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FAREWELL FAYE BENNET-MOTHER, LOVER, FRIEND, POTTER, MUSICAN, KELP PICKER, GALLERY OPERATOR...

BAMFIELD WILL MISS YOU.

There was a tide-line of white daisy heads at Brady's Beach on August 13th as Bamfield said farewell to Fay Bennett. Fay's music sang out into the absurdly glorious sunset, from her cd and from those wonderful Bamfield musicians who love her. For Fay there was food, flowers, friends and family. Malcolm scattered ashes into the waves; many words were spoken and many tears cried. Another of Bamfield's best has gone into the future. Beautiful Fay. Heather Washburn

John Joseph Vanden's memorial. A flotilla of boats slowly followed Marc's Avro out to the mouth of the harbour where Marc Phillips, Gary York and his two nephews, sprinkled John's ashes. Up through the cloud of ashes came a salmon! An omen of continued good fishing? I think Johnny would have been pleased to see the variety of boats with family and neighbours following him: his aluminum skiff the *Johnny V*, outboards, a classic troller, a herring skiff and an old Turner built wooden rowboat all clearly representing the boats Johnny was familiar with over his 95 years. People then gathered at Johnny's house and enjoyed telling 'Johnny stories'. His large extended family of nieces, nephews, and succeeding 'greats' hosted the garden party. Many signs of Johnny's life and day-to-day living are to be seen on his property. If you tie-up at his float, there is a hand hewn wooden cleat. His fishing license is on a board in his house as is his life-long commercial number. And hand bucked logs, the wooden well water ladder, the sheds of equipment and his hand cleared property. John Vanden trod quietly through this community, accumulating a huge history of pioneer life, facts and friends, fishing experiences, doing things his way and methodically keeping his garden and property in order. We all enjoyed his knowledge, advice, interest in new science and food and his stories. Johnny Vanden was 'Uncle Johnny' to many of us. We can delight in having known such a fine man. Suzanne Jennings

Roseline's Thoughts. "Being in love is like being kissed on a gondola. In Bamfield it's in a kayak!"

Hitched! Congratulations Bamfield's John Richards and Seattle's Brenda Spivey on their marriage. Welcome to Bamfield, Brenda.



This summer 52 kids attended the BCSA six-week long summer camp. A highlight: 29 children and 16 adults visited the Whale Lab at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. Special thanks to Community Affairs for crafts and snacks; the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, **Anne Stewart, Hana Kucera, Erika Simonson, Ali Griffiths** for their expertise; Huu-ay-aht, including **Sheena Falconer, Clara Clappis** and **Marie Newfield** who helped plan our adventures; **The Bamfield General Store** for donating groceries for our Bradys Beach picnic; **Kerry Robertson** who taught improvisation; **LaRae Baker** and the **Wytons** for hosting Kerry; and **Andrea Butler** for introducing exciting crafts. Most importantly, We thank all the parents and children who came out and played with us. Catherine Thompson

Fishing News. August's great Chinook fishing should extend well into September. Add a bunch of Coho that are arriving and we can expect a banner month. Fishing on the "Wall" or Scott's Bay using Anchovy at 31 feet deep will produce great results. Good Luck. Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point Charters

Canadian Coast Guard. August has been a quiet month. There have been eight calls as of the month's halfway mark: one medi-vac, two overdue boaters and once we had two simultaneous calls from broken down vessels, one 5 miles off Cape Beale and the other off Nitinat. Fortunately, we were able to call up an extra crewman to man both boats. Stay safe out there and always have a VHF radio! Clay Evans

Bamfield receives first loaner board. The Kids Don't Float program of PFD loaner stations are established at boat access areas with children's lifejackets. Users return lifejackets. This summer, Bamfield Community School Association received a loaner board for the West Harbour dock and plan to apply in the future for the Transport Canada west dock, the east side Huu-ay-aht dock, and the Port Desire Parks dock. Donna Dunn

Editorial Mutterings. On August 27th the Bamfield Community Hall Society held its annual fund-raising Harvest Dinner and Auction. Over the years mucho dinero has been raised through such activities...a legacy toward the new hall. This year's dinner grossed \$5400 (\$3500 from the auction) a significant portion from **Ebba's** perennial cinnamon twists, courtesy of **Suzanne and Katharine Jennings**. This was a fun, well attended (ca. 100 persons) event and the 21st year our **Bob Goodwin** headed up the auction (Bravo, Bob!!!). I estimate this gravelly voiced, aspiring musician, ex-General Store owner, carpenter and handyman has coached close to \$70,000 from gullible, generous diners. Thank you Hall Directors and volunteers and contributors. We look forward to the fruits of your labour. Louis Druehl



Chris Fry, there's a song here. MP

According to 3997 voters in the BCAA's Twenty Worst BC Roads Survey, Bamfield is 19th...We just about didn't make the list! Reason: Damaged pavement. Hummm. Marc Phillips

Wastewater Forcemain along Bamfield Road.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation (HFN) has retained the services of Bowerman Excavating and Chatwin Engineering to complete a sanitary forcemain to service the future development of 51 lots in upper Anacla village. This pipe will extend from pumping station on Nookemus Road and run along the Bamfield Road to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) treatment plant and include connection to the BMSC's outfall in Trevor Channel. The project will be constructed in three phases. The first phase, August 15 to October 31, 2011, will run from Nookemus Road to Frigate Road at the four-way stop. After a negotiated agreement is possibly reached between the HFN and the BMSC, the second phase will continue to BMSC with upgrades to the treatment plant. Once these phases are completed, then the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will proceed with paving of the Bamfield Road from the West Coast Trail as well as some paving in East Bamfield in July/August 2012. The third phase will include an extension of the outfall into Trevor Channel. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Rodney Murray at 728-3414.

Now Anacla wishes to push its...waste disposal on Bamfield. Bamfielders should educate themselves on the full issues before responding in a knee-jerk way, but to me the bottom line is this: if post-digested septic material is safe enough to put in the sea below Bamfield it is safe enough to be piped out to sea from Anacla. Heather Washburn

Coming Events.

By Catherine Thompson
4 Sept. The Ladies Group is having a Beach Party at Pachena, 3-6pm.
8 Sept. Back to School/International Literacy Day BBQ at BCS, 5pm.
19 Sept. Bamfield Community Affairs meeting, BCS, 7:30pm.

Wanted preschool coordinator to organize and run a weekly preschool group for parents and tots at the Bamfield School. Contact Catherine at the BCSA (bcsa.ct@gmail.com).

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