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Landmark bookstore changes hands again

Megan Scott is the new owner of Ivy's Book Shop in Oak Bay Village. She took over the local landmark on March 28 from previous owners George and Jeannie Lim. (The legendary Ivy Mickelson had started the bookstore in 1964.)

Daughter of the late business owner Blayne Scott of Scott Plastics, she has experience in both the retail and wholesale sides of the book business. Scott worked at Munro's after earning an English degree, then spent the last eight years as a publisher's representative with Stanton & MacDougall.

The store will stay on Oak Bay Avenue. "The community's been just very supportive. People really want a bookstore." Scott said she isn't planning any big changes, just "trying to get the stock built up." The store has added a nautical section.

On the Street



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pany of the year in the Western Communities, in the West Shore Chamber of Commerce community awards. Thrifty Foods in Colwood is large company of the year, while Mike Adamek of Adamek & Associates financial services is entrepreneur of the year. Caprina Valentine, who started Caprina Designs, is young entrepreneur of the year.

The vacant houses and yellow "do not enter" tape around houses along Inverness and Glasgow streets near Cloverdale Avenue in Saanich aren't for a big housing development — it's a park expansion project. For about 25 years "we've been slowly buying up the properties," said Saanich municipal landscape architect Gary Darrah in the parks and public works department.

It will expand Rutledge Park to 1.9 hectares, five times its present size. Demolition bids are due back Monday and the dwellings should be gone by July. Creation of a park there will take longer and about \$600,000.

Empress Taxi has bought Sidney-based Beacon Taxi, whose eight cabs serve Victoria airport and the Saanich Peninsula. The deal was effective Friday

and took about 2 1/2 months to pull together, although the two firms had talked before about merger. It increases to 75 the Empress fleet, said Empress general manager Duane MacNeill. Over three to six months, Beacon cabs will get Empress colours and computerized dispatch equipment, and their Sidney dispatch office will close.

"It also fits into our plans for regionalization. We'll have more cars up north (on the Saanich Peninsula)," MacNeill said.

PEOPLE: Victoria Craig has joined AXYS Environmental Systems in Sidney as sales and marketing co-ordinator. She was with Mid-Island Science, Technology and Innovation Council in Nanaimo. ... Debbie Pietraszek is the new manager of fitness programs at Recreation Oak Bay. ... Educational consultant Velma Haslin has been re-elected president of the Professional Consultants Association of B.C. Tim Hicks of TRH Communications and Gaby Ostro are vice-presidents. For more, see www.pcabc.org or call 598-6269. ... Clare Turris is Victoria agent for The Barsi Group, based in Nanaimo, which distributes wild saskatoon berry pies and other berry products. Call 383-

1610. 1-888-698-2433 in Nanaimo.

There's a new local Web site that promotes local arts and crafts, at www.vancouverislandtreasures.com Murray Fallen operates the site for artisans, who pay nothing up front but a 25-per-cent commission — half or less of the usual commission charged by retail stores and galleries — when their pieces sell. It's automated and artisans can upload their own images to the site. Call 386-8078.

COMING UP: Barry LaValley leads a retirement lifestyle planning seminar June 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Victoria Conservatory of Music, \$10. Tickets at Laurentian Bank 764 Fort St. or Bolen Books, 953-2205. ... Camosun College computer systems technology students showcase their programming projects for businesses June 14 at the Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 W. Burnside Rd. Since 1985, students have created custom software for businesses as part of second year in their diploma program.

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