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## Community highlights of 2014

### January

#### Geraldine Ribbon Day Carnival



Swimmers at the Geraldine Ribbon Day event.

The Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club was thrilled with their annual Ribbon Day Carnival event, held at the Geraldine pool in January. Twelve clubs from around the Canterbury/West Coast region entered, swelling the numbers of swimmers at the event to more than 150.

"It looks like it could be a record of competitive swimmers entered for our club," president Rod Sands said.

#### Rangitata Rafts scholarships



Rangitata Rafts' scholarship awardees spanning 24 seasons.

The first Rangitata Rafts' scholarship for aspiring river guides from Geraldine High School was awarded in the summer of 1990-91. The recipient, Koryn Gould, is still in the industry, co-owning a canyoning business. He is also an international leader in river skills and rescue standards, and lives locally six months of the year.

The scholarship was the brainchild of a group of Peel Forest locals, says former Rangitata Rafts owner Tussock Gualter. "Southy [Grant South], Wayne Keenan, John Acland, Drew Brown and I had the idea back in the day. We were doing our bit for the local community and the high school."

### February

#### Woodbury Hosts Big Competition



Kelly Bennett holding one of his entries in the competition.

Kelly Bennett of Deer Genetics Ltd was looking forward to the XCELL Rising Stars National Hard Antler and Velvet Competition. He was chair of the South Canterbury and North Otago Deer Farmers Association (SCNODFA) which was hosting the competition for the first time in the South Island.

The competition showcases the deer-farming industry's cutting-edge genetics and is open to one-, two- and three-year-old stags.

Hosting the event was a coup for the SCNODFA and even better for Kelly was it was in Woodbury. "It's great to have it here and we've kept everything local."

#### Grande Vue regional winners



Callum Patrick shows some of his team-mates how it's done.

The Grande Vue team had a convincing win over 14 other local clubs at this year's tournament played in Fairlie. The last time they won this tournament was in 2012 and they had to settle for second last year. The team also brought home two of the three other trophies up for grabs, with Sharyn winning the Club Captain's Cup and Carol winning the Committee Cup. And the secret to success? "If you can play well at Grande Vue, you can play even better elsewhere."

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# March

## Geraldine Speed Shears



Local shearer, Gay Nelson, on her way to winning the Clean Shear section at the Geraldine Speed Shears.

An enthusiastic crowd gathered on the Village Green on a March evening to watch some of the world's best shearers battle it out in the Geraldine Speed Shears. This was the fourth year Terry and Jenny at the Village Inn had hosted the event and organisers say each year it attracts more of the "big guns" in the shearing world.

## Water quality advocate visits



Water quality advocate Lance Talstra (far right) came to Geraldine as preparations were underway for the Water Quality Forum in Geraldine's inaugural Future Living Festival. Lance was raising awareness about New Zealand's water quality issues.

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Area commander, Paul Henderson, says the smoke alarm project in Geraldine is unique in New Zealand.

"I don't think there is any other area in New Zealand where this number of smoke alarms has been installed over such a wide area. It's a spectacular achievement and a credit to both organisations."

## Just Joking, a fun family comedy



Speech and drama students practise their lines.

Young actors had been practising lines at the academy in April and tutor Kay Paterson said the audience was in for a real treat for their production of *Just Joking*.

"It's important for children to develop the skills of clear, well-enunciated speech," said Kay, "and having a voice; the confidence to present their ideas."

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# May

## WWII veterans



Professional photographers were photographing World War II Veterans nationwide for free, explained Ian Blackmore, the Geraldine RSA secretary.

The above photo was taken by Bill Irwin at the Geraldine RSA clubrooms. The men are, back row from left, John Thatcher, George Harper, Ken Linton and Stan Sole. Front from left, Jim Lester, Huia Holmes, Verdun Affleck, Rowland Johnson and Brian Fawdray.

## Primary Industry Academy course



Sarah Foley-Smith (above photo) teaches the Primary Industry Academy course, which has completed its third year at Geraldine High School. GHS received an AgExcel endorsement; the first school in New Zealand to be given this under the new trade academy scheme.

Sarah says: "We have an amazing bunch of local farmers. They're top of their game and the students learn so much."

### Vegetable Harvest at Incredible Edible

As you will have read, Incredible Edible Geraldine has been hard at work building and planting raised beds full of vegetables for community consumption. A lot of the vegetables are ready to eat and all we need now is for people to come along to our Cox Street site and help themselves. It's as simple as that! There is no "catch". So pop in and have a look. If something looks ready to harvest and you have a place on your menu, take it and enjoy. Merry Christmas.

