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Another One Lost! Kaal Haugen, Maintenance Supervisor, after 20 years with the Marine Sciences Centre, joins Pac Rim as Asset Technician. His family lives in Port Alberni: wife, **Karen** is Aboriginal Liaison Officer with Pac Rim, son **Dillion** plays hockey with the PA Bulldogs and attends NIC where he strives for a NCAA scholarship, and daughter **Samantha** is about to graduate. He will be missed in the local music scene. In spite of losing musicians, Kaal is optimistic for Bamfield music. He views

marine station change over the past 20 years as positive and believes Bamfield will overcome its difficulties. Kaal, thank you for being among us, and best wishes for your future. *Louis Druehl*

A Grand Tradition. "The first thing they asked me when I applied for this position was 'How are your boating skills?'" said **Donna Dunn**.

Donna continues a long line of medical services, started in 1939 in a converted residence in west Bamfield. She is on call 24/7 for emergencies and is responsible for providing immunizations, running well-baby clinics, and administering to cuts, breaks, burns, and infections. A major challenge is arranging transport of patients out of Bamfield, made more complicated by a dirt road and adverse weather. Ten years ago, Donna had no idea she would stay so long in our village. "The work is so rewarding and I feel so appreciated, why would I want to go anywhere else?" she asked. *Island Health*, press release (www.bamfielder.ca for the full release).

Initially, the January issue of TNB wrongly reported on aspects of Eunice Joe's life. The online issue now holds the corrected version. I apologize. *L. Druehl*



Whose Representative is He? Joe Cooper took exception to statements made by Regional Director **Eric Geall** in the AV Times (see www.bamfielder.ca for full article) "We've got some older folks who are reticent to change and that's pretty much an across the board sentiment." In defending his stand at the Community Affairs meeting, Eric implied he represented the larger constituency (and presumably the younger) that existed out there. In this scribe's opinion, this view is divisive and does not advance our village. *L. Druehl*

Ucluelet Aquarium needs a diver/collector. Contact **Judy Grey**, 250-720-7028.

Flemming Island not to be Ravaged! To the community of Bamfield:

As you may recall we attended a Bamfield Community Affairs meeting on July 17th, 2013 to ask the community of Bamfield for their support in our opposition to the logging Fleming Island. On January 8th we received a reply from the BC Archeology Branch, declining to grant the Alternation Permit to Island Timberlands. On behalf of **Huu-ay-aht**, please accept our gratitude for your support with the petition that was circulated in your community. *Jeff Cook*, Chief Councillor



Rae Hopkins' artichokes reign in the community garden

Ouch! According to Radio CBC, Sooke residents face a \$1400 increase in fire insurance as the insurance underwriters have determined Sooke's volunteer fire department is understaffed. Bamfield volunteerism is important...and fun...and the community thing to do. *L. Druehl*

School Kids benefit from Eagle Gift. On December 20, 2013 the BCS class K-4 received an honorable gift from Conservation Officer **Lorne Rinkle** and RCMP Officer CST. **Pete Batt**: an Eagle which had sadly died flying into a power line. The Conservation Officers allow First Nations to apply for Cultural/Educational purposes thus providing an amazing opportunity to bring the Anacla/Bamfield communities together, creating Hish-uck-tsawalk (Everything is connected and all is one). Chuu, Kleko Kleko, *Maggie Peters*, Huu-ay-aht Education Worker (www.bamfielder.ca for Maggie's full statement and explanation of HFN use of the eagle.)



The Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday February 27 at 17:00 at the Bamfield Fire Hall.

