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Children help Charlotte Diamond settle down the crowd prior to her annual Christmas concert recently at Lansdowne Centre.

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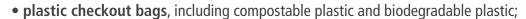
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Each Christmas, for the past 12 years, a Toy Drive in memory of Victor Ghirra helps keep the Richmond man's giving spirit alive.

Toy Drive honours man with a golden heart



The Victor Ghirra Story is one of I humility and humanity. It is of a man who dedicated his life to serving others.

mond man is remembered each his mission. Christmas with an annual toy drive that has distributed some 33,000 toys to dozens of needy organizations.

"There (have been) so many heartwarming stories shared about his life, the great person he was, but the one that touched me the most was finding out that Victor had quietly been purchasing thousands of time of the year when children dollars in toys for Children's Hospital, and donating them to needy children who weren't as lucky as his own," says Harvey Kooner, who pays homage to his friend each year by organizing the toy drive.

When asked "Who are you, where are these toys from, which organi-

zation?," Ghirra would humbly reply, "It doesn't matter. These toys are for the kids, and that's all you need to know."

It turned out Ghirra had been making trips to the hospital for over a dozen years. He was simply being Known as a gentle giant, the Richhimself, never sharing with anyone

> After learning of this, and being touched by Ghirra's generosity, Kooner knew he had to find a way to honour the man.

> "He was a best friend to all," says Kooner. "Once Victor was your friend, you were golden. He would do anything for his friends."

> Kooner says during this festive need hope, or families need a helping hand, "we want to be there to provide this and continue Victor's legacy. When we hear of a family or organization that is in need, we reach out and help. We know this is what Victor would do, and with the help of the community that's what

we're doing."

Kooner and his colleagues hope this year to collect 3,000 toys and surpass 40,000 toys collected since the tov drive started in 2007.

To further inspire businesses or organizations to start a toy collection box in their office, Riverside Banquet halls is willing to help with a butter chicken appreciation lunch. General manager Bobby Ghirra can be reached at 604-244-7755 or at bobby@riversidehalls. com for more details.

Additionally, on Saturday, Dec. 14 from noon to 3 p.m., the 13th annual Victor Ghirra Toy Drive Grand Toy Count will be held at the Riverside Banquet Hall, 14500 River Rd. It's a family event with a kids' play area, light refreshments and snacks. Bring a toy and get your photo taken with Santa in a photo booth. To learn more, contact Kooner at 604-671-4108 or harveykooner1@gmail.

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A Not So Silent Night raises \$125,000 for **Christmas Fund**

enerosity ruled the day at the second A Not So Silent Night in support of the Richmond Christmas Fund.

Hosted by Jaguar Land Rover of Richmond, in the Richmond Auto Mall, the sold-out event attracted 400 big-hearted community and business leaders. All were there for a common purpose: to help brighten the holidays for their neighbours in need.

The event featured performances by local musician Dan Hare, the Steveston-London Secondary School Jazz Band, and the cast of Gateway Theatre's production of Joseph and the Amazina Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Other entertainment included two digital caricature artists and a photo booth where guests could take pictures with Richmond RCMP officers dressed in Red Serge.

A high-octane, car-oriented live auction, led by Howard Blank, was accompanied by a silent auction featuring over 70 items. Together, they generated tens of thousands of dollars.

In addition, several attendees made spontaneous \$10,000 donations, over 30 patrons contributed \$1,000 each, and dozens gave between \$20 and \$500. Sponsorships from Pacific Gateway Hotel, Platinum Pro-Claim, TD, Cowell Auto Group, and Blundell Seafoods added to the evening's overall total: a record-breaking \$125,000.

The event was organized by a committee of 12, made up of Christmas Fund co-chairs Wayne Duzita, Rob Howard, and Michael Chiu, as well as Ed Gavsie, Gail Terry, Kim McLachlan, Sharon Bonner, Eda Koot, Anita Law, Rick Duff, Elizabeth Specht, and Sandra Bernie.

"We are extremely grateful to the committee members for their hard work," says Duzita. "Each of them is a volunteer, and for all of them, this was truly a labour of love."

"We'd also like to thank the 135 community leaders who serve on the Richmond Christmas Fund Army, and everyone else who contributed to A Not So Silent Night, from the guests and donors, to the staff and volunteers. It was a team effort, and a wonderful example of Richmond's community spirit," says Duzita.

Fashion show supports Christmas Fund | Local physicist

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

stella Celeste Banez is only five years old but already a visionary.

Focused on doing more to help more families in need, the budding entrepreneur recently asked her mom if she could have a jewelry party with a fashion show to sell her "bling bling" and help support the Richmond Christmas Fund. She and her mom, local children's book author Kaye Banez, then set about recruiting models from her group of friends for two launch parties and fashion shows—Dec. 7 and 14, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in room 340 of the Richmond Caring Place.

The fact it is called the "caring place" resonates with Estella, who cares deeply for families in need, especially the babies.

"I love making earrings and raising money for the community," she says of her collection.

Even those with sensitive ears can wear her jewelry, which includes metal-free earrings. And if your ears are not pierced, comfortable slip-on earrings are available.

A year ago, shortly after the passing of both her beloved great grandparents, the precocious Kindergarten student began designing earrings to support local charities. Now, she's launching her own line of jewelry—*O.M.B.*—*Oh My Bling, Designs by Estella.* The line also includes her own bracelets.

"The fashion show is going to be really, really awesome," says Estella. "I'd like lots of people to come."

The talented youngster also draws inspiration from her big brother Lazarus, of whom she's enormously proud.

Like Lazarus, who makes greeting cards and



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Richmond's Estella Celeste Banez will be hosting two launch parties and fashion shows this month.

is a proficient piano player, Estella likes to sing. Among her favourites are Raffi's *Five Little Pumpkins* and Bing Crosby's timeless holiday classic *Jingle Bells*.

She and Lazarus recently presented a painting for an event to celebrate multiculturalism and good deeds that people do for the community. And she sang the national anthem in front of hundreds of people to kick off the event. To help maximize the amount she hopes to raise for the Richmond Christmas Fund at her jewelry launches and fashion shows, Estella will generously donate one of her painting for a silent auction. She will also entertain guests by singing a special song for them.

Fiercely caring and protective of Lazarus, Estella and her family actively advocate for him and other children with diverse needs. She also proudly shares hugs with her big brother, further demonstrating the love she radiates.

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Local physicist cooking up a storm

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Richmond's baking physicist is back in the CBC kitchen. Having already competed in the first season of *The Great Canadian Holiday Baking Show,* James Hoyland and three previous contestants, from two different seasons,

have been invited back to add a holiday twist.

"It felt so familiar to be back in the tent I realized I had missed it but it was great to see familiar faces from my season and meet some new ones too," says Hoyland of Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Hoyland, who calls Steveston home and bikes to work, says, "The holiday spirit of the special show made it more relaxed. Knowing no-one was going home took the pressure off a bit. I think for all of the bakers it was just a little extra treat for us—like just one more mince pie after dinner."

The show, based on the *Great British Bake-off*, skilled home bakers compete in three categories each episode.

Hoyland says he enjoyed seeing his former tent-mates as well as meeting the two new contestants from Season 2.

"But I actually got the biggest kick from meeting with Aurora and Carolyn since I'm a huge fan of the *Baroness von Sketch Show,*" he says.

Two of the recipes the bakers were able to try at home. One recipe is completely new to them. To make it all the more challenging, some of the instructions can be described as rudimentary. So, the bakers have to rely on their knowledge of ingredients and their interplay to avoid pit-falls.

"Of course because of filming schedules practicing holiday baking in the middle of summer is a bit odd. The kids appreciated it though," he says.

Hoyland's episode aired on CBC on Nov. 13 but thanks to the Internet, it's available online through Gem, the CBC's streaming service.

