



Duncan marches on violence

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- Kendra Thomas of the Cowichan Women Against Violence Society invites the community to Duncan City Square at noon March 6 for International Women's Day and One Billion Rising to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls. Join the event on Facebook Cowichan One Billion Rising or contact the Cowichan Intercultural Society 250-748-3112 for information.
- Anne Brunet and the gang at Providence Farm are proud to welcome their new executive Director Chris Holt. Holt arrives from Victoria with a long history of senior management positions with a number of non-profit organizations.
- A familiar face in a new place is former Hilary's Cheese owner Hilary Abbott who has just joined the Clements Centre Society as its new development manager.
- Congratulations to Kassidy Keith, Christine Coels and Cheryl Keith, members of the Queen Margaret's School Equestrian Team who earned top positions during the B.C. Hunter Jumper Association Gala in January at Burnaby's Grand Villa Hotel and Casino.
- "Thinkers, changers, difference-makers" is label attached to a group recently recognized as Distinguished Alumni Award recipients at the University of Victoria. Those with local connection included Anne Tenning, a member of the Stz'uminus First Nation who is now district principal of aboriginal education in School District 67 Okanagan Skaha and Dr. Tom Rimmer, a family physician in Duncan since 2000.
- The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association recently welcomed Valaddi to its stable as the newest therapy horse. He comes to CTRA after retiring from a very successful show career with his owner Elena Bonar.
- CTRA also recently bid a warm farewell to program founder and coach Jane James who founded the program in 1987, but left in December because she was moving to Saltspring Island.
- Sponsors for the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce Black Tie Awards continue to roll in. The latest includes MNP for the Business Achievement Award for Businesses with 20 or More Employees and Cardino Shoes in the Customer Service category. Winners will be announced on April 11 at Brentwood College School.

Exciting things happening for you, your friends or your family that you want to share with your community? Send me a quick email at editor@cowichannewsleader.com. We'd love to spread the word.

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