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## Axemen and axewomen to compete at South Island Wood Chopping Champs

This Saturday and Sunday (March 7 and 8) the Geraldine Village Green will be a hive of activity as the South Island Wood Chopping Championships are held.

In the lineup of about 40 axemen and axewomen is the current world title holder in the 15-inch standing chop, Adam Lowe from Hokitika. Adam won his world title in Sydney recently.

Another notable chopper coming to the championships is a young lady from Westport, Ashley Heath. Although females generally have their own events, Ashley is the only female woodchopper in New Zealand to win an underhand open event, mixing it successfully with the men.

The weekend's program will include lower grade axemen and have the usual events; underhand, standing, sawing, provisional teams races and the ever popular jigger board (for which Geraldine chopper Andrew Cox is billed as favourite).

An event like this doesn't just happen though, and local choppers have been preparing blocks for quite a while. For the championships, locally milled pine is used. A portable lathe that peels each block to the

exact same diameter, before they are wrapped in baleage wrap to keep them moist.

Andrew Cox estimates they will need around 160 blocks for the weekend's chopping and says they are very grateful for

the help they have received over the years from forestry groups and farmers.

The competition commences at 10am on Saturday and Sunday.

Lindsay Nelson



Geraldine woodchoppers, Andrew Charles and Andrew Cox sizing up a block for the South Island Champs to be held on the Geraldine Village Green this weekend. Photo: Lindsay Nelson.

## Future Living Festival to be revived

After hearing of a threat to the continuity of Geraldine's Future Living Festival, a group of enthusiastic locals has taken up the challenge of organising this for 2015.

"We heard in December that Events Geraldine was going to cancel the festival," says organisers' spokesperson Rebecca Lees.

The Geraldine News asked Shaun Cleverley, former chair of the board of Events Geraldine, why the festival was going to be cancelled. He explained that Events Geraldine had decided to postpone the 2015 event and run Future Living every second year because of doubt over whether a grant from Timaru District Council (TDC) would be received. In the meantime, however, Events Geraldine has resolved to dissolve its trust and cease because it was struggling to recruit

and retain enough trustees.

"We went forward with a very clear intention to attract a board of six people," says Mr Cleverley. "I will report that only a very small number of people applied for trustee roles and while the applicants were all of a very high calibre and would have done an excellent job I'm sure, the workload of such a trust demands a larger board. The offer from the Geraldine Community Resource Centre (GCRC) to take back the project was, in my opinion, more logical than moving forward with a small board with little continuity. Personally, I was disappointed that we were not able to satisfy the applicant's wishes to be involved in Events Geraldine, however I believe that to accept GCRC's offer provided greater security and continuity for the project and coordinator going forward."

Events Geraldine's remaining assets have gone to the GCRC Trust which will assume responsibility for the Events Geraldine project and the activities of the events co-ordinator, Jill Roberts.

"The festival committee thanks Events Geraldine and Jill Roberts for their preliminary work on the festival," says Ms Lees.

"The community has shown strong support for the annual continuation of the festival. We have around a dozen community groups involved as well as a solid group of volunteer helpers. We're confident with such top-notch events on offer, tickets will sell well."

The festival runs from 26-29 March this year and tickets went on sale on 1 March.

"In 2014, Events Geraldine assembled 19 events for the festival.

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# Future Living Festival to be revived

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This year we have nearly 30. Some have limited ticket numbers so we're advising people to book early to avoid disappointment."

Ms Lees says there are four bike-related events in this year's festival. They are being run with the assistance of Bike Wise NZ and Like Bike Geraldine. As part of this programme, Kennedy Park will be closed to cars for a few hours on Saturday 28 March for young cyclists' safety as they show off their decorated bikes on a designated circuit in the park.

Another free event for children is the Light Spiral Night celebrating Earth Hour on 28 March.

Future Living is dedicated to celebrating and exploring practical aspects of sustainability. Visiting speakers in this year's festival include Aucklander Waveney Warth who will talk about how she and her husband lived waste-free for a year. Margaret Jeffries is coming from Lyttleton to explain time banking and savings pools and how they can help communities become more resilient. Chris Freear, solar energy specialist and former director of the New Zealand Wind Energy Association, will talk about the the future of alternatively-powered homes.

Other workshops and talks will canvass such topics as food preserving, stone carving, upcycling clothes, straw bale

construction, weed identification and compost making. The festival will also feature a poetry evening and a short film festival.

Funding for this Future Living 2015 has come from the Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts, the TDC and the Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury.

"Where there is a charge for an event, the aim is to break even", says Ms Lees. Go to: [www.futurelivingfestival.co.nz](http://www.futurelivingfestival.co.nz)  
Neil Wilson



Future Living Festival organising committee, from left, Rebecca Lees, Rhys Taylor, Sarah Johnston. Photo: Supplied.

## Have a say on the proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan

Environment Canterbury is publicly notifying the Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan as part of its review of the operative Air Plan for Canterbury.

We all have an important role to play in achieving cleaner, healthier air and the community is being invited to have its say on the proposed Air Plan by making a submission prior to 1 May 2015.

The proposed Air Plan is the culmination of a long-term process to work with the community on an effective strategy to ensure the region's air quality meets the national health-based air quality standards.

