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## Taking the west shore to Winnipeg

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In Winnipeg June 2 to 5, over 1,600 municipal leaders from across Canada are convening at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) annual convention to participate in workshops, hear keynote speakers, and go on study tours.

Representing Langford are Councillors Denise Blackwell, Matt Sahlstrom and Lillian Szpak. From Sooke, the representation is Mayor Maja Tait and Councillor Rick Kasper. Colwood is not attending FCM this year.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed the delegates this morning, June 3. Regarding infrastructure, he said not to ask what the federal government has in mind, that the power is in the hands of municipalities: "Tell us what your needs are... (so we can) set objectives for infrastructure."

"Municipal leaders were strongly encouraged by the Prime Minister today," said FCM President Raymond Louie, referring to "continued collaboration" and agreeing with Trudeau about "a new era of federal-municipal partnership" that includes programs to protect the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Submitted photo  
**FCM pals** (from left): On June 3, Sooke Councillor Rick Kasper paused on the FCM convention floor with Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Winnipeg Councillor Jason Schreyer. On Twitter: #FCM2016AC

Prime Minister Trudeau tweeted: "Great to speak to (FCM) mayors as PM! When we invest in Canada's cities, our middle class benefits."

Over \$120 billion in infrastructure will be invested over 10 years "... to better position Canada's economy for the future." Phase 1 is \$60 billion, with \$12 billion right away into a number of things - modernizing and upgrading public transit, improving water and wastewater systems, expanding affordable housing and protecting infrastructure for the effects of climate change. **WSV**

## Exploring regional health concerns

by Mary P Brooke, B.Sc.  
WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

"Women in Sooke are not living to the average age of women in BC. There's something better for men in Sooke," said Dr Richard Stanwick, Chief Medical Health Officer, Island Health. Those were his attention-grabbing opening remarks to about 100 people gathered for the 2016 Sooke Region Health Summit, hosted by Sooke Mayor Maja Tait.

On that Saturday afternoon May 28, when folks could have been doing other family and business activities, they turned their interest to regional health and well-being issues.

"You want to achieve the maximum health your body is capable of," said Dr Stanwick, in his 30-minute talk. He couldn't stress enough the importance of preventive health care, largely the responsibility of each



More on the Sooke page on the WSV website.

**Sooke Mayor Maja Tait** (with baby son Ewan) & Dr Richard Stanwick, at the Sooke Health Summit.

person individually. The provincial health budget directs an increasing percentage of funds toward acute care. But preventing illness and disease is more cost-effective. "We will break the system if we don't shift to an emphasis on preventive care," he said.

In the school budget season, Stanwick noted the negative health impact of cutting behaviour-related support programs.

Stanwick pointed at economic challenges as one of the biggest stressors on maintaining good health. Young people, in particular, he says are educated to know about nutritious food choices but often don't have the financial means to buy the healthiest foods.

"We can't promise 'dying less early' for future generations," under current conditions, he said, adding that 39% of Canadians will die by age 75. "We should be able to do better in a wonderful country like Canada." **WSV**

## Distracted driving fines hiked up at June 1, 2016

**ROAD SAFETY**  
WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

As of June 1, 2016 a first-time distracted driving ticket in BC now carries a fine of \$543 (i.e. \$368 fine and four demerit points of \$175). If more than three points are collected on a driving record in 12 months, ICBC charges a Driver Penalty Point (DPP) premium. A second distracted driving ticket within 12 months will require payment of \$368, totaling \$888 dollars. A third offence would cost a driver more than \$3,000.

"Residents of Sooke and area need to be aware of the consequences of Distracted Driving," says Sooke RCMP Commander S/Sgt Jeff McArthur. "Sooke RCMP, the Integrated Road Safety Unit and Vancouver Island Traffic Units will be looking for distracted driving offences, a daily cause of death, injuries and accidents in BC," McArthur said. Sooke RCMP says over 50 charges and warnings issued for Distracted Driving in the District of Sooke since January 2015.

