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[Book of Condolences for Corporal Nathan Cirillo](#)

Sands Funeral Chapel has placed memorial books in the lobbies of their funeral homes on Vancouver Island. Members and the public are invited to sign the memorial books. The pages from all the Sands Funeral Homes will be collected and a complete book will go to the Corporal's family. Please stop in and show your support for this courageous young man.

Book of Condolences for Corporal Nathan Cirillo

Sands Funeral Home

187 Trunk Rd.

Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm, Sat. 9 am - 4 pm

[Click here Nanaimo, Colwood and Victoria locations.](#)

Chamber Events

IslandSavings

Presents

The 2nd Annual Business Showcase & Seminar
Friday October 24, 2014 | Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn



Connect. Engage. Achieve.

[Business Showcase Celebrates Small Business Week TODAY Fri. Oct. 24](#)

Come and meet more than 30 of Cowichan's vital, innovative businesses. Enter to win hourly draw prizes or the Grand Price Victoria getaway package, featuring t

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fabulous Oak Bay Beach Hotel. Juice FM will broadcast live from the Showcase floor. And admission to the Showcase is absolutely FREE!

[Business Showcase](#)

11 - 11:50 am Members & Invited Guests
1 - 4:30 p.m. Open to the Public and Members
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Mixer & After Party - Members & Guests
Duncan Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn
140 Trans Canada Hwy.

[Mixer & After Party - TODAY - 4:30 pm Fri. OCT 24](#)

We're wrapping up the day with a Mixer sponsored by the good folks at Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn and RBC. Chef Scott Walmsley is planning delicious appies, there will be a cash bar and tons of great company. This event is free to Chamber members and their guests - **RSVP required.**

After the Showcase Mixer

Fri. Oct. 24, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free to Members and their guests

RSVP to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

[Thank You to Our Showcase Sponsors!](#)

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Broadcasting Live from the Showcase Fri. Oct.

Chamber Events

[Community Futures - Start Up & Small Business Programs - Oct. 29 Noon](#)

Community Futures Cowichan (CFC) offers financing, training, and advisory services for small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community. The organization works in partnership with other business lenders, educational institutions, not-for-profits and community governments to grow and diversify our local economy. Attend this Lunch 'n Learn to see how Community Futures can help with business financing, consulting, succession planning and selling a business. CFC Business Analyst (Loans) Raf Korkowski and Kevin Rodger, Business Development Coordinator will discuss the array of services that support businesses from start u

[Tourism Vancouver Island Strategic Plan 2015/17](#)

[BDC FREE Website Analysis Tool](#)

[Official Trade & Investment Site for BC](#)

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to succession planning and include success stories from real businesses.

Community Futures - Start Up & Small Business Programs

Wed. Oct. 29, Noon - 1:00 pm

Community Futures Boardroom, 135 Third St.

Please RSVP to: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Community Futures is completely focused on the needs of clients, local businesses and our area's economy.

Wed. Wine Down at Mr. Mike's - Wed. Oct. 29, 5:30 pm

It's time for a new Wine Down Wednesday and we're headed to Mr. Mike's Casual Steakhouse on Beverly St. Crystal, Chad and the team have set aside their heated insulated patio just for us. [See the wine list here](#). And, Mr. Mike's offers \$10 off 4 bottles of wine on Wednesday's too!

Wednesday Wine Down at Mr. Mike's

Wed. Oct. 29, 5:30 pm

2763 Beverly St.

RSVP to: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Gentlemen's Attire - Tips & Strategies at Outlooks Menswear Nov. 5, Noon

Miles Anderson, owner of Outlook for Men will share expert information on gentlemen's attire for all occasions. More details to come, but for now save the date for a fun, informative session on location at Outlooks for Men in downtown Duncan. Just in time for the Christmas social season, and gift shopping.

Gentlemen's Attire - Tips & Strategies - Outlooks Menswear

Wed. Nov. 5, Noon - 1:00 pm

53 Station St.

RSVP to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

The Benefits of Sleep - Michelle Conville - Thurs. Nov. 13, Noon - 1:00 pm

How much sleep do you need? Do you snore? Are you tired all the time? Sleep is essential for everyone's well being yet millions of people do not get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation may result in stress, continuing access to technology, work long hours or just poor sleep hygiene. There are more than 80 sleep disorders that can affect our overall health and well-being. One such disorder is Obstructive Sleep Apnea and is estimated to be present in 1 out of 4 adults with associated risk factors. Left untreated can contribute to serious medical conditions. Find out how to improve your sleep and your vitality. Attend this Lunch 'n Learn on Nov.