In June 2014, an Air Plan Discussion document was released outlining changes and inviting public feedback.

This feedback along with work with our partners and stakeholders has informed the further development of the proposed Air Plan which includes measures to manage air quality through reducing pollution caused by home heating, outdoor burning, industry, odour and dust.

Copies of the proposed Air Plan will be available at Environment Canterbury's Christchurch, Timaru and Kaikoura offices, public libraries and at [www.ecan.govt.nz/airplan](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/airplan) where you can also make online submissions.

Keep an eye out in local papers for information on community drop in sessions in Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Geraldine and Waimate in mid-March.



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# Kindergarten teachers invited to present at Hawaii conference

Geraldine Kindergarten's phenomenally successful Habits of Mind (HoM) programme is being exported. Two kindergarten teachers, Tracey Nelson, head teacher, and Ashleigh McPherson, are at an early childhood conference in Hawaii to present the programme.

Tracey describes HoM as a toolkit of strategies for when you are not quite sure what to do. "It is about how to apply your skills and knowledge in challenging situations when you do not know what the answer is." It takes time to practise HoM and become skilled in knowing how to apply them effectively, "So introducing them at this age gives our children plenty of practise to be able to pull out a range of strategies to successfully face challenges in the future," Tracey says.

Kindergarten children and teachers have been using HoM for eight years and Tracey shares how well the children are already articulating and applying the HoM. For example, children talk about the need to persevere with tasks and explore other ways of doing it if the first few attempts don't work. "They often refer to themselves as problem solvers while they are working, which is incredibly powerful at three and four years of age."

Tracey says that for the last two years the teachers have been exploring what the HoM looks like for New Zealand children in a bi-cultural context. "We are the only early childhood centre that has explored HoM in a New Zealand context, making them relevant and sustainable." They will present their findings at the early childhood conference in Hawaii and are grateful to be awarded a travel grant by the Joyce Barns Travel Trust. The selection panel commented they, "recognised the significant influence of your work [with HoM] and its potential to enhance teaching and learning across the network".

Tracey and Ashleigh will also visit Waikiki Elementary School which caters for primary and secondary students. The school has been using the HoM programme for 20 years and have found unparalleled improvement in their students'



Tracey Nelson and Ashleigh McPherson are in Hawaii to present their phenomenally successful Habits of Mind programme at an early childhood conference. Left to right: R Aria (4), Tracey Nelson, Ashleigh McPherson and Isaac (4). Photo: Jo Bates.

literacy and numeracy capabilities. For 30 per cent of the students, English is their second language. Over the last 10 years the students' reading pass rates have increased from 41 per cent to 96 per cent, and in maths from 28 per cent to 93 per cent.

The school credits this success to using the programme and say their teachers' morale is really high. The school is recognised in Hawaii for the large contribution it makes to the community and is quoted as being an "exceptionally powered community of learners".

Tracey says, "We are keen to see what we can learn from this environment, there is clearly some really amazing stuff happening there."

Tracey and Ashleigh left New Zealand last weekend and will spend a week in Hawaii.

Jo Bates

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Red Cross volunteer honoured



Josephine Martin, shop co-ordinator for the Geraldine Branch of the Red Cross, has been honoured for her services to Red Cross. Geraldine Red Cross president, Ray Coster, paid tribute to Josephine, citing her work as influential with "increased volunteers and money coming through", allowing greater donations to be made. Carol Ball, Humanitarian Services manager Canterbury and West Coast, expressed her thanks to Josephine, stating "the Geraldine shop has strengthened and expanded." While accolades flowed for Josephine, it was others she spoke of. "Thank you to the volunteers and the generosity of the community." Photo: Pip Goldsbury.

### Girl Guide biscuits are back



Geraldine Brownies have been getting biscuits sorted for the annual Girl Guide biscuits sale which is now on. The popular plain, chocolate and mini biscuits are all available. Each variety costs \$3.50 per packet. Girl Guides will be calling at houses in Geraldine on 10, 11 and 12 March from 5pm to 7.30pm. There will also be a couple of stalls selling biscuits around the town on Saturday 14 March from 9am until 1pm. Biscuit orders are welcome at any time. To order, contact any Girl Guiding member or biscuit co-ordinator Michelle Howell on 693 9137 or 027 693 7367. Photo: Submitted.



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# Geraldine Toy Library is relocating

After 20 years at the Red Cross rooms, the Geraldine Toy Library is on the move.

From 3 March, the Toy Library will be operating from 193 Talbot Street opposite the Barber Shop. The move was brought about by the Red Cross needing the space occupied by the Toy Library.

The library committee isn't upset though, as the new premise has lots of advantages such as more space and no time restrictions.

Committee member Amanda Taylor says the move is a very exciting, although busy, time.

"It's a much bigger, better place and we will be able to improve our service to the community."

It has been all hands to the pump as the volunteers ready the new site with earthworks, fencing, renovations and painting.

Amanda says they are extremely grateful to all those who have helped out and would particularly like to thank Paul Fitzsimons, Tony Holmes Building, McRae Rock Quarry, Hobbs and Banks, Laser Electrical and The Geraldine Licensing Trust.



Amanda Taylor with son Thomas, Fay Wilson and Mel Smeath applying some of the finishing touches to the new Toy Library premises at 193 Talbot Street. Photo: Lindsay Nelson.