Starting June 1, 2016 a driver found using a hand-held electronic device while driving in BC may face \$543 in financial penalties for a first offence. That increases to \$888 for a second offence, and penalties keep increasing each offence. Distracted driving contributed to the deaths of 66 people on BC roads in 2014, and seriously injured 630. There are no messages or conversations that are so important that you need to endanger yourself or others. Roadways are very dynamic environments with situations and circumstances that can change quickly. By taking your eyes off of the road for even a moment you increase the chance of a collision or accident. Distracted driving and inattention is a top contributing factor to motor vehicle crashes, along with drug- or alcohol-affected driving, and speeding. Over the past three years, about 50,000 distracted driving tickets have been issued annually in BC. If drivers need to make a phone call on a cellular phone or check email, they are advised to use a hands-free device, or pull their vehicle over. The RCMP conducts enforcement blitzes for distracted driving year round. Distracted driving is one of the top dangerous driving behaviours in BC. During enforcement checks police look for any driver behaviour that takes attention from the road while driving: texting, talking on a hand-held phone, putting on makeup, and reading a newspaper or book. Police officers and emergency responders carrying out their powers, duties or functions are permitted to use electronic devices while driving. **WSV**

## School boards off the hook for 'admin savings'

WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

'Administrative savings' found by school boards across BC in their 2016-2017 budgets were 'paid back' to schools by the Ministry of Education this week. An earlier directive to find \$25 million with administrative areas of school expenditures found political pushback from BC school boards in recent weeks. Cuts that were stressfully decided upon by school trustees, ended up not being required after all. So it's not new funding, just cancellation of a clawback, as was pointed out by BC NDP Leader John Horgan. **WSV**

## Alistair MacGregor, MP opens Langford constituency office

A new constituency office for Alistair MacGregor, MP (Cowichan-Malahat-Langford) was opened with quiet fanfare last Friday, May 27. It's an easy-to-find location at 3202B Happy Valley Road, at the corner Sooke Road, in Langford.

The first-time MP's primary constituency office is in Duncan, where MacGregor lives with his wife and young twin daughters.

Sharing the limelight with MacGregor at the 2-hour drop-in event, was Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke), and BC NDP Leader John Horgan.

"It's important to have a physical presence in Langford, that would serve everyone who is south of the Malahat -- a full



Alistair MacGregor, MP (right) was congratulated on his new constituency office by BC NDP Leader John Horgan (left), and Randall Garrison, MP.

third of the riding's population," says MacGregor. "The constituency office is where the rubber meets the road."

"Having two offices is a strain on the budget," said Garrison. And with reference to current events in the House of Commons: "What goes on in Ottawa doesn't stay in Ottawa," quipped Garrison, rousing a chortle from around the NDP-filled room.

Horgan remembers his challenges of dealing with travel on the Malahat when he was first elected as the MLA for Malahat-Juan de Fuca in 2005 (the riding became Juan de Fuca in 2009). "It's a real thrill to have Alistair in Langford. Serving the public happens in constituency offices," said Horgan, before the crowd dispersed for cake and conversation. **WSV**

## Limiting the federal election period

Limiting the federal election period to 46 days, is the aim of a Bill introduced in the House of Commons on May 31 by Cowichan-Malahat-Langford MP Alistair MacGregor. He said that longer campaigns give unfair advantage to parties with more funds.

The 2015 federal election was 78 days long (11 weeks), the longest in modern Canadian history. **WSV**

**Sooke NIGHT MARKET**  
Thursdays 5 - 8  
Sooke Region Museum Grounds  
Corner of Sooke Rd & Phillips Rd



## Editorial

Editorials aim to explore broader issues of concern to communities, economy and society as a whole.

## The changing landscape of journalism

● **Since the economic crash of 2008**, massive shifts have been happening in the worlds of journalism, news delivery, publishing and printing. Volumes could be written on that. Meanwhile, this week, three things of note took place that uphold and/or shift the landscape of how our society receives reliable current information of social value, aka news.

This week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau repeated something he said during the 2015 election campaign. That it's the media's job to ask 'tough questions', and that he encourages journalists to do so. This week Trudeau -- teacher-turned-Prime Minister -- expressed his dissatisfaction with China after that country's foreign minister visiting in Ottawa scolded a Canadian reporter over a question on human rights. And to media: "Freedom of the press is very important to me," said Prime Minister Trudeau.

Then on the TV side of things (on short notice), the longstanding *Canada AM* morning news magazine show aired its final episode today, June 3, 2016. For 43 seasons since 1972, the weekday 3-hour early-morning show featured interviews with key newsmakers and broke ground for emerging Canadian musicians. Generations of Canadians have been informed and entertained by *Canada AM* personalities who've become household names in journalism (including Lisa LaFlamme, Craig Oliver, Valerie Pringle and Sandie Rinaldo) and in politics (Senator Pamela Wallin, and Liberal MP Seamus O'Regan).

