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Taking care of nature

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ENVIRONMENT



Cleanup at Whiffin Spit on Sunday April 14 saw 1,520 lbs of debris collected in two hours by 80 volunteers, as organized by Surfrider Vancouver Island.

• Earth Day comes up April 22 each year, as a focus for environmental action and awareness. Zero Waste Sooke will be holding their second region-wide clean up next weekend, April 27 and 28. Like last year, they will be setting up bins in East Sooke, Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley and Pacheedaht Nation.

Each set of bins will need an attendant and will be locked when not attended. Last year people dumped illegal materials into some of the bins and volunteers had to later climb into the bins to remove unwanted materials.

"Also, lots of material that belonged in the recycling bins ended up in the garbage bin and subsequently in the land. With attendants this hopefully won't happen again," says project coordinator Wendy O'Connor. Gloves, reflective vests and garbage bags will be provided to registered teams.

To get involved in cleanup coordination for your community or neighbourhood, register via email at wendyocconnor@me.com or call 250-361-6965. **WSV**

Watching bleachers rise

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• The additional new bleachers at Westhills Stadium are under construction through to summer. "We'll just muscle through. It's what we do in Langford," says Langford Mayor Stew Young.

The first Pacific FC game at the stadium is on April 28 (Pacific FC purple seats will be added for what is expected to be a sellout crowd). Women's Rugby Sevens will compete at the stadium on Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12. A major Langford concert event is scheduled for August 24.

Time lapse images of the new Westhills Stadium bleachers construction can be viewed on the Langford website at: <https://www.langford.ca/EN/main/visit/web-cameras.html> **WSV**

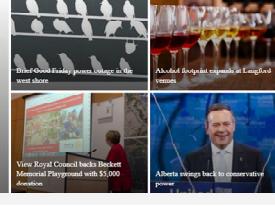


One of a few sets of new bleacher sections under construction at Westhills Stadium in Langford (April 12, 2019).



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Expansion well underway at Royal Bay Secondary

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

EDUCATION

• Better weather and finally a window of scheduling opportunity saw a low-key celebration of building expansion to 1,400 seats at Royal Bay Secondary in Colwood on April 16.

Attended by Education Minister Rob Fleming and a range of community leaders including Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) and elected officials from Colwood and Langford, the brief morning podium-announcement event highlighted the message about SD62 being the fastest-growing school district on Vancouver Island, and how the provincial government is doing its best to keep up with funding and decision-making for land purchases (school location) and construction (timelines to keep up with student population growth).

The new high school's current seat count of 800 was surpassed at day one in September 2015. Presently there are nearly 1,000 students at Royal Bay, where over 10 portable classrooms are in use to accommodate the overflow. The additional 600 seats are to be ready for the opening of school in September 2020.

There are presently 59 portable class-



Construction is well underway for the addition of 600 seats (for total 1,400) and a third gymnasium at Royal Bay Secondary, to be open in Sept 2020.

rooms in use around the growing school district in Langford, Colwood and Sooke; five more are coming for Fall 2019.

The consistent increase in student population since around 2014 has been driven by the increase in housing development in the fast-growing west shore

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Education Minister Rob Fleming was joined by a wide range of community leadership at the April 16 official construction announcement at Royal Bay Secondary in Colwood.

Recreation facility expansion in Sooke

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• SEAPARC Leisure Complex staff and patrons are excited about the upcoming expansion by 5,150 sq ft which will include a child minding room, movement studio and fitness gym.

The parking lot will be reconfigured, retaining 140 of the current 146 parking spaces, says SEAPARC manager Steve Knoke.

Construction starts in May, with a January 2020 completion target. Price tag: \$3.4 million (previous funds topped up with \$1.24 million from a Strategic Priorities Federal Gas Tax Fund grant



SEAPARC facility expansion will be at the front of the building, reaching into the parking lot.

and the upcoming 2019 property tax levy from Sooke and Juan de Fuca). **WSV**

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EDITORIAL

by Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR ~ Editor & Publisher

E Data-dump left for region to sort out

The audience seemed to hope for more, feeling a bit shortchanged on a sense of understanding about what really sets the economic tempo of southern Vancouver Island. There were about 180 business people, elected officials and community leaders at the sell-out luncheon on April 18 co-hosted by the Victoria Chamber of Commerce at which the South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP) group presented their second data snapshot of economic factors of the Greater Victoria area encapsulated as the South Island Prosperity Index.

