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BLUFF'S FAMOUS OYSTER is featured in a new sculpture on the Gore Street greenbelt opposite the former Events Centre.

Bluff History Group wanted Bluff's rich history to be portrayed through the sculpture - the famous Bluff oyster, the town of Bluff, the port and shipping and the sea.

Sculptor Robbie Miller of Invercargill has been working on the sculpture for near on two years. Whilst the sculpture is now on site there are still some finishing touches along with a pathway and plantings.

Bluff History Group has funded the sculpture entirely through the sale of their publications and are delighted to be able to gift such an attractive piece of artwork to our community.

PAUA MEETING

Thursday night's meeting at Te Rau Aroha Marae drew a large number of people concerned at a proposal to open local coastline to commercial operators.

The tone of the meeting was completely opposed to any such move. "They have stuffed their own grounds through over fishing and now they want to move in to the recreational area" was a common refrain.

HAVE YOUR SAY - Download submission forms from PAUA TO THE PEOPLE.
Closes 19th April.

LAST CHANCE TO GO INTO THE DRAW!!



Collect weeks 1-4 Coupons to be in to win a family pass (2 adults and 2 children) Bluff to Invercargill 10.30am train and return on the Invercargill to Bluff 11.30 train. 1 family pass Saturday 27th April and another family pass Sunday 28th April. Please write Saturday or Sunday on the back of envelope. Put your entries in the box at the Bluff Service Centre by Friday 19th April 5pm.

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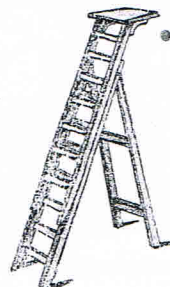


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COMING UP THIS WEEK

- 9th Playgroup for the Under 5's, Bluff Kindergarten, 1.30-2.45pm
All from the Bluff community welcome
- 9th Bluff Yacht Club, Monthly Meeting, Bluff Yacht Club
Craig Smith – 215 7334
- 10th Bluff St Johns Ambulance Training Night, 7.00 to 8.30pm
New volunteers always welcome Sol – 212 7430/Wyma 212 7200
- 10th Te Ara O Kiwa Sea Scouts, 6.30pm Boatshed
Lara Stevens – 212 7888
- 10th Indoor Bowls, St Johns Church Hall, 7.00-9.00pm
Elsie Powley – 212 8597
- 11th Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Centre, 12 noon
Senior Citizens Housie, Senior Citizens Centre, 1.45pm
Catherine Culling – 212 8138
- 12th Solid Rock Youth Group, Bluff Co-operating Parish Hall,
6.45 to 8.00pm
- 13th Church Service, St Mary's Star Of The Sea, Barrow Street, 6.30pm
- 14th Bluff New Life Church Service, 154 Gore St, 10.00am
Daniel & Kim Kent – 212 8830
- 14th Church Service, Bluff Greenhills Co-operating Church, 10.00am
Cnr Palmer & Foyle Street Rab McNaughton – 212 8403
- 15th Senior Citizens Games Day, Senior Citizens Centre, 1.00pm
B Dickinson - 212 8881
- 15th Alpha Omega Weight Loss Group, 6.00pm
Church Hall, Palmer Street
Fran – 212 8626

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Success is 90% about your attitude and
10% about your talents.

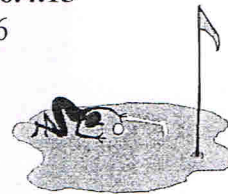
BEACON NEWS

Please remember we welcome your
contact with news. You don't have
to write it, we are happy to do this.

BLUFF GOLF CLUB

Results Medal 6.4.13

J Daintith Jnr 66
R Goodman 68
A Fowler 68
D Craw 68
M Horler 69
Nearest the Pin -
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D Craw



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MONTHLY MEETING

Bluff Fire Station, Wed-
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RAFFLE RESULTS

BLUFF RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Easter Hamper - D.U.P.S.
Winner No.109 Val Goffe

SUPPORT IT OR LOSE IT - URGENT PLEA

If you plan to take a train ride during the Bluff Family Gala Weekend' on 27th & 28th April, it is urgent that you get your tickets now. Otherwise you will not be travelling on the train!!!!

The cost of bringing the railcar to Bluff is \$16,000 and Foveaux Pearls Leisure Marching Team need to sell at least enough tickets to cover this cost.

