

LEST WE FORGET

MALAHAT LEGION – BRANCH #134 G. J. SOLLEY

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help with stuffing our poppy envelopes on October 10th. The envelopes have been delivered to everyone in the Lower Cowichan Valley.

We would also like to thank everyone who turned out for our Annual Memorial Service on October 20th. The Malahat Legion recognized the 2,600 plus fallen soldiers who died on Canadian soil. A special thanks to Country Grocer for their support.

Please support our veterans by donating to the POPPY CAMPAIGN. Local business now have their boxes, and volunteers will be located around the Mill Bay and Valley View Centers and Mason's, until November 10th.

The money raised by the Poppy Campaign provides aid to Veterans in financial distress, as well as funding for medical equipment, medical research, home services, and long term care facilities such as the Broadmead Care Facility in Victoria. All money raised during the Poppy Campaign is held in a trust and ex-



penditures must be approved by B.C. Yukon Command.

Everyone is invited to attend the Remembrance Day Memorial Service on November 11th at 11:00 am at the Cobble Hill Cenotaph. Refreshments to follow at the Farmer's Institute Hall at Cobble Hill, or join us at the Malahat Legion. The Malahat Jammers ("Turnip Up The Beet") will

be performing there from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Please remember that November 11th is not just a statutory day for most Canadians, it is a day set aside to honour the veterans who have lost their lives for freedom. WW I saw 172,000 and WW II 55,000 veterans returned to Canada wounded. Over 100,000 did not return home

to their families and loved ones. Over 1,000 returned from the Korean War (over 500 did not return). Over 600 wounded in the Afghanistan War (over 150 did not return).

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Freedom is not Free

IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the Reporter, who gave us

freedom of the press.

IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the Poet, who gave us freedom of speech.

IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the Campus Organizer, who gave us freedom to demonstrate

IT WAS THE VETERAN who saluted the flag, who served beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

IF YOU LOVE YOUR FREEDOM THANK A VET.

(Anonymous)

SHAWNIGAN LAKE MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, November 17th the Malahat Legion is hosting a fund-raiser for the Shawnigan Museum from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. Our regular weekly meat draw will also be happening from 3:00- 5:00 pm. There will be raffles, 50/50, silent auction, and tombola.

Fun for everyone and everyone is welcome to attend (including children). Adults: \$25.00 for a burger and a beer, Children: \$10.00 for a hot dog, chips and pop. All proceeds will go towards the sustainability of the Shawnigan Lake Museum and their programs.

Shawnigan Lake Museum

Lori Treloar Executive Director

Open 10:30 – 4 Friday,
Saturday, Sunday

Admission by Donation

shawniganlakemuseum.com

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Thank you very much to Island Savings Credit Union (Mill Bay), a Division of First West Credit Union, for a \$500 donation towards Shawnigan Lake Museum's Project Impact - the plan to enhance and expand the existing museum facility for future sustainability

Since 1983, the Shawnigan Lake Museum has been located in the old Fire Hall in the centre of the village. The museum is a program of the Shawnigan Lake Historical Society (Est.1977).

Rated 5 stars on Trip Advisor, the Shawnigan Lake Museum offers a memorable experience for every visitor with helpful guides, an old-time theatre, an EJ Hughes Gallery, 55" interactive touchscreen TV, 10' Kin-sol trestle scale model and much more!

Two Upcoming Fundraisers:

Burger & Beer

★ 2 – 7 PM November 17th at the Royal Canadian Legion

★ \$25 adults \$10 Child (12 & Under)

★ Silent Auction, Tombola, Raffle, 50/50

Museum Raffle

★ November 1st to December 15th

★ Draw December 15 @ 4 PM

★ Tickets: 3 for \$5 (600 in total)

★ 1st Prize: King Size handmade quilt (\$400 value)

★ 2nd Prize: 1 Night stay at the Saltspring Curious Crow Bed & Breakfast (\$200 value)

★ 3rd Prize: 1 round of golf at the Cowichan Golf Club (including cart rental) (\$150 value)

Tickets can be purchased at the Shawnigan Lake Museum, the Beer and Burger and at the Christmas Craft Fair.

We will also have a table at the Christmas Craft Fair on November 24th at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre with great Christmas gift ideas.



Lori Treloar, Executive Director of the Shawnigan Lake Museum, is shown accepting this generous donation from Island Savings representative Devon MacFadden.

Contact us at: shawnigan-lakemuseum@shaw.ca or

250-743-8675
shawniganlakemuseum.com

Announcements:

"The Annual Christmas Concert in Shawnigan Lake"

Location: Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
The Round Room

Date: December 16th, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Laurel Collins and friends presents a seasonal event surely to warm the heart and soul with sing along festive songs.

Mark the date on your calendars as this is a first come first seated, by donation event!

South Cowichan Healthcare Auxiliary's Mill Bay Craft and Gift Fair

November 24th from 10-2 at
Mill Bay League Community Hall

Baking, Sewing, Crafts, Local Artisans etc.

Hourly draws, Mini auctions, Prizes!

The Kitchen is open for soup, bread, tea, coffee and snacks - Free Admission

The Shawnigan Lake Community Association

would like to thank the following for contributing to the success of our Halloween Hawaiian Hoedown:

Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
Mason's Store
The amazing RBC Team
Mill Bay Lion's club

And all the volunteers and attendees who came in costume to enjoy the fun!!
THANK YOU!!!

Our next event - Christmas in the Village,
Sunday, Dec 2nd. See details on Page 3

Chip, the Fry Guy, is looking for a new family...



Patty Oldfield

Chief cook and bottle washer at the Village Chippery

Ten years of living/cooking at the Village Chippery has been one of the most wonderful experiences imagined. But, alas, the time is coming to retire and we are looking for a new owner that loves the restaurant business and will understand how important it is being part of the community. We have been very fortunate in being part of some of the many organizations that have kept traditional events going as well as creating new events for folks to enjoy. So many terrific people have come through our doors and they have become more than customers. That contact is priceless! Our retirement will let us enjoy the many friendships that we have made and give more time to the community.

Pellet Guns Are NOT Toys!

Tracey Kehler,
Shawnigan Lake resident

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, I found my cat just in the distance after he had somehow miraculously dragged himself home. At that time, I had no idea what had happened, but he couldn't move his back legs. It appeared as though he had been hit by a car and had two broken legs.

But when I rushed him to the vet, the prognosis was even worse. I, nor the vet, could believe what we saw upon shockingly viewing the x-rays. We just stared at each other blankly, while the words hauntingly escaped her mouth. "Do you see what I see?" she said with fear in her voice. I said, "Yes, is that a bullet? He's been shot!" I cried out. She nodded with a tear in her eye.

We had to say good bye to our precious Philly that day. Someone felt the liberty to take his precious life, as they paralyzed him with a bullet blow deep within his spine. There was no hope even with surgery. When I reported it to the police, the officer replied, "Well, cats hunt and kill hundreds of birds every year. If someone saw him hunting without a collar, there is a clause in the animal cruelty bylaws that is an exception to cruelty that allows people to shoot at an animal that they believe is wild or stray if they think they are

hunting in the forest". I couldn't believe my ears! When I called the SPCA to verify this, it was ABSOLUTELY FALSE! I was appalled! It just so happens that my little Philly never did hunt birds... mice yes, but I can't remember a day when he brought a dead bird home, ever.

I am writing this article not just out of grief, sorrow and anger, but fear. I am terrified that the authorities are out there giving permission to shoot animals in certain circumstances. If people think they are at liberty to just take a pellet gun and use it whenever they want to on live animals because they have been told so by an officer, they are sorely mistaken. What gives anyone the right to take any life? And now my cat is dead.

