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Place-making: From Housing to Homes. As of April 1, 2013 the HUU-ay-aht Residential Lease Amendment for Anacla properties comes into effect. Earlier these properties had no value to their occupants except as residences under the Indian Act. Most Anacla residents will now own their own homes. The Nation does not have the financial resources to provide subsidized housing for all on Treaty Settlement Lands but has the long-term goal of assisting those who want to live at Home. When this law comes into force on April 1, home owners might choose to rent their homes to others, or transfer or will the leases. Agreements have been made with Royal Bank of Canada to enable lease-holders to secure loans against the value of the property to make improvements. "Creating legislation around housing on Treaty Settlement Lands gives each citizen more control over their future and starts to build a modern economy while providing a direct benefit that was not possible under Federal regulation," says **Larry Johnson**, Director of Lands and Natural Resources. Abstracted HUU-ay-aht news release, see www.bamfielder.ca, HUU-ay-aht for complete text.

Roseline's Lines **YOUR THOUGHTS COULD BE REPRESENTED IN THIS PAPER. SPEAK UP!**

Ploc Ploc
on the dock
Knock Knock
on the door-
Dance Dance
the forks-
In every lovely
Bamfield house !

Farewell Betty Stuart and "Hob" Hegstrom. Betty (1917-2013), post mistress, customs officer, telephone exchange operator (she manned the switchboard during the 1964 tsunami); active in Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, and community dinners (shucking up to 50 pounds of shrimp and abalone per feast) was one of Bamfield's strong women. **Hob (1944-2013)** owned boats from a canoe to the *Bluebird IV*; he beach-combed, then fished commercially, enjoyed socializing in the Kingsway Pub, Port Alberni, where there was a standing-room only wake for him. (For full accounts by Darlene Lacy & Suzanne Jennings www.bamfielder.ca Stuart/Hegstrom.)

Our Kids Against Bullying. On February 27 the Bamfield School celebrated **Pink Shirt Day**. **Charlie Clappis** spoke of "Iisaak," the HUU-ay-aht word for respect: respect of nature, of others, of self. **Diana Dube** described the anti-bullying program and played moving videos. Our kids are fortunate to have this leadership.
L. Druehl, photo D. Dube



NEEDHAM, Edward (Ted)

November 19, 1930 – January 4, 2013
Sadly after a brief illness, Ted has left us to be with the devoted love of his life Patricia (nee Scott) who passed in 1984.

Everyone who was fortunate to know Ted, developed an instant friendship. We will miss Ted's kindness, generosity and great sense of humour. Left to mourn are his 4 sons; David, Michael, Scott and Patrick and sister Barb, numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and his loyal companion 'Dusty'

No service by request, a gathering of friends will take place at a later date.

Dear BC-Conservative, BC-Green, BC-Liberal, and BC-NDP parties. You are invited to pitch our readers in 75 words or less as to why your party best represents West Coast of Vancouver Islanders' interests. L. Druehl



When hoarding is good! Bamfield Community Museum and Archives, a Bamfield Community School Association project, are supported by volunteers of the Historical Society and others. Documents, photos and artifacts significant to Bamfield are housed in the Community School Office. To access these materials, call 250-728-1220 and complete a *Request for Search* form. Allow at least one week for volunteers to complete the search. If copies are required, a form asking what the item is needed for must be filled in; permission may be given and charges may be made based on these needs. Many people have contributed photos & documents; without them, we wouldn't have an archive. If you have something significant to Bamfield's history to contribute, please contact us. Documents and photos can be scanned and return to you if you wish. Heather Cooper, Chair, Bamfield Historical Society



Banfield Artifact: Bamfield Community Museum and Archives, circa 1958, G. Elliston Collection. photo, Catherine Thompson

Contribute to History. Lauren Harding, a UBC anthropology graduate student, wants to interview Bamfield/Anacla folks. Her research looks at the relationship between the local community and tourism, focused on the history of the West Coast Trail and Pacific Rim National Park. If you've worked with tourists, worked in the Park, hiked the trail, or simply have some stories about local history you'd like to share, contact Lauren at wctstudy@gmail.com, or 250-731-5441.