Tickets can be purchased at the i-site in Invercargill. Phone 2110895. Payment is by visa or cash.

BLUFF RUGBY CLUB

The 2013 rugby season started on a low note with both teams registering losses: South Port Div I lost to Wyndham 14-26.

Waxy's Senior C lost 14-59. P.O.D. Steven Hotton.

This week's draw: South Port Div I away to Edendale and Waxy's Senior C away to Pirates / Old boys.

We hope to carry more detailed rugby coverage in next week's 'Beacon'.

Mr Richard Little

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Continues to attend each Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm until 3.00pm at the Bluff R.S.A. Inc. building, Gore Street, Bluff (Telephone 212-8883) to take instructions in respect of all legal matters. For appointments outside these hours please phone our Invercargill office on 21-82182.

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PORTWATCH

Portwatchers get another opportunity this week to see how the other half lives with the luxury motor-yacht "Archimedes" due to berth on Thursday and sail for Stewart Island on Sunday. If "Wabi Sabi" impressed the "Archimedes" should amaze as she is a much larger vessel, more of a small ship than a large yacht, and is built of steel rather than that bendy plastic stuff that the "Wabi Sabi" was made of. Among the 100 biggest yachts in the world "Archimedes" was built in 2008 and measures 1,100 gross tons on a length of 67.8 metres, beam of 12.3 metres and draught 3.5 metres, being powered by a pair of Caterpillar diesels developing 2,682 bhp each and driving twin screws to give a cruising speed of about 12 knots, with a maximum of about 16. Not particularly fast but if you're travelling at sea in such luxury who wants to actually arrive anywhere?

"Archimedes" is owned by James Simon, considered 'King of the hedge fund managers', who trained as a mathematician, pretty handy when working in financial markets and perhaps the reason for his yacht's name, then had a distinguished career teaching before founding Renaissance Technologies in 1982. Now retired James Simon is a generous philanthropist and, unlike most of the comparative paupers who comprise New Zealand's 'rich list', he shuns publicity.

Less exotic ships also come to Bluff this week. Not many ships however, in fact just three. First expected is the "Buxstar" on Wednesday to exchange containers on the Capricorn Service of MSC. She will be followed on Thursday by the Greek-owned bulk carrier "Capetan Costis" bringing in coke from Longview, although not the sort of coke that hop-heads get excited about or that you can mix with rum and lime and call a Cuba Libre. Completed in Pusan, South Korea, in 2011 the "Capetan Costis" is, at 34,000 tonnes deadweight, approaching the upper end of the 'handy-size' range but when loaded draws less water than most of this class, compensated by a greater beam, allowing her to get larger cargoes into smaller ports of shallower depth. Finally the "Mandarin Arrow" arrives to load aluminium for the Far East.

Speaking of East, Easter has come and gone and, as usual, Old Norm and The Missus played host to Denise and Denephew over the Easter period. To get some peace Denise and Denephew were sent off to Bible Class to learn about Easter. The earnest young lady taking the class didn't know what she had let herself in for when she said, "Jesus Christ died for us on the cross and then was resurrected, but where does Jesus Christ live now?"

The earnest young lady pointed to a little girl who was frantically waving her arm. "Jesus Christ lives in heaven with God", the little girl said.

"Very good, Mary", replied the earnest young lady, "And Magdalene, what do you think?"

"Jesus Christ lives in my heart", the unctuous child replied to warm applause.

Denephew could contain himself no longer, "That's all rubbish - Jesus Christ lives in Old Norm's bathroom", he blurted.

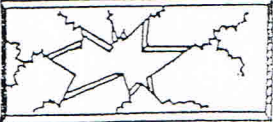
"Oh come now, Boy Norm", soothed the earnest young lady, "What makes you think Jesus Christ lives in Old Norm's bathroom?"

"Cos every morning Old Norm bangs on the bathroom door and shouts, 'Jesus Christ, are you still in there?'"

CRIMELINE

Absolutely no criminal offences reported during the past two weeks but domestic related incidents continue to be a source of concern.

LOOK OUT FOR THE BRIGHT PINK VAN!

