

Community Achievements!

The world has come to Langford! I was proud to stand in the Legislature and ask what Sao Paulo, Dubai, Atlanta, London, Amsterdam and the great city of Langford have in common. The answer of course is world class women's rugby. The weekend of April 18-19th saw 12 nations represented at the International Women's Sevens Rugby at Westhills Stadium.

Large crowds, good weather and exciting games highlighted the talent of the women at this level of competitive, international play. Canada did not get the result we were looking for but are still very much in the hunt for a place in the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Women's Sevens is one of the fastest growing sports in Canada, with good reason. The sport is fast, the players are skilled and the action is non-stop.

I also had the opportunity this spring to visit the two new high schools being built in Langford and Colwood. Both will

welcome students in September 2015. My sons attended Belmont and our family was involved in the school through sports, music and other events. I was proud to work with community leaders, school trustees, parents and students to convince the provincial government to replace the outdated school building. It is gratifying to see the results of community engagement.

I have always marveled at the extraordinary student achievement our kids were able to squeeze from the crumbling infrastructure. I am sure other parents will agree that the educational outcomes are a testament to the teachers and administrators that work so hard every day to help students realize their full potential. I am so excited at the prospect of what are students and teachers

will be able to accomplish in state of the art facilities.

The new schools both incorporate designs and innovations to meet the changing needs of high school students and teachers. The community is celebrating on May 9th with a Farewell to Belmont. The efforts the community has put into this event, marking the end

"The new schools ... meet the changing needs of high school students and teachers."

of an era is impressive (see Community Events). If you can find the time I encourage you to come out and say so long to the old Belmont and learn more about the new Belmont and Royal Bay.

I also want to give a shout out to Sandra Webster-Worthy and the PACE program (Program for Academic and

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

April 25 Earth Day & e-Waste Challenge.

Want to get rid of old electronics for FREE? Westshore Town Centre is hosting their annual Earth Day event. Bring that old TV, computer, keyboard, radio, cell phone or charger to be responsibly recycled for FREE.

Drive up and drop off - it's that easy! Drop off location located in the parking lot near Cineplex Westshore. There will be local community groups, local municipalities, businesses, banner painting, and more! 11am - 3pm. Info: CLICK HERE.

May 2 Community Clean Up of Highlands. Volunteer clean-up of garbage, tossed metal, tires, and miscellaneous items from main roads, side roads and municipal parks.

Garbage bags and rubber gloves will be available at the Pike House that day from 8am. Please bring the garbage you collect to the Pike House for sorting and disposal no later than 2pm Saturday afternoon.

If you cannot bring your collected garbage back to the Pike House, then please leave it on a main roadside location where it can be safely retrieved. Main roads are: Millstream; Finlayson Arm; Millstream Lake; Munn; and Ross-Durance. Info: Marcie at 250-474-4725 or CLICK HERE.

May 2 Sooke Rotary Auction & Spring Fair. Food, fun, and bargains galore. Everyone's invited, from bargain hunters to brazen bidders, young and old. Silent auction, live auction, door prizes, display booths, garden sales and more! All day food, live music and entertainment!

And all in support of a good cause. This is Sooke Rotary's Premier Fundraising event, and proceeds benefit the local community. 10am - 8pm at SEAPARC Leisure Complex. Free swim 1pm - 5pm. Live Auction 6pm. Info: CLICK HERE.

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Creative Enrichment) in School District 62. Ellie and I have been going to PACE shows since our kids started out at Happy Valley School and I was delighted to take in one of the performances as PACE celebrated 30 years of quality entertainment and student enrichment. This year's performance saw over 200 students from grade one to twelve from schools across the district. Always a massive production, Sandra, the kids and the crew did a spectacular job once again.

May signals the start of many community and farmers' markets. I have included a listing of the markets and events near you for your reference. My family enjoy getting out and supporting our local farmers and artisans and meeting the folks who work hard in our communities. Maybe we will see you there!

