

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Join the Community Hall Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Centennial Park, Saturday March 26, 11:00 Sharp  
In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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**Island Hoppers Settle.** Kevin & Marnie McAughtrie, new owners of the Bamfield Mercantile & Marine (née Bamfield General Store) come to Bamfield via Haida Gwaii, Quadra, Pender and Saltspring Island. "Saltspring was too crowded for us and Bamfield was a good fit—a step back in time." Marnie has 35 years of fashion, resort and store management, and event planning experience. And Kevin was the general manager of 15 stores for Expo '86 and other fairs and major events for 7 years, in addition to fish

chartering. Kevin noted, "Here we are working together, that's an adjustment." The McAughtries were stunned by their reception by Bamfielders. "X tried to purchase a ratty cauliflower, bypassing a nicer one. When asked why, X responded, 'We want you to succeed.'" "We hope to pay our bills, have a quiet life—realistic." They are keen to participate in village life and want to thank Bamfielders for their support and welcome any suggestions on the store. I'm looking forward to trying Marnie's famous breakfast sandwich and wish them well. *L. Druehl*

**A different event.** The now Huu-ay-aht owned and operated pub welcomed a sell-out room of west coasters. **Charlie Clappis** announced "This is a historic night...with folks from the east and west side of Bamfield and Anacla coming together." This launched a very raunchy evening with **Stu Hughes** (FunnyFest, Alberta) bombarding patrons with

crude references and insults, and being amazed at our lack of response. Next up was **Joe King**: great imitations, adult humour, and sense of proportion. **Ron McDowell** orchestrated the whole event, no small feat considering the newness of it all. Look forward to further entertainment. HFL Pub, Excelsior! *L. Druehl*



Joe King



Charlie Clappis

**Treatment.** Bamfield is being required to upgrade its water system. This issue is both expensive and complicated. Our representative **Keith Wyton** is doing a great job trying to navigate us through this situation. He needs the community's support. There will be a Water Advisory meeting in the next 3 weeks, it is open to the public. It is vital that the public be involved in this process so we get value for our money the next 3 months is crucial. Regards, *Barry Otterson* ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full status report on our system).



**Much abused Water Advisory sign chained to duty.**

**Hear ye, hear ye.** There is a 2-month long comment period on the HFN Forest Stewardship Plan (The community forest is now included in the HFN FSP as a third unit (FDU-3). Please note the BHCFS AGM on March 30 @ 17:00 at the school; where the new version of the BHCFS Management Plan will be presented and reviewed. *Stefan Ochman*

**Astronaut Minister of Transport Marc Garneau** responds to Bamfield's helipad issue. While Transport Canada is responsible for the certification of helipads, the assessment of location of a pad is up to **Island Health** who makes application to Transport Canada. *L. Druehl* ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full letter)

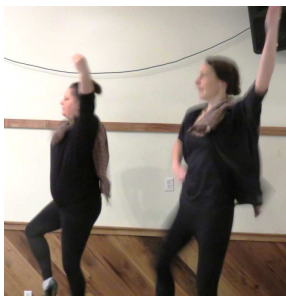
**It's not ocean zoning...but.** **Tawney Lem**, Executive Director of West Coast Aquatic ([www.westcoastaquatic.ca](http://www.westcoastaquatic.ca)) hosted an information session at BMSC. In 2012, WCA outlined actions towards an environmentally healthy coast that supports local economic opportunities. A priority was to support integrated, ecosystem-based decision making. To this end, WCA has brought together scientific and local knowledge to define ecologically sensitive areas, areas laid claim to (parks, HFN, biological preserves), local cultural and social values, and areas where commercial activities are/could be conducted in the form of maps. These maps will provide policy makers with information upon which water lot management decisions can be based. The information will also be available online for public viewing. *L. Druehl*

**Family, Faith, Language & Elvis**, headed up the passions of **Maria Newfield** (née **Clappis**, 28 November 1939 - 1 February 2016). **Benson Nookemus** addressed a standing-room only crowd at the Port Alberni Chapel of Memories in Nuuchahnulth "because Maria was passionate about her language." **Robert Dennis Sr.** drew attention to the importance of faith and family to Maria, and joked about her obsession with Elvis. We will all miss her bubbly, uplifting presence. And our hearts go out to her husband **Wayne** and family that was so close to her. Rest in peace, lovely Maria. *L. Druehl*



**Maria always said 'Get on with it.' She was a doer. RIP. Eileen Scott**

**A Community Evening.** **Robbie Burns** was celebrated with a roast beef dinner (**Steve Clarke, Nancy Hendry, Lorrie Byers, Marnie McAughtie, John Mass, Brian McKay**) for 47 guests, 60 single-malt whiskies, and 120 other beverages. The other half of the village served, cleaned, and counted money. **Mal-**



