

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Our hearts go out to Fort McMurray with its biblical suffering of Fire and Flooding and Plague.

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Bamfield's COVID-19 Destroyer, anesthesiologist **Curt Smecher**,



If this is the last face you see as you go under, where do I sign up?

has created a vacuum machine that traps viruses in the air exhausted from surgeries, thus reducing contamination in hospital. This device is now installed in 2 BC hospitals (**K. Larson**, CBC News, 21 April). Curt wears many

hats: Computer specialist, NCCP rifle and archery Coach, Director of

the Fraser Valley Metis Association, BC Ambulance Service (19 yrs) and paramedic (14 YRS), Instructor in Airway Management Skills, operated a dive company and knows a lot about sponges. Curt and his wife, **Heather Washburn** (bamfielder.ca Webmaster) of 110 Mathers Lane, are active Bamfield supporters. *L. Druehl*

Charles Peter Evans (January 17th, 1961 - April 12, 2020), known as **Chuck**, son of **John** and **Hannelore Evans** and big brother to **Oliver** was a superb skier, sports car enthusiast, fisherman, stockbroker, craftsman, stone



mason, cat lover, great friend, and a Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Specialist from 1995 to 2012. During Chuck's life here with us in Bamfield he built two well crafted homes, an extraordinary stone

seawall, the Boardwalk notice shelter, kept the Coast Guard lawn and roses perfect, played a mean game of chess, was a great cook and host who entertained us with stories until the sun came up, was devoted to his family and community, and was a really good person who was loved by all who knew him. *Rose Janelle*

A BAMFIELD COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

Life in Port Desire hasn't changed for our two-year old. **Georgia** has hour conferences daily with her first-grade teacher, **Emelie Comtois**. My husband **Erin** works on our cabins. We are hopeful we will have charter customers soon. I collect my marbles by daily paddle boarding. *Julie Bradley*

School is On! Notes from **Kristin Russell**. School is NOT CANCELED...with report cards being issued in June. In our third week of working with students and parents on an individual basis. We are connecting with most students through *Microsoft Teams* where we video chat as a class or in small groups every day! Many students are doing hands-on activities like gardening, baking and building at home. Students unable to access *Microsoft Team* are receiving assignments and submitting them through email and for some we are checking in with daily by good old landline phone. We are all figuring things out (and learning)One step at a time! *K. Russell*

21 Familiar Faces Distanced in the Community Affairs first ZOOM! Teleconference conducted business as usual. **Sean Rodgers** kindly hosted the meeting from his Calgary home (with a moose on the lawn). **Doug Holmes** (ACRD) noted a sign "We love it when you visit but not right now" that greets folks on the road. **Charlie Clappis** noted that for access information on Pachena visit huuayaht.org for official current up to date community procedures. Regional Director, **Bob Beckett** said Telus has installed four units in Bamfield, each servicing about 400 meter radii, expanding cell phone service (they need only to be powered up). The marine station is essentially closed but basic services are open and visitor scientists will stay on station. The Bamfield C. of C. has no formal plan, but its members discourage visitors, according to **Marnie McAughtrie**. **Doug Holmes** introduced the 2020 tax budget: Down

from last year about 1% (this makes two years in a row), average property value \$283 K and average tax per property \$872 (see p. 23 in budget at ACRD website). **Sheryl Mass** asked for assistance in settling **Gordie Lamb's GorTow** tug in the park and she introduced **Sharlene Carpenter**, the new park manager.

Heather Peterson, Health Clinic, outlined COVID-19 procedures. **Christine Gruman**, School Association, happily introduced the new coordinator, **Sally Mole**, noting they are looking for ideas for a Seniors Grant of \$20 K. **Stefan Ochman** said they now had a \$32 K from the Min. of Forestry, Lands & Everything for trail development in the Community Forest. Congratulations, Stefan. *L. Druehl*



GORTOW

*Sliding out of the quiet foggy rain,
The purposeful little tug finds its exact place.
Gently caressing the float, then backing off with a snort,
Lunges deliberately and the log is in its proper space.*

*A line is skillfully looped and cinched,
The freshly placed log securely tied.
Ladies discreetly peeking through home-canning steamed-windows,
Whose escape from the grayness will not be denied.*

L. Druehl, Salt in our Blood, Aquila Instincts, Tofino, 2002

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*



Photo L to R: **Kitty Lloyd**, **Leslie Rimmer**, **Ann Lindwall**, **Robin Boal**, **Shirley Pakula**: The team that developed the technology for kelp farming outside of Asia (1979-83, Bamfield Marine Station, Druehl Lab.).

A bright light. **Leslie Rimmer** (August 1957 – 5 April 2020) worked at the Marine Station first as a kelper (see photo) and then librarian for several years. At first, she lived in a Port Desire log cabin (unique feature: bathtub in front room) where she served **Dave** and **Kelly Nordin**, lifelong friends, their first G & T's. Later, she lived in what is now **Joe** and **Heather Coopers'** Pizza Hut. As a librarian, she quickly earned the reputation of being a significant research resource. (She also conducted several BMS Library Christmas parties with her eggnog and cakes... *The Good Old Days*). Following BMS, she joined the SFU library. Leslie retired to Sidney where she resided with her husband **Terry Gough**. Her later life that was physically challenged, she confronted full on. My Leslie was bright, focused, warm, huggable, but trucked no b.s. R.I.P., lovely Leslie. *L. Druehl*

Bamfield's Matriarch Advances. **Eileen Scott** celebrated her 98th on 18 April 2020, four years before **Queen Elizabeth**. (The Queen writes centenarians of Her Realm on their 100th birthday.) She received well wishers at her Port Desire dwelling, New Haven (named after her English origin Seaford, New Haven, and the fact it was her and hubby **Jimmy's** new haven). The guests were seated in a semicircle (spaced 6 feet) facing the stoop with Eileen and daughter Major Domino **Gail Hogarth** who monitored proceedings. Later, an armada of vessels (boats and one rubber duck) did a sail past, screaming and bashing pots and pans, all accompanied by the BVFD fireboat, spewing a great arch of water. Happy Birthday neighbour & friend & drinking buddy. *L. Druehl*



A COVID-19 Read. *Love in the time of Cholera*, by Nobel Laurate **Gabriel Garcia Marquez**, is a tale of a young man **Florentino** who falls passionately in love with **Fermina**. She rejects him. He proceeds to suffer through 622 affairs, until after 51 years, 9 months, and 4 days when he again declares his love for Fermina. *L. Druehl*



Welcomed avian Port Desire visitor keeping COVID-19 2-meter plus distance. Photo *M. Phillips*



Spring cleaning in Barkley Sound, or "Turn it in week." Shellfish farmers cleaned up their farms with help from Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada and the BC Shellfish Growers Association. About 2 metric tonnes of Styrofoam and a 40-yard bin of other discarded materials were landed at the Eileen Scott Centennial Park boat launch. This effort was organized by **J.P. Haste**. *L. Druehl*

Spring cleaning. Metal scraps from the west side—7 trucks, 2 or three riding lawn mowers, 2 electric generators, trailers or parts thereof, some barbeques, hot-water radiators (photo, from either the Cable Station or the old Federal Building), lots of metal sheathing, and stuff—stored in the **Eileen Scott Centennial Park**, waiting for further transfer. This exercise with 8 barge trips was organized by **Broken Island Adventures**. Finance was by charge (\$350/vehicle) and sale of scrap metal to **Schnitzer Steel Pacific** in Cedar BC. *L. Druehl, telephone interview with Sheryl Mass*