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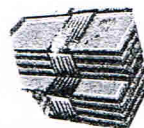
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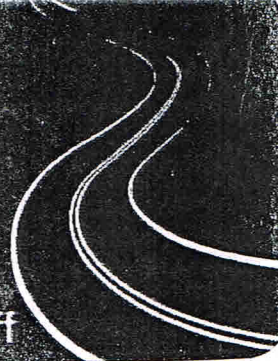
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HOT NEWS FROM BLUFF FIRE BRIGADE

No fire calls received since our last report to the 'Beacon' on 19th March. Well done. On Easter weekend a Gold Star presentation was made to Craig (Haggis) Sutherland. He was also presented with a two year gold bar marking 27 years service to the brigade. Congratulations!

During the past weekend a most worthwhile M.V.A. Pump Response course was held at the fire station and was attended by Bluff and Tiwai fire fighters.

This Saturday Bluff hosts the Gold Star Association picnic. Over 200 guests from all over Otago/Southland will take part. Participants will be taken by bus to various points of interest around Bluff during the morning. This will be followed by lunch at Te Rau Aroha Marae and then later in the afternoon they will be taken back to the fire station for refreshments.

A reminder - Daylight Saving has now ended. Did you check/change your smoke alarm batteries. They save lives!

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL NEWS

Room 1 - Mufti Day was held on 15th March. Everyone looked great dressed up in green to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Children are enjoying their sessions with Sport Southland. These are getting their blood pumping which in turn helps with the learning process in class.

Room 2 - Students have been looking at 'water' as their inquiry topic. From this we have two actions planned for the end of term - The stencilling of messages and fish on the side of the storm water drains to show these can only be used for rain water and not for dumping, oil, paint or rubbish as they go directly to sea.

- A trip to Branhholme Water Treatment Plant to see what happens to water taken from the Oreti River and how it is treated before being supplied to our homes which will take place later this week.

Students are starting to get excited planning for the Southland Science Fair and Southland Social Science Fair. Ideas include mutton birding, possuming on Bluff Hill and history of Bluff. Groups will also shortly be planning movies for the Green Screen Environmental Short Film Awards in June.

The Duffy Role Model Assembly will be held on 10th April with our special guest being Gerald Urquhart from TV's Shortland Street.

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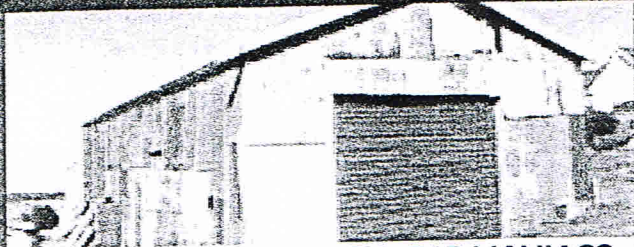


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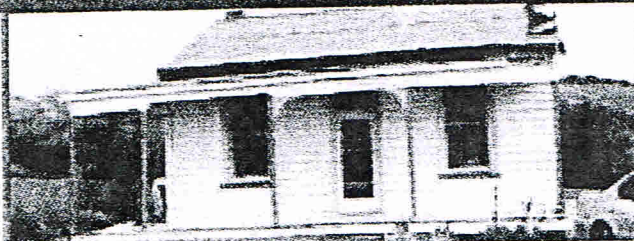


BARGAIN IN BRICK

Yes, After 62 years the owner is moving on. Two bedrooms and sunroom plus north facing lounge that overlooks the playground. There's a cosy coal range that's ideal for the coming cooler days and it also provides the hot water. Older garage completes the picture. YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY

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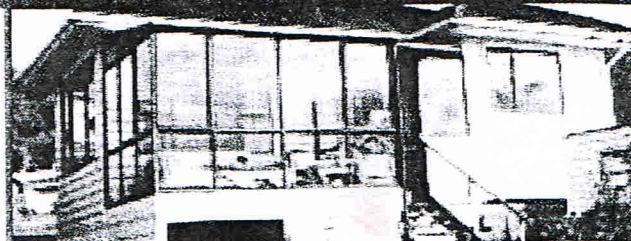


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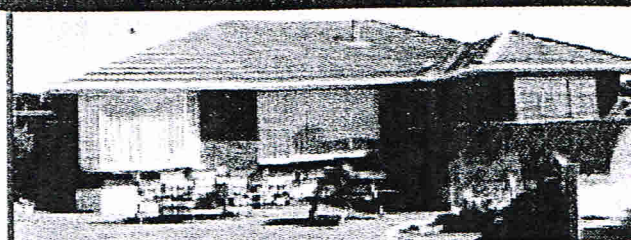


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