The index measures indicators "relative to our local economy", says SIPP, comparing them to other cities across the country with a focus on economic resiliency, transportation and mobility, housing and affordability, human health, and environmental health. SIPP boasts 53 member organizations, and growing.

SIPP's main presenter – economist Peter Norman of Altus Group in Toronto – aimed to inform the attentive audience about their region with clues for fostering economic growth. But in their choice to utilize the services of a Toronto-based economic analyst – and further, to present comparative data almost entirely from urban centres in southern Ontario and Quebec – SIPP left a sense of disappointment in their audience. Even with a glossy printed executive summary distributed upon leaving the event, some of the audience effectively left empty-handed.

In the question period, Colwood councillor Doug Kobayashi asked if the data wasn't in fact comparing 'apples to oranges' (not finding any relevant comparison to the south island in data from southern Ontario). And another community leader implied that the data didn't examine the mild year-round weather component of having higher per-capita number of homeless people on the island. Precisely, this was a data dump, left for listeners to sort through and find any gems.

Afterward, Oak Bay Mayor Kevin Murdoch said he was perplexed at how lack of any one strong industry in this region was considered a plus (the presentation included an example of the vehicle manufacturing industry in some Ontario towns being so large that when it fails it causes more problems than if numerous smaller sectors experience ups and downs). Murdoch said he felt cities in the study were "isolated capitals" and "difficult comparators".

SIPP uses data that is voluntarily submitted to the World Council on City Data, said Norman. There is no proactive solicitation of unique or targeted data; they take what they find. Without realizing it, communities that don't submit data by ISO standards to the World Council are putting themselves at a disadvantage, but only if they want to walk in step with reports from organizations like SIPP. That's a leadership choice from within communities across the country.

Where there may have been some agreement between speaker and audience was that a strong government office component in the workforce is a contributor to regional economic stability. The core area of Victoria enjoys that component at the present time. Langford has long sought to woo provincial government offices to its west shore location for that very stability in the commercial leasing sector and for reducing the need for large numbers of employees to commute.

If the point of the presentation was to raise more questions than answers, it succeeded. There will likely be reference to the perceived shortcomings of the index as much as its instigation of conversation about regional economic factors.

SIPP says they are not a lobby group, but one prominent guest – federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May, MP (Saanich-Gulf Islands) – told the crowd that she would certainly be using what she called the 'holistic thinking' of the presentation toward "finding measurements of well being". About the report, May said: "It really helps policymakers and I hope we'll have some willing partners on the federal level to pick up on the direction of analysis that's coming out of SIPP." She declared: "If you don't measure it, it doesn't matter". May did wonder about some of the data, such as whether a tallied high rate of suicide included opioid-related deaths which are probably not suicides if unsuspected fentanyl was a factor, and to what degree social supports are provided alongside a tally of mental health-related events or deaths. She looks for more detail on housing affordability, which she said is "a big concern for all of my constituents". She admits that the federal Greens are still developing their Fall 2019 election platform and that the SIPP report will be reviewed for data "that brings to

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SIPP emcee Bruce Williams and federal Green Leader Elizabeth May at the April 18 luncheon in Victoria.

presence in the national scheme of things promotes this region more than the data helping locally where trends are already evident.

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Presenters Peter Norman, economist, Altus Group (left) and Dallas Gislason, Director of Economic Development, SIPP.

light different connections". A big factor for May: "We need to make sure housing is available where we work."

As emcee, Bruce Williams thanked the speakers for the update of the previous report (by a previous analyst group) of 18-months ago: "People can see what changed, what got better or worse". And while afterward Norman told West Shore Voice News it wasn't about eastern Canadian cities versus west, the fact remains that no data was included from any western provinces other than BC, and that within BC it was only Greater Victoria and Surrey (unsimilar cities). Size of a town is only a single factor that doesn't necessarily address differences in community or regional culture, tone and attitude.