Nobel Effort! Christine Sirois thought it would be cool if Bamfield could embrace **Alice Munro**, this year's Nobel Prize in Literature winner. **John Mass** tried to contact Alice and ended up at **Munro's Books** in Victoria where **The Market** purchased three of her books, autographed. These will be raffled and auctioned off, all proceeds to go to support Bamfield Community School Association activities for literacy. Raffle tickets will be available in the near future. The auction will occur during this year's **Author's, Oysters and Ale** bash, when the raffle winners will be drawn. This is a result of working on a theme for a community lunch during literacy week by BCSA and The Market. *L. Druehl*



photo Kristin Russell

Serendipity! Swiss, **Nicolas Pidancet**, gave a spontaneous concert at the school, 15 January. The kids were ecstatic and anticipate their forthcoming piano lessons from **Fiona Hawks** (a TNB sponsored program). Nicolas is a woofer, who travels the world volunteering to work on ecologically sensitive projects...in this case on the **Meadows'** environmentally friendly home at Black Lake. *L. Druehl*

Jalkoczi's February Events

- 4th – Malaysia Slideshow & food (donation, RSVP)
 - 10th/24 – Toastmasters
 - 11th – Community Night /Computer Class
 - 16th – Home Maintenance Workshop
 - 17th – Community Affairs
 - 19th – Game parks of Namibia & Botswana flic
 - 20th – Community Lunch, (\$5, RSVP)
 - 24th – Malaysian Cooking Class (donation, RSVP) |
 - 25th – Community Night/Computer Class
 - 27th – Community Forest AGM, Firehall, 5 pm
- For more information contact Marton, BCSA Acting Coordinator
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Grow on! Centennial Park Community Gardeners tidy up after a great growing season (L to R: **Hana Kucera, Louis Druehl, Jan & Nelson Meadows, Nicole Gerbrandt, Cat Anderson, Jean Robertson, Riley Gerbrandt, Suzan Anthony**, photo **Rae Hopkins**). Among the highlights of this summer were Rae's artichokes and the continued growth of **Andrea Butler's** fig tree...not yet with fruit, black potatoes, fennel as high as an elephant's eye, leeks to die for, and flowers. Beds are available for the 2014 season: contact, **Nicole Gerbrandt**, 604-970-8050, jgdfbgng@hotmail.com. *L. Druehl*

Local waters remain free of radioactivity.

Extensive testing of ocean waters beginning shortly after the March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami tore into the six nuclear plants at Fukushima led to a spring, 2013 issue of *Oceanus* which concluded that "the impacts of the Fukushima disaster to human health are largely localized to the waters near Japan, despite the spread of debris across the Pacific." *John Lewallen*, Philo, CA (see www.bamfielder.ca for full story)

The BamWest Broominator. To whomever dumped broom-seed infested soil below West Park: You can mitigate your actions by pulling out the broom that is growing there. *H. Washburn*

A Different Era. Bamfielder/Cable Station Operator **Kenneth Bruce Masson** (May 10, 1931- January 7, 2014) was born in Alexandria, Ontario. He married Bamfield-girl **Margaret Patrick**, his wife of 59 years. His son **Bruce** lives in his grandparents, **Bill and Mary Patrick's**, house in Victoria, and son **Brad** and wife **Libby**, and their children **Brett** and **Danielle** live in Vancouver. Ken joined the Overseas Telecommunications Co. at 15 in Montreal, and was transferred to Bamfield and then later to Vancouver. When he retired 38 years later, the company was called Teleglobe Canada. In retirement Ken and Margaret traveled to many parts of the world, wintered in California, golfed, enjoyed summer fishing trips to Bamfield. (Who of us from the 50's remember Margaret and Ken's wedding in the Patrick's back garden?) *Suzanne Jennings*



Only 22 miles to go!

Champion! Debbie Law, Eileen Scott's granddaughter, completed the New York marathon (26.2 miles) in 5 hrs, 52 minutes. When she told Eileen she had come in just 6 minutes after **Pamela Anderson**, Eileen said, "Who?" Kenya's **Prisch Jeptoo** won the woman's race with a time of 2:25:07. Debbie, who lives in Calgary with her husband Darrell and three children, also champions the *TNB* youth program. *L. Druehl*

Remember your Valentine!



Marc Phillips collage



All set, get ready, GO!!!! And the winner is Mark Doherty

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*