I am writing this article in the

hope of raising awareness and creating change to not only the lack of knowledge around animal rights and cruelty laws, but also the lack of compassion in our leadership. It is a cruel world to think that anyone can just intrude on an animal's domain in the outdoors and take their lives at liberty.

Maybe this will wake up our community to think twice about pellet guns and the lack of regulations around them. They should be illegal, as they are not toys to be taken lightly when they have the potential not only to maim, but to kill. Someone desperately needs to tune our authorities in to the animal cruelty bylaws!

In the meantime, my cat is dead. Who will be next?



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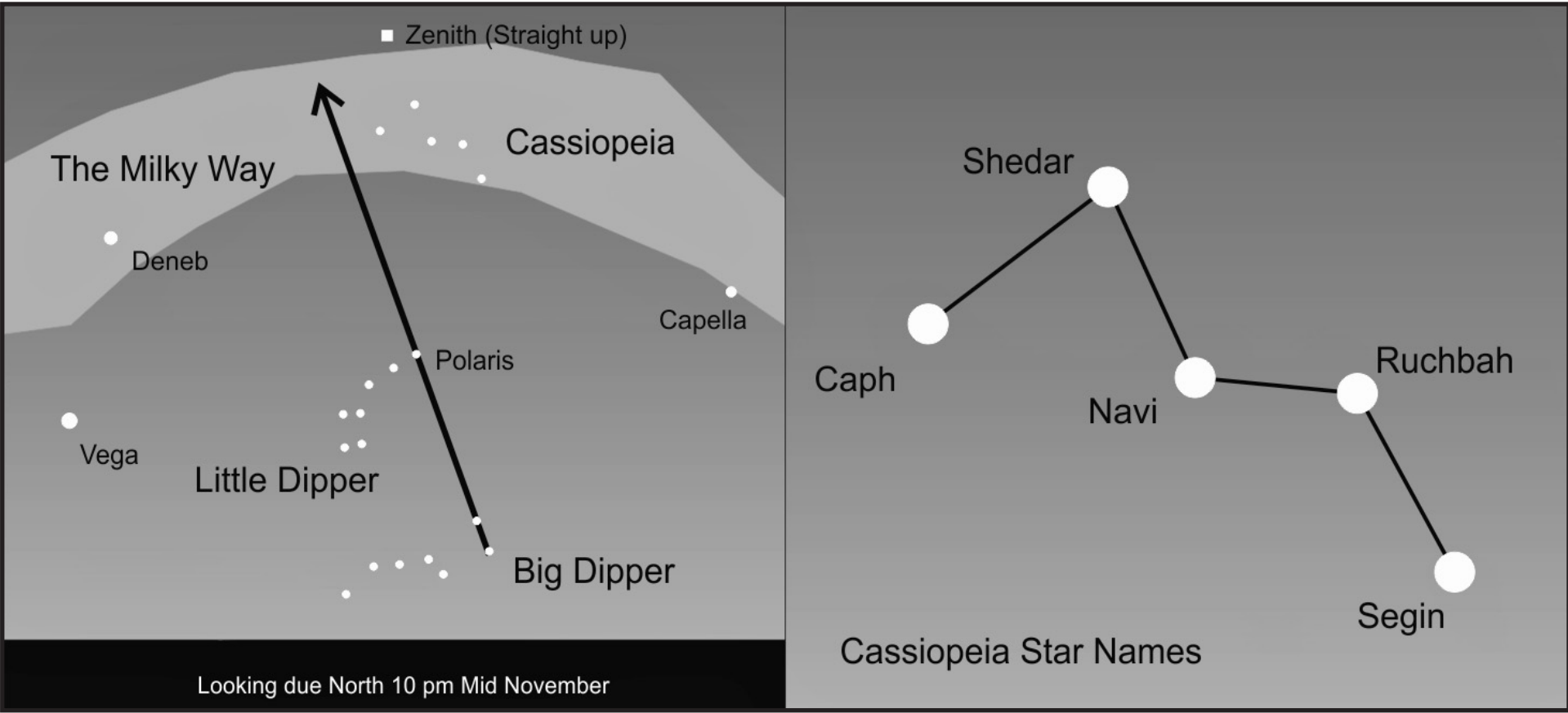
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Shawnigan Stargazer

Colin Frostad
Shawnigan Focus

November: Cassiopeia the Queen and the Milky Way

For November we are going to turn our attention to the Northern sky and identify the easily recognizable W or M shaped constellation of Cassiopeia.