The Benefits of Sleep with Michelle Conville RMT

Thurs. Nov. 13, Noon - 1:00 pm

Location TBA, but accepting RSVP's now.

RSVP to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Michelle Conville is a Registered Respiratory Therapist for Independent Respiratory Services. She has worked in the field of Respiratory Therapy for 16 years and currently specializes in the field of Sleep, focusing on Obstructive Sleep Apnea diagnosis and treatment.

Save the Dates for these Upcoming Events:

[Digital Media Advertising, Tools & Strategies - Nov. 18, 4:30](#)

[Duncan Cowichan Chamber AGM - Nov. 25, 5:30 pm](#)

[Mixer at Chemainus Village Computer Centre - Dec. 2, 5:30 pm](#)

[How to Save on Cell, Phone & Data Charges with Schooley Mitchell - Dec. 3, Noon](#)

New Members Breakfast - Nov. 6, 7:30 am

Making the Most of Your Chamber Mobile Listing Webinar - Dec. 2, 10 am

Thank you to our Chamber members who share their time, expertise and hospitality with the business communi

This Weekend & Coming Soon ...

Halloween Train BC Forest Discovery Centre Starts TONIGHT - Oct. 24 until Oct. 30

The BC Discovery Centre famous Halloween Train is back - expanded to 7 nights of spooky fun! Activities include crafts in the schoolhouse, train rides every 1/2 hr, and trick or treat stations for the little ones. There will be lots of hot chocolate, coffee and hot food available to purchase so you can sit back, watch the fun and enjoy the fire pit. Lots of activities are indoors or under cover in case of rain. A complimentary shuttle will be offered by Bow Mel at this year for those parking in the Rona parking lot, at Cowichan Commons Mall on the Island Highway opposite the Forest Discovery Centre.



BC Forest Discovery Centre Halloween Train

Halloween at the BC Forest Discovery Centre

Fri. Oct. 24 to Thur. Oct. 30, 3:30pm - 9:00pm

Adults \$12 | Seniors \$10 | Children 3 - 12 \$8 | Children Under FREE

Wild Wings Festival: Celebrating the Return of the Trumpeter Swans - Now through Nov. 16

The Festival launched last night at the Craig Street Brew Pub then continues with Marsh Tours, family activities, the Wild Wings Art Exhibition and Voices of Nature Concert. Details below and the [Wild Wings website](#).



Wild Wings Festival 2014 - Now through Nov. 16

- Click for [TOMORROW'S SCHED: Marsh Tours & Family Activities Oct. 25, 10 am - 3 pm](#)
- WW Art Exhibition: Just Jakes Restaurant Until Nov. 16
- Voices of Nature Concert: Cowichan Theatre, Tickets at Box Office - Nov. 14, 7:30 pm

Proceeds go towards the SMWS's 25th Anniversary Project, a viewing tower at the Somenos Marsh.

Elections - Sat. Nov. 15

The Chamber salutes everyone who has stepped up and are standing for election in the upcoming November municipal, regional and School Trustee elections. We encourage everyone to participate, become familiar with issues, candidates' platforms - and of course to VOTE on November 15. Notices of All Candidates Meetings are being sent out. Please let us know of other similar events and we will include.

Oct. 29, 6:30 pm - Ladysmith All Candidates Meeting, Aggie Hall hosted by Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce

Oct. 29, 7 pm - School Trustees All Candidates Meeting - Centennial Hall, Lake Cowichan

Nov. 3, 7 pm - Town of Lake Cowichan All Candidates Meeting, Centennial Hall Lake Cowichan

Nov. 4, 8:00 am - All Candidates Meeting for the City of Duncan, Cowichan Green Community Meeting Room

Nov. 4, 6:30 pm - All Candidates Forum, Chemainus Residents Assoc. & Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce
Location to be announced.

