

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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WOW, WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?

New Developments? "The protocol agreement that current Chief Councillor **Jeff Cook** signed with the port authority allows the first nation and the port to work together on developing the Port Alberni Trans-shipment Hub and a liquefied natural gas export facility along the Alberni Inlet's shoreline." *Scott McKenzie, AVT, 1 Nov.*

Huu-ay-aht Response to TNB. Huu-ay-aht has signed a protocol agreement with the Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) to conduct a feasibility study on the potential for a deep sea port in Huu-ay-aht traditional territory or on our within Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL). Huu-ay-aht is seeking economic development opportunities within the Territory including upgrading of transportation links between Port Alberni and Bamfield. PAPA and Huu-ay-aht will identify potential sites for the feasibility study. The full feasibility study will be reported by March 2014. If there is no potential for a deep sea port in our area, I don't see us pursuing the idea any further. If there is potential, Huu-ay-aht through our consultation process with our Citizens, will decide if we should pursue a deep sea port. Dependent on the outcome at our Peoples Assembly on November 30th, we will share this information with Citizens who were unable to be at the meeting and in addition with the Citizens of Bamfield and the surrounding area. *Jeff Cook, Chief Councillor*

Premier excited on prospect of LNG facility in Alberni Valley and an expanded port facility capable of handling large container ships. Natural gas could be piped from the mainland to port. Container ships could be off-loaded on to barges. See *Rob Shaw's* full article from the Times Colonist: www.bamfielder.ca.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council has been awarded \$96,200 for a tsunami debris cleanup program. *AVT, 7 November.* **Charlie Clappis** will be Bamfield's contact person with the Huu-ay-aht. 250-728-3414

Two elk were shot and left to rot near the Franklin Camp turnoff and another four outside of Nitnat. Report poachers 1-877-952-7277

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As a Bamfield sage has said: "Use it or lose it!"

HELP FORM BAMFIELD'S FUTURE. ATTEND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MEETINGS AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH THE OVER 2000 THE NEW BAMFIELDER READERS. SPEAK UP!

JEOPARDIZED BAMFIELD WATER SYSTEM FURTHER THREATENED BY WATERSHED LOGGING.

At the November Community Affairs meeting villagers expressed concern with ACRD's results showing the high level of trihalomethanes (THM, potential carcinogens) in our water supply. This problem may be increased if logging of our Sugsaw watershed by **Island Timberlands** goes ahead, as our Regional Director, **Eric Geall**, indicated may occur. Eric volunteered to pursue Island Timberlands with ACRD, and our Water Board will consider solutions to the water quality problem. **Donna Dunn** notified the group that VIHA (**Vancouver Island Health Authority**) is now called **Island Health**. **Lars Mogensen** has formed a group to champion west side roads (**Bonnie MacKay, Lynne Sweeting, Jerry Gassner**), focusing on safety and upgrading. **Catherine Thompson** will represent our Affairs Society in developing an accord between Bamfield and Anacla. Those present expressed their appreciation to **Lynne Sweeting** for her work on a Cape Beale trail and improved cell-phone service. *L.Druehl*

Brad Anholt, Director, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, critiques the health issues of our water quality (see www.bamfielder.ca).

Catherine's December events.

1st- Christmas Craft Fair. 11am-2pm @ School.

5th- Motor Maintenance workshop with **Gord**. 6:30pm at Breakers.

RSVP, Catherine at 728-1220. **6th-9th-** Bamfield Road Closure from 6th @ 6pm until Dec 9th @ 6am.

7th Hall Social, Rix Centre. **9th-** Toastmasters. 7pm @ School

20th- Christmas Social in the Library. Last chance to get some books and DVDs for the holidays. Tea and cookies.

23rd-27th- BCSA Office Closed for the Holidays. *Catherine Thompson*, Coordinator, BCSA



Spectacular! BVFD produced another spectacular fireworks show this Halloween! A large contingent drove in from Anacla and the BMSC roadway was packed with folk from the Bamfield/Anacla community. The professionally done show lit the sky with a rainbow of colours and glitter to loud cheers of approval. Thanks to BVFD members for all the hard work and the BVFD Benevolent Fund and Auxiliary, Community Affairs, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Bamfield Community Hall Society for financing. *Jean Richardson*

