



Shawnigan Focus

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FKSS?



Paige Henry
FKSS Student

Frances Kelsey Secondary celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Over those 25 years, we've developed into a place of numerous and diverse clubs, activities, and opportunities.

We're only a few months into the school year, and we've already held a multitude of events. We helped the CMS Food Bank with their Thanksgivng drive, contributing hundreds of dollars' worth of cash and food donations. Halloween was a particularly festive time, with a bake sale, haunted house (the profits from which went to children in Uganda), and, of course, our annual costume contest. On October 31st, our foyer was a peculiar sight as creatures of all shapes, sizes, and species gathered in the hopes of being dubbed Scariest or Most Creative.

At our Remembrance Day assembly in November, we paid our respects through acting, speech, reading, and music. Another noteworthy autumn event: our garden, tended to by students, staff, and community members alike, was featured in School

Stories, a series of monthly videos highlighting the activities and contributions of schools across the district. The video can be found on the SD 79 YouTube channel or Facebook page.

December is shaping up to be an eventful month. We're looking forward to our annual Winter Band Concert- everyone is welcome to come and hear our performers display their talents. This is also an especially important time for the CMS Food Bank, and we intend to help them. We'll be participating in their Christmas food drive and the Angel Tree Project, in which gifts are purchased and given to local youths in need. Every year, the Food Bank distributes over 175 gifts to children aged newborn to 18. You don't have to be a student to contribute: take a tag from the Christmas tree at Thrifty's in Mill Bay, and bring in a gift for your chosen child by December 7.

FKSS is always looking for ways to expand our reach, promote healthy practices, and encourage students to participate in their community. We hope that the community is just as eager as we are.



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Book a Librarian! Have a research project? Looking for family history? Interested in online books/magazines/movies/music? Schedule a 30-minute session. Appointments Tuesdays 2-3pm...or another time as arranged.

Tablet Workshop happens on Wednesday, December 4, 6-7:30pm. Learn how to use the tools in your tablet to access digital resources from the library. Just bring your tablet.

Christmas Community Sing with the Cowichan South Arts Guild: 6 - 8pm on Thursday, Dec 5. All welcome to come and raise your voices with us! Song handouts will be provided.

Family Storytime happens Saturday, Dec 7 & 14, 2 - 2:30pm. Join us for books, stories, and songs. Stay afterward on the 14th for

our holiday party! For children aged 2 to 6 and their adults.

Paws 4 Stories happens 3:15 – 4:15pm on most Wednesdays. Young readers can sign up for a 15-minute reading session with Kit Kat, a trained therapy dog. Ask how!

Teen Games Night is from 5:30 to 8pm on Thursday, Dec 12. Come with friends or on your own. Play our games or one of yours. Just grab a table and start gaming!

French Conversation Group meets on Thursday, Dec 5, 6 - 7pm. Come by and practice parler en francais with a native French speaker.

LEGO® Club meets every Wednesday, 2-5pm. This free, drop-in event is best suited for children 6 to 12 years but anyone old enough to resist eating LEGO® is welcome. DUPLO available as well.

Chess Club: This drop-in group for chess players happens on Friday, Dec 27, 1-4pm. Meets on the last Friday of each month, new players welcome.

Thank you for supporting the Shawnigan Focus



The Focus was created to connect and engage the community of Shawnigan Lake.

The Focus is a monthly publication in its 9th year. We are proud of the work that we do and we would like to acknowledge the great volunteer team that makes it happen.

Kim Hennecker manages the ads, and creates many beautiful ads for our advertisers. Kim also keeps the accounts in order.

Taryn Treloar takes the ads and copy and turns it into a newspaper.

The Focus is distributed by mail every month to every household but the extras are delivered to multiple locations by **Janet Nielsen**...and sometimes by bike.

We are also grateful to the many advertisers who support the Focus. The ads fund the printing and mailing costs so that we can share the Focus for free to the community. Thank you, as well, to the writers who take time to submit the editorial content. We are proud of the excellent content that is provided in the Focus.

Co-editors

Dave Hutchinson and Lori Treloar

The Shawnigan Lake Volunteer Fire Department presents its annual SANTA RUN

Wednesday, December 18th- 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 to meet with the neighbourhood children.

DONATIONS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

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GERARDUS HOM residing in Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia, TAKE NOTICE THAT you are named as a Defendant in the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta Action Number 1903-11991 relating to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on or about June 26, 2017, in Edmonton, Alberta.

