

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!!!

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**Les Butler** is our new Bamfield Water Works employee. Congratulations!

**The Ponderosa: a mini-history.** In the fifties a 'cat' trail went up the hill to the Pachena trail through Ostrom's property; crossing what is now the 'driving' road. When Bamfield Utilities was formed, the powerhouse for the diesel generators was placed around the corner from Ostrom's ways. After the road was built to Bamfield, people arrived looking for a place to camp. (Before Centennial Park.) Several Victoria firemen (**Shipley, Miller, Senior**), brought their campers and boats to fish for the summer. About the same time **Cliff Wyse** arrived from Ontario. His family brought him to Bamfield where he would be away from a liquor store. He was in very poor physical shape and needed a cheap place to stay. Blackberries were whacked and alders cut and space made. A small homemade trailer was brought in for him and an outhouse dug. Cliff was quite the character, full of amazing stories and with a grand sense of humour. Cliff came up with the name 'Ponderosa' and his unique explanation: "ishaboola." *To be continued.* Suzanne Jennings

## **Coming Events:**

**December 10th,** Community Hall Member and guest Christmas Social. 7 p.m. Rix Centre, hors d'oeuvre potluck and no host bar and great singing!

**December 13th,** Cookie exchange and caroling, 7 p.m. Bamfield School.

**December 15th,** Santa Claus and school kid skits, 7 p.m. Bamfield School.

Catherine Thompson

## **Classifieds**

**Wanted** civic-minded carpenter to build a board/work table for the Bamfield library. Expenses paid. Catherine, Bamfield School.

**Wanted** a pre-school program person, part-time. Catherine, Bamfield School.

**Wanted** copy for this paper! [ldruehl@island.net](mailto:ldruehl@island.net)

**Thirty Years Volunteering!** Hedy Demontigny has overseen Bamfield's Christmas Craft Fair continuously since 1981. This fair supports local crafters and gives us the opportunity to buy unique gifts. Profits go to various charities. This year the profits have been sent to a Feed the Children program in Uganda. Asked about the fair, Hedy volunteered, "The worse the weather, the better the sales and power outages don't matter." Hedy came to Bamfield in 1971 and initiated a pottery workshop in the church basement in 1977. This year the traffic at her fair table reminded me of Macys on Black Friday. Thank you Hedy and keep potting!

**Michelle Van Boven** will next run the fair. Photos: top by R. Hopkins, below by Hedy. Top: Hedy 2011, BCSA office. Middle: Hedy, foreground, and below: **Bev MacInerny** (right) and **Nancy Christoney** (left). Church basement pottery workshop, 1977.

L. Druehl



**Editorial Mutterings.** Port Desiré's Eloise and Henri fledged two eaglets last September. This, by anyone's standards middle-aged couple continues to contribute to the aerial community that dominates our sky. We lead-footed bipeds, end-of-the roaders, should follow our avian friends' lead and procreate. We need the kids. L. Druehl

**BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES!** La Niña is back...or here to stay. Predictions suggest a "Very Wet, White, and Cold 2011-2012 winter." Last year's snow-pack will persist into this winter—that's how ice-ages start! Not everyone agrees with these predictions. I do and I will be trimming my wicks, stacking my firewood, hanging my jerky, and checking out lots of books from our cool library. And its dinner party season. Kelp loves La Niña. L. Druehl

**Bamfield Creation:** "The Bamfield Cookbook," 4<sup>th</sup> Edition is out (264 pp., \$24.95 + HST). This richly illustrated tome (**Linda Haylock's** cover, archived images, locals' drawings) is chuck full of Bamfield recipes: old favourites from earlier editions and exciting new gourmand opportunities. Finally, the secret to **Ebba's** cinnamon twists is out: two pages of instruction (pp. 231-2)! **Jennifer** reveals a Yorkshire pudding love story (p. 57) and **Tish** makes "Really Good Pancakes" with 12 words of instruction (p. 29). Kids cooking (p. 145) and doggie treats (p. 189) seem lost in this epic portrait of our steamy kitchens and smoky beaches. A must for every Bamfielder (in body or spirit) and a last minute **Xmas shopper's** life savior. Available at the Bamfield Community School Association. L.Druehl

**Fukushima flotsam is coming.** Destroyed houses, fishing boats, TVs, personal items: photos, books, clothing, works of art... everything that makes your living environment are being wind and current borne in a plume the size of California and having a combined weight of 20 million tonnes. According to **Ebbesmeyer**, a Washington State oceanographer, objects that were expected to move with currents about 10 km per day are moving up to three times as fast, driven by winds. Personal items beach-combed should be handled with respect...we can expect Japanese visitors who will be trying to make sense of their lives. Perhaps the **Bamfield Historical Society**, **The Bamfield Memorial Society**, and the **Canadian Coast Guard** could create a plan to preserve and archive personal affects. Remember, next time it might be our photo albums drifting to foreign lands. Based on a CBC interview. L. Druehl

**Depression Special!** The Bamfield Community School Association sponsored a Lasagna lunch (\$5) for Bamfielders, prepared by **Bev and Rick Macleod**, November 29. Look for similar luncheons every few weeks. Proceeds go to the BCSA school lunch program. Actually, you can have lunch any time. Just call ahead (**Catherine**, 728-1220) and join the kids enjoying Bev's fine cooking. L. Druehl



**Lions score; Bamfield wins!** Forty Bamfielders, cozy and noisy in the fire hall, cheered or booed or yawned through the 99th Grey Cup (Lions 34/Blue Bombers 23). Firefighters **Justin Demoskov**, **Bob Amos**, **Brody Geall**, and **Larry Myres** (left to right in photo) competed in a chili cook-off, with Justin winning. **Kelly Clement** won \$55 on the game pool and **Tanya Pearson** raised \$75 for the fire hall from a poker tourney. An impressive community affair! L.Druehl(photo Linda Myres).

**Rose-  
Standing in  
line's quotes:  
love is to stay hooked.  
In Bamfield, this sounds fishy !**

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