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Photographers' showcase



Unlike their larger cousins, the white-tailed of the prairies and eastern Canada, the black-tailed deer on southern Vancouver Island have very few natural predators. In response to the ever-increasing numbers of deer in the urban areas, regional governments are developing strategies for controlling their numbers and reducing the threat to local-area rose gardens. Many, including myself, do not object to having deer frequent our backyards and consider it a fair trade for our having built upon their range. This buck is one of a half dozen that make our yard their home.

by Dunc Malcolm, Victoria, BC

We invite readers to use this spot to show off a photo they are proud of or just think other readers might find interesting. No rules, just provide a sentence or two to describe the picture.

Elaine Wilson's book "At home on the Trapline" launched at Holly Daze



Elaine Wilson

By Marlene Deschamps
Elaine George Wilson's book "At home on the Trapline" was launched at the Holly Daze Christmas Craft Sale at the Emo Legion on Friday and Saturday of last week. The newest author from the district was kept very busy speaking with and signing her book for all those that stopped by at her table.

One didn't get to chat with her for too long but she said that "This is it and I won't be writing another book". She also said she doesn't go back to where her and husband Pud trapped for those many years. She said that everything was so different. The trees are all cut right down to the water and the animals left to

find food elsewhere. She added that it is such a different society today and while she knows that forestry is a very important part of area economics, it makes her sad to see areas where there are only cut down trees. When asked about any advice she had for young women who are venturing into areas and careers that have been in the recent past considered man's domain, she laughed and said they should "Go for it—whatever it is and that can be a direct quote." Elaine's daughter was with her and she was helping out getting more and more books out of the boxes they brought. She was obviously extremely proud of her mother.

The book is now available for purchase at the following locations and the cost is \$15: Betty's and Quality Custom Sewing & Upholster in Fort Frances; The Emo Public Library, Cloverleaf Grocery and Tompkins Hardware in Emo; Dalseg's and Monique's Log Cabin in Nestor Falls.

After reading Life on the Trapline one is left with the feeling that this is a real adventure story. It is a story of perseverance, courage, dangerous perils and love and one finds it hard to put it down until you finish it. It would make a great Christmas gift for men or women, boys or girls.

Northwoods Gallery & Gifts a Christmas Wonderland



By Marlene Deschamps

Northwoods Gallery & Gifts always has a great display of items for Christmas decor and gifts. This year they surpassed

themselves. Although they had special sales over the weekend, the everyday prices are still great with samples available throughout the season. Until

Christmas, Northwoods will be open for their regular hours but will also remain open until 8 pm on Thursday and on Sunday 12 noon until 4pm.

Emo's Citizen of the Year, Adelia Guba



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By Marlene Deschamps

Emo's Citizen of the Year is Adelia Guba. She was found volunteering to sell 50/50 tickets for the Legion during Emo's Holly Daze. Most other months she also sells them at Clover-

leaf. While she was selling tickets she was also busy knitting mitts for Christmas gifts for the family. Adelia has also made afghans for people in Guatemala, Rumania and villages in Northern Canada. She

estimates she does around 50 a year. She was quite surprised and pleased when she was given the honour of being Emo's Citizen of the Year. Congrats to special lady.

Riverside "Wreaths & Things" raffle



By Marlene Deschamps

Riverside Foundation for Health Care held their annual "Wreath & Things" Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The huge craft and activity room was awash with Christmas decor. There were wreaths, plants, bell ringers and a wide variety of beautiful items that people could use to decorate their homes or give as great gifts to others. The event was a successful fundraiser.

At the other end of the district, in Rainy River, the Hospital Auxiliary held a wonderful tea filled with penny table surprises and delicious pies to eat. It was another successful fundraiser.



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