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and a happy & healthy 2021

FROM THE SHAWNIGAN FOCUS

2020 has been quite the year!

A lot has been written about the Covid 19 pandemic and how, in some way, it has affected every person in the world.

It was a shock to our lives and routines when, in Mid March, BC went into a lockdown. For most people this was a new and challenging experience...and now, nine months later, we are still facing restrictions.

It has been suggested that we stay in our own communities for Christmas and avoid large gatherings, even family. This will be difficult...but Shawnigan is a great place to be, especially this year. It is a caring community that steps up to help where help is needed.

Right now, there are many 'elves' in the community who are making sure that every family will have a happy Christmas.

This Christmas, we also have the opportunity to support Shawnigan businesses by shopping locally. We have lost a few businesses this year but there are many who continue to service the community and would appreciate the business. There is a wide variety of options to choose from.

The best gifts this year will be taking care of you, your family and your community. **Please note:** Due to Covid restrictions, The Shawnigan Shiver event will not take place.

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Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA) - Messages of Hope

'Tis the season to give!!!

And giving back is what the Shawnigan Lake Community Association wants to do!

We have created Messages of Hope as a gift to everyone in our community for keeping us safe, supporting our local businesses and working together to help each other! We all may be six feet apart but we are together in spirit! You are appreciated for being kind and calm while we travel this unexpected and unprecedented journey through a pandemic. We were all unprepared, but now is the time that we need to look at what we CAN do and not what we CANNOT do! Thank you for creating ways that work! Watch for our Messages of Hope and know they

are there for YOU!!

We have also built a wooden tree of lights on the south wall of the garage. Each light is shining for all the 'bright lights' in our community...those who have stepped up to help others and make their lives brighter during these challenging times. You have put the 'unity' in our community!

Take a stroll through the Corridor of Hope in the Village...decorated by ornaments created by the children in our community. They are sending love and hope to each person through the Holiday Season wishing the new year will bring better times for all! May there be joy in our hearts as we share love by the handful! Thank you, Shawnigan Lake!!



Shawnigan Weather NOVEMBER 2020

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network - Reported by Grant Treloar

	Nov Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Average High	8.5	8.6	9.2	9.4	9.8	9.5	11.0	9	10.0
Average Low	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	2.6
Extreme High	20.0	17.5	13.1	19.7	15.5	19.2	15.3	18.5	14.0
Extreme Low	-15.6	-1.1	-4.5	-2	-4.5	-0.2	-4.3	-1.0	-5.0
Precipitation	225.4	249.7	73.2	234.8	67.6	187.6	58.8	236.8	63
Days w precip	22	20	13	23	13	21	13	23	13
Year Precip	1056.2	1287.1	808.6	1208.4	712.6	1077.0	664.1	1266.6	768.8
Precip since Oct 1	340.1	401.2	180.8	364.5	168.7	301.7	146.0	358.2	162.0
Rank since 1914: 47 th warmest, 25 th wettest									
Lake Temperature:	Nov 1 st : 11°	Nov 8 th : 9°	Nov 15 th : 8°	Nov 22 nd : 7°	Nov 29 th : 7°				
Lake Level Change:	Nov 1 st : -4cm	Nov 8 th : +16 cm	Nov 15 th : +20cm	Nov 22 nd : +37cm	Nov 29 th : -20				
Lake Surface Level:	Nov 1 st : 116.17m	Nov 8 th : 116.33m	Nov 15 th : 116.53m	Nov 22 nd : 116.90m	Nov 29 th : 116.70				

November 2020 was very closed to normal temperature wise and a bit wetter than normal. Warmest day was the 4th (18.5°) and coldest was on the 7th (-1°). Wettest day was on the 16th (42.8 mm).

South Cowichan Library

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open for Walkthrough service Tuesday through Saturday. And the book-drop is always open! You can place your requests online at virl.bc.ca or by calling 250-743-5436. You'll get an automatic notification when your item arrives and then can come in with your library card to pick it up.

Tue: 1-3pm & 5-7pm

Wed to Sat: 10-12pm & 2-4pm

If you're not able to come inside or get here during our open hours, let us know and we'll arrange a time to meet at the front door to pick up your items.