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Snow Angels sought for the winter season

Wanted: Snow Angels.

Those with big hearts are being asked to volunteer this coming winter season for Richmond's Snow Angels program.

Heavy snowfall and ice can cause challenges for some residents, particularly the elderly and those with illnesses, disabilities or mobility challenges. The Snow Angels returns for its ninth year to help those in need of assistance with the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and walkways. New this year, all Snow Angel volunteers will receive a shovel and a toque.

If you can lend a hand, visit icanhelp.richmond.ca or contact the city's Community Services Division at 604-244-1208 or parks@richmond.ca. You may select the geographic community you wish to serve or you can choose to provide help city-wide.

In addition to the Snow Angels program, the city encourages residents to Be a Good Neighbour. This initiative requests that residents assist those in their neighbourhood who may not be able to clear their walkways in front of their homes. It is simply something to keep in mind if snow starts to fall.

For more information on other snow removal services, to volunteer as a Snow Angel and for other winter preparedness information, visit www.richmond.ca/winter.



Photo by Chung Chow Charlotte Diamond, who was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2017, performs at her annual Christmas concert.

Diamond welcomes Santa and Mrs. Claus at annual concert

Denowned children's entertainer Charlotte Diamond returned to her Richmond roots recently, hosting her annual free Christmas concert at Lansdowne Centre.

Among Diamond's special guests were Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Now residing in Sechelt, Diamond spent most of her life in Richmond.

With a lifelong interest in music, Juno Award-winning Diamond previously sang with local folk groups, including performing intro sets for Pete Seeger and Tom Paxton. When her own children came along, she began singing and writing songs for them and also develop a preschool music program in her commu-



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City of Richmond
Enjoy the trees and
music while helping
to feed the hungry
and fight polio this
holiday season.

Holiday cheer at Richmond City Hall

By **LORRAINE GRAVES**©LGSentinel

For the month of December, Richmond City Hall is decked out with a host of Christmas trees. Each one, sponsored and decorated by local businesses, organizations and individuals, has its own unique flair

The 19th annual Winter Wonderland, presented by the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset, is a celebration of the sights and sounds of the holiday season as well as a chance to help feed hungry people here and to save the lives and mobility of children around the world.

Funds raised go to Rotary International's worldwide effort to make sure every child is adequately vaccinated against polio, a disease that once was a great crippler in Richmond.

Non-perishable food items go to the Richmond Food Bank.

Formerly a national church leader and now a grandfather, Gary Paterson remembers the day he, as a toddler, was sent to stay with his McNair grandparents on their Richmond farm. His mom in Whitehorse had contracted polio.

"My father gave me this big hug as he put me on the plane. My grandparents met me in Richmond with a hug," he said many years later, the event still etched in his mind.

While his mom survived, she lost physical abilities, energy and strength to polio.

Magdalen Leung, event chair for all 19 years of Winter Wonderland, says, "Rotary has been working

to eradicate polio for more than 30 years, and we've made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever."

That's where the public comes in. Donations from this year's Winter Wonderland will go Rotary's effort to End Polio Now.

In addition to touring the trees, there are concerts. Richmond Sunset Rotary suggests a non-perishable item for the food bank, and a cash donation to the polio fund would be most welcome. And don't forget to vote for your favourite tree.

Winter Wonderland officially opens Saturday, Dec. 7 at 12:30 p.m., with additional Saturday music performances through to mid-December.

Dec.7

12:30 p.m. Christmas tree lighting ceremony 1 to 3:00 p.m. Tom Lee Music Academy

Dec 14

1 to 2 p.m. BC Registered Music Teachers' Association (Richmond Branch)

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.Richmond Music School

Dec. 21

1 to 2 p.m. Jason Ng's Studio 2:30-3:30 p.m. Emmanuel Music Group

Winter Wonderland at Richmond City Hall Galleria (6911 No. 3 Road) runs throughout December.

For more information on how to sponsor a Christmas tree or support Rotary programs, contact Magdalen Leung at 604-214-8833 or magrleung@gmail.com.

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Richmond students have fun, stay fit with three new playgrounds

Nplaygrounds to learning, Richmond School Board chair Ken Hamaguchi is lauding the province's commitment to improving three outdoor play spaces at local schools.

"Playgrounds bring communities together and provide opportunities for outdoor play and learning," he said, following a celebration attended by Education Minister Rob Fleming recently in Richmond.

"These beautiful play spaces will undoubtedly serve the Grauer, Kidd and Blundell communities for years to come. We would like to thank and commend everyone who played a role in making these playgrounds possible."

Made possible through the Playground Equipment Program, Blundell, Grauer and Kidd elementary schools received \$90,000 investments as part of the government's commitment to update aging infrastructure in B.C.

Decognizing the enormous value of schools to provide safe learning environments that set children up for success. They also encourage children to share, develop conflict resolution skills and overcome challenges, and help students learn more effectively in the classroom.

> Playing outdoors is proven to reduce anxiety in children, improve focus and enhance students' attention

"We are extremely pleased to have a brand new accessible playground at

Grauer Elementary," said Dionne McFie, president of the Richmond District Parent Advisory Council. "The playground is a magnificent learning environment where students use their imaginations to create experiences that build lifelong friendships. I applaud the Grauer Elementary School community, the Richmond School District, and the Province of British Columbia for their commitment to creating an inclusive space where



Photo courtesy Richmond School District

Children celebrated the opening recently of one of three playgrounds in Richmond.

each student has the opportunity to and also improving the learning envilearn, grow and play."

Added Fleming: "I'm proud that we invested in playgrounds so children in Richmond, and every corner of the province, can have access to the outdoors on safe and modern playground equipment," said Fleming. "By investing in new playgrounds, we are relieving fundraising pressures on parents

ronment for young students because physical activity is proven to help students stay mentally alert."

The Playground Equipment Program was launched in 2018. Since then, government has invested \$10 million to provide 101 new playgrounds to schools throughout the province for more than 25,000 children to enjoy.





Cariboo Magi is a dream come true

By LORRAINE GRAVES

We've watched Richmond's Shelby Wyminga grow from a university graduate to a professional intern at Pacific Theatre. She's paid her dues and learned her craft, both on stage and behind the scenes.

Living in Capstan Arts Village, one of the city's artist colonies, Wyminga and her sister Joelle have achieved a long-time goal, their own professional theatre company, Far From the Tree Productions.

Their first show, Cariboo Magi, opens Dec. 4 at the Havana.

Playwright Lucia Frangione's very Canadian play has universal appeal. In previous productions, Cariboo Magi has been described as a hysterical and heartwarming Christmas farce.



Photo by Far From the Tree Productions

A ragtag band of would-be actors journey to the Canadian frontier to put on a Christmas play.

Rush, a saloon owner facing foreclosure intercepts a theatre contract that pays a tidy sum for the production of a Christmas play in the frontier Set at the end of the California Gold hires what Wyminga calls "three other

lost souls" to pretend to be a theatre company, perform the sacred play and save her saloon.

A line from the play says it all: "We town of Barkerville. The saloon owner are short on saints here...I am going to have to cast the sinners."

Wyminga describes the characters as a drunk ex-Anglican minister, a gun-toting saloon owner, a disgraced child star, and a Canadian miner with a flair for the poetic who form a rag tag theatre troupe to make the treacherous journey from San Diego to Barkerville in the winter of 1870 to put on a Christmas play.

Wyminga says as they journey through the Canadian wilderness, they rehearse a dizzying pastiche of mismatched plays, braving wolves, weather and frostbite, and somehow find themselves along the way.

With tickets running \$15 to \$25, this is professional theatre at an affordable price. Cariboo Magi runs Dec. 4 to 14 at the Havana Theatre, 1212 Commercial Dr. As a bonus, you can stop in at the front-of-house Havana Restaurant for a snack, drink or meal before or after the play.

