

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Bamfield's tribute to Huu-ay-aht Treaty. On July 1st, among a happy throng of O'Canada singers and hotdog eaters (258 hotdogs devoured) Druehl pronounced: "Councillor Sheila Charles, Bamfielders, Huu-ay-aht, and visitors. It is my pleasure to announce the planting of this *Ginkgo biloba*, by the Bamfield Community Affairs Society, in celebration of the Huu-ay-aht treaty. The ginkgo is large, to 120 feet, and long living, to 1500 years. The ginkgo was common in this area but became locally extinct. In the eighteen hundreds it was discovered in Chinese monasteries. Now it is widely distributed and it is very strong: it survived the Hiroshima atomic blast. And it is a strong medicine plant. The history and stature and sustainability and nurturing qualities of this tree reflect on the people of the Huu-ay-aht and their future." The tree was planted by Poppy Butler and Sebastian Fry with Rick MacLeod helping in Bamfield Centennial Park. L. Druehl. Collage by Marc Phillips. "One picture is worth more than ten thousand words." Chinese proverb

Fishing News. We are expecting fifty thousand Chinook to pass by in the next few weeks. August is "Tye Time" in Bamfield. We are starting to see the big fish prowling the beaches on the way to Stamp River. Fish shallow, twenty-five to fifty feet, along the edges of the kelp beds at Scott's Bay, Brady's Beach, Whittlestone or the Wall to catch the big one. Tight lines. Ken Bodaly Rocky Point Charters

***Visit the "History of Bamfield Fishing" exhibition at the Centennial Park information centre.
Bamfield Historical Society***



Neighbourhood Watch. Several vehicle break-ins and thefts have led to the creation of a neighbourhood patrol. Volunteers are welcomed. Contact Roger Demontigny 250-728-3355

Thefts. On **July 15th** a trailer plate was taken from a trailer which broke down on Bamfield Rd. Plate # UMW 40D.

On **July 22nd**, 2011. A stolen white 2003 Ford pickup bearing Alberta plates from near Breakers Marine was recovered in south Bamfield.

On **July 26th** a Black 2002 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD with black Canopy, Lic# 6158 AM, was stolen while parked in front of the Bamfield Hotel. Avcrimstoppers.ca

Bamfield's smallest power outage occurred July 18 when a limb fell on Jerry Baird's powerline. The resulting fireworks at the transformers brought the volunteer fire department but no fire and no power for 8 households. Remembering the Great Outages of 2006 when Hydro was overwhelmed, it seemed likely that days would pass before crews reached Brady's Beach...a disaster to deep freezers' salmon inhabitants. Electricity returned 9pm that day and 3 households raised glasses to Hydro and 5 households had no idea of what had happened. Heather Washburn

Weather. Nothing spectacular about Bamfield's weather for July. The high was 18.4C on the 24th. Days have been cool but not as foggy as sometimes July can get. We had a 10 day period of which 9 days registered some precipitation. The total precip, however, was 1.35" (3.4 cm), about two thirds of the normal rainfall for July. One had to be picky about finding a warm day at Bradys Beach--maybe next month. Nice sunsets, however. Jerry Baird

August Events.

August 2-18. BCSA summer camp.

August 14. BCSA Sand castle building at Pachena.

August 17. BCSA Theatre Sports at school, 4:30-6:00 adult camp, 8-9pm open tournament.

August 20. BCSA car wash, downtown Bamfield.

August 27 (tentative) Community Hall Harvest and Auction. Catherine Thompson, BCSA coordinator

"Hot tamale, I sure love this lasagna gardening." Heather Cooper

Coast Guard Notes. It has been a fairly quiet summer as far as search and rescue goes. There have been several med-evacs, however, as well as the evacuation of 24 passengers from a 55 foot pleasure craft which ran aground off Weld Island. Construction of the RHIOT School continues with the ceiling done and bids should be tendered in the next 4 to 6 weeks for the infrastructure, dwelling refurbishment and new RHIOT float. Safe boating. Clay Evans

Zena Robertson: 20 November 1917-16 November 2010. A tribute to Zena was recently celebrated in Port Desire on an overcast drizzly day in July. Zena's dock was the setting for son Brian's remembrance and Psalms, daughter Juanita, followed by granddaughter Katherine, shared their heartfelt memories of Zena. Daughter-in-law Anne played the keyboard while a model of the *Nita B* (the family boat) built by son Ross and bearing Zena's ashes was set adrift by Gerry and Ross and slowly sank. A flock of Canada geese flew by twice, honking, giving Zena a send-off that would have delighted her. The drizzle stopped and the sky brightened. At the family's request a reading of Louis Druehl's story *Zena's Garden* followed. To conclude the afternoon guests entered Zena's garden for tea. Zena was always a gracious hostess. Rae Hopkins

Reader's Response To."Sometimes it seems the half-life of Bamfield joy is too short while misery....." "...is measured in doubling time. Misery is in a lower state and has an affinity for company. As misery combines it increases exponentially like debt, taxes, oil depletion, etc. Fortunately, in Bamfield all the elements are present to make joy a renewable resource." Jennifer Wenstob

Classifieds.

The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre needs Casual Housekeepers, Kitchen Help and Cooks (see job descriptions:www.bms.bc.ca.) Submit resume with covering letter to: 100 Pachena Road, Bamfield, B.C., V0R 1B0. controller@bms.bc.ca

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. The *New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl