

The rebirth of Four Winds Farm

Fifty years ago Four Winds Farm supplied fruits and vegetables to Cordova Bay and supported a family. Under its later name of Haliburton Farm the 10-acre property suffered years of neglect and was almost lost to development. Catherine Jacobsen reports on the community action that preserved the last farmland in our community and outlines plans for its productive future.

GREETINGS, friends and neighbours, from the recently-established Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society (HCOFS). We are a community group dedicated to developing a small-scale, economically sustainable organic farm and farm-based community education centre on the Haliburton lands in Cordova Bay.

HCOFS was formed by the Land for Food Coalition after a successful campaign to prevent removal of the farm from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and subdivision of the property for development. Our board of directors and membership include local farmers, neighbours of Haliburton Farm and community members interested in sustainable organic agriculture.

Many of you are undoubtedly familiar with the Haliburton property, a 4.09-hectare (10-acre) publicly-owned farm located on the south side of

of Haliburton Road in Cordova Bay. Special features of the farm include prime agricultural soil, an orchard, a remnant of older Douglas fir forest and a situation within an aquifer discharge area. The site is also identified in both the Saanich environmentally significant area and CRD future Blue/Green spaces inventories.

Despite decades of neglect the orchard still produces and sheep grazing has kept the invasive blackberries at bay. With careful stewardship Haliburton Farm has the potential to produce an abundance of nutritious, sustainably-grown food for the region.

After a recent agreement between the Capital Regional District and the Municipality of Saanich whereby title to the farm will be transferred from one to the other in exchange for remuneration and a land swap, we are one exciting step closer to restoring Haliburton Farm to food production. Once the transfer of title is complete a leasing arrangement will be established between Saanich and the new farm stewards, the directors and members of the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society.

In anticipation of this transfer, HCOFS is
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Rebirth of a farm *Continued from page 1*
currently preparing a financial plan for our three focus areas. These include:

1. Establishing a working, economically-viable small-scale organic farm. Several farmers selected by HCOFS will each sublet half to two-acre plots on the farm. Farmers will cultivate a diversity of vegetable and fruit crops to be sold at a farm-gate stand through a community supported agriculture program, at local community markets and to local restaurants. (Community supported agriculture is a program in which participants pay a fixed amount annually in exchange for a weekly share of farm harvest.)

The Haliburton farmers will join a growing number of small-scale organic producers on southern Vancouver Island, many of whom have become familiar faces at the Moss Street market and local farmers' markets.

2. Operating a farm-based community education centre. This on-site centre will offer farm tours and educational activities for school

groups and community workshops on all aspects of sustainable organic farming. The centre will partner with college and university departments to provide opportunities for on-site student research projects. The centre will also provide a venue for farm-related community celebrations.

3. Preserving and restoring the forest and wetland areas on the farm. These will be maintained and restored as habitat for species associated with this threatened ecosystem and as a green space for the community to enjoy.

In the near future, pending permission from the CRD to access the farm, the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society plans to host a celebratory community event on the site and plant a green manure crop to fertilize the soil in preparation for next year's crops. Community members interested in joining the society may email bjlaliberte@telus.net for more information.

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'Monster homes' issue brings reaction from the Mayor

FOLLOWING public criticism of the size and possible use of homes being built in a new subdivision on Destrube Place Mayor Frank Leonard has instructed planning staff to produce a report on the history of the "additional kitchen" clause in the zoning bylaw and the maximum house sizes currently permitted in the RS-12 zone in Cordova Bay.

"It is clear from the neighbourhood input to municipal staff and recently to council that there are significant concerns over the size and possible use of the new homes being built on the south side of Destrube Place," wrote the Mayor in a letter to CBA president Roger Stonebanks. "It is regrettable that this issue did not arise in 1998 when the (subdivision) application was considered by council."

Pointing out that the parcels involved have been sold to other parties, the mayor said that although there is little that can be done regarding the construction of dwellings on these lots as they are being built in accordance with RS-12 zoning, the municipality will look into the two key issues that appear to be the source of concern.

In considering this matter, council will appreciate input from the public and the Cordova Bay Association, said Mayor Leonard.

At present, Saanich's RS-12 zoning bylaw allows a maximum dwelling size of 667 square metres, (7,179 sq. ft.) with a maximum height of 7.5 metres (24.6 ft.) on a standard 930 square metre (10,010 sq. ft.) lot measuring 22 metres (72.2 ft.) wide. However, persons are advised to refer to the zoning bylaw and subdivision bylaw for detailed regulations in each zone

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By Jeannie Cosgrove
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What are Girl Guides all about?

