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Inquest into death of Nuu-chah-nulth child-in-care begins in Port Alberni

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni – Three years after the death of a 19 month-old Ahousaht girl family members gathered at the Port Alberni Courthouse as the BC Coroners Service began its inquest into the death of Sherry Charlie on February 6th. The estimated weeklong process is designed to bring out the facts of the case through witness testimony. The Five jurors will take into account all they've observed at the inquest and make recommendations to prevent this kind of incident from happening again. Their recommendations will be included in the final report known as *Verdict at Coroner's Inquest*.

Reporters and camera people from several news outlets stampeded outside building entrances and courthouse halls chasing inquest-goers in the hopes of catching coveted news clips.

Presiding Coroner Liana Wright introduced Coroner's Counsel John Orr who would do most of the questioning of the witnesses during proceedings. Agencies represented by their own counsel were Ministry of Children and Family Services, Usma Family and Child Services, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and the Charlie family retained Mr. Lex Reynolds to represent their interests. These counsel were permitted to examine the witnesses after Orr completed his questioning.

Madam Coroner Wright explained the inquest is a public inquiry designed to serve three primary functions: a means for public ascertainment of the facts relating to a death; make recommendations that may prevent future loss of life in similar circumstances; to satisfy the community that the circumstances surrounding the death of not one of its members will not be overlooked, concealed or ignored.

Over the course of five or more days witnesses will relive the heart wrenching circumstances surrounding the death of a baby girl who died of what one forensic pathologist described as 'Beaten Child Syndrome'.

The families involved have been through this all before. They attended the criminal trial where foster parent Ryan George admitted to beating the child. He pleaded guilty and was convicted of manslaughter for which he is serving a ten-years prison sentence.

This time the hearing is 'non-adversarial' meaning lawyers are not

there to prove right or wrong, but to bring forth all the facts for the public. It is about reviewing the circumstances around the child's death and to make recommendations designed to prevent similar things from happening in the future.

In her opening comments Madam Coroner Wright pleaded for sensitivity when witnesses discuss the little girl. Pointing to Nuu-chah-nulth cultural beliefs shared by some but not all NCN people, Wright asked that respect be shown to the memory of Sherry Charlie. She asked that witnesses refer to the baby as the late Sherry Charlie or simply 'the child'.

She outlined background information about the case saying the child was in the care of her mother's aunt and uncle at the time of her death. On the early evening of September 4, 2002 a 911 call came in reporting a child was unresponsive after falling down the stairs.

Four witnesses were called on the first day, three medical personnel who attempted resuscitation and the forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy. Personnel involved in resuscitation attempts all described what they saw, what they were told, what they did to assist the child and what suspicions they had, if any.

Other witnesses to be called during the week include RCMP members, NTC staff including Usma staff, biological and foster parents of the child at the time of her death.

NTC President Francis Frank attended the inquest sitting with family members of the baby girl. Some Nuu-chah-nulth Elders also attended to support the family. Frank said the NTC embraces the Coroner's Inquest and looks forward to the recommendations the five-person jury will present.

"We look to the jury's recommendations as a means of strengthening our service delivery to our members so that we may uphold the fundamental principle of ensuring that the safety and well-being of our children are not compromised," he said.

April Frank, grandmother of the little girl said the week of the inquest would be a hard one but hopes that its outcome will help others. She said her family is looking forward to the end of all the proceedings and media attention so that they could do something for Sherry, to 'put her away' and let her rest once everything is over.

Nuu-chah-nulth culture displayed in D.C.



Ditidaht dancers gather in front of the National Museum of the American Indian, across from the U.S. Capitol Building

By David Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Washington D.C. (Pemunkey Territory) – The sound of pounding drums and Nuu-chah-nulth songs echoed through the grand entrance at the National Museum of the American Indian. On the third floor, the music could still be clearly heard, as visitors were welcomed into a new exhibit celebrating the ancient cultures of the people of the North Pacific coast.

"**Listening to Our Ancestors: The Art of Native Life Along the North Pacific Coast**" is only the second exhibit to be shown in the Changing Exhibitions Gallery at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), which opened in September 2004.

At the official opening on February 2nd, 232 singers and dancers from 11 northwest First Nations performed songs and dances, introducing Smithsonian sponsors, benefactors, and staff members to vibrant west coast cultures.

Performances were given by Suquamish (Coast Salish, Washington State), Makah (WA), Tlingit (Alaska), Ditidaht (Nuu-chah-nulth), Kwakwaka'wakw, Heiltsuk, Nuxalk, Tsimshian, Nisga'a, Gitksan, and Haida (British Columbia).

The exhibit was 2-years in the making, as NMAI curators travelled to communities along the coast, meeting with leaders and developing relationships with First Nations.

"Listening to Our Ancestors' reflects the museum's commitment to working with Native communities and presenting first-person Native voice in exhibitions and public programming," said museum founding director Richard West Jr.

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(Southern Cheyenne). "By inviting the tribes to help develop the exhibition, an important partnership and dialogue has emerged through which the museum, the communities and visitors can learn about the cultures from the North Pacific Coast," he said.

Communities appointed their own curators, who then worked closely with museum staff to develop their parts of the exhibit.

Two days before the opening, spiritual leaders from the nations cleansed and blessed their areas.

Ki-ke-in (Ron Hamilton) and his wife Yaawilthma (Sharon Marshall) sang an ancient ciquaa (prayer chant) and spread eagle down throughout the 18'x 50' Nuu-chah-nulth area, speaking to the artefacts in his language and assuring them they are safe and in a good place.

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Elders Profile: Richard "Cody" Gus

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

Some people's lives are like a boxing match. You win some and you lose some but you keep moving and swinging until the final bell rings.

Cisaa-ath elder Richard "Cody" Gus's was born March 16, 1931 on Nettle Island "Kleh huu ah" Gus says matter of factly between bites of fresh herring eggs. He wasn't the only member of his family born there though. His parents George and Gladys Gus had a large family and his siblings included brothers Fred, Tom, Reggie, Wesley, Bill, Dan, Robert, George Jr., Ronald, and sisters Lilly and Virginia the last six of whom are now deceased.

Gus fondly recalled his childhood in Kleh huu ha. He spent his days playing on the island with his siblings and other children, visiting the many friends and families and being visited by the same as how "I was just a kid but I remember how together everyone was" said Gus adding regretfully "you just don't see that closeness in today's generation."

Gus recalled the years on Kleh Huu ah as good and contented but like so many other First Nation's people's lives his contentedness ended suddenly. At the age of six Gus was displaced from the warmth of his island home. When asked why he moved at so young an age he peered out the window for some time before somberly replying "because that's how old I was when they came and took me away to the residential school."

Gus would spend the next nine years of his life in the residential school, his first year in Ahousaht, and the next nine years in the Alberni Indian Residential School. He speaks little of his experience and does so solemnly except for when the subject turns to former classmates "I made some good buddies" said Gus "I made friends with guys from all over." He perks up when telling a story of when former residential school friend Bobby Woods paid him a surprise visit one day "We had a real good visit and did a lot of catching up" said Gus who added with

an impish grin "we had a lot of laughs too over old mischief we got into."

After spending ten long months out of the year in residential school Gus couldn't wait to get out but for a different reason "You know how I know it was ten months?" he asks, "because we got out at the start of strawberry picking season" he replied. His description of his summers spent berry picking arouses the same warmth as his youth in Kle huu ah. "Traveling and berry picking in the summers, those were some of the best years of my youth" said Gus "if there's no heaven when I'm gone it doesn't matter because that's where I lived during berry picking seasons" said Gus.

Like many other Nuu-chah-nulth Gus traveled across Washington State during berry picking season. Gus recounted living and working in berry picking camps in Sardis, Yakima, Vashon Island, Bainbridge Island, and Mount Vernon "it was a beautiful life and there was real togetherness" Gus reminisced "we'd pick all day, have supper together later, and then play lahal or sports after supper" said Gus "I met and made friends with people from all over." Although Gus would spend his youth in the residential school and berry picking he would soon leave both for good but his days of traveling and working were just starting.

After residential school Gus got his first full-time job at a cannery in Victoria but then discovered logging. He worked for Sprout Lake Division part of the year but continued to migrate to the US where he logged in Aberdeen Washington "I was young and wanted to travel" said Gus "I was a little wild too and wanted to be close to Seattle" he said with a grin. Gus stopped traveling in 1949 and settled in Port Alberni where he would work for Sprout Lake Division until retiring in 1991. Gus talks more about who he worked with rather than what he did "I

worked with lots of Kuu us" said Gus "Arnold Thomas, Jack Watts, old John Dick, Charlie Watts, Ray Watts, Chaz Watts, Sherman Lauder, Harry Lauder, the Billy brothers, and lots of others too" Gus recalled "we all sat together over lunch at one time or another, bs'd and had a laugh or two."

Gus worked hard at something else besides logging too-boxing. An



accomplished fighter Gus boxed semi-professionally too while a logger and retired from the ring at age 28. His last fight was held in front of a crowded Nanaimo Civic Center "that was my last hurrah" said Gus. I ask Gus if he had to choose between logging and boxing and he said no "I said hi to this girl named Bertha when I was walking down the street and a year later we were married" said Gus. 47 years later Cody and Bertha celebrated another wedding anniversary on December 21, 2005. They have three daughters: Gloria, Samantha, and Angie. They are also the proud grandparents and great grand parents too of 6 grand daughters and one great grand daughter. Although retired Gus remains active. Still trim and fit he looks but a few pounds over his former fighting weight. An avid walker Gus is often seen walking along River Road "I put in five miles a day rain or shine" he says proudly. He tries to keep up with the fight game but can't as often as he'd like. I ask if he's lost interest in boxing or if at age 75 he turns in a little early now "no it's not that" he replies "every time I turn on the TV to watch a fight they show curling, golf, or cricket instead" said Gus adding with mock contempt. Gus travels regularly to elder's gatherings throughout the year as well and enjoys running into old berry picking friends and residential school classmates. He's a regular at Tim Horton's in Port Alberni too, a gathering place of sorts for his old co-workers. "I can't sit inside all day and do nothing," said Gus "I'd go crazy if I did." At age 75 Cody Gus may not log or box anymore but he's still a fighter. He's taken some hard blows in his life but he's got a lot of rounds left in him.

A Uchucklesaht question on bulk water exports created a stir in the Nanaimo - Alberni election campaign

By David Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - A Uchucklesaht question on bulk water exports created a stir in the Nanaimo - Alberni election campaign.

Uchucklesaht Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes asked for support for the possible shipping of Henderson Lake water to buyers in the United States. "Henderson Lake receives eight to ten metres (26-33 ft) of rain each year, and the sale of water has the potential to become the new resource industry on the west coast," said Cootes when he addressed Port Alberni City Council on the issue two years ago. "It's the ultimate renewable resource," he said.

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According to Cootes, the Uchucklesaht Tribe has been meeting with a number of US-based water companies over the past few years, but has not solidified a formal arrangement as of yet.

When Charlie Cootes Sr. raised the issue at an NTC sponsored all-candidates meeting at Hupacasath House of Gathering in December, incumbent Member of Parliament Dr. James Lunney said he would support any First Nation using its resources for economic gain. His answer irked NDP candidate Manjeet Uppal who wrote to Conservative Leader Stephen Harper asking for clarification of the party's position on bulk water exports, saying local Tory candidate Lunney, may be out of step with his own party.

"I have not heard Stephen Harper promote the export of bulk water in any public way and yet Mr. Lunney is beating the drum on this issue at every all candidate's meeting. I think Canadians and voters in this riding deserve to know the official Conservative position on this critical issue prior to casting their ballot next Monday," Uppal wrote in a press release. "This is a major national issue and one that Canadians are very concerned with. It is critical that Mr. Harper sends a clear message to Mr. Lunney that free lancing on such a fundamental issue is not on."

Uppal obtained a video copy of the meeting, and had his volunteers transcribe the speeches to show Lunney was in favour of bulk water exports. Unfortunately for Uppal, the volunteer threw an extra sentence in to prove the point, which led to a public apology from Uppal, and a threat of legal action from Lunney.

Currently, Canada has a moratorium on bulk water exports because of the legal quagmire they'd be entering into, and the difficulty involved in managing exports to the United States under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). "Water, as other natural resources, is not considered a good and therefore is outside the scope of the trade agreements, including the NAFTA," said Ricardo del Castillo from the North America Trade Policy Division of International Trade Canada. "The NAFTA countries reinforced this viewpoint in December 1993 when they issued a joint statement, in the context of the NAFTA coming into force, which indicated that 'unless water, in any form, has entered into commerce and becomes a good or product, it is not covered by the provisions of any trade agreement, including the NAFTA'. Water in its natural state in lakes, rivers, reservoirs, aquifers and the like is not a good or product," he said.

As long as no company succeeds in getting export approval, Canada may argue that NAFTA rules simply do not apply to bulk water exports. But as soon as any export permit is issued, water would undeniably become a tradable good and, therefore, subject to the full array of free trade rules. This explains why several groups have recently renewed their calls for provincial legislation similar to Canada's ban on bulk water exports.

Henderson Lake is one of the rainiest spots on the continent, but for any company to access the water, the Uchucklesaht Tribe would have to be involved as any pipeline would have to be put through their lands. "It won't be too far down the road when the federal government will open the taps on bulkwater shipments, so we hope to be the first in line for economic gain should that happen," said Cootes. "We could ship water down to Seattle anytime we want and call it an Aboriginal Right, but we're willing to go through proper protocols to help relations between our governments, and we'll see how that goes," he said.

Hesquiaht members lose in-community Doctor services

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Hot Springs Cove - Residents of this isolated community are forced to make the long, expensive and sometimes dangerous trip to Tofino to access medical care since the local Dr. Armstrong stopped flying into the community last December.

The village of just over 100 people is only accessible by boat or float plane. The minimum one-hour boat trip from the Cove to Tofino often takes its riders through frighteningly stormy waters or thick fog. In the worst conditions people are often left stranded.

Hesquiaht members cite several reasons for the doctor's decision including recent cutbacks in the water taxi schedule, bad winter storms and there are many other unfounded rumors circulating.

Hesquiaht Chief Councillor Joe Tom says Armstrong was not under contract to provide medical services to HSC. He added that Dr. Armstrong recently became a new father and was concerned about flying in rough winter weather. Armstrong, he says, indicated he was willing to resume his trips to the community in March when the weather improves and the water taxi commences its tourist season schedule. Dr. Armstrong could not be reached for comment.