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DATED at Edmonton, Alberta this 21st day of November, 2019.

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The past is your lesson, the present is your gift, the future is your motivation”



Director’s Report

Sierra Acton
Area B Director

I am big on setting goals, but I also like to celebrate what has been accomplished before setting the intentions for the coming year. Here are some highlights from this year:

- ★ Economic Development Cowichan (EDC) continued to support our community by hosting small meetings with business owners every 3 months. The community discussions shifted to a broader audience and it was decided to bring in Doug Griffith. His presentation, on his book 13 Ways to Kill Your Community, set the stage for further discussions that led to the ThinkShawnigan Movement.
- ★ All of our community groups came together to showcase their accomplishments at the Gathering. This was also an opportunity to celebrate the Community Centre’s 25th anniversary and unveil the new Boulderling Wall. The Community Centre had been preparing for this event for some time, with numerous upgrades and a newly designed lounge in the lobby. Currently we are looking for someone who wants an opportunity

to run a coffee shop in the Community Centre. This could be very flexible, please connect with the community centre manager.

- ★ We celebrated the completion of the Rail with Trail Phase 1 - connecting the Community Centre to Government Wharf park... giving us a glimpse of what’s to come.

I am so proud that we are getting CVRD and EDC support on a bunch of local initiatives (e.g. the community planning process). There is even additional consulting support to keep the ThinkShawnigan Momentum going into the new year and help at an administrative level. It is not easy to bring back regional dollars to our community when you are an electoral area, so I am very grateful. Tourism Cowichan has also been active in our community and came out to visit business owners at a meeting I hosted in the Spring. Clearly there is a renewed confidence in Shawnigan: the commercial space in the village is full, some businesses are even looking to expand and others are looking for opportunities to move to Shawnigan. We are well on our way to creating a village that reflects our community.

In 2020 we can expect;

- ★ Milfoil Roundtables with the Invasive Species

Council of BC and all stakeholders to define a path forward. Up to 4 meetings have been funded by Regional Services to get an outcome for the community and an agreed upon action plan.

- ★ The ThinkShawnigan Final Presentation will be unveiled in early 2020.
- ★ Construction should start in early winter for the 2nd phase of the Rail with Trail; connecting Mason’s beach to the Community Centre.
- ★ Old Mill Park will see some upgrades to its playgrounds and improvements to accessibility.

Way to go Shawnigan!

On a personal note, I was just recently appointed Chair of Community Services at the CVRD and I am looking forward to the new opportunities and experiences that this position will bring.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. As always, I am available. Let’s connect.

LOVE IT, SHARE IT, PROTECT IT!

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Shawnigan Stargazer

Colin Frostad
Shawnigan Focus

December: The Star of Bethlehem

It’s time to put on your winter coat and enjoy the long dark nights for star gazing. Being December, I thought it would be apt to discuss the famous “Star of Bethlehem” that appears in the nativity story in the Gospel of Matthew.

One thing we know for certain is that the “Star of Bethlehem” was most likely not a star, but some other major astronomical event that was very bright, short lived and occurred approximately 2020 years ago. Two intriguing possibilities are a comet

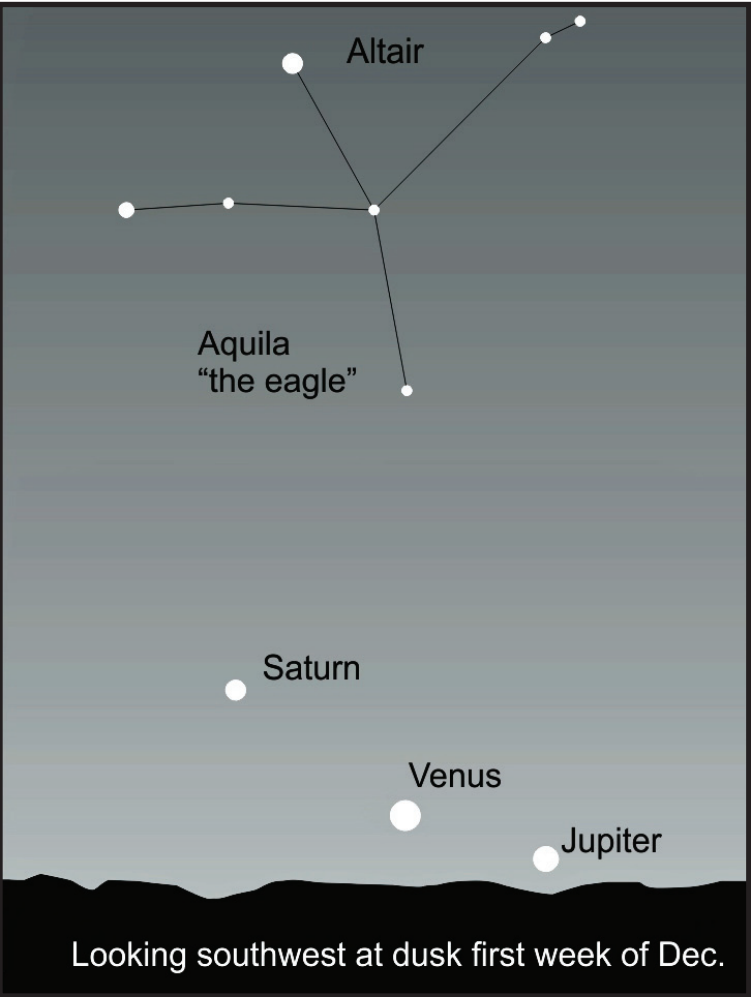
or a supernova. For the sake of this month’s article we will discuss the supernova as being the most likely candidate; they are most certainly bright and extremely short lived relative to the naked eye.