And in the USA, we're seeing how political shifts can be instantly made with terse, biting Tweets. The presidential race in that country will evolve toward the November 2016 election with a firestorm achieved through the instantaneous and populist power of media, particularly social media.

The power and right of independent media to publish facts and truth is gaining ground in Canada, and must be supported as a right worldwide. And yet, in a world where anyone who types in a few words onto a blog, Twitter or Facebook and in as much considers themselves a journalist, it becomes necessary to uphold professional journalism and responsible publishing. ■



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### Property tax: notices in the mail, due July 4

More details next week

● **DISTRICT OF SOOKE:** The increase to Sooke residential taxpayers for 2016 is 0.85% and "we are pleased to have placed \$456,313 into reserves for future use," say Mayor & Council in the tax info insert mailed out this week. Of every dollar levied in taxes, 41% is retained by the municipality. The rest: 29% schools, 18% CRD, 4% Capital Regional Hospital District, 4% BC Transit, 3% Vancouver Island Regional Library, 1% BC Assessment (BCA), and <1% Municipal Finance Authority (MFA). The average residential property has a 2016 assessment of \$343,376 compared to \$336,653 in 2015.

● **CITY OF COLWOOD:** The increase to Colwood residential taxpayers for 2016 is 3.5%, with project highlights that include transportation improvements and emergency services upgrades. Of every dollar levied, 49% is retained by the municipality. The rest: 27% schools, 7% CRD, 5% West Shore Parks & Rec, 4% hospital district, 4% BC Transit, 3% Greater Victoria Library, 1% BCA & MFA.

● **CITY OF LANGFORD:** The 2016 increase for Langford residential taxpayers is 2.9%. This represents a \$32.24 increase for the average residential property, and \$25.30 for a typical business property (per \$100,000 of assessed value). Langford residents also pay to schools, CRD, hospital district, BC Transit, BCA & MFA. **WSV**

## BC NEWS

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## Legislation for party buses: next step

● **If the mother had phoned** her daughter that evening, if the people at the party house had called the mother later that night, if 911 had been called when things turned bad, if friends on the party bus had known what to do, if there had been a chaperone on the party bus... all of this swirls 24/7 around two women who carry the life-impact loss of Shannon Raymond.

**Party bus death: deep impact**  
Insight news by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News **WSV**

Cheerful young Shannon was 16 years old when she died, following a series of missteps after she got onto a party bus that fated night in July 2008. Shannon's widowed mother Julie Upton-Raymond, 62, and sister Danielle Raymond, 31, of Maple Ridge, BC live with the fallout, seemingly without end. There have been long days in court, many media interviews, and a work-in-progress for improved BC legislation around how party buses operate.

For anyone who has suffered high-impact loss knows, the nights are long and often sleepless. Friends disappear by the wayside... often just because they don't know what to say, or the things they do say just hurt too much.

Finances suffer from days lost to distraction and depression. "Debt and income tax will probably outlive me," says Julie. The healing time she gave herself saw her fall behind financially, and she is now struggling to catch up even though she is securely employed. "You get depressed, and simple decisions that others take as routine seem insurmountable."

And for Shannon's sister: "It affects every aspect of your life, awake and asleep. It's always there and always on your mind," says Danielle. "It still takes up this corner of your mind and consciousness that is always being rented out by the feeling that the loss gives you." As a result, Danielle says her life is not where she wants it to be. She still has plans to do her Masters in Psychology but presently copes with a service-industry day job.

"It's the feeling of betrayal that digs the deepest," explains Danielle. Even with a rational understanding of the hurtful behaviour of others who don't know what to do or say, Danielle has had to distance herself from people who used to be friends. She gets anxious ... if she also lost her mother, she'd be all alone. It's protection of self. It's hard. It puts life into a type of slow mode.

Working with NDP MLA George Heyman as he tries to achieve improved legislation around party buses, the mother-daughter team hopes to achieve a positive outcome from the tragedy that fell suddenly upon their family that summer night eight years ago. By seeing an improved scenario for future riders on party buses, other people may not have to go through what the Raymond family has experienced. In the end, Julie and Danielle may find a level of peace. Their goal is about people and society realizing what could have been done, should have been done, and what now can and should be done.