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Songs in the Snow brightens the winter darkness

A beloved community holiday tra-vided by G&F Financial Group, purdition continues this December chase treats as a fundraiser for Richwith the third annual Songs in the Snow concert series at Steveston Museum. As part of the Winter in the Village series, Richmond musicians will perform holiday favourites on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Town Square Park next to the museum in the first of three consecutive Rivers' Edge Girl Guide troop to sing Saturday concerts.

Presented by the Steveston Historical Society in cooperation with the City of Richmond and the Richmond Arts Coalition, this three part series continues on Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21 also from 4 to 6 p.m.

New this year, the park will be decorated with sound activated dancing lights presented by Tourism Richmond. These lights will illuminate when visitors sing, clap or play their favourite instrument. As well, visitors can enjoy hot chocolate pro-

mond Secondary School's catering program and create vintage-style Christmas crafts. Caricature artist, Cartoon Katie, will be on hand to capture families in a fun, handdrawn portrait.

"We are pleased to welcome the traditional Christmas carols. These young women will be dressed in Edwardian costumes meandering through the Village of Steveston setting the scene for the concerts," says Linda Barnes, chair of the Steveston Historical Society. "We are also grateful to our partner the Richmond Arts Coalition who retain local, young entertainers."

Visitors will have the opportunity to donate to three local charity partners—a different one on each night—who will be providing infor-



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

A crowd enjoys Christmas carols by a local musician during the Songs in the Snow conc ert series.

mation and raising funds for their organizations.

For more information, visit www. historicsteveston.ca.



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Airport Authority CEO announces retirement

After seven years as president and CEO of Vancouver Airport Authority, Craig Richmond is bidding adieu.

Richmond will be retiring from YVR on June 30, 2020.

During his time at the helm, Richmond has led the team to achieve a wide range of major milestones, including growing the airport's passenger volumes by 50 per cent, and receiving the Skytrax Best Airport in North America award for 10 years in a row—a feat no other airport has ever achieved.

The board of directors will retain a global search firm to recruit for Richmond's replacement.

"Craig has led YVR through a period of unprecedented growth all while ensuring that we delivered on our mandate, as a not-for-profit community-based organization, to provide social and economic benefits to the region," said Annalisa King, who chairs the board of directors of the Vancouver Airport Authority." He has also been recognized both locally and in the broader industry as a champion of reconciliation, accessibility, sustainability and diversity.



Photo courtesy YVR

Craig Richmond will be retiring as president and CEO of Vancouver Airport Authority on June 30, 2020.

Richmond has spent more than two decades with the YVR family. He joined Vancouver Airport Authority in 1995 and held various operational roles, including manager of airside operations and vice-president of operations. He then worked as CEO of seven global airports for Vantage Airport Group, returning to YVR in July 2013 to take on his current role. During his tenure as president and CEO, he led the team to achieve a wide range of major milestones: ushering in a new strategic plan that set a course for achieving rapid passenger and airline growth, developing YVR's ambitious 20-year future roadmap, overseeing the creation of the historic Musqueam Indian Band–YVR Airport Sustainability and Friendship Agreement.

He then worked as CEO of seven global airports for Vantage Airport Group, returning to YVR in July 2013 to take on his current role.

"The past six years have been an extraordinary time at YVR and I have so much pride in what we've accomplished together," said Richmond. "We grew passenger volumes by 50 per cent, we embarked on the most ambitious capital plan in the airport's history, we created meaningful partnerships within the community—and we had a lot of fun doing it.

Aviation CEOs among Canada' most influential women

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

Teara Fraser and Cathy Press have joined some select company.

Fraser, chief executive officer of Iskwew Air, and Press, head of Chinook Helicopters, have been named to the Women's Executive Network 2019 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners list. Past winners include Canada's most iconic best-selling author Margaret Atwood, astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar, Venture Communications CEO Arlene Dickinson, Sleep Country Canada president Christine Magee, former Canadian governor-general Michaëlle Jean, Royal Bank chair Kathleen Taylor and Indigo Books & Music founder Heather Reisman.

The award pays tribute to iconic Canadian female trailblazers who advocate for diversity in the workplace and inspire the next generation of leaders.

"They're great people and I'm extremely pleased they've receiving this

recognition," says Dave Frank, executive director of the BC Aviation Council."They've done so much to enhance diversity in our industry that has been critically needed."

Frank says they are not only exemplary figures, but their insight into the aviation industry is greatly appreciated. More than mentors, he says they have been heavily involved in recruiting women to the trade.

"Teara has introduced Give them Wings, introducing and inspiring Indigenous youth to the possibilities of flight," he notes.

The aviation and aerospace industry is facing critical and growing human resources shortages in almost all areas—from pilots to machinists. Increasing the number of Indigenous Peoples and women in the industry is part of the solution, especially in remote communities.

Métis woman Fraser was named in the Trailblazers and Trendsetters Award category which recognizes women who have broken new ground



Photos courtesy BC Aviation Council

Cathy Press and Teara Fraser have been named to the Women's Executive Network powerful women's list for 2019.

with landmark achievements, forging pathways for future generations and making a great contribution to Canadian society.

Press was named in the Industry Sector and Trades category, which recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the ad-

vancement of women through their inspiring work and advocacy in underrepresented sectors. This award recognizes her for her vision and leadership—empowering women, creating change, and removing traditional barriers.

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Author launching first novel this month

first turns 14.

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

fter years of writing short stories and more ed-Aucational materials than you can shake a stick at, the first boxes of Cindy Gauthier's first novel, Charlee LeBeau & The Gambler's Promise, arrived from the printer's this week.

"It's fantastic to have it out," says the Steveston resident.

This example of historical fiction is first of all a good yarn, a story true-to-place, that is well told.

"It's a real girl power story," Gauthier says.

She says it has universal appeal.

"I wanted to hit the sweet spot in the story so it appeals to adults as well as young teens."

While set in California, there are hints of Charlee's family past in Canada when she speaks of a piece of beaded leather that had been her mother's or her father's origins in the Red River Valley.

With a diverse cast of characters, Charlee LeBeau & The Gambler's Promise is set on a California ranch where Charlee and her father work as labourers, and later in gritty post 1849 gold rush San Francisco.

Hinting at the next book in the trilogy, that sits waiting for a final edit, Gauthier says, "The second one starts in San Francisco and then (goes to) the coast of Vancouver Island."

Set in California in the 1800s, Gauthier says it has a historical setting and shows history doesn't have to be boring."

Protagonist Charlee wants to be independent,



Photo courtesy CV Gauthier

Cindy Gauthier stands at Britannia Heritage Shipyard where she awaits her Dec. 9 book launch.

Gauthier says. "She isn't a bystander to adventure." The book follows Charlee for the year after she

Describing Charlee, Gauthier says, "She overcomes a lot of stuff. It doesn't break her. And she's sible venue. not rescued by romance or benefactors."

With little bits of history woven throughout the story, Gauthier cautions, "It's not a history book. It's a book written in a place and time. I try to reflect the time accurately."

Saying she is not perpetuating the stereotypes that came through the written past, "A girl like Charlee, no one would have recorded her history."

Gauthier says the kids and adults will see themselves in this book." I wrote the book I would like to have found when I was a teen," she said.

Gauthier was long the innovative principal of the largest public distance education school in the province VLN, (Vancouver Learning Network) where students with a variety of barriers to education, from throughout the province, found success. (At one time, one in six Steveston-London students were enrolled for at least one class at VLN).

"My whole theme in my whole career was hope. Even as a counsellor in the school system—kids would come in and apologize for their bad report cards. I would say this just tells me what you did some place and time. It doesn't tell me what you can do or where you are going to go."