LAST SUMMER I was standing in line to buy some hamburgers from the Girl Guides and Scouts at the Saanichton fairgrounds. I overheard someone remark that the Guides and Scouts belong to a quasi-military organization. I was amazed to hear such a comment as both groups have changed so much since their beginnings in the early 1990s.

It's true that Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, had been a soldier in the British Army and used the patrol system as the foundation of his new group for young men who wanted to practice scouting skills. He loved adventure and thought of the Scouting movement as "a jolly game, largely played outdoors."

"Scouting," he wrote, "is the art or science of gaining information." He taught the boys to cook over an open fire, to track and observe wildlife, to practise first aid and be of service to others.

The boys were having such a good time that the girls wanted to join as Girl Scouts. Instead, Baden-Powell started another organization with his sister Agnes and later his wife, Olave, as organizer. They called them Girl Guides. The old long dresses the girls wore to camp have been updated so they are better suited to partaking in today's fun activities.

We provide opportunities that are centred on fun, friendship and activities. Guiding offers imaginative and innovative activity choices for all its members — **Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders** and senior branches. The girls' programs are ever-widening as they grow

older, remaining relevant in today's changing society. "Camping and Outdoors" focuses on the development of life skills and awareness of self. "Community" focuses on awareness of people and "World" focuses on the appreciation and knowledge of culture and customs around the world.

Our meetings are usually held once a week in Cordova Bay and are led by volunteer women who enjoy providing fun-filled activities aimed at enriching girls' lives.

So yes, we are more than just cookie-sellers. But cookies are our main fund-raiser and if you haven't yet got your minty chocolate ones this fall give me a call at 658-5687.

Saanich council approves lot-averaged subdivision

FOLLOWING a public hearing on October 1, Saanich council unanimously approved an eight-lot subdivision at 4645/46490 Cordova Bay Road which provides for lot-size averaging. Also approved was an amendment to the Cordova Bay local area plan which extends lot-size averaging to immediately-adjacent lots that will be served by a new sewage pumping station.

The new subdivision will include three lots with RS-12 zoning and five lots with RS-6 zoning. The average for the entire property, including an open-space area overlooking the sea, is RS-12.

In supporting both applications, the Cordova Bay Association said lot-size averaging was appropriate for the site and would bring community benefits beyond environmental protection through the introduction of sanitary sewers to replace failing septic tanks.

However, the association emphasized that lot-size averaging should always be site-specific and involve significant park sites or environmental protection.

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Saanich lowers Lochside Drive speed limit to 40 km/hr

ON OCTOBER 23 the signs went up along Lochside Drive between Maplegrove Street and Cordova Bay Road proclaiming the new speed limit of 40 km/hr.

Saanich council gave final approval to the reduction from 50 km/hr at its meeting on September 30. This was an initiative from Mayor Frank Leonard who saw it as a pilot project recommended by both the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee II and the Saanich Administrative Traffic Committee.

The Cordova Bay Association told council it supported a reduction in the speed limit as one measure to improve the safety for all users of the increasingly popular Lochside Drive/Lochside Regional Trail. "In so doing, however, our association notes that residents of the area have called for a speed limit of 30 km/hr," said the CBA's brief to council. "That, we suggest, should be the goal. In the interim we support the reduction to 40 km/hr."

The CBA has also applauded Saanich's decision to make the Lochside Drive/Claremont Avenue intersection a four-way stop. "In general, this is a significant improvement," says CBA traffic committee chairperson Susan Bridges.

This intersection has been the site of a number of property-damage accidents and at least one injury. The four-way stop, replacing stop signs applying only to Lochside Drive traffic, was initiated by Mayor Leonard as another pilot project while the Lochside Traffic Committee continues its work.

Earlier this year the mayor said that considerable community interest prompted him to propose the two pilot projects.

CBA's traffic committee has asked the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee II to address the continuing problem of some cyclists who refuse to obey stop signs along Lochside Drive, especially at the Walema Avenue intersection. Another issue is the many cyclists who refuse to ride single-file, which is a requirement of the Motor Vehicle Act.