Following the Provincial Medical Health Officer orders, masks are now required when visiting the library. This is in addition to physical distancing, occupancy limits, and other safety measures. A properly worn mask covers your nose and face at all times. Masks are available—speak to a member of staff.

You can also browse a small collection of novels, DVDs, magazines, CDs, children's items, nonfiction, and more. Check out our themed Grab & Go bags for adults and children!

Please bring your library card or install the MyLibrary! app to use the touchless self-checkout machine. We also have a print station to go online to print what you need.

For locals unable to come to the library due to illness or injury, please contact us about our monthly volunteer delivery service.

All returned items are **quarantined for a minimum of 8 hours** before returning to circulation. All overdue fines are waived at check-in.

If you need more help than you can get quickly during your visit, please call or email us at southcowichan@virl.bc.ca. We can help you place holds, order the next in a series, get started with eBooks, learn how to access online newspaper and magazines, and more!

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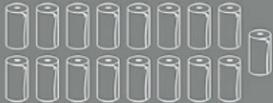


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Lori Treloar
Executive Director

Forty-three years ago, a visionary group of people like YOU saw that one of the most valuable gifts to a community was to create a timeless place where people would enjoy learning and find belonging. These dedicated community members created the Shawnigan Lake Historical Society, and six years later, the Shawnigan Lake Museum was born.

We are so thankful for this community treasure, and YOUR on-going support of the Museum. As you make plans for the holidays, a time when we share the generosity of the season and light hopeful paths for the future, we are asking each member of our community, if you can, to make a donation to the Shawnigan Lake Museum before the end of the year.

Since opening in 1983, the Museum has improved the lives of thousands of people. Every year, thanks to generous donations from Shawnigan Lake residents and those who visit our community, the Museum gives fun and interactive learning experiences to approximately 1,000 youth, and brings together hundreds of residents for cultural events such as the Speaker Series, Family Day, and the Heritage Fair.

Museum exhibits attract tourism in the community and give youth valuable paid and volunteer job training experience while providing seniors with a place to share their wisdom and experience as they connect with new and familiar friends in the community.

“The school program at the museum is very worthwhile and child centred. It is a great experience for the kids, and we would highly recommend it to our fellow teachers! We are so grateful for programs that are well thought out and smoothly run program perfectly geared to our little ones!” Grade 1 teacher,

Mt. Prevost School.

The Museum stands at the centre of our community, housed in the town’s original fire hall, which was built in 1950. As the third longest-surviving entity in the village of Shawnigan Lake, the Museum has welcomed almost 30,000 visitors in the last 15 years (In 2019, we welcomed 4,000 people into the museum), built a membership of over 200 people, and each year more than 75 volunteers dedicate 3,000 of hours of their time to the Museum tours.

Unfortunately, in 2020, alongside you, we faced an unprecedented year of challenges and uncertainty due to the pandemic. From March to the beginning of July, we closed the Museum in response to provincial orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We did so to protect the health of everyone in our community; however, our annual visitors dropped significantly, and we couldn’t offer school programs (thus creating barriers for youth education programming), nor bring the community together through our summer Heritage Fair, or annual fundraising event.

We want you to know that we are still here, and we are building back stronger. The future is exciting, and people like YOU help us move forward and achieve greater things.

Like so many of you, we are adapting to ensure that the Museum continues to serve our community. While we managed these new conditions, we began planning new digital programming for youth, who need access to online culture, heritage, and educational resources now more than ever before. We worked hard to bridge gaps in funding through grants, delivered events and workshops online, and launched a new and improved gift shop to support local entrepreneurs and grow new sources of Museum revenue.

We made great progress on

the Museum expansion project, and are working hard, so that our community has a future-proofed centre to withstand changing times – a place that offers uninterrupted programming, jobs, new tourism markets, and more ways to stay connected in the wake of events like pandemics.

Once again, just as we saw almost 50 years ago, visionary citizens and partners are coming together with the goal of creating a Museum that will

lead our community’s plans for revitalization, be accessible to all, and share widely the deep stories of this magnificent community. This project will shine a light on stories such as the Kinsol Trestle, our very own E.J. Hughes, and the traditional use of these lands by the Cowichan Tribes - these stories tie us together as a community and are deeply significant moments in our history.