Gauthier speaks of both her career as an educator and as an author.

"I'm in the business of hope. That comes through my writing as well."

The book launch is Dec. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chinese Bunkhouse at the Britannia National Historic Site, 5180 Westwater Dr. (on the South Dyke, just west of Trites Road). This is a wheelchair acces-

Published by Friesen press, Charlee LeBeau & The Gambler's Promise is available through all the usual sources plus directly through Gauthier's website cygauthier.com and, she hopes, soon in local bookstores and libraries.



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The holiday season

mas everywhere you go.

That is, of course, the title of a popular Christmas carol. But it's also reality at this time of the year, as shoppers Online orders will be fulfilled by Lonsearch for the perfect present.

So what's trending this year? Electronics, from televisions to Smartphones to cameras, are always popu-

Richmond-based London Drugs has a wide selection of electronics. Among televisions, the trend is strongest toward the 70-inch and larger screens. These also feature higher quality such as OLED, QLED and Nanocell panels. This is logical, as larger panels magnify all content and therefore magnify the imperfections of cheaper, entry-level

Among the most popular brands are, in no particular order, Sony, Samsung and LG.

Prices ranges from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and more, depending on size and panel technology.

London Drugs also offers the new iPhone 11 from Apple featuring a newly-redesigned camera system. Camera systems on Smartphones remain a large part of their appeal, with the iPhone 11's dual camera system and iPhone 11 Pro sporting a triple camera

London Drugs also has a big selection of popular mirrorless cameras from established brands such as Sony, Canon, Nikon, Fujifilm and more. These cameras, smaller than their DSLR relatives, are popular with photography enthusiasts, bloggers, storytellers, travelers and memory keepers.

A popular Canadian retailer since 1945, London Drugs is also introducing same-day delivery service in Metro Vancouver.

"We are making it quicker and easier for our customers to get what they need from the local stores they trust," says London Drugs president and chief operating officer Clint Mahlman.

Without any membership fee, cus-

It's beginning to look a lot like Christ-tomers who place orders before 2 p.m. can receive their delivery the same day, Monday to Friday, often within a few hours of when the order is placed. don Drugs store locations within 10 kilometres of the delivery address.

> "Same-day delivery has become an expectation from our customers and we have been able to quickly and efficiently respond to this need in part because we already have so many fulfillment centres across Western Canada; our stores," says Mahlman.

> Following, is a list of other gift ideas trending this year.

LOL Surprise Dolls

Collectible mini baby dolls with attitude and lots of fun surprises, LOL Surprise Dolls (Lil Outrageous Littles) are among the most popular toys this holiday season. There have been at least five series since the dolls debuted in 2016.

Frozen 2 toys

Anna, Elsa and Olaf are not only currently starring on the big screen, but their popularity stretches into the

toy market too. Frozen 2 toys and games are sure to be on just about everv child's wish list this Christmas.



Board games

Standards like Clue and Monopoly are still trending.

Cubby, the Curious Bear

This young cub loves hugs and even dancing from time to time. Makes sleepy sounds and plays soft music.

Crayola Colour Chemistry Arctic Set

Packed with playful experiments exploring winter and colour themes, this unique set blends science, tech, engineering, art and math in one.

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presents gifts galore

Hatchimals and Hatchibabies

Little robot animals that come inside eggs (think new-age Furby) that eventually hatch. You can teach them to talk, walk and play games.

Emoji pillows

Ideograms and smileys used in electronic messages and web pages now embrace pillows.



Polaroid camera

The instant camera, first introduced in the 1960s, is back in vogue.

Iphone charger sticker faces

Make your charging block look like a face or character.

Pop figurines

Popular culture is reflected in these newage collectibles.



New-age toy replacing slot cars and car racing.

Gamersac

New age version of the classic beanbag chair

Earbud cable manager

Keeps your earbuds from ever tangling.

Clip-on rechargeable LED ring light

A circlular light that clips on to your phone and shines on you for perfect lighting in all of your selfies.

Phonesoap 3

UV sanitizer for phones that also doubles as a charging hub, the main point of this device is to sanitize and clean your phone of 99 per cent of microbacteria.

Teddy bear coat

Think of a fleece-lined jacket but flipped inside out.

Media streaming stick

Small media player, slightly bigger than a USB, and can be plugged into an HDMI port allowing any device to stream media.



Tile key finder

If you're always losing your keys, this app will show you where to find them.

Smartwatch

Designed to be worn on a wrist, Smartwatches, like Smartphones, use touchscreens, offer apps, and can even record your heart rate.

Smart thermostat

Digital thermostat that shuts itself off once the desired temperature is reached, and connects to both your boiler and your wi-fi.

Instant pot

Employing the benefits of pressure cooking, this small kitchen gadget comes with many benefits.



LEZE the Label

This sustainable clothing brand makes eco-friendly items from things such as coffee grounds.

Smart Garden

Love gardening, but don't have the time or patience? This innovative indoor garden cares for itself while growing fresh herbs, fruits and veggies.

Kindle

The electronic reading tablet enables you to purchase and download books, magazines and newspapers directly to your device.





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Photo courtesy Richmond Chamber of Commerce
The Richmond Chamber of Commerce celebrated business excellence while recognizing outstanding achievements in 10 categories, and inducting another business into its hall of fame, at the 42nd Business Excellence Awards Nov. 21 at the River Rock Theatre.

Richmond celebrates business excellence

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

The Great Little Box Company has reached the hall of fame.

With a strong foundation in Richmond since 1984 (only a couple years after modest beginnings), the award-winning manufacturer and distributor of custom and stock packaging solutions, and home to one of the largest folding carton plants in Western Canada, was inducted Nov. 21 into the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Excellence Awards prestigious ring of honour.

Held since 1977, the annual awards also paid homage to outstanding achievements in 10 categories.

Association of the Year: Chimo Community Services

Operating since 1973, Chimo Community Services serves more than 10,000 individuals and families each year. Those helped are from different cultural backgrounds, age groups, family lifestyles and economic situations. Chimo provides diverse services from community building to prevention, individual crisis support to advocacy, and peer support to education. It also engages in collaborative community planning and develops innovative resources to address emerging needs.

The award honours Chimo as a society that demonstrates organizational leadership and measurable success as defined by its achieving its mandate.

Business Leadership: Arts Connection

A Steveston staple, Arts Connection started as a home-based business and has since grown significantly while remaining true to its roots. Still a family business at heart, it is dedicated to positively impacting the community as a leading centre for arts and educational programming.

Green Business: Layfield Group

Originally established in the mid-1950s as a fabricated plastics business, the Layfield Group is the only integrated organization that provides tailored polymer-based solutions proven to protect families, communities and environment.

Innovative Enterprise: Clevest Solutions

Experts at mobile workforce management for energy and water utilities, Clevest Solutions has a long and successful track record for creating, deploying and supporting solutions around the world—from the largest utilities to rural electric co-ops.

New Business of the Year: NuMode Delivery Solutions

A premier provider for local courier and freight shipments, NuMode Delivery Solutions offers a fleet of cars, cargo vans and trucks for everyday, expedient shipping requirements across Metro Vancouver.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year: BlackBoxMyCar

A former student studying nutritional sciences at the University of British Columbia, BlackboxMy-Car CEO Alex Jang is the winner of the 2019 Young Entrepreneur of the Year. During his second year of studies, in 2012, Jang founded BlackboxMyCar to introduce dashboard cameras to the North American market and educate the public about their safety, benefits and advantages.

Outstanding Workplace: Platinum Pro-Claim Restorations

With 35 years of experience, Platinum Pro-Claim brings a unique set of skills and level of expertise to providing restoration services relating to water damage, mold and asbestos remediation and flooring, as well as 24-hour emergency services.