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# June

## Shop Local Campaign



Go Geraldine concluded their Support Local campaign competition in June with a presentation of prizes to the lucky winners. "Think local, support local, be local," was the slogan of the promotion, intended to encourage Geraldine people to make the most of community establishments.

Promotions co-ordinator Rachel Harper (photo above), said that the large amount spent in the campaign should help people realise how much they actually do buy locally.

## Firefighters complete challenge



Three of our firefighters travelled to Auckland to climb the Sky Tower as a fundraising effort for leukaemia and blood cancer. Graeme Dwyer, Mark Wagner and Craig Chambers with the support of their families, fundraised and trained for over five months for this event.

They were thrilled with the \$7,958 they raised. "It was a very satisfying and humbling experience being part of a fundraising effort that raised \$867,000 nationwide."

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# July

## Kids Alive holiday programme



Local resident Lorraine Morgan organised a fun-packed week in July for Geraldine children at the Kids Alive holiday programme.

The children were involved in all the preparations for the mid-winter Christmas lunch and started the day before the big event by making jellies. After the large Christmas tree went up for decorating and a few Christmas songs were sung, it was time to prepare the food. The children helped by peeling 10kg of spuds for the roast potatoes.

"It was hilarious; there was potato peel all over the floor by the time they had finished."

## Ukulele Festival



The 2014 Geraldine Ukulele Festival organised by residents Fi and Hugh McCafferty took place in July. It was promised to be "bigger and better than last year".

"The ukulele is a democratic musical instrument; it is unpretentious, accessible and fun, and people can do it together," said Fi.

Geraldine Kindergarten would like to thank everyone who took part in the 2014 Scarecrow Trail, especially our creative scarecrow builders and our generous sponsors Blakely Pacific and Z Geraldine.

Huge congratulations to the PEOPLE'S CHOICE winning scarecrows; Nemo (Aorangi Vets), Olaf (KRM), Wall-E (Functional Whole Foods).



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## August

### Paddon finishes 8th in Finland



Hayden Paddon (above left with co-driver John Kennard) enhanced his position in the elite of world rallying this year. The Geraldine driver finished 8th overall in the Rally of Finland.

Later in the year, Paddon won his first-ever stage on a WRC rally.

### Sam Ottley wins premiership



Geraldine woman Sam Ottley (aged 24) won the New Zealand National Junior Drivers' Premiership. This involved Sam gaining the most wins in the junior drivers' harness racing season 2013/14, which ended on 1 August. A woman has not won the junior driving premiership since the 2004/5 season.

In addition, Sam notched up 100 wins, becoming the first female junior driver to do this in a single season.

"That was pretty cool. This all means so much to me; I love driving and I want to be successful."

## September

### Agriculture NZ training



The Geraldine News reported that part-time courses in organic horticulture were offered by Agriculture New Zealand nationwide. Courses were scheduled to start in Geraldine in October.

"The aim is to build ecosystems, promote biodiversity, increase soil and plant health, and avoid the use of artificial fertilisers and sprays," says AgNZ tutor Micky Cunningham.

A science-based approach is used while exploring a wide range of organic techniques and systems.

### Family Fun on Fathers' Day



A stunningly warm spring day was the icing on the cake for the families enjoying the atmosphere at the Family Fun Day in The Park in Geraldine on Father's Day. Event organiser Lorraine Morgan was thrilled with the turnout.

"The smiles on people's faces and seeing families have fun together makes this event such a pleasure to put together." Lorraine is already bursting with ideas for next year, in particular attractions to appeal to the teen set.

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# October

## Gapes Valley's centennial plaque



Gapes Valley residents, past and present, braved damp weather in October as they turned out in force to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Gapes Valley hall. Here, Val Mulvihill unveils the commemorative plaque at the afternoon function. Commemorative committee member, Ritchie Griffiths and some of the valley's younger residents look on.

## Shape-up challenge graduation



Members of the Four Peak Fitness Winter Shape-up Challenge attended their graduation and prizegiving dinner in October. Woodbury woman, Rachel Scott, organised the 12-week challenge after talking with a friend about people needing something to help them shake off the winter blues. "I wanted to provide challenges and support for all ages, genders and fitness levels."

The 24 adults who took up the challenge had to do one group training session and one resistance training session per week. Collectively the group shed 461.2cm and 66.2kg.

# November

## New owner for cinema



Calvin and Deirdre McKechnie and Patrick Walsh (centre).

In a timely change of circumstances, Geraldine Cinema got a new owner. Patrick Walsh took the over reins from Calvin and Deirdre McKechnie in mid-November.

And he brought digital projection equipment with him. "The projector's on the back of a truck, ready to go," he said.

