

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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A community conversation. A *TNB* reader has suggested we sell indulgences to those who can't volunteer for various community projects. Bamfield is run by volunteers from the intensity of firefighters to the tweedy-ness of local historians (and some 10 other groups). Bamfield is largely populated by folks who live here only part of the year and understandably can't volunteer. An **Indulgence Program** would allow one to pay for a volunteer substitute thus providing important support to our all too small village. These indulgence donations could be collected throughout the year and spent in the fall and winter when employment is scarce. What do you think? Louis Druehl

Port Desire's Eloise and Henri have fledged two eaglets! Congratulations. Maybe they could instruct Bamfielders on the fine art of procreation. Think school kids! L. Druehl



Pigs In Paradise Farms reports it has been a successful season so far. The pork garden is healthy happy and parasite free. The partners would like to thank all the positive contributions to the garden. Mark Kelly

Roseline's Lines: A guessing game : Who's filling my bucket and my eyes while feeding me and at the same time faithful and frightening ? *answer:* the lady feral cat feeding

BEST WISHES TO ASHLEY EDWORTHY AND KARL SHERRY WHO TIED THE KNOT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, ON THE AGUILAR BLUFF. IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF A BAMFIELD DYNASTY?

New School Marm in Town. Bamfield, Diana Dube's first teaching assignment, would challenge the most veteran of teachers: 8 students, kindergarten to grade 6 with no assistance. Diana, who comes from Port Alberni, has her Bachelor of Education and Diploma in Physical Education from Vancouver Island University. She has volunteered extensively in the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, working with youths and young parents, doing legal aid and developing new programs. She likes quading, hiking and camping, and looks forward to participating in our winter volleyball, badminton and basketball sports. Diana welcomes Anacla folk and Bamfielders to "come in and interact with my classes." And we welcome Diana and wish her all the best in her first assignment. L. Druehl .
photo Catherine Thompson



Brady's Sea Stacks Vandalized. On the evening of Thursday, August 30, it seemed that a few young boys (approx. age 11), equipped with hatchets and machetes, had climbed the sea stack to collect firewood. The boys were implored to please stop, and climb down from there, but by then, the beach at the base of the sea stack was already littered with not only branches, but the central trunks of the wizened dwarf trees. At least four species of trees, centuries in the making [wild bonsai], were decimated, and in a matter of minutes, their majesty, lost to us forever. At one point, both myself and another local calmly approached the group of parents, only to be greeted by a verbally abusive female, who while mentioning that the youths were sorry for their actions, kept reiterating that "The boys are only 11", and in terms of the damage done, her argument was definitive, "They're just trees!." To her credit, one of the other mothers was deeply apologetic. Contact me to help brainstorm ideas on how we might educate the public about the fragility of our coastal environment (250-728-3383). **Miché Shepherd.** *The full, unabridged text of Miché's letter found at www.bamfielder.ca.*



Photos Jerry Baird



TNB succeeds! In issue 1 of *The New Bamfielder* Eileen Scott posted this classified: "Wanted old stewing hens, dead and defeathered." Eileen now has her chickens, thanks to *TNB* reader, **Karen Bishop**. p.s. this ad was read on CBC Radio! p.p.s. they were *tough*. L. Druehl



The BCSA , My Community Photo Contest winners are **Poppy Butler's** (youth) Water Taxi (prize: Fujifilm Finepix JX500 camera) and **Marc Phillips'** (adult) **Mary Scoley**, post mistress (Prize: Sony DSC-H90 Cyber-shot camera donated by **The Source**, Port Alberni). There were 75 adult and 15 youth entries. Forty people participated in the voting. BCSA will be creating postcards from several of the entries. **Catherine Thompson** hopes to offer another contest next year. L. Druehl

**BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
AGM, 11 OCTOBER, 5:30 P.M. THE SCHOOL.
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Electronic Democracy for the Huu-ay-aht?* The Huu-ay-aht are exploring online voting to enhance member participation in band politics. To reach their required quorum of 25% of the approximate 400 voters (a number that continues to grow), 85% who live outside the HFN traditional territory must be drawn into voting process. *From CBC Victoria radio interview with **Councillor John Jack**, 18 September, 2012. *Ed's Note: In view of the low Bamfielder participation in Community Affairs , in part a function of the large number of non-resident property owners (perhaps 85%!) we might consider alternative means of decision making.* L. Druehl

Jerry's Weather, Yikes! Beautiful weather for Bamfield. September: sunny, warm, and calm—just 0.35 inches of rain (5.39 inches average). July and August were nice but foggier. Each month recorded 0.6 inches of rain (4 inches average for both months). That made it about 1.5 inches for all 3 months (total average 9.39 inches)! Brady Beach has lots of sand this summer—big piles in different places. Hi temp was 27 degrees on the 16th of August, and on September 7th 25 degrees. **Jerry Baird**

FRC Simulator-Workshop Building at CCG Station Bamfield will be completed late October. The next phases will be the new dock on the north side of the property and the demolition and replacement of the old main station building. The new CCG RHIOT School, in operation since Spring, will officially open on Saturday, October 27th, from 1 to 3 p.m. with a **coffee and cake** reception. All Bamfielders and other members of the public are welcome to attend and get a look inside the new school. **Clay Evans**

The 2012 Great British Columbia ShakeOut earthquake drill is October 18th at 10:18 a.m. 340,000 are registered! If you have not yet renewed your 2012 registration (www.shakeoutbc.ca/login).

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

THE PROBLEM: We have an alien amongst us: the invasive plant called **Japanese Knotweed**. Brought to North America in the 1900's from Japan. I am sure you have all seen it as it is the giant bamboo like plant that grows by the side of our highway and in Centennial Park. This plant is very bad as noxious weeds go as it is extremely hard to get rid of. Knotweed plants form clumps and send out long rhizomes. New shoots grow from the rhizomes each year and will reach 3 to 9 feet high. It belongs to the buckwheat family.

PHYSICAL CONTROLS: Japanese knotweed can be kept in bounds by digging out the rhizomes that reach beyond the clump. Continually cutting off all shoots as soon as they appear will gradually eliminate the plant, but this will take several years. **CHEMICAL CONTROL:** Glyphosate (Round-up) can be used and will provide control, but it will destroy everything it touches. It is safe to plant after using this herbicide. You can direct the control to the specific plants by brushing the product directly on the leaves or spraying individuals. Please consult Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control*, for more information on products and their use. There is plenty of information available about this weed on the internet. Happy Gardening. **Rick Macleod**. *Ed's Note: In the U.K. anyone caught growing or transporting Knotweed faces a prison term. We need to bring this threat under control.* **S. Hanna in Gardenwise**, early spring, 2012, p.8. photo above R. Hopkins

Catherine's October Coming Events.

- 1st-5th - Digital Storytelling workshop, School.
- 11th Bamfield Community School Association AGM School, 5:30
- 18th- Shake Out BC.
- 23rd- Community Digital Screening @ BCS 7pm.
- 25th- Community Digital Screening @ SECC 7 pm.
- 27th- Coast Guard Grand opening, 1-3 p.m.
- 27th- Halloween Dance, Fire Hall.
- 29th- Community Lunch @ BCS noon.
- 29th- Pumpkin Carving with the students.
- 31st- Halloween Fire Works.
- C. Thompson, BCSA Program Coordinator