Small Business of the Year: Advantage Speech-Language Pathology

Dedicated to providing diagnostic and therapeutic services for children, adolescents and adults, the team at Advantage Speech-Language Pathology is able to see clients of all ages with all types of communication and swallowing concerns.

Mid-size Business of the Year: Dupuis Langen Group

For over 30 years, the Dupuis Langen Group has worked with thousands of individuals, families and corporations to meet their insurance and employee benefit needs, along with a vision to revolutionize the landscape of health and wellness in the workplace.

Large Business of the Year: Pacific Coastal Airlines

Honouring its motto of People Friendly, People First, Pacific Coastal Airlines operates scheduled, charter and cargo air services to destinations throughout the province.

It encourages a positive, caring workplace and places a high value on collaboration, accountability and loyalty.

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Save-On-Foods opens in Steveston

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

In a village full of women shoppers milling about for Lady's Night Out, the buoyant spirit was even greater thanks to the new Save-On-Foods at the corner of Chatham Street and Third Avenue in Steveston.

The press and workers' families mingled, snacked and sipped their way through the brightly-lit store that offers aisles wide enough for shopping carts, wheelchairs and strollers to pass each other with ease. The ground-level store now employs 145 people, most from Richmond, and 120 of whom are new hires. It offers some much-needed parking to the village as well.

Save-On-Foods, part of the Overwaitea Food Group based in Langley, started in the Lower Mainland 104 years ago and is only on its second owner, Jimmy Pattison, the self-made man from Luseland, Saskatchewan.

Pattison is known for his many philanthropic efforts, including major support for the new hospital in Saskatoon offering specialized care for mothers and children, now called The Jimmy Pattison Children's Hospital.

The group is also known for backing Canadian farmers, buying locally whenever possible.

Store manager Adam Rondquist said, "We offer a full line of Canadian AAA beef. The bakery, my favourite



Photo by Don Fennell

Darrell Jones president of Save-On-Foods and B.C.-owned parent company, Overwaitea Food Group.

part of the store, uses Western Capastries."

In addition to supporting Canadian agriculture. Rondauist said that it is important to support any city they are in, including Richmond and the village of Steveston. "Save-On-Foods is here to give back to the community, especially where they need us most."

Rondauist went on to say they look for local events to help out with: "We will do our best to support you."

The store, situated where Rod's Lumber once stood, officially opened to the public Nov. 22, where the first 500 shoppers received a store gift onfoods.com/shop-online-how-itcertificate worth at least \$10 and at works/ least two that were worth \$500.

For Saturday morning shoppers nadian wheat and real butter for our this week, the first 50 receive a Save-On-Foods Kitchen Pizza.

> Darrell Jones, president of Save-On-Foods and parent company. Overwaitea Food Group said, "We're your new neighbours. We're here to take care of vou."

> Rondquist's enthusiasm reflected that of the new workers and their families when he said,"Go Steveston."

> The new Save-On-Foods is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., as are the other Richmond stores at Terra Nova and Ironwood Centres.

For online shopping go to: save-

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bioLytical B.C. exporter of the year

↑ local biotech company has been Anamed B.C. exporter of the year.

Richmond-based bioLytical is a world leader in rapid diagnostic tests for infectious diseases.

"We are honoured to be selected from such an exceptional group of companies," said Livleen Veslemes, bioLytical's CEO. "This award reflects our team's dedication and hard work. As a Canadian success story, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve the international HIV community and are proud that 17 million people have chosen our proprietary platform, INSTI, to learn their HIV status. With tremendous progress in science, the world has a better chance than ever before to end the HIV epidemic, and it all starts with access to testing; this is why export is one of the most important parts of our business."

BC Export Awards judge Kirk LaPointe said, "The judges viewed bioLytical as not only a company with a valued medical advance but one with an important mission. Its efforts are the best possible example of what British Columbian business can contribute to the wider world."

bioLytical has grown remarkably to become an established global diagnostics leader. Known for outstanding performance, bioLytical's suite of INSTI tests use innovative technology to deliver results in one-minute with greater than 99 per cent accuracy.

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RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us



Max out your good spirit



Eval Lichtmann

It's the season of giving. The holidays are coming up and thoughts turn to ways to show appreciation for the people (and animals) in our lives. This year, #GivingTuesday falls on Dec. 3. It's a rather more kind-hearted counterpoint to the ostentatious consumerism of Black Friday.

Our team at the Regional Animal Protection Society has a few centuries of combined experience in the philanthropic world (we're young at heart, with a lot of practice) and we brainstormed to offer some practical tips for readers to make the most of their holiday giving. Whether you choose to give to RAPS (we hope you will) or any of the other superb charities in Richmond, these rules of thumb will make your generosity that much more impactful.

First of all, get the biggest bang for your donated buck. Find out if your employer has a matching gift program. A huge number of companies will match employees' contributions to charity. We've got a list of employers on our website (rapsbc.com/match- or loved one is a meaningful way to

ing-gift-programs). And, of course, your gift is tax-deductible—but the charity has to receive it by Dec. 31 or have a Canada Post cancellation stamp from that date or earlier. Back-dated cheques or gifts that are not processed in time are legally not eligible for 2019 tax receipts, so best not to leave it to the last minute.

Many or most charities are signed up with CanadaHelps. This is, itself, a charity that works to advance philanthropy in Canada by making giving simple for charities and donors. For the charity, it means

absolutely no administration work, thus making the donation go further. For the donor, it means getting an electronic tax receipt immediately.

Giving a monthly gift is a great way to (relatively) painlessly support an organization with, say, \$50 a month and then, at the end of the year, you get a snappy little tax receipt for a tidy \$600. A note, though: Monthly donations take a little more administration on the charity's side. If you choose this method, doing it through CanadaHelps or authorizing automatic bank debits is less cumbersome than monthly credit card gifts or a voided cheque.

Making a gift in honour of a friend

mark the holidays (or birthdays or anniversaries or Wednesdays).

> Most charities, including RAPS, will send a nice card letting the person know that, in their honour, good works are being done by a charity they care about.

> The best bang for your buck is donating securities. By transferring ownership of a security (such as bonds or publicly traded stocks) the entire gains on the securities are tax-exempt—

you pay no taxes. And you get a tax Thrift Stores. receipt from the charity.

Another way of giving is to support the businesses run by charities where the funds are reinvested back in to helping and improving your community. You are going to spend the money anyway, so you may as well support not-for-profit business which reinvest in your community. An example of that is the RAPS Animal Hospital, a fully equipped modern veterinarian clinic where you save on costs and where 100 per cent of the proceeds are reinvested in to saving more animal lives.

At RAPS, we've found that sponsoring a Cat Sanctuary resident (\$25 a month) is a really welcome way to

celebrate the holidays or another occasion. The honoree gets a certificate and is always welcome to visit "their" cat on Sundays throughout the year. A gift to the Animal Emergency Fund at the RAPS Animal Hospital is another sweet way to help those most in need, ensuring that no family has to make life-and-death decisions for their pet based on ability to pay.

Don't forget there are plenty of unconventional ways to give too. Make a new year resolution to give of your to the charity as a gift time. RAPS devotes individualized care to thousands of animals every year—only because of the small army of volunteers who make it possible. We love having helping hands at the

> You can help the environment, the economy, people in need and a good cause all at once by donating to or shopping at thrift stores. Note, though: Some thrift stores, like Value Village, are for-profit businesses, at the two RAPS Thrift Stores in Richmond, 100 per cent of revenues go directly to saving and improving the lives of animals. Before supporting a thrift store, find out where the funds go.

There are so many ways to make a positive impact this season. Happy holidays.

Eval Litchtmann is CEO and executive director of the Regional Animal Protection Society.

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Did you know that rabbits can make great house pets? Lucky is a male Netherland dwarf rabbit who is looking for a loving, safe forever home. Talk to your family about adopting him!