Questions from the event's marketing material such as hinting at clues about more water usage per capita in this region compared to Ontario were not answered, just asked. On that point, there are more months of the year here in the long growing season of a nearly perpetual mild climate where the watering of landscaping is both desired and required; personal water consumption in households might be exercised with great caution but data on the broad scale might still only show 'higher usage'. This sort of scenario is an example of where data without context can be weak or misleading.

Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins attended the luncheon. She said afterward that the presentation will help the region "understand how we fare in the different categories against peer communities, but more important, it shows areas where we may want to focus greater resources on to improve our region's economic growth". Desjardins points to how "transportation improvements for moving people and goods provides significant economic benefits".

Langford Mayor Stew Young is familiar with the SIPP project. He feels that any true action for job creation and true economic development is overshadowed by promotional goals of the SIPP project. Indeed, Victoria's lone star

conservative factions in a to blue wall to battle Notley in 2019.

However, with the NDP holding onto 24 seats where prior to her 2015-2019 majority the NDP only held four is a significant accomplishment. Notley now leads a new Official Opposition in Alberta. Hopefully the stance she felt necessary against BC and fellow NDP-Premier John Horgan will leading Alberta will soften, for all good political reasons.

An interesting political wrinkle is that with a large number of NDP MLAs in the next Alberta legislature being around Edmonton there could emerge a robust two-party counterpoint in Alberta politics. Edmonton-elected Notley in the north, Calgary-elected Kenney in south. That's much different than when conservative politics ruled for 40 years without much room for any liberal or progressive voice.

Neither the Alberta Party nor the provincial Liberal Party won any seats. "We will strive to be a government for all," said premier-designate Jason Kenney.

Kenney in his election night victory speech went broad on the economic file. He addressed national interests, setting Alberta as a leading economic force for the country, and internationally. "Alberta is open for business," he said to the nation and the world, naming the United States and China in his remarks.

And he took direct aim at the federal Liberal carbon tax, claiming leadership for Alberta in setting the tone of fighting that approach to dealing with climate change in Canada. **WSV**

[ELECTION NIGHT EDITORIAL: https://westshorevoicenews.com/alberta-swings-back-to-conservative-power/](http://www.westshorevoicenews.com/alberta-swings-back-to-conservative-power/)

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News**Political Trends****Notley's NDP falls to consolidation of the right****Premier Rachel Notley's**

NDP government fell to defeat in the April 16 Alberta provincial election. Formerly the majority government for four years, the NDP's seat count is now 24, down from 52. Of 87 ridings, the United Conservative Party (UCP) under the leadership of Jason Kenney captured 63, with 54.8% of the vote compared to the NDP's 32.1%.

Notley's concession speech Tuesday evening in Edmonton was gracious and informative about the successes of her government in areas of both social and economic policy. Had she delivered with that tone and type of rightful claim to success during the campaign instead of taking a scrappy approach, there might have been a different result. However, four years ago in the May 2015 election she did break the 40-year conservative domination of Alberta politics, and it was probably a scramble for her to both put the NDP stamp on Alberta governance while toughening up her approach into something robust for majority re-election. All the while, Kenney was busy absorbing the conservative Wildrose Party and other

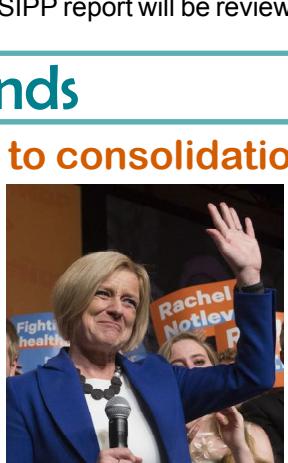
POLITICAL SHIFT

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Alberta provincial election night: Premier Rachel Notley conceded to UCP Leader Jason Kenney.



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RECREATION | THE ARTS

View Royal Council backs Beckett Memorial Playground with \$5,000 donation

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

The next phase of honouring the late Cst Sarah Beckett is emerging. While immediately following the West Shore RCMP officer's tragic death in a vehicle crash in April 2016 – and for a few years after that – there have been a range of memorials, now the approach is turning to ongoing celebration of her life.

