

Rainfall		
Last Week	This Mth.	This Year
51.7 2.0	74.9 3.0	1525.1 mm 60.0 in

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\$205,000 water tank grant approved

A hoped-for grant from the provincial and federal governments to cover a portion of the cost of replacing a municipal water storage tank has been approved.

The grant, which should provide two thirds of the cost of replacing the old tanks, is for \$205,000.

No paper last week

The May 9 issue of the Privateer was delayed in shipment and didn't get distributed until the following Monday. Consequently the issue due later that week, May 16, was cancelled. It was a pretty quiet week anyway.

Village Council is putting the question of approval to borrow the remainder of the cost to a referendum this Saturday.

Including borrowing costs for the term of the loan for the Village's one third share, the total up for approval in the referendum is \$155,000.

An engineering study has recommended a steel reservoir be constructed on the west side of the valley on the hillside above the fish hatchery. An old logging road to the site will be rehabilitated, reducing the previously expected cost of building an access road.



Alex Smith, Cory Hanson, Kyle Harry and Josh Currie were too interested in enjoying their slurpies during last week's run of good weather, than to worry about the odd car or truck that might come by.



In what turned out to be more smoke than fire, volunteers quickly extinguished a brush fire that sprang up in the slash at the site of the Ehat's playground clearing last week. See story on Page 4.

Fish farm production set to triple

Grieg Seafoods, which operates four salmon farms in Esperanza Inlet is projecting a tripling of its harvest by the year 2005.

In a presentation made to Zeballos Village Council at its last meeting, Peter Gibson, managing director of Grieg, said the company currently delivers about 4,000 tons to market annually and is on course to increase that to 11,000 within three years.

The company also has

plans for the establishment of shellfish growing operations in Kendrick Inlet on the east coast of Nootka Island and Hisnit Inlet, further east off Tlupana Inlet.

Gibson, and seawater production manager Floyd Cole went over the company's plans for handling environmental concerns such as escapes, waste management, lice and overall fish health.

Grieg does its best to hire and purchase locally

whenever possible, Gibson told council.

"A lot of our needs just can't be filled by existing services from Zeballos," Gibson said, "but there are some that could be."

He pointed out the company employs three divers year round on contract, which could be handled from Zeballos, and is currently seeking to hire four full time employees for its farms

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Council balks at higher library fees

Zeballos Village Council has voted not to support a motion by Vancouver Island Regional Library to change the library's formula for assessing its members.

At present, municipalities that subscribe to the library's services are charged fees according to a formula that considers both population and tax base. The tax base portion takes into account the taxpayer's "ability to pay" and constitutes 50% of the assessment with the other half coming from a straight per capita charge.

But municipalities with high value properties such as Tofino

and North Saanich were felt to be paying more than their fair share.

When the total of both assessments was divided by the total population, some municipalities were found to be paying at the rate of \$29 per capita while others were hit with costs ranging as high as \$51 a head.

To reduce this apparent discrepancy, the board has proposed to put a cap on the assessments of the high-paying members, limiting their costs to 30% above the average per capita for all the member municipalities. The difference would then be spread out among the entire membership, Zeballos included.

The change in the formula, if approved by two thirds of the local government jurisdictions who are members, will take place for the 2003 budget year.

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down the inlet. Other services, such as net repair and replacement could also be handled by an entrepreneur from Zeballos.

With the increase in production, Grieg will be looking to establishing a processing plant, Gibson said, and the location of choice would be Gold River. The company is in negotiations for a site there.



ERNIE PLOUFFE

A recent visitor to Zeballos was Ernie Plouffe, long time resident who's now retired in Cumberland.



Zeballos Clinic nurse Joan Shanks displays a new sign in the clinic window. With new responsibilities at Oclucje and Ehatis due to a recently signed contract with Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, the clinic will be closed on Mondays, except during doctor visits. A 24-hour toll-free help line at 1-866-215-4700 is available for anyone who needs to consult a nurse when the clinic is closed. Emergencies continue to be handled by calling 911.

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Both leaders and scouts enjoyed a tour of the Privateer Mine to wrap up their long weekend adventure, locating 50°N 127°W.



Just about everyone was taking advantage of the weather last week. Here, a fire that started out burning debris turned into an excellent weiner roast for Cassandra Van Mierlo, Dylan and Tyler Coburn and Kirsten Van Mierlo.

Determined student earns diploma



WENDY ANNAND

When Wendy Annand, daughter of Dave and Linda Annand of Zeballos, dropped out of high school, she was nevertheless determined to eventually get her Grade 12 diploma. What's more, the single mom had set a goal of doing it before she turned . . . well, let's just say she recently met her goal.

A graduate of the Continuing Education program, Wendy recently received proud congratulations from son Kris and daughter Kim, not to mention proud parents, for her achievement..

Campbell River Scouts base challenge from Zeballos

Fourteen scouts and four leaders from Campbell River spent the weekend camped at Resolution Park, using it as their base for exploring the area.

The troop recently became involved with a project on the internet known as Confluence.org. It's a little like the reality programs seen on TV, challenging a person or group to locate, using the Global Positioning System (GPS), the integer intersection of the world's lines of latitude and longitude.

Interested parties register at the web site and undertake to travel to a particular point, take photographs and write a description to be published on the web.

In turn, their accomplishment is noted on the web site as their claim to being the first in the project to have "located" the point.

As it happens, 50°N and 127°W intersect in the mountains about 4 km as the crow flies west of Oclucje. and the troop successfully undertook the trek last Saturday.

Travelling out the Fair Harbour Road to branch F-40 and

following it to a point as close as they could, the group struck out through the bush, following a compass and hand-held GPS. On reaching the site, after what they describe as some of the toughest hiking they've ever done, they deposited a water-tight container with their photos and some information about the project.

The following day they hiked to the Van Isle mine then on up to the Privateer, where manager Adolf Aichmeier took them underground for a tour.

He showed them the working face, with a large vein of high grade gold showing, and explained how the gold is mined and milled.

The group left for home late Sunday afternoon and leader John Robilliard, in an email later that evening, said they couldn't stop talking of their weekend experience all the way home.

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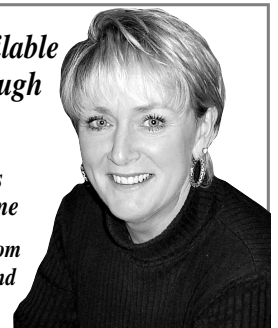
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MV Uchuck made an extra mid-week stop recently, carrying extra freight to fish farms down the inlet in anticipation of their annual 2-week refit. The vessel should be back on the regular run this coming week.

Brush fire contained

A clearing fire near Ehatis that got away into nearby undergrowth was extinguished without incident May 10.

A water tanker from Western Forest Products was dispatched to the scene and because it's within their jurisdiction, the Zeballos Volunteer Fire Department was called out as well.

By the time the fire truck ar-

rived, the water tanker had lines laid and charged and crews were beginning to hose down the small outbreak.

Workers with piss cans had kept the fire from spreading further until the tanker arrived.

Election officers appointed

Zeballos Village Council appointed Administrator Holli Bellavie as Chief Election Officer at its last meeting April 23.

Bellavie's appointment is for the municipal election scheduled for November 16 this year.

In the same resolution, Administrative Assistant Cheryl Brooks was appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer.

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