Armstrong's travel to the community was paid for by Health Canada through Hesquiaht First Nation. While the community will see some savings in the area of Armstrong's travel costs, it is unclear what, if anything will happen to the unused portion of the fund.

Tom also regrets that the community water taxi service was cut from seven days a week to four. "It's a business decision and it had to be done," said Tom, claiming they could not afford to run the boat on a daily basis during the slow winter season.

But now Hesquiaht First Nation must accommodate its Hot Springs Cove (HSC) residents by sending them to Tofino for the day if they need to see a doctor. This means they must now spend a great deal more transporting and accommodating their members that need medical treatment.

CHR (Community Health Representative) Erica Tom says she routinely sends three to six patients out on the Wednesday morning water taxi, which leaves 7:30 in the morning. As a courtesy, HSC residents' appointments

for are scheduled between 10:30 and noon at the Tonquin Clinic in Tofino. This time is set aside exclusively for Hot Springs Cove residents.

A return water taxi trip costs \$100 per person. Health Canada policy requires that patients away from home for more than six hours be paid an allowance for three meals at a cost of \$31 per adult. Patients leave the community at 7:30 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. for a total of 8.5 hours. At \$131 per patient the band must pay between \$393 to \$786 each week to send three to six patients to the clinic; and that is only if everything works out.

Bad weather and boat breakdowns can increase the cost of patient travel. According to Tom patients are sometimes forced to fly and a one-way scheduled flight with Tofino Air costs \$63.61 per person one way. If Tom is forced to charter a boat Hesquiaht pays \$400 one way from Tofino to HSC. Patients can become stranded in Tofino for many reasons and if it happens Tom must rent motel rooms and pay for additional meals.

The figures aren't in yet but the CHR, the Chief Councillor and NTC staff all agree health costs for Hesquiaht will rise considerably in the final quarter of the fiscal year.

Robert Cluett, NTC CHS NIHB Coordinator says funding for patient travel works on a reimbursement system meaning Hesquiaht must submit statements of its expenses, which are later reimbursed at the NTC level. Cluett says if expenses are significantly high the NTC would have to approach Health Canada to cover the cost of this unforeseen and emergent situation.

According to community advocate Bernard Charleson, the people are frustrated and inconvenienced by the lack of doctor service in the community. The long trips are exhausting for the elderly and those with sick babies.

Joe Tom says it's difficult for Hesquiaht Band Staff as well and most can't afford to take the full day off just to spend a few minutes in a doctor's office.

In the meantime, Hesquiaht staff and council along with NTC staff are exploring alternatives but haven't yet found a doctor or nurse practitioner to come to the village once a week for 90 minutes. Chief Councillor Tom says it won't be much longer before the doctor resumes his weekly trips into the village.

Upcoming Meetings

Treaty Planning
February 13th @ Discovery Inn,
Main focus of meeting will be "Strategizing for 2006"

Please contact Gail Gus @ 1-877-677-1131 or email gailgus@nuuchahnulth.org if you have any questions.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Toll Free Number:
1-877-677-1131

Nuu-chah-nulth leadership have now established a toll free number to assist membership with any questions they may have regarding treaty related business.



Hesquiaht Health Clinic

Fisheries - ca-ca-tuk

Fisheries Presentation by Uu-a-thluk Staff Brings Information, Dialogue... and a GAMESHOW to Ucluelet and Huu-ay-aht First Nations!

Submitted by *Kelly Poirier*, Uu-a-thluk Outreach Director

Could we be coming to a community near you?!!

So far Uu-a-thluk community presentations have taken place in Huu-ay-aht and Ucluelet First Nation. On January 17th and 19th, the communities of Ucluelet and Huu-ay-aht participated in a presentation by Uu-a-thluk Staff members Pawa Flesh, Dawn Foxcroft, Kelly Poirier and Shannon Cowan. It wasn't just the average fisheries update though! Information was provided to the communities about Uu-a-thluk and its programs, in addition to proposed fisheries policy changes.



UFN Uu-a-thluk winner Jack Thouchie

fisheries litigation information, and an update on WCVI herring. Knowing the Nuu-chah-nulth love laughter and games, Uu-a-thluk staff also gave things a little twist and put together a 'game show' format presentation to create dynamic conversations and receive feedback from community members. The game show is entitled "Are You Feelin' Uu-a-thLUCKY?": It's hard to say, but it's fun to play!

The 'game show' offers the participants a chance to not only provide their feedback, concerns and ideas about fisheries and aquatic resources in their community, but for every response and answer, each person wins tickets to enter into a draw for a beautiful basket filled with Nuu-chah-nulth goodies and products such as Nootka brand smoked oysters, Simptew smoked salmon, Nuu-chah-nulth language books and much more!

For the recent presentations in Ucluelet and Huu-ay-aht, fun was had by both staff and participating community members. In addition, everyone learned a lot about each other. The staff is looking forward to presentations on February 13th for Ditidaht, February



UAT presentation in Huu-ay-aht Andy Cook and Dawn Foxcroft with NCN gift basket

17th for Pachedaht, and hopefully many more of our Nuu-chah-nulth communities. In addition, the Council of Ha'wiih will be treated to a little 'game show' style fun at their next Council of Ha'wiih Meeting taking place on February 8th and 9th at Hupacasath House of Gathering. This is only the beginning of opportunities for Uu-a-thluk staff to provide information and receive feedback and hear the concerns of Nuu-chah-nulth communities, and we look



UAT - UFN presentation Shannon Cowan with Kelly Poirier and Dawn Foxcroft

forward to being invited to visit and returning to as many communities as we can.

Uu-a-thluk staffs look forward to bringing fun combined with information to a community near you!

If your community would be interested in a presentation about Uu-a-thluk and a chance to discuss current fisheries issues and concerns, in addition to a presentation especially for your youth on fisheries and aquatic resource careers, please contact Outreach Staff - Dawn Foxcroft at (250)735-0344 or info@uuathluk.ca.

International Pacific Halibut Commission Release Allocation Information for the Coming Year

Submitted by *Kelly Poirier*, Uu-a-thluk Outreach and *Jim Lane*, Uu-a-thluk Regional Biologist

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) recently released the halibut quotas for Canada and the United States at the IPHC Annual meeting. This year's IPHC annual meeting was held in Bellevue Washington from January 16-20.

Cliff Atleo, an IPHC Commissioner for Canada and a member of Aousaht First Nation said "generally speaking, halibut stocks are strong and have been for several years". For 2006, the IPHC has set a coast wide quota (B.C., Alaska and Washington) of just over 92 million pounds for all fisheries and by-catch removals, a reduction of 5.37% over last year's quota. The two respective governments then allocate their share between commercial, recreational, First Nations and by-catch. The B.C. portion of the 92 million pounds is over 14 million pounds, of which DFO allocates 13.22 million pounds to the commercial and recreational fisheries. These two sectors split that allocation: 88% for commercial and 12% recreational. DFO allocates the remaining halibut to B.C. First Nations (300,000 pounds), wastage and by-catch in other fisheries (e.g. trawl).

The mandate of the IPHC is to provide the information required to manage the halibut resource for conservation and to provide the information required in developing sustainable halibut fisheries. The IPHC is jointly funded by the governments of Canada and U.S. and is based at the University of Washington Seattle campus. The structure of the IPHC consists of the Commission staff and 6 appointed Commissioners, three from Canada and three from the United States. Commissioner appointments are made by the respective governments. Cliff explained that in addition to the Commissioners, there are Canadian and U.S. Conference Boards and a Processor

Advisory Group (PAG). PAG is a mix of U.S. and Canadian halibut buyers and processors and the Conference Boards are comprised of halibut harvesters (commercial, recreational and First Nations). The role of PAG and the Conference Boards are to make recommendations to the Commissioners. It is through the Canadian Conference Board that Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and Uu-a-thluk Fisheries staff have been actively participating in the IPHC management process since 1996.

As a Commissioner, Cliff brings a distinctly Nuu-chah-nulth perspective and a great deal of pride for Nuu-chah-nulth fishing history and technology. Cliff said the halibut hook design and fishing technology Nuu-chah-nulth developed, have been adopted by today's industry. The First Nation's distinctive C-hook design has been an industry standard since 1984. The C-hook increased the commercial halibut catches so dramatically, that the IPHC had to change their stock assessment procedures to account for the increase in fishing power. "I really like to acknowledge that the technology in terms of catching halibut came from us, our people," said Atleo.

Atleo sees a real opportunity for Nuu-chah-nulth to become more enlightened about how the halibut resource is managed in their territories. He feels it would be beneficial if Nuu-chah-nulth pre-contact methods of managing their halibut resources could be communicated to today's managers. Cliff's appointment as an IPHC Commissioner has allowed Nuu-chah-nulth perspectives in halibut management to be heard, considered and in some cases incorporated into the coast wide management process. This is significant for Nuu-chah-nulth involvement in the management of our sea resources.

CBT Advisory Committees begin project planning for Clayoquot Sound

By *Denise August*, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino - More than 60 people from the Central Region First Nations, Tofino and Ucluelet met at Tin Wis January 26th to begin the process of planning potential Clayoquot Sound projects that the CBT may fund in 2006.

The CBT recently recruited dozens of area residents to serve on the five newly-established CBT Advisory Committees. Members of these committees are tasked with making recommendations for projects in the areas of culture, terrestrial (land, animals, etc.), education, marine/aquaculture, and community development. These projects could mean education or job opportunities for all residents of Clayoquot Sound including those in First Nations communities. The committees will present their recommendations to the CBT Board of Directors by May 2006. The Directors will then decide which proposals will be funded from the \$100,000 set aside for 2006 projects.

In order to meet their mandates, committee members are required to network and share information with their community members and bring back ideas to the planning tables.

Registrants for the new committees along with CBT staff and Board of directors sat down to a catered dinner as CBT Executive Director, Stan Boychuck acknowledged Tla-o-qui-aht for allowing the gathering to take place in their traditional territory. He thanked people for coming out and taking part in committees and concluded by introducing the staff of the CBT. Rebecca Vines, CBT Administrative Assistant, said her chief responsibility is the organization and maintenance of



Members of the CBT Cultural Advisory Committee Patti Frank and Arlene Paul

CBT and the old Long Beach Model Forest archives.

Iris Thompson, also an Administrative Assistant, says she will be the person to talk to when members of the Advisory Committees need to set up meetings and make travel arrangements. She says she is also working on a National Satellite Initiative that will bring high speed internet to the more remote communities in Clayoquot Sound.

David Fraser is CBT's Community Coordinator and is overseeing the activities of the committees. He described the CBT initiative as, 'A new direction for community consultation and engagement.' He explained that the CBT decided the five committees was the way to go in order to achieve broader community awareness of the CBT and its initiatives.

Through committees the CBT hopes to achieve more inclusive and active participation of community members. Fraser said even though there are approximately twelve people on each committee the door is open for anyone wishing to take part.

The Committees met for the first time that evening following orientation and would spend the rest of the evening getting to know one another. They would also have preliminary discussions focusing on their chosen committee (Cultural, Terrestrial, Education, Marine & Aquaculture, and Community Development). They were asked to appoint a chairperson if they had the time.

The next CBT Advisory Committee Meetings are tentatively scheduled for February 15th at Ucluelet. The CBT Board of Directors will be meeting at Aousaht on February 18th.



Community Development Advisory Committee Jack Little and Chuck Lucas

Ha-Shilth-Sa featured on APTN



Ha-Shilth-Sa's David Wiwchar and host Madeleine Allakariallak prepare to lead federal debate on APTN.

Ha-Shilth-Sa Manager, Editor, and Reporter David Wiwchar was invited to be guest journalist for the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network's (APTN) federal election coverage.

Wiwchar assisted host Madeleine Allakariallak interviewing federal Indian Affairs critics from the NDP, Conservative and Green parties. Indian Affairs Minister Andy Scott was

scheduled to participate, but was replaced by long-time Liberal MP Ethel Blondin-Andrew.

The hour-long debate and half-hour analysis aired on APTN on January 13th. Wiwchar was then invited to return to APTN studios in Winnipeg to assist in live federal election coverage on January 23rd.

Tseshah Trails of Knowledge

Submitted by Trails of Knowledge Crew

We are a small group of individuals formed together to help each other to achieve one goal. The group consists of 3 girls and 2 males our names go as follows: Oswald Felsman, Shaanee Thomas, Barry Watts, Tina Gus, and Cherie Thomas. Our main goals and objectives are to build safe walking paths for our community that also could be used for fitness, shortcuts and safe to all. We fundraised for all our supplies for the projects that are yet to come. This program is funded by Employment Insurance, WOP, NETB and Tseshah First Nation. We hope to go into other fazes of this project to build bigger and better trails on other parts of the community and hopefully find other funds to do so.

We strongly encourage the community to come and look at the work we have already started and also when we present the trails to the community that you all come and be apart of this event. Thank You



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Education - ha-ho-pa

Uu-a-thluk Brings Coho to the Classroom at Maatsquis School!

Submitted by Kelly Poirier, Uu-a-thluk Outreach and Mike Jacobs, Uu-a-thluk Regional Biologist

This past month the grade three class in Ahousaht was introduced to their brand new salmon eggs. Mike Jacobs, Uu-a-thluk Regional Biologist, delivered the 100 Cypre River coho eggs (courtesy of Doug Palfrey at Sharp Creek Hatchery) after several weeks of sterilization, set-up, and calibration of the incubation and filtration systems in their classroom at the Maatsquis School. The project provides hands-on learning opportunities for Maatsquis School students as part of DFO's Classroom Incubation Program. It is also part of a larger plan to reestablish the former hatchery site in Ahousaht. Students will have fun and learn about the challenges facing salmonids during each part of their life cycle as well as habitat requirements and the sensitivity of salmon to changes in their environment.

The chiller system provided for the students to incubate their coho eggs maintains a constant temperature of 7 degrees Celsius, essential for the development of these salmonids. The aquarium's recirculation system is also equipped with a biological sand filter, aerator, and insulation jacket (to help keep the tank cool and guard the salmon eggs and alevins from UV rays early in development).