Development of the Sarah Beckett Memorial Playground in City Centre Park in Langford is fast underway, toward completion ahead of a big concert and soccer event at the adjacent Westhills Stadium on August 24.

A total of \$250,000 for the playground equipment is being sought by the Rotary Club of West Shore. The City of Langford is paying for redevelopment and expansion of City Centre Park location, at a cost of about \$1 million.

A presentation about the playground fundraising effort was made to View Royal Council at their regular council meeting on Tuesday evening, April 16, by Dianna Seaton on behalf of the local Rotary.

View Royal Mayor David Screech said his council [Councillors Damian Kowalewicz, Gery Lemon, Ron Mattson, and John Rogers] had already decided to donate \$5,000 to the playground project and was glad for the presentation to hear more details.

"It will be a safe and environmentally-friendly playground," said Seaton. There will be two sections of the playground, one area with equipment suitable for preschoolers age 2 to 5 years, and one area for children age 5 to 12 years.

"Families need spaces with various degrees of mobility. Equipment has been selected to meet those criteria," Seaton told View Royal Mayor and Council in a short presentation next to a projected image of the late Sarah Beckett with her two young sons enjoying use of a playground. "Sarah's husband is strongly supportive and involved in the process," said Seaton.

Seaton will be making similar presentations to three more councils in the west shore area: Colwood, Metchosin and Highlands.

Other fundraisers have included the Rotary's Annual Lobsterfest in March and also the Sarah Beckett Memorial Run on April 13, as well as their booth at the Millstream Village Easter Event this weekend. Bricks with engraved messaging are also available as a way for the public to make a donation.

Dianna Seaton is Vice-Chair of the Sooke School District 62 board of education and a lifelong resident of Sooke and the west shore. **WSV**

Article online, and more photos: <https://westshorevoicenews.com/view-royal-council-backs-beckett-memorial-playground-with-5000-donation/>

DeMamiel golf course heads into 3rd season

Physically the course is responding well to our greenskeeper. The quality of greens and overall quality of play is improving. We've heard that from our users, and the public," says SEAPARC manager Steve Knoke about the DeMamiel Creek 3 Par Golf Course on Throup Road as it heads into its third full season.

"We've been punching and sanding the greens so they're firmer and the ball rolls better. So many little adjustments are made continually for ease of use. Small things we make changes on make a big difference," said Knoke.

Continued use by residents and community will probably again include several tournaments, as well as families getting out to be active together, and seniors taking advantage of the weekday 18-hole special. www.seaparc.ca **WSV**



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All eyes were on remembrance of Sarah Beckett during Dianna Seaton's presentation at View Royal Council, April 16.

Sooke Choir plays the love chord

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

"**This will be a big, loud, emotional show,**" says Sooke Community Choir artistic director Bruce Ruddell. "The #modernlove concert title is cheeky. It's meant to be very contemporary, as the music is too," he told West Shore Voice News this week.

"The whole program is based around the chaos of relationships... good, bad and indifferent. They're all big hits, amazing arrangements," says Ruddell. He laments a bit about "how hard it is to find really good arrangements these days – publishers are all owned by huge companies like Disney... they get rid of the music, so it's hard to find".

"There's a growing number of young people in the choir now. They brought me pieces of music that I wasn't really cognisant of. We're doing pieces like *A Thousand Miles*, *Count on Me* and *Uptown Funk* (Bruno Mars), and *Love Shack* (B52s). "It's been like holding back horses," says Ruddell about the enthusiasm of his 60 or so singers.

Great solos and adding a musician are highlights for this season's concert. Working alongside the choir's longtime pianist Kathy Russell will be Jeff Poynter who covers a range with sax, keyboard, and horns. And with full-on lighting, it'll be a show.

"There's a reason why pop music is popular – it touches people, both lyric and music touch you in ways that last your whole life in a way," says Ruddell who is a member of the Canadian League of Composers and the Canadian Playwrights Guild of Canada.

