

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Support local crafters, Dec. 2, 11-2, Rix Centre

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Daylight saving time, stick to it. I tried to tell our dog, **Brady**, he should sleep in, he would have none of it: Time to go out. We tried, but couldn't. Our government knows there is little support for time changes, but feels compelled to follow other governments...is that leadership? Bamfield legacy: **Sir Sandford Fleming** (1827-1915) help father the trans-Canada railroad, Pacific Cable (Bamfield Cable Station), the first Canada Post stamp: a 3-penny Beaver, and Universal Standard Time, that we have screwed up. He's deserving of his namesakes: Sandford and Fleming Islands. *L. Druehl*

News Flash. Californians just voted 60% in favour of Proposition 7, to maintain a permanent Daylight Savings Time, no more switching back and forth. Premier **John Horgan**, let's follow our sunshine neighbours. *L. Druehl*

To the rescue. Responding to the concern that most BVFD callouts are for chimney fires, I set about to find a chimney sweep (also I've given up scampering over our steep, tin roof). **Dan** and **Dave McFadyen** came to our aid. Thank you! *L. Druehl*



Youthful Awareness. Under the watchful eye of **Eric Godson** (Bamfield Eric Godson Memorial School) the senior students explained the history of WW I, followed by the junior students reciting *In Flanders Field*. **Parker Geall** laid a commemorative wreath, during a moment of silence. **Kristin Russell** explained the role of women in the war and **Constable Batt**, in full regalia, piped *Amazing Grace*. As for most school functions, the general public, not just parents, were welcome. *L. Druehl*

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*

Hey, what about us? The new mayor of Port Alberni, **Sharie Minions**, has initiated discussion on emergency communication on the road to Tofino. Earlier, her mother was involved in an accident on the road and due to no communication, experienced an unacceptable delay in emergency response. Tofino mayor, **Josie Osborne**, responded, suggesting there should be continuous cell service or spot cell access or call boxes strategically positioned along the road. This discussion should be conducted through ACRD and include the Bamfield road. *Based on CBC Victoria radio, 2 November.*

A meeting of firsts. 26 folks attended the November Community Affairs meeting, the first for our new ACRD representative, **Bob Beckett** and, in this correspondent's memory, the first presentation by the Bamfield Chamber of Commerce. Thank you, **Marnie McAughtrie**! Bob thanked **Keith Wyton** for his 4 years of service, commented on our water works, and ambulance and 911 access problems. Marnie noted that the Chamber has 29 members and is presently advancing the village through its website (www.bamfieldchamber.com), Facebook, brochure and promotional filming. The Chamber has created an alliance of chambers concerned with an expansion of critical habitat for Southern Resident Killer Whales in our area. We look forward to future Chamber contributions to Community Affairs. **Donna Dunn** noted we have a new defibrillator, flu shots are still available, and the clinic conducted its first cardiology telehealth conference this month. **Bernadette Wyton** stated the Barkley Sound Alliance has been awarded funding and intervening status on the Trans Mountain Pipeline project. The next Community Affairs Meeting: Monday, 21 January. *L. Druehl, from Janessa Dornstauder's notes.*

A thoughtful Memorial Day gathering at **Eileen Scott's**, with tea, pastries, shared solemn thoughts and memories of humorous events: Rationing in England was strict, but according to Eileen, "No one went hungry." Silk stockings sold by the leg. All Bamfielders were provided gasmasks and Brodie Helmuts...our Cable Station was strategic to the British Empire's communication. *L. Druehl, manipulated photo by M. Phillips*



A small but enthusiastic group met in the school library on Nov. 27th for the BCSA AGM. Returning directors include - **C Gruman, B Baden, A Butler, H Cooper and B Clappis**; **L. Herbig** joins as a new director. Thanks to outgoing team members: directors - **K Rolheiser and C Sirois** and our fabulous Coordinator, **Janessa Dornstauder**. Here's to another year of learning and development in our great community! **C. Gruman**

Coast Guard responds to local concerns re. the navigational buoy in Bamfield Creek...action will be taken. See www.bamfielder.ca to access information.

December events

2nd - Christmas Craft Fair 11am-2pm @ Rix
8th - Birding Workshop 2-4pm @ BCS
8th - Community Hall Christmas Social 7-10pm @ Rix
9th - Community Potluck 5pm @ House of Huu-ay-aht
14th - 32nd Bamfield Christmas Bird Count
19th - Community Lunch 12pm @ BCS
20th - School Christmas Concert! Time TBD @ BCS
*The BCS gym will be closed for December in preparation for the Christmas concert.
Cailean Meredith, Interim Coordination BCSA

Halloween Pumpkin, Nancy Sherry, served 174 meatballs/sloppy Joe's to 24 students and 34 guests at the October Community School lunch. Also, Cesaer salad and blondie-brownies were enjoyed by the costumed folks.

Cailean Meredith, Interim BCSA coordinator, noted recent activities, concluding with, "**Tish McPhee** has volunteered

to water taxi trick-or-treaters to the west side." And **Kristin Russell** thanked everyone for participating. These \$7 lunches offer a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours...and you don't have to wash the dishes. *L. Druehl*



Nice Gestures, Bamfield Unique. On Halloween eve, **Tish McPhee** and **Jake Wenstob** ferried about 30 kids to the west side. Bowls of candy were scattered along the boardwalk, some attended, some not. Then there were hotdogs and hot chocolate at Mercantile, accompanied by fireworks supplied by **Jerry Gassner** and the **McAughtries** and set off by **Justin Demoskoff**.

This BVFD Halloween Dance was a total spook! With two DJ's pumping fun and freaky music, the dance floor was full of mock-celebrities, handsome knights, mysterious aquatic species, and blue beings from another planet. The fire hall was transformed by **Siobhan Gray** into a caldron of fright and phantom. With an abundance of top-notch costumes, prizes were distributed in bouquet; some honorable mentions include: Dog the Bounty Hunter & Wife (**Don Amos** and **Joanne**), Avatar Being (**Kelly Clement**), The Chickens (**Amelia Vos** & **Siobhan Gray**), and the African masks (**Kristin Russell** & **J.P. Hastey**). This BVFD event raised funds for fire protection within Bamfield and Anacla. BVFD appreciates the attendance and support of the community this Halloween! *Amelia Vos*

A potter for every occasion. This custom-made holder of balled-yarn by **Hedy Demontigny** will not be for sale at Sunday's **Bamfield Christmas Craft Fair**, Rix Centre, 11 am-2 pm. But other of Hedy's wares



along with many crafters creations. Also, there is comraderie, food, music. Hedy ran the craft fair for 30 years. Now its is run by **Andrea Butler. L. Druehl**

Barkley Sound Alliance state their concerns re. a Sarita LNG project. See www.bamfielder.ca for project description and Alliance concerns.

Summer/Fall weather. July and August were dry: 14mm (.55") and 9mm (.35") of rain; September was wet, 298mm (11.7"); 137mm (5.4") is average. But October was beautiful—remember?—with only 145mm (5.7") rain. November 26 registered 109mm (4.3") of rain. With 3 days left in November, we have 502mm (19.8") rain (average, 372mm (14.6")). It gets wetter: last November 734mm (28.9") rain. Brady Beach had 32 tents on May Long weekend and 22 tents over Canada Day. Mostly it was tourist impact this summer as the fog and overcast kept the Bamfielders at bay. However, there were some hardcore Bamfielders that usually made a visit fog or not, and that would be a couple of gals from Pacific Gateway Lodge and then the McKay Bay girls—they still make 'em hardy. Way to go, ladies. *Jerry Baird on the Beach.*