To locate Cassiopeia, find the Big Dipper low on the Northern horizon. Similar to how we found Polaris in the March Stargazer, we will trace a line straight up through the last two stars of the pot of the Big Dipper. This line will go through the North Star, Polaris. Continue along that line toward the Zenith and look slightly to the right. There you will spot the M shape of Cassiopeia.

The brightest star of Cassiopeia is Shedar and is the top left apex of the M. With binocu-

lars you can tell that this star appears more yellow or even slightly pink relative to the surrounding stars. Compare the colour of Shedar to the brilliant blue colour of the middle star of the constellation, Navi. This colour difference is because of the extreme differences in surface temperatures of the two stars. The yellow Shedar burns at a cool 4400°C compared to the blistering 29700°C of Navi. Navi is large star, about 15 times the mass of our Sun. Due to this initial mass, Navi will end its life as a violent supernova, and may even form a black hole when it collapses under its own gravity. Of note, Navi is “Ivan” backwards, and was named by astronaut Gus Grissom, whose middle name was Ivan. The star retained this nickname as a memorial to Grissom after he died in the 1967 Apollo 1 tragedy.

Milky Way: When looking

towards Cassiopeia you may notice a faint bright river of the night sky that flows through the constellation. This is, of course, the Milky Way - the expression of our own galaxy on the night sky. The longer you stay out and your eyes are able to adjust to night, the more prominent the Milky Way will become (it takes about 45

minutes of darkness for your eyes to optimally adjust). Note the Milky Way (plane of our galaxy) runs grossly north to south, compared to the ecliptic (the plane of our solar system; see April Stargazer) which runs grossly east to west. This means that the Earth (and the rest of the planets) are orbiting around the Sun at a very different angle relative to how the Sun is orbit-

ing around the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Planets and Moon: Saturn is all but gone, just hanging on to the southwest horizon at dusk early in the month. Red Mars continues its impressive show and is visible due south at dusk. Venus shines bright to the southeast at dawn. New Moon is November 7, Full Moon is November 23.

Christmas in the Village

Sunday, December 2 ❄ 4 - 6:30pm
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
❄ Inside & Outside ❄



Santa arriving by Sleigh to meet the Kids!



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Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

Have Dog, Will Travel

-A Poet’s Journey-

Stephen Kuusisto
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This little book was a big hit at my house. When I found Someone quietly wiping his eyes while reading in the other room, I knew I wasn’t alone in my feelings for it. Admittedly, it’s hard to write about a man and his dog without plucking a few heart strings. But this story doesn’t set out to manipulate. Written by poet Stephen Kuusisto, the prose is spare and well-crafted. Certain phrases make one pause and savour - others encourage one to find correlations in one’s

own life, and a few to reach for that tissue.

The author, legally blind since birth, was expected to live a full and active life in accordance with his parents’ stated expectations. Awkward in his movements and constantly bullied, he continued to try to hide the “shameful” fact that he could barely see. His father was largely emotionally absent and his mother, an alcoholic, made it clear that he was defective and that no one must guess.

Although he describes himself as physical and daring, “Inwardly, my blind soul stayed quiet in its shell”. Until Kuusisto was 38, he hid his secret well, somehow surviving to become an English Literature professor at a small

college. When he was fired for asking for magnified documents, he became unemployed and floundered.

In his time of despair, he remembered hearing about Guiding Eyes, an organization that paired Seeing Eye Dogs with people who needed them. And thus began the great love story of this book.