Available contact information for the candidates can be found by [searching Civic Info BC](#)

[Municipality of North Cowichan](#) | [CVRD Election Information](#) | [City of Duncan](#) | [SD79 School Trustee Elections](#)

This Just In ...

Vancouver Island University - Upcoming Continuing Education Courses

The New Family Law Act: Parenting Arrangements
& Child Support -NEW
Tue, Oct 21; 6:30-8:30pm

MS Excel: Spreadsheets & Charts
Tue, Oct 21; 6-9pm

Introduction To Computers
Sat, Oct 25-Nov 29; 9am-12pm

QuickBooks
Tue & Thu, Oct 28-Nov 18; 6-9pm

Payroll Workshop
Sat, Nov 1; 9am-3pm & Sat,
Nov 8; 9:30am-12:30pm

Standard First Aid - Red Cross Recertification -NEW
Sat, Nov 1; 9am-5pm

Tibetan Momos -NEW
Mon, Nov 3; 6-9pm

MS Excel: Formulas & Functions
Tue, Nov 4; 6-9pm

Show Me The Funding! Practical Strategies
to Fuel Your Organization -NEW
Fri, Nov 7; 8:30am-4:30pm

Navigating Board Membership: Financial Literacy
Thu, Nov 13; 6-9pm

Certificate Programs...

[First Nations Housing Manager](#)
Online Credit Certificate Program

Medical Office Assistant ~ September 2015
3 Month Full-time Certificate Program
FREE INFORMATION SESSION
Wed, Jan 14; 6-8pm

Vancouver Island University - [Community Extension & Contract Services](#)
Register in person, [online](#) or by phone 250-746-3519

Fall-Winter Courses Online

Death Cafe Returns Oct. 28

The Death Cafe makes its return to Cowichan on Tues. Oct. 28 at the Cowichan Public Library. The first Death Cafe in our region was hosted by the Cowichan Valley Hospice at their spring annual general meeting where the turnout was enthusiastic and large. The response was clear - having a safe place to discuss death and end of life matters is important.

[Click Here for Details about the Death Cafe](#)

Tues. Oct. 28, 6 - 8 pm

Cowichan Branch of the Vancouver Island Public Library
Island Centre Savings Centre, 2687 James St.

RSVP Required, seating is limited: 250 746-7661

More Death Cafe Info.

Free Wiper Event at Speedy Glass Duncan - Until Nov. 15

It's Spring Fling in the Fall. Back by popular demand, it's the Speedy Glass free wiper event. **Get free wipers with every windshield repair or replacement** from now until Nov. 15. Only at Speedy Glass Duncan!

Free Wiper Event at Speedy Glass Duncan

2724 Beverly St

T: (250) 748-3311 | info@speedyglassduncan.ca

Dynamic HR Solutions & Integral Connections Present: Self-Leadership & Values Exploration Workshop - Nc

In this workshop, you will gain an understanding of values and how they connect to behaviours and beliefs. Explore connecting to your own system of values, and learn how to have powerful values based conversations. This increases commitment, motivation and enables you to handle objections more effectively, resolve conflict and make decisions. Pre-registration required.

[Self Leadership & Values Exploration Workshop](#)

from Dynamic HR Solutions & Integral Connections

Nov. 4, 9: am - Noon

Price: \$95.00 per person (plus tax)

Facilitator: [Tania Walter Gardiner](#)

[Dynamic HR Solutions](#) Boardroom

204, 64 Station St.

Price: \$95.00 per person (plus tax)

Facilitator: [Tania Walter Gardiner](#)

[Please register online here](#), or contact us: jassica@dynamichrsolutions.com | T: 250-597-1901

[Coaching Opportunity with Executive Coaching Students - Royal Roads University - Nov. 5 & 6](#)

Royal Roads University (RRU) is pleased to offer you an opportunity to be coached by one of our Executive Coaching students as part of their final exam process. The intention of these coaching sessions/panels is for students to demonstrate the International Coach Federation competencies learned during the Graduate Certificate in Executive Coaching program. There is no cost to participate. To comply with the International Coach Federation Confidentiality Code of Ethics, your coaching session will be kept confidential.