An open day will be held in March to thank all the businesses and individuals who have helped the Toy Library over the years. A celebration is planned to celebrate the Toy Library's 21st birthday later in the year.

Lindsay Nelson

# Book launch this Friday at Museum

Author, photographer, farmer and angler, Mari Hill Harpur, is launching her book *Sea Winter Salmon: Chronicles of the St. John River* at Geraldine Museum on March 6.

Her life is split, travelling between homes on the upper Rangitata River and Canada's Saint John, yet woven together by art, salmon fishing, farm forestry, history and community in both hemispheres. After meeting Geraldine Historical Society president Alison Hurley, Mari decided on Geraldine for *Sea Winter Salmon's* premiere. "I was excited when I met Alison before Christmas; I saw the link between her work on preserving the local past and what the Minnesota Historical Society does."

She is referring to the organisation responsible for American National Historic Landmark the James J Hill House, home of her great-grandfather and builder of America's Great Northern Railway.

Her ancestor's early interest in the St John river, which flows mostly through New Brunswick province, led to Mari's fifth-generation management of the fish camp the family established on its bank and her recording much of its history in *Sea Winter Chronicles*.

Under the last remnants of the seigneurial system [Canadian land settlement modelled on the French feudal system], James made a place for his family on the St John. "By 1903, James Hill owned the lower 19.3km of the river, and a long-term lease for the upper portion," Mari writes in *Chronicles*.

Mari says her family's long relationship with the river has meant more than establishment of a fishing camp; close observation of the river and the species it hosts has led to monitoring and a watershed management programme.

At the book's heart is the athletic Atlantic salmon. Unlike the introduced Pacific chinook of the Rangitata, the Atlantic salmon may repeat their struggles to upper-river spawning areas. "They may return several times for further spawnings." Mari is interested in the journeys of all salmon species. Gesturing toward the coast and eastern river mouths, she says, "They're just out there now; all the salmon are waiting to go upstream."

And Mari says she is happy living in an area supportive of the arts. "Geraldine's very sympathetic with artists; to have a community where artists can thrive - it's amazing."

As a long-time professional photographer, she plans a display of medium-format monochromes of the Rangitata landscape to accompany the book and underline the connections between her river homes. "I love the light, photographing round here. I can't stop myself."

Alison says she is delighted the museum will host the launch and exhibition. "It raises our profile and brings a whole new group of people. It's a lovely opportunity to combine the interests of the



Author and photographer, Mari Hill Harpur. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

community." Meet Mari Hill Harpur at the international launch of her book *Sea Winter Salmon: Chronicles of the St. John River* at Geraldine Museum on Friday 6 March, 5-7pm. Signed copies of *Chronicles* will be available. Everybody welcome.

Jan Finlayson

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# Locals compete in Half Ironman

For those who watch TV One's *Seven Sharp*, you may have recently noticed a brief segment on tetraplegic and 2014 New Zealander of the Year nominee, Catriona Williams, swimming the New Plymouth Half Ironman. What Mike Hosking failed to mention was the team from Geraldine, The G-Town Girls, who were also competing.

Sarah Wilson, Peg Wood and Andy Morrison, along with their team manager, Suz Wyborn, travelled to New Plymouth for Waitangi Weekend and smashed out their half ironman, completing the race with a podium finish in the teams' event. However, while the third placegetters were thrilled with their personal efforts, the weekend had far greater significance.

Catriona Williams' cousin, Sarah Wilson, explains the real motivation behind their participation. "Spinal-cord injuries can happen at any time; instantly changing lives. I saw this when my dearest friend, Catriona, had a fall from a horse, broke her neck and became a tetraplegic." The former New Zealand equestrian representative became a C6/C7 tetraplegic in November 2002. In lay terms, she is paralysed from the chest down. However, "Catriona is an inspiration" and formed The Catwalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust, which is dedicated to raising funds to support the body of scientific opinion that says a cure for spinal cord injury will be found.

Sarah says the G-Town Girls found it "very cool and very



Sarah Wilson (centre) finishes the half marathon. Andy Morrison (left) opened the race with a 2km ocean swim Peg Wood (right) took on the middle leg with a 90km road ride. Photo: Submitted.

inspiring" to be part of a seventy-strong team, all taking part to raise funds for the Catwalk Trust. Andy completed the 2km ocean swim, Peg cycled 90km and Sarah ran the half marathon. Sarah also adds, "It's really hard to say no when Catriona's doing the whole thing."

While the prime purpose of the G-Town Girls participation in the ironman was fundraising, Sarah laughs about it being a mutually beneficial event. "It was fabulous flying the flag for Geraldine knowing we had the support of such a fabulous community. Through this I hope we now have a whole lot more people who know more about the Catwalk Trust, as well as a lot of more North Islanders knowing about Geraldine."

For anyone interested in learning more about the Catwalk Trust, visit their website [www.catwalk.org.nz](http://www.catwalk.org.nz).

