



THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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A trip to Bamfield Mall! Recently on a visit to the recycling site I poked my head into the re-useable item shed. Quite impressive! There were t.v.'s, bed head boards, a mattress, a filing cabinet, car seats for kids, games, poker chips, paperback books, bed sheets, placemats, assorted clothing and shoes, jackets and coats. According to **Eileen Scott**, get there early or get skunked. Please latch the gate after you find your treasures. *R. Hopkins*

Welcome, Erin Dyck, Centennial Park's summer employee.

Thieves Target Charity. In an interview with CBC Radio (June 10, 2013), **James Edwards** noted that 1000 pounds of halibut was stolen from the House of HUU-AY-AHT sometime between 3-9 April. The halibut was stored in 300 clear vacuum-packed freezer bags. This fish was intended for HUU-AY-AHT feasts and for the needy. A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Contact the Port Alberni RCMP.

But A Happy Ending. On August 14, 2012, **Bruce Walker**, the habitual kayaker and storyteller, had his 17-ft Seaward Vision kayak stolen while camping at Pachena. On March 3, of this year, **Eddie Johnson Jr.** contacted Bruce, saying they had found the kayak in the bush. *L. Druehl*

June Community Affairs. In response to Chief Councillor **Jeff Cook's** announcement that Island Timberland was going to log its half of Fleming Island, it was decided to petition Island Timberland not to proceed. Please sign the petition. The next **Community Affairs** Meeting is 16 September. *L. Druehl*
(Visit Community Affairs Minutes on www.bamfielder.ca.)

Curious Park Visitors. Three Vancouver **jockeys** from **Belfast** had their second annual break in Centennial Park. They love it. Also, five talkative **Belgium** lads rested up from their West Coast trail hike. Visit your parks and discover a new world. *L. Druehl*



Gold Card Celebration. Robby Bowker helps Suzanne Jennings extinguish birthday candles. Suz, look forward to tariff-free ferry passages. *L. Druehl*, photo M. Phillips.

Bustling BCSA has Canada Summer Jobs & Young Canada Works grants for two new employees: **Meaghan** will be in the BCSA office, helping with day-to-day activities and summer camps. Meaghan, an excellent dancer, will be leading dance, aerobic & yolates classes this summer. Join in on the fun! **Fiona**, the Archives assistant, will scan our history & help with this year's Museum exhibit. Fiona, a talented artist and photographer, will be leading a photography workshop, July 9; a chance to



Among Park Rhododendrons. Welcome, **Brenda Spivey**, Centennial Park's first manager. Photo *L. Druehl*



Bamfield says farewell to Pat Byres on Bradys Beach, 1 June

photo M. Phillips

to take some photos to submit in the Community Photo Contest. *C. Thompson*

Fishing News. As we look back on the June fishing it was a month with some great fishing and some not so great. July should be better with good catches near and offshore. I often get asked, "What's the fishing like?" The best thing is too get out there and create a report. Don't worry about what happened last week! It's been good Chinook fishing and lots of Coho are showing up at the surf line. *Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point Charters*

Number Please. The third installment in **Suzanne Jennings' Bamfield Communications Exposé.** At night after a certain time (9 o'clock?) the exchange closed. Those people who worked at the Lifeboat Station were connected to each other from the Station only. So you could get a few messages around town if there was an emergency. Thus, in the tidal wave of 1964 the **McDermid's** got a call because **Billy Mac** was working at the Lifeboat Station. Mr. McDermid came over to our house and woke up mum and dad [**Len and Ebba**]. Dad went to start the Shop generator and to wake up **Roald [Ostrom]** and others who went down to the floats to make sure all the boats and floats were going to be okay. Mum woke us up: that was **Kath** and 2 other girls from boarding school in Victoria who lived too far away to go home for Spring Break. Soon after the tidal wave scare the telephone situation changed. In an emergency, the existing situation wasn't as effective as it could be for the time. The central exchange, operating for a specific amount of hours, was great in the day/working hours but not for late evening and early morning. Then with the organization of **Bamfield Utilities** in the 60's there was community power for all houses. BC Tel came to town. We had a resident telephone man and family living in town. Our new phones were dialers! They were hard wired. *To be continued.*

A different Era! Nine years ago, **Wilf Mairs** of 100 Mile House, contacted the BCSA office. He had acquired one of the sending units from the Bamfield Cable Station. Wilf finally felt fit to make the long trek to Bamfield with his wife **Lynne**, saying that they felt it was important that this piece of equipment return to Bamfield. It will be on display this summer at the Bamfield Centennial Park as part of the museum exhibit. In May, **Helen Matson** of Prince George BC, visited Bamfield to see where her father had been stationed with the Air Force in 1945. Helen left behind a number of her father's WW II photos, which will hopefully become part of a future exhibit on Bamfield during the war years. We are grateful to the Mairs and to Helen Matson for their generous contributions to our museum. *Heather Cooper, Bamfield Historical Society.* photo: **Lynne and Wilf Mairs** with their sending unit from the Bamfield Cable Station. *Heather Cooper, Bamfield Archives and Museum*



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Happy Times. In June, the Bamfield Community School Association had a three day, end of the year student camping trip to Diana Island. Many individuals volunteered their time to make this trip educational, safe, and fun. The students learned about intertidal life with **Hana Kucera** and **Dave Riddell**; practiced survival skills, while putting the Hug A Tree program into practice with **Constable Batt** and **Ron Clayton** of the RCMP; and explored Huu-ay-aht traditional territory. This trip was made possible by generous donations from the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and many community members. Thank you everyone who took part!
C. Thompson



photo C. Thompson



Shirley Pakula is surprised!



Happy 29th, Shirley...



..say CBC's Bob MacDonald & Eileen Scott. photos M.P.

Catherine's July Events
6th-14th- Music By The Sea
8th- Ballroom Dance Class- Standard Part 1. 7pm @ School
9th- Photography Workshop 7pm. Meet @ School
10th- MBTS Community Concert. 8pm @ RIX
13th- BVFD Intertidal Golf, Salmon BBQ & dance.
15th- Ballroom Dance- Standard Part 2. 7pm @School
16th- First Day of Summer Camps
19th- Last Day to enter in the Photo Competition
22nd- Latin Dance Class- Part 1. 7pm @ School.
23rd- Outdoor Movie "Jurassic Park"
29th- Latin Dance Class- Part 2. 7pm @ School.
30th- Outdoor Movie "Brave." *C. Thompson,*

La Bella Vita Resorts Ltd., a Calgary based management company now operates the Hawkeye Marine Group properties. Marine and road fuel services are available at the old Cannery. *Martin Lautsch*

Help! Our foodbank, in the library, is in need of a transfusion. Foods, easy to prepare, non-perisable, please.

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

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