[Coaching Opportunity with Executive Coaching Students - RRU - Nov. 5 & 6](#)

To book your session, contact Annette Siewertsen 391-2600 Ext 4372 | annette.siewertsen@royalroads.ca.

[Premier Christy Clark Addresses Annual Economic Summit - Oct. 30](#)

Vancouver Island Economic Alliance welcomes Premier Christy Clark to the Economic Summit. Premier Clark presides at the closing luncheon on Oct. 30. Her address will be followed by a keynote from the Hon. Jason Kenney. Other presenters included Bob Treadway - renowned Futurist from San Diego, Sophie Pierre Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission, and Ken Peacock Chief Economist with the BC Business Council. Follow the links below for complete details and registration for the 8th Annual Economic Summit in Nanaimo Oct. 29 - 30.

[8th Annual Economic Summit - Oct. 29 - 30](#)

[Online Registration](#)

Member News & Events

[Cowichan Sportsplex - Referendum](#)

The November 15 CVRD election will contain a question on the ballot regarding the structure of funding for the Cowichan Sportsplex. Voters in the CVRD are asked to consider reclassifying the annual Sportsplex funding from a Grant-in-Aid, to a budget line item. Get some background on this important referendum via Shaw Go!Island's feature video and links.



[CVRD Minutes, Highlights & Documents](#)

[Board Highlights - CVRD July 9 Meeting](#)

[Board Highlights - CVRD July 30 Meeting](#)

[Cowichan Sportsplex funding will go to vote - News Leader July 11/14](#)

[Sportsplex Funding goes to Fall Referendum - Cowichan Valley Citizen Ju](#)

[2/14](#)

[News Leader Chamber News - Nov. 19 - Front Page Exposure & Centre Spread](#)

The News Leader is showing their support for the business community and pulling out all the stops to offer Chamber members enormous exposure at the lowest available prices. The quarterly [Chambers News appears in the Nov. 19 Cowichan](#) News Leader. And for the first time - it will be a centre spread, meaning prime placement for members' ads, and keeping the business community front and centre with readers. And still at those all time low



just-for-member pricing. The November Chamber News in the News Leader will feature the Chamber's processes and success in advocating for business. Booking deadline is Nov. 15 for the Nov. 19 issue.

[Chamber News Leader, Centre Spread in the Cowichan News Leader](#) - Nov. 1

Booking Deadline - Nov. 15

Contact a News Leader Representative about your ad:

[Shelley Hoover](#)
250.856.0050

[Kim Grant](#)
250-856-0052

[Wendy Henderson](#)
250.856.0054

[Jex Trithart](#)
250.856.0051

[Annual General Meeting - Call for Nominations for Directors](#)

The Chamber Board will have a couple of vacant Director seats available at this upcoming AGM. If you have ever thought of serving on the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, please let our Nominations Committee know of your interest. Contact Sonja Nagel, Executive Director at manager@duncancc.bc.ca or 250 748-1111 for a Board of Directors application form.

[Chemainus Chamber of Commerce - Nominate for the Annual Golden Brush Awards - Deadline Nov. 1](#)

It's Golden Brush time again. Follow the link to nominate your favourite business in Chemainus, Saltair, Crofton or Thetis. www.chemainus.bc.ca, and you may also [fill in the online form here](#).

[MNP Sponsors Best Concept Category in Small Business BC Awards - Deadline Nov. 30](#)

MNP is sponsoring the "Best Concept" Category in the 2015 Small Business BC (SBBC) Awards. MNP recognizes small businesses contribute significantly to BC economy and are the primary provider of private sector jobs. More than 2 entrepreneurs have participated in the SBBC Awards since 2003. MNP encourages you to nominate!

[Nominate for the Small Business BC Awards 2015](#)

[Best Concept Category Sponsored by MNP](#)

[Small Business BC Awards Recognize BC's Small Business Owners](#)

Nominees have the chance to win \$1500 cash, SBBC All-Access Pass, Mentorship, Extensive Media Exposure. From October 1 - November 30, nominate your business or business you love in any of 10 categories.

[Check out Cowichan's very own Bamboletta Dolls success story](#). Christina Platt, Bamboletta Doll, was last year's winner of Best Community Impact Award.

