

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Dolly Parton is so cool

Vaccine, Vaccine, vaccine

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Ron Long

Marine Station lost losing Shirley Pakula after After 32 Years Service !

You enter the Bamfield Marine Station foyer, the door to the office is open. There, her back turned to you, concentrating on a computer monitor or the ocean view ahead, is Ms. Perennial Secretary/Receptionist, **Shirley Pakula**. Class lists, various inventories, and memos compete with breaching orcas, slowly passing freighters, storm clouds and whitecaps.

At any decade, a Director—**Ron Foreman, John McInerney, Andy Spencer, John Holmes, Dennis Gelinski, Dick Peters, Rich Palmer, Brad Anholdt, and now Sean Rogers**—would query, “Shirley, could you remind me... who or what or when.” And she would. Shirley was/is the Station continuity.

Students and researchers have fond Station memories. “Best courses ever.” “Couldn’t do this research anywhere else.” “The Director, his name slips me. But Shirley, who could forget Shirley?”

The Marine Station, blessed with a fabulous marine environment, a magnificent site, mostly supporting universities, an enviable cadre of researchers and alumni, has become the leading such institution in Canada. This was no accident. It was the Shirleys that propelled us: the Shirleys in the kitchen, the maintenance crew, house keeping, the foreshore folks, and yes, administration. But our persistent, consistent and ever pleasant Shirley stands out. You have to work hard to do that.

Yes, there is life beyond Shirley. I can still eat carrots with half my teeth gone, but its not the same. Her mantle will be passed on. And besides, we know where she lives. *L. Druehl*

Bamfield favours vaccination.

235 folks received Moderna vaccine at an early April clinic (there will be a later clinic). The 2016 Bamfield census noted a population of 179. So, it would seem we did very well. The second vaccination should be before 1 August.

A.D. (After Donna) Bamfield.

Nurses **Heather Peterson** and **Amy Hollings** will be tending us, others, including **Jane Trussler** and of course, **Donna Dunn** subbing. Always in good hands. TNX.

Have an opinion on outdoor burning regulations? Participate in the Regional District’s bylaw here, before 12 May: www.acrd.bc.ca/burning-bylaw-review

School kids get serious preparing school lunches and replanting community forest...the real thing, no botulism and brown end down, green end up. Right on!

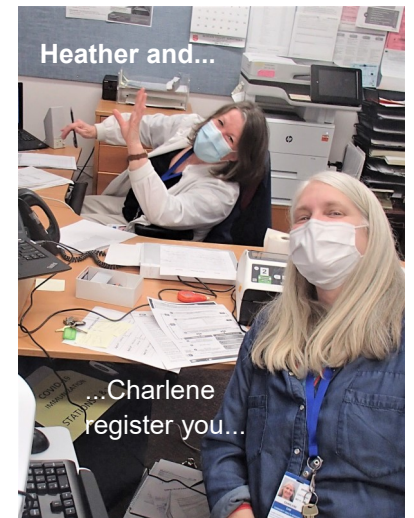


Dear friends of My Realm, a so hearty a thanks for the armada serenading, pot banging and COVID-distanced tea and cake visitors. A good warm up for the big one, I’d say. Love, **Eileen**



Your Vaccine Journey...

Samantha receives you...



Heather and...

...Charlene register you...



...April jobs you, and...



...Peter catches you if you feint.

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 free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Up, up and away! Bamfield Real Estate prices are rising. Shortly after Covid arrived in 2020, properties began selling at a faster pace than in previous years. The recent news regarding Bamfield's Rd. upgrade as well as record low interest rates



and a higher demand for rural living, all helped fuel the surge in prices. 2021 is also shaping up to be a record year. To date, we saw 13 sales of all types of property. Prices are still trending upward while inventory remains low. There are currently 11 Active listings to date in all types of properties in Bamfield and

the surrounding area. Real Estate isn't the only thing going up! Building costs are up as well. A few examples are; lumber up 324%, drywall up 23%, steel 54%, paint 20%, along with some challenging supply issues. Happy Spring! **Bonnie Mackay**

New spectacular insight into westside life. Two new camera placements courtesy of BMSC, installed by **George Gowen**, with layout by **Heather Alexander**. Camera's supplied by **Bamfield Historical Society**. I watch it all the time, thinking of giving up Netflix! Cheers, **Marc Phillips**. p.s. you can zoom in and actually see people walking, but not recognizable. (except for Neil). To access the webcam scans: bamfielder.ca

The WildSafeBC Bamfield Program is now out of hibernation and ready for another season! We are here to work with everyone to help keep wildlife wild and our community safe. Any questions please contact **Mandy Ross** the Bamfield WildSafeBC coordinator bamfield@wildsafebc.com or 250-720-1808. Or follow us on Facebook WildSafeBC Bamfield



Your boat-launch fees at work. Glen Vey (R) and B.J. repair our Eileen Scott Centennial Park launch ramp.

April's record zoom Affairs attendees (40) listened as **Josie Osborne**, former mayor of Tofino, Chair ACRD and present MLA and Minister of Municipal Affairs related Tofino's growth experiences. The 2-hour meeting was full and rich. Check bamfielder.ca for **Jan Teversham's** full minutes.



Eileen Scott Centennial Park gears up for summer visitors (COVID viruses willing). Projects include rodent control, boat-launch ramp repair, new signage, float repair, playground equipment repainting, Smiley Rink new walls (see photo, left), planning the covered picnic area, dedicated to volunteers in honour of Eileen Scott, grooming entrance to new Community Forest trail, upgrading the park website, and mini-marsh restoration (Frog Hollow). Bamfielders, visit your parks, enjoy the cherry and magnificent magnolia flowers (Magnolia is considered the most ancient of modern flowering plants). *L. Druehl*

Adieu, My Doggy Bamfield

When you read this, I'll be in Doggy Heaven,
 At least that's what Mommy R. told me.
 Hard to believe,
 I always thought Bamfield was Doggy Heaven.
 Anyway, wherever I am,
 Here are my thoughts and last wishes.
 I bequeath my eastside markers (where I pissed),
 To Bob M., my miniature morning companion.
 The westside markers were only teasers,
 They are up for grabs.
 Next my kibble, thanks to Builder Bob,
 When he has it in stock.
 Being as none of my friends seem to be hungry,
 Please put it in the Bamfield Food Bank.
 Then there are the treats,
 Pig's ears, buffalo liver, icky organic s.t.,
 These go to my buddy, Rocky B.,
 With a bit of advice.
 It's all about treats, or Cookies as Eileen S. says,
 Never go through a door without getting one.
 For the big one, the Tooth-brush,
 Play the guilt card, "Out for the evening" Bingo!
 Now, folks, for your edification,
 A few doggy secrets.
 About cats, we don't hate them,
 We just confuse them for squirrels.
 And the albino seal of Port Desire,
 Daddy L. thinks it is his chum, Boomer, he's right.
 The nice lady I bark at as she boats by twice a day,
 With 9464 encounters, I *know* she's stalking me.
 We dogs see the world through smell,
 Smells of love & beauty, the reek of fear & hate.
 Yes, I ache, am slow to get up, look a little dazed,
 And yes, I admit I'm old.
 But my age equalling 7 times my 14 years,
 That's b.s. to make you humans feel better.
 When I O.D'ed, I left with gratitude to my family,
 You folks who smell good...and give treats.
 Thank you, and in my doggy way, I love you.
Brady of Port Desire



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