\$\$\$\$ 60 Million Dollars \$\$\$

"There's a million dollars being spent right now [in Bamfield], another million before the operational stage is straightened out and the first phase of development will be about \$60 million," **Jack Purdy** said in a **Judy Lavoie** interview for the Times Colonist (www.timescolonist.com/news/local/alberta-based). L Druehl

Picnic Time! Special Thanks to the VOLUNTEERS who started building 3 impressive cedar picnic tables at West Park: Ken S., Skye B., Chuck E., Mike S., Neil W, Joe C, Les B, Mitch, Roy E, and Brady B. And thank you Centennial Park for the supplies. Take to the hill and enjoy festive table-ware. A. Butler



Champions! If they raised \$250 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, in the Hoops-for-Hearts drive, they each got to throw 2 pies in **Steve Demontigny's** face. Total raised \$856. Hey, Hall Society, maybe your future fund raisers! L. Druehl, photo Catherine Thompson

Thank you! The end of March marks the end of **Christine Sirois'** contract with the BCSA. Over the past 5 months Christine has offered computer classes and helped with the Afterschool Club, Jump Rope for Heart and other BCSA events. Christine, it has been really fun having you in the office. Thank you for all of your help. Catherine Thompson

Catherine's April Coming Events

- 1st- Easter Monday
 - 4th- PALS Preschool session. 5pm @ School.
 - 8th- Here We Come in Port Alberni.
 - 14th- Harbour Authority AGM, 2pm @ School
 - 15th- Community Affairs, 7:30pm @ School
 - 21st-27th- National Volunteer Week
 - 22nd- Earth Day, Community Lunch, \$5.
 - TBA- Cooking Class Indian Cuisine- Date & cost TBA
- Catherine Thompson, BCSA Coordinator

Those Pesky Dogs who Chase Deer and Others. Reports of local dogs seriously scaring at least one resident on several occasions, and forming packs to chase deer, are alarming. Tourist dogs have also been implicated. The law is clear: a dog running free in wildlife habitat without owner control may be shot by a Conservation Officer. However the process is complaint-driven, so anyone who has concerns to voice should contact the province and **Eric Geall**, our ACRD representative, with dates, times and photos if possible. I'd hate to see this escalate into vigilantism or the unnecessary death of a good dog. Heather Washburn

Most Dogs Are Just Fine But...

Some people feel immediately scared when they face a loose dog. Their body language causes the dog to be nervous too. So don't freak out! Take a deep breath, relax and FEEL your size and your strength. Never run from a dog. Stand still, look aside and be boring. If a dog jumps up or attacks, curl into a ball using your hands to protect your neck. Tell children (1) how to play turtle (2) don't approach a dog; let the dog approach and sniff you (3) pet from the back or side, never reaching over the head. more Heather Washburn

Winners! Bamfield will receive \$486,000 gas tax from the Electoral Areas total grant of \$2.2 million [22%!]. This will be applied to the water system as part of the Regional Water Improvement Project. Bamfield Community Affairs minutes (see www.bamfielder.ca, Community Affairs).

Closer to Green! Community Affairs asked our regional director, **Eric Geall**, to explore the possibility of obtaining a community glass-crushing machine and a chipper for composting. See www.bamfielder.ca, Community Affairs.

Give, Give, Give. The new federal budget encourages charitable donors (anyone who has not taken tax credits since 2007) with its first-time donor's **Super Credit** (up to 51%). Locally, charitable tax credits are available from the **Bamfield Arts Council**, the **Bamfield Marines Sciences Centre**, and the **Bamfield Community School Association** (for monies deposited in the SD 70). There has been discussion of an umbrella charitable tax group representing all local organizations. Should we move on with this? L. Druehl



Bravo! On March 5th the BCSA held an **Italian cooking** class at the Firehall. We created 4 dishes: butternut risotto, rigatoni, tiramisu and black forest banana split. Then we enjoyed each others company over a delicious meal. Everyone had such a good time we are planning another one for April. This time we are going to transport you to India; watch for posters. Catherine Thompson

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