The vast majority of stars represent a beautiful balancing act between an outward force, caused by the nuclear fusion occurring within the core of the star, and an inwards force, created by the stars own gravity. A supernova occurs when a super massive star is unable to burn anymore nuclear fuel (it can’t fuse iron into heavier elements). When nuclear fusion ceases this balancing act is seriously comprised and the extreme

gravitational force of the star causes all of the stellar material to rapidly collapse in on itself. As so much matter condenses into an extremely tight space all hell breaks loose, so to speak, and the whole thing explodes violently. This explosion is the supernova. These are so bright that we can even see supernova occur in other galaxies, such as the Andromeda Galaxy. If one of these were to occur within our region of the Milky Way it would be by far the brightest object in the sky outside of a full moon. What is also unique to supernova, and relevant to the Star of Bethlehem, is that they are extremely short lived. A supernova would only stay bright enough to view with the naked eye for a matter of years. After that you would require a telescope to view the resulting nebula of gas.

A great candidate for the Star of Bethlehem is a supernova that was recorded on February 23, in the year 4 BC, by ancient astronomers in China, Korea, and Palestine. It is said to have appeared in the constellation of Aquila (see star chart).

Planets and Moon: Hopefully we have clear skies in the earliest days of December as it will be our last chance to view Jupiter, in the evening sky, until next summer. Looking west at dusk you should be able to see a celestial line of bright Venus bifurcating Jupiter, on the horizon, and Saturn, to the South. By the second week of December Jupiter will be lost in the Sun’s glare with Saturn succumbing to a similar fate by months end. For the early risers, Mars is still visible in the southeastern sky at dawn. Full Moon is December 11, New Moon is December 25.



Mason’s Store

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Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

The Second Sleep
by Robert Harris

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“All civilizations consider
themselves invulnerable.
History warns us none is.”

So begins the ominous foreshadowing of this novel. What looks like a pastoral medieval mystery is not what it seems. Very quickly the reader realizes that something is not quite right, but gets caught up in the story.

A young priest, Christopher Fairfax is sent by his Archbishop to bury an elderly curate in a remote village in Exmoor, England. The explanation of his death is suspicious and so the young curate begins investigating the locals. The cast of characters includes a housekeeper, her mute daughter, a prosperous miller and a widowed lady of the manor. The rest are superstitious and loutish villagers, ready to believe in witchcraft and very much under the thumb of the regional repressive Church.

The “nasty, short and brutish” lives of these people sounds like the story is set in the

middle ages, but is it? Part mystery, part love story and part science fiction, the plot is intriguing and does not disappoint. Soon we are faced with a twist that, as we follow it, causes us to begin to question the value of the great gains made by civilization and technology. At what cost does mankind advance, using the seemingly unlimited resources of the planet? How vulnerable is the history of this civilization and, if catastrophe strikes, what remains?

The ending is sad and leaves the reader with a lesson to digest, although it seems unnecessarily dreary.

Recommended for those who like a good post-apocalyptic story.

Rating: 3.5 stars

The Survival Guide to
British Columbia
by Ian Ferguson
Published by Heruage House Publishing Company Ltd.
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I’m including something a little more upbeat to balance the first review. We are approaching, after all, the Festive Season. And this book had me in stitches.

