 winners



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Jenny Deters and Matt Beckett of the Comox Valley were among the winners at the Top 20 Under 40 Business and Community Awards Saturday in Nanaimo. More than 150 nominations were received for the fourth annual event, which celebrates young business and community leaders on Vancouver Island.

Deters and Beckett had



MATT BECKETT

both been finalists on two previous occasions.

"It's very humbling to be categorized with many of those people," said Deters, who owns Rattan Plus Home & Patio in downtown Courtenay with her husband, Todd. "We live in a community full of pretty spectacular people. To be recognized to that capacity is pretty cool."

Deters is vice-president of the Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association, of which she will be president in May. She has a passion for volunteering with organizations such as the Today N' Tomorrow Learning Society. She has also sat on a number of boards.

"The reason I'm always exhausted is because I'm constantly volunteering for things. It feels like there is so much to be done in this community and not enough time to do it all... The reason I'm here today is because other people put back into me. I started out as a single mother at 16 years old. I didn't get to where I am today by not getting a leg up from many, many people. We live in a pretty rich community with a lot of amazing people who give a lot of time."

Beckett is a private wealth



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adviser at Coastal Community Private Wealth group. A past-president and co-founder of Young Professionals Comox Valley, he is also president of a Coastal Community young leaders network.

"We're launching a B.C. Credit Union young leaders group as well," Beckett said.

He also helped initiate an awareness event for autism through the Leadership Vancouver Island program.

"That was my first opportunity to give back in the community. That event still lives on today," said Beckett, who is married with two young daughters. "Giving back to our community builds a healthier community."



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# Coffee With....



## John Lewis

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Ask John Lewis what he does to relax and he has to pause for a moment to think.

That's because his busy schedule doesn't provide much down time. When he's not working cattle on his farm by the Tsolum River he's helping at his dad's farm on Headquarters Road. For the past 10 years he has been an estimator with Nelson Roofing & Sheet Metal, in charge of the shingles division.

Lewis, who will turn 50 this year, likes to play basketball when the can, but he's only managed to get out to one masters league game this year - he's too busy coaching the sport at G.P. Vanier and Huband Road Elementary, and arranging for the UVic Vikes women's team to visit the Valley and put on clinics for girls.

Did we mention he is a leader of the Comox Valley 4H Cattle Club, vice-president of the BC Hereford Association and enjoys team roping at local rodeos?

The farm and cattle connection comes from his deep roots in the community.

"I was born and raised in the Valley, as were my great-grandparents. My dad (also John) and I have been farming all our lives. My grandmother's father (Dick Hurford) owned the Hurford farm on the Dyke. He was one of the original guys to start the creamery

in the Comox Valley and import beef cattle here. My dad's dad was born in Cumberland and worked in the coal mines."

Lewis's interest in cattle took a slightly different path some six or seven years ago.

"We were sitting watching (team roping at) a rodeo and had a couple of beers and I said to Lyle Nelson, 'We're going to do this next year. And we both got into it and did it.'"

While his schedule has curtailed his roping, he notes "In previous years I've gone to provincials and got high-point header in 2011 (with the BC Team Roping Association)."

His rural roots led to a long association with the local 4H Cattle Club, first as a member and now as a leader. He says the club has a lot of talented members who enjoy success at the annual PNE show in Vancouver, with several members also representing the district in public speaking.

While he has family in the Lower Mainland that love coming to visit his farm, Lewis is a presence on the Lower Mainland himself.

"I'm in my second two-year term as vice-president of the BC Hereford Association. I'll probably be president next year," he said, adding he was a director of the association for six years.

And about relaxing?  
"I have a two-year-old son now," Lewis said of he and wife Tyra's two-children family. "Our place takes a lot of work... so as far as relaxing, I get out and fish occasionally. If I get the opportunity to."

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# CHF announces child trauma pilot project

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With the goal of inventing better ways to move forward for the next generation of children, the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island will invest \$715,000 over the next three years into helping northern Vancouver Island children suffering from trauma and neglect.

On Monday, the organization brought together Diane Lloyd, interim CEO of the foundation, project co-leaders Dr. Carol Coxon and Dr. Bruce Perry to make the announcement at the Old House Hotel in Courtenay.

The Healing Childhood Trauma Partnership Project is an early intervention program for children up to six years of age, with complex emotional and developmental challenges, explained Coxon, a child and adolescent psychiatrist practising in Comox.

"Kids are chronically misunderstood and it's too late," she explained. "In psychiatry, we're quite good in diagnosing. What we don't have is a good sense of how do we help (children) heal?"

The project is the only mental health early intervention program in British Columbia that uses a neurobiology-informed approach to work with children, families and communities.

The project uses a brain map tool to assist in assessing where each child is in terms of neurological development and how that might impact their day-to-day functioning.

It uses the information to not only develop appropriate mental health interventions for each child, but also equip the parents, school and community with the information.

Guidance will be provided by Perry, author and an adjunct professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Project partners include Coxon and Perry, Island Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Comox Valley Child Development Association, Comox Valley Public Health Unit, two school districts and Jan Ference, infant-parent mental health fellow.

The project will involve a selected cohort of



Dr. Bruce Perry speaks to the crowd at the Old House Village Hotel & Spa Monday about the Healing Childhood Trauma Partnership Project.

PHOTO BY ERIN HALUSCHAK

children who are suffering from severe trauma and dysregulation from the Comox Valley and Port Hardy areas, she explained.

Children will receive intensive therapy to address their stress-response system and increase their ability to regulate emotions and increase functioning in all developmental domains.

Additional financial support will be provided by Island Health and the Ministry of Child and Family Development.

# Dresses: Comox Valley volunteers needed

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Currently, she notes there are nearly 1,000 members in their Facebook group, and more than 100 volunteers across B.C.

"The support for donated dresses has been overwhelming. There's a mass influx of donations, which is awesome."

She adds the challenge is to find people to collect and store dresses, particularly in remote areas of the province.

She is also putting out the call for seamstresses and sewers. Currently, she has some volunteers in Nanaimo and Victoria, but is looking for more in the North Island and Comox Valley.

The dresses are not for sale,

and Kowalski estimates the organization has donated thousands of dresses across B.C.

"That's why we do what we do - to help families in that moment. It warms my heart."

Kowalski says there are two ways for people to create, join or volunteer for a group: join their Facebook page (she will send a greeting to every new member) or through the group's website: bcangeldresses.ca.

She also encourages hospitals or other organizations who would like to receive dresses, to contact her through social media. For more information, email bcangeldresses@gmail.com.

# Boats: Bill C-219 tabled in House of Commons

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Previous owner Dan Grinstead of Seattle of the tug which sank - the Lorna Foss - said he sold the vessel to a Bowser resident in September 2013. Calls to the alleged owner were not returned.

There is no vessel registered under the name Lorna Foss in a vessel registration search for the Lorna Foss through Transport Canada.

Coastal communities are frequently faced with abandoned and derelict vessels that wash ashore or sink in shallow waters and introduce dangerous materials into the environment. Current rules in place for removing these vessels are extremely com-

plex and cross jurisdictions.

"This is the result of an overly complicated system that passes the buck and points the finger at the other guys," said Johns. "Enough is enough. Let's deal with what's in front of us and make sure we have a better system going forward."

Johns is the seconder of Bill C-219 which has been tabled in the House of Commons. The NDP bill would designate the Coast Guard as the receiver of wrecks and give them a free hand to take action. It would also compel government to create stronger regulations for the safe removal or destruction of abandoned and derelict vessels.

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# Proposed Hydro tower concerns Forbidden Plateau residents



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Forbidden Plateau residents are concerned about BC Hydro's plan to place a repeater tower — a combination radio receiver/transmitter — near the base of the old ski hill.

The 45-metre tower is part of an \$8 million project to improve public safety and provide reliable watershed flow information.

According to resident Mike Morris, Hydro told the Transportation Ministry that a consultation was completed. A permit was then issued. But he says the only consultation was a mail-out, which didn't ask for feedback.

BC Hydro had contacted the Forbidden Plateau Road Association in the fall.

"Certainly there hasn't been a consultation with the community," Morris said. "Basically Hydro said there are no concerns, but all residents are opposed."

It's not the project residents are opposed to, but the location.

"The site is just the wrong spot," he said. "It's right in the middle of our community. It's going to tower about 100 feet above the treeline. There's residential properties on three sides. There's thousands of hectares around here that certainly we feel, as a community, is a better spot to place that."

Impact to property values — and the impact of radio waves — are among the concerns.

BC Hydro says the decades-old wired system is subject to interruption, hence the need to go wireless. A telecommunications overview determined the viable location for a monopole — which communicates to the river water gauges and sirens — is on Forbidden Plateau.

"We spent time examining three viable locations on the mountain to place the pole," Hydro spokesman Stephen Watson said. "In the end, the planned location made the most sense as it provides good radio coverage, has a small environmental footprint with no access road or extensive site clearing needed as it's placed on disturbed land, is easily accessible within an existing road allowance, and is away from homes."

Radio output from the pole is low-energy with a pair of four-watt radios on

top of the pole.

"It's like having two regular walkie-talkies that people use," Watson said. "These low-powered radios are common in everyday lives and have been used safely for decades."

A public meeting about the project is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, April 11 at the CVRD boardroom at 550 Comox Rd. Representatives from BC Hydro will attend, as will Area A director Edwin Grieve.

For more information about the project, visit [forbiddenplateauroadassociation.com](http://forbiddenplateauroadassociation.com) and click on Announcements.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

A Complete Street pilot project on Fifth Street will see expanded sidewalks, curb bulb-outs and bike lanes on a 530-metre corridor between Fitzgerald and Menzies avenues. Storm, sanitary sewer and water pipes will also be replaced. The project is being made possible via federal funds exceeding \$3 million.

In a Monday presentation to Courtenay council, consultants from Urban Systems explained that some of the constraining factors of the project include utility poles and a designated truck route.

"I have no idea why Fifth

Street is a truck route," Mayor Larry Jangula said. "And if we don't look at burying those poles, then I think we've missed the mark."

A 'complete street' encourages more people to walk and cycle.

An assessment determined the Fifth Street corridor will attract people downtown and support economic development.

The next steps are to engage the public and stakeholders, and to prepare a concept design.

Visit [courtenay.ca](http://courtenay.ca) for more information. Stay tuned for open house dates.

### NIC excelling

Though small in size, North Island College "punches above its weight," president John Bowman said in a presentation about the school's five-year strategic plan. "I believe NIC is truly excelling."

The college offers the lowest tuition fees on Vancouver Island.

"We have very few special fees," Bowman said.

It's also one of the few colleges in B.C. that offers free parking. Come summer, however, paid parking will be implemented.

"It's a regrettable reality," Bowman said, noting the advent of the new regional hospital next door.

ness for including advocacy in its five-year plan.

The group is advocating all levels of government for funding that can be used for housing.

"We really need those senior government partnerships," said Hillian, noting the success of the Housing First approach in Medicine Hat. Last year, the Alberta city claimed to have ended homelessness.

The coalition has developed a continuum of housing that shows 29 units of emergency housing exist in the Valley. There are also 79 units of transitional housing, including 30 potential units at the proposed Braidwood facility in East Courtenay.

For more information, visit [cvhousing.ca](http://cvhousing.ca) or find the coalition on Facebook.

### Praise for coalition

Coun. Doug Hillian praised the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homeless-

## Two major infrastructure projects planned for Cumberland roads



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Major road construction projects are scheduled for the summer and early-fall in Cumberland — one on Dunsmuir Avenue and another along Cumberland Road.

Aging underground water

and sewer pipes will be replaced along six blocks of Dunsmuir in the core of the village.

"It needs to be done, as many of the roads in Cumberland need to be done," Mayor Leslie Baird said. "It's a slow process but every year we're getting so many done."

Improved road structure, including a bike lane, will

be provided on Cumberland Road between Union and Bevan roads, resulting in a more defined entry to the village. This is the second phase of road improvements that have been completed from Wellington Street to the landfill.

The two projects will cost about \$5.75 million, of which \$4.85 million is being provided by outside funding

sources — the CVRD's Host Community Agreement and Building Canada's Small Community Fund. Work needs to happen as soon as possible to meet grant funding deadlines.

Baird notes that road work is being completed on Egremont Street and at Comox Lake Road. Last year, the bank was stabilized on the latter.



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The Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS) has received a number of calls from residents who want to know what they can do about woodpeckers banging on their gutters and chimneys.

The incessant banging is more than some people can stand. But not to worry — MARS says the noise is temporary, and the birds won't nest in your chimney or destroy your home.

Because it's mating season, woodpeckers — and flickers — want potential mates to know they are 'ready for action.'

"They bang on the loudest surface they can find to get their mating call out as far as possible. Once they find a mate, they will move on to the nearest forest to start nesting, leaving you in peace."

—Scott Stanfield

## Mt. Washington ski season to end with Slush Cup

Mount Washington Alpine Resort's 2015-16 winter season is going out with a splash.

The resort's Winter Wrap-Up Weekend (Friday, April 8, to Sunday, April 10) features the season's favourite events: Thrifty Foods Dummy Downhill (April 9, 3 p.m.) and the Crush Slush Cup (April 10, 2 p.m.).