Fundraising rust chair, Eddie Lewis, was pleased with the turn of events. "The trustees welcome the news of the sale and wish the parties all the best. With the decision of the new operator to purchase digital equipment, the trustees have suspended fundraising, pending consideration of what should best be done with donations made."

## Students compete at EVelocity



Sixteen schools from around Canterbury spent months gearing up to demonstrate their electric vehicles' abilities at EVelocity in November at Ruapuna Speedway in Christchurch. Designing and building their own vehicles from scratch, the students attended regular design boot camps, plus worked over weekends to get an edge on the competition.

GHS had a team in the competition (above: Jordan Ritchie, Rowan McCaughan-Galvin, Daniel Stanton) and teacher Louis Moulton said the challenge of designing and building the vehicles had been a huge incentive for students.

# December

## Season's greetings to Geraldine



The Geraldine News spoke to Father Christmas ahead of December's annual Santa Parade.

"I always look forward to the parade. It comes at a busy time of the year for me but I love to see all the families lining the streets of Geraldine and having fun."

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the children in Geraldine. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday too."

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With a reputation for innovation and quality spanning 45 plus years, Barker Fruit Processors Ltd is a leading privately owned New Zealand family business, whose wonderful brands include Barker's fruit syrups, preserves, chutneys and condiments; Anathoth jams and Pickles and Tandoori Palace Indian simmer sauces.

With well over 60,000 customers each year visiting our Geraldine Retail shop, you will enjoy introducing yourself, telling the Barker's story to customers as they browse and enjoy tasting our extensive range of products, and be happy to take your turn working a roster which will include public holidays and weekends.

We are seeking a Part-Time Member for approximately three days per week and a Casual Team Member, to be our reliever for staff absences, or in busy periods. If you are a person who has a passion for fine food, who has an engaging, outgoing personality, who enjoys working as part of a team and has proven retail and computer experience, then please apply by email or post, enclosing a current CV to:

The Human Resources Administrator,  
[howard.chellew@barkers.co.nz](mailto:howard.chellew@barkers.co.nz)  
PO Box 100, Geraldine, 7956.

Applications will close on Friday 19 December 2014.



## Executive Officer 12 month Maternity Leave Contract

Geraldine High School boasts fine facilities and resources, with well-appointed buildings set on nearly five hectares alongside the beautiful Waihi River. They have requested us to find an experienced Administrator to join their busy team. This is a 12 month maternity leave contract starting in March 2015 and finishing by February 2016. You will be supporting the Board of both Geraldine High School and Carew Peel Forest School.

The primary purpose of this position is to provide high quality administrative and financial support to meet the ever changing needs of the schools. Experience working in a busy environment and demonstrating flexibility to manage changing priorities will be paramount in this role. You will have a proactive approach to work, demonstrating initiative and good judgement.

### Key duties will involve:

- management of finances and accounting on a daily basis
- monitoring the payroll and actioning all payroll administration
- processing of debtors and creditors
- monthly financial reporting
- budget preparation
- preparation of annual accounts
- reporting for the Board and Principal as required
- PA support to the Principal
- administration support

We are looking for an organised, effective communicator with high levels of experience in MS office, accounting and payroll programs. Confidentiality and discretion are paramount in this role.

Please forward your application and CV to:

**Carol Newman** info@staffordbusiness.co.nz  
Or apply online [www.staffordbusiness.co.nz](http://www.staffordbusiness.co.nz)  
Applications will close on Friday 30 January 2015

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## Health & Safety Officer Part Time



Earthworks Aoraki Ltd is a civil construction company located in Geraldine, South Canterbury. Established in 2005, the company currently employs 17 staff and has recently built a brand new office and yard.

We now have a fantastic opportunity for an experienced Health & Safety Officer keen for flexible hours to join our team. This is a great role for someone keen to take ownership and responsibility for the health and safety arm of the business.

The role will include:-

- Development and review of policies and procedures in order to ensure compliance with Legislation and other programmes such as ACC Accreditation and assist with implementation of these in the 'field'
- Hazard management – identification, effective controls and review process
- Incident investigations
- Site audits
- Review of site Health and Safety plans
- Education of staff on health and safety matters and coordinate external staff training on safety where indicated
- Human Resource duties from time to time

The successful applicant will have:

- Experience working in a similar role, ideally within the civil or construction industry
- Strong computer skills
- Be motivated and able to work unsupervised
- Hold a NZQA Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Level 3 or above) or be working towards this

To apply, please send your CV to:

kate@earthworksoraki.co.nz or for further information, please call (03) 693 8585. [www.earthworksoraki.co.nz](http://www.earthworksoraki.co.nz)

Applications close 7 January 2015.