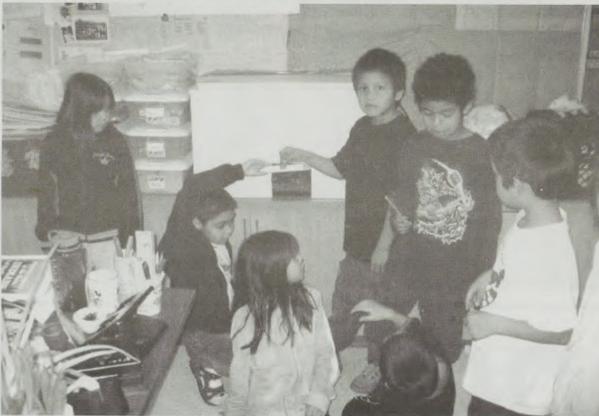
The students have been prepared for the salmon in their classroom and have learned about the importance of cold, clean and well-oxygenated water for the development of salmon. They understand that chemicals (like chlorine)

and germs/pathogens (like bacteria and fungus) pose risks to the survival of the eggs. They have also noted similarities and differences between humans and salmon, like the facts that salmon can burp but have to sleep with their eyes open!

The eggs were fertilized at the end of November and they are already at the "eyed stage," where the eyes are actually visible through the egg's external membrane. Some movement is also noticeable if you watch closely. The students are monitoring the accumulated thermal units (ATU's), which will help determine the developmental stages of the eggs and alevins (or sac-fry), and know that these eggs are about to hatch any day! These will then emerge as alevins (remaining in the aquariums gravel) and eventually develop into fry.

A field trip has been planned for the grade threes to release the coho fry, back to their natal stream this spring. It is hoped, now that this equipment has been acquired for the Maatsquis School, that the students will be able to participate in their own egg-take for next year's project and start the process from the beginning (at fertilization).

This classroom project received \$500 funding for the purchase of the incubator (chiller unit) from the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, as well as equipment and support from Christy Wilson (DFO) and the Victoria-based Watership Foundation. "It is exciting to share in the excitement of watching these fish grow with the kids," says biologist Mike Jacobs. "Some are already sad that they have to be released."



Maatsquis School students

Kyuquot / Checklesah Band Members

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Jennifer Hanson
Education Coordinator

Listening to Our Ancestors: The Art of Native Life Along the North Pacific Coast

February 3, 2006-January 2, 2007
NMAI on the National Mall, Washington, DC

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will present the art and culture of the people of the Northwest Coast in a new exhibition, "Listening to Our Ancestors: The Art of Native Life along the North Pacific Coast," opening on Feb. 3. The exhibition includes more than 400 ceremonial and everyday objects from Washington state, British Columbia and Alaska, from the 19th and 20th centuries, including vivid ceremonial masks carved from wood, beautiful feast ladders shaped from mountain sheep horn, delicate hats of twined spruce root fiber, intricate robes woven from mountain goat wool and many other historical objects.

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Throughout the year, the museum will host several exhibition-related public

programs to further illustrate the rich artistic traditions of North Pacific Coast peoples. The exhibition is the second to be featured in the Changing Exhibitions Gallery since the museum opened in September 2004. It will close on Jan. 2, 2007.

Listening to Our Ancestors explores how Native people along the coast of Washington State, British Columbia, and Alaska continue time-honoured practices in an ever-changing modern world. The exhibition features more than 400 ceremonial and everyday objects, as well as commentary from representatives of eleven contemporary North Pacific Coast Native nations.

Each object reflects the creativity of people whose art has been collected by museums worldwide for more than a century.

The exhibition includes a wide variety of pieces, from intricately woven and ornamented dance blankets to halibut fishing hooks, finely carved and painted masks of supernatural creatures to spoons carved from the horns of mountain goats. Each object reflects the creativity of people whose art has been collected by museums worldwide for more than a century.

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April 8, 9, 2006
Zeballos Community Hall

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Dear Elders and workers, please mention the Elder's conference when you call these hotels to access the rooms that Vina Robinson has kindly had blocked off for your event or they will likely tell you that they have no vacancies.

News reporters relentlessly pursue Inquest-goers

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - The media attention around the Sherry Charlie investigation has made for more difficult times for the family as they are confronted by a stampede of cameras and reporters each time they enter or exit the Port Alberni Courthouse.

The inquest started February 6th and cameramen and reporters ran from the front to the back of the building each time someone they thought might be family approached the doors. Anyone remotely resembling family members would find themselves being filmed by three or more cameras as they walked the sidewalks near the courthouse.

By day two reporters were becoming familiar with the faces and were more selective about whom they chased. It was this day that the biological parents of the late Sherry Charlie first attended the inquest, understandably avoiding the sometimes graphic details of the day before.

The young mother at one point left the

courtroom after a trying afternoon. She sat in the hallway outside the courtroom for a few moments talking with family and friends. The moment she moved toward the front door cameramen and reporters were seen sprinting from the back doors down the sidewalk, hoping to catch her on film.

Juliana Frank, looking teary-eyed and overwhelmed, was eventually assisted by the Sheriffs who escorted her outdoors to a secluded place away from the lenses of intruding cameras.

The family had foreseen that media attention would rob them of their privacy and, in an attempt to maintain controlled contact with the reporters appointed Roman Frank as spokesperson. Roman, cousin to Juliana's mother said he would be making statements on behalf of the family later in the week.

He also serves on Ahousaht Band Council and was appointed speaker for his First Nation.

On day one of the inquest Roman made a public statement at the podium set up in the back parking lot of the courthouse. He asked that the media respect the



Roman Frank, appointed spokesperson

privacy of the family and allow them to go in and out of the courthouse unmolested. He promised that he and the family would deliver a statement at a later date.

Harvey and Rose Charlie, grandparents of the late Sherry Charlie say they would

prefer not be making public statements without first consulting their lawyer Lex Reynolds.

Despite precautions taken by the family mainstream media continues to hound them at the end of day two of the inquest.

Oceanside GM Dealership welcomes Jack Little to their team

Submitted by Jack Little
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

Parksville - Are you looking for or in need of a new or used vehicle? If you are one of these people, Oceanside GM in Parksville would like an opportunity to provide you with meeting your needs. Jack Little Sr. has been recently hired on as an employee of Oceanside GM in Parksville

Jack, as many Nuu-chah-nulth and First Nation's communities know is well known. He is originally from Ahousaht and has worked in various capacities for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and other First Nation Organizations over the years, and has established a rapport with many people from the respective communities. He is known to be a reliable and dedicated worker.

Will Brunskill, the General Sales Manager and Mike Harris the Dealers Principal of Oceanside GM would like to establish a reputable and credible relationship with First Nation communities. Both Will and Mike agree that there is a great potential to service the First Nation communities and a position was created at Oceanside. "We are looking for an energetic, outgoing, First Nations representative to source clients for vehicle financing within First Nations communities. The person we are looking for ideally will be well known and respected in their respective community and we believe Jack has these qualities" Will said.

Jack's main role will be to seek and recruit clients and refer them to Oceanside GM in Parksville. He will act as a Liaison between the clients and Oceanside. Initially Jack will do marketing and travel to the First Nation communities. Watch for the ads in the Ha-Shilth-Sa and also on the local radio station on the West Coast. Initially Jack saw the ad in the Ha-Shilth-Sa and liked what he saw, especially when he saw that all First Nations are treated fairly & with respect. "I am very excited to have an opportunity to once again work

closely with our people from our respective communities. To all of my friends, colleagues and especially family and extended family, I would welcome the opportunity to offer Oceanside GM in Parksville to assist you in your purchase of your next vehicle" Jack said.

Mike Harris said that this is something new we are trying, however at Oceanside we are excited about this new path we are treading. "Having Jack on board as an employee we believe is a win-win situation as he will assist us in maintaining our standards of treating all of our First Nation clients with the utmost of respect and integrity" he said. Will, Mike and the staff of Oceanside see this both as an opportunity for the short term but also the long term. It is the wishes of both Oceanside and Jack that the goal is to have a long-term relationship.

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As this is something new for Oceanside and Jack as he initially will be travelling to communities,

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Sports - ʔim-čap-mis

Nuu-chah-nulth basketball teams earn seeding at 2006 Junior All-Native

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton
for Ha-shilth-Sa

Port Alberni -The Vancouver Island Zone Basketball Tournament was held January 27-29 at the Alberni Athletic Hall and what a weekend it was.

In the boys division Ahousaht Magic clinched first place with a win over second place Port Alberni Chieftains by a score of 86-54. "It was a good win for our boys" said Magic coach Kevin Robinson, "We won every game by a good margin and the final was no different," said Robinson.

In the boys division Ahousaht Magic clinched first place with a win over second place Port Alberni Chieftains by a score of 86-54.

John Joe led the Chieftains' scorers with 24 points while Alex Masso chipped in twelve points of his own. "Our boys played their guts out and I'm proud of them," said Chieftain's Coach Wally Samuel who conceded, "in the end Ahousaht's size beat us."

In junior girls the Ucluellet Sacinn wrapped-up first place with a convincing win over the Maaqtusiis Lady Storm. "I knew our girls had it after the first quarter," said Sacinn coach Tyson Touchie. "They played confidently to the end."

The Maaqtusiis Lady Storm were winners in other ways said Coach Rebecca Atleo, "our girls did well and I'm proud of them; but they know they can do better so they'll be hard at work in the gym."

With the first and second place teams in each division earning seeding in the upcoming 2006 Junior All-Native each looks forward to competing in the big show. "We want to place among the final three teams at least," said Robinson adding, "we want the title this year!"

Winning is also important to the Chieftains said coach Wally Samuel, but other things are just as important. "Our boys are going to compete and play hard every game," said Samuel, "but most of all they should have fun."

On the girls side of things Sacinn coach Tyson Touchie said the team has prepared hard and is looking to place among the top four teams this year. "I feel they're ready this time to stand up to the type of pressure they faced last year," said Touchie. "We entered our girls in women's tournaments this year because this is the pressure they'll face at the Junior All Native," said Touchie.

Maaqtusiis Storm coach Rebecca Atleo said her team is hard at work too and is looking to place higher this year. "We've placed 14th and 7th the last two years at the Junior All-Native," said Atleo, "so we're looking to place in the top four this year."

The Storm has added incentive to play and place better this year. "This is the last year of junior play for some of the girls," said Atleo, "so they're working extra hard for success."

Held annually since 1980 the B.C. Junior All Native Basketball Tournament may be B.C.'s oldest First Nations basketball tournament. This year's tournament is being held in Squamish, BC March 12-17, 2006.



Port Alberni Chieftains Anthony McIntosh, Ken Sam, Zach Barney, Jonathan Joe, Alex Masso (captain), Earl Tatoosh, Brad Frank, She-wii John, Will Mark; and coach Wally Samuel

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Hands Across the Island

fund-raising campaign for Aboriginal Youth

Island Storm
Vancouver Island's first Aboriginal
Peewee Hockey Team!

"Hands Across the Island" Campaign Vancouver Island Community members are joining hands in support of Aboriginal Youth! Lend a hand to support young Aboriginal Athletes! We are pleased to introduce *Island Storm*, a brand new team this year for the upcoming Spring hockey season. The 2006 inaugural year will bring together young Aboriginal athletes from all over Vancouver Island who share a common interest - they enjoy playing the game of hockey!

"Hands Across the Island" is a fundraising campaign to invite individuals, companies, businesses, organizations, and communities on Vancouver Island to show their Island-spirit by supporting young Aboriginal youth by purchasing a Hand. All money raised will go towards the Island Storm team.

Island Storm is an all-Aboriginal peewee hockey team that has been created to recognize the pool of talented young hockey players on Vancouver Island. One of the goals for the team is to support the young players by expanding their skills and experience to include participation in all-Native hockey tournaments throughout BC & Canada.

For many of the young Aboriginal players, this will be a first-time experience in such events!! Parents/Guardians, Coaches and Manager of the team, are all volunteers working together to support and encourage Aboriginal youth participation in sports and physical activity.

Island Storm is created first and foremost for the kids to have fun. With your contribution, the team will provide an opportunity for young Aboriginal athletes to

- o meet other Aboriginal hockey players,
- o share in the diversity of their cultures,
- o develop skills in hockey, and sportsmanship,
- o gain confidence and build leadership,
- o showcase their abilities, and determination,
- o learn more about developing healthy choices and healthy lifestyles,
- o learn about the value of volunteerism for our communities.

We hope that you will join us in supporting our Aboriginal youth in sports. If you have any questions, please contact me.

In the spirit of Aboriginal Youth Hockey, Marcia Dawson, Team Manager 3991 Wolf Street Victoria BC V8N 3P8 Tel: (250) 382.5658 Fax: (250) 382.5613 E-mail: marciadawson@shaw.ca

The *Island Storm* hockey team - a talented group of 11 & 12 year old Aboriginal children - will represent Vancouver Island this spring in an all-Native Hockey Tournament on the mainland. The team, will attend one of two tournaments for Aboriginal Youth: The Nicola Valley Jr. Native Hockey

Tournament is in its 18th year - bringing together Aboriginal hockey players from all over B.C. from Initiation, Atom and Peewee to Bantam and Midget levels.

This year's event is held March 16-19th, 2006 - Merritt, BC.

The United Native Nations 11th Annual Aboriginal Hockey Tournament is held in Pr. George, BC. Teams from BC, Saskatchewan and Ontario travel to Pr. George for this exciting competition. This year's event is March 24, 25, 26, 2006.

These tournaments are well established - hundreds of spectators, athletes, team managers and volunteers from communities all over B.C (and Canada) attend these events.

In the history of these two tournaments, no Vancouver Island team has ever participated, and...all of our players have never had the opportunity of participating in these tournaments, or in any all-Aboriginal hockey event!

The money raised from this campaign will help our team

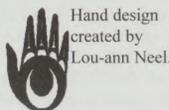
- * Buy Team Jerseys, Pucks, First Aid Kit (\$1480)
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- * Buy Ice-time for Practices (\$400-500)
- * Pay tournament fee (\$600)
- * Travel (Ferry, Gas, Meals, Motel) (estimate\$5,000)
- * Future goal - to represent Vancouver Island at competitions across Canada!
- * Future goal - to host an all-Aboriginal player development camp for hockey players on the island.

To show your support for the team, you can purchase a hand.

Banner: A \$25.00 donation will purchase a hand that will be placed on the team banner.

Your name or your company's name will appear in the palm of the hand. The banner will be displayed at all team games and events.

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Congratulations to Fredrick Cook for making the Vancouver Island Storm Hockey Team. (Submitted)

Thank you from the Youth Suicide Prevention Walk

On behalf of the Youth Suicide Prevention Walk we just want to let all the Nuu-chah-nulth people realize that we are very thankful for all your donations which have been over \$7,000.00 in the last three years all from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. \$2000. from Tsheshaht and \$500 from Ahousaht.