The forecast is calling for clear skies and sunshine for one last fix of slushy spring skiing. For more information, visit [mountwashington.ca](http://mountwashington.ca).



The Crush Slush Cup is always a big splash.

# VIEWPOINT

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## Editorial

# Two minutes could save a life

According to BC Stats (bestats.gov.bc.ca), there are 4,707,000 people living in our province.

According to BC Transplant (transplant.bc.ca), there are 978,530 registered organ donors in the province.

Those numbers are much too far apart. That's barely 20 per cent of the B.C. population that has bothered to put aside the two minutes it takes to become a registered organ donor.

That's it. Two minutes. You can register online, today, in less time than the average prime time TV station break lasts. It's painless, selfless, and you could be saving a life.

There is an odd, unexplainable disconnect between the percentage of people in B.C. who are proponents of organ donation, and the percentage of us who have taken the time to register as organ donors.

BC Transplant reports that 95 per cent of British Columbians support organ donation. So why is it only 20 per cent of us have registered?

There are currently 562 people in the province awaiting organ transplants. Last year, 21 people died waiting.

Part of the problem last year was, of all the people who died in our province, only 95 were registered organ donors. How many of those 21 would still be alive today, had more people registered as organ donors?

Granted, B.C.'s per capita numbers are better than the national average, but no matter how you dress it up, 20 per cent still means four out of five people have not registered to be organ donors.

The most practical solution would be for Canada to adopt the "opt out" system for organ donation, meaning unless you specifically deny donation, you are considered automatically registered. But until such a system is in place, transplant patients must rely on "we, the people" to do the right thing, and register as organ donors.

Go to transplant.bc.ca and register to be an organ donor today. It might well be the most heroic thing you will ever do.

Last year, 21 families were unnecessarily shattered. We can lower that number.

Two minutes. That's all you need. It could save a life. Maybe more than one.

-Terry Farrell

# Boil water advisories are the new norm



Tanis Gower

Water 68/85

Why are we boiling our water?

If you are like me, hearing about another boil water advisory makes you want leave town until it is all over. Why have we had five boil-water advisories over the last two winters? Why is our water dirty? Do we really need to boil it? Why is the Comox Valley having these problems while other towns are doing just fine?

Our Comox Lake watershed was known for its high-quality water. Until the problems of 2014 and 2015, the water was typically so clean that Island Health (formerly known as VIHA) gave us a deferral for their updated filtration requirements. While this still meant we had to upgrade to ultra-violet disinfection to meet modern standards, we were going to save money by avoiding filtration. Now, we don't have a choice, and we are on the path to a costly filtration plant.

Only those water supplies that have very high quality water, and that have effective and ongoing watershed protection are allowed to go without filtration. High quality water has low amounts of bacteria and other pathogens (which in any case are later killed by chlorination), as well as low levels of cloudiness -

otherwise known as "turbidity". It's this last point - turbidity - where we are failing Canadian guidelines, though our level of watershed protection is also up for discussion.

Until we have filtration, Island Health will continue to issue boil water notices when our water passes a certain threshold of turbidity, which in our case is caused by small particles running off the land during intense rain storms. Despite the fact that water must be boiled when it is turbid, there is little to no relationship between turbidity and harmful bacteria. In fact, during times of higher turbidity, University of Victoria researchers found that there were lower concentrations of bacteria in Comox Lake, due to dilution by so much more wintertime water. The problem is that harmful bacteria can hide from chlorination when there are particles in the water, making water treatment less effective.

Our longest boil water advisory - lasting seven weeks over the Christmas holidays of 2014/2015 - was due at least partly to extra water eroding the clay banks of Perseverance Creek. This was a human-caused problem, as a poorly-designed water diversion system was spilling more water than the banks of Perseverance Creek could handle. While poor design was part of it, it is likely that climate change is playing a role, too. Extreme rainstorms are becoming more common, and we can expect more intense rainfall events in the winters to come.

The water flowing into our homes has thus far tested clean for indicators of harmful bacteria. However, sampling can be done on only a tiny fraction of the water used. As the agency responsible for public health, Island Health will tolerate only the smallest level of risk - hence the boil water advisory. After all, clean water helps keep us healthy. Water treatment is one of the biggest health advances of all time, and is a major reason for the almost-doubling of our life expectancy over the last century or so.

Making our water safe requires an ongoing conversation about how to treat our water, and our watershed. As authorities struggle to identify the precise causes of our turbid water, many community members want to know who is at fault. After all, the drinking watersheds of larger communities like Victoria and Vancouver are completely protected from human activity, while most of our watershed is not protected at all.

Shouldn't the land users be shouldering some responsibility here? That's one reason that a Watershed Protection Plan is being released this month. More on that in next month's column.

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## Transit drivers go the extra mile

**Dear editor,**  
I would like to say thanks to the transit drivers that went the extra mile to get me to work Thursday morning. I was distracted by my phone as I boarded the Comox Express bus, and by the time I was travelling down Lerwick I had realized I was on the wrong bus.

I started to worry that I'd be late for work and all of a sudden the driver pulled over, got on her radio and asked the (bus number) 4 Lerwick driver heading in the opposite direction to pull over. I got off the 34, ran across the road and boarded the 4. That driver then called ahead to the 12 North Island Connector as we came down Ryan Road and asked her to wait on the Old Island Highway. I jumped off the 4 by the Chevron, ran through the back of 7-11 and jumped on to the 12 heading in the right direction. I got to work on time. So thanks to the drivers for going the extra mile.

**Julius Gusman  
Courtenay**

## Island needs a train route, not bike trails

**Dear editor,**  
Usually I agree with most of the editorial content of *The Record*. After reading the title and the content of the March 31 editorial (*New governance model needed for ICF*) I found myself nodding in agreement until the last sentence.

Transparency and accountability are expected and required in any public/ government joint ventures.

But to say that another world-class biking and hiking trail is a better idea than a passenger train with service from Victoria to at least the Comox Valley is shortsighted in my opinion.

Vancouver Island's very best industry is tourism and trains attract tourists in great numbers. Especially when they are treated to the world-class views of our gorgeous island. People who want to live here but have jobs south can commute, espe-

cially in inclement weather.

This venture needs our support. While it may not be easy, it will be another reason we are special.

**Charlene Davis  
Courtenay**

## Boat legislation must be clear

**Dear editor,**  
Your article *Battling the derelict boat issue* (March 29 *Record*) was interesting. The suggestion that those who can't afford the increasingly exorbitant cost of moorage should not be allowed to own boats, was the suggestion that only the rich should be allowed to own boats. It was the suggestion that those who live in remote areas which don't have marinas, where not owning a boat is not an option, should not be allowed to own boats.

Lately, I have been meeting a lot of young people, including a lot of young women, formerly homeless, who have discovered that owning a boat is the only thing between them and homelessness. A friend attended meetings discussing a ban on liveaboards, and found that the majority of those promoting the idea were in the real estate business.

Is forcing low income people, especially youth, into the ranks of the homeless, on behalf of the interests or the real estate industry a good government policy, especially when it amounts to drastically increasing the vulnerability of youth, especially the vulnerability of young women?

Are homeowners better off, if those who can't afford to buy themselves, or their landlords, a million-dollar home, are forced off the water and into their backyards, in greater desperation?

We had a Supreme Court of BC ruling recently, which stated that the right to pitch a tent was part of the charter right to "life, liberty and security of the person." Surely that could be applied to a floating shelter. Why waste money on the courts, to arrive at the same conclusion?

Sure, we have to deal with derelicts, but any legisla-

tion must spell out clearly, that any boat which is someone's home, regardless of state of maintenance, is exempt, to avoid power tripping bureaucrats misinterpreting the intent of law, for their own personal power trips.

I often see expensive artists' renditions of wrecked boats on a beach, which are considered art, and which are placed on walls to beautify a room, proof that "eyesore" is a subjective term.

**Brent Swain  
Royston**

## A little perspective on boiling water

**Dear editor,**  
We have so much to be grateful for, living in such a beautiful part of the world and with such a cosmopolitan group of people.

However, no land is perfect. There are always problems below the surface of any idyllic setting. One of the problems that comes to us occasionally is the boil water advisory alert that we must respond to, if we wish to avoid a case of the back door trots.

May I suggest that this should not be a reason to get upset? In so many parts of the world, people face a daily struggle finding any water to drink, cook, bathe, wash clothes, or brush their teeth with.

Imagine if every day you had to send one of your children out with a five-gallon can to walk a mile or more and stand in line for hours to have a chance to collect water. This water would weigh nearly the equivalent of the child's body weight. Then the child would carry that load back to your home. Imagine if that child was eating one meal a day for its efforts. Also try washing yourself with a gallon of water in a bucket. Getting the water is just a start. Finding fuel to heat the water is the second step.

So next time we have a boil advisory, consider the efforts that millions of people are doing everyday to have what we have running out of our taps.

**George Brose  
Comox Valley**



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**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**  
Should distracted driving penalties include automatic suspended licences, as impaired driving laws allow?

yes **80.8%** no **19.2%**

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## Art

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**DEGENERATE ART SHOW** - The Degenerate Art Show has arisen from the ashes, featuring a plethora of local talent, surrounding the theme "Art that Hitler would burn" at Serious Coffee, #5-2760 Cliffe Avenue in Courtenay. Exhibit runs until April 26.

**Theatre SHAKESPEARE AT THE SID** - Courtenay Little Theatre's magnificent and magical production of The Tempest will take place in the Sid Williams Theatre, April 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be reserved at the theatre box office, 250-338-2430 or at sidwilliams theatre.com.

## Calendar

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 ABORIGINAL WORKSHOPS** - Please join us for workshops including traditional teachings of the medicine wheel, smudging, the sacred pipe, identifying local medicinal plants and the creation of teas and ointments. Weekly workshops will be held at Arden Elementary from 5:00-7:30. Free to people of Aboriginal heritage. Dinner and childminding are provided at no cost. Register at healingthroughculture@hotmail.com or phone 250-331-4040.

**TRAVEL WORKSHOP** - Free Travel Clinic will teach you to pack lighter and smarter Thursday 12:30 p.m. The clinic is free but reservations are required, call 250-703-2141 or email packstaf1@shaw.ca to book your seats.

**EFFECTS OF THE TPP** - CV Council of Canadians and GE Free Comox Valley invites everyone to a public forum about local food production, food safety and food quality and the potential effects of the TPP "trade" agreement. The panel includes former Health Canada regulator Dr. Shiv Chopra and National Farmers Union president Jan Stomp. Everyone is invited. Dinings will be accepted. 7 - 9 p.m. Rotary

Room, Filberg Centre. FMI 250-334-4608

**POETRY** - This month Poetry @ Red Tree will feature Cornelia Hoogland and an open mic. Cornelia has published six books of poetry and been nominated for many literary awards including CBC literary awards. Books will be for sale. Free admission. Show starts at 7. Open mic sign up at 6:45 p.m. Red Tree Specialty Coffee is at 2546 Rosewall Cr. in Tin Town.

**JAZZ AT THE AV** - The Georgia Straight Jazz Society Thursday Night Jazz Season presents the Mike Irvine Quintet at the Avalanche Bar & Grill, 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

**FRIDAY APRIL 8 FIDDLE FEST STARTS** - Fiddle Fest Concert & Dance with The Fretless. Tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 youth, at Long & McQuade in Courtenay, Blue Heron in Comox; and Music Plant in CR (www.thefretless.com). FMI: Craig - 250-339-4249



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are \$9. FMI call the Filberg Office at 250-338-1000.

**PLEASURE CRAFT COURSE**  
The Cape Lazo Power and Sail Squadron is running a weekend Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) course from Friday evening, April 8 to Sunday, April 10. For more details and to register go to capelazocps.ca or boatingcourses.ca or contact Educational Officer Barb Hammer at 250-339-2333.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9 FIDDLE FEST CONTINUES** - \$5 musical workshops for fiddle, guitar, piano, mandolin, cello/bass all day (doors at 10 a.m.) Saturday evening join those frantic fretless fiddlers, along with Fiddlejam, for a \$10 "whoop it up" community contra dance with additional polkas, swing tunes and waltzes. Tickets at the door. FMI: Craig - 250-339-4249.

**DANCING AT THE WAVE** - Packing dance floors at the Waverley and Atmosphere Gathering, Pigeon Hole returns to Cumberland for some serious spring cleaning. Advance \$15 + GST at Bop City, The Waverley, by phone 250-336-8322.

**MONDAY, APRIL 11 NEWCOMERS MEETING** - The Comox Valley Newcomers is a friendly, warm and welcoming social club for women new to the Comox Valley for two years or less. Our April 11 meeting will feature Pat McKenna VIN Executive Director and Terri Perrin volunteer co-ordinator for Habitat for Humanity. Our meetings are held at the Crown Isle Club House, 399 Club House Drive, Courtenay. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7. For more information email us at cnwcomers.bc@gmail.com or check out our website at www.cnwcomers.net

**EVERGREEN CLUB WHIST** 20 hands of play, door prizes, snacks and good fun. New players welcome. Come early to sign up. \$2 per person, members only. Come out and try something new! Cards fly at 7:30 p.m. FMI call 250-338-1000

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12 GENEALOGY GROUP** April meeting of the Comox Valley Genealogy Group will be held today, 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1901 20th St. Courtenay. Subject is "Emigration, Immigration and Migrating" - will include opportunities for member participation. All welcome. FMI Marlene 250-334-3080.