## Fire Alarm Technician Apprentice

Due to our continued growth an opportunity has arisen for a Fire Alarm Technician Apprentice to join our experienced Fire Alarm team. This position will suit school leavers with good grades. Allied Alarms will provide to the selected candidate further education to NZQA level 4 fire detection and alarm systems.

We offer exciting and challenging work on prestigious projects throughout the region, as well as ongoing training and support.

In all cases the person appointed will be well-groomed and presented, be a good communicator, be keen to grow along with our business and have good self-organisation skills.

If you are looking for a career in the Service and Building Industry and believe you have the drive and energy to contribute to our team, then apply now to:

peter@alliedalarms.co.nz. [www.alliedalarms.co.nz](http://www.alliedalarms.co.nz)



## VACANCY - CASUAL APRICOT PROCESSING STAFF

We invite registrations of interest from people for the above role in our processing season which will run from approximately 19th January 2015 until the 20th February 2015. This role will particularly suit University students who provided they are available until the 5th February will be most welcome as will other casual staff who can commit for the four weeks of the season.

The days of work will be Monday to Friday, at our site in Shaw Road, Geraldine with the shifts worked between 5.00am and 1.15pm and 1.30pm to 10.00pm.

Your own transport is essential for this role and you may qualify for a travel subsidy.

If you are interested in applying for this role please ring Howard Chellew, HR Administrator at Barker Fruit Processors Ltd, 03 693 8969 x852.

## Waihi Lodge Care Centre REGISTERED NURSES Permanent Part Time

15-20 hours per week. Up to 40 hours available. Positions to start late January / early February.

Waihi Lodge is a small family-friendly facility which provides a home and nursing care for to up to 19 residents. As a rest home there is no requirement for the registered nurse to be on site 24 hours a day so hours of work can therefore be flexible to fit in with the needs of family, school and other activities. Geraldine is a wonderful community and staff at Waihi Lodge enjoy the flexibility that working locally brings.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a current annual practicing certificate
- Is flexible, & enthusiastic about working in aged care
- Has excellent communication & teamwork skills
- Is computer literate - able to use common programs & internet

We can offer:

- Flexible days/hours/start & finish times
- A supportive team that provides excellent care to our residents
- Opportunities to increase your knowledge & skills

If you have an interest in caring for the older person in such a setting and would like to be part of our team we would welcome your enquiry.

To submit your application, send a covering letter and your CV to Jade Taylor at jobs@essentialhr.co.nz, or to request a full position description ph 03 943 6310.

**OLD** coal range, butter churn, milking separator, windmill, petrol bowser, horse dray, wooden wool press, washing mangle, free-standing radio, Canadian canoe and wooden telephone. Cash for Xmas. Ph 027 268 4232.

**MILITARIA** wanted to buy by collector. Firearms, badges, bayonets or any items of military interest. German items are of particular interest. Ph Pete Young 693 8876 a/h.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY 18 December.** Woodbury district carols and reading, 7pm at Woodbury Hall.

**SATURDAY 20 December.** Geraldine Farmers' Market 9am-12.30pm, St Mary's car park. Ph Jan 021 050 9607.

**CHRISTMAS DAY.** Dinner at The Corral, 12 noon at 28 Peel Street. Ph Cyril to confirm before Saturday, 693 8630.



**St Andrew's**  
GERALDINE

**SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2014**

## 10.30am: Combined Service

Bring a flower in memory of a loved one who has died and remember Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

*Then come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ:*

## WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

6.30pm: .....Christmas for Kids

Come dressed up - angels, shepherds, kings - all welcome!

8pm: .....Christmas Eve service

11.30pm: .....Candlelight carols

## THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

9am: .....Family Worship

**GLORIFY GOD. GROW. GO!**

MINISTER: Ian Hyslop 03 693 8248

10 Cox Street, Geraldine • [www.standrewsgld.org.nz](http://www.standrewsgld.org.nz)

## Geraldine Parish Services

### Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December

- 5pm Crib service at St Thomas. A celebration for children of all ages.
- 7pm Pleasant Valley Carol service at St Anne.
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Thomas, Woodbury.

### Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December

- 8.30am Family Eucharist at St Stephen, Peel Forest.
- 10.15am Family Eucharist at St Thomas, Woodbury.



## Holidays @ Kids Alive

### Holiday Programme

For Children 5-13 years

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.30 to 3.00 pm  
(Additional care from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm available)

Geraldine Primary School

**Come and join us for Crafts, Bouncy Castles,  
Treasure Hunts.**

### January Programme

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
St Andrew's Hall, Wilson St

8.30 am to 3.30 pm

**Numbers are limited BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

**For more information phone Lorraine  
693 9447 or 0274038126**





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110-120g



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**Alpine Mild/Colby/Edam**  
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