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In their own words...

Restorative justice for crime builds a stronger community



Alexa Loo **City Councillor**

Richmond is a leader in many things, and one in particular is its successful restorative justice (RJ) program for youth and adults. RJ is an effective approach to criminal justice (to deal with offenders outside the court system for non-violent crimes). It focuses on rehabilitating the offender through reconciliation with victims and the community, versus criminal charges and possible prison time. RJ is centred on giving the victims a voice while holding offenders accountable for their crimes.

The City of Richmond has been supporting the program—contracting Touchstone Family Association, who partners with Richmond RCMP since 2008 when it began funding a full time Restorative Justice Coordinator.

A few years ago, I jumped at the opportunity to be involved in an RJ session with a youth who was caught spray-painting swastikas on a fence. This act of vandalism could have escalated into criminal charges of a hate crime, forever limiting this student's future. While egregious, jail time was clearly not the best path to resolving it.

The RJ Coordinator arranged for affected parties to come together and speak to one another - the

offender, the offender's parents, the RCMP officer, a local rabbi, and me. The fear and apprehension in the room were palpable. Everyone had an opportunity to speak about how the incident had affected them. As a City Councillor, I was affected because people in our community felt fearful and sad, and were looking to me for answers and action.

After everyone had spoken, the energy in the room changed. The fear and apprehension evolved to regret, sadness and understanding.

Together, we determined the steps for the youth to achieve closure. The youth met with the rabbi at the Holocaust museum and developed a deep understanding about the Holocaust, what happened, and why swastikas incite such extreme fear and anxiety. The youth attended a Jewish community event to better understand the culture and wrote a letter to the Editor in response to an unrelated racist event that happened at school.

I have included a portion of their letter. As you can see, this youth became an advocate and a leader, reminding us to "think twice before you act".

The RJ approach allowed the youth to learn and grow as a person, while healing and giving voice to those affected. It turned the experience into a teachable moment.

The following statistics prove the program's ongoing success:

• Since the program's inception in 2004: 351 youth successfully completed the program in Richmond and only 12% (43) reoffended. In contrast, 46% (50) of the 109 referrals who initially entered the program but did not complete the program reoffended.

· Since 2004: 234 adults were referred to the program and only 9% (17) reoffended.

Excerpt from youth's letter to the editor:

On May 28, 2017, McMath Secondary received a number of threats towards the kids attending the school. Threats stating to "kill all the Jews and LGBT" students along with numerous hate symbols. Not to mention that during the Richmond election, multiple signs were vandalized with a swastika hate symbol.

As a kid who grew up watching tv and using social media, I've become almost numb to the sight of violence, sex and racism. Yet, from speaking to the people who experienced true hatred, whether they were holocaust survivors or even just targets of racial harassment, they all have much pain in their hearts.

After the threats came out in McMath there was immense amounts of kids who left for upwards of three days and even some kids didn't return. School is a place where kids come to feel safe and where they come to learn and now because of a couple jokes, four students refuse to return to McMath.

In conclusion, before you post a hateful statement, offend someone based on their race or write a hateful message in a desk, park slide or fence... think of the people who suffered, and endured through true hate and saw so many of their friends and family die in front of them and maybe think twice before you act.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Planning Committee

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

Community Safety Committee

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Development Permit Panel

3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

General Purposes Committee

4:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

Planning Committee

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall



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Gifted Kennedy a wizard on the court

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

iz Kennedy is a huge Harry Potter Larget fan. And like the young wizard in J.K. Rowling's fantasy novels, she's a magician.

Only her mastery is displayed on the basketball court.

And just as Harry Potter is seen as a cornerstone of young adult literature, Kennedy is at the heart of a McMath Wildcats' team determined to write its own best seller this season.

Having just begun her fifth season in the Richmond Secondary Schools' senior girls' league—a rare feat indeed-Kennedy and her McMath teammates tipped off the 2019-20 season ranked No. 1 provincially.

I was struck by the confidence and unbelievable drive to push herself to the limit.

— Anne Gillrie-Carre

To appreciate why Kennedy is the reigning league MVP is to also know her talent and resolve.

"The fact the most important thing is hard work, and that results are noticeable when you put the time in, has always appealed to me," she says.

Renowned for her relentless hustle, Kennedy never tires of trying to improve her game. She appreciates the importance of being a well-rounded player and not just good at one aspect.

"In Grade 6, I attended a Basketball BC Christmas camp and it was the first time I played with some of the best players in the province," she explains."I remember it being really fun to compete at such a high level. It also showed me that there were a lot



Photo by Chung Chow

Liz Kennedy and her McMath Wildcats teammates tipped off their 2019-20 high school basketball season Monday. It is Kennedy's fifth at the senior level.

of talented female players out there my age, so I was definitely inspired to work on my game after that I also met one of my closet friends for the first time, who I have played club basketball with every summer since."

But Kennedy, who tutors in math and enjoys cooking, also appreciated that when she was younger, basketball didn't consume her.

Benefits of playing multiple

"I've always loved to play a lot of different sports, however when I started to play basketball I enjoyed both the physical component and the team aspect," she says, certain speed and footwork she learned through volleyball and field hockey, and even the to its ultimate their goal—a B.C. title. recovery component of swimming, have helped make her a better player.

"I think through my time at McMath I have been able to see the bigger picture," Kennedy explains. "By the time I graduate I will have been a part of 24 different McMath sports teams. This has taught me how to work well with others, and to understand what it means to be a part of a community. And by getting involved in coaching, I have gained a new understanding of how much details matter. That's really helped me see the game in a new way."

She hopes to lean on her multiple experiences, both in basketball and other sports, to help lift the Wildcats

She believes how far they go is really up to them.

"A lot of us played all summer and everyone has gotten better. Since eight of us have played together before, we know each other really well and we have two really great additions. Ultimately, we just get along really well and are always ready to push each other to get better at practice. Caitlin Bradley-Tse, my fellow Grade 12, and I have put a lot of time and a lot of heart into this program. We are ready to make our senior season memorable and I know the whole team is on board."

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GIFTED

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Grateful for great mentors

"Coming into the senior program so young, I've been lucky to have so many great mentors. Notably, both Jessica Jones and Zawada left a really great legacy in the program. I always looked up to Jones because she always-did and still does-put 110 per cent into everything she does. I always thought she did a great job of setting her teammates up for success. Zawada was one of the first people to welcome me into the senior team and she always pushed me to be better. She was always willing to outwork her check to get rebounds and always doing what was best for the team. That hasn't changed."

Inspired by them, Kennedy is focused on being a consistent shooter and having the endurance to maintain a high level of play throughout each game, especially those later in

the season. Leading by her actions, Kennedy is also not afraid to use her voice to communicate during games. Off the court, she also tries to inspire everyone to constantly put their best effort forth while expecting the same of herself.

Veteran coach lauds character

Veteran bench boss Anne Gillrie-Carre, co-coach of the Wildcats. first met Kennedy while the latter was attending a rigorous training program targeted for the senior girls at Mc-Math. She was in Grade 8.

"I was struck by the confidence and unbelievable drive to push herself to the limit. After a number of sessions, and a few open gyms, it was clear that she was ready to compete on the senior girls team. I have now had the honour of coaching Liz for the last five years. She is a serious student of the game, who understands and demonstrates what it takes to be an elite basketball player. She is extremely

I've always loved to play a lot of different sports, however when I started to play basketball I enjoyed both the physical component and the team aspect.

— Liz Kennedy

coachable and thrives on competing and excelling. She plays incredibly hard at both ends of the court. She is a relentless defender, a great playmaker, and a threat inside and out on offence."