**RHODO CLUB MEETING** - For the April 12 meeting of the North Island Rhododendron Society (NIRS), avid rhodo growers Allan Murray and Terry Richmond will look at how changing weather caused by global warming is bringing about changes to how rhododendrons are grown and nurtured. NIRS meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month in the Comox United Church hall, 250 Beach in Comox with doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are served and guests interested in membership are welcome to attend.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT** - TOPS is a weight-loss support group, non-profit, in existence since 1950! TOPS can help



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to sign up. \$2 per person, members only. Come out and try something new! Cards fly at 7:30 p.m. FMI call 250-338-1000

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19 CFWW MONTHLY MEETING** The Canadian Federation of University Women are planning a field trip to Campbell River for their monthly meeting today. An opportunity to meet with like minded women, join book groups, share in community projects and support female university students with bursaries. FMI on the field trip 250-339-5656 or 250-334-3306.

**PAIN MANAGEMENT** - Do you struggle with persistent pain? Do you feel like your pain is holding your life hostage? Join us at the Comox Valley Peer-Led Pain Self-Management Group the third Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Comox Valley Nursing Centre, 1615 10th Street Courtenay. For more information

please visit our website: www.pipain.com

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21 HARD OF HEARING MEETING** The April meeting of the CHHA - CV Hard of Hearing Support Group, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Comox Recreation Centre (1855 Noel Ave, Comox). We will be meeting in Room A - on the second floor. Both an elevator and stairs are available. The topic for this month's meeting is "Planning Ahead". Come and share your ideas on what this Hard of Hearing Support Group can and should be offering those who are hard of hearing in our community (in addition to the speech reading classes). Family/friends/others are most welcome. FMI call Glenda at 250-3387792

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22 GO FOR A SODA** - Festival faves, Dope Soda is carbonated party fuel. A great warm up for Snow-to-Surf! Advance tickets \$12 @ Bop City, the Waverley, by phone 250 336 8322 and online @ CumberlandVillageWorks.com

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## Farmers' Market moves outdoors for season this week

The Comox Valley Farmers' Market moves outside this week.

After 24 years of running from 9-12 at the Exhibition Grounds, the market is adding an extra hour to the Saturday market.

"We consistently get demands for extended hours from customers who have trouble getting to the market Saturday morning, so we've decided to give folks another hour to make it in to shop," said executive director Vickey Brown.

The new hours will take effect this weekend, at the first market at the exhibition grounds this year.

The Farmers' Market is also considering adding a Sunday market to the roster this year. Brown is in the process of scouting sites in the Village of Cumberland.

"We're testing the waters right now with an online survey, and depending on the response from customers, and interest from vendors, we're looking at a weekly market — likely running 11a.m.—1p.m.

With Cumberland being the youngest community in B.C., and the streets full of young families, it is a friendly gathering place for a weekly farmers' market with its mix of modern heri-



A steady stream of shoppers flowed through the Native Sons Hall Saturday at the Comox Valley Farmers' Market. The market will move outdoors to its Headquarters Road location for the spring and summer season starting April 9.

PHOTO BY TERRY FARRELL

tage feel. Surveys can be found on the Comox Valley Farmers' Market Facebook site, or on the website.

Last year, the Cumberland Village Market ran monthly markets in Vil-

lage Park with an interesting mix of artisan vendors. This market will continue this year, moving to the Village Square and running the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Small business trade show will benefit Care-A-Van

Calling entrepreneurs! If you feel like a well-kept secret, here's your chance to showcase what you do for just \$30.

The Comox Valley Small Business Association (SBA) is hosting a small business tradeshow to showcase Valley entrepreneurs on May 7, 10:30-3:30 at the Courtenay Legion (upstairs). Area business owners can register for few of the remaining exhibit spaces, which includes an eight-foot table.

All registration proceeds are being

donated to the Care-A-Van Society, which helps low-income residents of our island with health and dental care, among other services.

In addition to exhibits from more than 35 businesses, there will be a silent auction, a cafe for snacks, an organ donor registration booth, and a display from the society.

Each half hour, from 11 until 3 p.m., there will be a 15-minute presentation from an exhibitor.

For entrepreneurs looking for a

group that combines networking with education and events such as this, please attend an SBA meeting at no charge as a guest. If you like what you see and the people you meet, membership in the association is only \$95 per year.

The SBA meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Florence Filberg Centre, Evergreen Room (lower level) at 5:30.

For more information, contact Lori Ball at lori.close@live.ca



### NEW TANKER FOR OYSTER RIVER FD

The Comox Valley Regional District's (CVRD) Oyster River fire department has taken delivery of a new 4,000 gallon tanker truck. The truck purchase price was \$158,563 with the Oyster River Volunteer Fire Rescue Association contributing up to \$8,000 to help pay for the truck. "This is a much needed investment as the old truck had very high kilometres and failed inspection due to a rusted frame," said Oyster River Fire Chief Bruce Green. "We are pleased to announce this new truck is in our fleet and will serve the community for the next two decades." The cab and chassis were purchased from a local dealer and since the stainless steel tank from the old truck was in good condition, the dealer was able to transfer the steel tank to the new truck.

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starting May 7, focusing on artisan vendors. Applications are available on their Facebook site: Cumberland Village Market.

The Comox Valley Farmers' Market is outgrowing its current locations and needs to look at alternate markets to ensure vending opportunities for local producers, and customers. If the Sunday market in Cumberland goes ahead, they'll be looking for more farmers' and food producers to fill up Sundays. Interested producers can find applications on the Farmers' Market website at [www.cvvm.ca](http://www.cvvm.ca).

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**Town of Comox  
2016 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Comox Council will consider adoption of the Town's 2016 - 2020 Financial Plan By-law at its May 4th regular meeting. The Plan is available for public inspection at Town Hall during regular office hours, and is also on our website (<http://comox.ca>)

If you wish to provide feedback to Council on its 2016 Financial Plan, please address comments to Mayor & Council at the Town of Comox 1809 Beaufort Ave, Comox, B.C. V9M 1R9.

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| DJIA                                 | 17603.32     |       |  |
| Gold                                 | 1223.10      |       |  |
| Cdn\$                                | 0.7614 US\$  |       |  |
| <b>ETFs &amp; Global Investments</b> |              |       |  |
| Claymore BRIC (GBQ)                  | 17.49        |       |  |
| BHP Billiton ADR (BHP)               | 24.07 US\$   |       |  |
| Power Shrs. GQQ (Nasdaq 100)         | 106.68 US\$  |       |  |
| Aberdeen Asia Pacific (FAP)          | 4.65         |       |  |
| S&P TSX 60 (XIU)                     | 19.60        |       |  |
| <b>Government Bonds</b>              |              |       |  |
| 5 year (CDN)                         | 0.68%        |       |  |
| 10 year (CDN)                        | 1.20%        |       |  |
| 30 year (CDN)                        | 1.97%        |       |  |
| 30 year Treasury bonds (US)          | 2.58%        |       |  |
| <b>Fixed Income GICs</b>             |              |       |  |
| HOME TRUST COMPANY                   | 1 yr: 1.550% |       |  |
| EQUITABLE BANK                       | 3 yr: 1.850% |       |  |
| B2B BANK                             | 5 yr: 2.180% |       |  |
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| TD Bank                              |              | 55.39 |  |
| Bank of Nova Scotia                  |              | 61.96 |  |
| BCE                                  |              | 59.55 |  |
| Potash Corp. of Sask.                |              | 21.16 |  |
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| Transcanada Corp.                    |              | 48.63 |  |
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# Building A BETTER COMMUNITY



■ Gord Schreiner  
GUEST COLUMN

The prevention of fires is a very worthwhile, year round activity. We are now moving into our warmer and dryer time of year when we typically have fewer fires in homes but more fires around homes. Outdoor fires can be caused by a variety of reasons and can

grow very rapidly. That is one reason many communities prohibit outdoor burning during the warmer months. Check with your local fire department for rules and regulations in your neighbourhood.

Outdoor fires can be caused by many other reasons. Hot objects like barbecue, lawn mowers, vehicles, cigarettes etc. can easily ignite dry fuels. While not too common here, lightning can also cause fires. The key here is to reduce

your risks wherever you can. Reduce the risks by ensuring hot objects like barbecues are kept away from dry fuels (grass or the siding on your house). Don't operate a barbecue under a covered porch or soffit area as a flare-up can easily start a fire above. Obey rules for outdoor open burning. Be very careful discarding hot cigarettes (that includes not throwing them from a moving vehicle).

Reduce the fuels around your home. A fast-moving grass,

bush or forest fire can be at your doorsteps in minutes. If you live in a rural area the first 10 metres around your home is a critical area and should be considered your protection zone. Reduce dry vegetation here, clean your gutters and roof of dry materials and ensure you have water quickly available to extinguish any small fires. Find more information here: <https://www.firemartcanada.ca>

Big fires start small so be

sure you are doing all you can to prevent unwanted fires year round.

We are very fortunate here in the Comox Valley as we have many well-equipped and well-trained fire departments and firefighters, but we need your help to help us help you by reducing the chance of a fire in or around your home.

For more information contact your local fire department.

Gord Schreiner is the Comox Fire Rescue Fire Chief

## RCMP REPORT

On March 31, the Comox Valley RCMP were advised of a mischief to a vehicle that occurred on the 1600 block of Balmoral Avenue, Comox. It is unknown what time this incident had occurred, but it was reported that the passenger side window of a vehicle had been smashed. (2016-3451)

### Mountain bike stolen

A stolen bicycle was reported to the Comox Valley RCMP on March 31. Sometime during the month, an unknown person(s) had entered a shed on the 2700 block of Penrith Avenue, Cumberland. A men's black and white 21-speed HKS mountain bike was stolen. (2016-3455)

### Coal Creek Park graffiti

The Comox Valley RCMP were advised of a mischief that had occurred sometime overnight on March 31. Unknown person(s) had spray painted graffiti on several items at Coal Creek Park on Comox Lake Road, Cumberland. The park message board, a log pillar, cement barrier and a power pole were all damaged by spray paint. (2016-3459)

### Missing a chainsaw?

A chainsaw was found on the 1300 block of Fitzgerald Avenue, Courtenay and turned into the Comox Valley RCMP on April 1. Investigation revealed that the saw had not been reported stolen, the owner has not been located. If you are missing a chainsaw, please contact the Comox Valley RCMP and provide a serial number or description of your missing chainsaw. (Please cite Comox Valley RCMP file # 2016-3495)

### Parking lot hit-and-run

A hit-and-run was reported to the Comox Valley RCMP on April 1. A vehicle had struck a parked vehicle in a parking lot, located on the 300 block of Lerwick Road, Courtenay. The parked vehicle sustained severe damage to the diver's side rear quarter panel and bumper. (2016-3502)

### Drinking, then driving

While on patrol along Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay, on April 1, a vehicle had caught the attention of a Comox Valley RCMP Municipal Traffic member. Due to the driving infractions, a traffic stop

was conducted. An impaired driving investigation was quickly initiated and the driver was found to have consumed alcohol before driving. As a result, the driver was issued a three-day immediate roadside prohibition and the vehicle was impounded.

### Bin shoppers

Over the course of the past few weeks, the Comox Valley RCMP have received several complaints of mischief occurring at a business located on the 2900 block of Kilpatrick Avenue, Courtenay. Overnight, unknown person(s) have been cutting the lock on a dumpster of the business and making a large mess as they go through the bin. (2016-2671, 2016-3267, 2016-3497)

If you have any information regarding any of these files, or any other crime, please contact the Comox Valley RCMP at 250-338-1321.

If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Comox Valley Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [comoxvalleycrimestoppers.bc.ca](http://comoxvalleycrimestoppers.bc.ca). You never have to identify yourself or testify in court, and you could receive a cash reward for your information.

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| <b>VANCOUVER to NANAIMO</b><br>Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay | In effect April 1, 2016 to May 18, 2016<br>6:30 am - 8:30 am - 10:30 am<br>12:30 pm - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm<br>*6:20 pm - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm<br>*May 8 & 15 only                                  |
| <b>NANAIMO to VANCOUVER</b><br>Duke Point to Tsawwassen       | In effect April 1, 2016 to June 28, 2016<br>*5:15am - *7:45am - 10:15am - 12:45pm - 3:15pm<br>5:45pm - **8:15pm - **10:45pm<br>*Daily except Sun • **Daily except Sat                        |
| <b>VANCOUVER to NANAIMO</b><br>Tsawwassen to Duke Point       | In effect April 1, 2016 to June 28, 2016<br>*5:15am - *7:45am - 10:15am - 12:45pm - 3:15pm<br>5:45pm - **8:15pm - **10:45pm<br>*Daily except Sun • **Daily except Sat                        |
| <b>COMOX to POWELL RIVER</b><br>Little River to Westview      | In effect April 1, 2016 to June 28, 2016<br>6:20am - 10:00am - *3:15pm<br>**6:50pm - *7:15pm<br>*Sun-Tue, Thu-Fri & Jun 18 only • **Wed & Sat only excluding Jun 18                          |
| <b>POWELL RIVER to COMOX</b><br>Westview to Little River      | In effect April 1, 2016 to June 28, 2016<br>8:05am - 11:50pm - *5:15pm<br>8:45pm<br>*Sun-Tue, Thu-Fri & Jun 18 only  |

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# Girls Do Code a hands-on tech learning experience

An exciting learning event is planned for Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. until noon at Aspen Elementary in the ENTER Lab. The event is called "Girls Do Code" and is a great opportunity for kids and parents to participate in several hands-on learning stations to explore topics such as coding, 3-D Printing, Lego Robotics, Gravity Cars and Minecraft. Although the event is an invitation for girls to learn more about these areas of technology, it's open to any students in the district who are interested.