By donating to the museum, you are giving to your commu-

nity. You are supporting cultural and kids programming, sparking a passion for art and history in our kids, and making it possible to realize the economic recovery and sense of community belonging that are so important as we safeguard the village of Shawnigan Lake and emerge from a year with too many dark days.

That is why I am asking you to consider supporting the Shawnigan Lake Museum with a generous donation of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1000 or more.

Your donation helps us meet the growing needs of the museum and allow us to create events and programs that benefit our residents.

We know that not everyone is in the position to give this year. If you want to contribute, consider sharing a small monthly gift – even \$5 or \$10 a month makes a huge difference.

You can also join us as a member or volunteer, purchase a gift from our gift shop, or just send a note or call to tell us what the museum has meant to you over the years – phone calls like that brighten our world more than you know.

Thank you for everything that you have done to make our work in the community possible. We could not do it without you!



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RCMP/Paramedic/Fire/Emergency - Please put a Visible Reflective House # Sign on everyone's Christmas Friend and Family List. Buy a gift of safety and get a free medium Pizza for yourself, or to share, from Panago Pizza, Mill Bay. Thank you, Panago, for supporting the Gift of Safety.

Community Policing - FREE Friendly Phones Program - Please spread the Christmas care by reminding our seniors that we offer this FREE service - a daily phone call between 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. from Volunteers who genuinely care about your well-being. Just give us a call and we will add your name to the list.

Fire Fighters - remind everyone to give water to their thirsty indoor live Christmas

Tree and keep all plugs away from water sources. Enjoy the beautiful candles and the light they give but remember to extinguish them before retiring for your long winters nap.

Community Policing Speed Watch - remind those speeding to the next red light or traffic jam that life is too short to take that kind of risk. Leave Time...it creates less stress and is safer for everyone, including the driver of the vehicle. It is good to give so, if you want to, join us and Volunteer in 2021.

ICBC - Drunk Driving Awareness/Cell Watch - Please remind all those who are celebrating over the Holiday Season to leave their car at home - arrange a safe COVID-19 ride home or plan to be a designated driver. If you're driving, be alert and remember distracted driving has a high cost. In short: Leave Your Car at Home and Your Phone Alone... Let's all have

a Safe Holiday Season.

Block Watch - Please give everyone a special gift of "Thank you" for actively participating in keeping their neighbourhood and our community safer by staying active and alert while practicing social distancing.

RCMP Scams and Fraud Awareness Division - A reminder to be aware that during the Holiday Season, as well as the COVID-19 Virus, all those offers that seem to be too good to be true, definitely are. You don't pay for COVID-19 testing over the phone; the CRA will not come and arrest you; and please guard your credit cards and personal information that could offer those "Grinches" the opportunity to steal your Christmas cheer and money.

Shopping Centre and Store Owners - remind everyone to put on their best Christmas mask and practice social distancing. Drive safely...every-



one is hustling and bustling, highly motivated to get that last parking spot that perfect Christmas present and baking supplies. Kindness gets you on Santa's Nice List. Naughty will get you a lump of coal!

... I heard him exclaim as he drove the speed limit out

of sight A Safe Christmas to All and to All A Safe Night.

Safety Doesn't Happened by Accident. Let's All Do Our Part. Merry Christmas and have a Safe Holiday Season from all of us at South Cowichan Community Policing - All The Best for 2021...!

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Thank-you all for being with us through these trying times.

Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Miss Benson's Beetle
by Rachel Joyce
Published by Bond Street Books
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If you enjoyed The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, short-listed for the Commonwealth Book Prize, and long-listed for the Man Booker prize, you will like this new novel very much.

While still focusing on the unloved and down-trodden, Rachel Joyce has written a much grittier book this time. The story begins in post-war England, a grey and miserable place, where the citizens have not finished recovering from great losses, nor yet begun the hopeful task of rebuilding.

Margery Benson, an unattractive and lonely school teacher, has received the last humiliation in a lifetime of them. This one is a cruel drawing passed around by her mocking students. Tired and pushed to the limit, she walks out of the school clutching a pair of stolen boots, thus setting into motion an adventure that no longer follows the rules.