We just want to let you know Kleco, Kleco, Kleco for all your support for this great cause. We are asking you once more to support us for the final fourth race representing the white (Caucasian) race that will make our circle complete. This final walk takes place on March 14th, 2006 @ 8:30 am @ Sydney, Nova Scotia, ending @ Victoria, BC's

Parliament Buildings front steps on June 21st, 2006 @ 1:30pm.

If you would like to donate please make the cheques out to: Youth Suicide Prevention Walk. Our Bank account is @ any Bank of Montreal The Transit # is 3820 - Acct 1010-882

Attached is a picture of Brian Chatwin who is on the left side of picture handing me (Vincent watts) a cheques for \$800.00 to go towards our final walk. This last walk will be with 10 Aboriginal Youth representing all the areas with the highest rates of suicide in Canada. 1 (Vincent Watts) am on the right hand side holding the White Buffalo Unity Staff. Vince Watts can be reached @ (250) 716-3346 or @ www.yspw.org



Brian Chatwin hands over a donation to Vincent Watts, Coordinator of the Youth Suicide Prevention Walk

Tournaments

Wickaninnish Hawks 2nd Annual Open Men's Basketball Tournament March 3, 4, 5, 2006

Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni

\$350.00 entry fee - 1st Place. \$1000. 2nd? 3rd?. 1st Place prize based on 10 teams. \$100.00 deposit due by Feb. 24, 2006. Entry fee due before first game. Contact Bob Rupert 250-723-5647 or 720-5454 or email or Ivan Thomas 604-683-9193 or 604-209-8210 or . Concession and 50/50 draws.

PAFC Youth Co-Ed Ball Hockey Tournament

@Maht Mahs Gym, March 18th & 19th, 2006, First 8 Teams Accepted, Ages 12 - 16 yrs., Entry Fee \$100/Team - Concession/50/50 Draws, Further info: Daniel Jensen @ 723-8281.

Thunder Invitational All Native Ball Hockey Tournament

March 31, April 1, April 2, 2006 Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni

8 Men's Teams ~ 6 Women's Teams. Men's Entry Fee: \$300.00 ~ Women's entry Fee: \$250.00. Prize Money as follows: Men's: 1st Place: \$1000.00. 2nd Place: \$500.00. 3rd Place: \$250.00. Based on eight-team draw. Women's Division: 1st Place: \$600.00. 2nd Place: \$300.00. 3rd Place: \$150.00. Based on 6-team draw. Trophies, 50/50 draws & raffles. Contacts: Phone: Les Sam at 250-723-8950. Phone: Wes Price 250-723-6028

2nd Annual Kitamaat Open Basketball Tournament will be on April 7 - 9, 2006

in Kitamaat Village & Kitimat, BC. Guaranteed Prize Money in both Men's and Women's Divisions. To register: Dan striker 250-632-6174. More info: www.kitimatbasketball.com, Email: kitamaatbasketball@hotmail.com

Fredrick Cook's hockey team is having a Bottle Drive to fundraise for hockey socks.

Please donate your empties! E-mail or call 720-0923 for us to pick them up. Spread the word if your friends, co-workers and community members need them picked up, give them our contact info. Thanks for the support :-)

Valentine's Day Blues

Pink, red and white — classic colours for Valentine's Day. But don't forget blue. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, feelings of sadness, inadequacy and loneliness are not uncommon both during and after the build-up to February's tribute to love and romance. This phenomenon is similar to feelings that can emerge during the December holiday season. In the case of both holiday periods, commercialism, peer pressure and unrealistic expectations coupled with a continuing lack of sunlight can reinforce negative moods. While there is no definitive evidence that Valentine's Day causes depression, UK research suggests that a full three-quarters of suicide attempts are put down to relationship problems. This isn't surprising when we know that not having a strong social support network is a risk factor for someone already vulnerable to depression due to biological, genetic and/or environmental factors. Research also confirms that "happy" people have closeness in at least two of the following three areas: family, friends and romantic partners. If this third area is on your mind a lot lately, below are ideas to get through the Valentine's hoopla with your mental health in tact:

- **If you've recently broken up with someone** and start to miss them around Valentine's, make a list of all the reasons you're better off not together.
- **Look at the bigger picture.** Make a list of everything you have going for you and post it on your fridge.
- **Look at the global big picture.** Another way to gain perspective is to do some volunteer work for a vulnerable group in your community; after all, a broken or lonely heart can be painful but compare it to homelessness, hunger, disability and disease.
- **Try skipping the Valentine's Day specials on TV and the tear-jerkers at the movies.** Maybe an action or mystery movie is just the distraction your body needs.
- **Remember that lovers may come and go, but good friends and family are around forever.** Call up an old pal or exchange silly Valentine cards with your best friend. Go out for lunch or dinner. Reach out to someone who might need your attention.

- **Being single can be fun.** Throw a singles-only party or attend one someone else is having. Or just hang out with some friends and do something fun. You're not the only unattached one out there. (Neat fact: The Quebec Order of Psychologists' annual Feb. 14 loneliness helpline gets calls from 500 to 800 people across the province each Valentine's Day).
- **Remember romantic relationships aren't without their share of negative feelings.** In fact, American researchers recently published a study showing that romantically-involved teens were more likely to be depressed than if they hadn't found romance, particularly the girls. The reasoning is that girls may tend to base their self-esteem and self-worth on romantic relationships more than boys do and will distort their own identities to make the relationships work.
- **Don't forget to express feelings to the guys in your life.** A Valentine's Day survey by two UK charities shows that 65% of men had said "I love you" to a partner, compared with only 49% of women. It also found that a small proportion of the 1,000 people surveyed were more likely to tell their pets they loved them than their male relatives.
- **Focus on the greatest source of love currently in your life;** this is another positive way to reconnect with loving feelings. The source could be anyone or anything: a memory, a poem, a painting, spiritual or religious writings, even a beloved pet — whatever has positive meaning to you and makes you feel good when you think about it.
- **For those who have lost a partner through death, divorce or separation,** Valentine's Day can remind you of Valentines' past and the fact that you are no longer part of a couple. Allow yourself to be sad and don't be afraid to acknowledge your regrets. Writing a loved one a letter (whether you mail it or not) and planning a special ritual can all be ways to help you say goodbye and 'I love you.'

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"I thanked the Chiefs, and called all the ancestors to be here and make sure things are done respectfully," said Hamilton. "I also assured them we're doing everything we can to bring them home by having our own museum," he smiled.

The Nuu-chah-nulth exhibit features a cloth curtain of unknown origin, a whaling float, hinkets masks, rattles, bowls, cedar capes, and war clubs, but it is the collection of six woven hats belonging to noble women Ki-ke-in is most proud of.

"These six hats have never been shown before and they're absolutely incredible," said Hamilton. "We talk a lot about our Ha'wiih in this exhibit and in everything we do, but we don't talk enough about our Ha'kuum, so that is why I argued to have a sealing spear replaced with these magnificent hats," he said.

Hamilton has worked with the museum for the past month, writing artefact

respect between us," he said.

According to Rachel Griffin from the NMAI Cultural Resources Center, they have 602 objects in their archives listed as being Nuu-chah-nulth.

Ditidaht representatives were able to spend an hour looking through the archives, located 12 miles outside Washington in Suitland, Maryland. All agreed it wasn't enough time as they adored the many large trays of woven and carved treasures.

Back at the museum, there are few west coast items in the permanent display.

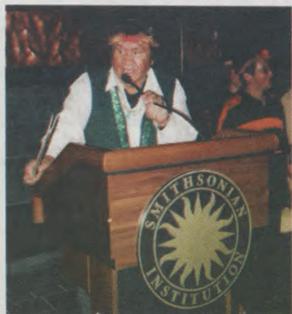
There are only a few North Pacific Coast items in the rest of the museum because we have a whole hemisphere to represent," said West. "We have a very strong collection of materials from that area that are especially beautiful, so this exhibition was a way to get those artefacts out into the collection so people could see things we've never shown before," he said. "We've learned a lot over the past year about how to



Ditidaht dancers perform a paddle dance

descriptions and a chapter in the accompanying exhibit book.

Walking past the ten plexiglas cases holding 44 Nuu-chah-nulth artefacts, Hamilton talks about the difficulties involved in such a selection. "The items here represent only one quarter of one percent of the Nuu-chah-nulth artefacts in the Smithsonian's collection," said Hamilton. "I've been talking and corresponding with the archivists here for many years, and every time I talk to them, I talk about how we want to bring these things home. That's why we're here, trying to make their opening successful so we create goodwill and



Ditidaht Elder Jimmy Chester introduces the Airplane Dance

articulate ourselves and our stories to other people, and this exhibit really shows that."

Hamilton, Marshall, and Corfield stood in the exhibit as local reporters streamed through for an advance look at the display before it officially opened on Friday, February 3rd. Hamilton also worked with museum staff to teach them about the Nuu-chah-nulth exhibit, so they could explain the artefacts to the thousands of estimated visitors.

That night, museum sponsors, benefactors, and staff gathered for a lavish dinner where Ditidaht singers and dancers performed along with the Haida, Nisga'a, Tsimshian, Heiltsuk, and Kwakwaka'wakw Nations.

In an interesting clash of cultures, a Coast Salish Elder asked that people drinking wine move away from the circular dance area to the mezzanine area to keep the previously blessed area clean and pure. The dignitaries complied.

Ditidaht performed a paddle dance, flag dance, and their airplane dance. "This song comes from not long ago, when we watched the first plane land on Nitinaht Lake," explained Elder Jimmy Chester. "We wanted to perform this since it took three plane trips for us to get here," added Carl Edgar.

The exhibit opened the next day at



NTC Vice-President Michelle Corfield speaks at the "Listening to Our Ancestors" opening

noon, and people were lined up to get in. Lectures and dance performances complemented the opening weekend. The Kwakwaka'wakw delegation offered colourful dance displays twice daily, and Ron Hamilton facilitated a pair of lectures.



Ditidaht dancers perform in front of hundreds of museum sponsors, benefactors, and staff members

The lecture on potlatches was attended by more than 90 people, who listened attentively as Hamilton spoke about the oppression of the 1884 Potlatch Ban in Canada that stayed in place until 1952.

"Because we put away our songs and dances so as not to get arrested, we forgot who we were," said Sampson Bryant from the Tsimshian Nation. "When they lifted the ban, very few people knew how to do things, but what we thought was lost is now starting to come back," he said.

Bill Cranmer, a Kwakwaka'wakw hereditary Chief said his Nation launched a groundbreaking lawsuit against the government for the potlatch

ban, and is seeking compensation they will use to fund language and cultural programs.

That afternoon, Carl Edgar spoke as a panel member at the Natural Resources

Department and told a crowd of 40 how commercial fishing had almost wiped out Ditidaht's precious salmon resources. "We've fought long and hard to bring our fish back, and now have the largest salmon hatchery in Canada to try and rebuild our salmon stocks," he said.

The next day was family day, and Pawaats (Nuu-chah-nulth

word meaning "nest") was filled with laughing children learning about the people of the northwest coast, their culture, language, and their lives.

People touring the many museums along the National Mall were treated to a real sense of the west coast as the air outside the museum was filled with the sweet smells of a salmon barbeque, while inside the museum Kwakwaka'wakw songs echoed through the cavernous entrance way and dancers performed in the center auditorium.

Heiltsuk Chief Harvey Humchitt talked with visitors as he cooked a few salmon

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A gift is presented to the NMAI from the NTC

Ke-ke-in focuses on Repatriation

By David
Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa
Reporter

Washington D.C. — As Ki-ke-in (Ron Hamilton) and his wife Yaawilthima (Sharon Marshall) sing an ancient ciqqua (prayer chant) and spread eagle down throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth area of the latest Smithsonian

National Museum of the American Indian exhibit, they have a lot on their minds.

Speaking to the artefacts in his language and assuring them they are safe and in a good place, Ki-ke-in quietly assures them they'll be coming home.

"I thanked the Chiefs, and called all the ancestors to be here and make sure things are done respectfully," said Hamilton. "I also assured them we're doing everything we can to bring them home by having our own museum," he smiled.

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A Nuu-chah-nulth Museum has been a point of discussion at the NTC and NTC Treaty meetings for the past 12 years, "but we're no closer to having that museum now than we were then," he said.

NTC Vice-President Michelle Corfield is equally concerned, saying there is a strong need for a Nuu-chah-nulth museum. "We have already selected land for a museum at the Ucluellet-Tofino junction, and we really need to get moving on that issue," she said.

Nuu-chah-nulth are caught in a Catch-



Ditidaht and Ahusaht members look through the trays of Nuu-chah-nulth weaving at the NMAI CRC

22 when it comes to museums and repatriation.

Nuu-chah-nulth artefacts are spread throughout the world at museums in England, Germany, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, and throughout North America.

Many museums claim they want to see valuable artefacts return to the First Nations they were in many cases stolen from, and have repatriation policies in place, but they also have stipulations about how the repatriated artefacts must be stored in a climate-controlled environment.

"We want the items, we've negotiated with museums for the return of many items, but we don't have a museum-approved place to put the items, so the discussion stops there," said Corfield. "I plan to push this issue along, as I want to see our own Nuu-chah-nulth museum soon."

NMAI's collections include materials not only of cultural, historical, and aesthetic interest, but also of spiritual significance. Funerary, religious, and ceremonial objects associated with living cultures are displayed only with the approval of the appropriate tribes.

Repatriation is another important concern being addressed by the museum. Human remains and funerary objects, religious and ceremonial artefacts, communally owned tribal property, or any holdings acquired illegally are returned upon request to individual descendants or tribal groups who can demonstrate a cultural affiliation and factual claim to the property in question.

The Smithsonian was one of the first museums to have a repatriation policy, and even has a Repatriation Office as part of their Cultural Resources Center (CRC) in Suitland, Maryland, which houses more than 800,000 cultural objects and 125,000 photographic images associated with hundreds of Native communities throughout the Western Hemisphere.

As Nuu-chah-nulth delegates toured the CRC, they were encouraged to touch the artefacts and study them closely, far different from similar tour at Canadian museums who fail to realize the artefacts belong to the First Nations, not the foreign institutions that house them.

"The museum recognizes that its Native constituents have an absolute interest in the management, interpretation, and disposition of collections associated with their respective communities," according to the NMAI website. "Stewardship

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Ditidaht singers parade into the cavernous NMAI grand Hall

he had brought from Bella Bella.