As well there is a growing problem with

pedestrians walking on the wrong side of Lochside Drive. Where there is no sidewalk the Motor Vehicle Act requires pedestrians to walk on the extreme left of the road, facing traffic approaching from the opposite direction. One theory is that walkers leaving the Lochside trail, which has no vehicular traffic, do not realize that the rules have changed once they reach Lochside Drive.

"All three groups—cyclists, pedestrians and motorists—must obey traffic laws and act courteously, especially on a narrow street," says CBA president Roger Stonebanks. He adds it can be especially chaotic on weekends when cyclists ride two or more abreast, pedestrians walk on both sides of the street and cars try to navigate past them.

Another CBA recommendation to the Lochside advisory committee is to replace the white 40 km/hr sign on the south side of Claremont immediately east of Lochside with a cautionary 25 km/hr sign before the sharp curve. This was the scene of a recent accident.

A second recommendation is the installation of speed humps at each end of the 30km/hr playground zone at McMinn Park where vehicular speeding along Maplegrove Street is notorious.

The Lochside Drive Advisory Committee II was appointed by Saanich council in November 2001. It is chaired by Councillor David Cubberley. Local representatives are Max Bacon, Michael Caveney, Sandra MacPherson, John Kilbank, Peter Spearman and Darrel Wick.

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Public library launches new book club service

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There are two reasons for a new building, according to a church spokesman: a growing congregation in an aging building and the prospect of the future development of a frontage road along the Pat Bay Highway that might affect the old church.

The new building is on the same property at 5363 Pat Bay Highway but further up the hill from the road. Warner James Architects, who designed the new building, made extensive studies to establish the height and sight lines of the proposed construction and consulted with neighbours and the Cordova Bay Association.

Phase I of the building will provide a new sanctuary with space for a fellowship room, a kitchen, offices, washrooms and a child care room, totalling about 7,900 sq. ft. The present building will be maintained as a Christian Education Centre until phase II is built at a later date.

Brentwood Bay Builders are overseeing the construction.

Coffee (or tea) and conversation

ABOUT 400 years ago coffee houses were all the rage in London. People would regularly drop in for a drink and a chat.

In a minor way, the Cordova Bay Association's social committee has revived the custom with a weekly coffee morning at Wickard's Restaurant at 5166 Cordova Bay Road. Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. you are welcome to drop by, meet people, chat and enjoy coffee, tea and muffins.

While people living on their own will enjoy the experience, couples are welcome. For more information phone 658-2300.

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Some regular events at Elk Lake Baptist Church:

On the first Thursday of the month a 60-more-or-less group meets for lunch, a presentation on a topic of interest and help to seniors and some spiritual input. Cost is \$3.50. Everyone is welcome.

There is also a Men's breakfast every third Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. This is a time for fellowship among men while enjoying the day's special from the talented cooks.

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Cordova Bay book club has room for more members

THE Cordova Bay book club is looking for more members who enjoy reading and discussing books.

The group meets once a month on a Wednesday afternoon and reads a wide variety of books chosen by the members. For more information please phone Daphne at 658-4030.

CBA plans to update its bylaws

A SPECIAL meeting of members of the Cordova Bay Association will be held in the next few weeks to consider changes to the bylaws as recommended by the executive committee after many months of study.

A formal notice of this meeting as required by the bylaws will be mailed to all paid-up members together with full details of the proposed changes.

Many of the recommendations involve tidying up such matters as family membership, which has never been defined in terms of numbers, and adopting individual memberships as a standard.

Time turns mundane events into local history

IT IS fascinating and fun to realize that seemingly mundane, everyday events from 50 years ago assume some historical significance when we look back. We continue our "Backward Glance" at Cordova Bay taken from *Spindrift* of 1957 and Myrtle Dyer's column in that publication referring to 1947 and 1948.

Spindrift made its first appearance in December 1947 with a four-page publication headlining an article on community improvements - 'Planning for the Future in Cordova Bay' - by C. Howorth. It bore congratulations to K. R. Genn on being elected to Saanich Council December 13 and an announcement by the latter to the effect that the Community Club was incorporated December 5 under the Societies Act and just what it would mean to the Club. . . .

Municipal Engineer of Saanich, Mr. Dawson, spoke at a special meeting December 11 on the proposed sewer system. . .

Christmas carols were being sung around the Bay during the festive season by the Boy Scouts, purely for pleasure, Mr. Price stressing the importance that no money be given. . . .