Pip Goldsbury

## LETTERS

### Church building to be sold

St John's Presbyterian Church Pleasant Point. This much-loved iconic building, more than 100 years old, is soon to be for sale. We are seeking preliminary expressions of interest in the possible purchase of the church building and approximately 1400 square metres of the land on which it stands (yet to be sub-divided). The church is built of limestone blocks and has a tiled roof. Situated on an elevated site on Manse Road overlooking the village of Pleasant Point it has an amazing, uninterrupted view across to the Four Peaks range and beyond. Anyone interested in finding out more please email to: [anne.alf@clear.net.nz](mailto:anne.alf@clear.net.nz)

Anne Dowall

### Kindy garden

As part of the on-going Incredible Edible Geraldine movement a 'kids size' raised bed has been built beside the Geraldine Kindergarten with the blessing of the Presbyterian Church whose land it sits on. The kindergarten children will tend the bed (kaitiaki) and learn about growing food to give away.

A huge thank you to ITM Geraldine for donating the sleepers, Geraldine Village Landscapes for donating the compost and the Geraldine Garden Centre for the plants.

At this stage the bed is sparsely planted with the idea that the children, parents or community can bring surplus plants from home; another lesson in giving.

Incredible Edible Geraldine

### Weather for February

#### Tripp Settlement Road

Temperature high 35 deg. Temperature low -1 deg.

Rainfall 48.5mm

#### Peel Forest Village

Rainfall 58mm

# Scouts take winning swim trophy

The Geraldine Scouts holding the trophy aloft.

The scouts attended the Zone Swimming last week at Timaru Boys High School and took out the overall winner's trophy. "A few chocolate fish were handed out," says Scout leader Austin Guerin, "which may have helped our results, but all the boys swam well."

The boys also enjoyed catching up with other scouts they had met at the recent Staveley Camp.

Photo: Submitted.



## RESULTS

### GOLF

Saturday 21 February. Kerr-Quaich Trophy, Round 1 Par: J Cornelius +6, M Hampton +5, R Irvine +5, I Macdonald +5, A South +4, D Cleveland +4, J Worner +4. Ladies stableford: A Reid 42, S Bensemann 40, M Ellery 39. Twos: J Cornelius (6), S Bensemann (12), I Macdonald (17), A South (6), K Stevens (15) S Blake (9). Closest to pin: Ladies: D Dewe (9), Men: S Blake (9). Birdie hole: R Jeffrey and B Robertson (13).

9 hole ladies. Competition stableford Rd 1. J Jones 51-20-30, 23 G Hamilton 50-17-33, 21 A Bowan 51-17-34, 21 Judy Chisholm 59-26-33, 21 J Lyn 60-27-33 21 S Anderson 57-23-34, 20.

Tuesday 24 February, Sharpe Cup, Par Rd 1. L Collins 93-22-71 4up, R Davies 100-31-69 4up, M Holmes 95-28-67 4up, D Kenny 85-15-70 2up. L Lewis 94-24-70 2up, J Gallichan 97-27-70 2up, J Gibbs 98-30-68 2up. Nearest to Pin: (12) J Ross. Nett Birdies (2) J Gallichan, D Kenny. 9 Holes: F Grant 2up. Nearest to Pin: J Oliver.

Saturday 28 February. Kerr Quaich Trophy, Round 2/3. Par: R Irvine +9, M Shepherd +8, D Cleveland +6, H Chellew +6, G Warren +5, B Romeril +4, A South +4. Ladies stableford: A Cornelius 46, T Putze 40, S Bensemann 33. Twos: E Rix (12), P Turney (17), W Romeril 17). Closest to pin: Ladies: M Blackmore (9), Men: G Waldron (9). Birdie

hole: N Dewe (7).

**Grande Vue Golf Club.** Sunday 22 February. Te Awa Trophy, S Wallace 74-18-56, 48 J Patrick 74-13-61, 43 Giles Patrick 76-15-61, 42 P Oliver 82-19-63, 41 C Patrick 77-14-63, 41 M Waldron 86-22-64, 40 D Stenhouse 92-28-64, 40 M Lang 90-22-68, 38. Twos: S Wallace (3) J Patrick, D Stenhouse, Giles Patrick. Nearest the pin: S Wallace.

1 March. Te Awa Trophy. M Waldron 82-21-61, 43 M Lang 82-21-61, 43 Jon Patrick 77-12-65, 40 A Muff 84-20-64, 40 Giles Patrick 79-14-65, 40 H Nelson 95-31-64, 40 E Lewis 85-20-65, 40 M O'Malley 85-19-66, 39 P Oliver 84-18-66, 38 C Patrick 80-13-67, 38 B McIlssac 90-24-66, 38. Twos: C Patrick, Jon Patrick (2), J Muff, M O'Malley. Nearest the pin: Jon Patrick.

### BRIDGE

Geraldine Bridge Club. Thursday 26 February. Raukapuka Pairs 1. North/South: 1st R Dewe & S Rinaldi 62.17%, 2nd P.Kippenberger & E Lyon 51.37%, 3rd C Coulter & V Hill 50.55%. East/West: 1st J Meijer & H Rinaldi 65.95%, 2nd S Anderson & P Rafferty 53.69%, 3rd R Bray & M Burridge 53.08%

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**MCKENZIE** Lifestyle Village, 33 Connolly Street, Open Day, Sunday 8 March, 1-3pm.