Facilitating the event will be a number of ENTER students and alumni (the eCademy of New Technology Engineering and Robotics program at Navigate) as well as local female mentors from the business community who will share their ideas as to why it's important to encourage female students to engage in STEM curriculum and consider career interests in new technologies, science and engineering. Each will be bringing samples of their daily work, and sharing how these technologies help them in their careers.

The popular technology programs ENTER and ENTER2, which are



Members of the ENTER/E2 "family" which now includes alumni of the program.

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offered through Navigate to students in Grades 6-9 at both Aspen Elementary and Highland Secondary will be expanding in 2016 to include Grade 11

students with the new addition of the new iMaker program. This makes the entry-level introduction to technology even more rewarding for students as

they can continue their studies to get a very solid foundation in these fields.

The morning Girls Do Code event is free to attend and parents are encouraged to participate in the workshop as well. There will be some great door prizes as well as a chance for one of the students to win a new iPad Mini. For more information, please contact Jeff Stewart, Principal at Navigate, 250-337-5300.

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## Chefs named for BC Shellfish Festival's gala dinner

*Tickets go on sale next Monday*

The BC Shellfish Growers Association has announced the chef lineup for the 10th Annual BC Shellfish Gala Dinner to be held Friday, June 17.

The BCSGA Gala Dinner is one of the many events that are part of the 10-day BC Shellfish Festival that happens each June, B.C. Seafood Month, in the Comox Valley, the largest festival of its kind on the west coast.

The first dinner event was hosted in 2006, an idea brought to reality by the BC Shellfish Growers Association as a way to share and celebrate the significant contribution that shellfish farming makes to local communities and the provincial economy. Our region produces some of the highest quality shellfish that can be found on menus throughout the world, and B.C. shellfish farmers are operating a sustainable industry that provides more than 1,000 full time jobs in rural and coastal communities, and accounts for more than \$33 million of farm gate sales.

Since its inception, the dinner has become one of the summer's most anticipated events. Showcasing acclaimed chefs from around the province, it attracts seafood lovers from across Canada, the United States and as far as Mexico.

The 10th anniversary year in 2016 is even more significant as it will also mark the final year for this dinner. With many helping



The gala dinner is always one of the most popular components of the annual BC Shellfish Festival.

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grow the event into what it has become today, the planning has been led each year by BCSGA executive director Roberta Stevenson, who will retire following the event. Hands-on support from Tom Broadley (former) BCSGA president and, in most recent years, a team including Laura Kempling as event co-ordinator, chef Aaron Rail, White Whale Restaurant as chef coordinator, additional support from chef Kathy Jerritt, Tria Fine Catering, and design and media support from Amanda Woloshyn.

The seaside event begins with a late afternoon reception set on the waterfront of the historic Filberg Park and Lodge, overlooking Comox Harbour and the Beaufort mountain range. Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of oysters from different regions of the B.C. coast, shucked and served by the farmers who grow

them, along with a glass of local B.C. wine or beer. As the sun sets, diners will enjoy no less than six courses, each plate designed by a different chef and expertly paired with a B.C. wine or craft beer with help from sommelier Pamela Sander-son, Cascadia Liquor.

The list of 2016 featured chefs include:

**Garrett Schack**, Vista 18, Victoria;

**Jeff Keenlside**, The Marina Restaurant, Victoria;

**John McManus**, The Vancouver Fish Company, Vancouver;

**Matt MacDonald**, Berwick by the Sea, Campbell River;

**Ian Riddick**, Long Beach Lodge Resort, Tofino.

Running a successful restaurant is not a career that affords a lot of free time, so why do these chefs agree to share a valuable weekend and travel to the

Comox Valley?

According to Stevenson, the first couple of years required some begging, but now "chefs are enthusiastic about participating in the event, they know it is a lot of fun and look forward to working with their peers. The creativity of the chefs in preparing our products is amazing. I anticipate this year's event to be the best ever!"

The BCSGA Gala Dinner and Shellfish Festival activities attract a number of professional foodies each year. With only 224 seats available, the event sells out quickly each year. Tickets for the Gala Dinner go on sale at 9 a.m., Monday, April 11, are \$150 per person, or as tables of eight. To reserve with a credit card, please call the BCSGA office at 250-890-7561. For more info go to Facebook/BCShellfish-Festival and discovercomoxvalley.com

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LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Cumberland is working to develop the best possible sewage treatment plan for the Village and invites residents and representatives from local business and environmental groups to apply to be a member of Cumberland's new Wastewater Advisory Committee.

Find out more about the Committee and how to submit an application by April 18, 2016 by searching "LWMP" at [cumberland.ca](http://cumberland.ca).

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# HAMM preparing for ANZAC Day observations

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served."

Usually observed on April 25 each year, Anzac Day was originally established to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire during the First World War.

Anzac Day is also observed in the Cook Islands, Niue, Pitcairn Islands, and Tonga, and previously also as a national holiday in Papua New Guinea and Samoa. It is also observed in some local communities of Newfoundland.

The HMCS Alberni Museum and Memorial at the Comox Centre Mall in Comox will be host to the North Vancouver Island's observance of Anzac Day on Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. to commemorate the centennial of the Anzac and to provide local Island residents with ties to southern Commonwealth countries a day of Remembrance.

The public is encouraged and welcome to loan the museum items of uniforms, metals, photos and more from their family's time in the New Zealand or Australian Forces for a special exhibit to be unveiled at the event. Please contact the museum director if you would like to participate.

In 1915, Australian and New Zealand



Local ANZAC Day observations will take place at Comox Mall on Sunday, April 24.

land soldiers formed part of an Allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula to open the way to the Black Sea for the Allied navies. The objective was to capture Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire, which was an ally of Germany during the war. The ANZAC force landed at Gallipoli on April 25, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Army commanded by Mustafa Kemal (later known as Atatürk). What had been planned as a bold strike to knock the Ottomans out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915, the Allied forces were evacuated after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. The Allied casualties included 21,255 from the United Kingdom, an estimated 10,000 dead soldiers from France, 8,709 from Australia, 2,721 from New Zealand, 1,358 from British India and 40 from Newfoundland.

News of the landing at Gallipoli made a profound impact on Australians and New Zealanders at home, and April 25 quickly became the day on which they remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in the war,

a day of remembrance which continues this tradition to the present era.

Though the Gallipoli campaign failed to achieve its military objectives of capturing Constantinople and knocking the Ottoman Empire out of the war, the actions of the Australian and New Zealand troops during the campaign bequeathed an intangible but powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as an "Anzac legend" became an important part of the national identity in both countries. Though very controversial at times, Anzac Day has shaped the way their citizens have viewed both their past and their understanding of the present.

North Vancouver Island Anzac Day will take place Sunday, April 24 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at HAMM in the Comox Centre Mall. There will be musicians from New Zealand and Canada with a special presentation to the aboriginal Canadians as part of the entire event. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a special screening of the film Gallipoli in the museum's theatre.

For more information on participating and volunteering for this event, contact Lewis Bartholomew at 250-339-4322 or email at mrbarth@alberniproject.org

## Cumberland community rallying around cancer-stricken child

What began as a routine doctor's appointment to investigate their son's unusual level of fatigue has turned into an adventure that no parent wants to embark on with their child.

Kai, son of Sam Fergusson and Lee White, was diagnosed with leukemia and will need treatment for the next three-and-a-half years.

He is determined, brave, strong and supported by his incredible family, who find themselves travelling a path they never imagined. They have had to spend several months in Vancouver for treatment, and will be travelling back and forth for many more.

"We miss our Cumberland home but are making the best of being urban dwellers for a while," said Kai's mother Sam.

"This is all very overwhelming and emotional but the relationships we are



Kai with his sister Indi, mom Sam, and dad Lee.

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building with our favourite doctors and nurses make the road a bit easier. They support us through tears and frustration and we often find a little bit of humour where we can."

On April 16 at 7 p.m., friends and neighbours will be hosting a benefit at the Waverley Hotel, supported by several generous and talented musicians and artists.

Musical acts will include:

PK Tessman, Helen Austin and Doug Cox, Archie Patemen and Ben Rogalsky of the Breakman, Corwin Fox, Bobby and Meg, Shane Philips, Dukes of Dodge and more.

The evening will also include a silent auction. Sam and Lee are dedicated volunteers and valued community members - it is the group's hope to raise funds so that the family may fully support Kai without the stress of financial hardship.

If you are unable to attend the function but still want to contribute, you can donate on their GoFundMe page at [www.gofundme.com/supportkaiwhite](http://www.gofundme.com/supportkaiwhite)

You can also drop by any First Credit Union branch and donate in person. The account details are 521336. Silent auction items are also still being collected - contact Tina at (250) 703-1201 if you have something you are able to donate.

## Lessons from my mother

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# Tony Duke is waiting for a gift from a stranger



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Tony Duke sits, and waits. He has no choice. With only 13 per cent of his lung functionality remaining, he can do little else. Tony is one of the more than 500 British Columbians on the transplant list. The Buckley Bay resident needs a double lung transplant. He was first diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis nearly 25 years ago. It manifested into chronic obstructive pulmonary disease roughly 10 years later. "It began to have a serious effect ... about 15 years ago," Tony said, pausing to grasp more air halfway through the sentence. "Up until then... It was just my lifestyle ... getting old." Now he just wants to have a chance to get old. Tony is 60. Without a transplant, he has perhaps 18 months to live, with no other complications. "Bronchitis, if I were to catch it, would be extremely deadly ... as would pneumonia," he said, again, over a couple of breaths. "After six months of assessment, Tony was actively

listed at the beginning of February. And now we wait," said Tony's wife, Beth Campbell Duke. "Aside from his lungs, he is perfectly healthy."

"I just want to get on with the last 30 years of my life," said Tony, coughing and wheezing.

## April Is Organ Donor Awareness Month

The Comox Valley has its share of potential recipients who are waiting to receive their phone call. Roughly 10 per cent of the people on the transplant wait list live on Vancouver Island.

And there are plenty of success stories here as well — many of which have been documented in the *Comox Valley Record*.

There are currently more than 4,000 people alive today in B.C., thanks to transplants — 700 of them on Vancouver Island alone.

But the wait list continues to grow, at a higher rate than the registered donor list.

As BC Transplant continues to have record-breaking years with organ transplants, the need for organ donors increases.

"It really is amazing how much organ transplantation is growing in B.C., across Canada and world-wide," said Beth. "There are a few ways that the number of donated organs can increase and the one that each and every one of us has control over is to make sure that

“There are a few ways that the number of donated organs can increase and the one that each and every one of us has control over is to make sure that we’ve registered our decision with BC Transplant.”

BETH CAMPBELL DUKE

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The statistics are puzzling. Currently in B.C., more than 95 per cent of people agree with organ donation, yet less than 30 per cent have registered their decision.

"We just found out that you are five to six times more likely to need a transplant than to ever be a donor, even if you register," said Beth.

April is Organ Donor Awareness Month. Campaigns are going on throughout the province to increase awareness and, ultimately, increase organ registration.

## Help Tony and Beth

While Tony waits for his life-saving phone call, Beth is busy fundraising for what she knows will be an expensive process; one which will require her to be in Vancouver with Tony for a minimum of three months, post-transplant.

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"He needs to be in the hospital twice weekly, 7:30 in the morning for blood tests, and then other days, for physio," said Beth. "Your medical expenses are covered, but your non-medical expenses are not, and those can be crippling."

"Every transplant recipient has to have a support person sign a form saying they understand they have to be there throughout the (recovery) process in Vancouver. We are actually the fortunate among the unfortunate, because we can stay here (in Buckley Bay), right until the transplant. There are people who live father away ... who would have to move (to Vancouver). The government provides \$600 per month, for rent, but we know what that gets you in Vancouver."

You can help #EliminateTheWait and support Tony Duke's lung transplant at his Organ Donor Registration and Bottle Drive event on April 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Courtenay Recycle-It Depot on Puntledge Road.

If you can't make the event, you can donate to account #399 and find organ donor registry links on their website TransplantRogues.com

### Recipient gives back

Amanda Poch has the best-ever reason for being an organ donation advocate. She was a recipient 10 years ago.

Poch had been battling an autoimmune condition that was destroying her liver. She was rushed to hospital March 18, 2006, extremely ill.

Eleven days after being admitted to hospital, Poch was near death.

The only reason she is alive to tell the story today is because someone had registered as an organ donor.

It was estimated she had less than eight hours left to live, when a donor came through for her.