Whale Ho! Port Desire's **Brian Gisborne** made the second recent sighting of a North Pacific right whale in Canadian waters. The previous sighting was of a whale harvested in 1951. *Vancouver Sun 1 November 2013.* **Another small Bamfield Business.** Brian operates his *Michelle Diana* as a water taxi (it's more a cruise) between Port Renfrew and Bamfield when he is not doing whale research. The trip takes up to 3.5 hours (depending on how many stops you want) and can carry 12 passengers. *L. Druehl*

The Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department

held it's A.G.M. on October 30th. Elected were Mark J. Kelly-Fire Chief, Phil Lavoie-Deputy Fire Chief/Training Officer, Gord Hawkins-Captain, Don Amos- Captain, Les Butler-Captain, and Justin Demoskoff –Captain. The full Fire Chief's report can be viewed at www.bamfielder.ca. *Mark J. Kelly*

Boo! The Spooky Halloween Community Lunch was a great success! **Christine Sirois** and **John Mass** served 43 students and community members a delicious and nutritious lunch. **The Market** did a spectacular job: 3 types of salad, Witches Brew, panic bannock, brownies, blondies, gummy worms and green ghoulade. *Catherine Thompson*



Lest We Forget! Remembrance Day was marked by 32 Bamfielders, led by **Steve Clarke**. **Eileen Scott** reminisced war time jobs in blitzed London, and her husband, **Jimmy**, flying submarine patrol over the North Atlantic and **Hedy Demontigny** noted life in wartime Halifax. We learned the late **Siguard Tviet** of Grappler had served in the Norwegian underground navy, and that fathers and uncles and mothers and nieces had coped with hardships (without complaint) and contributed to the final outcome of WW II. Concern was shared for today's youths returning from combat to an awkward, if not hostile, environment...think of those who survived the 13 years of Afghanistan engagement. The Historical Society displayed photos and memorabilia of wartime Bamfield. A fine occasion for a proud village. *L. Druehl*

Ole! The Community School Association Mexican Cooking Class saw 11 Bamfielders prepare Guacamole, Salsa, Enchiladas, Chicken Tortilla Soup, and Churros (Mexican donuts); devour the same with Margarita chasers and fun conversation. These classes are a great opportunity to learn something new and enjoy great companionship. Stay tuned for the next class (rumor: Hungarian). Thank you **Catherine Thompson** for a remarkable show. *L. Druehl*



The plaque on a prominent rock in Scott's Bay celebrates **Stewart Pierce**, who died last April. Stewart is the youngest of **George "Skip" Pierce's** six children. Skip is uncle to **Curt Smecher**. Stewart endured years of chronic pain, yet he cheerfully worked hard, contributing much to our Bamfield homestead. He was courageous and strong. Skip and his 5 sons come up to Bamfield often and fish with great joy. Stewart was always there, except this summer, when he was not. We miss him and cherish his memory. *Heather Washburn*. Plaque made with love by **Grant Pierce**.



In Flanders Field, recited individually by **Kristin Russell's** students, was followed by a laying of the wreath by Riley, a moment of silence and then juice and cookies. The kids knew the words to O'Canada and seemed to appreciate the significance the event. A very impressive event. *L. Druehl*, photo too. (L to R) **Riley Gerbrandt, Victoria Williams, Vanessa Young, Alexyss Howard, Helena Howard, Brady Butler, Natalie Clappis, Grace Geall, Jagar Williams, Andy Clappis** (missing: **Seth Nookemus, Cierra Nookemus, Jayson Nookemus, Andrew Jacob.**)



A Big Bear Hug! A big thank you to the Bamfield Community Affairs Society for your generous \$500 grant supporting the Bear Aware Program. Bamfield now has an official Bear Aware Education program! Our goal is to reduce wildlife conflict through education. Brochures about bears, cougars and wolves are available from myself. The next step is to provide signage around town reminding people they are in bear country; to secure garbage; and if you are going to chuck fish refuse and compost off the dock to please do so in the current beyond the low tide mark. Thank you everyone for your support! *Mandy dragonflybamfield@gmail.com*

Bamfield Ingenuity. **Clara Young** describes the first annual **Trashion Show**. Lovely young models grace the runway, eloquently clad in recycled materials: onion sacs, foam packaging, pop cans and such, as "was worthy of the house of Dior." And a rainy afternoon finished with thunderous applause. www.bamfielder.ca for Clara's full, amusing description. photo collage **Marc Phillips**

First Annual Bamfield Trashion Show



BAMFIELD IS IN A STATE OF FLUX. EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS, HELP US GROW: SPEAK OUT IN THE NEW BAMFIELDER!

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**