The NMAI provided \$4300 in funding to each community to allow two

'Community Curators' to attend the opening. Communities such as Gitksan (New Hazelton, BC), with a 90% unemployment rate could only afford to send the two positions funded through the museum, while others such as Makah fundraised for 8 months to bring a delegation of 82 people to the event.

Nuu-chah-nulth brought 21 people, as the NTC was able to secure last-minute funding from the Canada Council for the Arts.

A total of 232 people came from the 11 west coast Nations represented in the exhibit, 88 of whom were from the 8 coastal BC First Nations.

"Having the descendants of the people who made these artefacts here with us to open the exhibition has just been amazing," said West. "It really empowers and enlivens the collection

and shows the sheer power and potency of the North Pacific Coast cultures," he said.

Located across from the U.S. Capitol building, the NMAI was designed by Cree architect Douglas Cardinal and is strikingly different from any other building in the region. A city overflowing with monuments and monumental buildings, it wasn't until 1989 the Smithsonian realized the first people of the United States lacked any recognition in the nations' capital.

When asked what he hopes people gain from seeing the Nuu-chah-nulth collection, Hamilton said, "I hope people understand our intelligence and our reverence for everything around us, and the place we live in".

Once "Listening to Our Ancestors" closes next year, it will then embark on a tour to the Nations represented, so everyone on the coast can see what set the U.S. capital abuzz.

About the National Museum of the American Indian

The National Museum of the American Indian is the sixteenth museum of the Smithsonian Institution. It is the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of Native Americans. Established by an act of Congress in 1989, the museum works in collaboration with the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere to protect and foster their cultures by reaffirming traditions and beliefs, encouraging contemporary artistic expression, and empowering the Indian voice.

The museum's extensive collections encompass a vast range of cultural material—including more than 800,000 works of extraordinary aesthetic, religious, and historical significance, as well as articles produced for everyday, utilitarian use. The collections span all major culture areas of the Americas, representing virtually all tribes of the United States, most of those of Canada, and a significant number of cultures from Central and South America as well as the Caribbean. Chronologically, the collections include artifacts from Paleo-Indian to contemporary arts and crafts. The museum's holdings also include film and audiovisual collections, paper archives, and a photography archive of approximately 90,000 images depicting both historic and contemporary Native American life.

The collections of the former Museum of the American Indian, Heye

Foundation, form the cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Assembled at the turn of the twentieth century by wealthy New Yorker George Gustav Heye (1874-1957), the collections are distinguished by thousands of masterworks, including intricate wood and stone carvings and masks from the Northwest Coast of North America; elegantly painted and quilted hides, clothing, and feather bonnets from the North American Plains; pottery and basketry from the southwestern United States; eighteenth-century materials from the Great Lakes region; the C.B. Moore collection from the southeastern United States; and Navajo weavings illustrating a broad range of very early types. Works on paper and canvas include Plains ledger drawings as well as contemporary prints and paintings. The museum's collections also include a substantial array of materials from the Caribbean, Mexico, Central, and South America, including a wide representation of archaeological objects from the Caribbean; ceramics from Costa Rica, central Mexico, and Peru; beautifully carved jade from the Olmec and Maya peoples; textiles and gold from the Andean cultures; and elaborate featherwork from the peoples of Amazonia.

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First nations students receive stethoscopes

By Sheila Seitcher,
Aboriginal Nurse Recruitment
Coordinator

On January 30th 2006 The Learning Circle to Support Aboriginal Nurses (LCSAN) had a special event in Ladysmith at the Sh'ulh-etun Health Center. The University of Victoria organized this year's event. This was open to all Nursing Students, and those interested in becoming a Nursing. Around 50 people attended this event both professionals, students, potential students, local elders were all present to support Aboriginal Nurses. The day started out with Opening Prayers, Welcome and Introductions. The purpose of this special event was to honour the Aboriginal Nursing Students with Stethoscopes presented by the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada. One of our own Aboriginal Nurses Ina Seitcher- First Nations Nurse Advocate along with Laurie Dokis -Inter Tribal Health Authorities Nursing Consultant, and Joan Gillie- Coordinator of Student affairs UVIC School of Nursing presented 14 aboriginal students from Vancouver Island with Stethoscopes.



Robin Blampied (R) and her mother.

The idea of this event started last year when a FN Student Robin Blampied phoned NTC Jeanette Watts Nursing Supervisor last year and asked "where as Nursing student she would find a stethoscope?". And the Legacy was born whereby the support for First Nation student support was created.



Jackelyn Williams, Ucluelet F.N.

Altogether 12 individuals from this area traveled to this event. 5 Licences Practical Nurses (LPN) currently at North Island College, and 8 potential Nursing students. I am encouraged by the numbers individuals interested in Health Careers. This year the Aboriginal Nurse Recruitment Project has identified 20 students whom are pursuing their



Jessie George, Nanaimo F.N.

goals in Health. Two of the LPN First Nations Students attending Port Alberni NIC received their stethoscopes, One Male and one Female. Jackelyn Williams from Ucluelet First Nations and Jesse George for Nanaimo First Nations were happy to receive this gift. I believe the stethoscopes helps encourage students to believe in themselves and their educational goals thus, reaffirming a career in Nursing. The day continued on with the University of Victoria new Nursing Video "The Difference is You" starring one of our own First Nations Student Leona McBride of Ehatesaht. If anyone is interested in viewing this video, you can contact one of your local NTC



Nurses and ask to view the video. Students were also introduced to a project called "Nat and Nellie" from Malaspina College University. Maggie Kennedy- Nursing Instructor explained



the concept of teaching school age children about Nursing, through a fictional story along with child's play of Male and Female dolls. Two third year students from Malaspina demonstrated how this project works. Lastly, each of the 50 participants was able to share their thoughts and visions for Nursing Education and Nursing as a Career. I was pleased to see how much support there is for Aboriginal Nursing Students before and during their Studies.



L-R: Joan Gillie, UVic, Laurie Dokis, THA, Leona McBride, 3rd Nursing

The Learning Circles to Support Aboriginal Nurses meets as a group once a month as a working professional group and as student support groups within each of the 4 schools of nursing. If you would like more information about Health Careers, Nursing, or the LCSAN please fell free to phone me Sheila Seitcher at 250-724-5757 or sheilaseitcher@nuuchahnuith.org. The next LCSAN event is the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Feb 27/06.

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NTC CHS NIHB Program Staff:

Coordinator: Robert Cluett, Clerical Assistant: Bella Fred, (& Tricia Little accounts payable clerk supervised by NTC Finance).

Mission

To deliver various components of the Nuu-chah-nulth NIHB Program(s) in coordination with Community Development/Initiatives, and provincial health authorities/agencies and resources.

NTC CHS NIHB Program "Working Relationships"

- (1) Community Health Workers, Community Health Nurses, Band Directors/ Administrators and Health Portfolio council members
- (2) Away from home membership

- (3) First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
- (4) Provincial health authorities/providers and Medical Services Plan

NTC CHS NIHB Programs under a "Consolidated Contribution Agreement" with First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB):

Medical Patient Travel, Vision Care Services, Away From Home Mental Health Program- (supervised by Louise Tatoosh) and Medical Services Plan -Care Card administration in conjunction with FNIHB Vancouver

NIHB Programs NOT under the "Contribution Agreement" with NTC CHS:

Dental, Equipment & Supplies (including sub-programs; Audio logy, Oxygen Therapy and Orthotics), and Pharmacy

The NTC CHS NIHB Program Department also manages two (Non-NIHB Programs) (1) Nutritional Supplement and (2) Community Clinical supplies

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The following process for obtaining Prior Approval is currently in place:

- Client received prescription from authorized prescriber
 - Client is assessed for medical equipment/supplies by health professional
 - Health professional prepares assessment results and recommends supplies & equipment
 - Client takes assessment to provider and selects products
 - Medical Supplies & Equipment provider completes paperwork (outlining client info, benefits requested & costs) & faxes request, assessment and prescription to NIHB for Prior Approval
 - First Nations and Inuit Health Branch- (FNIHB) reviews request and determines eligibility based on program guidelines
 - If necessary, NIHB refers request to Medical Consultant for professional opinion on medical requirements
 - NIHB faxes letter confirming benefits approved to Medical Supplies and Equipment provider
 - Client receives supplies/equipment and signs form confirming receipt of product
 - Provider completes claims form & mails to claims payer for payment
- Questions or queries may be addressed through your community health centre (Community Health Representative- CHR), First Nations and Inuit Health Branch @ 1-800-317-7878, or NTC CHS NIHB Program Department @ 1-888-407-4888 - locally @ 724-5757.

Any denials may be addressed by an appeal process, contact the above offices for further information.

Submitted by R. Cluett, CD - NTC CHS NIHB Department Coordinator

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Indian comprises three facilities, each designed following consultations between museum staff and Native peoples. In all of its activities, the National Museum of the American Indian acknowledges the diversity of cultures and the continuity of cultural knowledge among indigenous peoples of

the Western Hemisphere and Hawai'i, incorporating Native methodologies for the handling, documentation, care, and presentation of collections. NMAI actively strives to find new approaches to the study and representation of the history, materials, and cultures of Native peoples.



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Vision Statement:
The Nuu-chah-nulth Nursing Program partners with Nuu-chah-nulth-ah to deliver professional, ethical, culturally sensitive, and responsible care. Nurses shall maintain discipline in self and profession, as well as balance in approach.

Ten easy steps to make food safe

Submitted by Christine Kellett, CHN

Why worry? Hundreds of people in British Columbia get sick from food poisoning every year. The symptoms of food poisoning include stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea; these symptoms are very unpleasant but usually go away after 2-3 days. However, serious cases of food poisoning can result in prolonged sickness and in some cases death. Following 10 simple safety rules can prevent food poisoning...

Cook it. Some foods contain harmful bacteria, viruses and parasites. Meats, poultry, fish and eggs are the worst offenders. Casseroles, stews and pies made with these foods are also potentially dangerous. You should make sure foods are properly cooked before you eat them. To be safe you should use a meat thermometer when cooking to test the temperature. The thermometer should be stuck into the deepest part of the food but not touching a bone. Proper temperatures for some common foods are: steak, fish and eggs 63C pork, ground beef/fish 68C, poultry, wild game and stuffed meats need to reach

74C.
Cool it. Don't leave the food to cool on the counter for longer than 2 hours. If you are going to save cooked foods, separate large items into smaller portions and place in the fridge within 2 hours.

Reheating food. Not all harmful bacteria are killed by cooking. After cooking these remaining bacteria can grow rapidly both when the food is cooling and when it is being reheated. Food may also become re-contaminated after cooking. To be safe make sure all food reaches a temperature of at least 74C when being reheated. Never reheat leftovers more than once.

Microwave cooking. Microwave cooking is fast but the heat distribution is uneven. Therefore micro waved food needs to be higher than recommended for conventional cooking. Micro waved foods need to be stirred or rotated at least once during cooking. Food cooked in the microwave should reach 88C and be let stand for 2 minutes after heating.

Avoid the danger zone. Harmful bacteria can grow rapidly between 4C and 60C. Therefore potentially

hazardous foods like meat, dairy and poultry must be kept hotter than 60C. Don't leave food to thaw on the counter. Always thaw food in the refrigerator, or microwave.

Protect your foods. Ready to eat foods should be kept free from contamination. Wrap raw meats so they do not drip on other foods you may be carrying or storing. Refrigerate perishable foods as soon as possible. Transport perishable food in a cooler with ice. Read food labels for storage advice and date food that is being stored.

Wash your hands. Harmful bacteria are everywhere. They can be picked up from touching things around us, such as pets and changing diapers, handling raw food and using the washroom. Make sure you always wash your hand thoroughly before preparing or eating any food.

Wash the food contact surfaces. Most cases of food poisoning occur when ready to eat foods are contaminated accidentally by using the same utensil to prepare raw meat and ready to eat foods. Make sure all cutting boards and work surfaces and tools and equipment used

in the kitchen are washed well in hot soapy water. This includes the dishcloths and towels. 1 teaspoon of bleach to 1 liter of water makes an effective solution to clean counters and boards etc.

Wash fresh fruit and vegetables. Fresh fruit and vegetables should always be washed before eating. The skins may be contaminated and can be transferred to the fruit with the knife when being peeled. Pay particular attention to food that is to be eaten raw with the skin on.

Exclude sick people. Anyone who has diarrhea or vomiting illness should not be preparing food for others to eat. The germs that made them sick can be easily transferred to others. Also people with infected cuts or sores should have them covered and wear gloves before preparing food.

If in doubt throw it out. Finally don't take chances with your food. Remember foods that are contaminated do not always look or smell bad, so if in doubt throw it out.

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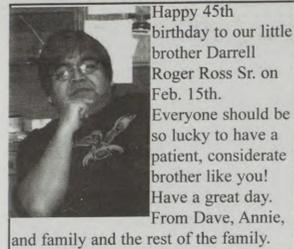
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For those individuals or groups interested in conducting research within Nuu-chah-nulth territory, the Nuu-chah-nulth Research ethics committee will be accepting applications and meeting on the following schedule:

Application deadline Application Review Regular Meeting
March 6, 2006 March 7, 2006
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Happy 45th birthday to our little brother Darrell Roger Ross Sr. on Feb. 15th. Everyone should be so lucky to have a patient, considerate brother like you! Have a great day. From Dave, Annie, and family and the rest of the family.

Happy Birthday to our grandson Blair Jack (B-man) on Jan. 13. From Grandma Elaine and Grandpa Harold.

Happy bday to great gran Ilene Thomas on Feb. 7th enjoy ur day gran where ever u may be love you lots from Corby Ilene and Virgil frank.

Happy bday to Felix Thomas on Feb. 19th hope you enjoy your day grandpa love you lots from Corby Ilene and Virgil frank. also happy anniversary to you guys on Feb. 26th many many more years to come for the both of you love Ilene Virgil and Corby frank.

Happy valentines day to my sweetie Virgil Kevin Michael frank I love you more than words can express don't ever forget that ok love always your wife Ilene frank.

Happy 3rd bday to Jordan Mack on Feb. 27th love auntie I uncle Virg and cuzzie Corby.

I would like to wish my daughter April, A Happy 21st birthday for January 23, 2005. We love you babe and so do your boys. Enjoy and see ya soon. Love Your Mom, Dad, Mike, Happy, Vincent, Beck.

Happy Birthday Auntie April, January 23, 2006. Love you lots. Hugs and Kiss's, Brendan, Matthew, Raquel, Michelle.