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↑ **Grand Opening of the Sooke Bike Park.** March 28. From right: Sooke Mayor Maja Tait, T'Sou-ke First Nations Elder Shirley Alphonse, SEAPARC Manager Steve Knoke, John, CRD Chair Nils Jensen and JDF Electoral District Director Mike Hicks.

I spent the day in Port Renfrew on April 7 and enjoyed a First Nations Community Family Day meeting and a Community Lunch on Pacheedaht territory. From left: Pacheedaht Elder Bill Jones, Pacheedaht Chief Arliss Daniels, MLA John Horgan, Pacheedaht Councillor Tracey Charlie.



Support Your Local Farmer!

Sooke Country Market Info: [CLICK HERE](#).
Saturdays, 10am – 2pm, May through Oct
2047 Otter Point Rd (*across from Eustace Road*)

Goldstream Station Market Info: [CLICK HERE](#).
Saturdays, 10am – 2pm, May 23 – Oct 17
Veteran's Memorial Park (*corner of Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Goldstream Rd*).

Metchosin Farmers' Market Info: [CLICK HERE](#).
Sundays, 11am – 2pm, to Oct 26
Metchosin Municipal Grounds (*behind the Fire Hall*)

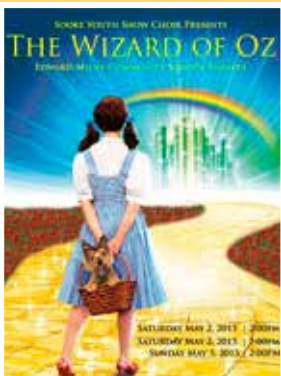
Highlands Farmers' Market Info: [CLICK HERE](#).
Last Sunday of the month, rain or shine
10am – 1pm, May – Sept
Caleb Pike Homestead, 1589 Millstream Rd

Shirley Farmers' Market Info: [CLICK HERE](#).
Sundays, 11am – 3pm, May 31 – Sept 13
Pioneer Park (*between the Shirley Community Hall and Shirley Delicious Café*)

Sooke Night Market Info: [CLICK HERE](#).
Thursdays, 5pm – 8pm, June 4 – Sept 3
Sooke Region Museum



COMMUNITY EVENTS



May 2-3 The Wizard of Oz. The Sooke Youth Show Choir Presents The Wizard of Oz. Tickets: at the door are \$10. Edward Milne Community School, Sooke. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

Emergency Preparedness Week
May 3-9, 2015

72 HOURS
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May 3 Regional Emergency Preparedness Fair. Check out cool emergency vehicles, equipment and emergency supplies as well as interactive activities for the kids. Everyone welcome! This is part of National Emergency Preparedness Week, May 3-9, 2015.

This event is designed to raise awareness about the potential emergency risks in our area and being prepared with an emergency kit and an emergency plan.
11am – 3pm at Juan de Fuca Senior's Centre, 1767 Island Highway. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

May 9 What Have You Seine Today? Join CRD Regional Parks naturalists to use a seine net and see what creatures live in the deeper reaches of the ocean.

Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Meet on the main beach. Park in the main parking lot off Metchosin Rd. and follow the 20 minute forest trail to the beach.

Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin) 1pm – 2:30pm for ages 5 and up. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

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Saying Goodbye to Belmont: Sat. May 9

An Open House to recognize the closure of the school and the 68 years it has been in operation

TIME	EVENT
9:00 am	Opening Events & Pancake Breakfast
11:00 am	Aboriginal Blessing
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Speeches and Stories — learn about historical connections and interesting facts
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Musical Entertainment — enjoy alumni and current Belmont musical talents
3:00 pm	Digging up time capsule for relocation to new school
7:00 pm	Closing ceremonies including torch passing

All day events include a chance to stroll through the school and reminisce; visit Belmont's Sports Hall of Fame; B-Bay Online Auction in the library: last chance to acquire Belmont historical memorabilia; purchase commemorative clothing and gifts; Share your Stories booth; Photo Booth; Alumni Booth; view plans for the new schools; food available through the day.