"I said to my fiancée 'I'm thinking for my 10-year (anniversary) I may want to do something big' and mentioned the tour to her and she thought it was a good idea. I kind of thought it would be a small, humble event, but it's turned out to be quite a bit more than I expected it to (be), with the partnership of the Kidney Foundation of Canada."

Poch started the Live Then Give tour (liventhengive.ca); a province-wide organ donor awareness tour. Her goal is to get 10,000 new donor registrants this year.

"I will have all the forms available for people to register, right there, or they can take the forms home. I also have all the information if they want to sign up online as well. All that can be done at my caravan, which will be at various locations throughout the province."

Poch had her tour on the south part of the Island last month and will be bringing her Live Then Give caravan to the north Island during the summer months.

"It will be sometime in June. My dates are still being worked on."

Poch said there are a few misconceptions about organ donation, which is one reason for her tour - to clarify some of the bad information out there.

"Some of the biggest objections I get are, 'I'm too old; you don't want my organs anyways, because they are too used.'" said Poch. "Well, my donor was 72 years old. I received it at the age of 26. I am fine. So that is a huge point to get across. And the oldest donor on record is 93 years old."

"I also hear 'I have this wrong with me,' or 'I'm sick,' or 'I can't give blood.' Well the process of giving blood is much different than giving organs. Your organs are assessed at the time (of donation). You may not be able to donate all your organs, but you still have the opportunity to give some."

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# Groundbreaking ceremony for I Belong Centre

Wendy Dyck  
Submitted to The Record

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the L'Arche Comox Valley I Belong Centre takes place Monday, April 18.

This is an amazing project that has garnered whole-hearted community support, and we would like to invite anyone who is part of the vision for a more inclusive community to join us on Monday, rain or shine, at 9:30 a.m.

We will put a shovel into the ground at 1465 Grieve Ave. in Courtenay and celebrate the incredible vision and support our community has shown for this project.

From the beginning, this project has been about local people taking care of other local people, enriching the Comox Valley by including everyone in the life of the community. The I Belong Centre will be a community hub open to all, with innovative arts programming, in addition to six residential suites that will provide much-needed affordable and safe housing for adults with disabilities.

With ground broken, construction managers Muchalat Construction will commence work on the 8,000-plus square foot facility with projected completion in early spring of 2017. Close to the downtown core, the I Belong Centre will feature four large activity rooms and studios, a large drop-in foyer, kitchen and administrative offices with capacity to accommodate up to 50 people in a range of activities, including creative arts, life-skills training, employment and volunteer-readiness training, cooking, socializing, community gatherings and recreation.

To date, the I Belong! campaign has raised \$1 million, with another \$500,000 to go. You can still "join us on the journey" by donating to the campaign via the L'Arche Comox Valley website, [larchecomoxvalley.org](http://larchecomoxvalley.org), or by participating in one of our fundraising events. Get involved, check it out!

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A little over 20 years ago, former Comox Valley MLA the late Stan Hagen approached several friends and supporters in the local business community with the idea of starting a community foundation. Accountant Murray Presley was one of them: "None of us in the room knew anything about community foundations," recounted Presley, "but Stan made it sound like we could be a Comox Valley version of the Vancouver Foundation and that was all we needed to know. A few of us sat around our boardroom table and put names of community leaders on a white board as prospective Foundation directors. These people reflected different strengths, diverse political interests, not to mention a few with significant assets," laughs Presley. "We wanted to set it up in a way that no one interest group would be able to control the Foundation. It was important that lots of different groups would always be represented."

From these humble beginnings 20 years ago, the Comox Valley Community Foundation has grown into a respected organization for honouring its donors' legacies, and for enriching life in the Comox Valley by distributing funds to local charities. The Foundation has awarded more than \$1.75 million to community organizations and last year climbed to more than \$11.5 million in assets.

Former CVC Foundation President and a founding director, Richard Swift, sums up the experience this way: "I told Stan that I thought the Foundation would be his greatest legacy to the Comox Valley. I think that the growth – and impact – of the Foundation in its first 20 years means my prediction may well turn out to be accurate."

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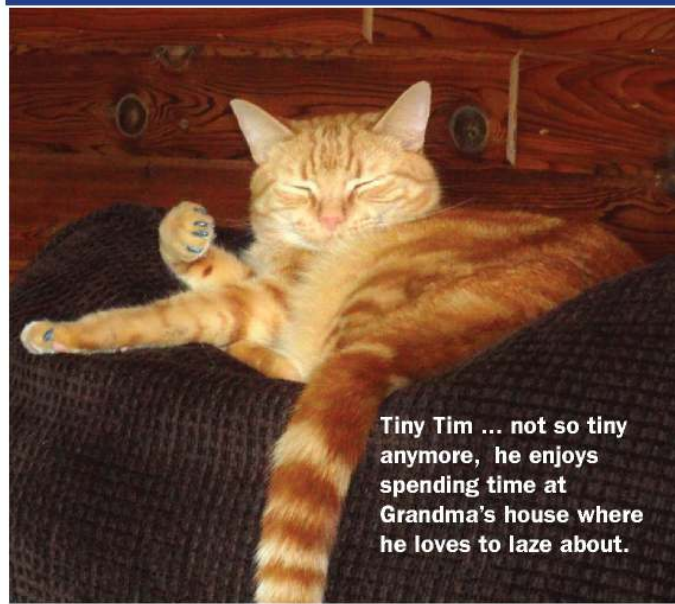
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Pet owners may find signs of aging more noticeable in dogs than cats, as cats tend to be less active in the daytime than dogs. Canines that were once rambunctious and energetic can sometimes lose their zeal as the years tick by. Knowing what to expect of aging dogs can help owners prepare for the years ahead.

### Nutrition

Aging dogs need vitamins, minerals, fats, and fuel. The right pet diet can help dogs remain active and playful as long as possible. Take the time to speak with your

dog's veterinarian about brands or food formulations that may help your dog live with certain conditions. Vets may suggest foods that are easily digestible or that include essential fatty acids for cognition and a healthy coat. Foods may need to be low in calories to help prevent weight gain from reduced activity.

### Veterinary care

Geriatric dogs may require more frequent veterinary visits than younger animals so any potential health conditions can be discovered before they escalate.

Discuss any mental and behavioral issues your dog has exhibited with the vet, as dogs can show signs of senility as they get older. The doctor may recommend tasks to keep dogs engaged and more cognizant.

### Arthritis

Aging dogs may suffer the aches and pains associated with arthritis. Large dog

breeds are especially vulnerable to joint diseases. Take note if your pet seems to be walking stiffly or having difficulty sitting down. Increased irritability may also be a sign your pet is in pain.

The vet may suggest pain relief medication to help. An orthopedic bed, frequent rub downs of stiff joints and cozy spots to

stretch out can help, too.

### Dental cleanings

Dental care is important throughout a pet's life, but even more so as he or she ages. Tartar buildup can lead to gingivitis, which can cause bacteria to get into the dog's bloodstream, potentially leading to internal illness. Brushing your dog's

teeth and providing teeth-cleaning chews and toys can help. You also may need to schedule thorough teeth cleanings at the vet's office.

Pets' needs change as they get older. Dog owners should keep watchful eyes on their aging pooches to ensure man's best friend stays happy through his or her golden years.



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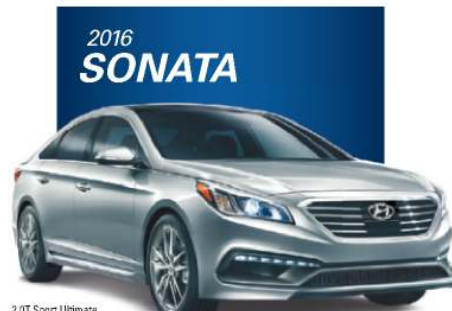


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# African dinner to support Stephen Lewis Foundation

This is one event you need to act on quickly if you want to get a ticket – the fifth annual African Dinner, a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The Merville Grand Mothers and the Glacier Grannies in the Comox Valley are working together to create a memorable evening and raise funds in support of the SLF.

The SLF works with grassroots projects and organizations that focus on supporting grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa and the many orphaned grandchildren they “parent” as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

This year the Filberg Centre in Courtenay has been booked for Sunday April 17 and will seat 150 lucky diners.

The Merville Grand Mothers have already planned



The annual African Dinner has moved to the Florence Filberg Centre this year, to address the ever-growing popularity of the event. Tickets are now available at the Laughing Oyster and Blue Heron Bookstores, as well as the Merville General Store.

the menu and organized their cooking teams.

The Glacier Grannies are

taking care of the decorating, serving, entertainment and a silent auction.

Janine Reid from the Royal City Gogos in Vancouver has been invited as the guest speaker.

She will be speaking about this year’s 10th anniversary celebrations of the Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign. Our sponsor is Mason Walker of Re/max Ocean Pacific Realty who will help defray many of our costs.

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# ARTS

## An evening of Persian dance in Cumberland



The Abbey Studio in Cumberland welcomes back international dance artist and scholar Farima Berenji for an evening of Persian traditional and sacred dance performances, poetry and sufi whirling on Friday April 15.

The evening will begin with dance performances by Berenji and by Simorgh Dance Collective (her student performance group based here in the Comox Valley.)

Also, expect to see a variety of women's traditional and sacred dances by guest dancers coming for the workshops that weekend.

Following the dance performances, Berenji will teach personal and spiritual Sema (Sufi Whirling) as well as other turning practices, while listening to sacred poetry and music.

Berenji travels worldwide to perform, teach dance and wellness. Her love and passion for dance and history has led her on an extraordinary life-long journey throughout the world, from her home countries Iran and Azerbaijan to other neighboring Silk Road countries such as Armenia, Kurdistan, and Turkey.

Berenji is strongly connected to spirituality and healing and is under the guidance and teaching of Mevlana Order Sufi master and dervish Dr.

Rahmi Oruç Güvenç of Turkey. She hopes to guide people to the historic beauty and richness of the Silk Road culture and to help people find their inner bliss through dance, music, and sacred healing. For more info about Farima Berenji visit farimadance.com.

For the event on Friday, April 15, feel free to bring and share a poem, percussion instruments and/or snacks.

People that wish to participate in the Sema Gathering are encouraged to wear white or light-colored clothing and, wear socks or soft-soled shoes for whirling. Admission is by donation at the door. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., performances start at 8 and the Sema Gathering will happen between 9-10:30. We hope that you join us for a magical evening of whirling and traditional dances from the Silk Road!

Berenji will also be teaching dance workshops that same weekend and leading a healing circle aka Zikr on Saturday evening April 16th 7-9 p.m. The Zikr is open to all and is by donation. There are only a few spots left in the weekend dance intensive, those interested in the dance workshops, visit cathystoykodance.blogspot.com for full details. For more information call Cathy at (250) 218-0704 or email cdstoyko@universe.com. All workshops and evening events are happening at the Abbey Studio, located at the corner of 1st & Penrith Ave. in Cumberland.

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Members of Island Voices got to know each other away from rehearsals at a recent retreat.

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## Island Voices an 'evolving ensemble'

Since 1997, Island Voices Choir has been on a quest – a quest for excellence. Founded by the late Frances Keen, the choir's mission statement has been "to sing excellent music excellently."

This year's spring concerts on April 15 and 16, will demonstrate the choir's progress – with new singers, new and challenging music, and a renewed and more polished choral sound. Conductor Jenn Forsland describes the choir as "an evolving ensemble still rooted in its fundamental pursuits of excellence in choral art."

### Five new members

This year the choir added five new members to its family, adding youth, energy and a breadth of experience.

Added to the women's sections are two well-known vocal teachers and conductors. Many local people will recognize soprano Carol Anne Parkinson from solo work with CYMC and the North Island Choral Society, as director of the Nova Voce Choral Society, and through Kindermusik, which provides a strong musical start for children newborn to age seven.

She has cherished choral memories as part of the award-winning Capilano College Singers, and has recorded two CDs with the Vancouver Cantata Singers.

Alto Rosemary Lindsay, who drives up from Qualicum each week, was fortunate enough to cut her choral teeth in Vancouver's highly celebrated Phoenix Chamber Choir. While in the big smoke she also sang with the Vancouver Cantata

Singers, the Vancouver Chamber Choir, and the premier women's choir, Elektra. Since moving to Vancouver Island, her perspective has been from the podium, directing small and large choirs, and Rosemary is thrilled to be once again singing, under Jenn Forsland's superlative direction, in the Island Voices.

And to outdo the women, the men's section has added three talented new members. Who would have thought that this fine choir would have six true tenors in its ranks!

Jason Lee, an avid musician, joins us after recently moving from Calgary to Campbell River. Adding some youthful exuberance to the tenor section, Vanier grad Josh Tucker started singing halfway through Grade 11 and found himself loving it. A student at North Island College, Josh also sings with Celebration Singers and Vocal Minority.

But it is always the bass section which is the foundation of a choir's sound. Singing those pure low notes is new bass Kurt Reimer. Although he started with piano and trumpet, Kurt says "singing is what I loved more than instrumental music."

He sang with a men's barbershop chorus in Kentville, N.S. and a maritime champion quartet called Seventh Wave. Kurt brought his family to Comox in 2010, but it wasn't until five years later, after watching his son perform with Cantiamo, that he was moved to find a choir for himself.

