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BC and the World Economy

There has been nothing ordinary about the past few months as your Member of the Legislative Assembly. The spring session usually begins with the speech from the throne followed by the annual budget outlining revenues and expenditures for the coming year.

But this year the legislature opened early to allow the government to amend

the balanced budget legislation to approve a deficit in the next two fiscal years. The early return followed two previous emergency sessions, one in the fall to debate the policy tools needed to stimulate jobs and investment and a second in January to assist Vancouver on the Olympic Village project.

Two emergencies and an extraordinary amendment to the budget law all in the space of a few months. These unusual events are a response to a

historic shift in the world economy that has businesses, governments and workers wondering when the slide will stop and where we will be when we find bottom.

The crisis has not ignored us on the the south Island.

Whether I am at the mall, on the bus, or knocking on doors, I hear over and over again concern from constituents

about the state of the economy.

Housing starts have come to a halt.

Seniors are watching their retirement savings disappear. Young families are struggling to meet expenses.

The economy is often talked about as if it was some theoretical construct designed for the benefit of economists and commentators.

Ultimately, the economy is about you

and me. It is about meeting the needs of families and the communities we live in.

Budgets and throne speeches are designed to outline the broad direction for our people and our province. I encourage you to write to me and let me know what you think. Together we have the ideas to meet the transformational challenges we face.

... a historic shift in the world economy...



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Year-round Sooke Region Museum and Visitor Centre. Open throughout the year 9 am - 5 pm. Located at 2070 Phillips Road in Sooke. Info: 250-642-6351.

Year-round Good Food Box Program through Capital Families, offers low cost, local, high quality fruit & vegetable boxes, once a month to community members. The following orders are available: \$5, \$10, or \$15 Fruit and Veggie Boxes, \$12 All Fruit Box, \$15 Natural/Organic Box. Info: Luba at 250-391-4324 or admin@capfamilies.org

Mar 1-29 March Hummingbirds hundred of Rufous hummingbirds return to feeders at Goldstream Park on their migration north. For info on this or any other special event, visit or call the Goldstream Nature House 250-478-9414. Spending your fall and winter right here in our own backyard!

Mar 27-29 Symphony of Quilts. West Shore Quilters Guild Show. Special displays, live music, merchant's mall, concession, raffle quilts, door prizes and hands on demonstrations. Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway. www.westshorequiltersguild.com. \$5 admission, under 12 free.

Mar 27 Highlands Youth Centre card night at the Old School House from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. For info, or schedule of events, please call Amy at 250-478-8384 ext 2261 or Bob at 250-478-4403. children under 12 free.

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John in our community



↑ February 20, 2009. Local Municipal, Provincial and Federal representatives gather in support of making the E&N rail line a priority infrastructure project. All three levels of government were represented at this event as Mayors, Councilors, MLAs and an MP got together to voice support of the E&N line to be used as a viable public transportation line.



↑ John had the pleasure of attending the opening of Ayre Manor Lodge in Sooke. This facility includes assisted living apartments, residential care beds, independent living cottages and hospice care.

↓ February 20, 2009. John attended the Langford Women's Institute 95th anniversary luncheon and presented them with a congratulatory certificate.



↑ Celebrating E&N Days in August – 122 years of the E&N Corridor on Vancouver Island.



↑ Enjoying the fun atmosphere at the annual Luxton Fall Fair.



↓ Helping out at the Vital Vittles free lunch project at the Holy Trinity Church in Sooke.

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Mar 29 Shirley Community Craft Fair. 10 am to 4 pm at the Shirley Community Hall.

Apr 4 Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Monthly Hike Sooke Potholes Regional Park. Meet at 9:30 am in the upper parking lot (bring money for meter). We will take a look at waterfalls along the River and the Goose. This ramble will take 2 to 3 hours, so bring a snack and your camera. Info: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca/

Apr 11 Kinette Club of Juan de Fuca 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Meet at 10 am to hunt for eggs in the upper field behind Juan de Fuca Library. \$3 entry is donated to Cystic Fibrosis. Egg hunt is open to 13 years and under.

Apr 17 Pro-D Day Swim at the Juan de Fuca pool, 1–3 pm. Regular admission.

May 9 Sooke Lioness Lions' 3rd Annual Rubber Duck Race and Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Day Gates open at 11 am and Ducks race at noon. Fun for the whole family at the Sooke Flats.