

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Fall, 2024, a harsh season on our West Coast

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Bob Baden

18 September 1953—19 October 2024

Justin Demoskoff

23 August 1980– 15 September 2024

Ken Duncan

11 December 1971-19 October 2024

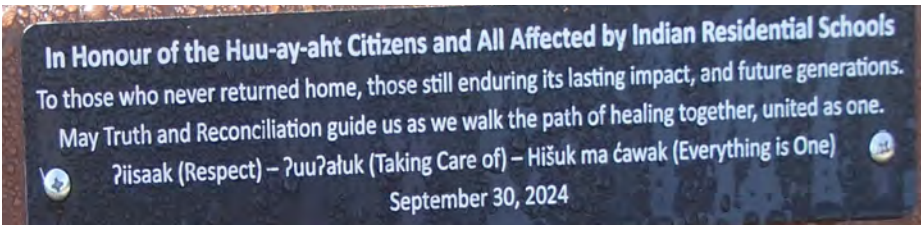
HFN hosts the multitudes on Orange Shirt Day. From lowering the flags in honour of the residential school victims, to unveiling a commemorative plaque, to pre-meal HFN singers, dancers and drummers, to a catered lunch, the approximate 200 attendees were well served and informed. The guests all received cedar roses and medicine bags with either sage or sweet grass. **Stella Peters** and **Robert Dennis** shared their residential school experiences. Chief Councillor **John Jack** spoke on the meaning of the event and he thanked the attendees, A thoughtful event. Thank you, Huu-ay-aht First Nation.

Submissions are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. 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

Bamfield is a wagon wheel, self contained and self supported. The Sarita River took our **Bob Baden**. And we lost many spokes on the Bamfield wheel. Bob, the Politician/citizen, as Chair of the Bamfield Community Affairs Society kept the bad guys at bay and the village moving smoothly. When not in office, his opinion was often sought, Then there was the parking issue, that he volunteered to oversee: many new parking spots were created, many stymied, but the problem persists. **Bob the Builder** operated Bamfield Builders Supply for several years, educating we come-from-aways, in the lingua of construction, providing essentials such as reading glasses and magnetic flashlights, and saving us trips to town. He could be grumpy, but he always came through: supporting youths in basketball, this newspaper, and anyone who sought help. Bob, a founder of Archipelago Marine Research, served as a Bamfield Marine Station Diving and Safety Officer and later, tried his hand at mussel farming. Hobbies? It's fair to say, Bob had two: keeping an eye on our village and creating a lovely and inviting home with his partner Shirley and their daughter Natasha. Ours is a terrible loss, and Shirley and Natasha's loss is beyond what I can conceive. Bob, you left us too soon, but you left with a great legacy. Thank you! RIP. *L. Druehl*, photo by Marc Phillips



There will be a celebration of Bob's life in the spring.



Plaque on commorative bench unveiled by Chief Councillor **John Jack** during the September 2024 Orange Shirt Day ceremony.

West side mock turkey, wins honour Grappler household. This Skye & Leanna reared mega-chicken was auctioned off in support of the Community Hall (Thank you!). Subsequently, it substituted for the turkey (that says, thank you!) at Thanksgiving dinner, later provided for a hot turkey sandwich, two casseroles, and soup.



Orange Shirt Day luncheon, House of Huu-ay-aht

Bundle up, sharpen your snow shovel, oil your snowshoes, the worst winter ever is coming, so prophecies the **Wizard of Grappler**.

Background: 200 years of burning zillions of tonnes of coal, barrels of oil, and cubic metres of gas has converted our world into a greenhouse. The added carbon dioxide to our atmosphere now allows sunlight to enter, as usual, but restricts back radiation, like a green house. The warmer air increases evaporation and it can carry a larger load of moisture. Enter a *La Nina* cold front and that moisture falls as snow. A Bamfield Pineapple Express (aka Atmospheric River) delivering snow. Note: Bilge pumps do not pump snow!



Election fever spills over from Pachena Road, returning our **Josie Osborne** to the BC Legislative Assembly, albeit with a chastised NDP party.

NDP	14,037	48%
Conservatives	11,365	34%
Greens	3491	11%

(Mid Island-Pacific Rim results)



Oiled, sheathed and being framed by a Port Alberme and Bamfield crew, our Community Hall os taking shape. After 18 years!



Ice Wine, anyone? These Eileen Scott Community Garden grapes finish the season except for kale. Sign up for the 2025 garden season with Rae Hopkins (rhopkins@island.net, 250-728-3297