"I'd heard that Island Voices was terrific - I couldn't be happier to be a part of this special choir family," he says.

### Solid foundation

Though there have been quite a few new members in recent years, Island Voices is still sticking to the roots created by Frances Keen.

After 19 years, there are still eight founding members in the choir. The cohesive nature of the group, the commitment to hard work, to learning, and to supporting each other has kept these experienced musicians returning year after year.

"All those years ago, our group decided to create a regional choir, one where we would be continually challenged, where we would be working to create music of high quality and would be singing with depth and conviction," said Jo-Anne Preston, one of the founding members. "With Jenn's commitment to excellence, we are closer than ever to achieving our goals."

After a very moving and successful Remembrance Day program, Island Voices began working on their current repertoire in November.

*Our Flight Begins as Song* features songs about music and songs linked to flight – birds, angels, wind and clouds, and includes the Canadian premier of John Conohan's *Of Men and Angels*.

Performances are on Friday, April 15 at Comox United Church (with the Village Voices from Qualicum), and on Saturday, April 16 at Campbell River's Maritime Heritage Centre.

Both concerts begin at 7:30; tickets \$20 (students accompanied by an adult free). For further info contact Jo-Anne at: preston@shaw.ca

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# CVAG to announce Milne Award winner Saturday



Nonny Milne.

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The Comox Valley Art Gallery will present the annual Nonny Milne Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts Saturday, April 9, at a celebration for the gallery's volunteers which starts at noon.

"We're hosting this event to honour and thank the amazing team of volunteers who make it possible for CVAG to operate and thrive," said CVAG executive director Sharon Karsten.

"From the founding of our organization in 1974 through to today, we have always run on the power of exceptional and dedicated volunteers."

Everyone is welcome to attend the event, which will include refreshments, snacks and the presentation of the Nonny Milne Award.

The award was established last year to recognize an individual, couple or collective that has made a prolonged and profound contribution to the Comox Valley arts community.

It is named after the late Nonny Milne, a former

*"Nonny was a tireless champion of the arts, and she embodies the selfless volunteerism that is the foundation of the Comox Valley arts community."*

SHARON KARSTEN

CVAG president and lifelong supporter of the arts.

"Nonny was a tireless champion of the arts, and she embodies the selfless volunteer-

ism that is the foundation of the Comox Valley arts community," Karsten said.

Prior to the volunteer celebration, CVAG will hold its Annual General Meeting. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the call to order

is at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome, but only members in good standing have a vote at the meeting.

While at the gallery, visitors will have a chance to view the current exhibition *Make/Repeat/Alter*, featuring the work of Eric Lesage, Janet Wang, and students from the North Island Distance Education School.

Visitors can also take out memberships, sign up as volunteers, or get more information about potential volunteer roles.

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## Musician/artist Some coming to Cumberland

Morgan Some is a multi-dimensional enigma. A prolific visual artist, musician, actor and filmmaker, boasting a four-octave vocal range with perfect pitch.

He brings listeners to tears with his unparalleled hypnotic angelic falsetto, and has churned crowds into a rocking frenzy with his bone-rattling dynamicism and range.

He has performed and played at some of the most prestigious venues in America, and now he is coming to Cumberland.

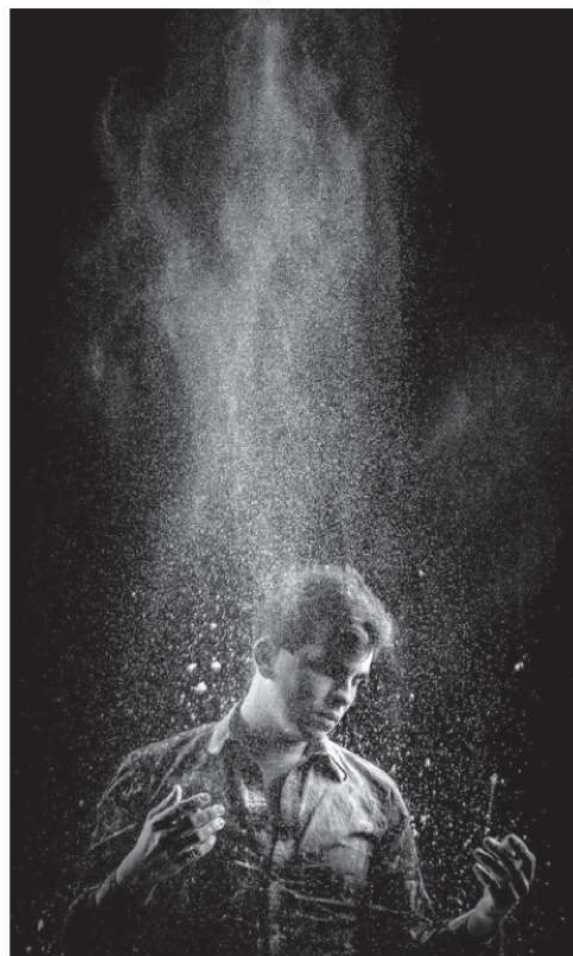
Some will play at Studio Live on April 14. He will also host a vocal workshop earlier in the day.

Some's meteoric success has truly made him one to watch. He is destined for the world stage.

At the age of 23, and within the first six months of relocating to Austin, he was one of the youngest emerging artists to represent contemporary art in Texas, chosen by Art in America for the Texas Biennial. He was one of 63 selected artists, beating out thousands of submissions by mid-career and veteran artists.

Having performed on the stage since the age of three, Some has passionately pursued his career at all levels, earning a BFA in studio art, and has achieved the critical acclaim of noteworthy musicians and creative titans of the performing arts. To date, he has received Avant Garde Artist of the Year by the Austin Music Awards, successfully funded and fulfilled a Kick-starter for his epic, six-album opera, *House of Stone* and was invited to perform at Art Basel in Miami.

Catch him at Studio Live



A four-octave vocal range, and a growing reputation in the contemporary art world, has Some drawing the attention of art critics worldwide.

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April 14 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets (\$15) are available at Bop City Records (Courtenay), Blue Heron Books (Comox), and Rider's Pizza (Cumberland). Tickets will be \$20 at

the door, if available. His afternoon workshop (\$20-40 scale) is from 1-3 p.m., also at Studio Live. For more info, go to [www.facebook.com/events/1568700406780737/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1568700406780737/)

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## Local artist hosting show and sale in her home this weekend

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## SPORTS

# Kickers hosting Piggies in Island semifinal on Sunday

The resurgent Comox Valley Kickers men's rugby team will be trying to take another step toward the provincial championships when they host the Cowichan Piggies this Sunday in a 1 p.m. start at Village Park in Cumberland.

This past Sunday the Kickers defeated the Piggies 35-19 in Cowichan to earn the right to host the Island Div. 3 semifinal rematch this weekend. Within the first five minutes the Kickers turned intense pressure into points with a well-worked forwards' try, culminating with Ben Trevina crashing over the line and putting Cowichan on the back foot.

Cowichan responded strongly, camping out in the Kickers' 22 for 15 solid minutes. However the defence held and Cowichan was denied the points. The half continued with good back and forth rugby until just at the stroke of half time when captain Brandon Hudson staked the visitors to 14-0 lead.

The second half saw two more unanswered tries from the Kickers, putting them comfortably in the driver's seat. In the last 20 minutes Cowichan found a



Strong tackling helped the Kickers defeat Cowichan. The Piggies are looking to avenge the loss this Sunday when they come to Cumberland Village Park to take on the Kickers in an Island Div. 3 semifinal match.

reserve of energy to run in three tries through good backs' play, capitalizing on penalties due to poor discipline. The Kickers added one more try to seal the

deal.

It has been a tough couple years for the Kickers men's rugby, a spokesperson noted. After topping the Island 3rd

**PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
Division in 2013, the club has been in a slump. Many long-time members retired and were not replaced with new blood. This started to change this sea-

son with Dan Mills stepping up to assist head coach Frank Baulcomb in crafting a winning side – the mixture of new players and returning veterans have committed to the team this year.

"Though the Kickers suffered the heart-breaking loss of Frank last month, the lads have stepped up to complete what he started, with a great show of commitment and drive he would have been proud to see. He is missed," the spokesperson said.

"It has been fantastic to start see the young players, who have gone through the excellent rugby programs we have at Vanier and Isfeld, step in and do so well in men's rugby," says Mills.

"We have been missing players with that turn of pace which can make or break games, but recently three young men have stepped forward, really making the difference. I see us returning to regular wins going forward, which will vindicate the dedication and hard work of the core of players who have kept the club going."

**LINE OUTS** The Island final goes April 16 with provincials April 23 and April 30 ...

## Top youth soccer teams in town this weekend for Island Invitation Cup



■ Earle Couper

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There will be some top-notch youth soccer in Courtenay this weekend (April 9-10) when the Comox Valley United Soccer Club hosts the 52nd Island Invitation Cup.

"We welcome teams from throughout Vancouver Island to the 'Tournament of Soccer Champions' and are thrilled to again host the longest running youth soccer championship on Vancouver Island," a CVUSC spokesperson said.

All the action is at Valley

View. Three games on April 9 see U14G Port Alberni vs. Peninsula at 12 p.m. on VV#1, U14G Powell River vs. Bays at 2:30 p.m. on VV#2 and U14B Powell River vs. Juan de Fuca at 2:30 p.m. on VV#3.

Seven local teams join the fray on April 10.

On VV#1, U13G Comox vs. Juan de Fuca at 11:30 a.m. followed by U16B Comox vs. Saanich at 1 p.m.

On VV#2 U13B Comox vs. Saanich at 11:30 a.m., U18B Comox vs. Bays at 1 p.m. and U18G Comox vs. Saanich at 3:15 p.m.

On VV#3, U15B Comox vs. Bays at 11:30 p.m. and U16G Comox vs. Peninsula at 1:30 p.m.

"It is important for our club to thank all of our participants,

coaches, managers but most importantly our players," the spokesperson said. "The level of competition in youth soccer on the Island has never been stronger!"

"A special thanks to all of our club and event sponsors for providing financial support to make this event a success. Additionally, thanks to all of our volunteers and officials, without them we could not make this event happen.

"Additionally we thank both of our governing districts, Upper Island Soccer and Lower Island Soccer, for their continuing support of this event. We wish you all success on the field this weekend and congratulations for being a finalist in this great event."

Fans are most welcome.



## LOCAL HERO AWARDS

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# 'Duner' leads KIJHL champs into battle at Cyclone Taylor Cup

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The stage is set for the 2015-16 Cyclone Taylor Cup.

B.C.'s best Jr. B hockey teams are in Esquimalt from April 7-10. Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League champions Victoria Cougars are hosting the four-team, round-robin tournament at the Archie Browning Sports Centre.

Joining the Capital City Cats are the VIJHL runners-up Campbell River Storm, Kootenay International Junior Hockey League winners 100 Mile House Wranglers (with former Comox Valley Glacier Kings coach Dale "Duner" Hladun behind the bench) and Pacific Junior Hockey League champions Mission City Outlaws.

Game 1 goes this afternoon (Thursday, April 7) at 4 p.m. with Mission City vs. Campbell River. At 7:30 p.m. that day 100 Mile House vs. Victoria. Friday's games see Mission City vs. 100 Mile House at 4 p.m. followed by Campbell River vs. Victoria at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Campbell River vs. 100 Mile House at 4 p.m. and Mission City vs. Victoria at 7:30 p.m. The tournament wraps up Sunday with the bronze medal game at 10 a.m. and the gold medal game at 2 p.m.

The B.C. Jr. B champion advances to the Keystone Cup (Western Canadian championships) April 14-17 in Regina.

The Keystone Cup brings together the champions of 12 hockey leagues from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario.

There is no national championship for Jr. B hockey in Canada. Similar championships are held in Southern Ontario (Sutherland Cup), Ottawa District (Carson Trophy), Quebec (Coupe Dodge), and Atlantic Canada (Don Johnson Memorial Cup) — leaving five teams at the end of each year with a

shared claim to being the best Jr. B team in Canada.

Campbell River is the defending Keystone Cup champion.

## Cyclone Tickets

Eight-game tournament passes are valid for all six round robin games and both medal games. They are \$70 for adults and \$55 for seniors and/or students (must show valid school identification) and are on sale now.

Tournament passes can be purchased by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) by contacting Gary Boyer at 250-686-7709.

Individual tickets are \$15 per game for adults and \$12 per game for seniors and/or students (must show valid school identification) and all games will be available at the door.

If you have any questions about tickets, email Boyer at cougarpres@gmail.com

# Kelly Smith Memorial golf tourney on tap



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Some early birds get the worm.

One early bird who signs up for the sixth annual Kelly Smith Memorial Tournament will get a whole lot more.

Registering before May 31 gives golfers a chance to win a 2016 Nissan Micra. Entry is \$400 per team and e-money transfers should be sent to kellysmithgolffregistration@hotmail.com.

Presented by the Revy Auto Group Family of Dealership, the tourney donates all proceeds to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. This year's event goes Aug. 12 at Glacier Greens Golf Course (call 250-339-6515 to reserve a cart).

There is a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize put up by CTS Coastal Transportation on both the front and back nine and a putting contest featuring a prize from Campbell River Whale Watching.