An adult supervisor on party buses is the key outcome that Julie and Danielle seek. The night that Shannon became unwell, she'd had some alcohol, but then was given ecstasy on the party bus and was suffering. Her partying friends were of course not professional health caregivers, and the driver was busy driving the bus. Youth on the bus didn't know what to do, and had no one to turn to (except 911, which wasn't called).

"Shannon's health deteriorated over the duration of the bus ride. She was unable to provide care for herself when she got off the bus for a washroom stop," says her mother. "If there had been a chaperone aboard that bus, Shannon would still be with us."

It turns out that Shannon, who became overheated, was plied with a lot of water in an ill-informed attempt to cool her. But over-hydration only made things worse by causing hyponatremia (low level of sodium in the blood). She was taken to a house where a sleepover party had been planned -- not far from Shannon's home. Partiers continued partying and Shannon's health declined

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**The late Shannon Raymond** (in photo frame) is remembered by her sister Danielle Raymond (top left) and her mother Julie Upton-Raymond, who are working to change BC party-bus legislation.

for hours. People who cared for her there did not call relatives or 911 until it was too late, say Julie and Danielle.

Reportedly suffering in pain for hours and screaming as the drug-and-water mix was traumatizing her body, Shannon died an agonizing death without friends or family at her side, although her family was not far away, unaware. Any mother would toss and turn each night in bed over that, for a long time, if not forever.

Requiring a chaperone or supervisor on a party bus in addition to the driver simply makes sense. At the very least, it would fall under the realm of heavily-fined 'distracted driving' if a driver is expected to maintain order on a party bus while also driving.

The Raymonds are hoping that the BC Government sees fit to put some resolve to this tragedy, and do justice for their family as well as families of other party bus-related victims. Earlier this year 23-year-old Chelsea James died in Vancouver after falling out of a door that was open on a party bus. And in 2013, 16-year-old Ernest Azoadam dropped dead on a party bus in Surrey.

"Danielle and I don't know why the government won't make the necessary changes. Washington State made these changes, and they haven't even experienced any deaths -- they were learning from Canada's mistakes," says Julie Upton-Raymond. "Todd Stone (BC Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure) says the industry is well aware. But reminding them continuously is good enough. Minister Stone has never given us a reason why he won't make any changes." Last month *West Shore Voice News* requested an interview with Minister Stone on this topic, but as yet has not heard back.

"They know they know we're not just an angry mom and sister. We've done our research, and we're not going away until something's done," says Upton-Raymond. BC NDP Leader John Horgan says Julie and Danielle have done a "solid job" of bringing their request forward to government and the Opposition.

"The more the government continues its reluctance to make meaningful changes in the industry, it just means that with the next death they are complicit," says Upton-Raymond. "They have created an environment where that can happen. They can't plead ignorance the next time. If they continue to ignore it, it's going to happen again."

"Until this interview, no one has asked us about the real changes in our lives," says Shannon's mom. And Shannon's sister says: "What is the most difficult for me to get over, is out of the 30 people that Shannon interacted with that night, only one -- a 16-year-old girl -- has come to our house to apologize. Not even the person who gave Shannon the ecstasy. As soon as one girl was charged -- it became 'all her fault'. But it was everyone's fault who was there." **WSV**



# Edward Milne Community School Grade 12 Graduates of 2016

# EMCS grad roster: 147 on stage

- EMCS Grads: Class of 2016**
- \* Alexander, Dryden
  - \* Angus, Bradley
  - \* Arnaud, Jacob
  - \* Bath, Hunter
  - \* Batten, Wilson
  - \* Bealing, Joshua
  - \* Beange, Michaela
  - \* Beatty-Shust, Emily
  - \* Bird, Jacob
  - \* Birkett, Giselle
  - \* Blakeborough, James
  - \* Bouchard, Allison
  - \* Bridal, Marina
  - \* Brooks, Dallas
  - \* Bryant, Hailey
  - \* Bu, Elaine
  - \* Bueckert, Kiahna
  - \* Burns, Sydney
  - \* Canfield, Noah
  - \* Carello, Marco
  - \* Cawley, Aidan
  - \* Chauvin, Ayla
  - \* Chen, Shirley
  - \* Chen, Tripper
  - \* Clawson, Jordan
  - \* Davidson, Holly
  - \* Davis-Lecinana, Linda-Maria
  - \* Dawdy, Gavin
  - \* Dimock, Hailey
  - \* Dinney, Emily
  - \* Dixon, Calven
  - \* Dong, Tim
  - \* Drmla, Vanessa
  - \* Drysdale, Sydney
  - \* Duncan, Tyler
  - \* Dyer, Jacob
  - \* Ehman, Sarah
  - \* Elvin, Adam
  - \* Erickson, Cortnee
  - \* Fairall, Joseph
  - \* Flett, Riley
  - \* Forrest, Brynne
  - \* Foster, Brooklynn
  - \* Foster, Jacob
  - \* Foster, Patrick
  - \* Fox, Danyon
  - \* George, Alexis
  - \* George, Chase
  - \* George-Jim, Daron
  - \* Greenwood, Brady
  - \* Guo, Wade
  - \* Haisell, Taylor
  - \* Halliwell, Sara
  - \* Hancock, Mathew

