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Ditidaht's Daughter, Huu-ah-aht's Daughter and Bamfield's Daughter Tina Charles passed away unexpectedly

at home on January 26, 2015 at 35 years of age. She is survived by her parents **Clifford** and **Rose Charles**, son **Wyatt**, sisters **Connie Waddell**, **Annette Ginger** and **Sheila Charles**, as well as numerous other family and friends. Tina lived a rich life, filled with loving friends and family; embellished by art, music and travel; empowered by hopes and dreams; and punctuated with smiles and giggles. *The Charles Family*



A Fond Farewell! When I first came to work at BMSC in 2009 I had planned to stay in Bamfield for 1 month. I never thought I would spend 5 years of my life here and I am glad I did. It has been my pleasure to work with and for this community; and I am incredibly grateful for all of the experiences and opportunities that I have been fortunate enough to have during my time here. And as it does, time passes and it is time to see what is next and I am really excited to find out. I will miss surfing at



photo, Orla Osborne

Pachena, watching waves crash at Bradys, sunny boat trips, secret cabins, power outages and wind storms, the best Canada Day Party, friends who became family, working/playing with the kids, swimming in bioluminescence, sailing/capsizing in the Inlet, the sound of frogs and that **Raf** does not need a leash. I'll always remember my first Solstice party at Pachena, living at BMSC (some of my best memories), being fascinated by marine life and surrounded by nature, adventuring on islands, my

first home, so many parties, camping trips, selling out *Oysters, Authors & Ale*, Digital Storytelling with an amazing group of people, the faces that came out to look for **Jimmy** and I after a night in the woods. Thank you Bamfield and Anacla for being my home, for teaching me, sharing with me and supporting me. Bamfield has been an amazing, spectacular chapter in my life and will always hold a special place in my heart and of course I will be back. *Catherine Thompson*, collage above, *Marc Phillips*, photo *Catherine* and *Raf* at Cape Beale.

Anacla Gravel Pit expansion at 73 Km, Bamfield road, pursued by the Huu-ay-aht with the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations: see www.bamfielder.ca.

One more step. Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Steelhead LNG are pleased to announce the signing of a contract with WorleyParsons, which could be worth in excess of \$30 million, for the provision of environmental, engineering, geotechnical and regulatory services at their proposed LNG Project at Sarita Bay on Vancouver Island. *Greg Descantes* (www.bamfielder.ca for full release). Photo (Left to right)



Stephen Ross, Senior Vice President, WorleyParsons Canada, **Nigel Kuzemko**, CEO, Steelhead LNG and **Jeff Cook**, Elected Chief Councillor, HFN, signing agreement, 6 February, Vancouver. Photo by *Greg Descantes*, Steelhead LNG.

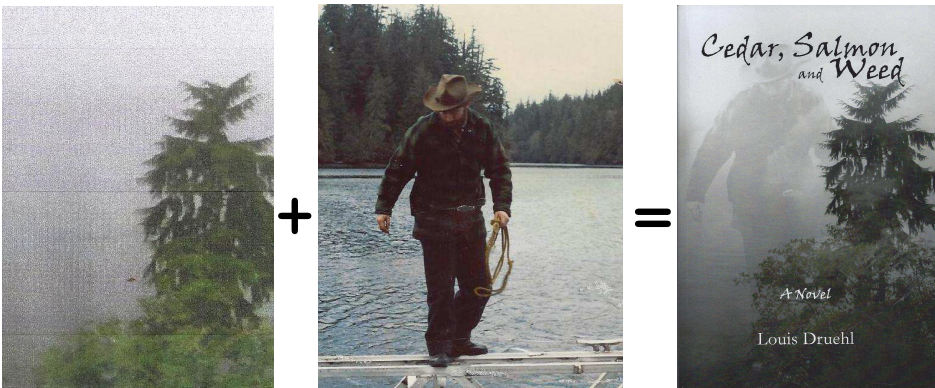
Locals dizzy over water. ACRD's **Russell Dyson**, CAO and **Andrew McGifford** Accountant braved the Bamfield road to discuss budgetary matters with 23 Bamfielders at the February Community Affairs meeting. Most concern pivoted around the proposed water treatment facility. Island Health has judged we need to control the level of THMs (potential carcinogens). A flocculation system would cost \$1.5 million (2/3rds from grants) and an operating expense of \$60-70,000 (property owners). Citizens asked: Is there a real THM danger? Are we committed to this project? Why hasn't the Bamfield Water Committee (an ACRD committee) been more forthcoming? In a nut shell, Island Health has indicated a danger, ACRD is responsible for our well being, and we are going ahead. They want the project to be "shovel-ready" for seeking grants. *L. Druehl*