The #modernlove concerts will be held Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday May 5 at 2 pm – all of those at Sooke Community Hall, 2037 Shields Road (tickets at Shoppers Sooke, The Stick and at eventbrite.com). On Mother's Day weekend the choir will perform in Parksville at 3 pm on Saturday May 11 (tickets \$20 at the door). **WSV**

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For the #ModernLove concert in May, musical director Bruce Ruddell has strong musical support from Kathy Russell (piano) and Jeff Poynter (winds, guitar).



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Good Friday. Fri Apr 19 stat holiday.
Easter Sunday. Sun Apr 21.
Easter Monday. Mon Apr 22.
Earth Day. Mon Apr 22. www.earthday.org
Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Apr 22. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. www.blood.ca

The rest of April

District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting. Tues Apr 23. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

District of Metchosin Environmental Advisory Committee. Tues Apr 23. 7pm. www.metchosin.ca

City of Colwood, Esquimalt Lagoon Stewardship Initiative meeting. Tues Apr 23. 2 pm. www.colwood.ca

City of Colwood Regular Council Meeting. Tues Apr 23. 7 pm. www.colwood.ca

SD62 Board Meeting - budget. Tues Apr 23. Board office. 7 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Super Channel Boxing Championships. April 23 to 27 at Bear Mountain Resort. Hosted by Boxing BC with Boxing Canada, Super Channel, City of Langford. www.boxing.bc.ca

Family, Fitness & Flavours. West Shore Community event and garage sale. Sat Apr 27. 1767 Island Hwy. Free admission 10-2. Open: swimming & weight room 1:30-4pm. www.westshorerecreation.ca

Sookarama 2019 Business Expo. Sat Apr 27. 10 to 4 at SEAPARC, 2168 Phillips Road. Door prizes: BBQ, Samsung Galaxy Tab E, Chemainus Dinner Theatre Trip. Free admission. Organized by the Sooke Lions Club.

Colwood Spring Cleanup. Fri Apr 26 & Sat Apr 27. 8:30 am to 4 pm. Small fee to bring items for recycling and disposal (Colwood residents only). Colwood Public Works 250-474-4133. <https://www.colwood.ca/discover-colwood/faces-places/spring-clean-2019>

Sooke region clean up. Sat Apr 27 & Sun Apr 28 by Zero Waste Sooke. Gloves, reflective vests & garbage bags provided. Contact wendyocconnor@me.com or 250-361-6965.

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Making history: Pacific FC launch on April 28

“Be a part of history” is the buzzline from Pacific FC about their inaugural game coming up on Sunday April 28. And that’s not just puffery.

Not since 1986 has Canada qualified for the men’s soccer World Cup. And for decades Canada has not had a domestic professional soccer league. Then came the Canadian Premier League (CPL) which last fall launched with seven teams across the country. Here on Vancouver Island is Pacific FC, based out of Victoria with all matches played at Westhills Stadium in Langford.

With so many youth enjoying soccer at school, on community teams and in academies, it’s a natural move for pro soccer to ramp up the interest and skill levels toward 2026. That’s when Canada will co-host the 2026 World Cup along with the USA and Mexico. The launch of that long-held dream of a domestic Canadian pro league – through which young Canadian players can develop – will be realized this week with CPL’s inaugural game on Saturday April 27 at Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton at 1 pm EST (10 am PDT). That’s a match between Hamilton-based Forge FC vs York9 FC (home games at York University’s York Lions Stadium). Watch CPL live on CBC-TV and CBC Gem streaming service.

But there’s nothing like the energy of being in the stadium for a live match. Here in the west shore, that first opportunity comes up Sunday April 28 at Westhills Stadium in Langford. Pacific FC will launch their inaugural season here that day, in a 7 pm home game against the HFX Wanderers landing on the island here from Halifax. Tickets: <https://pacificfc.canpl.ca/pacific-football-club-ticketing>

CBC will be the exclusive television broadcast home for 10 key Canadian Premier League games throughout the 2019 season (schedule at <https://canpl.ca/article/cbc-sports-mediacorp-canada-partner-to-provide-20-match-live-broadcast-of-cpl-season>) including a special big-blast home game for Pacific FC vs ValourFC at Westhills Stadium on Saturday August 24 at 6 pm.