A Christmas Party was put on for children by the club on December 22 at a cost of \$76.09. Food left over was sent to the orphanage.

A Christmas Tea was arranged by the Girls' Club at the home of Mrs. McMorran, December 22.

Two Mounties showed films entitled 'Making a Mountie' and 'North West Passage' at the general meeting of the club in November 1947. *Spindrift*- "Nine Years Ago" - Jan. 1957

"The January *Spindrift*, 1948, featured an interview with the McMorran family and contained an appeal for latent authors they

believed scattered throughout the bay to come out of hiding and share their talents.

The January card party sponsored by the Community Club was held in McMorran's. Harry Savage was elected president of the Community Club at its annual meeting, with Doug Fletcher as vice-president; Hilda Andrew, corresponding and Grace Shaw recording secretaries; treasurer, George Ross; social, Alameda Lindstrom; sports, Noel Andrew; membership and publicity, L. Henslowe; community improvements, C. Howorth. A Community Centre Hall Committee was set up as follows: Hilda Andrew, Mrs. C. Howorth, Grace Shaw, Noel Andrew, E. Buckle, D. Fletcher, K. R. Genn, E. McMorran, G. Ross, H. Savage and D. Radford." *Spindrift* - "Nine Years Ago" - Feb. 1957.

"The third issue of *Spindrift* carried an editorial beginning as follows: 'Communicate . . . The development of a community resolves itself into a continual process of becoming aware of needs and meeting them through collective planning and action, and, in a very real sense, there can be no organized progressive community without communication. We have a medium for communication and transmission of information and news concerning Cordova Bay in *Spindrift*. And, it is intended to reach all the people in this area, whether property owners or not, and whether Community Club members or not. Speak to neighbours, join the Community Club, find out what is going on, write to *Spindrift*, in short, make a real effort to discover what our community needs by communicating with each other.' *Spindrift* - "Nine Years Ago" - March 1957.

To be continued in our next issue.

New municipal park takes shape on old soccer field

WORK IS UNDER WAY and should be finished by spring on the construction of a trail network and playground in the new municipal park that lies between Worthington Road and Cordova Bay Road.

Saanich Park staff presented concept plans on November 5 to CBA President Roger Stonebanks, executive member David Gerrior and Joy Cooper who also provided community input.

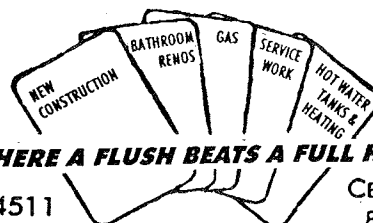
The two-metre wide gravel/recycled asphalt trail will wind south from Cordova Bay Road through the woods behind a new townhouse project and connect with the new playground located near the previous tot-lot at the north end of Worthington Road. About 3,000 cubic yards of fill have been brought in to level the site and this will be spread and grassed over to form the playground. The existing trail system will also be improved and connected to Sayward Hill Crescent. Saanich Parks was sympathetic to community requests that this trail not be built adjacent to residential properties.

The site of the tot-lot was owned by Cordova Bay businessman Mohan Jawl and had been approved for single-family housing. The adjacent property, used as an auxiliary soccer field, was owned by the provincial government and was slated for a controversial subdivision with some land to be kept as open space.

A revised plan approved by residents and Saanich council saw Mr. Jawl buy the soccer field property and obtain approval for 20 townhouses. The soccer field is being relocated on the other side of Cordova Bay Road off Alderley Road.

The site of the tot-lot and surrounding woods were donated to Saanich Parks by Mr. Jawl and the property south of the townhouses, including a heavily-treed area, extending eastwards to Sayward Hill Crescent will become the new 8.2 acre park which has yet to be named.

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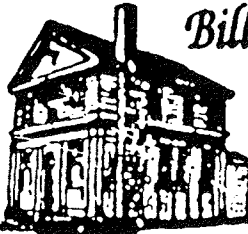
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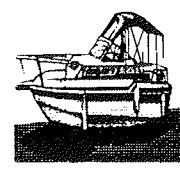
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Saturday, Dec. 21	7:30 p.m.	Longest Night: The blue side of Christmas ~ Meditation, candlelight, prayers.
Sunday, Dec. 22	10:00 a.m.	Advent 4
Tuesday, Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Candlelight Service ~ nativity, carols
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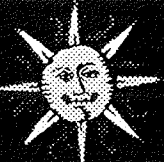
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Pets need protection even in our mild winters

EVEN Cordova Bay gets its share of cold and rain in the winter and your pets deserve to be kept as dry and cozy as possible.