Community Affairs Notes. **Stefan Ochman** noted permitting for our Community Forest is moving slowly but the trees are growing. **Bob Baden**, alternate Regional Director, observed ACRD grants-in-aid are considered once a year and some are down-sized or refused...they must not be of Bamfield quality, as none has been rejected. **Eric Clelland**, Fire Chief, thanked grants-in-aid for the concrete apron at the hall (\$10,000). **Rae Hopkins** introduced a Historical Society grant-in-aid request for \$2000 for archiving computers.
L. Druehl

March Against Monsanto. Still hearing the bees and frogs around, and some flowers lasted through the winter! What a tricky season to know when to start sowing some seeds! Just hoping that all my fellow community gardeners have converted to non-GMO seeds. If you are not sure about the facts of GMO products like Round-up or what Monsanto is, please Google it. Check out West Coast Seeds, too! Happy Planting. C. Sirois

Catherine's March events:
Parents As Literacy Supporters- 2 sessions in March
1st- Catherine Thompson departs
5th & 19th- Naturalist course @ 5:30pm
9th & 23rd- Computer Class @ 5:15pm
9th & 23rd- Toastmasters @ 7pm
9th-20th- Spring Break Activities for the kids
16th- Community Affairs @ 7:30pm
26th- Community Lunch @ noon. \$7
Catherine Thompson, Coordinator

The origin of an image. The marine station web cam provided a foggy morning on Bamfield Inlet and a photograph gave us **John Boom**, working on a float in Grappler Inlet. These were crafted by **Hamo Djouboulian** into the image gracing the cover of the novel, *Cedar, Salmon and Weed: a tale of Bamfield in the 1970s, with minimal sex and violence, lots of parties and beach-combing, piracy, and the cultivation of pot.* John Boom was my inspiration for the character Gaz in *Cedar*. Books may be purchased from Bamfield stores and online www.cedarsalmonandweed.ca. 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 paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

The Glory of Song. **Gareth Hurwood** of Sidney, BC shared his musical talent with students, young and old (photo). Gareth spent an hour in the classroom and then joined in the After School Club. He helped workshop a song with the students and talked to them about the fact that they can do anything they put their mind to, including writing a song. He also shared his original music with us featuring his newest song "The Power Goes Out in Bamfield All the Time". Luckily the power went out that morning so we know the song was legit. On Saturday 'The Market' hosted a jam and we had a great time singing and playing music late into the night. And the best part is he wants to come back! *Catherine Thompson*, BCSA Coordinator



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More than the news. *The New Bamfielder* website, www.bamfielder.ca, had 4654 visits in January, 2015, up from 555 when it first went online in January, 2012. Tabs on the home page provide entry to the **BMSC Web Camera** view of Bamfield Inlet with access to marine station news and events (**About** tab) and weather, waves and tides (**Resources** tab); past and present **Minutes of Community Affairs** meetings; the **School Calendar** that includes most community events; and, of course, *The New Bamfielder*, including all past issues. L. Druehl

Bamfield seen through the eyes of a web cam. The marine station Planet-Cam, donated by **Marc Phillips** takes pictures of Bamfield Inlet at 1 second intervals. According to **Ken Hawkins**, the camera is good in limited light. To see pictures: www.bamfielder.ca, click on the **BMSC Webcam** tab. The Planet-Cam replaces an earlier one, also donated by Marc that was part of the **Peter Janitis** Memorial BMS weather station, sponsored by Bamfielders. Peter was the last on-site Cable Station employee and responsible for weather observations for decades. According to **Nicole Gerbrandt** other webcams of local scenes may become available. L. Druehl

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Ouch, that hurt! According to **Dr. Paul Hasselback**, Medical Health Officer, Central Island, for a village like Bamfield, 80-90% of the people have had the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella [German measles]). Optimally, over 90% of the population should be vaccinated to protect those residents of Bamfield/Anacla who can not be vaccinated. Presently, based on California observations, one in five of those with measles require hospitalization. In recent years there has been a slight increase in those choosing not to be vaccinated. For a vaccination or further information see **Donna Dunn**, Bamfield Health Clinic. L. Druehl