Bamboletta Dolls was also featured in BC Business. [The Pros and Cons of Running your business in a small town](#)



[Nomination Open - 15th Annual Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards - Deadline Dec. 12](#)

Calling all Island companies which have had a good year of growth, expansion, or introduction of new products and/or services. The Awards Gala is set for January 22, 2015. Hayes Stewart Little and Company and RBC are major sponsors of the event. To nominate a business, visit www.businessvi.ca/events and click on Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards to download a nomination form.

What would \$25,000 mean to
your business?

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[The Chamber recently launched our Business Advocacy Committee to a cross section of members](#)

On October 1, we held our first Business Advocacy Committee Forum, to launch our new committee and seek input from a cross section of our members. [Agenda and guest list from OCT 1 Forum](#) Thank you to our guests, who provided input to our process for receiving and reviewing business issues affecting businesses in the Cowichan. Advocacy input can now be submitted on our website: [Submission Form](#)

Dynamic HR Solutions: Fall Lunch & Learn Skills Builder Series Thursday's - November 20, 2014

Bring your lunch and join us for 60 min. of valuable learning, networking & discussion about HR-related topics.

October 30: Understanding Employee Assistance Programs - **Facilitator:** Garth Walmsley, Walmsley

Nov. 6: Making the Most of Your New Hires Probationary Period - **Facilitator:** Ginger Brunner, Dynamic HR Solutic

Nov. 13: Change Management & Resistance to Change - **Facilitator:** Ginger Brunner, Dynamic HR Solutions

Nov. 20: Whistle While You Work: Being Healthy & Happy in the Workplace - **Facilitator:** Wendy Bowen, Start Line Health & Wellness Group

Lunch 'n Learn Skills Builder Series at Dynamic HR Solutions

Thursdays - Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, Noon - 1:00pm

204, 64 Station St.

\$25.00/per person (plus tax) | Includes Handouts & Coffee/Tea/Water

[Register Online](#)

Contact us for details on these & other sessions E: jassica@dynamichrsolutions.com | T: 250-597-1901

Island Savings - Partnership with First West Credit Union

Members of Island Savings Credit Union will be asked to vote on Special Resolution for this unique and collaborativ multi-brand model. The results of the voting on the resolutions will be announced on November 14, 2014. Happy t share this information video, featuring Andrew Higginson, Black Tie 2014 Award Winner, Small Business Award category.



Four stories, one vision

Visitor Centre

Once Upon a Year Cowichan DVD - Great Gift Item - Sale for Bulk Orders of 10 or More

This is truly a visually stunning film, which we sell in the Visitor Centre at \$7.95. The DVD is popular with realtors to send to prospective clients, as well as a great addition to a "Welcome to the Cowichan" basket for out-of-town buyers. This is also a great promotion or gift for bed and breakfast, accommodations, attractions.

For the month of October, we are offering a sale of bulk DVD - 10 DVDs for \$50 (plus tax). Contact Kirsty to put aside 10 copies for you and your business.

visitorinfo@duncancc.bc.ca t:250-746-4636



Once Upon a Day... Cowichan (minute promo)

Celebrate Small Business

Hon. Naomi Yamamoto Salutes Small Business Month:

October is Small Business Month in British Columbia (BC) - our chance to recognize the tremendous contributions n

by small businesses. Small businesses are the heart and soul of communities. They support families and keep local economies strong. The owners are parents, coaches, entrepreneurs and volunteers who make a difference every day.

Across BC, 98 percent of businesses are small businesses, employing more than a million British Columbians. Businesses are the engine of our economy and I am proud to be celebrating the 8th Annual Small Business Month at exciting events throughout the province.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I am pleased to provide you with the following link to the new [Small Business Profile 2014: A Profile of Small Business in British Columbia](#).

We invite you to explore Small Business Profile 2014 to witness the entrepreneurial spirit of British Columbians and learn about the tremendous contributions that small businesses make every day in British Columbia.



Naomi Yamamoto is the MLA for Vancouver North and Minister of State for Small Business.

Free Webinars from Small Business BC

To celebrate Small Business Month, Small Business BC invites you to attend FREE WEBINARS designed to help entrepreneurs succeed. Visit our [CALENDAR](#) to find out what's happening in your area.

[Free Webinars from Small Business BC](#)



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