Happy Birthday Mom, Love u lots xoxo your twins boys Lawrence and Peter Thomas.

Our Family Deborah, Colleen, Rose, Janice, Sheila and brother Dickie would love to wish our mom

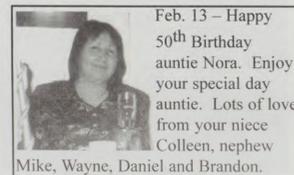
Happy Birthday January 27. We love you mom you mean the world to us. You are always there for us and would like you too know we are here. Enjoy Mom. Love Your Family, Thomas's.

Happy Birthday Grandmother Joan, We love you lots Gramma you do so much for your grand children never goes un noticed. Enjoy your day, we are thinking of you. Love Mike, Happy, Vince, Beck, Elizabeth, Susanne, April.

Happy Birthday to Our Great Grandmother Joan. We love you lots Grandmother. From your great grand children Brendan, Matthew, Raquel, Lawrence, Peter, and baby Ayaa.

There is a lovely young man I would like to wish Happy Birthday too. His very athletic and enjoys Hockey and Basketball. You are now going to be 16 years. The time has just flown by. We wish you the best Son Vincent Frank. February 02, 2006. Enjoy this special day and we are very proud of you and don't ever forget. We are here for you any time. Love Your MOM & DAD.

Happy Birthday to our Little BRO Jr. Happy B-Day Vincent A.V. Frank for Feb. 2006. You are 16 already. Love Your Sister's Elizabeth, Susanne, April, Rebecca and Brother's Michael and



Feb. 13 - Happy 50th Birthday auntie Nora. Enjoy your special day auntie. Lots of love from your niece Colleen, nephew Mike, Wayne, Daniel and Brandon.

birthdays & congratulations



Happy 12th Birthday to VINCENT Mc Dougall aka HOT STUFF/Love BUG :) on Valentines Day. Love from Mom,Sis Tia, and the Livestone Family and from your auncies, uncles and cousins in Port Alberni too.

Happy.

Happy 'belated' 66th Birthday to my dad Leo A. Jack Sr.! I love you dad! I hope you had a nice birthday!

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece Ashley Phillips on February 8th! I hope you have a great birthday party sweetheart! Love you lots, Auntie Anita (aka slim).

Happy 31st Birthday to my gorgeous chumis teachma Darryl on February 9th! I love you with all my heart Darryl Kenneth Dean! May all your wishes come true! Love your one and only, Anita (hee hee).

February 14th - Happy Valentines to the love of my life, Darryl Baker! I love you babe, hope you're ready for a great night out! Love Anita.

Happy Valentines to my Muggs and Leo! Also to Hug-a-gee, Junior, Lillian, Wowoosh, Mullits and Toots!! I love you my dear mom, dad, brothers and sisters! Ladies, make sure your hubbies buy you flowers and chocolate. And guys, make sure you buy your women flowers and chocolate!! HEY, be a nice guy and take her out to dinner, give her a break from cooking!! Remember she'll cook for you on Father's Day! So you better treat her for a change. You better listen to me or else! hee hee. I'm going to check with my mom and sisters to see if you listened to me!

Love your daughter and sister, Anita Margaret!

Star and Paul Frank, your first Valentines day as a married couple, hope its great, just like you both!! Miss and Love you!! Your aunt Anita.

Priscilla and Leo! Happy Valentines Munchkin and Leo! I hope you have a great day!! Miss and Love you! Your aunt Anita.

To my dear father Earl M. George and to my sweet granddaughter Nussy March children Brendan, Matthew, Raquel, Lawrence, Peter, and baby Ayaa.

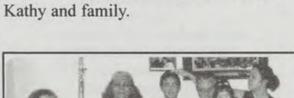
Belated Happy Birthday Feb. 7th to Ilene Thomas, sis, Lorraine John and Ruth Sam. From Corby.

Feb. 5 to Teeda. From Chumus. Happy Birthday.

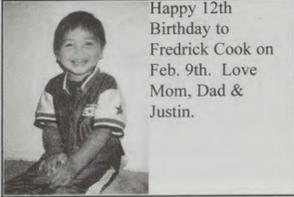
Happy Birthday to Terry Touchie on Feb. 17; Happy Birthday to my niece Bonnie May Williams all the way in Nanaimo on Feb. 18. From uncle Lyle, Kathy and family.

Happy Birthday to my sister Denise and family.

Happy 34th Birthday to my sister Roberta on Feb. 6. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come.



Feb. 6 - Happy belated birthday Grandpa. We all love you grandpa Noel. Love from all your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Happy 12th Birthday to Fredrick Cook on Feb. 9th. Love Mom, Dad & Justin.

Happy Birthday to my sister Judy Williams the Clayoquot woman on Feb. 21. From your brother Lyle, Kathy and family.

Happy 19th Birthday to A. (James) Dick on Feb. 22. FX legal now hey! Have a great day. From Queen.

Happy 4? Birthday to Alfred Dick on Feb. 22. From Kathy and your grandkids.

Happy belated birthdays in January: Jolie Dick/Frank, Husket Campbell, Marion Tom (Louie), Asia Louie, Avery Campbell, Guy Louie II, Jan. 19 - Special Happy belated Birthday to special grandson Brandon John, luv you from grandma Darl & Grandpa Alec.

Feb. 15 - Special happy birthday to a special grandson Joseph George Jr., luv you, grandma Darl & Grandpa Alec. We're proud of you boys, keep working hard at what you are doing.

Feb. Happy Birthday to our lil bro Alfred Dick. From Alec & Darl, hope you enjoy your day bro. Also to Richard J. Thomas, take care. Feb. 10 - Happy Birthday to neph Herbie Dick, Feb. 11 - Melissa Dick, Feb. 12 - Melodie Louie (you all behave now lol). To uncle Joe, lil Chief, Cathy Chipps, Happy Birthday, enjoy your day. To uncle Joe Campbell, we are very proud of your accomplishments! Your graduation with an 'A'! Keep up the good work! From all your family at home in Ahousaht (Campbell's, Dicks, Manson's, etc...)

And thank you to Auntie Anita for supporting you through all this!

Feb. 1 - we would like to send out a belated birthday wish to our oldest daughter Bellrena McKay. Sending you our love. Dad Vince and mom Charlotte.

Happy Birthday to my sister Bonnie Laslo on Feb. 11. We know you'll have a good one sis. Vince McKay Sr and family.

Feb. 23rd, Happy 65th Birthday Grampa Martin John. Love from Carlene, Eric Jr. Arnie, JoLynn, Brandon & Jonathan John.

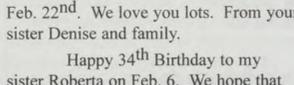
Happy 31st Birthday to our nephew, grandson Julius Hansen on Jan. 26. Have lots of fun on your special day son. Yippy no more terrible 3's lol. Love aunt Shirley & Pa Wayne Sr. cuz's Tamara and Lyla and uncle Wayne Jr.

We would like to wish a very special person a happy b-day on Feb. 16 my niece Miss Cherie John enjoy your day niece behave lol. Love aunt Shirley and uncle Wayne Sr. cuz Wayne Jr.

Happy Birthday to our niece Cherie John on Feb. 16. Have fun! Love from your favourite auncies Tammy & Lyla Billy.

I would like to wish our father Lyle S. Billy a Happy Birthday on Feb. 16. Have fun Dad. We miss you so much. We love you lots. Love your 2

Feb. 6 - Happy belated birthday to our dad Noel Lambert. We hope you enjoy your special day. Love always your wife Helen, and your sons Mike, Don, Ken, Len and your daughters Deb, Sandra, Monica and Marie.



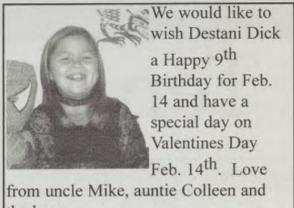
Feb. 6 - Happy belated birthday to our dad Noel Lambert. We hope you enjoy your special day. Love always your wife Helen, and your sons Mike, Don, Ken, Len and your daughters Deb, Sandra, Monica and Marie.



Feb. 4th - Happy belated birthday Len Lambert. We hope you enjoyed your special day. From your bro Mike, sister-in-law Colleen and the boys.



Invitation to all Nuu-chah-nulth for the Wedding of David Miller and Stacey Hansen at 1:00 p.m. at the Thunderbird Hall, Campbell River on April 29, 2006. Bring your drums.



We would like to wish Destani Dick a Happy 9th Birthday for Feb. 14 and have a special day on Valentines Day Feb. 14th. Love from uncle Mike, auntie Colleen and the boys.

Also hope that you have lots of luck during the weekend of your b-day. We love you lots. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

Happy Birthday to our neph/cuz on Feb. 14, also Happy Valentines Day. Good luck in finding a sweetheart this year seeing that you are old enough (lol). We love you lots. Love from auntie Adrienne, uncle Rudy, cousins Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

Happy Birthday to our nephew/cuz Christopher Jack on Feb. 23. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. Also we hope that you know how special you are to us we love you lots. Love from auntie Adrienne, uncle Rudy, cousins Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

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poet's nook

"Straight"

E're wonder what straight means? For those who claim to know, here! I always wonder bout those full of beans, T'was but a week ago I was full of fear.

For others, tis' so nice, to just find our very own. Yes so nice to be able just to say just us. Yet seems like all else seem to have just known.

Worry, I do bout those who really only project, Yes, project to others their own meanings. Is it to simply erase others just only to protect? Those are the people do not allow us our own findings.

Get this, straight gets mistaken for just strait. Strait as in squeeze or hardship or name place. Straight as in direct, can be lost just like bait. But we're lucky, so lucky just to find some grace.

Society at its highest might even be civil, However lowly it gets, creates lots of unrest. Yet at any level, many are labeled as evil, At times I begin to wonder is it all just a test?

Arrows are straight, but bows are bent. Some people are straight but some are circles. Metaphors might be easy only if they are meant. All of us though, truly surely are miracles.

For me, straight means "just" as in "justice"

By JAIN

Hello, my name is Jacob Johnson, I am writing to you to ask if I can submit three very touching poems, one is Gone Home, the second is Children and Alcohol, the last one is Three Angels. Gone Home, I would like to tribute to all those who lost loved ones, Children and Alcohol, I would like to tribute to all those who are or know someone who struggles with this terrible addiction. Three Angels, I would like to tribute to all of those who struggle and or who have experienced suicide. The reason I wrote these poems is so

people can have a better understanding of what it is like when you are shown a better life, all you have to do is open the door after that life is so much better. I am not ashamed to say I am of First Nations status. For years I walked around lost and believed my life was a waste of time, so I have with this "The Creator put us people on this beautiful planet for a purpose. I believe that purpose is to make a difference." That I learned from a proud warrior. Thank you. Jacob Johnson

Children and Alcohol	Gone Home	Three Angels
A child forever lost in a world of alcohol The bottle rules his/her home with an iron Fist never relenting.	Blooming in Gods garden of love God lovingly nurtured you a radiant Beauty in Gods garden of love.	The angel of suicide Visited me in my sleep Asking me to go with her Perplexing me with questions And yet as easy as it sounded I did not go.
No love only empty promises, no food Only empty bottles reign, no future only Uncertainty.	When He created you, he created you With a smile thus he bestowed upon The earth a blessing only he can give You.	The angel of life Visited me in my sleep Provoking me to look at The wonder around to find Joy in life, appreciation in it Yet foolishly I did not embrace her
Alcohol has no mercy it will only bring Destruction and chaos it destroys with no Remorse.	The Angels in Heaven danced with joy When you were born they rejoiced Because of Gods beautiful gifts Was bestowed upon the world.	The angel of death Visited me in my sleep And through death, I saw Life, and through it was embraced And heart racing and yet I still remained behind.
The responsibility is too much so the child Turns to false security, he/she too falls victim To the alcohol that has consumed his/her Parents.	God saw the future and perhaps Chaos therefore he took you home Because you are one of his radiant Beauties from his garden of love.	Three angels, one sleep One life One dream One chance One try One question I shall stay behind to answer it.
Written to those who struggle You are not alone.	For those who have gone home to the Garden of love. May your new journey With the creator be peaceful.	By Jacob Johnson
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In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷap

In Loving Memory of our Dad "Kaanowish" Allan Charles Ross Sr. September 30, 1925 - February 20, 2002 and our Brother "Mahoy" Lance Dean Ross November 26, 1956 - February 25, 2002

Whether we live 77 years or live to just 46... What matters is the love we've shown; For love is everything... from your family.



poet's nook

A journey-- A Walk to many places

Written By Norma-Ann Webster

A journey- A walk to many places- I meet all Walks of life— One journey that shall never be forgotten
A journey— a memory of the past—one of looking into the eyes of another "real and true without any words produced."
A Childs says, What will happen when our earth gets to full of the garbage we put into her?
Where will we live and what can we do about this?
Can we prevent it?
A world that had not been discovered by the outside Industries—
A place with abundance of wildlife —A place with mountains As far as the eye can see...
Eagles, killer whales, fishing, herbal remedies, materials gathered pure and untouched by production—
A place surrounded by beaches and Islands we move to each passing season—to gather and collect from the lands...
A place that is surrounded by waters so pure
A place that is away from the city life—
A place I call home—
As I journey beyond the majestic mountains through the waters that bring life—through and past the resources of food—
past the beaches and islands of sandy beaches—
I reach a place that offers more— or that I deems itself more than what is offered by our homeland—
It is a place that offers and entices production and industries
A cool place where we are offered cars- homes with gardens
High performance -high tech technology...
The city life a place that offers everything the heart desires
A place that could make or break a life...
To find a balance to get ahead of everyone else?
The barriers the competition is outrageous and often leads to a swelled ego...
An ego that ends up wanting more than a heart can desire—
To become that competition that industry that cooperate company that seeps the earth with toxic waste - that harbours the spirit mind and soul with intentions of been better than everyone else—
What ever happened to give when we receive our bountiful gifts—
As I recall the eyes that had no words of what shall happen
If we give— in by this enticements of production?
Life is productive finding a balance with our traditional values
And the modern world is a big Call—
For decisions —for preservation form the outside world on the other side of the mountains—
We can be productive but we also have a responsibility of respecting our homelands and its resources—
For all who wish to become bigger and better...
All you have to do is go beyond the mountains
And you will be there...
It is a choice we have to keep in mind
Our waters need no pollutions our resources do not need big industries to hone in on our preservation—
It happened once —and now it is our choice to save it—
Our home - our traditional lands and all its resources—
The little ones of our future are counting on us to keep our homeland a pure and a —natural productive place for as long as possible- with out surrender
to all that dwell on the other side of the mountains...
Kleco! Hay ch qa Siem—May we remain in dignity and respect when it comes to home— a place our future generations can be proud of—).