A huge thank you to our local businesses who supported our XCELL Rising Stars National Velvet awards, held at the Woodbury Hall. The evening was a roaring success and the gift baskets have gone as far away as Invercargill in the south and Helensville in the North. Special thanks to the following business for their generous support: BullRush Chocolate, Coco, Barkers, Lynn River, Functional Whole Foods, Classic Patch Nursery, Addmore, Brewery Café, Fresh Choice Supermarket, Talbot Forest Cheese, Penmar Lavender, Mountain River Venison, The Green Room Florist, Thomas and Co Design, Gateway Vets.

BUSINESSES

**FASTWAY** Couriers. Send a shoebox-sized parcel up to 2kg anywhere in NZ for just \$12. Satchels available at competitive pricing at Hammer Hardware. Ph 693 7312.

**FLIES**, spiders, rodents, borer. Ph Craig 693 7263 or 021 713 407. Craig’s Pest Solutions Ltd PMANZ reg.

**CAR** grooming. North End Motors, ph 693 8673.

**TRAVEL** broker, Sue Hammond. Ph 693 9141. Email: sueh@thetravelbrokers.co.nz

BUSINESSES

**MUSIC** tuition. Singing, piano. Adults, beginners welcome. Anne Langham BMus. M Ed. B.A. Ph 693 7479, 021 045 6494.

**HELPMATE** garden/handyman service. Mowing, pruning, spraying, chainsaw work, waterblasting and odd jobs. Ph Cliff 693 8104 or 027 693 0048 or Pam 684 5519.

**PAINTING** your roof ? We have a roof paint for you, from just \$120 per 10 litres at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

**FAULTY** sliding door rollers need replaced? Window catches no longer secure? We can replace these and get your house secure again. Ph Geraldine Glass 693 9927.

**PICTURE** framing. Jex and Dave Allison, now The Art Of Framing. 34 Havelock St, Ashburton. Ph 03 307 6651, 027 431 5108. ashburtonframing@gmail.com

**LAWNMOWERS.** Masport, Morrision, we have a mower to suit your needs at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

**CLOTHING** alterations, mending, creations. Ph Raylene 693 7163.

**AUTO** parts and accessories. North End Motors, ph 693 8673.

**HANDYMAN.** Repair and maintainence jobs around your home, garden, business. Monthly maintainance contract for business, rental, domestic customers. Please ph Ian 027 925 1411 email-ianrogers4@aol.com

**CAR** troubles, contact Geraldine Auto Restorations, 34 High St, ph 693 1401.

**MCCULLOCH** chainsaws 14” \$299, 18” \$399 at Geraldine Hammer Hardware.

**LOGSPLITTER** for hire. \$60/day, \$100/weekend. Ph Dave 696 3898.

**BROOKSIDE** Boarding Kennels. Farmstay for dogs. 208 Woodbury Road. Ph 693 9929.

**SHOE** repairs. Geraldine Hammer Hardware are agents for Cobblers Glenn’s Repair Bar.

**PROMPT** efficient mechanical service, contact Geraldine Auto Restorations, 34 High St, ph 693 1401.

**PAINTER.** Geraldine-based. Friendly professional service, good rates, excellent local references. Ph 027 962 4841.

**STUMP** Grinding Solutions will be in your area soon. If you

require our services to grind out those unwanted tree stumps, ph Paul 021 232 3099 or 03 688 7244.

**DOUBLE** glazing enquiries. Ph Geraldine Glass 693 9927.

**COMPUTER** taming: Geraldine Computer Solutions. Ph 693 9496.

**PAINTER**/decorator available now. Workmanship guaranteed. Ph Peter Booth 03 615 8469.

**PAINT.** We can tint most other paint company colours at Hammer Hardware ph 693 7312.

FOR SALE

**FIREWOOD.** Pine and bluegum. Ph Clearwater Firewood 693 8168.

**WARDROBE** \$70, chest of drawers \$60. Ph 693 9937.

**FIREWOOD.** Dry pine 3.6m³ \$160. Ph 021 102 0017.

**BARK** chip, three grades in stock at Village Landscapes. Ph 693 7321. Loan trailer and delivery available.

**CERTIFIED** Bio Organic compost right here in town, Village Landscapes, 31 Wilson Street.

**1.6T** digger for hire. Wilde tilt, trench and digging buckets. Auger kit also available. Ph Village Landscapes & Hire 693 7321.

**WOODSPLITTER** for hire, Village Landscapes & Hire. Ph 693 7321.

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**SHINGLE**, coloured, plain for your path or drain, to make concrete or fix the mud when it rains. We have 12 grades in stock, right here in town. Loan trailer and delivery available. Village Landscapes & Hire, 31 Wilson St, ph 693 7321.

**STIHL** quality garden gear for hire. Weedeaters, scrubcutters, hedgetrimmers, all at Village Landscapes & Hire. Ph 693 7321.

GIVE AWAY

**CHES**, black male kitten and Dale, ginger and white kitten. Toilet trained, beautiful nature, rescue kittens looking for a forever home. Ph 027 737 5402 or 693 9115.