After physically training and being closely monitored for gait, temperament and athletic ability, Stephen met his dog - she was an energetic, yellow Labrador.

He describes their first encounter, “Corky burst in like a clown”. She flew into his arms, put her paws on his shoulders, licked his face and kissed his nose. The connection was instant. The man learned to give commands, respond to the dog and to look after her. They were both taught to

walk together under the careful guidance of the training team as they navigated busy streets full of traffic, hazards and pedestrians.

For the author, it was freedom. He describes being able to move quickly and without fear, “Sometimes I think it’s a bit like swimming. A really long swim when you’re buoyant and fast. There’s no-one else in the pool.”

As Kuusisto describes the widening of his life and the joy of being with his wonderful guide, he tells of the difficult inward journey of accepting himself and of no longer believing that he is flawed or deficient.

He accepts a job with the Guiding Eyes Organization as Alumni Director, travelling extensively as a public speaker with his dog. And then, one day, Corky acts as a match maker

and develops an attachment to another dog, Roscoe. The dog is connected to a fellow worker and romance blooms. Soon, our author finds himself a new life with a wife and an extended family. Eventually, he begins to publish his books and becomes a well-known author. His life is rich and full.

Finally, he writes of the time that he must say good-bye to his beloved dog companion. “Corky’s spirit was never my sole possession. She wasn’t me. She was never mine. She was wisdom’s passing gift.” And, as we read, we all cry.

Recommended for dog lovers, poetry readers and believers in the power of redemption of the human spirit and, of course, love.

Rating: 5/5 stars (*My favourite book this year. A perfect gift for Christmas.*)



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Walk Talk

Robin Massey
Shawnigan Focus

Mount Work has been on my mind following previous Tod Gowland adventures. But being a Cowichan Valley resident means there are so many wonderful opportunities to explore locally that it is sometimes a challenge to find the gumption and visit other fascinating places on this island. Alas, however, we finally made it a priority and got our butts off to Mount Work.

There are a couple of ways to reach the summit of Mount Work. On this occasion we chose to launch from the trailhead off Willis Point Road which can also connect you to many other splendid gems in the area – Mackenzie Bight, Timberman Trail and the Cascade Trail.

Should you choose a different starting point, please be aware of the trailhead near the

Hartland Landfill. It is beautiful indeed ,but is largely catered to mountain bike enthusiasts and can be a tense trail to endeavour.

At our chosen trailhead there is a map. I always recommend taking a photo of this with your phone in the event of a mishap or an unintentional repositioning. Also, on the board is a brief historical introduction and, as it turns out, Mount Work is not really named after the butt work required to get yourself to the top, but partially named after the tough erosion resistant rock (wark gneiss) that makes up part of the mountain. It is so tough, in fact, that it survived a 1000 metre thick glacier carving its way through Finlayson Arm some 15,000 years ago. The mountain is also tribute to Mr. John Wark, a Chief Factor of the Hudson’s Bay Company, served on the island’s Legislative Council and was also the largest private land owner on Vancouver Island (1386 acres).

We embarked on the Summit Trail, with overflowing enthusiasm, and stayed to the right at the first fork noting the sign that promises a mere 2.9 km to the summit at 449 m. In this case, I would describe the terrain as medium-advanced level - if only due to those 2.9 km that are really and truly upwards. There are periods of switch-backy curves, however, that do make it not entirely grueling and suitable for those medium leveled hikers. Mount Work is a real testament of ‘what goes up, must come down’ and decent knees are highly beneficial on the decline.

The trail reminded me of our Cowichan Valley trails with healthy amounts of Arbutus and Manzanita trees, along with abundant mosses, lichens and rocky outcroppings.

Need to work that backside? This one will do the trick!

Find pictures from this hike and more at The Om Tree’s Facebook page.

Thank You Shawnigan! I look forward to serving you for the next 4 years.