Nuu-chah-nulth Registry and Treaty Information ...

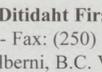
Registering events are very important!

- Birth Registrations:** It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
- Transfers:** Are you wishing to transfer to another Band? Write to the Band you want to transfer into. Once accepted you will need to complete a consent to transfer form, also, notify the Band you are currently in and let them know your intentions.
- Marriages, divorces, name change, deaths:** Please provide appropriate certificates to up date the Indian Registry Lists. A consent form needs to be completed for any name changes.
- Are you turning 18 soon?** If you would like your own registration number then you have to submit a letter of request. Process also takes 6 - 8 weeks (no longer automatic).
- All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Little** - Indian Registry Administrator at the NTC Office, with the exception of Ditidaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht. Contact these First Nations directly. To have a status card issued through NTC from these four First Nations please have your Indian Registry Administrator fax approval and your information prior to coming into the office if possible.
- Does your First Nation have their membership code in place?** If so, and you would like the above events recorded for "BAND MEMBERSHIP" then it is EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT that you contact them as well.
- Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.**
- First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.

Ahousaht
(250) 670-9563 - Fax: (250) 670-9696
General Delivery Ahousaht, B.C. V0R 1A0



Ditidaht First Nation
1-888-745-3366 - Fax: (250) 745-3332
PO Box 340 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M8



Ehattesaht
1-888-761-4155 - Fax: (250) 761-4156
PO Box 59 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



Hesquiaht First Nation
New Toll Free 1-866-670-1181 - Fax: (250) 670-1102
PO Box 2000 Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0



Hupacasath First Nation
(250) 724-4041 - Fax: (250) 724-1232
PO Box 211 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Ka'yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h'
(250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210
General Delivery Kyuquot, B.C. V0P 1J0



Mowachaht / Muchalaht
(250) 283-2015 - Fax: (250) 283-2335
Toll free - (800) 238 - 2933
PO Box 459 Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0



Nuchatlaht First Nation
(250) 332-5908 - Fax: (250) 332-5907
PO Box 40 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations
(250) 725-3233 - Fax: (250) 725-4233
PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0



Tseshaht First Nation
Toll Free: 1-888-724-1225 - Fax: (250) 724-4385
PO Box 1218 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1



Uchucklesaht Tribe
(250) 724-1832 - Fax: (250) 724-1806
PO Box 1118 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Ucluelet First Nation
(250) 726-7342 - Fax: (250) 726-7552
PO Box 699 Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0



Attention Uchucklesaht Tribe Members and descendants



We are currently accepting applications for enrolment in the Maa-Nulth Treaty. This notice is posted in our effort to ensure that applications for enrolment forms are available for every known person who may be eligible to be enrolled as beneficiaries of the Maa-nulth final agreement. **For further information, please contact Tina Robinson at the Uchucklesaht Tribe Office. Phone - 250.724.1832 or Toll Free 1.888.724.1832.**

TLA-O-QUI-AHT TRIBE MEMBERS

If you are not receiving "Inside Tla-o-qui-aht" newsletter please call your address in ASAP. This mailing list is also used for important tribal mailouts you may not want to miss. Forward your address to: Carla Moss c/o Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Box 18, Tofino, B.C., V0R 2Z0. Phone: 250-725-2765, email: cmos@island.net Fax: 250-725-4233 attn: Carla Moss

TO ALL TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATIONS MEMBERS

Hello everyone, I am working as the Indian Registry Administrator (back up) I would like to update my mailing list, may you please call it in to me at the office either fax or mail would be greatly appreciated. Are you and / or children registered? If your newborn baby has not been registered yet I need a copy of the large birth certificate and register. Also if there are any deaths, marriages, and divorces I would like the proper certificates brought in so I can register them as well.

*Yes I do issue status cards from my office in Opiatsht
Any questions please call me at work 725-3233 / fax 725-4233
Thank you. Hazel Curley (TFN IRA)*

To All Ucluelet First Nation Band Members and descendants

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet completed the application for enrolment in the Maa-Nulth treaty; if you have not yet completed it could you please do so as soon as possible. My target date for having applications completed is coming up very soon. If you have not already enrolled and if you would like information on the Eligibility and Enrolment I can be reached toll free at 1-877-726-7342. I am also trying to keep our mailing list up to date, so if we do not have your current address could you please let us know. Thank you. Christina Klotz, Eligibility & Enrolment Coordinator, membership@ufn.ca

TO ALL TSESHAHT MEMBERSHIP:

Please remember when you register your child(ren) with NTC you must still register your child(ren) to the Band. I do not have names that NTC has so if you're one of these members please contact me for Band membership papers as we administer our own membership and only those people on our list is Tseshaht. I do not issue status cards this is done only with Rosie Little or Mel Braker. Feel free to contact me at lisagallic@shaw.ca or call me at 1-866-724-4229.

To All Tribes - Please return any medical equipment that you may have

borrowed from the Tseshaht First Nation Loan Cupboard, our medical equipment is running low and there are many people in need of this service or if you have any medical equipment you would like to donate to the loan cupboard this would be greatly appreciated. Thanks. Tracy Robinson, Tseshaht Health & Social Services Department P.O. Box 1218, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1, 724-1225

We are looking for Ka'yu:k't'h'/Chek:tes7et'h' members current mailing addresses. In particular, the Olebars who live in the U.S, Delia Charlie of Manchester Washington, Elizabeth Barnes of Burien, Wa. Also looking for any of Short family members, and those who live at Vancouver. Please Contact the Kyuquot Bando office, Lenora or Daisy at, 1-888 817-8716, or fax to (250) 332-5210, or email to kchertg@island.net.

We look forward to hearing from our members who live away from home and the sooner the better. Chuu, Daisy Hanson

Mailing Ha-Shilth-Sa to Nuuchah-nulth Members

Ha-Shilth-Sa is looking for addresses of Nuuchah-nulth (NCN) members who are NOT receiving the paper. Ha-Shilth-Sa is free for Nuuchah-nulth members. If you want to receive Ha-Shilth-Sa please your send name (including your middle name or initials), complete mailing address, phone number & the name of your Nuuchah-nulth First Nation to: Ha-Shilth-Sa, P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7M2 or email. hashilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org

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birthdays & congratulations

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daughters Miss Tamara & Lyla Billy.



We would like to wish our cousin Pam Watts a happy 42nd birthday for Feb. 2. Bet ya thought I didn't remember your b-day hey. Love from Sharleen, Sid & family.

We would like to wish a wonderful young lady a very special and happy 19th birthday for Feb. 6. It goes out to Tasha Sam. Hope your day is special, you deserve nothing but the best. Love always Sid, Sharleen, Sid Jr, Sylvia, Rick, Sabrina, Brad, Sheldon, Steven, Shawntaye, Mackenzie, Brad Jr.



We would like to wish my two favourite aunts Colleen Watts and Rose Touchie a very special and happy birthday for Feb. 7th. Hope your day is special as you are to us. Love always your niece Sharleen, Sid & family.

We would like to wish our niece Destani a happy birthday for Feb. 14 and also happy Valentines Day, you are growing into such a beautiful young girl. Love from Uncle Sid, auntie Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our sister Catherine Watts a happy belated birthday for Jan. 16. Hope you had a good one. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish my cousin John Ginger, a happy belated birthday for Jan. 16. Hope you had a good one, bet ya thought I didn't remember. Take care and don't be a stranger hey. Love from Sharleen, Sid & family.

We would like to wish our sister Peggy Tatoosh a happy and belated birthday for Jan. 31. Hope your day was great. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

Happy Valentines Day to Sidney D. Dick Sr. with all my love. From Sharleen Dick.

To my better half on Valentines Day. For bringing me happiness right from the start and offering me both your love and your heart - For being so thoughtful in all that you do, overlooking my faults, understanding me too. For all our tomorrows, whatever they hold, and for staring a love that will never grow old. This brings all my love and special wish too, that you'll be so happy as I am with you. Happy Valentines Day Bradley Frank Sr. Love Sabrina Dick.

I would like to wish my loving and caring Mother Sharleen a Happy 42nd Birthday for Feb. 7th. I hope the day is the best ever! Love from Sabrina, Brad Sr., baby Brad and kids.

Feb. 5th - Happy 4th Birthday to my dearest granddaughter Elizabeth J. proud daughter for my niece Iris Rose John and step-father Billy Dennis. Sorry couldn't make it, but you're the princess shining in my eye today. Your smile is worth a million dollars baby! Many more birthday's to come. You have a gift and that is your precious mother Iris, she gives you a lot of love, and attention, same with Billy. So way to go niece. Love from grandma Carol Mattersdorfer, Don and family.

Feb. 9 - Happy 36th Birthday to my dearest brother George C. John he is in Esperanza right now. But always know brother, your in my heart today and everyday, and I hope that you were blessed with what you wanted for yourself. Many more to come and I miss your smile, and your hugs. Love from your dearest sister Carol Mattersdorfer, Don and family.

Feb. 09 - Happy 4? Birthday to my cousin Philomena Duncan-Webster? Well cousin I know you're off work and enjoying your time up in P.R. B.C., but hope you had a good one. Thanks for always being there for me my dear cousin. Many more wishes in the near future. From your cousin Carol Mattersdorfer.

Feb. 14th - Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George C. John Jr. Well there two love birds in the nest of Esperanza. Hope you both a good day. You are blessed from the creator, to be together as one. Always know you're in my prayers okay. Love from your sister Carol R. Mattersdorfer

Feb. 14, to all my friends and family - Happy Valentine's Day to You all! and hope you angels bring you the best ever. and many more hearts beyond. From Carol Mattersdorfer.

Congratulations to my auntie Roberta Adams for getting hired at the Youth Center as a program coordinator. and to Trevor Titian as the Peer Mentoring. Way to go, I wish you all the best. From Carol Mattersdorfer.

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to Daphne Frank Happy Birthday to you! And many more till you are 104. This is for Daphne on Feb 24. I hope you have a wonderful day Daph. I wish I could be there with you but like as usual, I am here in Victoria with my family. Hope to see you all soon. I love you all.

Indian Residential School Survivors Society National Survivors Support Line 1-866-925-4419

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Are you a survivor of residential schools? Are you an intergenerational survivor? Do you need to talk?

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Career / Opportunities - q'i-cah-ta-mis

Employment Opportunity Financial Coordinator

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations near Gold River, BC is seeking a full-time Financial Coordinator. This is a demanding position which includes planning, coordinating and administering the financial services/programs and documentation for the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations community. Reporting to the Administrator, the Financial Coordinator will work closely with Administrator and staff at various levels. You will be responsible for maintaining the chart of accounts, financial statements, reconciliation of bank and various accounts. This position requires the development of policies and procedures.

Essential Qualifications:

- Professional accounting designation (CA, CGA, CMA) and/or university degree in accounting/financial field
- Must have minimum of five-(5) years senior level management experience in a variety of complex accounting practices in a computerized environment
- Experience in budgeting, preparation of financial statements, reconciliation of bank and other accounts
- Experience in payroll, benefits and policy development
- Proficient computer user, particularly in spreadsheet application

Resumes with covering letter specifying this position are to be submitted to the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations by **4:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2006** to:



Reuben Blackwater, Administrator
Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations
PO Box 459
Gold River, BC V0P 1G0
Fax: (250) 283-2335
Email: with Subject header:
Application - Financial Coordinator

Job description is available upon request.

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations wishes to thank all applicants for their interest and advises that only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

Employment Opportunity



The Ucluelet First Nation (UFN) has an immediate permanent full-time employment opening for the challenging position of Finance Manager. The successful candidate is a proven leader and team player who is committed to delivering results and opportunity for our Ucluelet First Nation community.

Reporting to the UFN Administrative Manager and following the UFN Human Resource Policy and Financial Policies and Procedures the Finance Manager will monitor and evaluate the day-to-day activity of all departmental and organizational related budget activity specific to accounting, reporting requirements, fundraising and short and long term strategic planning.

Employment Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree in economics, commerce or related field and a recognized accounting designation (CA, CMA or CGA)
- 7 to 9 years experience in accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial planning and analysis
- Must be bondable
- Must have recent RCMP criminal reference check

Skill Requirements:

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 - o Forestry
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Salary is negotiable and will be based on qualifications and experience.

How to apply:

- By email: manager@ufn.ca
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- By mail: Micheal Lascelles, Administrative Manager
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- By fax: 250.726.7552

Closing date: Friday, February 17, 2006

All expressions of interest in this position are appreciated; however, only short listed applicants will be acknowledged.

Klecko's - kekoo

Klecko Klecko,

To all the people, friends, relatives who helped in our time of need. After the passing of a loving daughter, sister, grand-daughter, niece, cousin, Auntie Talicia. Mattie. Margaret. Campbell. Thanks to Shannon Campbell - Smith and Melodie Louie for as hard as this is for her to stand up for our brother/nephew, Delores, Adrienne, when they needed you most. We greatly appreciate this from the bottoms of our hearts. Thanks to Elmer George for officiating the prayer service in the Shaker Church. Thanks to Maggie Charlie for doing the prayer service pamphlets. Thanks to Chief Norman George for the use of the Lekwammen Longhouse. Thanks to Shelley Black & Patsy Paul for collecting all of Talicia's belongings. Thank you to all the people who showed up at our house early in the morning. Thank you to all the cooks in Victoria, Port Alberni and Ahousaht. Thanks to all the special friends who walked with Avery, Delores and Adrienne. Thanks to Skip, Mae, Reggie and Phyllis Sam for sitting with Talicia. Thank you to Laura & Kelly Antoine for doing the burning.

Thanks to Makola housing, V.N.F.C., B & C Foods, Daycare. Thanks to the Seitcher's for having a luncheon for our family. Thanks to P.A.F.C. for the use of their hall. Thank you Ahousaht Band Council for their support emotionally and financially. Thanks to Jean - Colleen for doing the funeral pamphlets. Thanks to the pall bearers, honorary pall bearers, grave diggers and witwalk. Thanks for all food donations, financial donations, & people who lent out their vehicles. Thanks to Robert Atleo, Francis John, and Louie Frank for dealing with the expenses, and forwarding information to Ahousaht. Thank you to Jerome Smith for speaking on behalf of Il Campbell and Lil Campbell. Thanks to John Rampanen Jr. for speaking on behalf of the Seitcher's. Thanks to all speakers in Victoria, Port Alberni & Ahousaht Thanks to everyone who was with us and those who had us in their thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to Andy Webster, Billy Keitlah & Chester John for traveling with Talicia on her journey home to Ahousaht from Victoria.