Further, Gillrie-Carre says of Kennedy, "her pursuit of a rebound is astonishing and her repertoire of post moves are a joy to watch. In my 44 years of coaching, I have coached

some of the top players in the province. Liz is one of those special players that has demonstrated the all-round athletic and personal skills and character required to help self and others to be successful. She has a tenacious drive, an extremely high level of commitment, passion, goals and a huge heart."

Kennedy is grateful to have been coached by such a knowledgeable and supportive coaching staff that features both Gillrie-Carre and her dad, Chris.

"Being able to share this journey with my dad for the past few years has been very special. I'm lucky we have such a good relationship on and off the court," she says.

While she's unsure exactly what the future holds, Kennedy knows basketball will be part of it—playing and coaching. She's also fascinated by the inner workings of big corporations, so perhaps a career in business is also on the horizon.

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Sports Wall of Fame welcomes Class of 2019

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

talented group of individuals, whose dedication $oldsymbol{\wedge}$ to sport has been extraordinary, are the latest inductees into the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame.

Exemplary of the Class of 2019, organizers of the annual Dolphin Basketball Classic (recognized in the Builders category), reflect the city's rich sporting history.

Tony Wong-Hen, Bruce Watson, Bira Bindra and Taj Johal all grew up playing basketball in Richmond. They so loved the game, that upon graduating from high school in 1986 they organized what is today a staple on the summer sports schedule. The first Dolphin Classic between the graduating tle more than bragging rights.

"It's truly a made-in-Richmond grassroots tournament," noted Mayor Malcolm Brodie during the formal presentation at Gateway Theatre. "From modest beginnings, it continues to be one of the premier basketball events in the province and inspires countless Richmond youth to pursue their passion for sport"

ATHLETES

Jim Mills

Born and raised in Richmond, Mills attended Cambie Junior Secondary and later Richmond High where he excelled in many sports including football. It was on the gridiron where he starred, signing with

Steveston Packers and Richmond Colts was for lit- the NFL Baltimore Colts in 1983 for whom he continued to play when the team moved to Indianapolis. He joined the hometown BC Lions in 1986, and prior to retiring in 1995, the 6-foot-8 offensive lineman earned five Western Conference all-star nods. was a three-time All-Canadian offensive tackle, and twice the most outstanding lineman in the CFL.

Jamie Stoddard

Born and raised in Richmond, Stoddard attended London Junior Secondary and later Steveston High where he played many sports. He didn't pick up football until Grade 11, but in 1994 became the Packers' MVP and played eight season in the

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UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., vs Langley Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., vs Mission

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CHRISTMAS



Oh My Bling **Christmas Fashion Show**

With the help of her mom, Estella Celeste Banez, a five-year-old Richmond Kindergarten student, will be hosting two launch parties of her Oh My Bling jewelry Dec. 7 and 14 at Richmond Caring Place. The parties, supporting the Richmond Christmas Fund, will feature fashion shows both beginning at 3:30 p.m. in room 340.

Wrap It Up

Wrap up your holiday shopping in style, while supporting the Richmond Christmas Fund. Gift wrapping is available from 12:30 to 6 p.m. daily at Lansdowne Centre where volunteers will give your present the care it deserves and turn it into a gift-wrapped work of

Fund Indigo FUNdraiser

The Richmond Christmas Fund is all about convenience, always looking for new and easier ways for people to support the program.

This year, when you shop online at indigo.ca through Dec. 7, three per cent cash back on your purchases of books, home decor, paper products, fashion accessories or children's items will benefit the Christmas Fund. And when you purchase electronic gift cards, 20 per cent will go to the Christmas Fund.

Joseph And The Amazing **Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, one of the most well-loved musicals of all time returns to the Gateway Theatre

What's

Happening in Richmond, Dec. 3 to 16

(6500 Gilbert Rd.) Dec. 12 to 31. Perforat any community facility, or online at mances are 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$29 to \$55.

See Yah In The Morning! **Fundraiser**

Inspired by her son, Richmond author Kaye Liao Banez wrote a book to help young children develop communication skills. She's donating partial proceeds from each book sold to local charities, and this fall the beneficiary is the Richmond Christmas Fund. Through Dec. 14, each purchase bammstellacreations.com will see \$2 donated to provide grocery vouchers, toys, books and gift cards to low-income families to help them celebrate the holidays.

Winter Hayrides

Hop onboard for an oldtime hayride around Steveston Village. This fun trip, in 30-minute intervals, takes place on Dec. 5. It leaves the Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton St. starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person, with pre-registration required at 604-

Christmas Dinner

Folks 55 and better are invited to celebrate the holidays with a traditional meal complete with turkey and all the fixings Dec. 5 at Minoru Centre for Active Living. The dinner is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the complex at 7191 Granville Ave. Dinner is \$28.55. Roundtrip transportation (\$5) home drop off (\$3) is also available. Registration is required at 604-276-4300, in person

richmond.ca/register.

Songs In The Snow: A Vintage Christmas

Head over to the Steveston Museum and Post Office, 3811 Moncton St, on the first three Saturdays of the month—Dec. 7, 14 or 21 (from 4 to 6 p.m.)—for local performances celebrating the holiday season.

Winter In The Village

A season full of free and low-cost family holiday fun awaits you. From the bright lights to toe-tapping music, there's sure to be something for everyone at Winter in the village, through Dec. 31, in Steveston Village.

Light The Hall

Bring your friends and family to Hamilton Fire Hall No. 5 for a special festive lighting of the fire hall Dec. 5 between 3:30 and 5 p.m. The hall is located at 22451 Westminster Hwy.

Heritage Christmas Craft Fair

Britannia Shipyards, 5180 Westwater Dr., will host a free craft fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 where you can shop site-wide among 60 unique vendors set up in the Seine Net Loft, Murakami Boatworks, Richmond Boatbuilders and Chinese Bunkhouse buildings.

Brunch With Santa

Join Santa for brunch Dec. 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton Community Centre, 5140 Smith Dr. For \$10 per person, you'll enjoy a delicious meal,

crafts, games, a photo booth, and a visit from Santa.

Seasonal Holiday Brunch

Bring your appetite for a brunch served by Chef etonnantes de Thompson Dec. 13 at Thompson Community Centre, 5151 Granville Ave. starting at 10 a.m.

Then on Dec. 14, also starting at 10 a.m., enjoy Breakfast with Santa.



Tea With Santa

Fairmont Vancouver Airport hotel, 3111 Grant McConachie Way, will be hosting a special festive edition of its popular afternoon tea benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation Saturday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m.

Guests at the family-friendly event will enjoy the festive afternoon tea menu, a visit from Santa, and other special surprises.

Proceeds from every ticket (\$79 for adults, \$35 children 12 and under) go to Make-A-Wish Foundation, granting the wishes of children living with life-threatening conditions.

Reserve by phone at 604-248-3281 or by email at vancouverairport@ fairmont.com.

Walk Richmond— Steveston Village

Stroll through Steveston's historic fishing village to the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site and back to the Steveston Community Centre for some light refreshments and winter cheer. On Dec. 14 at Garry Point richmondsentinel.ca December 2019 CALENDAR | 21

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Park, 12011 Seventh Ave, 10 to 11 a.m. Free.

Winter Carnival

Join this winter family event that includes fun activities, interactive games, arts and crafts, music performances, a photo with Santa and yummy treats. Parent participation required. \$10 per child, free for parents to attend. City Centre Community Centre, 105 - 5900 Minoru Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Victorian Christmas

London Heritage Farm, 6511 Dyke Rd., reflects the holiday season every Saturday and Sunday to Dec. 15 from noon to 5 p.m. as the historic home is transformed to celebrate a Victorian Christmas. While there, you can also enjoy a cup of cider, learn about the London family, and visit the gift shop for a perfect gift.