By **Sierra Acton**,
Area B Director

Thank you Area B for your vote of confidence. You spoke loud and clear - I am honoured. I am also excited to have a full 4 year term to work towards our goals. This October, I enjoyed talking with community about our future. We all share a similar vision and the top priorities are:

- ★ Safer roads and a Protected Environment
- ★ A shared vision for a Viable Vibrant Village
- ★ Youth Programming and Community Development

I will continue to bring Economic Development

Cowichan and the Village Businesses together to work towards our vision.

In addition, the Community Centre and Area B Parks Commissions and I are all working towards the goal of creating a place for youth and community in the heart of the village. A top priority remains supporting the Shawnigan Research Group as they work with the Ministry of Environment and Sonia Furst-enau MLA on removal of the contaminated soil dump.

As I went door to door this fall, a repeated concern was the lack of services compared to our tax dollars. In Area B, the Cowichan Valley Regional

District (CVRD) also acts as our local government since we are not incorporated. The District may not be perfect, but I will be using my experience with the board to help influence better land use decisions, bylaw enforcement and more fiscal responsibility. At the CVRD, Shawnigan Lake has one seat at a table of 15. The system was designed for rural areas and so our needs are not met by this system. For example, we cannot control the speed limits on our roads, in our neighbourhoods, or even create proper drainage at the lowest parts of the village. The Regional District is limited to what and how it can perform services. However,



Incorporated areas have full control of their services and tax dollars. Did you know that Ladysmith residents pay the same in taxes as we do?

They have the same population and have control of their roads, policing, water, and sewer. As budget season is starting, I look forward to many more view points on how we should be supported by local government.

Please join me at my next Director's Meeting on De-

cember 3rd to discuss our taxes and anything else you would like to discuss about the role of the Regional District. Most importantly - being Area Director is a huge role and there are many opportunities for community members to help out. Should you wish to explore ways to get involved, big or small...let's connect. Love it! Share it! Protect It!

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Alice's Proportions

Bruce Fraser
Area B Resident

Alice got an envelope in the mail yesterday that has her quite exercised. "Why do they want to know about my proportions?" she bleated huffily. "I know I have gained a little weight lately, with all those extra alfalfa pellets that I get each fall and winter, but a girl needs a bit of comfortable padding in a cold barn".

Of course what the missive was really all about was the human's forthcoming referendum on proportional representation, not about Alice's appearance. But, she is not just upset with the indecent suggestion that she might be a bit portly, but about the temerity of those humans thinking that suffer-

ance is just about their species. "What about the rest of us mammals" she complains to Amber, her diminutive and more svelte companion, "you'd think that evolution was an exclusive preserve of those arrogant two-legs. I've seen ant hills with better social organization and they don't even consult with their soldiers, let alone let them vote on what the queen is going to wear at royal weddings or if the price tags should still show on her gown as a fashion

statement to the one percent".

The grumbling went on. "The way I see the options presented to the humans in that envelope is that they are being asked to decide if they want to elect people with suitable proportions, or just have the same old disproportional ones sit in government. As a matter of fact, us goats see them as all rather lumpy, like they were getting too much grain and not enough grass, although that seems to be changing. Grass fed proportionals might be a hap-

pier lot and less inclined to turn our pastures into parking lots".

"If I get to vote Amber", says Alice, "I am going to vote for getting untied from the post and let loose into the vegetable garden. I considered the dual species idea, but think it might lead to an ascendancy of those pigs in the party backtrough. I kind of like the mixed vegetable option where the ruling goats get to choose the menu after the election is over when all the other species are distracted looking for open dispensa-

ries. We can then offer them the choice between Kootenay Green, Saltspring Surprise and Langford Lethal and see what they make of such enticing choices when they next go to the polls. Stop snorting Amber, I'm serious".

"As for the rural/urban split, what are they thinking? We could get a goat as is only appropriate and then get stuck with a squawking bunch of insider chickens that can't fly the length of the regional constituency. That's looks pretty rank to me".