As she looks at the wreckage of her life, she thinks of the one passion that has given her hope. Her late father had inspired her with his story of an elusive, undiscovered Golden Beetle. Since then, she has spent hours studying beetles with a mentor in the Museum of Natural History. She decides impulsively to go in search of the mythical insect. The trouble is, it is situated far away in New Caledonia, a tropical French archipelago in the South Pacific.

Undaunted, she begins the arduous task of getting documents and equipment together.

As she becomes overwhelmed, she realizes she needs a French-speaking assistant. With the few applicants dwindling down, she is left with a most unlikely candidate.

Enid Pretty is a fun-loving and garrulous woman dressed in a bright pink suit and pom-pom sandals. Her history is sketchy and she seems to attract men and trouble like bees to honey. Talk about the Odd Couple. Nevertheless, these two board the liner to Australia and the swashbuckling tale begins.

Joyce tells a compelling travel story of seasickness, lost equipment and luggage, with terrible connections and accommodations. Stumbling around in a hot paradise, literally dripping with danger and the unexpected, the two women slowly find their feet.

As their days settle into a routine searching for the beetle, they begin to discover the mettle of each other. Crises roll over them like the typhoon that almost kills them but, miraculously, they survive. Their bond, while tenuous at first, deepens slowly and trust is established between them.

The villains are unusual and we find far more sympathy for one, a war-ravaged POW, than the other, a fussy, British Consul's wife. The final scenes are hair-raising and the book becomes impossible to put down. It does, however, end somewhat well although not everyone survives intact.

Recommended for those who love a story of unlikely friendship and devotion. Margery and Enid are brave and eccentric, and, as such, are compelling and unforgettable characters. The story works because their forged sisterhood redeems and saves them both.

Rating: 4.8/5 stars

Shawnigan Kids Theatre Troupe presents: 'Excerpts from Alice'

Jennie Stevens
Woodruff Music Studio

Last year a very successful Peter Pan was staged at our local SL Community Centre, but this year Covid has scaled things right down. This year, CSAG INSPIRE! YOUTH ARTS is sponsoring an online presentation through their website: www.cowichan-southartsguild.com

There is so much that goes on 'behind the scenes', we thought we'd share a little with you!

ACTING - Paul Belanger (Director)

STAGE MANAGER - Kayla Dangerfield

Through playful theatre activities, students learn to express themselves creatively, with exercises in articulation and projection that help develop their vocal range. Students build concentration, memory and spatial awareness as they take stage directions, and

enjoy building great friendships.

They develop self-discipline as they learn to work towards a goal, and feel the success that comes along with accomplishing something bigger than themselves.

DANCE - Bonnie Cuthbertson (LT Dance)

Careful thought goes into the choreography of movement for the Troupe, and in each routine the students learn important foundational steps which can build towards skills in all levels of dance. Students learn the context of what they are expressing as they develop coordination, balance, agility, and timing. Increasing strength and mobility at a young age helps to build an awareness of how important it is to engage in habits that promote lifelong physical and mental health.

MUSIC - Jennie Stevens (Woodruff Music Studio)

The actors work hand in hand with a student 'Orff

Orchestra' which provides the sound effects, rhythm and musical accompaniment to chants, songs and dances, as well as providing atmosphere for the scenes. The Orchestra supports the final presentation of the Theatre Troupe, whether it is a fully staged Two Act Play, or a Covid-shortened 'Presentation of Excerpts'. Actors learn to sing and move to the live music which is often original, and composed by their peer musicians.

Through these collaborative opportunities, led by a team of four experienced professionals, the students learn a wide variety of skills. The perseverance they develop through this program will help them move forward confidently to face the various challenges that life inevitably brings! Oh... and did we happen to mention IT IS SO MUCH FUN !!!

... for more information about Kids Theatre, contact SLCC 250 743 1433

From the ashes, a long-trusted Island Business returns!

Robert Duckett and Kevin Horsman are happy to be back, helping Island drivers stay safe and save money

D&D is back!

In 2007, Rob Duckett sold D&D's National 4WD Centre to focus on his health. 75 days later, the shop was set on fire. His plan was to get healthy. Rob had been chasing the dream and had sacrificed his health. He had smoked for 30 years and was over-worked, over-weight and Diabetic.

Rob was looking forward to retirement but, when D&D shop burned down, Duckett's

deal with the new owners got complicated. For 10 years, Duckett spent his retirement savings sorting out the legalities and, in the end, he wound up with some charred inventory and equipment recaptured from the old business. But he did get his health back.

