

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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Welcome to Bamfield's *The New Bamfielder*. This publication celebrates Bamfield's, *The Bamfielder*, started by Christopher Lobban (who is now a professor at the University of Guam) in 1972. *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to donate to the Bamfield Community School Association youths' Program. Louis Druehl

The Creek Weekly, a two-sider put together by Lifesaving and Cable Station staff may have been Bamfield's first newspaper. It was free as people would have "hooted with derision at the thought of paying for a sheet they habitually called *The Creak Weakly*". Good luck to all on *The New Bamfielder*! Heather Cooper, Bamfield Historical Society

Road News: Tales of terror. *Erythronium Revolutum!* Have you ever noticed the bed of blooming fawn lilies near 57 on the Bamfield Road? A beautiful sight of pink lilies and the occasional trillium appears each spring in a slightly secluded spot along the Sarita River. These flowers, named fawn lilies, have a spot pattern on their leaves. Keep your eyes open. Rae Hopkins

Volunteer Fire Department Sparks. I would like to start off by mentioning our dates for the fire daze events. The Intertidal Golf Tournament, Salmon BBQ and Dance is on July 16th and the BVFD Fishing derby is on the August long weekend July 30, 31 and August 1. We will also be at Soulstice at Pachena on June 18th. Mark Kelly

Easter Bunny Revealed! Once again **Ardie Logan**, with the help of **Marion Logan** and **Sharon Dunsmore** made the Easter Bunny trip to Nitnat. This year they stuffed toy lambs (see photo) for 35 Nitnat children. A great picnic day was held and even **Brad Perkins** (#3 Port Desire) from Victoria attended, bringing four dozen eggs from his "city farm." Eileen Scott



Quotes A tourist: "Those boys hanging out on the boardwalk remind me of the goats on the Coomb's Farmers Market roof."

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News Flash: Bamfield polled NDP, maybe...gossip from James Lunney's MP office but Elections Canada will let us know by October. L Druehl

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should not exceed 70 words. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net.

Please use this little paper to explore local issues, joys, and opportunities.

Lamb photo: Catherine Thompson

Radioactive iodine (I-131) from Japan is being monitored in our rockweed by Dr. K. Starosta (Simon Fraser University) and K. Nielsen (The Royal Military College of Canada). Readings are 118-250 Bq/kg dry rockweed. (1 Bq = 1 radioactive decay per second.) In contrast, I found Bamfield seaweed had a reading of 4930 Bq/kg following the Chernobyl melt-down. At present levels one would have to eat about 8 kg of rockweed (about one large garbage can full) to get the same radiation exposure as from flying from Montreal to Vancouver. Louis Druehl

Fishing News. Get your Rods & Reels ready, sharpen your hooks and hold on for a great 2011 season. Fish towards Port Alberni for an expected near record run of Sockeye, or out to the Breakers for the huge run of Columbia bound Chinook that are passing by Bamfield now. Good luck, boat safe. Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point Charters

Bamfield Notes. Centennial Park recently underwent work-bees by the **Bamfield Chamber of Commerce** and **Community Gardeners**. The site for the Memorial Tree is now ready for construction and five new beds have been added to the Community Garden, bringing the total to twenty. Where do we go from here...pigs, chickens, bees, kelp farm? **And those Chamber folks have been busy clearing the west-side park site...lots of opportunities here...play ground, picnics, tether-ball, mini-golf...who knows? And a name, please not Westside Park, **Bruce Scott Park**? **Speaking of the Centennial Park, the *Royal Star Magnolia* is in bloom...delightful. Also, two *Flowering Japanese Cherry* trees have anonymously appeared: one by the Centennial Park sign and the other by the Welcome to Bamfield sign. **The annual **Aquilar House** pig roast was a big hit. Good food, good company, great music and thanks for the donations for our school. Louis Druehl

Weather Notes. Spring?! It's so cold out there even the taxman has his hands in his own pockets...La Niña still has its grip on our weather patterns, resulting in one of the worst winters on record. Highly changeable conditions are forecast all the way to June. Be careful out there, people. Dave Riddle reporting from the Marine Science Centre.

The old Bamfield Lifeboat Station is getting a new CCG Pacific RHIOT (Rigid Hull Inflatable Operations Training) facility. The foundation is poured, and framing scheduled to start next week. The new school is tentatively set to open next Fall. It will be utilized by

nine students and three instructors (30% increase over earlier) and will house a large classroom, changing and drying facilities, a galley, instructor's offices and equipment storage. Clay Evans, OIC

Editorial. Bamfield's Charitable Charities are unique in the world of give-and-take: The **Bamfield Community Affairs Society** gave \$6000 to the **Bamfield Community Hall Society** for docks which gave \$2500 to **Soultice-at-Pachina** for entertainment and \$150 to the **Bamfield Community School Association** for a dinner for the **Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra** that donated their gate to the **Bamfield Community Library**. **Bamfield Beautification** gave \$200 to the **Bamfield Centennial Park** for plants and the **Bamfield Harbour Authority** and the **Bamfield Chamber of Commerce** each gave a few hundred dollars to the **Bamfield Historical Society** for an exhibit on the history of Bamfield fishing. And on and on. All of this with little evidence of any income...only in Bamfield. Louis Druehl

June Events.

June 6- Bamfield Water Committee 5 pm at Bamfield Volunteer Fire Hall.

June 12- Strawberry Tea 11 am -3 pm at Centennial Park. Proceeds go to the Historical Society and the Memorial Tree Society. Big hats encouraged!

June 18- Soulstice-at-Pachina, all day and night music and play.

June 18- Huu-ay-aht Chief and Council Elections, Anacla.

End of June- Community BBQ and Sports Day, TBA.

July 1- Canada Day celebration, parade and a tree planting in recognition of Huu-ay-aht treaty successes at Centennial Park, noon. Catherine Thompson

Deceased. ALFRED (SONNY) LOGAN (9 February 1925 -13 May 2011) leaves his wife Ardis and children Ron, Stan, LaRae, Janice, and Sherry. He worked for several years on the lifeboat and most recently with Bamfield Public Works (trail maintenance). A Bamfield service will be held in August. Eileen Scott

Classifieds

-Wanted old stewing hens, dead and de-feathered. Eileen @ 250-728-3357.

-Wanted beekeeper for Bamfield Community Garden. Hana @250-728-3779.

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