COMMUNITY DIARY

THURSDAY 5th MARCH

- Relay for Life Quiz Night , 7.30pm at the Denfield Golf Course. All welcome. Phone Michelle 693 8778 or Debbie 693 7423 for more info or to enter a team.
- Pilates 5.45pm at GHS Library. Ph Liz 693 8577
- Geraldine Bridge Club, Contract Bridge 7.30pm at Geraldine Bowling Club, ph Stan or Helen 693 7566
- Twilight Tennis, 6.30pm at Geraldine Domain Tennis courts. Suitable for all levels. Ph Anita 693 9844
- Social Darts, 7.30pm at Geraldine Town & Country Club. All welcome. Phone Marie 693 8664
- Arthritis Exercise Class, 10.30am at St Andrew’s Church Foyer. Ph Irene 693 9505
- The Corral Workshop 9am-4pm, woodwork, metal-work, glass & pottery. All welcome. Ph Cyril 693 8630
- Geraldine Rock’N’Roll Club 7.30 - 9.30pm at Town & Country Club. All welcome. Ph Lynda 693 8652
- Yoga, 9.30am at the Bowling club and 6pm at The Academy. Ph Paula 693 8109
- Shine Adults Community Choir 7.15-9pm at The Academy, all welcome. Please phone Christopher 027 568 5515
- Four Peaks Seido Karate, beginners class, 6-7pm at GHS Gym. All Welcome. Ph Gisell 021 0228 7049
- Girl Guides, 6.30-8.00pm for girls aged 9-12½ years at the Guide and Scout Den. Ph Marie 693 8779 for info.
- Children’s Choir entry by koha, 4.30-5.30pm at The Academy. Please phone Christopher 027 568 5515

FRIDAY 6th MARCH

- “Sea Winter Salmon” Book Launch and signing by Mari Hill Harpur, 5-7pm at Geraldine Museum. All Welcome.
- World Prayer Day, 10.30am at St Andrew’s Church
- Iconz,6.30-8.00pm at St Andrews Hall. Fun, skills, & challenge children aged 6-11 years. Parents welcome. Ph Susan 693 9905. For transport ph Hilary 693 7665
- Pilates 1.30pm upstairs at Bowling Club. Ph Liz 693 8577
- Geraldine SeniorCare coffee morning 10 -11.30am at Seniorcare Function Centre, all welcome. Ph Lesley 693 8057
- St Mary’s Church, Holy Communion at 11.15am, then Luvaduck Lunch at 12noon. All welcome. Gold coin.

SATURDAY 7th MARCH

- Haast Reunion and Mid-Island Vintage Car Rallies 11am-1.30pm at Geraldine Domain. Spectators welcome. Ph John 03 615 9066 for more info.
- Geraldine Farmers Market 9am-12.30pm, St Mary’s Carpark. Produce, food, coffee & entertainment for the whole family. Email: geraldinefarmersmarket@gmail.com
- Morris Dancing, 1pm at the Academy, Talbot St. All welcome. Enquiries to Rhys, ph 693 8726.

SUNDAY 8th MARCH

- Geraldine Archery Club, coaching at 11am, club day at 1pm, at Orari Racecourse. Ph Stewart 693 9952 for info.
- Catholic Mass, 9am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, cnr Hislop/Peel St, Geraldine.
- St Mary’s Church, Geraldine, 8.00am Holy Communion
- St Thomas’ Church, Woodbury, 10.30am Holy Communion
- St Stephen’s Church, Peel Forest, 9.05am Holy Communion
- St Andrew’s Church, 9.30am Traditional Worship, 11am Contemporary Worship.

MONDAY 9th MARCH

- Geraldine Netball Centre AGM, 7.30pm at Geraldine Resource Centre. New committee members most welcome
- Pleasant Valley Playgroup. For children up to 5 yrs, 9am—12pm at the Old School, School Road, Pleasant Valley. All welcome, ph Claire 693 8773
- Pilates, 1.30pm at St Andrews Church, 7.00pm at Woodbury Hall. Ph Liz 693 8577
- Geraldine Scout Groups: 5.00pm Keas, 6.30pm Scouts at Geraldine Scout Den. Ph Brian 693 9829 for info.
- Dog Obedience Classes for dog owners, 6.30-7.30pm at Todd Park until Easter. Ph Pat 03 615 5498 for info.

TUESDAY 10th MARCH

- JP Service for certifying documents, 12.30-1.30pm at Geraldine Community Resource Centre, a free weekly service, no appointment needed. Ph 693 7001 for info.
- Dance Lessons, Jazz & Highland, at the Academy, 2pm-6.15pm. Phone Amanda 027 941 9996 for more info.
- Zumba® Gold class 10am at the T&C Club. Great for beginners & senior citizens. Ph Gisell 693 9760
- Mainly Music, music and movement for pre-schoolers and caregivers, 9.30am at St Mary’s Church. \$3 / family.
- Gentle Exercise Class for elderly, 10am at SeniorCare Function Centre. Ph Jenny 693 7076
- Geraldine Scout Groups: 6.30pm Cubs at Geraldine Scout Den. Phone Brian 693 9829 for info.
- Petanque at Geraldine Bowling Club, 10.30am-12pm New players most welcome.
- Ukuphonium Orchestra with Hugh & Fi, 7.30pm at Seniorcare Function Centre. All welcome.
- Geraldine St John Youth, 7.00 - 8.30pm at St John’s Rooms. For ages 8-18yrs. Ph Jane 693 8486