Kevin Horsman, a friend, and former apprentice, still using his old toolbox charred from the fire, called and said he wanted to move back to the Island from Alberta - the winter was just too cold and he missed his family and friends. The two made plans to reopen D&D in Mill Bay.

Then COVID-19 hit.

It was set to reopen on April 15, 2020, 13 years to the day of the fire and 30 years from when D&D was first established but the opening was postponed. Word got out to some former customers that the company was back, and they have been booked solid since June.

Duckett says it has changed since he was last in the business of repairing vehicles and selling parts but it has been really great to be back and to be so appreciated by former customers, friends and businesses.

Former customers are thrilled to have D&D back on the Island. "We've resurrected several now classic trucks and cars for

clients, like a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado and 1975 Cutlass Supreme, for former clients who now have Alzheimer's and their grown children are making dreams happen."

D&D is now open and located in Mill Bay at 3330 Trans. Can. Hwy. (the long green cedar

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Young Senior's Action Group

The Young Senior's Active Group Society (Y.S.A.G.S.) Quilting Group worked hard over the summer making free masks for the community. The Malahat Legion helped with the distribution of the masks.

The quilters have also been busy finishing up lap quilts for our local nursing home in Duncan, and Broadmead Care in Victoria, for our Veterans.

The Quilting Club is now teaming up the "Quilts of Valour - Canada" which provides comfort to our World War II and injured Canadian Armed Forces members past and present.

To start the fundraising the group is selling Christmas Masks with an opening for a third layer filter for \$5.00. All proceeds raised for the Quilts of Valour will be used to purchase material to make the quilts.

Masks are available through the Malahat Legion website, www.Malahatlegion.ca (under events) as well as at West Coast Vintage Shop in Shawnigan Lake, across from the Post Office.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.



SHAWNIGAN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Department members attended 19 incidents in November

- ★ Sunday, Nov 1 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Nov 4 - MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Nov 4 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Nov 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Nov 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 9 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 9 - MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Nov 13 - Burning Complaint on Sooke Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Nov 13 - Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Nov 13 - Hydro Lines on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 16 - MVI on Sylvester Rd
- ★ Friday, Nov 20 - MVI on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Saturday, Nov 21 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Sunday, Nov 22 - 1st Responder off Ingot Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 23 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Nov 24 - 1st Responder off Wilmot Ave
- ★ Monday, Nov 30 - MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 30 - Hydro Lines on Glen Eagles Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 30 - Hydro Lines on Hartl Rd

The Shawnigan Lake Volunteer Fire Department presents its annual SANTA RUN

Wednesday, December 16th- 6 pm to 9 pm

Santa visits the Beach Estates starting at Ceylon Road, making his way to Linden Lane.

On the East side, Santa starts in the Village, down to Wallbank Road, south to Galland Road, then north to the Burnum Park area.

At the South end, Santa will start at Shawnigan Station then over to the salt shack in Cougar Ridge .

COVID RESTRICTIONS: NO HANDING OUT OF CANDY CANES & NO FOOD DONATIONS. WE WILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPT FINANCIAL DONATIONS ONLY FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK.

Malahat Legion



We are still collecting donations for the Poppy Campaign. All donations are put in trust for the Veterans and Veterans families in need and other programs approved by the BC Yukon.

The Legion was a drop-off for collecting funds for Toys, Toiletries and Toques, and will be collecting food for the CMS Food Banks right up until Christmas, which will be dropped off after donations have been isolated.

Our meat draw which usu-

ally runs every Saturday from 3 to 5 pm. raises money which goes right back into your local community charities.

Our last donations out were:

- ★ CMS Food Bank (Mill Bay), to help purchase food for the hampers.
- ★ Cowichan Independent Living is a non-profit society offering extensive services for persons with disabilities.
- ★ Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association for sports equipment that is needed.

★ Cowichan Pipes and Drums Society for equipment and uniform replacement.

★ Broken Promises Rescue, to assist their efforts in helping animals in the Cowichan Valley.

★ We have also been collecting pet food, equipment, and supplies for Broken Promises Rescue. Thanks to everyone who has dropped off items.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Even though our doors are closed again, due to the new Covid-19 rules, the Malahat Legion continues to work with and for our community. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support during this strenuous time.