The four-ball, best-ball tourney features a 1 p.m. shotgun start. There are



Sgt. Jerry Snook was joined by representatives from Comox Valley Nissan at the 19 Wing Comox firehall to showcase the Nissan Micra that is the prize for one lucky early bird entrant.

PHOTO BY EARLE COUPER

KPs on all par threes and a longest drive competition.

Between the ninth and 10th holes, golfers are invited to tailgate with the Comox Fire Department, with donations going to Heart & Stroke.

The 19 Wing Comox Fire Service began the tournament to remember Kelly Smith, who was a deputy chief with the department when he died unexpectedly of a heart attack at age 52.

Smith had no history of heart problems, notes Sgt. Jerry Snook, who is once again co-ordinating this

year's tourney. In a previous interview with *The Record*, Snook explained the Comox Fire Department is involved as they too lost a firefighter (Capt. Stewart Rennie) to a heart attack three years ago.

There will be a dinner and silent auction following golf. For more information, contact Snook at 250-792-2651.

Snook explained the tournament started out small, accepting entries only from the fire hall the first two years and raising a few hundred dollars both

times.

The decision was made to open the entries up in order to raise more funds. With the help of some sponsors, Snook figures the tourney raised about \$5,000 in the first four years.

The turning point came last year when the event was opened to the public for the first time and Comox Valley Nissan came on board as a major sponsor. The result was a lot fun — and a lot of funds — as \$7,333 was raised for the Heart and Stroke foundation.

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# Local curlers were up for the challenge

The Comox Valley Curling Centre hosted Regions 9 and 10 for the Island North Club Challenge March 25-27. The club curlers who qualify in the six regions' Club Challenges go on to participate in the 17th annual Pacific International Cup April 13-17 at the Richmond Curling Centre.

Kim skipped her team of Lonnie Schopp (throwing last rock), second Mickey Colburn and lead Yvette Green to the win and her seventh appearance (third as skip) at the PIC. The two teams share an interesting history, with Kim and Lonnie being former teammates of Deb Morrissey who have competed at five PIC challenges.

The B.C. men's and women's curling club saw Comox Val-

ley and Campbell River go neck and neck throughout the event, splitting the round-robin games with an additional one needed to decide the result.

The local team of Deb Morrissey (Goodwin) battled against the C.R. team of Kim Jonsson in the final round.

The ladies teams saw Comox Val-



Men's team (left to right) Ron Schmidt, Norm Cote, Craig Bernes, Darren Richards. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

champions that win their regional Club Challenge events and finish on top at the Pacific International Cup will become British Columbia's Travelers Curling Club Champions.

They will then represent B.C. at the Travelers Curling Club Championship, Nov. 20-26 in Kelowna.



Women's team (left to right) Kim Jonsson, Lonnie Schopp, Mickey Colburn, Yvette Green.

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**Weekly Highlights**  
**Week ending March 26**  
**Monday 9:30 55 Plus** Arnie Morrison 243, Barb Lane 211, Cheryl Davies 230, Marie Israel 231, Anna Turcott 217, Arnie Auerbach 209, Heather Abraham 217  
**Monday 12:30 55 Plus** Rick Rodriguez 225, Pat Huntley 210, Barb Spotzi 183, Shirley M. 203, Lyle Tomie 211  
**Monday 4 P.M. Youth** Spring Break  
**Tuesday 9:30 Ladies** Penny Savin 211, Elsie Ritsmea 205, Barb Pottruff 198, Shirley Webb 204, Joyce Boon 227, Fran Patton 170, Laurie McWillis 231, Brenda Searl 191  
**Tuesday 12:30** Ev Andrews 184, Allison Bennett 142, Gary Pearson 132, George Andrews 215, Ed Schievink 107  
**Tuesday Night Adult** John Graff 252, Violet Cleaver 262, Natalie Weir 205, Marc Davis 207, Henry Washington 232, Rick Kroeker 244, Duwane Granneman 217, Bob Sharp 247  
**Wednesday 9:30 55 Plus** Heather Abraham 218, Nick Tjart 217, Marie Israel 190, Sue Minchin 153, Theresa Pinke 172, Laura Webber 207, Yvonne Melancon 202, Andre Melancon 212, Aggie Acoijn 198  
**Tuesday/Wednesday CRA** Lisa Bruce 143, Ashley Parker 79, Leona Wagner 109, Karen Slater 126, Rose Fulcher 125, Lyle Farnham 112, Robert Burns 139, Michael Campbell 240, Larry McCooney 142  
**Wednesday Night Adult** Tom Nurse 224, Wade Rathby 211, Barb Pottruff 198, Al Gavel "316"  
**Thursday 12:30 55 Plus** Vera Winter 267, Bill Brazie 193, Vicki Baile 195, Brigitte Boeseymer 184, Grace Rodriguez 248, Rick Rodriguez 211, Ivan Ally 270, Bob Sharp 281, Linda Meers 216  
**Thursday Night Adult** April Brekke Reidl 227, Duwane Granneman 211, Rick Kroeker 253, Kevin Gurnham 211, Scott Van Achte 293, Dave Stacey 240, Rose Stenabaugh 219, Paul Zorz 246, Alex Bodnar 213, Anne Bodnar 239, George Wedge 206  
**Friday 9:30 55 Plus** Good Friday, no bowling  
**Special Olympics** Athletes had the week off for Easter Break

### 8-BALL POOL

#### FALL-WINTER LEAGUE

| Team             | RW | PT   | GW  |
|------------------|----|------|-----|
| Breaking Bad     | 94 | 4186 | 261 |
| Scratch          | 93 | 4235 | 279 |
| Tap Tap Tap      | 92 | 4377 | 292 |
| Magic Moments    | 90 | 4262 | 264 |
| 2bad4u           | 86 | 4076 | 263 |
| Drive By         | 84 | 4165 | 272 |
| Chalk-A-Holics   | 84 | 4116 | 263 |
| Just The Tip     | 84 | 4105 | 263 |
| Shooting Ducks   | 79 | 4041 | 260 |
| Chalk N' Awe     | 77 | 3793 | 233 |
| Rack-No-Phobia   | 76 | 4006 | 255 |
| Rack-Attack      | 73 | 3715 | 227 |
| Chalk One Up!    | 62 | 3437 | 197 |
| Balls In Hand    | 56 | 3444 | 191 |
| B-Side Ourselves | 55 | 3408 | 193 |
| Cue-Tease        | 52 | 3398 | 193 |
| Less Lame Ducks  | 48 | 3285 | 173 |
| ^This Way Up^    | 48 | 3042 | 144 |
| Stick Ticklers   | 45 | 3059 | 148 |
| High Ballers     | 37 | 2850 | 126 |
| Smokin 8 Balls   | 35 | 2926 | 128 |
| The Breakers     | 35 | 2858 | 127 |

RW-rounds won; PT-points; GW-games won

#### Player of Year Standings

| Player            | GP  | Pts   |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| Wallington, Stacy | 92  | 100.0 |
| Adams, Gary       | 104 | 87.8  |
| Ostwald, Werner   | 100 | 86.9  |
| Brown, Jim        | 104 | 75.2  |
| Wright, Rob       | 108 | 74.9  |
| Robinson, Shane   | 96  | 73.4  |
| Ferguson, Brian   | 104 | 71.1  |
| Gard, Mike        | 76  | 70.7  |
| Bishop, Alwyn     | 104 | 69.2  |
| Caton, Bernie     | 96  | 68.8  |

### CAMPBELL RIVER 10-PIN

**50+ Seniors - Thursday A.M**  
**Final Standings**

| Team          | Qtr | Total |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| The 'EH' Team | 94  | 309.5 |
| Flyers        | 92  | 276   |

# North sweeps South in Island Classic basketball



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The South may rise again, but this year it was all North, all the time at the Vancouver Island Seniors Classic All-Star Games.

Two North Island boys basketball teams and one girls squad won their games over South Island opponents in what event organizer Brett Westcott believes is the first-ever North Island sweep in the event's 29-year history.

The April 2 games at UVic's CARSA gym showcased the best graduating high school players on Vancouver Island.

"The games were well-attended and the participants seemed to enjoy themselves over the course of the day's team practices, all-star games and post-game socials," Westcott said.

"I want to offer a special thanks to Jouska Lockquell (Mark Isfeld senior girls coach) who organized the North girls team and to the coaches who volunteered their time to coach in the games."

senior boys bench boss Larry Street coached the North Boys B team, which prevailed 82-64.

"It was lots of fun to coach," Street said. "Our boys led by 30 in the third quarter. All worked very hard and represented the North leagues very well."

While there were no Comox Valley players on the team, there were five locals on the Girls North squad: coach Grant Ashlee and players Sydney Kuhnert, Aleah Ashlee and Maddi Eaton from Mark Isfeld and coach Peter Parke of Vanier.

"Grant did a marvelous job coaching, with lots of class," Street said. "His daughter Aleah was a standout, and the North Girls were up 48-12 at one point."

"The South tried a bit of a comeback early in the fourth, but still lost by 20 (81-61). Aleah will be playing in the B.C. All-Star game later in April, and is heading to UVic next year - I feel she is the best unknown player in the province."

The Boys A tilt featured five Comox Valley players - Jeppe Madson, Davis Malton and Hank Magdanz of Mark Isfeld along with Chase Hobenshield and Tyler Knopp of Vanier.

Vanier.

"Our five Comox Valley boys were out into the game as a group as the second shift," said Street. "They held their own for the rest of the first quarter. For the rest of the game, because there were 12 players, the coaches just platooned in a new five every five minutes."

The score was tied 51-51 at the end of three quarters. "For the rest of the game the momentum changed back and forth until the North took over with big inside play by Hobenshield, Cowichan's Noah Charles, and the steady ball handling of Madson," said Street. The North prevailed 80-68 to complete the sweep.

**Tourney History**  
 The Seniors Classic All-Star Games have featured some extremely talented players, including Steve Nash, whose game-high 17 points led the Boys A South team to a 100-85 win in 1992.

Comox Valley players have also distinguished themselves at the event. Among the highlights: In 2015 Avery Snid-

er's (Isfeld) game-high 18 points weren't enough as the South Girls won 70-60.

In 2014 Sam Lewis (Highland) was Boys B North MVP while Cole Hutchings (Isfeld) scored a game-high 21 points and was MVP in the Boys A North 75-60 win. In 2010 Chelsea Olsen (Isfeld) was a s MVP as

the North Girls won 78-59. In 2009 Rylan Higginson (Highland) was MVP as the Boys A North prevailed 105-94.

In 2008 Tyler Olsen (Isfeld) was MVP in the Boys A North 115-90 win.

The local all-stars really shone in 2007 when Keenan Milburn (Isfeld) tallied a game-high 19 points and was MVP

*Grant did a marvelous job of coaching, with lots of class.*

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# Strathcona Nordics pursue their passion at Nationals

For six Strathcona Nordics ski team members, Spring Break was anything but a time for rest and relaxation.

Just back from competing at the 2016 Haywood Cross-Country Ski Nationals in Whitehorse, March 19-26, are Tallon Noble, Connor McGrady, Madeleine Guimond, Ross Lamon, Matthew Salmon and Eva Salmon, all of the Comox Valley.

In a field of 500 of the best Nordic and para-Nordic ski racers in the country, including members of Canada's senior National Team and National Development squads, our local athletes took on the challenge in a gruelling week of racing. Each athlete skied in a team sprint event, an individual sprint event and three distance events, in short, middle and long, ranging in length from 5km to 20km.

In the Juvenile Boys category, in his very first Nationals competition, Salmon (Courtenay) had a breakout event, finishing on the podium in sixth place after a fine performance in the 5km middle distance free technique race. He also finished a solid 11th in the 10km long distance classic race.



Strathcona Nordics ski team members (left to right): Tim McGrady, Brad Fraser, Madeleine Guimond, Stewart Lamon, Eva Salmon, Alec Stapff (also racing for Strathcona Nordics), Andrea Stapff, Tallon Noble, Ross Lamon, Connor McGrady, Matthew Salmon.

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Also in the Juvenile Boys category, Lamon (Comox) put in a series of outstanding races in the 1km free technique sprint race, advancing to the A Final where he placed sixth and on the podium.

In his first year in the Junior Boys category, Noble (Courtenay) placed just outside the top

20 in the challenging 20km long distance classic technique race. Having just aged up this season, Noble skied an excellent and consistent race finishing sixth fastest in his age group.

Also in his first year in the Junior category, McGrady

(Comox) demonstrated fine technical skiing and a solid performance in the short and middle distance races.

On the girls side, Guimond (Courtenay), also in her first year in the competitive Junior category, had an excellent race in the 5km classical technique,

placing just outside the top 30 and 17th in her age group. Eva Salmon, in her first Nationals competition, skied with grit and determination and produced some of her best performances this season.

"It was a challenging week of unseasonably warm weather for Whitehorse and tricky waxing conditions," said head coach Andrea Stapff. "Our athletes were able to put their best foot forward and performed superbly."

"We had excellent race support from assistant coaches Brad Fraser of Courtenay, and Tim McGrady of Comox and fast skis courtesy of our skilled head wax technician Stewart Lamon of Comox."