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- Hannam, Mackenzie
- \* Harvey, Mikayla
- \* Hearsey, Carley
- Hensley, Julia
- \* Holden, Amanda
- Hou, Gloria
- Huang, Mia
- Jiang, Selina
- \* Johns, Camille
- \* Kelley, Sheldon
- \* Kendall, Jack
- Kennedy, Dexter
- Kent, Kelley
- \* Kovacic, Kai
- \* Kumar, Jasmine
- \* Lafontaine, Jaime
- Lawrence, Jaden
- Leik, Riley
- Liao, Keemo
- \* Lieph, James
- \* Logan, Cassidy
- \* Lumley, Megan
- Lysionek, Kyle
- Ma, Emily
- Marsh, Micheal
- \* Martin, Bryn
- \* Mayo, Isabela
- \* McDonald, Emilee
- \* McHugh, Madelyn
- \* McKee, Hayley
- \* McKee, Shayley
- \* McLean, Riley
- \* Millard, Hope
- \* Mitchell, Chloe
- \* Mitchell, Jonah
- Mitchell, J P
- \* Moneo, Matthew
- Montag, Isaac
- \* Morrison, Kyara
- Muth, Braeden
- \* Nemeth, Corwin
- Ni, Lear
- \* Nicks, Jessemyn
- \* Nissen, Taylor

- \* Ogden-Moore, Sydnee
- \* Orchard, Morganne
- \* Ostropolski, Ayden
- \* Pallot, Katija
- \* Parrott, Quinnton
- Pennell, Natasha
- Perron, Carmen
- \* Peters, Jessica
- \* Pierce, Erica
- \* Pierce, Julia
- Poppe, Noah
- Purdy, Jared
- Radelfinger, Bianca
- \* Randal, Casey
- \* Richardson, Kristofer
- \* Rigo, Brittney
- \* Robertson, Maddison
- Ross, Jordan
- \* Rowden, Christopher
- \* Scharf, Makayla
- \* Schutt, Courtney
- \* Staicu, Bradley
- \* Stemkens, Quinn
- Tan, Titus
- Tang, John
- Tang, Alex
- \* Thauberger, Rhyah-Anne
- Thurlborn, Christina
- Thynne, Evan
- \* Tozer, Benjamin
- Tynes, Jordan
- \* Van Dyck, Andrea
- \* Vowles, Clay
- \* Vowles, Cole
- Wang, Nicole
- \* Warnhoff, David
- Wickheim, Bryan
- \* Wiebe, Rachael
- \* Williamson, Cheyenne
- Wood, Aiden
- Woods, Shayna
- Xia, Asteria
- Xiang, Yating
- Xie, Vivian
- Xie, Zenon
- Yan, Olivia
- Yao, Hanmin
- \* Yates, Kiomi
- \* Young, Jessica

\* = students who have graduated with more than 100 credits

“We are graduating a wonderful group of young men and women this year from EMCS,” says Edward Milne Community School principal Pat Swinburnson. “We are very proud of these students for their hard work. More than 50% of our grade 12’s have been on the effort and honor roll and a large number have been taking dual credit courses through our partnership with Camosun College. At this point, 28 of our grads have applied to UVic, 19 to Camosun, and another 20 to other post-secondary institutions. This represents just under half of our graduating class, which is an excellent percentage.”

