

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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Richard Zoet pleads guilty to 30 plus accounts of theft in Bamfield area, including many vehicles.

44% Bamfielders were legally married, 33% single, 15% common law in 2006 according to The Bamfield Community Profile, prepared by **Kelsey K. Chandler**, Vancouver Island University. This profile is background for the forthcoming Bamfield Official Community Plan. We are relatively poor: Bamfield females earned \$16,861 (\$26,905 for BC) and males earned \$27,178 (\$42,469 for BC) in 2005. Babies, now there is an issue. Our school population has dropped from 72 in 2001 to 10 this year. And abandoned businesses and properties are probably driving community decline. Understanding this snap shot of our village is crucial to the preparation of an effective community plan. Check it on the Bamfield Portal, suggest changes, challenge assumptions (comments to ady-er@acrd.bc.ca and attend the Nov. 3 7:00 profile critique meeting at the Marine Station). L. Druehl

Wake up! Tired of staring at the same 4 walls? Wouldn't recognize your neighbours if you saw them broken down on the Bamfield Road? Well, **Community Nights** is here to liven up your nights! About once a month, the school and the BCSA are organizing fun family events. The events are open to all and free, but donations to the students' Project Fund are welcome. For September, we had a group of actors visit us for a night of improv theatre. [Seoul City Improv following Fringe Festivals visited Bamfield.] It was a blast! Marnie Cameron. M.C. Photo: Seoul City and school kids.



Bamfield rudderless. Community Affairs news. **Stefan Ochman**, our Regional Director of six years, has withdrawn his nomination for a third term. The Regional Board will select an interim director. **Charlie Clappis** announced that the Huu-ay-aht are actively pursuing a pedestrian path from Pachena to Bamfield. **Lars Mogensen** asked **Stefan** (we are going to miss you, **Stefan!**) to contact the highway people regarding the deplorable state of west side roads. And **Linda Myres** reminded us that "its not *if* but *when*." Fruit and muffins were enjoyed by all ten attendees. L. Druehl

Fishing News: As the fall Salmon migrations returned fish back to the streams for spawning, catching in the ocean dropped off. The good news is that our local streams saw average or better returns of adults this year. **Stefan Ochman** reported 1000 - 2000 chum Salmon at the Sugsaw Hatchery. The Sarita River saw 1500 Chinook and 10,000 chum returning. Prawn and Crab fishing is good, also Lingcod and other bottom fishing is great. Lingcod will close Nov. 15. Winter spring fishing is just around the corner. Time to get out on those nice days! Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point Charters

Coming Events.

- Nov. 1st:** Fireworks, dusk, Bamfield Inlet.
- Nov. 3rd:** 7:00p.m. Bamfield Profile review at the Marine Station.
- Nov. 10th:** Remembrance Day Ceremony and Tea 11am, at the school.
- Nov. 11th:** 10:30-11:30am Remembrance Day Gathering at the school.
- Nov. 19th:** General Local Elections: Bamfield Electoral and SD70 Trustees at the school.
- Nov. 21st:** 7:30 Community Affairs at the school.
- Nov. 26th:** 12:30-3:00. Christmas Craft Fair at the school.
- Nov. 29th:** Community Lunch, noon at the school \$5.
- Nov. 29th:** 9:00p.m. Halloween Dance, Fire Hall.

Catherine Thompson

The Bamfield Community Garden now has 5 new raised-beds (thanks to **David Miller** and the **Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department**) for a total of 21 beds and a 5000 liter cistern system (thanks to the **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre** and **Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht Abalone Society**). This was a great year for legumes (peas and beans), tomatoes actually ripened in the open, and onions, carrots, and greens did quite well in spite of the cold spring. **Brenda Spivey** is considering being the garden beekeeper, which bodes well for a sweet increase in garden production. If you are interested in gardening a bed please contact **Hana Kucera** (728-3779). L. Druehl



Roselin's Thoughts: **Being in love is like watching a glamorous weather Channel. In Bamfield it's the Gloomourous weather Channel !**

Bamfield volunteerism rampant. R. Baden, A. Butler, S. Charles, L. Druehl, D. Dunn, H. Kucera, M. Newfield, E. Scott, and C. Thompson were confirmed as directors at the Bamfield Community School Association AGM on 13 October while eating pizza. This group sponsors activities focused on community participation with the underlying theme of enriching the educational, recreational, cultural and social opportunities for Anacla and Bamfield youths. BCSA services include providing community access to computers and the internet, operating the Bamfield library (books, DVDs, coffee/tea, and crib and chat), offering summer day camps, and running the school meals program. And then there is yoga, Robbie Burns Supper, Bamfield museum and archives, community garden, The Bamfield Community Cookbook (a great Christmas gift available at the Christmas Fair), and Oysters, Authors & Ale. To receive the BCSA Newsletter (with tide charts) contact Catherine (bcsa.ct@gmail.com). L. Druehl

Thelma Lorraine Hegstrom (February 15, 1922 -April 1, 2011). Friends celebrated her life in Nanaimo, 7 August. "Aunty Babe:" married to Walter, mother to David, Harold and Darlene and grandma to Leanne, Neil, Jenny, Kris, Brooke and JB and great gran to Bree, Brandon, Molly, Kerrigan and Wyatt and sister to Ardie. Babe was notorious for her stories, photography, coffee parties, letter writing and the odd glass of apricot brandy. She would have enjoyed hearing friends and relatives telling stories about her and raising their glasses of apricot brandy to toast her farewell! Suzanne Jennings

Twenty-five years ago Al Benton advised the community on behalf of the water committee that they have asked for provincial monies for construction of the water line to the people in the south part of Bamfield. Bamfield Community Affairs minutes. Heather Cooper

Coast Guard Buzz. As of October, construction continues at Bamfield Coast Guard with the front lawn resembling more of a monster truck race course than the level helicopter pad of old. There is a great deal of infra-structure excavation going on, including trenching for sewer, water, power and other conduits on site. This, combined with the heavy machinery working at the base has made it rather hazardous for public visits, so if you need to come by during regular hours, please come across the lawn or give us a call in advance and we'll escort you in. Much appreciated and please bear with us through the muck and mud. Clay Evans

Classifieds

Wanted Buddies. Love to curl up with a good book? Reading/ Play buddies needed at School most Mondays - Thursdays 2:00-2:30. The K-2 students are sweet as the dickens and eager for some attention from some buddies. We are open to any level of commitment. Call Mrs. Cameron 250-728-3352 or drop in. Wanted volunteer(s) to build board/work table for the library. All expenses paid. Catherine Thompson Wanted contributors to The New Bamfielder contact ldruehl@island.net.

"The Islamic prohibition on charging interest on loans...is an inspiration to those of us who dare dream outside the box." Adbusters Canada, #97, Sept/Oct 2011. [This Vancouver magazine first called for the Sept. 17th occupation of Wall Street!]

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