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Huu-ay-aht declares public health emergency and demands the Province do better for First Nations children in care, Anacla – March 8, 2018 – “We have a plan that can bring the number of children in care to zero, but we have not received support from either the provincial or federal governments. When we started working on the recommendations from our Social Services Panel, our Nation had 34 of our 220 children in care, and 25 were in non-First Nations homes. That number is now 47, with 36 in non-First Nations....” Chief Robert Dennis says. “I was shocked to hear it was increasing. There is a better way, and we need the province and federal government to immediately do their part to find a solution to this crisis for all First Nations communities.” www.bamfielder.ca for full release.

Anacla – March 15, 2018 – Huu-ay-aht First Nations is very pleased to announce that, almost two months after she gave birth to her new daughter, a new mother is now able to return home to Port Alberni with her baby. www.bamfielder.ca for full report.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Steelhead LNG’s development of a natural gas pipeline and ongoing gas supply discussions to support the Kwispaa LNG facility will benefit from the strategic and relationship leadership of former Terasen CEO R.L (Randy) Jespersen who has been appointed Executive Chairman, Pipeline. Mr. Jespersen joins Steelhead LNG’s Leadership Team and will sit on its Board of Directors. www.bamfielder.ca for full release

Join us at the Centennial Park Work-bee and Pub Lunch (served at the park).
Sunday, 15 April, 10:00 am. Bring tools, enthusiasm, and an appetite.
Bamfield Park Commission



Work, who said anything about work?



**Congratulations,
Marie and Clifford Nookemus,
on your 60th anniversary!**
Photo Marc Phillips

A sharp and focused budget report by ACRD’s Teri Fong looked pretty good for Bamfield. We had a 10% jump in assessed property values. But the projected

residential tax bill for a \$400,000 property fell from \$874.80 in 2107 to \$820.40 for 2018. The cost of our new water treatment plant skyrocketed from \$1.7 M to \$2.4 M, but the increase was offset by a \$1.4 M grant. Some highlights, a new boat and a new used fire truck for the BVFD, a new Temporary Use Permit for short term rentals, a fall election for a Regional Director. Thank you Teri! L. Druehl, photo of Teri by R. Hopkins



Big Birds, Some of the 20 swans the Pachena River at Anacla, 4 February.
Photo R. Hopkins



With these vows and a potlatch, I, **Brian Lucas** take you, **Molly Clappis** to be my wedded wife. Over 400 folks observed the church wedding and participated in a potlatch celebrating this union at the Maht Maht gym on the Tshaht Reserve. An Ahoust Elder addressed the guests, explaining the relationships of the married couple and their families. He called attention to the longevity of Molly's parents' (**Clara** and **Ben**) marriage: 31 years. The potlatch that lasted 13 hours was traditional First Nations and included a feast, drumming, singing and dancing by several First Nations. Related by Clara Clappis

Thank God for Daylight Saving Time. Once you have sprung ahead through various gastro-intestinal discomforts (AKA Irritable Bowel Syndrome), finally convinced your dog five o'clock is now six o'clock, and discovered you needn't travel to exotic faraway places to experience jet lag, you can now enjoy more BBQ, lawn cutting and Miller time, With all these perks it seems a shame we don't jump ahead two hours, or three. *L. Druehl*

April Events

Mondays 4:45-5:45 @ BCS - Adult Ed tutor session
 Tuesdays 7:30 @ BCS - Basketball
 Thursdays 7:30 @ HOH - Ball Hockey
 April 2, 9 - No School
 April 15 – 10:00 am, Workbee, Centennial park
 April 16 - Community Affairs 6:30 @ BCS
 April 20 - Beach Cleanup
 April 22 - Earth Day
 April 23 - Financial Planning Workshop (time tba)
 April 25 - Community Lunch
 Janessa Dornstauder - BCSA Coordinator

Clinic News. Thanks to the new Comox Hospital opening, we get some great stuff: a new-used portable Vital Signs Monitor and a stretcher. Also, we now have a stretcher for larger folks. A few of you have received training (online) on Naloxone use and now have kits. I encourage this. Call the Health Centre to find out how to get training. Naloxone Kits are available at the Bamfield Health Centre once you are trained. *Donna Dunn RN*



Questionable Freight. An earthquake/tsunami proof pod? Infrastructure for an expanded Bamfield Gold forest plantation (see www.cedarsalmonandweed.com)?.

Its mid-winter, say: "Hello" to the valorous Crocus. The Crocus, who may in fact be the most foolish of bulbs; choosing to emerge while frosty mornings beseech our shorelines, and north winds deliver sharp compliments from the snow tipped mountains. With gentle hues the Crocus in turn taunt us with the tantalizing inkle of Spring; are we nearly there, we contemplate. Fools or braves may we all take a moment to awe in this February Seasonal Sensation. *Amelia Vos*



Bamfield Historical Society Notes: Currently there are 65 members. Upcoming membership Drive in May-watch for information to coincide with the launch of Welcome signs & Historical Points of Interest signs! See BamfieldHistory.com for society info. *Rae Hopkins*



Time to think about spring planting.

Contact **Rae Hopkins** (250-728-3297 or rhopkins@island.net) for a plot in Centennial Park. "All you need is sweat and seed, and fresh veggies are yours." Pastel of Centennial Park Community Garden by **Judith Phillips**.

Excelsior should be Music-by-the-Sea's motto.

Onward and upward, never faltering. At the March Bamfield Community Affairs meeting, **Christopher Donison** explained he is re-vamping MBTS to a sustainable mode, by seeking long-term funding and internally organizing so its continuance is assured beyond him (can't imagine MBTS without Chris). MBTS is also re-branding itself, with more of a focus on the Mentorship Program, which has always been the long term goal. Assisting Chris is **Laura Karney** (coordinataor@musicbythesea.ca). They are establishing an office in Sidney. This year's MBTS, the 13th, will be held 21-29 July. Following Chris's presentation a motion to contribute \$500 to MBTS was passed. *L. Druehl*

Joined in the forest.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Western Forest Products Inc. announced the signing of a Reconciliation Protocol Agreement. This agreement continues progress along the shared path to reconciliation and a joint vision for a safe, competitive & forward-looking forest sector in the Alberni Valley. (www.bamfielder.ca for full release).

Health Flash, Ibuprofen, if taken daily from the age of 50 reduces the risk for Alzheimer's, maybe! Pity I didn't know this earlier.