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- ★ Burning is restricted to dry, clean piles of yard waste one metre in size and to burn barrels.
- ★ No burning of construction waste, garbage, etc. is permitted.
- ★ For the ventilation index check The Protection Branch of Forests & Range at www.For.Gov.Bc.Ca/protect/

Be Visible - Be Found Be Visible - Be Seen

By Sarah Davidge,
Programs Coordinator
SCCPAS

South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCPAS) supports the welfare and safety of all members of our community by initiating and supporting numerous programs and projects that you may already be familiar with.

Our programs are very successful in encouraging and promoting “a safer community” and we have statistics to back this up. Most of our programs and projects are volunteer driven reflecting the strong commitment that residents and businesses have to the beliefs and credibility of SCCPAS. Our programs include; Block Watch, Speed Watch, Free Friendly Phones,

Safer Seniors, Safer Roads, Positive Tickets and High Visibility Double Sided Reflective House Number Signs. Please feel free to drop by our office and pick up information on any of the above mentioned programs.

BE VISIBLE – BE FOUND

Presently, as the dark and cold winter months are descending upon us, we are promoting High Visibility Double Sided Reflective House Number Signs. These house number signs have large reflective numbers that stand out and make it easier for your home to be found especially in the case of an emergency where time is of the essence. To encourage the purchase of these signs SCCPAS together with Panago Pizza in Mill

Bay have launched a promotion whereby if you order a High Visibility Double Sided Reflective House Sign you will be entitled to a coupon for a Free medium pizza.

If the numbers on your home are not easily read, then valuable time is wasted searching for you rather than caring for you - where every second counts.

This offer is good from October 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019. If you are interested in this promotion, please call our office at 250-929-7222 or email us at sccp@shaw.ca. These signs are quality aluminium crafted in Shawnigan Lake with a cost of \$50 for the house number sign and \$30 for the post, if you should need one.

BE VISIBLE – BE SEEN

We have partnered with ICBC who have kindly donated Reflective High Visibility bag tags/zipper pulls for distribution to the community.

As we all know our roads are shared by both pedestrians and motor vehicles, narrow shoulders, limited lighting and no side-walks for your nightly walk can put many of us at risk. We at Community Policing hear stories all the time of near misses due to dark clothing and poor visibility. It is important to wear reflective gear and bright colours at night.

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Department members attended 32 incidents in September

- ★ Friday, Oct 5 – Alarms Activated on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 6 – Assistance on Hawking Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 7 – MVI on Ceylon Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 9 - 1st Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 10 – Mutual Aid Structure Fire w/Malahat Fire
- ★ Thursday, Oct 11 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 13 – Bush Fire on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 13 – Trailer Fire on Terrace Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 14 – Smoke Report on Deloume Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 16 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 16 – Burning Complaint on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 16 – Burning Complaint on Widows Walk
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 17 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 17 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Thursday, Oct 18 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 20 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Sunday, Oct 21 – Assistance on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 23 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 24 - 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 24 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Friday, Oct 26 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Oct 26 – Burning Complaint on Royce Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 27 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Oct 27 – Burning Complaint on Strathcona Heights Rd
- ★ Monday, Oct 29 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 30 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Oct 30 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 31 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Oct 31 – HazMat on Shawnigan Lake @ Sooke Lake Rds
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- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sierra Acton**
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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission(APC)** Meetings TBA
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- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. 7pm at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.
- ★ **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)**
Contact: bburr@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
1st Tuesday of the month in Watershed office: Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Office hours: Tues & Thurs 11-1 Wed 6-8. Contact: luvlife@shaw.ca
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Friday to Sunday - 10:30-4 Contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
Contact: 250-929-7222 - www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
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- ★ **South Cowichan Healthcare Auxiliary** meets every second Tuesday from 1pm to 2pm. at Mill Bay Community League Hall.
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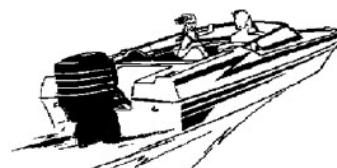