This week Pacific FC signed centre back Ryan McCurdy. McCurdy joins 16 players who have been named to Pacific FC’s roster, including Marcel de Jong (off for injury), Marcus Haber, Kadin Chung, Mark Village, Nolan Wirth, Ben Fisk, Victor Blasco, José Hernandez, Matthew Baldisimo, Terran Campbell, Noah Verhoeven, Alessandro Hojabrpour, Hendrik Starostzik, Lukas MacNaughton, Blake Smith and Issey Nakajima-Farran. **WSV**

Boxing championships in Langord: April 23 to 27

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Championships will be held at Bear Mountain Resort, hosted by Boxing BC, April 23 to 27. “The team and I are very happy to help support the event and be home to these amazing athletes for the week,” said Brian Harrington, General Manager, Westin Bear Mountain Resort. Elite, Youth and Junior categories (men & women) are included. • Pre-Sale tix \$20 to \$40 (youth \$15 / family \$50 / week: \$140 • At the door \$25 to \$50 / family \$60 / week \$150. **WSV**

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Pacific FC Inaugural game. Sun Apr 28 at Westhills Stadium. 4pm. Pacific FC vs Halifax. Single-game tickets and season passes for sale online: <https://pacificfc.canpl.ca/pacific-football-club-ticketing>

Rock the Rink audition deadline send (music file or YouTube link) by Tues Apr 30. Westshore Parks & Rec youth bands competition, live event June 1. Contact cbrison@westshorerecreation.ca or 250-474-2847.

First half of May

Six Mile Corridor Open House. Wed May 1. Town Hall Council Chambers. 5 to 7 pm. www.viewroyal.ca

Pacific FC vs Valour FC. Wed May 1. 8 pm PDT. Westhills Stadium. <https://pacificfc.canpl.ca/pacific-football-club-ticketing>

Viva La Westshore. Fri May 3. At Olympic View Golf Club. Westshore Chamber fundraiser for Children’s Health Foundation of Vanc Island. www.westshore.bc.ca

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Nanaimo-Ladysmith federal by-election. Mon May 6. www.elections.ca

Victoria Chamber AGM. Tues May 7. Speakers on Amalgamation of Victoria & Saanich: Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps & Saanich Mayor Fred Haynes. 11:30 am. Hotel Grand Pacific. www.victoriachamber.ca

Annual Westshore Colwood Campus Plant Sale. 2139 Sooke Rd. Sat May 11. Pre-orders: Contact Debbie at dloewijk@sd62.bc.ca

13th Annual Duck Day at the Flats. Sat May 11. Tix \$5 ea or \$20 for 5. Sooke Harbourside Lions fundraiser.

Women's Rugby Sevens. Sat May 11 & Sun May 12. Westhills Stadium, Langford. www.rugby.ca

Mother's Day. Sun May 12.

Vancouver Island Sustainable Technology Expo. Thurs May 16. JdF Red Centre, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood. www.vistaexpo.ca



Sooke medical office: sometimes there are fees for missed appointments

There is a shortage of family physicians in Sooke. “When appointments are missed, we have missed an opportunity to provide care to someone else in need,” says Dr Anton Rabien of the West Coast Family Medical Clinic at Evergreen Shopping Centre in Sooke.

“Our clinic experiences 150 to 200 missed appointments per month, not including last-minute cancellations. We certainly appreciate a phone call if patients are unable to make a booked appointment, and as a rule, we do not bill patients who make the effort to contact us,” said Dr Rabien this week.

“We are aware that some of our patients face difficulties with transportation and/or finances, and we certainly take that into consideration,” he said.

Invoices for missed appointments at West Coast Family Medical Clinic include a preamble about the shortage of family physicians in the community, and: “You are receiving this invoice because you missed a booked appointment today and did not notify us to cancel that appointment.”

The clinic in Sooke includes nine family physicians, supported by allied health care providers from the Island Health Sooke Health and Wellness Team (including registered dietitian, registered social worker, registered nurse), visiting specialist physicians, and medical office assistants as well as medical support staff.

West Coast Family Medical Clinic is a teaching facility. Patients can expect both medical students and resident physicians to be involved in their care. **WSV**

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