

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Bamfield's 2014 Successes: Youth Participation In Local Affairs & The Anacla/Bamfield Trail Start.

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61% of Huu-ay-aht support Sarita LNG project, stated HFN Councillor **John Jack** in



interest. *L. Druehl* photo *Colin Bates*

\$100K plus and a water clarification system is tested for Bamfield water. Our water is rich in organic matter that reacts with chlorine to produce THMs (see www.bamfielder.ca for health notes). The tested system removes the organics by combining them with alum/clay, producing a flocculent that is skimmed off, producing "clear" water. According to **Bruce Forsyth**, MTL, ACRD, this water requires less chlorine to maintain 0.2 mg/liter as required for all potable water. In contrast, large amounts of chlorine are required to treat un-clarified water. The information from these tests is being used to design a Bamfield system and estimate operating costs. ACRD will share these with Bamfielders.

Russell Dyson CAO, ACRD noted, capital costs of a water treatment plant could be in the order of \$1 million. The ACRD Board of Directors has directed that an application be made for Build



Canada Funding whereby 2/3 of the capital costs could be covered by the federal and provincial government. Bamfield's **Les Butler** is upgrading his operating skills in anticipation of operating a new system. Tofino has a similar system. *L. Druehl* photo *Les Butler*

a CBC Radio Victoria interview (3 December). He sees taxation and job creation big advantages for HFN, but recognizes there may be resistance to a pipeline even though a gas mishap would have much lower impact than an oil spill. Further, the FHN are concerned over environmental issues (geo-tech, sound, light, air, water, flora and fauna) and social issues (heritage, local settlement). Jack noted the HFN is at the end of the primary screening and entering the feasibility stage of an operating LNG plant and supporting pipeline. I'm certain Bamfielders will follow developments with keen

"Mobius Amounts of Ideas!" This year I've heard plenty of environmental talk in and around Bamfield and Anacla. Whether it's the weather, or LNG or power outages, it all leads back to how to be greener. That hulking inspiration led us to some serious storming of our own. Why not convert the Market's diesel generator to run off the Café's used kitchen oil? We'd have potentially years worth of fuel! Anybody around with the experience or know-how? *Christine Sirois*

Shared Loss. "A big thank you to the people of Bamfield, students and staff at the Marine Sciences Centre, and the Huu-ay-aht First Nation for their kind support during our time of grief over the loss of our son, River." *The Sidley Family*

Thank you and Welcome. Elected officials, administrators, volunteers and friends gathered for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District's banquet, celebrating the changing of the guard. **Josie Osborne**, Chair, ACRD board, thanked our regional director, **Eric Gaell**, stating, "He was most polite and gracious" and welcomed our new director, **Keith Wyton**. *Eileen Scott*

Alberta born, Terrace nurtured, Bamfield bound, Ken Hawkins

joined the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre in 2008. After 7



years with CN Rail in telecommunications, Ken received training as a millwright, basic university education in science and business administration, and operated a racket and squash facility in Terrace. A visit to **Craig's List** brought him to his present employment: System Administrator. About the marine station, "...great place to work. We have our primary job and can help out in other areas." Ken is keen about driving, rally driving, "My aggressive rally car was great on the Bamfield road." He received his Bamfield training from **Ardie Logan**. He feels our young people need significant employment. "The local economy is circling the drain," maybe aquaculture, LNG, maybe? He finds Bamfielders open and friendly. "They show incredible concern with fellow road travelers." He'd like to stay in Bamfield if only to discover how things work out. *L. Druehl*

Jerry's December Weather. This December has been an average December for rain. December is our rainiest month: average of 16.3 inches (41 cm). We had days of precipitation: total of 13.51 inches (34 cm) of rain. In 4 days, in early December we had 7.75 inches (20 cm), with the 8th with 2.75 inches (7 cm). The very high tides and big surf were unusual, our storms aligned with the full & new moons and this added about 3-storm surge feet to the plus 12 foot tides--highest tides since the big storm of 2006. The logs on Brady's Beach moved to new locations. *Baird on the Beach*

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A chilly reception. **Louis Druehl's** novel, *Cedar, Salmon and Weed*, an exposé of 1970's Bamfield was launched in Breaker's Marine's open-air shop (temperature -2.3 C). *L. Druehl*, photo by *M. Phillips*, **Kylee** (L) **Siobhan** (R).



