

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Bamfielders help make a difference. The new dormitory for the Chasey Kengtse School is almost ready. The yellow building is the old dorm that was damaged in the quake. There



is no doubt the dorm is the most important building for the kids. Amazing they've

been able to replace it so quickly. Thank you Bamfielders and others for your support. The following message accompanied the photo. Best Regards, *Bernie Wyton*

Dear Everyone, The new building is almost finished but due to festival holiday in Nepal the work has been halted for a month. We will continue as soon as the holiday ends. Best Wishes, *The Chasey Kengtse Team*

Onward and upward. Eighteen villagers attended the Bamfield Community School Association AGM, 18 November. Pizza was served. The treasurer **Bob Baden**, reported on the society's healthy surplus. The coordinator, **Janet Simpson-Cook**, gave highlights of activities, referring to a detailed printed statement that is available on request. Basically, security in the office and library has been increased, and both have been reorganized. The Wilson Reading Program has been introduced to the school. **Andrea Butler**, **Clara Clappis** and **Lisa Herbig** were dispatched to Seattle for three days training in this rigorous program. These three, with Janet will advance the students in the class room, with Janet being employed 6 hrs/week by the school board. How the Society communicates activities was questioned. Presently, it focuses on a quarterly booklet. A desire for an online option was expressed, particularly where scheduling has been changed or was TBA. As per the Societies Act, all directors stepped down and an election was held. All directors were returned, except for **Andrea Butler** and **Kristen Young** who stood down. *L. Druehl*



Happy Holidays to you from your Community Hall Directors. You are invited to share cheer at our annual Christmas Social at the Rix Centre, Saturday, 5 December, 7-10 pm. Potluck snacks, light alcoholic beverages, music and singing (**Eileen Scott**, alone, is worth the show). Memberships for sale at the door, these cover admission and one free beverage and give you a free Anacla/Bamfield phone card. *L. Druehl*, photo of some keen directors by **Carolyn May**.

Christmas Craft Sale Success!

18 vendors showed off their talents & wares to an enthusiastic crowd of shoppers. Thanks to **Bev & Rick** for lunch. Thanks to **Phil &**



Sarah for holiday tunes. Thanks to Bamfield Mercantile for coffee & tea. Thanks to **Steve & Roger** for set-up & clean up. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this another successful event! Almost \$200 raised from this event will be donated back to Bamfield Societies & Organizations. *Michelle van Boven*, photo of **Stella Wenstob**, selling crafts (Ed's favourite, "I ♥ The Bamfield Mall" shopping bags")

A glimmer of hope! The Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Society held its 16th AGM, 19 November. **David Paul**, Authorizing Forrester, BC Ministry of Forests, discussed our Management Plan and Timber Supply Analysis. He essentially apologized for the government's treatment, or lack thereof, on our initiative, stating, it was a problem of government's resources. Apparently that is all to change. He sought assurance the villages were in agreement with the Management Plan and the 37 people in attendance assured him they were. Essentially, of the 365 ha forest, 47% will be set aside (most old growth) and the remainder harvested at a rate of about 760 cubic meters of fibre per year, on something approaching a 200 year cycle. Next step is to revise the Management Plan to meet today's requirements. **Robert Dennis**, Elected Chief, will pursue ways for the HFN to share HFN's Forest Stewardship Plan with BHCFS' community forest. It has been determined the Binnacle Road logs, property of the Society, have indeed been stolen and the Society will be compensated. It seems all the players are in place and the trail paralleling the road from Bamfield to Anacla is a go. Society officers were elected: 6 Bamfield, 5 HFN. This is refreshing news, particularly in light of the failure of the twin project, the Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht Abalone project that died of unnatural causes. These two projects were intended to create jobs and stimulate Bamfield economy. *L. Druehl*
Stella Wenstob later commented: "You [Stefan] just put the community in community forest, thank you."

Thank you contributors to the New Bamfielder youth support fund. Guitar lessons for all interested students will start January 2016. Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

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*



Fireworks over Bamfield Inlet.
Photo by Karyssa Arnett and...



...Scary Emily Wenstob & Nancy Sherry, photo by Kelly Clement, and...