Ferguson is not from our beautiful province but as an Outsider, has a keen and merciless eye for our foibles. He tackles everything from the Nanaimo Bar to our extraordinary history of political kooks. And he nails it. I laughed out loud reading his guide to being able to navigate between hipsters and hippies. Apparently it’s fraught. Also,

he describes the difference between the Coasties and the Lefties. Didn’t know that was a thing, did you?

He claims we are the worst-dressed and have the highest cost of living in Canada. (Well, maybe one of these is true.) Even the politically charged pipeline issue is tackled and he seems to get it right. After all, he lives in this beautiful province so perhaps now he’s morphing into one of us.

Recommended for those who like satire and aren’t afraid to laugh at themselves...or laugh at Kamloops. A great book to give when you’ve run out of ideas for stocking stuffers.

Rated: 4.8 stars



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Walk Talk

By Robin Massey
Shawnigan Focus

We BC folks, especially us here on the island, are most proud of our forests; particularly the ancient or heritage ones which seem to be diminishing around us.

Planning a visit to a lot of these revered marvels often requires a bit of planning, driving, searching - and don’t forget the much needed snacks. However, right smack dab in the loveable town of Qualicum Beach is a heritage forest that is easily accessible and will certainly not disappoint.

The Heritage Forest of Qualicum Beach is a 50 acre park featuring some of our old growth favorites such as fir, cedar, spruce and hemlock. The oldest tree is said to be somewhere between 700-800 years old. A nicely designed and groomed trail weaves you in and out of the trees and there is a stream, which boasts salmon during certain times of the year.

Thanks to a pile of amazing volunteers and their fundraising efforts, over a span of eight years, the area was purchased from the Brown family in 2004 became known as the “The Heritage Forest”.

Educational signs are strategically placed along the various trails within the park providing you with a wealth of knowledge as you stretch your legs and sip in the rich oxygen. Park rules state that you are allowed to bring your doggie – as long as it is leashed and picks up after itself.

Your map app may lead you astray, such as mine did, and take you to the backside entrance. Please note that the

main entrance can actually be found off Crescent Road East. You’ll know you are there when you see the big overhead sign. The terrain throughout is relatively flat with a few gentle rolling hills which make it easy for all levels. You can loop within the loops and make your walk as long as you like.

The forest is considered an Ecological Reserve and Nature Park protected by a Conservation Covenant which means the area will never become a box store and will always be there for us to explore!

See some neat history about the inception of the forest at:

<https://conservancy.bc.ca/2018/04/the-story-behind-qualicum-heritage-forest/>

Like photos? Check out The Om Tree Facebook page.

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Shawnigan Lake School

Nicole Ronald-Jones,
Shawnigan Lake School
Archivist

Shawnigan remembers

In the 1945 Shawnigan Lake School Magazine, it was written, *“there has been an Intercession Service each year on November 11... We should like to express the hope that this particular service will never be discontinued. This solemn service [with the] purpose to recall once more that men have died that we may live, that the sacrifice of past generations must not be lightly forgotten but kept perpetually enshrined in our hearts.”*

Shawnigan Lake School proudly honours this tradi-

tion and commemorates Remembrance Day each year with a chapel service. Proceeds from the collection at the service are given to our local Malahat Legion as part of our ongoing partnership with the local community.

The School lost 45 of its own in World War II, including six from the Cowichan Valley: Richard C. Day, Richard P. Mainguy, Dennis A. Matthews, Richmond D. Starkie Bence, W. Ludovic Stewart-MacLeod, and staff member, William J. McMullan.

Each year, the names from our Roll of Honour are

read out and remembered. Headmaster Richard ‘Larry’ Lamont told the story of alumnus John G.H. Lander. Lander came to Shawnigan when he was only 11 years old. He went on to Shrewsbury School in England, Trinity College, University of Cambridge – and won a gold medal in rowing at the 1928 summer Olympics in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, as the stroke of the coxless four. A gunner in the Defence Corps, he was killed in action during the Battle of Hong Kong on Christmas Day, 1941.

After the service, we planted 75 tulip bulbs, a gift

from the Dutch Royal family, so that theybflower in the spring - at the time of the 75th anniversary of liberation of the Netherlands. We look forward to welcoming our local community to see the tulips in bloom under our flagpole.