**colm Richards** presented the Haggis. **Kristin Russell** and **Ruth Clappis** wooed us with a highland fling.

**Heather Washburn** toasted the Laddies and **Sean Rogers** toasted the Lassies. The **Jennings** kilt/towel was won by **Lisa Herbig**, the Lassie (Lisa Herbig) was won by her husband, **Peter**, and the Laddie (**J.P. Haste**) was won by **Justin Demoskoff**. A special toast to birthday boy, **Nick Germani** (92)! This Community Hall event brought the community together and made a little money toward a new hall. Thank you BVFD for the use of your hall. *L. Druehl*

**No MSG Added.** The **Thai Smile Cuisine**, on HWY 4 at the Coombs turnoff, offers great food for unbelievably low prices, with friendly, quick service. Their 9 lunch specials include a spring roll, salad, soup and rice. I had ginger chicken (beef and pork were options) vegetable stir-fry, all for \$10. It would seem **Island Health** doesn't just focus on Bamfield; the menu noted "Elevated sodium in drinking [water]." Dine in or take out ([www.tehaismilecuisine.com](http://www.tehaismilecuisine.com)), but enjoy. *L. Druehl*

**Oh Shucks, I love Potlucks.** Happening every month in 2016 at the HOH. February's Valentine Day potluck was so much fun. Great food, people and conversation, with **Stella Peters** taking photos to save the memories for us all. There was a cotton candy machine and over 50 people. These potlucks bring out all the hidden talent our modest chefs and musicians can bring to the table. Hope to see everyone again this month! *Christine Sirois*

**Road Kindness. ME:** blonde, wearing a feather print dress, driving a silver Echo through torrential rain down the Bamfield road on February 5<sup>th</sup>. **YOU:** a nice man who works at Sarita, driving a white truck on your way to Port Alberni. You stopped my car and told me the road was washed out. When you could tell I was determined to try the detour, you said "I will get you through the worst of it, follow me." Then you turned your truck around and drove 27km out of your way to the Bamfield road. I thank you for your time and kindness; it did mean a lot to me to get to Bamfield. *Catherine Thompson*

**February Affairs.** This is ACRD's 50<sup>th</sup> year. Congratulations! ACRD's **Russell Dyson** CAO and **Andrew McGifford** Acting Manager of Finance presented 32 Bamfielders details on Bamfield's 2016 budget ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full presentation) and discussed our water treatment options. The bigger shared tax items—Transfer Station \$60K, Reg. Library \$41K, Gen. Gov. \$31K—are up \$3K over last year. Of local services, Emergency planning was up to \$16K from \$2K last year. Overall, local services were up 5.91% over last year. According to ACRD Bamfield needs to upgrade its water treatment. The present model, flocculation, would cost \$1.5M plus elevated operation costs. Fire Chief, **Eric Cleland**, noted the looming need for a westside fire truck replacement.

**Donna Dunn** RN said we may soon expect telemedicine, where a patient communicates with a doctor directly. **Linda Myres**, Emergency Program coordinator, said we should be aware of our neighbours should an emergency arise. **Marc Phillips** reported for the Historical Society: they have rights to the **Bruce Scott** books & there will be a membership drive soon. After 3 years of sitting on the Community Forest application the government has changed the format, so in the words of **Stefan Ochman**, "We have to write dumb. But the trees keep growing!" *L. Druehl*

Photo, **Sean Rogers** spins out cotton candy for potluckers.



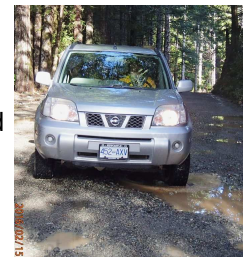
**Coming Events. March:**

- 1,8,15 Circuits, 5:15-6:15, Basketball, 7:30
  - 2,9,16 Buddy Reading the school, 12:45
  - BVFD Practice, 6:00
  - 5 Open Gym, Games & Movie Night, 6pm
  - 12, 13 Nuu-chah-nulth Carving Course with Hjalmer Wenstob
  - 13 Anacla/Bamfield Community Potluck dinner, 5pm @ House of Huu ay aht
  - 16 Community Lunch, 12:00
  - 21 Community Affairs Meeting
  - 26 Easter egg hunt, Centennial Park, 11:00 a.m. sharp.
- Katie & Janet**, Community School Assoc.

**Canada ordered to pay Huu-ay-aht** more than \$1.5 million in damages. The Specific Claims Tribunal, established in 2008, has issued its first award of compensation. On February 10, 2016, the Tribunal ordered that Canada pay Huu-ay-aht First Nations more than \$1.5 million for damages flowing from Canada's breaches of duty relating to an unlawful timber licence issued by Canada in 1948. HFN press release ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full release)

**A novel solution.**

Our marine station has discovered organic, sustainable and essentially free speed bumps to slow racy drivers down on the station road: pot holes. *L. Druehl*



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Photo: J. Demoskoff

**While waves bashed outside**, wizened **John Evans** celebrated his 85th year. Many friends enjoyed a great meal, booze and birthday cake (by **Kelly Clement** and **Justin Demoskoff**) and Tiramisu (by **Amelia Vos** and her mother, **Jody**). A double cannonade concluded the bash (**Brady Butler & Rowan Hughes**). *L. D.*