



Trio making folks accountable

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By the way, did you hear:

- Congratulations to Duncan's Bret Torok-Both, who received his CPA, CMA designation from the Certified Management Accountants Society of B.C. at a convocation ceremony held on Nov. 15, in Vancouver. And more of the same to Susan McInnes and Cheryl McKenzie, who received their CPA, CGA designation from the Certified General Accountants Association of B.C. at a convocation ceremony two weeks earlier.
- Christle Pope and the folks at Unsworth Vineyards were excited to recently make headlines with headlines with CBCnews Canada for their community-supported restaurant program, which essentially allows customers to buy a number of meals in advance, then book them at their convenience.
- You know Susan Simmons from reading about her 32-hour swim across twice the length of Lake Cowichan, despite her battle with multiple sclerosis. She has been nominated for the World Open Water Swim Association's (WOWSA) Woman of the Year Award.
- The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association recently shone the spotlight on Kiara Caplin, a 16-year-old CTRA rider. Working with coach Helgi Dous, Kiara has been riding with CTRA since the age of 4 and this past June her hard work paid off when she placed first in a national Para-Equestrian competition.
- Angela Andersen, department head of Fine Arts at Queen Margaret's School, tells us Grade 12 students Ellen Porcher and Madison Cattral were accepted into the Cowichan Valley Arts Council Youth Outreach Program. That means mentoring from local artists and financial support to participate in a year-end exhibition at PORTALS Gallery.
- Also on the school arts front, Edna Widenmaier says the school's drama program is hard at work preparing for this year's musical the upbeat jazz-inspired spoof of 1920's musical comedies The Boy Friend. Widenmaier will direct with musical direction by Phil Newns, technical direction by Don Armitage, choreography by Lorraine Blake and sets by James O'Leary.
- Love butterflies? You can get your fix in the dead of winter thanks to a new book by Duncan native Mike Yip, who has photographed 55 of Vancouver Island's 70 butterfly species.

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