There are 147 grads on the roster for the June 4 formal grad ceremony being held at UVic, from 1 to 5pm. **WSV**

## Addressing EMCS grads on June 4

In addition to walking across the stage at UVic’s Farquhar Auditorium to receive their Grade 12 ‘Dogwood’ diploma from Principal Pat Swinburnson, EMCS graduates of 2016 will hear some thoughts and advice from community leaders.

Representing the Sooke School District 62 board of education will be long-time trustee Margot Swinburnson, whose comments at the 2015 grad were political about provincial education funding. Sooke School District 62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge will address the assembly this year. Last year Assistant Superintendent Dave Betts represented SD62.

Councillor Kerrie Reay will represent the District of Sooke. Last year Sooke Mayor Maja Tait represented the municipality. Reay’s comments on June 4 will include: “My hope for each one of you, is that you don’t forget who you are today. Today you are proud, you are excited, you have hope and you have dreams for the future; it will be your energy that drives you and it will be your passion that creates your success.”

There will also be remarks from Journey Middle School Principal Laurie Szadkowski who will address the audience of parents, students, families and community supporters.

The introduction of this year’s 147 graduates and presentation of certificates will be executed by EMCS Vice Principals Janine Brooks and John Lyall.

Class Valedictorian 2016 is Marco Carello. Class historians are Wilson Batten and Marina Bridal. **WSV**

## Congratulations Class of 2016

You did it!

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### Congratulations to EMCS Graduates!

[www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

## EMCS awards night coming up June 14

The 2016 awards night for secondary school students at Edward Milne Community School (EMCS) will be held on Tuesday, June 14 in the school theatre, hosted by school principal Pat Swinburnson.

Hundreds of awards will be given out, recognizing a wide range of achievements. The names of scholarships and bursaries as achieved by EMCS graduates will be published in upcoming editions of *West Shore Voice News*. **WSV**

**District of Sooke Mayor and Council congratulate 2016 graduates and their families.**

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## New roof for EMCS



EMCS is at 6218 Sooke Rd, east of town.

Roof repairs and an envelope upgrade lie ahead for Edward Milne Community School (EMCS). In recent weeks, the BC Ministry of Education announced infrastructure upgrade funding for schools across BC, of which \$464,380 has been earmarked for EMCS.

Leaks in the roof have been endured by students and teachers in classrooms in recent years.

Envelope upgrade generally involves elements of the outer shell of a building that maintains a dry, heated or cooled, and well-ventilated indoor environment. Walls, roof and foundation are typically considered.

EMCS was built in 1996. **WSV**

## John Horgan, MLA Juan de Fuca

### Congratulations to our Grads!

Enjoy the results of your hard work, and best wishes with all your plans!

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Your Voice in the Legislature

In upcoming editions of West Shore Voice News: EMCS scholarship recipient names will be listed in the June 10th edition EMCS award winners will be listed in the June 17th edition.

## EMCS this ‘n that

WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

● **Stuff to know** this weekend, if you’re an EMCS student or parent:

Tickets for the EMCS French Immersion grad ceremony on Tuesday, June 14 at 6pm are on sale (\$10) at the school.

Only 20 yearbooks were left for sale as of June 3: \$40 by cash or cheque (payable to SD62).

Last day to buy \$70 prom tickets is Mon June 6. Prom is Friday, June 17 at The Empress. Students must arrive with a parent. **WSV**

**Congratulations or completing this chapter or your lives. I wish success to all on your future chapters.**

Councillor Rick Kasper

District of Sooke

## Student writing gets published

WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

● **Five students from Edward Milne Community School** have had their selected written works published by The Sooke Writers’ Collective in their *Sooke Types* anthology. The 2016 student writing contest winners are: Julia Hensley - poetry; Michael Ross - Junior Fiction 1st; Dawson deWeerd - Junior Fiction 2nd; Makayla Scharf - Senior Fiction 1st; Nick Gakena - Senior Fiction 2nd.

Proceeds from the sale of the \$12 anthology will support future EMCS student writing contest prizes, a 2017 anthology, and writing events. **WSV**

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Juan de Fuca  
Emergency Program

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## Back to the ‘80s

● **A student performance** called *Back to the ‘80s* will be held at the EMCS Theatre three nights next week: Wednesday through Friday, June 8 to 10. Showtime 7pm. **WSV**

Summer vacation is around the corner!

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**Sooke Horseshoe Pitch** official opening, Sat June 4. Sooke River Road Park (across from Fred Milne Ball Park). 10:30am to 2pm. Learn to play horseshoes.