Decade rooms open all day:

- 11 am: 1950s & 1960s
 - 12 pm: 1970s
 - 1 pm: 1980s
 - 2 pm: 1990s
 - 4 pm: 2000s
- Visit us on Facebook at "Saying Goodbye to Belmont" #gbbelmont
Info: [CLICK HERE.](#)

BC Students Snap a Selfie and Enter to Win

Discover Skills BC will be at the Skills BC Provincial Competition in Abbotsford to launch "Show Us Your #Skillfie" – an Instagram contest aimed at BC high school students. To enter students simply snap a "selfie" or a "skillfie" of themselves doing a trade or technology, post it on Instagram, share why it's their favourite skill and then tag the photo #skillfie.

Each week one student will be selected to win a \$100 iTunes gift card. The contest is open to BC high school students age 13 to 18 who are currently enrolled in a registered BC high school. The contest runs from April 15 to May 26, 2015.

"This is a great way to engage students in the exciting world of skilled trades and technology careers," states Jim Reed, president, BC Colleges. "The demand for graduates with skilled trades and technology education continues to grow, this contest is a perfect and a fun way for students to open their minds to these in demand careers."

Discover Skills BC provides students, educators and parents with relevant and up to date information on skilled trades and technology education and careers. The [web portal](#) has over 40 videos of students working in trades and technologies, profiles on trades and technology careers and materials for educators to introduce trades and technology careers to students in the classroom.

Students, parents and educators can discover these opportunities on the Discover Skills BC web portal [here.](#)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 15–18 Luxton Spring Fair. New this year is the Luxton Spring Fair, with midway rides, heritage displays and vendors' booths! On Saturday, there's a Country Dance featuring Montgomery Country in the Luxton Hall; \$20; advance tickets only, available at Willow Wind Feed & Tack, 2714 Sooke Road. The fair will have an agriculture focus with antique farm equipment, blacksmith, vendors booths and more. Admission to the grounds is free and parking is by donation at the corner of Sooke and Luxton Roads. Info: [CLICK HERE.](#)



May 22 Victoria Shamrocks Home Opener. The Victoria Shamrocks are bringing another season of exciting lacrosse to the Westshore.



The home opener promises to be an exciting game against the Nanaimo Timberman. There will be special events and presentations to mark the home opener. 100.3 The Q Centre, 1767 Island Highway. Game starts at 7:45pm. Tickets and info: [CLICK HERE.](#)



← Touring the new Royal Bay High School with spectacular views. I was part of a large group of School Trustees, MLA Maurine Karagianis, and staff from School District 62.

Holding a rugby ball signed by the Canadian Women's Sevens Team. What a great sunny weekend to showcase Rugby in Langford at Westhills Stadium. →



Mayor Stew Young and I enjoying a break in the action at the Women's Sevens Rugby April 18, 2015. ↓



← Larry Fofonoff has been volunteering in my Community Office on Fridays for over eight years now!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 22–31 Shrek the Musical. Four Seasons Musical Theatre offers another fun, family friendly musical, full of all-new songs, great dancing and breathtaking scenery. Shrek is part romance, part twisted comedic fairy tale and all irreverent fun for everyone! Isabelle Reader Theatre, Spencer Middle School, 1026 Goldstream Ave. Tickets are on sale now. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).



May 23–24 Mighty Garage Sale. Join the fun! Rummage around and gather your donations of unwanted 'stuff' still in good condition, such as clothing, books, furniture, antiques, small appliances, tools, sporting goods, china, garden supplies and household goods. We are allowing used computer equipment to be donated this year.



Drop donated items off at the tent in the Metchosin Community House parking lot from Saturday May 16 to Friday May 22, from 10 am to 2 pm daily. The Mighty Garage Sale takes place May 23–24, 9am – 3pm. Metchosin Community House, 4430 Happy Valley Road. See you there! Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

Do you have an upcoming community event?

Send full event information to John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca and we'll do our best to fit it in!