Do not leave your pets outside when it gets cold. This applies especially to those which are young, shorthaired or old. "Fur coats" are not always adequate protection.

While many dog owners provide their pets with sweaters for outdoor walks, don't forget protection for their paws. Foot pads can be injured on cold and icy sidewalks. Be sure to dry your dog well after the walk is over.

Even when the temperature seems mild a pet needs protection from wind chill. Dogs should sleep indoors, but if a dog house is used make sure that it is draft-free, large enough to lie down and sit up in but still small enough for body heat to be trapped. The floor should be raised off the ground and wood shavings put underneath for added insulation.

Car engines provide heat that may attract outdoor cats. Always check under your car before starting the engine, especially if you have outdoor cats hanging around. Indoor heaters may dry out your pets' skin. Check if your pet could benefit from a small amount of vegetable oil added to its food,

THE CORDOVAN

Mount Doug Shoreline Protection

Advisory committee plans public meetings to explain coast erosion control

AT ITS FIRST formal meeting held in early October, the Mount Doug Shoreline Protection Advisory Committee reviewed engineering proposals to prevent continued erosion of the shoreline alongside Cordova Bay Road where it runs through Mount Doug park.

The advisory committee, which includes representatives from the Cordova Bay Association, Friends of Mount Doug, the Gordon Head Residents' Association, the Department of Fisheries & Oceans, and the Ministry of Water, Air, and Land Protection, decided that the engineering proposals should be made the subject of two public open house meetings, one in Cordova Bay and the other in the Gordon Head area.

Each open house would consist of a story board display with a brief presentation by the engineering consultants.

Some concerns expressed at the advisory committee meeting involved the preservation of the park and trees and doubts that the proposed horizontal drilling of the bank to drain off ground water would work. However, the geotechnical consultant present warned that without horizontal drilling and shoreline stabilization the proposed bioengineering treatment involving plantings would not work.

Overall, the advisory committee will review the work of the project team as it relates to the need, type and extent of shoreline protection options and the development of public involvement. The Cordova Bay Association representative is Alison Battuello, a former director of the CBA.

The project team includes Sandwell Engineering and subconsultants, Thurber Engineering, and representatives from Saanich Engineering, Parks and Planning.

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Rental secondary suites: another point of view

By Arthur Y. Huang

WHETHER TO ALLOW in-law suites to be rented is very controversial because of the different personal interests involved.

It is understandable that the rental secondary suite (RSS) in a single family dwelling might bring neighbours some inconveniences, such as parking problems and high population density. Many homeowners carefully purchased homes in what is viewed by its residents as a single family residential neighbourhood. They are very unhappy about someone blatantly disregarding that.

As a matter of fact, at the municipal level RSS is either restricted or prohibited among most urban areas of Greater Victoria. In Victoria city RSS is restricted and a large fee is required for approval. In both Saanich and Esquimalt, RSS are illegal. In Oak Bay the bylaw does not allow residents to have secondary suites in single-family dwellings.

However, there is another strong voice which argues that RSS-related inconveniences are not crucial and fundamental because the scale and nature of their effect on family life is limited. By contrast, the consequences of banning RSS are much more severe.

From the tenant's perspective a lot of people who are not able to buy houses and are currently renting suites will have a hard time finding a place to live after being kicked out of an RSS. Also, rent will be very costly to them because of less availability of rental suites.

From the perspective of the homeowner relying on rental income to cover mortgage payments loss of a rental suite could mean the loss of their homes or the inability to buy a home. Banks often ask potential homebuyers to demonstrate they can afford to buy a house. One proof of their capability is that they can rent out a secondary suite. If RSS are banned, these ordinary homeowners will be hurt in a big way.

From the economy's perspective, banning RSS means that many less people would have the capability to buy houses. The housing market will go bad, which damages the economy and reduces gov-

ernment revenue. Particularly, municipal governments would lose some property tax and existing homeowners would have to pay more to cover the shortage.

Even from the legal perspective, the anti-RSS argument does not 100 percent hold the ground.

First, RSS being illegal really has nothing to do with the moral sense of right and wrong. It has a lot to do with the influence and power of certain interest groups over local regulations.