**Edward Milne Community School (EMCS) Grade 12 Graduation.** Sat June 4. 1-4pm, UVic auditorium.

**Sooke Secret Garden Tour.** Sun June 5. Sooke Philharmonic fundraiser, 10-4. [www.sookesecretgardens.com](http://www.sookesecretgardens.com)

**'Annie in Sooke' auditions.** Sun June 5. Children 5-15 yr (10am-1pm), Adults 2-5pm. [annieinsooke@gmail.com](mailto:annieinsooke@gmail.com)

**Blood Donor Clinic.** Mon June 6. Sooke Legion. 11:30am-6:30 pm. 1-888-236-6283 [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**EMCS Gym Mural Celebration.** Mon June 6, at EMCS school, 6218 Sooke Rd. 4 to 5 pm. To thank the community for their contributions. All welcome.

**West Shore Voice News ad deadline 5pm** Wed June 8 for June 10th grad edition. Repeat-advertiser & non-profit discounts. [www.westshorevoicenews.com](http://www.westshorevoicenews.com)

**Sooke Night Market.** Thurs June 9. Sooke Region Museum. 5-8pm. (Thurs to Sept 1). [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**Source-to-Tap Tour.** Fri June 10. Follow the flow of water starting at north end of Sooke Lake Reservoir, through forests, water supply & treatment facilities. 9:30am-3pm. Age 12+. Also June 24, July 8 & 22. [www.crd.bc.ca/watertours](http://www.crd.bc.ca/watertours)

**Fort McMurray Fundraiser Carwash.** Sat June 11 by Sooke firefighters at EMCS, 6218 Sooke Rd. 10-2.

**Sooke Folk Music** concert featuring Doug Cox & Sam Hurrie. Sat June 11 at Holy Trinity, 1962 Murray Rd 8pm. Tx \$15 at Shoppers. [www.sookefolkmusicsociety.com](http://www.sookefolkmusicsociety.com)

**Creating a Herbal First Aid Kit.** Compost Education Centre workshop. Sat June 11. 2 to 4 pm at 1216 N Park St, Victoria. \$20. [www.compost.bc.ca](http://www.compost.bc.ca)

**Belmont Secondary Graduation.** Sun June 12. UVic auditorium, 11am-1pm. [belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca](http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca)

**Royal Bay Secondary Graduation.** Sun June 12. UVic auditorium. 3-5pm. [www.royalbay.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.royalbay.sd62.bc.ca)

**District of Sooke** Mon June 13 **Regular Council** 7pm (and 6pm Committee of the Whole). Webcast: [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**Edward Milne Community School Awards.** Tues June 14 at the school, 6218 Sooke Rd. 7pm.

**Sooke Roundabout Final Completion** Ribbon Cutting. Wed June 15. (pending landscaping completion)

**Strawberry Tea** by Knox Presbyterian, 2110 Church Rd. Wed June 15. 2 to 4 pm. Book a table or request delivery: 250-642-4124.

**Sooke Food Bank Open House.** Wed June 15 at Sooke Community Hall, 10 am to 2pm. Tours, treats. Everyone welcome.

**Fire Smart Workshop.** Protect your home from wildfires. Free session Wed June 15, 7 to 8pm, Sooke fire hall, 2225 Otter Pt Rd.

**Zero Waste Sooke.** Wed June 15 monthly meeting. New members welcome. 6:30 pm at the Sooke Library. [www.zerowastesooke.ca](http://www.zerowastesooke.ca)

**Live Painting** event. Thurs June 16. Reading Room Cafe, Evergreen Mall, Sooke. *Time tba*

**Sooke Country Market** Sat June 18. Zero Waste Sooke booth with rep from Compost Education Centre demos/info, 10am to 2pm.

