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Duke Point ferry terminal to reopen May 1

Nanaimo Daily News

NANAIMO — The Duke Point ferry terminal south of Nanaimo will reopen May 1, B.C. Ferries announced Monday.

The terminal was closed after the Coastal Inspiration crashed into a berth on

Dec. 20, causing extensive damage to the dock and the vessel.

The four-to-five-knot "hard landing" was caused by the failure of an electronic component card.

Contractors are finishing repairs to the terminal's structure, including the

starboard wingwall, port wingwall inner fender panel, lower-ramp abutment hinges, ramp-maintenance hanging bars and hydraulic cylinders.

Electrical wiring was replaced and some cracked welds were repaired.

Service between Duke

Point and Tsawwassen will resume, during repairs traffic was rerouted through the Departure Bay terminal for four months.

Departure Bay will once again service the Horseshoe Bay route only.

B.C. Ferries thanked everyone for their patience.

Minivan collision knocks out power in Sooke area

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Times Colonist

A minivan smashed into a fire hydrant, snapped a utility pole in three pieces and knocked out electricity to 1,670 customers when it was driven off Otter Point Road Monday morning.

When firefighters arrived, just after 10:30 a.m., the van was wedged in parts of the hydro pole and sitting on top of the fire hydrant, Sooke fire Chief Steve Sorensen said.

Several power lines were down and strewn "all over the place. It was quite

the mess," he said.

The 40-year-old driver sat in the vehicle at the corner of Otter Point and Grant roads for about 45 minutes until B.C. Hydro crews arrived. The driver walked away without injury.

Traffic was held up throughout the day and residents and businesses were without power. B.C. Hydro estimated that power would be restored by 7 p.m.

"There was a lot of damage. We had to replace the entire pole," said Ted Olynnyk, Vancouver Island spokesman for B.C. Hydro.

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Injured hiker assisted

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About 20 Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue members made the trek into Sooke Hills on Sunday to help an injured hiker, who had severely injured her ankle.

A group of four or five hikers had spent the morning in the forested area in and around Sooke Mountain Provincial Park.

One of the women, thought to be in her early 20s, injured her ankle and was unable to walk out. Initially outside cellphone range, several of her friends hiked out in a bid to find cellular reception.

They found a canoe on Shields Lake and paddled

across. There they met another couple hiking and asked them for help, search and rescue officials said.

The hikers walked out to cell range and called for help around 2 p.m., said Bill Meikle, assistant search and rescue manager.

Search and rescue officials arrived, assessed the woman's injuries and helped the hikers leave.

"They would have been walking in a pretty rough area with rocky terrain and fairly slippery in spots," Meikle said. "They were up there most of the day before we got the call, so they were happy to get down, get out and to be gone."

Stabbing victim to recover: police

A 35-year-old man seriously injured in a stabbing in downtown Victoria Sunday is expected to make a full recovery.

Victoria police said the man wandered into the Ocean Island Inn at Pandora Avenue and Blanshard Street about 4 p.m. with a serious wound to his

abdomen. Staff called 911.

When police arrived, they were told the suspect was walking away, along Blanshard. He was quickly arrested and a charge of aggravated assault is being recommended.

Police believe the two men know each other.

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Sayward motorcyclist killed in collision north of Courtenay

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A 47-year-old Sayward man died late Saturday afternoon when the motorcycle he was riding was broadsided by a pickup truck just north of Courtenay.

Duane Roger Schlack is believed to have been making a U-turn at the intersection of Headquarters and Smith roads when he turned into the path of the vehicle that had been travelling behind him, Comox Valley RCMP said.

The driver of the Ford pickup thought Schlack had made a right turn but realized too late that the motorcyclist was turning around and coming back onto Headquarters Road.

The pickup driver left long tire marks on the pavement as he tried to brake, Const. Misty Dmytar said.

"The motorcycle [driver] didn't stop," she said. "He proceeded into oncoming traffic."

Both traffic analysts and the coroner were on the scene Saturday and investigators are still trying to determine the cause, but all indications suggest Schlack was at fault.

"At this point, it's pretty cut and dry — so that's all we know until we hear anything more," Dmytar said.

Neither speed nor alcohol were factors in the crash along the stretch of rural road, which has a speed limit of 80 km/h.

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