

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **VANIER SENIOR GIRLS WIN POSITION IN ISLAND TOURNAMENT & DO COMMUNITY SERVICE TO PAY WAY**

Courtenay, BC—Announced today by Coach Kevin Lee (who also owns The Backstreet Pub in Royston), the senior girls basketball team from Vanier High School was victorious in this past weekend's North Island tournament in Duncan. As a result of their victories, the team will compete in the Island Tournament starting March 1 in Campbell River.

In addition to playing great ball, the girls have been busy earning funds to pay for their tournament fees, hotel costs, and transportation to tournaments. Most recently, the team moved and stacked nearly 10 cords of wood for Union Bay's newest bed-and-breakfast, Two Eagles Lodge.

According to Carolyn Touhey of Two Eagles Lodge, "While I was at the Backstreet Pub one Sunday Jam, Kevin told me how the girls were playing so well, but were short on their fundraising goal and may have to forego tournament play. I knew we had some projects at our place that could use some 'girl power,' since we're just completing construction and doing lots of work on the land. So, we made it a win-win. They had fun and earned money for the team, and we got a lot of wood moved in short order."

Touhey adds, "I hope more businesses and homeowners think to use such reliable workers and to help our kids' teams with their fundraising in a very non-traditional way."



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PHOTO CAPTION: Back row: Coach Kevin Lee, Megan Elgersma, Alyson Schmidt, Brook Davis, Kate Armstrong, Heather Huxham. Front row: Carly McDiarmid (ball cap), Jackie Ross (green plaid), Nina Maerkl, Dawn Huxham. Missing: Manager Kendra Lee, teammate Kelsey Reid, and co-coach Rob Johnson.