

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Hjalmer Wenstob's transformation pole commemorates his great-great-great grandfather, Masso, who, as a large albino man, had been placed in a sea cave at the age of 18. For three days he survived and he discovered his spiritual guide, the King Fisher. At the end of this ordeal he was welcomed into the **Tla-O-Qui-Aht First Nation** and made a chieftain. Hjalmer, who studies fine arts at U. Victoria, has been awarded a Bill Reed Scholarship by the Vancouver International Airport, where the commissioned pole will be displayed for one year.



Builder Bob brings Spring to Bamfield. Photo L. Druehl

Support your volunteer firefighters, fill in the questionnaire delivered with your water bill. This information is vital to the safety of our firefighters and their effectiveness in saving you and your property. Do this thing!



Bamfield's fledgling fishery. Nova Harvest, Ltd.'s **J.P. Hastery** (Pres.) and **Joel German** (VP) have established a geoduck hatchery in the old abalone facility at the marine station. They are producing geoduck seed for the eastside of Vancouver Island with plans to produce seed for local farming. Wild harvested areas have poor recruitment and farming accelerates restocking, resulting in a uniform crop...one demanding top dollar (present range \$17 - \$25/per pd live, minimum size 1.5 pds). It takes 7 years from hatchery to produce a crop. Future growth could employ an individual in the hatchery and, with **Huu-ay-aht** involvement, several "farmers." Joel and J.P. welcome visitors. We wish Nova Harvest every success. L. Druehl



A New Bamfielder!!! Andy Bowker (4 May, 2012; 7 pd 14 oz) presented by **Ali and Jim Bowker**, and **Eileen Scott**.
Photo Andrea Butler

Roseline's lines:
Winter love in Bamfield :
It's nippy !
My hill-Johnny
Makes me happy !

Happy 40th Anniversary! The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre was recently informed that the Major Resource Support program of NSERC was no longer accepting applications. BMSC receives almost one-half million dollars every year from this program to keep BMSC in a state of readiness for the army of researchers that use the facility. This is about one-third of our research budget and is largely spent on salaries. Filling this hole is going to be a challenge. Thankfully, the funding will remain in place for the next two years. That gives us time to make the necessary hard decisions and to find the creative solutions to keep BMSC operating. We will be mapping strategy at our annual board meeting at the end of May. This year is the 40th anniversary of the opening of BMSC. We are hosting all-time record numbers of students and researchers. The 28,000 overnights in 2012 provides huge economic benefits to this community. They support Bamfield businesses and justify 38 staff salaries. Our MP, **James Lunney**, is aware of the consequences to BMSC and the Bamfield community. Media interest has been high, so this has been noticed by the wider community and our politicians. Whether we get any relief remains to be seen. Brad Anholt, Director



Bamfield's Music Maestro, Daryl Milne, left Bamfield early in April after almost exactly a decade here. Daryl worked in the General Store and was caretaker at Aguilar House when Bill Joyce owned it and after it changed hands. He contributed greatly to the arts scene, instigating the Bistro Open Mike nights and bringing both theatre and music to the Marine Station. He conducted a lively choir and was brains and brawn behind the annual Summer Solstice celebration. And of course he will always be the bass player of The Broken Group. Daryl goes on to work at The Beach House in Victoria. His energy and humour will be much missed. Heather Washburn

The Times They is Changing. A quote from **Lars Mogensen** at an Earlier Community Affairs meeting. "The West Park hasn't been mowed in 10 years when **John and Cheryl Mass** did it voluntary with their push mower. Now some one would probably do it for \$35 on a sit-mower." Marc Phillips

THE SMILING PANDA BEAR A poem celebrating Ardie Logan's Nitnat Easters by Cambria Logan: see www.bamfielder.ca

Catherine's Coming Events :

June 4th - Computer Class, 6pm @ the School
 18th- Community Affairs, 7:30pm @ School
 20th- Farewell Community lunch \$5 @ School
 21st- Aboriginal Day- Beach Day @ Pachena-Salmon BBQ and potluck
 27th- End of the Year BBQ, 1:30pm @ School
 28th- Last Day of School Assembly
 7th, 14th, 21st- Preschool, 10:30am @ School
 Catherine Thompson, BCSA Coordinator



Deer enjoying our Centennial Park. Photo Hedi Demontigny

Population Boom in Bamfield After conducting a quick 'census' on our local deer population, it seems that Bamfield either has 2 groups of 6 to 9 deer (one on either side of the harbour) or the deer swim across in random fashion to their favourite feeding spots. **Tips to Gardeners:** plant local shrubs & flowers that can handle occasional browsing, use taste deterrents (Bobbex or naturally awful tasting plants – think onion family or foxgloves), use smell deterrents (PlantSkyyd or naturally stinky plants – think daisies & such), fence off prize plants if hiding them behind other plants doesn't work or fence off your entire yard; but who wants to live in a compound? Loud noises, rocks & sling shots don't seem to be working anymore. I think they are here to stay & that means a change in our gardening styles. **PS** – don't approach deer, they can cause you or your pet serious harm with their hooves! They are becoming possessive of their favourite 'salad bars'! Michelle van Boven

Deer Buzz Off. Deer repellent from **Christex Nursery** (Nanaimo). "This works if you apply it every two weeks. Won't wash off in the rain." Mix 1 egg yoke and 1 litre water, add 1 tablespoon baking powder and mix. Spray on plants every two weeks. No short cuts, it is egg yolk only! Refrigerate in sealed container. Jane Morrison



Black-topping the Bamfield Road. Only 74 km to go! Photo R. Hopkins

41 Bamfielders bring Democracy to Bamfield. On May 28th, elections of the Community Affairs Board and the Advisory Planning Committee had enough people running that nobody got in by acclamation: full elections were held. Further, the "quorum" was increased, reflecting village demographics. Angry and astonished discussion followed New Director, Director **Brad Anholt's** announcement of a 1/7 revenue loss to the marine station budget due to federal budget cuts to Canadian Sciences (NSERC). The loss jeopardizes the 38 Bamfielders employed at the station and deprives the village of commerce from 28,000 over-night users. Write, talk, blog, spread the word of this unacceptable shortsighted loss to science and to Bamfield. Heather Washburn

The Bamfield Food and Clothing Bank is located at school in the library.

The New Bamfielder Report Card. For the first year 80-140 hard copies of *TNB* were distributed monthly. Online hits reached 972 for the month of May...seems there is considerable interest in Bamfield's goings-on. Donations for the year reached \$1048.17 with particular thanks to a west-sider's \$500 gift. One student project continues: **Poppy Butler's** graphic design mentorship with **Mark Doherty**. Thank you for your support. Louis Druehl

Hawkeye Marine welcomes new employee Mike Allen and family to Bamfield and announces Bamfield-Victoria flights. Linda Anderson

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. 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. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

WOULD THE PERSON WHO "BORROWED" THE SHEET OF TREATED PLYWOOD FROM THE SMILEY RINK PLEASE RETURN IT. THANK YOU! Roger Demontigny