EVENTS

Fishermen Helping Kids with cancer

A Steveston tradition, the sixth annual fresh herring and hake sale is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Steveston Harbour Authority, 12740 Trites Rd. All money raised will support kids being treated for cancer at BC Children's Hospital.

Raise The Roof

St Alban's Church, 7260 St Albans Rd., is home to a weekly community meal, serving on average 180 people. Donations are always welcome at 604-278-2770 or at office@stalbansrichmond.org.

Richmond 140 Anniversary Gala

To celebrate Richmond 140th Anniversary and award to outstanding contributors of the city. River Rock Casino Resort, 8811 River Road, Dec. 15 7 to 10 p.m. Free.

Parent Info Session

Richmond School District assistant superintendent Lynn Archer will present a free session on report cards and communicating student learning Dec. 5 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Brighouse branch of the Richmond Public Library, 100-7700 Minoru Gate.

ArtRich 2019

The third bi-annual juried exhibition presented in partnership with Richmond Arts Coalition and Richmond Art Gallery, ArtRich 2019 is being held from Dec. 6 to 31 at the Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate. This free event provides a chance for emerging and established artists to exhibit their work.

Unicorn Tribe Toastmasters Club

Every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., this Toastmasters club meets in room 2029B at the Richmond Olympic Oval, 6111 River Rd. Learn the skills and confidence you need to effectively express yourself in any situation.

SPORTS

Pinnacle Cheer Event

The 19th annual PINK Cheerleading Championships will be held Dec. 7, starting at 10 a.m., at the Richmond Olympic Oval, 6111 River Rd. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children five and under.

Sockeye Hockey

The Richmond Sockeyes junior hockey club has three upcoming home games—7 p.m. Dec. 5 versus Langley, 7 p.m. Dec. 12 versus Mission and 4:45 p.m. Dec. 15 versus Aldergrove. All games are at Minoru Arenas.

BC Cup

Short track speed skating arrives at the Richmond Olympic Oval, 6111 River Rd., for two days of exciting competitive racing Dec. 14 and 15. The BC Cup circuit format will feature racing as well as training, testing and workshops.

KUDOS

Guide Dog 'pup'ulation increases





Photos submitted These puppies will grow up to be service dogs.

The BC and Alberta Guide Dogs welcomed 17 puppies in October. That means there is now an urgent need for volunteer puppy raisers to provide loving homes for these future guide dogs, autism service dogs and PTSD service dogs before they enter advanced training.

Learn more at bcguidedog.com or call 604-940-4504 for more information.

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The Class of 2019 was inducted into the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nov. 23 at Gateway Theatre.

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WALL OF FAME

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CFL as a wide receiver for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He finished with 2,800 yards and 11 touchdowns. Stoddard is currently a teacher and athletic director at Steveston-London Secondary.

Novell Thomas

A multi-sport athlete who excelled in basketball, soccer and football as a youth, Thomas developed his love of basketball after attending the Dolphin Classic. He went on to become the all-time assists leader at Simon Fraser University and, in what he considers to be the opportunity of a lifetime, played for Canada under coach Jay Triano at the 2002 worlds, 2003 Pan-American Games and 2003 Olympic qualifier. He also played professionally in Europe, and is now a head coach at Brandon University.

MASTERS ATHLETE

Since entering his first road race

ymous with the athletic pursuit. He began racing competitively in 2003 and through 2018 has earned 55 firstplace finishes in various meets. In 2014 he was part of the team that set a Canadian indoor record in the 4x400 relay. Pawluk also continues to help young athletes reach their potential as a dedicated volunteer with the Richmond Kajaks.

COACHES

Kim Young

During a 34-year career as an educator (23 of those in Richmond), Young also found time to coach with the Kajaks. Demonstrating a unique ability to lead, he took numerous athletes from grassroots to the elite level, while also holding several positions within the club from president to meet director. Twice a coach for Canada at the Pan-American Games, Young also helped found the first BC Elementary Track and Field Championships—an event hosted annually by the Kajaks.

Marshall Shields

Synonymous with fastball in Richin 1986, Pawluk has become synon- mond, Shields' passion for coaching

became pronounced when his son Ryan began playing. Coaching all ages and levels of boys' fastball locally, he guided teams to 10 gold medals and to the Western Canadian championships. Later, he coached senior men's fastball and led the Mariners to three consecutive titles.

Carl Savage

Upon settling in Richmond in 1967, Savage dedicated his life to serving others. As an educator, he was a teacher and administrator here for over 30 years. Always seeking to motivate youth and empower them to be their best, he also spent 33 years coaching with the Kajaks—initially on the premise it would be for just one or two nights a week."

Savage also played rugby locally, chaired the recreation commission, and played adult recreation soccer.

Jeff Lochbaum

Entering the coaching realm early, Lochbaum was only 16 when he began his decorated career that saw his teams enjoy considerable success in both baseball and football. His love of coaching also inspired him to pur-

sue a teaching career, during which he guided school teams at Richmond High and elsewhere to many provincial titles.

Jean-Jacques Schmidt

JJ, as is best known, can thank his daughter for requesting his lifetime involvement in track and field. It was she who asked that he attend his first meeting with the Kajaks in 1980. Since then, he's held various positions in the club, and contributed to the success of many members.

TEAM

From Ehsan Sharenejad to Jesse Tupper to Tyler McLaren, the torch of success was passed from one captain to the next during an unmatched era of football success at Richmond High.

From 1996 through 1998, the Colts won three consecutive provincial championships under the watchful eye of head coach Jeff Lochbaum.

"This remains a truly high standard of achievement for all high school teams," noted Mayor Malcolm Brodie at the Class of 2019 induction ceremonv.

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ACROSS

- Endure
- Uses a shovel
- 9 Pallid
- 12 Too
- Slightly 13
- "— had it!" 14
- Restaurant red or white, e.g.
- Museum-funding org.
- Swindles 18
- Kick out 19
- 21 Conestoga, for one
- 24 Dross
- Vogue rival 25
- Loyal 26
- Fluffy scarf 30
- 31 Bread maker
- Altar constellation 32
- 33 Greyhound's home?
- 35 Tag sale words
- Beholds 36
- "Siddhartha" author 37
- 38 Baby deer
- From the U.S. 40
- 42 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 43 Storage facility
- Lancelot 48
- War god 49
- Ink smudge 50
- 51 Menlo Park monogram
- 52 Present day?
- 53 Diminutive suffix

DOWN

"Humbug!"

MID-NOVEMBER ANSWERS

Eugene Sheffer's crossword

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- "Evil Woman" gp.
- Tempe sch.
- Gangster's gun
- First light Nile bird
- 7 Martini liquor
- Pittsburgh footballer 27
- Vessel for merlot
- With (Fr.)
- 11 Spruced up
- A billion years

- 20 Poke
- 21 "Dragnet" star Jack
- Matty of baseball
- 23 Goblets and such
- 24 Fat
- 26 Lights-out tune
- "Top Hat" studio
- 28 "Topaz" author Lighten
- 31 Hive product
- Lion's home

- Bacteriologist's study
- Devilish laugh 37
- Suffix with song or 38 gab
- Athletic shoe brand
- **Vicinity**
- Disorder 41
- Branch
- 45 Last (Abbr.)
- Drunkard 46
- Montreal summer



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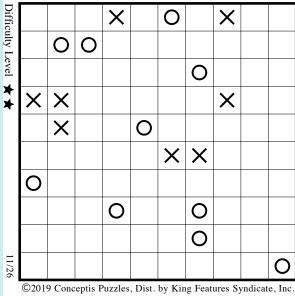
SUDOKU

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

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	1							
		5					9	8
	8				9	3		5

TIC-TAC-LOGIC

A one player game, the object is to place Xs or Os in the squares grid. There cannot be more than two consecutive Xs or Os in a row or column. Each column/row is unique and has five Xs and Os.



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