Aspiring Marine Biologists. The marine station celebrated its 19th Fall Program with a day of talks and an evening banquet. The talks, that described students' independent research, started with a study on interaction between a snail and an invasive crab by **Cody Antos & Sandy Fahmy**, who were present, and **Martin Berg**, who was piped in from Germany. The dinner, an elegant affair with Atlantic lobster and wines, focused on major happenings, most notably, the passing of student

River Sidley. River's father, **David**, thanked the students for their support and recognized their pain. The University Program, orchestrated by **Nicole Gerbrandt**, ended with a deserved celebration, had survived a shutdown of the seawater system that was augmented with a student-manned bucket brigade, cruel seas that deprived students' access to projects, and hijinks that evolve from 16 weeks of intense interaction. *L. Druehl*

Hello friends! We are proud to announce the birth of **Solan Elmieh Bates**. He was born at 5:28pm on November 17th, weighing 7lbs, 12oz. Mom and babe are happy and healthy and we are enjoying quiet time bonding at home in Squamish. We look forward to introducing Solan to you. Love, Colin and Negar.



HFN donates \$10,000 for flood relief. "When we saw and heard the news about all the flooding that was happening in your community [Tseshaht, Port Alberni], a few of our citizens felt compelled to try and help out in any way we could, like sand bagging and feeding the many volunteers," explained Elected Chief Councillor **Jeff Cook**. HFN news release (www.bamfielder.ca for full release).



And the money stayed home! This year's Christmas Craft Sale hosted 17 vendors with a wide array of gifts & goodies for everyone's Christmas Wish List. The money raised from the table fee & the coffee donations this year (just under \$220) allowed us to purchase a new 40 cup coffee maker for the Community Hall Society. The rest of the funds will be donated towards arts & crafts adventures for the kids at the school. Special thanks to **Roger & Steve Demontigny** for moving tables to and from the firehall and to **Hedy & Kelly & Stella** for remaining 'til everything was cleared up & put away. Thanks to **Bev & Rick** for a wonderful spaghetti lunch - serving 35 a tasty meal on what was a brisk & chilly Sunday. Thank you from *Michelle & Andrea*. *Collage M. Phillips*

Riley Gerbrandt & Santa, smooze. photo *R. Hopkins*



Catherine's January Events.

6th, 13th, 20th. Circuits. 5:15pm @ School
21st and 28th. Yoga. 5:15pm @ RIX

12th and 26th. Toastmasters. 7pm @ School
12th- Computer Class. Microsoft Word. 5:30pm @ School
14th- Community Lunch. Noon @ School
19th- Community Affairs @ 7:30pm @ School
20th- Last day to register for 'From Shells to Shore Birds'
22nd- Financial Literacy Course begins. Limited space.
26th- Computer Class. Publisher. 5:30pm @ School
27th- Family Literacy Day Event 5:00-6:30
Buddy Reading. Every Wednesday @ 12:45pm.
C. Thompson, Coordinator, BCSA. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Boom Whacked in Bamfield. **Cory Howard, Jr.** led 6 singers and drummers and **Helena** and **Alexis Howard** led 6 dancers to open the BSC Christmas Concert with the First Nations' welcome of the 9 Times Song. Jingle Bells with ukulele and bell accompaniment, Santa Claus is Coming to Town with boom whackers and Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer (solos by **Andy Clappis**, **Helena Howard**, **Vanessa Young**, **Grace Geall** and **Natalie Clappis**) were all enthusiastically performed under the direction of **Kristin Russell**. A Bamfield rendition of Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian Christmas Song) composed by ukulele instructor **Shale Shore** was sung. It was a fabulous concert and a pleasure to see the students enjoying performing as much as the audience enjoyed the entertainment. Santa's annual visit, delighted kids, young and old. *Rae Hopkins*.
Readers, thank you for supporting TNB school music.

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