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CONGRATULATIONS

The winner for October is Layla Eacott who
recognized the colourful mural painted on the
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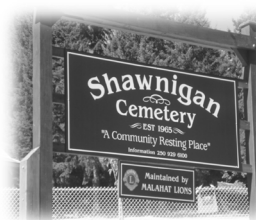
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Frances Kelsey Secondary

Darren Hart and Alana Baker
Frances Kelsey Secondary

Frances Kelsey Secondary is offering new and unique outdoor learning opportunities for its students this year. During the first semester, the school is running four classes of a new Search & Rescue and Survival 101 program. Students have the chance to work both in and out of the classroom on topics ranging from wilderness survival, navigation, outdoor careers, animal and environmental awareness. They are working on collaborative problem solving scenarios in an authentic, structured, outdoor classroom environment. They will also be able to receive an extra course credit through the optional involvement in outings aimed at familiarizing them with the many great hiking locations that our area has to offer.

Starting in second semester, the outdoor education focus continues with a new and expanded Streams and Trails program re-branded as «Kelsey Outdoors». Previously, students worked on building trails for the CVRD on Polaris Hill and, this year, hundreds more students from grades 10-12 will be working with five teachers in this dual credit program. During the first half of the term, students will complete either a four-credit Socials 11 or Geography 12 course, followed by a second term in-the-field classroom experience which will count as four physical education credits. During the outdoor portion, students will try their hands at orienteering, trail building, wilderness PE, and general survival skills. So if you think you hear movement in the woods when you are out walking, if it isn't a cougar or bear, it just might be a Kelsey class!



Shawnigan Weather October 2018

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ compiled by Grant Treloar

	Oct Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Average High	14.1	14.4	14.8	15.8	15.4	16.1	15.6	14.8	15.4
Average Low	5.8	5.7	5.3	5.3	4.7	6.2	5.4	5.1	4.7
Extreme High	28.3	19.4	20.0	22.3	20.3	23.7	20.8	21.0	20.0
Extreme Low	-7.2	1.4	2.2	1.3	1.3	2.4	2.3	1.0	2.0
Precipitation	114.7	112.2	138.1	97.3	133.3	93.0	110.5	98.4	124.6
Days w precip	16	15	14	14	16	15	12	13	11
Year Precip	830.8	798.6	894.9	747.4	831.8	691.1	728.4	795.3	820.0
Rank since 1914: 48 th warmest , 48 th driest									
Lake Temperature:	Oct 7 th : 14°	Oct 14 th : 13°	Oct 21 st : 13°	Oct 28 th : 12°					
Lake Level Change:	Oct 7 th : 0cm	Oct 14 th : 0cm	Oct 21 st : -2.5cm	Oct 28 th : +1cm					
Surface Elevation:	115.92m	115.92m	115.89m	115.90m					

Discovery School

Shayla Symes
Discovery School

Discovery Elementary has got off to an amazing start! This year our school tried a new way of starting the year and they put all the students into “house” groups. This may remind you of Harry Potter but our house names are the Ravens, Hawks, Owls, and Falcons. Our house groups give us a chance to get to know kids from different grades and get to know the new kids too. The whole school was divided into those 4 groups to start the year and throughout the year we will do challenges, house games, learning activities, and more in our house groups. We can also earn points for our groups. During the second week of school we found out who our new teacher was going to be and which classroom we were in. Once we had settled into our new classrooms we started boys soccer, cross country and we even had a guest instructor teach us freestyle/hip hop dance. Our cross country team is training 2 to 3 times a week for the meet at the beginning of November. We will continue to have sports teams through out the year, such as girls field hockey, volleyball, basketball, etc. I feel lucky to be a part of such a welcoming and open minded school community.

Your capacity for loving another person depends on your capacity for loving yourself.
~Thich Nhat Hanh



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