Stapff went on to say, "I'm incredibly proud of our team and our athletes. It's been an amazing year and they have all done so well. It's a pleasure to work with such a committed and tenacious group of young, talented athletes."

She also thanked parents and club volunteers, whose incredible support made it possible for the Strathcona Nordics athletes to pursue their passion.

## A stellar season for ski club racers

Making up for lost time – this is a recipe for exceptional athletic performance.

The weather gods have been smiling down on the Mount Washington Ski Club athletes this season and as such they have been making up for lost time. The U12, U14, U16 and U18 teams have been travelling the province and competing all season long. Known to be an intrepid bunch from "The Little Mountain That Could" – battling long road trips and BC ferries – these athletes do not disappoint.

In the month of March there were some amazing results for the U14 squad who after returning from the BC Winter Games headed all the way to Red Mountain in Rossland to compete in the U14 Provincials.

Three full days of racing Giant Slalom (GS) and Slalom led to the following best results for all. Local racer Emilly Johnston found herself in a fourth place position in the Giant Slalom race and a sixth place in the Slalom. Also locally was Erik Ashton with a best result in the GS of a 46th place finish, a great result for his first



The U14 team (left to right) is: Front - Erik Ashton, Luka Djurickovic, Shelby Nilsen. Rear - Emilly Johnston, Anja Leikermoser, Brooke Taylor, Griffin Hart.



The U16 team (left to right) is: Chris Raduy, Zarija Djurickovic, Sylvi Nymann, Kieran Nilsen, Natalia Bellefleur.

year racing at this level.

The same went for U14 first year Luka Djurickovic whose best result was a 49th in the combined GS while newcomer

Brooke Taylor had a 59th in the GS Race.

Four hours north in Invermere at Panorama, competing at the same time at the Canadian American Championships,

was the U16 squad of Chris Raduy, Zarija Djurickovic, Kieran Nilsen, Natalia Bellefleur and Sylvi Nymann, racing Super Giant Slalom, Giant Slalom and Slalom.

This was a highly competitive field of 100 male athletes and over 80 female athletes. The event consisted of challenging terrain, clear blue skies and cold, hard packed snow – which means fast.

Nilsen of Comox had a season-best result of 24th in the Slalom event while Nymann also excelled in the Slalom event placing 32nd with teammate Bellefleur hot on her tail with a 42nd in the same event.

Raduy of Qualicum Beach had a best result of 60th and Djurickovic had a best result of 68th in the combined GS.

Next up is the final race of the season for the entire Mount Washington Ski Team (U12-U18) when they compete in the Coast Zone Finals on their home mountain April 9-10.

Please come on out, enjoy the gorgeous mountain air and sunshine and support these young, dedicated athletes.



### ■ THE CHASE IS ON

Granne Mckenna (left) of the CVUSC Revolution beats Campbell River Cermaq Outlaws opponent to the ball during April 3 Mid-Island Women's Soccer League action at the Courtenay Turf Field. The first-place Outlaws posted a 7-0 victory.

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**ARTS ADVOCATE** Our arts scene is one of the most vibrant in Canada. This individual or group is vital to the diversity of our community and encourages participation, and social well-being. They encourage partnerships and initiatives to support the arts, heritage and cultural landscape of the Valley.



**EMERGENCY SERVICES** Either paid, or volunteer – this individual makes a positive contribution by going the extra mile. He or she is exemplary in the area of emergency services and unselfishly shoulders enormous responsibility while accepting the potential risks and challenges of the job.

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### COMMUNITY PARTNERS





Pictured: Brian Balfe (L), vice-president and investment adviser, and Don Somers (R), investment adviser, present a \$1,200 donation to John Howard KidStart co-ordinator Wendy Thurlborn.

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# Balfe/Somers is a KidStart champion

A Comox Valley child is being supported to participate in John Howard KidStart, thanks to Balfe/Somers Wealth Management of RBC Dominion Securities.

KidStart is operated by The John Howard Society of North Island. This volunteer-based mentoring program connects caring adults with children and youth (ages 6-18) for three hours of fun recreational activities per week.

"Mentoring is a lifelong process and an important part of life and work. John Howard KidStart is a wonderful program that supports local children in need of positive role models and makes a difference to our whole community," said Brian Balfe, vice-president and investment adviser.

Balfe/Somers Wealth Management of RBC Dominion Securities donated \$1,200 to John Howard KidStart, becoming a KidStart Gold Champion sponsor for an 11-year-old boy in the program.

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Help a local child—donate to John Howard KidStart! Become a KidStart Champion or make a one-time donation. KidStart also greatly appreciates admission passes and gift certificates from local businesses for mentor-mentee outings. More time than money? Consider volunteering as a KidStart mentor! There are 40 kids in the Comox Valley waiting for a mentor to spend time with them. To find out more, contact KidStart co-ordinator Wendy Thurlborn at 250-338-7341 wendyt@jhsni.bc.ca

Visit John Howard KidStart online at [www.jhsni.bc.ca/kidstartchampion.html](http://www.jhsni.bc.ca/kidstartchampion.html)

# Evening of interfaith dialogue

On Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. St. John the Divine Anglican Church will be hosting an evening, which seeks to promote interfaith dialogue, acceptance and understanding.

This evening will be exploring First Nations spirituality, and is part of a series of four evenings that St. John's and Unity Comox Valley have been facilitating this spring.

There will be a time for group discussions and questions and answers. The evening will conclude with refreshments.

Our presenter for the evening

will be Phil Umpherville (Cree elder).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is no admission fee.

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# Butterflies a beautiful part of nature

Mike Yip

Special to The Record

Butterflies are among the most beautiful, charismatic, and fascinating creatures on earth.

They are an integral part of our biodiversity and play significant roles as pollinators and part of the food chain.

Unfortunately, their populations are being decimated and many species are either endangered or at risk.

Part of the problem is human ignorance.

How many people know that butterflies are with us all year but are in hibernation much of the time? How many know that various species hibernate as adults, larvae, pupae, or eggs? How many know that some species only fly for one or two weeks before they die?

How many know that 70 species have been documented on Vancouver Island?

Butterflies can be found almost everywhere, from sea level to the mountain peaks, but some of their best habitats are also coveted by humans for development or recreation.

For example, Garry oak meadows are prime butterfly habitats but 95 per cent of the Island's meadows have been destroyed for human use.

Granted, land is required for development, but there should be greater consideration for protecting some of the most sensitive habitats where biodiversity is at risk.

April and May are great months to get out in nature and learn about butterflies and all the other wonderful aspects of our natural world.

Explore the quiet country roads, meadows, parks, and open areas.

You'll be amazed at what you can find when you have a focus. Some butterflies will fly as soon as the warm weather persists because they have hibernated as adults or pupae. Others will be later because they have hibernated as eggs or larvae and have to wait for their host



The Sara orange-tip is one of more than 100 different species of butterflies in the province.

PHOTO BY MIKE YIP

plants to grow.

Butterflies will be flying throughout the spring and summer so get out, find them, enjoy them, learn about them, and maybe help protect them – not just for you, but for generations to follow.

Mike Yip is a professional photographer, specializing in nature photograph of birds and butterflies on Vancouver Island

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**Donald J Hall**  
1930 - 2016

Don passed away on March 30, 2016 at St. Joseph's Hospital at age 85, nine days after a sudden stroke. He was a vigorous, active, going concern for his entire life, right up to the end.

And what a life he led. Despite losing both his Ontario farming parents when he was a teenager, he managed with the support of his aunt and uncle to get a Forestry degree from UNB in 1952. He never forgot the help they provided, and the great opportunities he had as a result, and he returned the favour by assisting them greatly in their old age.

He moved to the west coast in the early 1950's to work 34 years in the logging industry with Crown Zellerbach and its successor companies. Early in his career he worked on the rigging as a Hooktender, then worked on the forestry crews (engineering and cruising) on southern Vancouver Island. In the mid-1950's he accepted a job as a logging side-foreman in Bella Coola, and from there took the position of mid-coast log production superintendent in Ocean Falls in 1959.

It was there that he learned to fly, and purchased his first Cessna floatplane. He logged 4000 hours on three aircraft over the next 20 years, flying into logging camps all over the coast between Campbell River and Kitimat.

From Ocean Falls he transferred to Kitimat as Divisional Manager from 1972-77, and finished his career in 1985 after eight years as Manager of Courtenay/Johnstone Straits Division.

Don loved his work, and the people he worked with. He often said "if you're in the company of loggers, you're in good company."

Retirement was no less productive - every day started at 5:30am sharp. He was an avid runner, skier, fisherman, golfer, pilot and pursuer of seemingly endless projects around the house. Around the house...not in the house. On his best days he'd run early, play 18 holes with his friends, and go fishing. Or some combination of that, depending on the weather, tides and what other projects he might have on the go.

Over the years he was a generous donor of his time with friends and neighbours, and a consistent supporter of many charities. He will be missed by his wife Yvonne, son Peter (Eileen, Kate, Alex) and the many friends he made in his 85 years.

On Don's behalf his family would like to thank the staff at St. Joseph's for their compassionate care.

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**TAKACH**  
**Janice Elaine**  
October 19, 1936 - April 1, 2016

Our warm and caring mother passed into the Lord's loving arms after a steadfast year-long fight with cancer. She was an extremely devoted wife to Gerald, following him from one military posting to another with never a single complaint. They fell in love almost from the first date and were completely devoted throughout their 59 years of marriage. Four children kept her very busy along with her volunteer work (helping with the MS Society, visiting the elderly in Extended Care units, helping with activities with the mentally challenged). She was a member of the Officers' Wives Club and an avid bridge player. Janice loved music; achieving her Toronto Conservatory of Music as a solo piano performer in 1956. She passed this great love of music onto her family. She made it a point to get to know you, genuinely caring, even when she became ill. Her personality brought cheer to everyone in her hospital room and the staff.

Janice was predeceased by her parents Ena and Wilfred Marks of Winnipeg, Manitoba. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Gerald Joseph Takach of Comox, B.C.; sons Glenn Robert Takach (Debra Ferrero) of Surrey, B.C., Philip James Takach (Carla) of Campbell River, B.C.; daughters Lori Anne Takach (Douglas St. Michel) of Victoria, B.C., Susan Geraldine Takach (Randy Pabsdorf) of Victoria, B.C.; grandchildren Trevor, Olivia, Tamara, Jonathan and Sara; nieces and nephews Jamie, Julie, Joel and Barrie.

A celebration of Janice's life will be held at Comox Valley Funeral Home, Cremation and Reception Centre, 1101 Ryan Rd, Courtenay on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 at 11:00am.

Flowers gratefully declined. The family would appreciate a donation in Janice's name to one of your favourite charities.

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**Margaret L Pratt**  
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 It's with great sadness we announce the passing of our mom, Margaret Pratt. Born in Vernon and moving to the Comox Valley in her young years with her family. Marrying and having a family and later becoming a care aid. Working at St. Josephs Hospital in Comox.  
 In the last few years mom suffered Alzheimer's.  
 We will always miss mom may she rest in peace.  
 Bill, Melissa and Darby

**Russell Lawrence Ferrier**  
 March 12, 1952 - March 25, 2016

Russell Lawrence Ferrier peacefully passed away on Friday, March 25, 2016, at the young age of 64 years.  
 He was predeceased by his mother, Liz and his father, Russ. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his spouse, Linda and her family, sons Myles (Kasey), Shilo (Julie) and Fred (Tracey), sister Darlene (Don) as well as six grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.  
 A Celebration of Life will be held at Fallen Alders Hall, 3595 Royston Road, Royston (Courtenay), BC on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 between the hours of 2pm and 4pm.  
 Flowers gratefully declined. If family and friends so choose, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in Larry's memory.

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 The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **1414396**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head - Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operation at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: **AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca**. Comments will be received by MFLNRRO **until May 20 2016**. MFLNRRO may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit website: <http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp> for more information.  
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**\*\*Due to an error in the dates previously advertised the deadline for this intake has been extended to April 14, 2016\*\***  
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**Participants must meet the following eligibility criteria:**

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**What will you get?**

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**NEWS**

**Johns visits derelict boat site**  
Courtesy-Alberni MP Gord Johns toured the Deep Bay Boating Club site last week. **P3**

**Angel dresses**  
A British Columbia group has a compassionate use for old wedding and graduation dresses. **P3**

**Two locals among Top 20 under 40**  
Jenny Deters and Matt Beckett of the Comox Valley were among the winners at the Top 20 Under 40 Business and Community Awards Saturday in Nanaimo. **P4**

**CHF announces pilot project**  
The Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island will invest \$715,000 over the next three years into aiding northern Vancouver Island children suffering from trauma and neglect. **P6**

**Hydro tower worries residents**  
Furibden Plateau residents are concerned about BC Hydro's plan to place a repeater tower — a combination radio receiver/transmitter — near the base of the old ski hill. **P7**

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**Cumberland's Persian culture**  
International dance artist and scholar Farina Berenji returns to the village for an evening of Persian traditional and sacred dance performances, poetry and soft whirling. **P30**

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**Rugby playoffs in Cumberland**  
The Comox Valley Kickers will host the Cowichan Piggies in an Island Div. 3 semifinal game at 1 p.m. Sunday at Village park. **P33**

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Tony Duke is an organ donation away from being able to breathe normally. **P. 16**

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