

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Blue Super Blood Moon, post eclipse, 31 January by Bamfield's M. Phillips



Huu-ay-aht call to action. "Therefore, I make an immediate call for action from First Nations organizations and federal and provincial governments to work with Huu-ay-aht to reverse and reconcile this trend of moving Indigenous children from their families," Chief Dennis says. "We have a plan, but we need them to support us. If they do, other nations could benefit from the investment our Nation has made to future generations." Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. (for full report: www.bamfielder.ca)

A step back from innocence. This discarded syringe was found in the camp site of Centennial Park. If you find a syringe contact the Bamfield Health Clinic. Do not touch it without gloves. It may be contaminated by opiates, and Hepatitis and HIV agents. *L. Druehl*



HFN/Steelhead LNG Project was updated at the February Affairs meeting. Costs: Sarita facility \$10 billion, the connecting 1000 km pipe \$8 billion. Benefits: up to 2000 construction jobs, 400 operation jobs and local spinoffs, support for HFN visions, and tax revenue for governments. Final investment decision Q1 2020. Project brochure in library.

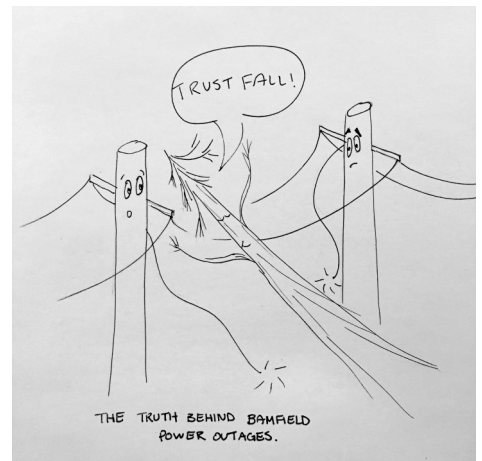
Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*

Boardwalk Nancy will join the ranks of earlier Bamfield notables: **Salal Joe**, **Shaky Bill**, and **Swift Minnie**, to name a few. **Nancy Sherry**, a dedicated fisher from birth, first came to Bamfield from Seattle, where she was a caterer, with her family in 1989, lured by our salmon. For 6 years they came to fish.



First, they stayed in a van with hammocks for the boys (**Karl**, 9 and **Dean**, 7) and a foamy, then a motor home, then in 1995 they bought their boardwalk place from **Lindsey Quane**. Earlier, this was the site of the fishing co-op and westside electric generator. She put Christmas lights up in Cougar Pass when her son Dean was ill. And 12 years ago, she initiated the perennial 1st of July Boardwalk party, in celebration of her becoming Canadian. For years, hers was the Bamfield place to jam, until the studio, earlier the westside road maintenance shed, was moved almost onto her lot. She has built rock walls, painted, but mostly cooked in Bamfield. She considers her family and the **Myres** family a combo, "They have been most generous." She loves cooking for the kids at school. She loves having little impact on our planet: "I walk everywhere." And for her, Bamfield is perfect: "Thank you Bamfield." Our chat concluded with her declaring, "I am an introvert!" *L. Druehl*, photo, Nancy on the Boardwalk, her shoulders draped with her grandmother's 100-year old ermine jacket, by **Marc Phillips**.

I am seeking stories for The New Bamfielder from Barkley Sound residents. If you have an exciting, heart-breaking, hilarious or wild story to share please be in touch with me for a coffee or beer and a chat. ameli-ajvos@gmail.com or call or text 250-266-5335. Vos Amelia. For example: A Bamfieldism: Two things in this town you can't trust: a bilge pump and a man in a suit!



Dedicated to “Reviving our language & Living our Culture,” the Paawats Learning Center, located at Anacla has been active for 14 years. **Clara Clappis**, now a fulltime director, has been with the center for 10 years. Clara is a licensed in Early Childhood Education with extensive training in the HUU-ay-aht language and she continues upgrading her skills at workshops and conferences.



Following 8 years in residential school she married **Ben** and “dedicated myself to learning our language and customs.” The center is licensed for the care of 12 children up to 5 years of age. The children are instructed in HUU-ay-aht language and customs. Kids from Anacla and Bamfield attend, with additional children in the summer from the Bamfield Marine Station. Following an August graduation, the children move on to K to 8 in Bamfield. The project is funded by the

HFN and **Lecoy Clappis** works with Clara. Presently, there are about 7 fluent speakers in the HFN. “My goal is to have Paawats a total immersion program.” *L. Druehl*, photo: Moe, the coastal bear, instructs **Aliza Clappis** (right) and **Katie Clappis** with the help of Clara.



Timber! In November 2017, a contract to harvest Cut Block 03-01 was awarded to **B. Berry Enterprises Ltd.** A total of 934 m³ was harvested, which at \$111.44 /m³, provided over \$100,000 income. Profits from this and future cut blocks will be used to build trails and various community projects. The BHCFS Annual General Meeting will be in March 2. *Stefan Ochman* (for full report go to: www.bamfielder.ca). Photos provided by Ken Bodaly: Tree 14 ft. diameter, fallers **K. Bodaly** and **Deone Garcia**.

Salmon Enhancement at Sugsaw Hatchery. The HUU-ay-aht First Nation run a salmon hatchery in Grappler Inlet, and have for over a decade. At the hatchery salmon from two different streams are enhanced: Chum Salmon from Sugsaw Creek and Coho Salmon from Pachena River. The hatchery contributes an average of 80,000 Chum fry and 40,000 Coho Fry to the wild. The eggs are taken from returning adult salmon in the fall, and kept in egg trays at the hatchery until winter when they transition into their second life stage as Alevin (photo). Alevin transform their former egg sacs into a sort of lunch bag, attached to their bellies and will live off



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School Association Community lunch a sold-out success. 42 enjoyed **Nancy Sherry’s** roast pork, hot potato salad, tossed green salad and a confection, neighbourly visiting and a great earthquake skit by **Katie Ratz’s** students. **Linda Myres** assisted neighbourhood groups develop emergency plans. The \$7 lunches are held the last Wednesday of each month. RSVP is encouraged, you may be turned away. *L. Druehl*, photo by **Hedy**

Bamfield Historical Society held its AGM February 1st. Executive directors are: Heather Cooper-chair, Marc Phillips-Vice Chair, Rae Hopkins-Secretary, Shirley Pakula-Treasurer. Visit BamfieldHistory.com to learn more. Rae Hopkins

March Affairs by Janessa Dornstaulder, BCSA

- Mondays: Adult Ed tutoring 4:45pm @ BCS
- Tuesdays: Basketball 7:30pm @ BCS
- Thursdays: Ball Hockey 7:30pm @ BCS
- Fridays (9th & 16th): Yoga 5pm @ Health Clinic
- March 10th: Seedy Saturday
- March 12th: Writers Focus Group 4:45pm @ BCS
- March 19th: Community Affairs 6:30pm @ BCS
- BCSA office closed March 23 - April 2