

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In support of Anacla and Bamfield youths

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What if??? In the event of an Interface Fire, BVFD &/or Coastal Wildfire would be the Incident Command. Evacuation would be determined by Incident Command. BCEP would support Incident Command. I encourage everyone to be Fire Smart, get prepared and seriously think about what one needs to evacuate. Please encourage everyone to meet with their neighbours to develop a Neighbourhood Preparedness Plan. Evacuation will need Neighbourhood Preparedness to activate efficiently. Informational booklets have been widely distributed. **Jan Teversham** has taken the lead on neighbourhood meetings. BCEP, BVFD and First Responders are planning an Open House in the Fall. If you are isolated in Port Alberni ACRD would have an information &/or reception centre to provide support.
Linda Myres, BCEP

Huu-ay-aht begins \$150 Million Salmon Watershed Renewal Program. The Sarita River Watershed is the heart of Huu-ay-aht First Nations. For generations, the Sarita has served as a source of food, transportation, and cultural value to Huu-ay-aht people. However, after decades of commercial fishing and extensive forestry, the rivers and watershed in the *hahuuti* have been severely degraded. By 1997, 62 per cent of the Sarita watershed had been logged, including 97 per cent of the flood plain. "We have always taken care of the resources in our *hahuuti*, especially the Sarita River because it is the heart of our people," explains Tayii Hawit̓̓i̓i̓šin (**Derek Peters**). Huu-ay-aht hired LGL Ltd. in 2017 to develop a strategy for a Sarita and Pachena Watershed Renewal Program. Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor **Robert J. Dennis Sr.** noted, "Now if you go around touring our land you will see our own people out working on these streams, restoring and renewing that habitat so that our salmon come back." Abstracted from *HFN News release*

When will this end? Even desolate Gulf Islands have paved roads leading nowhere. The Bamfield road is a clearing thru ravaged landscape paved with bedrock. **Peter Ronald** posted,: Our rugged ride out on the Port Alberni road cost us our camper awning. When we noticed the bracket had broken we were too far away to return to look for it. So, 1) sorry about leaving a potential obstacle in the road; and 2) did anyone find it? **Phil Lavoie** posted: Saw a wheel with a white cover on it on the side of the road right at the hill going down to the Franklin intersection. Didn't stop to notice a Tasmanian devil, though.
Visitors are clearly driving Bamfield's economy and the absence of a safe road is halting success. We don't need pavement, just well maintained roads. Actually, a little pavement would be nice. *L. Druehl*



Brighten up, Bamfield. Skylla (blue). Tucker-boardwalk-house inspired, an antidote to being bushed, cabin fever, **Jamie Gilkison's** house, is standout. Painted by **Matheus Walczuk** with a new wrap-around deck by **Johnny Blue**, this departure from Bamfield's usual clap-board dwelling is welcomed. Jamie comes from New Zealand where he degreed in geology. He has variously worked with **Max Salamon, Zack Cooper** and **Steve Oakes**, through his company, Coromandel Resources, Ltd. He specializes in well-side geology, particularly horizontal drilling. He spends the better half of the year here with visits to New Zealand. He's active in the BVFD, enjoys poker night and mushrooming and skiing and diving and cooking and, from an unbiased source, friend-making. He likes Bamfield, believes in moderate growth, and feels the HFN are on the right track. *L. Druehl*

Most dutiful son, Oliver Evans, salutes father, John Evans, by marine station flyby. Photo M. Phillips



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*



Enjoy the new boardwalk park. The Bamfield Art Council created the Cat Corner houses years ago. With the cats all gone and the kitty houses in rough shape it felt terrible to just dismantle the whole colourful scene. Once it was confirmed that the community would no longer be housing kats on the boardwalk ...something was needed to fill the tourist attraction void on the prime real estate road allowance. That's when the thought process began, to make something for the people in lieu of the cats. I still feel it could use some more colour and community input if everyone is up for it. Special thanks to the B.C. Arts Council for the kitty house funding years ago and the Community Affairs funding and over 20 volunteers to help make the new mini park what it is today. *Andrea Butler*, photo *Marc Phillips*. Thank you Andrea and crew. Ed.

September Coming Events

3rd - Labour Day
 4th - First Day of school
 17th - Community Affairs 6:30pm @ BCS
 20-22nd - Bamfield Fungus Festival
 28-30th - SongWest
 30th - Orange Shirt Day

Janessa Dornstaulder, BCSA Coordinator

Wanted readers, viewers, to review books or shows of their choice for this paper...occasional submissions. Also, political conversations are welcomed. BUT items must be under 150 words. Here's your chance...speak up. L. Druehl

Travel Alert. The BC Ferry "All-aboard Breakfast" has been replaced with the "Nat's Hearty Breakfast," on some runs. What was 3 strips of bacon, or 3 sausages, or two pieces of ham, is now 2 strips of bacon, 2 sausages and no ham. Also, no salsa option. Anyone remember the "Sunrise Breakfast?" *L. Druehl*

Give the Toad the road. "Juvenile Western Toads disperse from the north shoreline of Frederick Lake every year from the end of July to early September. It's a rare breeding site on the west coast of Vancouver Island. We ask that you tread lightly during this time period. Visit www.toadconservation.blogspot.com to find out more. Submitted by the Association of Wetland Stewards for Clayoquot & Barkley Sounds." *Barbara Beasley*

Aretha Franklin. Queen of Soul died Aug 16, 2018. The Queen of our souls has left a legacy of work that carried her from her gospel roots to replacing Pavarotti at the Grammy's singing Nessun Dorma. Who will forget when she dropped that mink coat to climax "Natural Woman" for Kennedy Centre honoree **Carole King**. **Rob Harvilla** wrote: "...soundtrack your own mourning with whatever Aretha era speaks to you the clearest..." Who among us doesn't have a favourite Aretha song? "Respect", "Think", "Natural Woman". An indomitable force in the history of popular music. Queen Aretha driving her Pink Cadillac from the streets of Detroit to the streets of heaven. *Nancy Hendry*

Seaweeders enjoy Bamfield hospitality. Folks from Vietnam, Korea, France, Germany, U.S. and Canada spent three days collecting seaweeds on Seppings Island, and in Scotts Bay with coffee at **John Evan's**.

And touring the marine station and Nova Harvest Kelp farm and Canadian Kelp facilities and Kixiin, all guided by **Kate Rolheiser**. The final night, a BBQ in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park where the 15 visitors shared Kelp Stout, Kelp-watermelon salad, Kelp twists, Rae's Kelp Brownies, salmon, halibut, prawns, with 15 Bamfielders. This event was sponsored by Canadian Kelp Resources and Acadian Seaplants, Nova Scotia. This visit preceded the Phycological Society of America's Vancouver meetings. *L. Druehl*, photo *Tao Eastham, CKR, Port Desire*



Pizza delivery in Bamfield by boat! Does it get any better than this?

M. Phillips

Song West Singing camp - student/faculty concert at the Rix! Sun Sept 30th, doors open at 6:30 concert SongWest singing 7-10 pm. Admission by donation (\$10 suggested min), hors d'oeuvres welcome. *Nancy Hendry*



Remember, The Goddess of Seismics is bidding her time!