...and a lot of little spooks!

Write in support of a Bamfield helipad for emergency evacuation.
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The Big Bang! The BVFD has been doing Halloween fireworks for over 40 years. I have been involved since I joined the department in 1999. My interest in this field came from my music background and doing indoor Pyrotechnics for heavy metal bands back in Ontario. In 2000 myself and **Donald Amos** took our Display Fireworks Course and became certified to purchase and set off display fireworks. **Justin Demoskoff** has taken the Display Fireworks Course, has done three shows under my supervision, and is now a Display Fireworks Supervisor. As for the energy of the launch site, it is pretty spectacular! That is why all of the members are in full turnout gear. There is a lot of power there. We would like to thank this year's support agencies outside of the BVFD Benevolent Fund for their financial support: BVFD Auxiliary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Hall Association and private individuals that donate. This is a big part of what makes this show what it has become today. *Mark Kelly*. Ed. Thank you Mark for all those years of pleasurable fireworks.

Spooky but fun. Thanks to the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department and Aux, October 31 was a great day for Bamfield. The fireworks, competing with thumping surf on Brady's and Thor's thunderclaps and lightening bolts was spectacular. Numerous spectators on the Boardwalk and at the marine station *ood* and *ahaad* at the show even when being drenched. Now charged up, off to the Fire Hall dance. **Ryder Hawkins Band** (expat **Darryl Milne** on bass) rocked, prize-winning costumes chilled: **Kelly Clement**, bride of Frankenstein; **Siobhan Gray**: creepy face; & two student jelly fish. Thank you BVFD and Aux for the most eventful day of the year! *L. Druehl*

December Events 2015

- 1, 8, 15 Circuit Training, 6-7pm, Basketball, 7:30-9pm
- 2, 9, 16 Buddy Reading school, 12:45-1:15pm
- 3, 10 After School Club, 3-4:15pm
- 4 Christmas carol practice school, 7pm
- 5 Christmas Social at the Rix, 7-10pm
- 12 Bird ID course with Anne Stewart TBA
- 14 Library Open House, 10am-noon
Christmas Bird Count begins
- 17 Student Christmas Concert, 7pm
- 18 Last Day of School!
- 22 BCSA Office closed until Jan 4, 2016
TBA Carolling down Bamfield & Grappler Inlets
Katie & Janet, Bamfield Community School Assoc.

Insp. Mac B. Richards, Port Alberni RCMP, gives winter driving tips to Bamfielders: see www.bamfielder.ca

Literary Coup! The Bamfield Historical Society, at its November AGM, announced they had acquired publishing rights for the complete series by **Bruce Scott**, dealing with the Cable Station and Barkley Sound. Look forward to seeing these classics reissued by the Society. Election of directors saw **Louis Druehl** step down and **Christine Gruman** and **Stella Wenstob** join the board. *L. Druehl*

Bamfield Kelpers Recorded. Ken Miner captured **Rae Hopkins** and **Louis Druehl** with his 113 year old camera, Century View, using the antique photographic process known as "wet glass plate collodion." This photo with others will be compiled into a coffee table book, "Of Land and Sea: Portraits of Coastal Food Producers." This Island Farmers Alliance project features seniors who are producing food on Vancouver Island. Ken describes himself as "a traveler, a photographer, an artist, a healer of dogs." If you want an image captured by this antique process and if you can hold still for 30 seconds, contact him (www.zuludog.ca). *L. Druehl*, photo of Ken and his Century View camera.



Elections Past: Empathy. When **Anna Hoskins** (mother of **Zena Burkholder**), a Russian immigrant, was in residence in Port Desire, there would always be one vote for the Communist Party. One election year Anna was away and there were three votes for the Communist Party. *L. Druehl*

Ladies of Bamfield. A darkened McKay Bay Lodge was the setting for the recent "Unbirthday Bash", which a number of Bamfield gals attended to celebrate one another's birthday. A modest gift exchange included an interesting variety of bath soaps, chocolates and a rosemary plant. Despite one of the November power-outages there were great appies & sweets, conversation and interesting women. Until next year....everyone welcome! *Rae Hopkins*. Photo: Candlelight