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

- Geraldine Photography Club, 7.30pm at Geraldine Resource Centre. “Colour”. Ph Donna 693 7299
- Geraldine U3A,“The importance of modern research in early childhood”, 10am at Seniorcare Function Centre. All welcome, for more info ph Jocelyn 693 7606

- Geraldine Athletic Club, 6pm at Domain Oval, 7yrs-masters welcome. Ph Alison 693 7673
- Housie, 7.30pm at Geraldine Town & Country Club. All welcome. Ph 693 8713 for info.
- Geraldine Kindergarten Playgroup, all preschoolers & caregivers welcome, 1.00 - 2.30pm. Ph Tracey 693 8888
- Plunket Nurse in Geraldine, morning home visits and afternoon clinic. Phone Paula 693 8177
- Yoga/Stretchies join us 6-7pm at Woodbury Hall \$5 per session, all welcome Ph 692 2980 for info.
- Evening Zumba® Fitness & Toning 7pm combined class at Geraldine Rugby Club rooms. Ph Gisell 693 9760
- Be Active, week 6 of an 8 week programme at St Johns rooms. Ph Debbie 03 929 2501 for info or to register.

MULTIPLE EVENTS

- Aquacise, 9.00am Tues Wed & Thurs, 10.30am Sun at Geraldine Swimming Pool. All welcome. Ph 693 9466
- Chen Style Tai Chi Chuan, 10am Sat, 6pm Wed for beginners, 6.30pm Wed gentle exercise. Qigong 11am Sat. All at Geraldine Bowling Club. Ph Tim 021 141 9142
- Geraldine Craft Market, 9am - 3pm Sat & Sun, Cox St opposite St Andrew’s. Email craftyperson@slingshot.co.nz
- Geraldine District Golf Club, men’s golf Sat & Wed 12.30pm, women’s golf Tues 10am & Sat 12.15pm, and 9-Hole women's golf 10am Wed.
- Geraldine Four Peaks Seido Karate Club meets 6 - 8pm, Tues and Fri at High School Gym. Ph John 027 204 5057
- Geraldine Heated Swimming Pool Hours: Mon - Fri 6am to 6pm; Sat & Sun 10am to 6pm. Ph 693 9466
- Geraldine Patchwork Group, Tues 7-9pm ph Maureen 693 8328, and Thurs 10am-3pm ph Joanne 693 8488
- Geraldine Toy Library, open Tues 10.30-11.30am, Wed 6.30-7.30pm & Sat 9.30-11.30am, 193 Talbot St. Phone Amanda 693 8294
- Golf Croquet at Geraldine Domain, Wed 10.15am & 1pm, and Thurs 6pm. Ph Margaret 693 8816
- Grande Vue Golf Club, mixed golf Sun 12.30pm, women’s golf Wed 9.30am. New members welcome.
- Midwifery Clinic, pregnancy planning/testing and fully funded maternity care. Ph Kathryn 021 334 254
- Red Cross Shop, Talbot St, open Tues 10am - 3pm, Thurs 10am - 3pm, and Sat 10am - 12noon.
- Rosie’s Recycled Clothing Shop, Peel St, open Tues to Fri, 10.30am - 3.30pm.
- Walk in Wardrobe, open Wed 3 - 5pm & Sat 10am-12noon at The Lodge Theatre, ph Carol 021 042 0849
- Zumba® Fitness with Gisell, Mon & Thurs 9.30am, Toning Wed 9.30am, at T&C Club. Ph 021 0228 7049

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## HEALTH

**MANUKA** healing creams, moisturisers, lip balms, handcreams and UMF 15+ Manuka Honey Shop, Woodbury Rd Corner. Ph 693 9771.

**www.lakesbowentherapy.com** for pain relief, de-stressing, lack of movement (see website). Ph Nikki 693 9475.

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## WANTED

**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.

**Geraldine High School**

**Short stay homestay families wanted**

Have you considered hosting an international student short term? We have 2 opportunities in May and July to host students at our school and we are looking for families to help our school make the most of these opportunities. For more information please contact Kerri Doy: k.doy@geraldinehs.school.nz or ph Sue Payne 027 601 6183



## EMPLOYMENT

### SUPPORT WORKERS REQUIRED

Geraldine Healthcare of NZ Ltd provides support to clients with a diverse range of needs so they can continue living in their own home and remain as independent as possible. Are you ready to make a positive difference to people's lives? We are seeking efficient, motivated, reliable people. Having your own transport and a mobile phone is essential. We will offer you: Ongoing training and support and a friendly and supportive workplace. If you have a genuine interest and empathy for supporting older people and people with health related issues, then we want to hear from you. **Please phone 03 688 8943 for an application pack.**



## PROPERTY / ACCOMMODATION

**WANTED** to buy. House or cottage in Woodbury. I still have buyers wanting to move to Woodbury Village. Phone me, Ruth Jones, 027 299 2589, A J Ramsay Real Estate Ltd. Licensed Real Estate Agent (REAA 2008)

**FOR** sale. Geraldine Downs, near-new home. Great views. First day advertised. Phone me now, Audre Ramsay, 027 622 9845, A J Ramsay Real Estate Ltd. Licensed Real Estate Agent (REAA 2008).