**Father's Day.** Sun June 19.

**Purina Walk for Dog Guides.** Sun June 19 at Whiffin Spit. 11am (sign-in 10:30am). Register or donate: [www.purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com)

**Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society.** Sun June 19 membership meeting. 2 pm. SEAPARC board room. [www.sheringhamlighthouse.org](http://www.sheringhamlighthouse.org)

**Belmont Secondary School Awards Ceremony.** Thurs June 23. 6:30 pm.

**Journey Middle School Gr 6 & 7 Recognition** and BBQ. Fri June 24. 11am

**SD62 Bus Registration Deadline** Fri June 24. Register online for 2016-2017 school year: [www.sd62.bc.ca/about/transportation](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/about/transportation)

**Source-to-Tap Tour.** Fri June 24. Follow the flow of water from north end of Sooke Lake Reservoir, through forests, water supply & treatment facilities. 9:30am-3pm. Age 12+. Also July 8 & 22. [www.crd.bc.ca/watertours](http://www.crd.bc.ca/watertours)

**Sooke Region Museum Open House & Salmon BBQ.** Sun June 26. All welcome 12 to 3pm. Includes opening of **Growing Local: Bean there, doing that!** food production history exhibit (daily to Sept 5).

### Sooke Fall Fair 2016 Raffle Prizes

Winning tickets will be drawn Sept 11/16 at Sooke Fall Fair - Sooke Community Hall

1st prize Quilt on display at the Reading Room Cafe, Evergreen Mall

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## Composting insights at Sooke Country Market

On Saturday June 18 at the Sooke Country Market, Zero Waste Sooke will once again host a rep from the Victoria-based Compost Education Centre, 10am to 2pm.

There will be composters on display, including the Earth Machine and Green Cone Food Digester, plus fact sheets and educational materials such as Backyard Composting, Food Waste Digester, Mulching, Composting Options for Multi-Family Dwellings, and How to Build a Do-It-Yourself Greenhouse. Full list: [www.compost.bc.ca/education/factsheets/](http://www.compost.bc.ca/education/factsheets/). Find out about some workable solutions for composting questions and challenges. **WSV**

## EXHIBITS

### ARTISTS FRIENDSHIP SHOW.

Daily to June 4. Reading Room Cafe, 6660 Sooke Rd. Watercolours [Linda Anderson, Louise Morin, Brenda Parkinson, Pat Phillips], jewelry & glass [Rae Williamson].

**SOOKE NIGHT MARKET.** Thursdays June 2 to Sept 1 at Sooke Region Museum. Also daily: Farming History exhibit (upstairs).

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## Horseshoe pitch opens June 4

The long-awaited Sooke Horseshoe Pitch will officially open on Saturday, June 4, From 10:30 am to 2 pm the public can learn to play horseshoes and enjoy some refreshments. The pitches are located on Sooke River Rd across from Fred Milne Ball Park. **WSV**

### Strawberry Tea

You are invited to the **39th Annual Strawberry Tea** at Knox Presbyterian Church, 2110 Church Rd, Sooke

**Wed June 15**  
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## Sooke Food Bank open house: June 15

An open house about the Sooke Food Bank will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at the Sooke Community Hall, 10am to 2pm. "Come and see how your donations work," says Kim Metzgar of the Sooke Food Bank Society. There will be displays, tours and ice cream. Groups and schools are asked to RSVP: 250-642-7666. **WSV**

## Emergency followup

The Shake Zone event at Sooke Fire Hall on May 22 gave over 500 people the opportunity to try an 8.0 Magnitude shake-up experience in the Quake Cottage at Sooke Fire Hall.

Among the participants was Ralph Mohrmann, Senior Regional Manager, Assistant Director of Emergency Coordination, Emergency Management, Saanichton. He attended with his family on that Sunday of the May long weekend.

"As an emergency manager, I well understand the risks and what an earthquake entails. But it's important to me - as it should be to every parent - that we help cultivate a culture of preparedness that begins at home, with our kids and our families," said Mohrmann.

"Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility for every level of government, including the provincial level where I work. We have done a lot of preparing at the provincial level, and those preparations will be tested in a couple of weeks during a provincial earthquake exercise here on the island, but make no mistake, the real resiliency of the people in this province depends on personal preparedness."

Mohrmann emphasizes that everyone needs to have an emergency kit and plan. "And we need to foster awareness with our kids so that we can turn the tide of complacency around and ensure we're a generation that is ready and responsive to the risk," he said after Shake Zone. **WSV**

## BE PART OF THE GRAD EXPERIENCE

You are invited to include your message in the 2016 graduation issues of **West Shore Voice News**. These editions will be 'keepers' for families and communities, including names of grads and scholarship recipients from **all 3 high schools in SD62** (EMCS, Belmont, Royal Bay), and interviews with leaders in education and community.

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- ✓ **June 17:** Belmont & Royal Bay grad list; EMCS awards
- ✓ **June 24:** Belmont & Royal Bay scholarships/awards

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