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COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sierra Acton**
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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)** Meetings TBA
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**
Meetings TBA. Held at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- ★ **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**
For info: check www.thesra.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
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Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: info@shawniganbasinsociety.org
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
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Linda Nelson identified last month's photo of the crosswalk warning sign located on the road in front of St. John's Academy School on east Shawnigan Lake Road, and also says she is looking forward to that specialty coffee!!"

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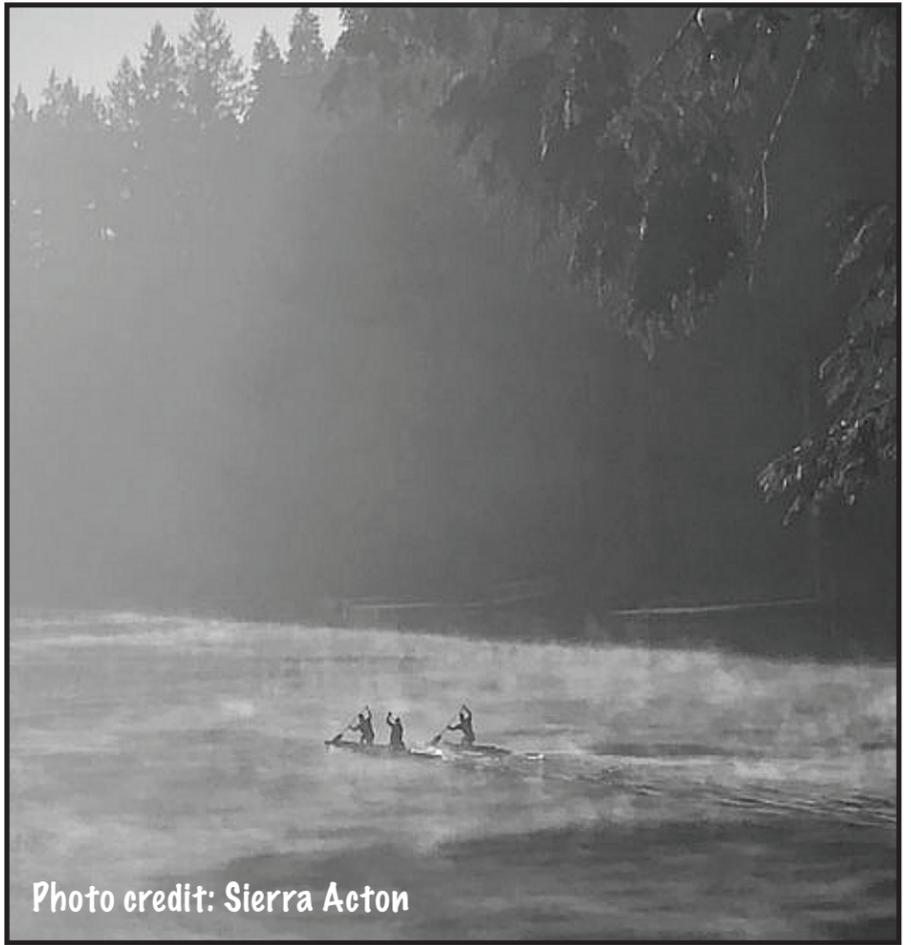


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Olympians in Shawnigan Lake

Amy Heffring
St. John's Academy

You may have seen more paddlers than usual out on Shawnigan Lake, which is because Canoe Kayak Canada, the national competitive paddling team in Canada, is training in the beautiful community of Shawnigan Lake!

St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake has been delighted to host the Olympic and Paralympic athletes for the past month. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to witness world class athletes training around campus and using our school's waterfront and dock each day. Our students have been cheering them on (from a distance) by creating posters for each athlete that we have hung around our school's Dining Hall.

We have had (and hope to have more) presentations from the athletes to learn about what it takes to become a high-performance athlete. Instilling a sense of Canadian pride and learning about the road to becoming an Olympian in hopes to inspire our young students.

Look out your windows and onto to the waters of Shawnigan Lake where you will see red and white on the lake. We wish them all the very best on their road to Tokyo Olympics summer 2021.



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