### For Sale: 2/7 Lewis Street

Warm, sunny 2 bedroom flat close to Geraldine town centre. Good sized kitchen. Separate laundry. Bathroom and separate toilet. Single internal access garage. Trademe ref EEN362 Enquiries over \$240,000 Ph: 0272915252 Viewing by appointment or **OPEN HOME: Sat 7 March 1 - 1.30pm**

### HOUSE FOR REMOVAL

Colliers International invites offers for the removal of the house structure at 1053 Ealing Montalto Road situated at the Carew Peel Forest School.

For access to the property or any queries: Contact Steve McColl by phone 021 488 166 or email, [steve.mccoll@colliers.com](mailto:steve.mccoll@colliers.com) **Prior to 7 March 2015.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OPEN DAY AT MCKENZIE LIFESTYLE VILLAGE**, 33 Connolly Street, Sunday 8 March, 1-3pm.

**GERALDINE NEWS** deadline, noon on Mondays at Hammer Hardware.

### Geraldine Netball Centre

**AGM, 9 March, 7.30pm, Geraldine Resource Centre.**

We need more committee members to help with the running of Geraldine Netball, if none are forthcoming this will be the last season of social and junior netball in Geraldine.

**EVENTS IN MARCH 2015**

1st	9am-4pm	Reg's Upholstery Workshop	Academy
3rd & 4th	9AM-3PM	Geraldine High School Athletics	High School
5th	7.0.30 pm	Quizz Night Relay 4 Life	Denfield's Golf
6th	7pm	Sea Winter Salmon-book launch	G'dine Museum
7th	8am - 4pm	G'dine & Temuka A&P show	Winchester
7th & 8th	10am-3pm	South Island Wood Chop Champs	Village Green
7th	9pm-1am	Libranz—live music	Village Inn
13th	Evening	Speed Shear	Village Green
14th	10am-4pm	Cheese Making	Studio 226
14th	9am-12.30pm	Indoor Arts&Crafts Market	Academy
15th	9am-1pm	GERALDINE BIKE CHALLENGE	Racecourse
15th	2pm	Brent Forbes -Urban- Rooftops	McAtamney Gallery
18th	4pm	Innovate or Stagnate—RSVP req.	Pavillion
21st	9pm-1am	The Elevators—live music	Village Inn
26th	7.45	Water Matters—Resilience	Primary Hall
26th-29th	Various	FUTURE LIVING FESTIVAL—29 events	<a href="http://www.futurelivingfestival.co.nz">www.futurelivingfestival.co.nz</a>
27th	7.30-10pm	Blackboard Concert	Academy
28th	9am-12pm	Garage Sale Trail	Toy Library
28th	9am-1.30pm	EVERY WOMAN'S DUATHLON	Woodbury
28th	9pm-1am	Misfitz—live music	Village Inn

Find out more on [www.facebook.com/eventsgeraldine](http://www.facebook.com/eventsgeraldine)  
Tell Jill about your April events now on [jill@eventsgeraldine.org.nz](mailto:jill@eventsgeraldine.org.nz)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Geraldine Combined Hockey Club

#### REGISTRATION

Geraldine Hockey Club invites registration from all players for the 2015 season.

Expressions of interest in coaching and managing at all levels are also welcomed.

Senior Women - contact Jacqui Turner ph 027 632 0304

Senior Men (including secondary school students)

- contact Anna Guerin ph 021 173 1504

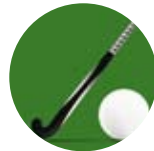
#### JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

**Thursday 12 March, 2:45pm - 4pm**

Geraldine Primary School Hall

Contact Pip Goldsbury ph 027 555 6606

[geraldinehockeyclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:geraldinehockeyclub@xtra.co.nz)



**St Andrew's GERALDINE**

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH 7.30PM**


**Malcolm Gordon IN CONCERT**

Malcolm Gordon, music director at St Peters in Tauranga, has been writing songs for the last ten years, and started writing music for worship in 2006. Malcolm is passionate about writing music that helps God speak to his people, and enables God's people to speak back. Malcolm will also take part in the worship services at St Andrew's on Sunday 8 March.

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### Geraldine Netball Centre

What are you doing to keep fit this winter?

New Players Welcome

Team or Individual Entries

Social Netball - Wednesday Nights

Registration forms available by contacting Justine Hancox  
Home - 03 693 9368 Cell - 027 631 9338

Due in by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

First Game Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

Anyone wanting to give coaching or umpiring a go this year?

Volunteers needed Monday, Wednesday and Friday competition  
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Kindly forward your CV with a covering letter or call in:

**The Manager**  
**Valley Brewing Company**  
Gapes Valley, 21 RD, Geraldine  
Approx 7 minutes drive from Geraldine (heading towards Fairlie)  
or email [raewyn.olthof@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raewyn.olthof@xtra.co.nz)

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**Applications close 14 March** with a start-date soon thereafter.

**Please send or email a copy of your CV to:**  
Attn: CFO, Lynn River Ltd, PO Box 7, Geraldine 7956  
email: [ap@lynnriver.co.nz](mailto:ap@lynnriver.co.nz)

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**7th March 2015**

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**Coke/Sprite/Fanta/Lift/L&P 1.5L**



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