Secondly, the Constitution and Charter of Human Rights grant everyone the right to choose where to live. Taking away this very basic civil right from people through prohibiting RSS is more serious than violating bylaws in my opinion.

That is why most municipal governments only apply a moderate complaint-driven approach to enforce the bylaw in order to keep balance among different interest groups.

As a public authority, the government is assumed to have the balanced interest of the whole of society at heart, weighing cost and benefit very carefully.

Saanich warns against self-contained suites in single family zones

SAANICH residents are being warned that it is a violation of the municipality's zoning bylaw to rent out a self-contained suite in a house located in a Single Family Zone.

"Persons considering purchasing properties containing a suite or constructing a suite in a home should first familiarize themselves with the Saanich Zoning Bylaw to avoid possible bylaw violations in the future," says a municipal announcement.

Further information can be obtained from Saanich bylaw enforcement officers at 475-1771, locals 3428, 3429 or 3430, or by visiting the municipal hall at 770 Vernon Avenue.

THE CORDOVAN

Seniors' activities are top priority for CBA committee

THE CORDOVA BAY Association's seniors' committee continues to look at various options for a seniors' activity centre in this community. Inez Cole, who chairs this committee, recently met again with Mayor Frank Leonard.

While the mayor supports the concept, accommodation is presently not available and the committee and the community will have to work patiently towards this goal.

Meanwhile the committee is working with Saanich Recreation Department to offer classes at existing locations in Cordova Bay.

Committee member Daphne Chazottes says that while the committee hopes to organize various activities at these locations in the near future, in order to plan programs that will appeal to a wider variety of older residents more volunteers are needed to serve on the committee and contribute ideas.

"We need your ideas and enthusiasm to get good programs up and running," she says.

If you would like to join the committee in planning more interesting activities for seniors in Cordova Bay please phone Daphne at 658-4030.

CBA executive regrets director's resignation

CBA president Roger Stonebanks has announced with regret the resignation of director Peggy Hancyk from the board due to demands of her new business "Oxford Learning."

"Peggy has been a long-time activist in our association," says Roger. "She is a tireless worker and our former secretary."

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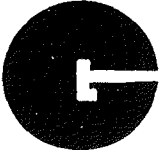
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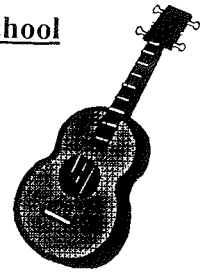
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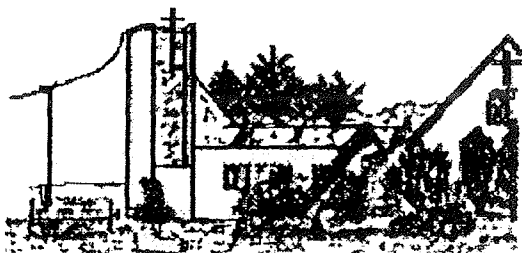
Basically a four-string guitar, the instrument is easy to learn and uke orchestras can make an encouraging sound for young players.

If you can help the school in its search, please phone Carole Gray at 658-5315 and leave a message.

Drivers need to watch out for deer on these dark evenings

A POPULAR local resident was killed recently when he struck a deer on his bicycle. Motorists too should be aware that at this time of the year deer babies are as big as their mothers but still follow mother around. Deer often have two fawns so if you see a deer crossing the road slow down and expect two more.

More than half of all deer/car collisions occur at this time of the year because in summer deer tend to hide. In winter, when the leaves are gone, they tend to run. If you see a deer too late to avoid hitting it, try to duck down below the dashboard. Driver fatalities, to the tune of more than 100 a year in North America, are caused by the deer coming through the windshield after having its legs knocked out from under it.



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Super Saturday, November 30, a day set aside for Advent preparations, is held in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

Bible study sessions are held every Friday, and if you would like to participate please call the church office for details.

In December preparations begin to unfold in the Sunday school with regards to the Christmas pageant. Cell group study sessions will be under way starting Wednesday, December 4 and on Thursday evenings the choir will continue to meet in the church for practice. Put your talents to work!

Come and join in with us.

Christmas Services

Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 p.m. When Christmas Hurts

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. Children/Family Service

Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Family Eucharist

Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m. Nine Lessons and Carols

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Friday	Jan. 17 to March 28 10:00 - 11:30 am *	On-going (experienced only)	9	\$90.00

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