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Jacques, Anna Marie passed away peacefully at VGH March 4, 2016. Born October 14, 1949 in Port Alberni. Marie grew up and loved Bamfield. Finishing grade 9 in Bamfield, Marie completed grade 10 in Vancouver and grades 11 and 12 in Duncan. It was during grade 11 in the fall of 1966 that she met **Richard** who she married in the summer of 1969. Together they spent many days fishing, boating and puttering in and around Bamfield. Marie completed her RN training at the RJH in 1972 and

practiced with great pride as an operating room nurse in Duncan. Her pastime passions were her family, gardening and photography.



Her garden contained over 200 varieties of rhododendrons. Whenever you saw Marie in her garden, she always had a large smile. Marie was predeceased by her parents **Nan** and **Roald Ostrom** and her sister **Linda**. She is survived by **Richard**, her husband of 46 years and by her children and grandchildren – **Jennifer, Luke, Jenaya, Lauren, Ryan, Connie, Sierra** and **Ethan**. She is also survived by sister **Carol**, her husband **Roger** and Linda's husband **Cliff Haylock**, and extended family and good friends too large and too many to mention. No service by request. *Family*

Did you know the two composting outhouses on the west side (one on Community Hall land & one on the Brady Beach trail) are maintained by the Centennial Park folks. *LD*

A Village under Siege. A water system that may or may not need a \$1.5 million repair to overcome real or not real health hazards; our West Bamfield Wharf, which no one wants and everyone needs remains contentious; a life-saving helipad remains under prolonged consideration while 43% of our residents, who are over 60, face a scary future: These issues are acted on at the Bamfield Community Affairs Meetings, and by our Regional District Director, **Keith Wyton** and the ACRD. "Out there," these issues would not arise and if they did, there would be many officials to overcome them. We can overcome our smallness...write letters, be heard, attend Affairs. *Louis Druehl*

A lesson learned. Recently the West Dock float was removed to allow for wharf repairs. Bamfield was not given a heads up. As a result of this, West Bamfield was denied reasonable small boat access and moorage. The marine station, Bamfield's major employer, had to drop off the boat loads of students at the Harbour Authority marina, a kilometer from the Brady's Beach trail head. Perhaps most critical, the West Dock float provides access to medical services on the east side. This situation clearly shows the importance of maintaining the West Dock as a public facility. *L. Druehl*

1,500,000,000 birds are killed by cats in North America every year. Which bird song will we not hear this spring? *Meow!*

More fun! The Community Hall Society is planning a family event, a Chili Cook-off, to take place Sunday May 15 in Centennial Park. **Tao Eastham** (tmeastham@gmail.com, 604-868-1465) is looking for ideas and volunteers. Mark your calendar. One idea I have: soak and cook your beans with kelp to decrease flatulence. *L. Druehl*

Finally made it! **Esther Jackway**, the new HFN Market Manager, and her husband, Daryl Thompson have been trying to settle in Bamfield for some time. Over the years they have owned and operated an oyster lease on Tzartus, supplied a barge to Bamfield (driven by **Steve Clarke**), and attempted to buy the Market from the **Webers** back in 2007. She is number 4 daughter of seven siblings and has raised two boys in Port Alberni. She has worked in the Hospitality Industry for many years. When asked about Bamfield she replied, "We felt that this would be a right fit for us, and when the job opportunity came available I applied. I like the community", and after working in the Prairies with her husband the last couple years, she didn't want to go back. She's focused on learning and growing the business which includes the Market and Cafe. She feels "the HFN is a great employer." She is finding her way this first year but sees the HFN Market and Cafe becoming stronger in catering to the village and tourists needs. Once settled she expects to become more involved in the community. In conclusion, she thanks Bamfielders for their support. "Please bear with us as we go through this transition." Esther, welcome to Bamfield; we wish you well. *L. Druehl*



We will miss interns **Katie Turner** and **Stella Wenstob**. Katie, assistant coordinator for eight months, has been invaluable to BCSEA! Stella assisted in our Archives and Museum, working tirelessly on projects for the archives. Both are amazing and a joy to work with. *Janet Simpson-Cooke, Coordinator*

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*

Our Whole Bamfield Saga

by Judith Phillips

One family's experience of the early days of settlement on the far West Coast of Canada, brought vividly to life through firsthand accounts, colourful photos, documents & letters.



Available in Bamfield Stores or from bamfieldsaga@shaw.ca \$45

Senior Project Coordinators sought to work with local elders and seniors by BCSA. See www.bamfielder.ca.