Captain (RCN) (Retired) Michael Williamson, former Base Commander at CFB Esquimalt and former Shawnigan parent in his address to our students, reminded us that Remembrance Day *“serves the purpose of reflection, honouring and recollection. It also underpins an opportunity to consider your responsibility...as the next genera-*

tion of leaders...to recognize your own fortunes and advantages and to use them in whatever manner necessary to improve peaceful coexistence for all”.

People like John Lander, whose death on Christmas Day makes the upcoming season a poignant reminder to strive for peace and reflect on all we have.

“May we close with the wish that [the future] will bring greater peace to the world and happiness to each and every one”, from the 1945 Shawnigan Lake School Magazine.

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Malahat Legion Branch 134

Gloria Solley
Malahat Legion

THANKS to everyone who helped with all our November activities in support of our Veterans and community.

Veterans and their guests enjoyed the dinner held on October 24th. Special thanks to our chef Earl Gregory and the local Army, Navy and Air Cadets Corps.

All monies raised from donations to our Poppy Campaign will provide assistance for Veterans. Expenses must be approved by B.C. Yukon Command. Thanks to all who worked the campaign and everyone who donated to help our Vets and Vets’ families in need.

The Legion saw record numbers out for this REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE at the Cobble Hill Cenotaph. The service was followed by receptions at the Malahat Legion and Cobble Hill Hall.

Along with YSAGS, the Legion supported Toys Toilettries & Toques (TTTs) this year.

The donations of non-food items collected will go to support the 5 Cowichan Food Banks already chosen by the local food banks.

The Legion will be collecting non-perishable items for three families in need in our area until December 20th.

Don’t forget to reserve for our Christmas Dinner on December 6th and our Steak Dinner on the 20th. Ham & Turkey Draw and YSAGS Bake Sale will be held on December 14th. Our final meat draw of the year will be held on December 21st and will resume January 4th.

The Legion will be closed December 23rd, 24th, and Christmas Day. It will be also be closed on the 29th, 30th and 31st of December. Tickets are still available for the New Year’s Party.

On January 1st we are holding our third Annual Open House from 2 – 5 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a Merry Christmas and SAFE & Happy New Year.



Santa and his elves at the SL Community Association's Christmas in the Village event

HEALTHY BEGINNINGS A Free Drop-In at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre



Healthy Beginnings is a friendly, relaxed group for moms and dads with babies and toddlers from birth to 3 years of age.

No registration is required, just drop-in to visit and share a cup of coffee or a snack.

We will be discussing a wide range of topics.

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CVRD approves draft budget setting function 488 funding at zero

The Shawnigan Basin Society is committed to protecting and securing the long-term health and safety of the Shawnigan Lake Community watershed and the drinking water it provides. We are looking to raise funds to assist in executing our 5 Year Plan.

We were previously funded (in part) as an Area B function through the CVRD. This function has been set at zero for 2019 through 2024. We invite you to personally partner with us in maintaining

a professional, stable, community organization focused on watershed wellness and resiliency.

One of the most powerful ways to cope with the upcoming changes in our climate is to restore ecological balance.

Our plan is to continue working to:

- ★ ensure that the water and sediment quality of Shawnigan Lake and the input and output streams remain within established

guidelines and objectives

- ★ limit the silt and nutrient into Shawnigan Lake as well as the input and output streams
- ★ restore foreshore function using bioremediation approaches
- ★ increase the area of ecologically critical forest and wetlands under public trust
- ★ monitor sites designated by Ministry of Environment as contaminated

- ★ protect the public's drinking water

Water is considered a precious resource because freshwater represents just 2.5% of global water (the rest is saline in oceans) and only 1% of freshwater is accessible as surface water in streams and lakes.

A small portion of this accessible freshwater is safe for human consumption. Everyone deserves clean water!

You can review our plan and contribution options on the

website noted below.

Donate on our Facebook page learn more button, drop off bottles/cans on our account at the Bottle Depot, e-transfer to director@shawniganbasinsociety.org, stop by our office or call us at 250-880-8245 to show your support.