Spring On! On behalf of Bamfield Beautification It's daffodil season all along the boardwalk! It's worth the walk. Thank you **Michelle Van Boven** for the endless sea of yellow out there! *Andrea Butler*, on Bamfield Corkboard.

Writers & Readers Unite! Writers & Readers Unite! Dear Bamfielders and friends of Bamfield you are invited to participate (or be a spectator) in our writers group's online publication, *Not quite the New Yorker*, email: writersonthecoast@gmail.com. More information: www.bamfielder.ca.

School News. Feb. 12th, students participated in Jump Rope for Heart, raising almost \$600 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! Thank you to all those who donated and to everyone who participated. On Feb. 24th, Anti-Bullying Day, students discussed what bullying is, how it makes us feel, and what we can do when we are bullied or see someone who is being bullied. Everyone wore pink to show that we stand against bullying

365 days of the year. Welcome **Kaiden Toor** who

has started Kindergarten, raising our classroom community to 17 students! Kaiden and his parents, **Bobby** and **Samatha**, and little brother **Kruz** are from Whiterock, B.C. I am excited to have Kaiden join our class and welcome his whole family to our wonderful community. *Ms. Russell*



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A STONE LEFT UNTURNED by Bamfielder, **Jean-Luc Fallecker**, tells the story of an older lady who's put the finger on the right questions, but whose answers sound like a clock that doesn't work and gives the right time twice a day. "This old lady has understood that life is a lonely journey. Each one of us is imprisoned in his or her own self. If we're all aware of it, then maybe we'll feel less alone!", **Jean-Michel Terdjman**, philosopher. Jean Luc's play was staged in French under the title, *Le voy-*

age d' Eugenie or Embarquement pour Cythere, in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo. A written translation was provided. Congratulations Jean-Luc on the play's performances. *Kathleen Peace*, see www.bamfielder.ca for full description. Ed's footnote: **Hi Louis! I am proud of him! Cheers, Roseline**

A Great Project! On March 12-13th the BCSA hosted a carving workshop led by **Hjalmer Wenstob**. The 8 foot red cedar log, donated by the HFN, brought together youth and adults of Bamfield and Anacla in the carving of a traditional log drum. Hjalmer explained Nuu-chah-nulth teachings about re-



spect (lisaak) and cedar, as well as the more technical teachings about following the grain, using chisels, adzes, knives, axes, and later on, the finishing techniques with painting. The completed drum was drummed into the House of Huu-ay-aht at the Bamfield/Anacla Potluck. BCS students sang a paddle song and much laughter followed as **Johnny Cash** was attempted with the extra percussion. The drum was gifted to the youth of Bamfield and Anacla to play and sing where and how they wish. Thank you to the wonderful youth and supportive community members who made such a project possible. Klecko klecko! Chou! *Stella Wenstob*. Drummers photo above by Stella Wenstob

They're just Pussy Cats. According to **Steve Ackles**, Conservation Officer (a RCMP Constable with wild life duties, but he will apprehend law breakers) our local cougars (mom and some kits) are doing what they do without danger to locals (this does not include pets). If there are repeated cougar (or bear) problems as the result of neglect by a property owner, that owner may be charged with "Bear Baiting." *L. Druehl*

Leave no stone unturned! The battle cry of 27 kiddies as they ravaged Centennial Park searching for goodies, under the stern leadership of **Suzanne Jennings** (centre, below). This perennial Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Bamfield Community Hall Society, is a true sign of spring. *L. Druehl*

Anacla/Bamfield drum carvers.

Photo: Marc Phillips



April Events

5,12,19,26 Circuits, 5:15-6:15
Basketball, 7:30
6,13,20,27 Buddy Reading, 12:45
BVFD Practice, 6:30
7,15,21,28 Circuits, 5:15 6:15
6 Thai Cooking, Firewall, 6 pm
10 Anacla/Bamfield Potluck, 5pm, House of Huu ay aht
15,16 VIU Dental Hygiene Program
18 Community Affairs Meeting, school, 7:30
22 Photo Essay: Guatemala, presentation, Ron Long, 7
23 Digital Photography work shop, school 10-3
27 Community Lunch, school, 12:00

Katie & Janet, Bamfield Community School Assoc.

A call for Artists and Artisans to participate in Art in the Park at Centennial Park on Saturday, July 9th, 2016, from noon to 5:00pm. For further information and/or to participate, email artinthepark67@gmail.com