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Shawnigan Weather NOVEMBER 2019


Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network - Reported by Grant Treloar

	Nov Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Average High	8.5	9.2	9.9	9.8	11.2	11.0	11.2	10.1	10.4
Average Low	2.6	2.6	3.9	2.8	3.7	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.8
Extreme High	20.0	13.1	15.0	15.5	16.7	15.3	16.9	14.0	16.5
Extreme Low	-15.6	-4.5	-0.8	-4.5	-0.9	-4.3	-0.3	-5.0	-1.0
Precipitation	225.4	73.2	204.3	67.6	187.4	58.8	169.4	63.0	199.3
Days w precip	22	13	19	13	21	13	20	13	18
Year Precip	1056.2	808.6	1013.1	712.6	945.1	664.1	860.5	768.8	994.6
Precip since Oct 1	340.1	180.8	316.4	168.7	284.7	146.0	262.4	162.0	297.7
Rank since 1914: 29 th warmest, 10 th driest									
Lake Temperature:	Nov 3 rd : 10°	Nov 10 th : 9°		Nov 17 th : 9°		Nov 24 th : 8°			
Lake Level Change:	Nov 3 rd : -5cm	Nov 10 th : -5 cm		Nov 17 th : +2.5cm		Nov 24 th : 0cm			
Lake Surface Level:	Nov 3 rd : 116.03m	Nov 10 th : 115.98m		Nov 17 th : 116.00m		Nov 24 th : 116.10m			

This month was the driest November since 1979, putting the lake level at the end of the month at least 50 cm below average. Warmest day was the 17th with the 30th being the coldest. This year's total rainfall is continuing to run well below average.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Department members attended 14 incidents in November

- ★ Sunday, Nov 3 - 1st Responder off Northgate Rd
- ★ Sunday, Nov 3 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Nov 6 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Nov 12 - 1st Responder off Worthington Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Nov 12 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Nov 14 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Nov 16 - 1st Responder off Burnham Rd
- ★ Sunday, Nov 17 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Nov 19 – Rescue off Glen Eagles Rd
- ★ Thursday, Nov 21 - 1st Responder off Malta Rd
- ★ Sunday, Nov 24 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Nov 25 – Assistance on Lisa Close
- ★ Tuesday, Nov 26 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Nov 27 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd



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COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sierra Acton**
Email sacton@cvrld.bc.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission(APC)** Meetings TBA
Contact: Bruce at jenniebruce1@gmail.com
- ★ **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 **AGM** - November 21st 7pm SL School
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: bburr@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Tues,Thurs & Sat 12-4. General Meetings at 7pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact: info@shawniganbasinsociety.org
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Thursday to Sunday - 10:30-4. Closed Dec 23- Jan 31. Contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca www.shawniganlakemuseum.com
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
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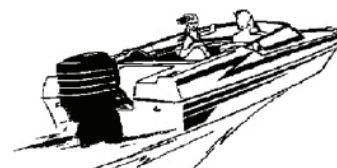


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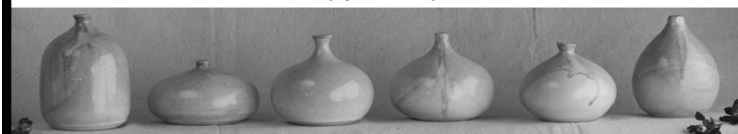
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Safer roads start with me

Sarah Davidge
South Cowichan
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When you hear the words Road Safety what comes to mind? This is a question that we all must ask ourselves. When you read the news articles and social media posts on MVT's, what are your thoughts? These questions provoke us to think, do they also provoke us to re-evaluate or at least ask ourselves the question; am I part of solution or part of the problem?

As an example, I had someone come into my office today. They were quite shaken by an experience in traffic. The story goes like this, "I'm just driving home from work and a reckless driver almost hit me! They were coming around a blind corner going way too fast. They crossed the centre line due to their speed and almost hit me. I had to go on the shoulder to prevent them from hitting me. I'm just thankful there wasn't someone walking on the side of the road. I can't even imagine what would have happened," Their face stricken with panic as they consider the potential scenario playing out in the heads.

Are you part of the problem or the solution?

- ★ When you're driving and behind the wheel, where is your attention.
- ★ At night when visibility is poor, do you consider that pedestrian in dark clothing; the fact the roads may be slippery

from rain or debris from the wind; that deer that's lurking in the bush; or that possibly impaired driver?

- ★ Do you assess your driving habits to find safer ways to get from point A to point B, or do you just get behind the wheel and let your thoughts drift? We are all prone to distraction

in today's busy world, but think of your vehicle as a weapon.

- ★ Would you want someone inattentively firing a gun, or would you want their attention focused solely on it's safe use?

Let's take a moment to rethink our own habits and how they affect the safety of those around us.

South Cowichan Community Policing works closely with the RCMP and other road safety partners in our community. Reality is that safe roads are not just the responsibility of those few, but of everyone in our community.

Let's all be good stewards. Food for thought - Safer Roads Start With Me.

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