Sincerely thank you all from the Campbell's, Seitcher's, Jones, and Thomas Families

On behalf of the Tseshaht Trail of Knowledge Crew Tina Gus, Shaunee Barney, Cherie Thomas, Barry Watts, Oswald Felsman, we would like to thank all our sponsors who supported us in our Loonie Twonie Fundraiser held on January 27th, 2006.

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The fundraiser would not have been a success without your help. We can now purchase more tools and supplies to build community trails.

Ke-ke-in focuses on Repatriation

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rather than ownership is NMAI's approach to the care of its collections." When Ki-ke-in is asked about a Nuuchah-nulth museum, his passion is evident. "More than a million people pass the Ucluelet - Tofino junction every year. The lot there is amazing because it backs onto a spectacular little bay, but you can't see it through the junk that's there now," he said. "It's a

rainforest, so it rains most of the time there. When it rains, visitors stay in their rooms or go to their laundry because there's not much to do if you're not willing to get wet," he said. "A Nuuchah-nulth museum would be an unparalleled success there, no question. It's a no-brainer. The groundwork has already been done. All it needs now is for people to push to get it done."

Loonie toonies

Youth fundraiser: Garage Sale and Loonie Twonie. \$5. a table rental. February 12th. 9:00 till 4:00 at new Hupacasath Hall just passed Co-op gas station. Contact Carolina at 723-4949.

Loonie Toonie Auction: Saturday, Feb. 18 @ 1p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Place: The New Hupacasath Hall, House of Gathering, Beaver Creek Road. Early birds welcome. 50/50, Concession & TV Raffle. Come out and support the Port Alberni All Native Jr. Girls Basketball Team. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Call Doreen at 723-0453. Thank you.

Loonie Toonie Auction: Youth Fundraiser. Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Early birds welcome. Concession 50/50. Place: The new Hupacasath Hall, House of Gathering, Beaver Creek Road. Items: T.V., D.V.D., Stereo, cordless phone, microwave, native jewelry, F.N. Clothing, F.N. candles, moccasins, bratz toys and much more!

Community Events

The Sam/Tatoosh Family Invite Family and Friends of the Late Phyllis Sam (nee Tatoosh) and Stephanie Sam for a: Memorial Gathering on Saturday, March 11, 2006, starting at 10:00 am In Port Alberni BC, at the Maht Mahs Gym. For more info call Luke George @ 250 723-6194 or Rose Tatoosh @ 7245954

Mowachaht/Muchalaht Canoe Journey

A group of people from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht community met December 07, 2005 to form the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Canoe Journey Team, and also will become a society. They get together to discuss their canoe journey which will happen at the end of July 2006, an exact date hasn't been set. They also discussed people in other communities to be a part of this endeavor. If you want to be a part of this canoe journey or the committee, you can register on line, and someone will contact you preferably by email.

Finally, they discussed in the coming weeks that they will be canoe practicing, and if you wish to be a part of that you can let us know by email: administration@unitednation510.com

Vancouver Island Aboriginal Education and Career Fair

Date: Friday March 3, 2006
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Phone: 250 370 3299 ~ Fax: 250 370 3291
Location: Victoria Native Friendship Centre, 231 Regina Ave, Victoria, BC.
Sponsored by Camosun College First Nations Education & Services, University of Victoria, School District 61, 62, 63 and the Victoria Native Friendship

Pacheedaht Election Results: January 25, 2006 in Port Refrew, Arliss Daniels, Elected Chief, A. Jeff Jones, Elected Councillor (re-elected) and Tracy Charlie, Elected Councillor (re-elected)

Classifieds continued

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LOST: My name is Lisa Escobar my drum has gone missing. The last place it was seen was at Terry Seitcher's the day before my best friend's funeral. This drum is very special to me for it is the first drum I made and has sentimental value. The drum has 2 ravens on it 1 right side up & 1 upside down the ravens are black and red with green around the eye the ring of the drum is green. The drum was just made barely made 1 month before it had gone missing. Inscribed in the drum is Jackie Escobar Nov.16, 2005. I would greatly appreciate if my drum could be returned to Vivian Thomas please as soon as possible. No questions will be asked I will just be so grateful that I get my drum back and start to sing again. Since my drum has gone missing I haven't been into singing. Please keep an eye out for my drum and thanks!

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Ucluelet First Nation newest housing project is almost completed. Ucluelet First Nations would like to invite any member interested in leasing one of the 2 bedroom units in this complex to fill out an application, or an application, or an application; please contact Kevin Trudel at the band office, phone number 726-7342 extension 30.

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VIDEO COPY REQUEST: a video from the Martin family memorial Potlatch held March 2004 for their father at the Tofino Gym. During the night my father gave me his Indian name, I would greatly appreciate any help you can bring to this matter. Thank you, Kathleen Andrews-Thomas, 1033 Seenupin Rd, Victoria BC V9A 7K8, kattothomas77@hotmail.com

LOST: Gold necklace with a 1in X 1in Indian design butterfly pendant. Last seen on my niece at the Ucluelet Secondary School in March. Please call Jeannine Adams @ 670-1150 or email ballgrrl@hotmail.com. Thanks.

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TSAWAAYUUS: SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH YOUR ELDERS: Volunteers required for the following: Give demonstrations and/or teach basket weaving, carving, painting, etc. We also need cultural entertainment. Contact Darlene Erickson at 724-5655.

FIRST AID TRAINING: Canadian Red Cross Certified First Aid Instructors Lavern and Alex Frank are available to teach First Aid to your group, office, or community. Classes can have up to 24 students. Phone (250) 725-3367 or (250) 726-2604 for more information.

SWEETPY'S CLEANING SERVICES: Samantha Gus: Need some Cleaning done? Don't have enough time? Good rates. Call 723-7645 or leave a message @ 724-2763. Windows, dishes, vacuuming, laundry, walls, shelves, etc. Custodial/ Janitorial certified. Commercial house keeping/ home making certified and Food safe.

ELEGANT ADVANTAGE DECORATING AND CATERING SERVICES: Tracey Robinson @ home: 723-8571, Margaret Robinson @ home: 723-0789. We do all occasions: Weddings, Showers, Graduations, Banquets, Brunches, Dinners, * Super Host and Food Safe Certified*

AL & JO-ANNE'S CLEANING SERVICES: The most reasonable rates! Call Al or Jo-anne (250) 723-7291.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT: Nitinah Lake Motel. Now open year round. For reservations and other information call 250-745-3844. Mailing address P.O. Box 455, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M9.

TOUQUART BAY CONVENIENCE STORE, CAMPGROUND & MARINA: Reservations available. Open year round. Status cigs available. 726-8306.

FOR RENT: A non-profit organization has rooms to rent, by the day, week or month. Very reasonable rates for Room and Board. Also, there is a Boardroom available for rent. For more information phone 723-6511.

R. FRED & ASSOCIATES - media specialists. Professional quality publishing services, audio-video, website development, accessibility for disabilities, contract writing & business development. Call Randy Fred at (250)741-0153.

WORKSHOPS/ Conferences. Healing Circles/Retreats/ Canoe Journeys. Contract or full-time position. Holistic massage and aromatherapy with essential oils by Raven Touch. Please contact Eileen Touchie @250-726-7369 or 726-5505.

FOR RENT: Equipment for power point and DVD presentations. Projector and Screen. By the hour or day. Deposit required. Telephone: 250-724-5290.

WANTED: NCN women to join my fantastic Mary Kay team. Perfect way to invest in a home based business. Call me for more information Rosalee Brown @385-9906 or email rosaleeb.61@excite.com

BOARDROOMS FOR RENT: At the Tseshaht Administrative Buildings, Port Alberni. For more information call the Tseshaht First Nations Office at (250) 724-1225 or toll free 1-888-724-1225.

Miscellaneous

WESTCOAST TRANSITION HOUSE EMERGENCY SHELTER: For Abused Women and their Children on call 24 hours toll free. 1-877-726-2080.

PORT ALBERNI TRANSITION HOUSE: Call 724-2223 or call the nearest local shelter or crisis center.

HELP LINE FOR CHILDREN: 310-1234.

WANTED: Medical Equipment such as wheelchairs etc. Can be dropped off at the Tseshaht Band Office. 5000 Mission Road, Port Alberni. Contact Gail K. Gus at 724-1225.

FOR SALE: Custom built food cart with grill, deep fryer, sink, water pump, and lots of storage. 1 owner. \$6500, obo. 724-4383.

FOR SALE: 1100 motorized wheel chair, with adjustable air seat. Brand new battery charger, (value \$450) colour is candy apple red. Value is \$8000, want \$3000 firm. phone Terry @ 250 741-1622. Nanaimo.B.C

FOR SALE: Seaside Adventures in Tofino \$695,000.00 Serious Inquiries Call 725-3448 OR 725-8329 ask for Steve or Cindy Dennis.

FOR SALE: Anyone interested in buying sweaters & sweatpants, blankets and baby blankets, denim handbags. Put your order in with Doreen and Anna Dick at 250 204-2480.

WANTED TO RENT: 3 - 5 bedroom house anywhere in Port Alberni. Willing to pay \$600-650/month. Call Crystal Fred or Wes Price @ 723-6028.

LOST: (during the AGM) a gold ring with a native design on it and it also has a small diamond in it (size 6 1/2-7).

HOCKEY GEAR FOR SALE! Only worn a couple times! Hespeler 12 inch Shin Pads - \$20. Easton Elbow Pads - \$15. Itch Helmet with Shield - \$75. Bauer Shoulder Pads - 45. Nike Ice-skates Size 5/6 - \$75. \$200 for the lot if all, gear purchased together, this hockey gear is for an 11 year old. Please call 726-4442 or work 726-2446 (Mon-Fri. or cell 731-6978 & leave a message.

Represent Designs: First Nations Graphics. Specializing in Native Vinyl Decals. (Custom Made/All Sizes). All types of Native Graphics. Call Now! Celeste Jacko. Ph: 604-928-2157 or Email: ladybrave05@hotmail.com

Classified Advertisers: Please call Ha-Shilth-Sa @ 724-5757 or email hashilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org when you want your ad deleted or revised.



N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



**Nuu-chah-nulth
Business Leaders
of the Future**

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS 18-35 CONTACT NEDC TO REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 17, 2006!

\$50 Registration Fee Includes: Conference Package, Meals and Child Care (register early to ensure availability)

**NEDC's 7th Annual
Young Entrepreneur's Conference**
March 03, 04 & 05, 2006
The Best Western Barclay
Port Alberni, BC

Registration Deadline:
February 17, 2006
At Kriks in the Best Western Barclay
for the Conference Room Hotel!

"An investment in our future and a reflection of our commitment to our rising Nuu-chah-nulth Entrepreneurs..."

Native Actress, Producer, Entrepreneur... Jennifer Podemski Key Note Speaker



"Business Leaders of the Future"

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-Please include your \$50 registration fee -

Please register me for the "Business Leaders of the Future" Conference!
First Name: _____ Surname: _____
Tribe: _____ and/or Organization: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation, please forward completed registration forms to: NEDC, PO Box 1384 Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7M2, or fax: (250)724-9967. For more information call (250) 724-3131. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2006.**

PLEASE MAKE YOUR WORKSHOP SELECTIONS - Indicate with a number your first, second and third choices. We will do our best to register you in your 1st choice workshop.

Remember, 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice
Friday March 03, 2006
Opportunities Workshop #1
 Nuu-chah-nulth Opportunities
 Global Opportunities
 Site Tours (visit local NCN business sites)

Saturday March 04, 2006
Preparation & Planning Workshop #1
 NEDC BSSO - Where to start?
 NEDC BDO - The Loan Process
 Scotiabank, Cherie Williams - Personal Banking & Credit

Opportunities Workshop #2
 Nuu-chah-nulth Opportunities
 Global Opportunities
 Site Tours (visit local NCN business sites)

Preparation & Planning Workshop #2
 NEDC BSSO - Where to start?
 NEDC BDO - The Loan Process
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Indicate if you will be attending:

Registered Participants Only
Beef & Chicken Dinner
YES / NO 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Mentor & Protégé Social
YES / NO Friday March 03, 8:00 - 10:00 pm in the Barclay Ballroom.

Conference participants are on their own for dinner on Saturday, March 04, 2006.

All participants will participate in Jennifer Podemski's Workshop on March 03; in the Young Entrepreneur's Panel Presentation on March 04; and the Empowerment Presentations on March 05.

CHILD MINDING - available to children 3 - 10 years of age. There is a limited amount of childcare space, so please register early to ensure availability.

If you require child minding please contact Tamara at NEDC to discuss.

~Workshops & Presenters~

Keynote Address & Motivational Workshop -

Jennifer Podemski, Actress & Entrepreneur

Jennifer will be making a keynote address each day of the conference to introduce the day's theme: Day One "Motivation & Opportunities", Day Two "Preparation & Planning", Day Three "Empowerment". She will also be conducting a 2 hour Workshop that focuses on self-esteem and business, and she will be participating in the conference with the participants providing all our young entrepreneurs with the opportunity to meet her personally.

Nuu-chah-nulth Opportunities Workshop -

Dawn Foxcroft & Kelly Poirer, White Raven Consulting
Dawn and Kelly will facilitate a discussion on identifying entrepreneurial opportunities within our Nuu-chah-nulth territory, from the tourism industry to environmental opportunities. They will discuss the importance of identifying the

markets need and analyze our resources and the various industries.

Global Opportunities Workshop -

Coscuya-Annita McPhee, Tu-Dah Training & Consulting Services
Coscuya-Annita is from the Tahltan Nation, she was named First Nations Role Model in 2002 by the Governor General of Canada, and she currently works with SpiritBC, the Native Education Centre in Vancouver, and RedwayBC. Coscuya-Annita will facilitate a workshop that will illustrate how Nuu-chah-nulth Entrepreneurs can enter the global market, she will also discuss the legalities involved in internationally expanding your business.

Site Tours -

The Smokehouse Studio & Gallery, Moy Sutherland Jr.; and Upnit Power, Hupacasath.
Participants will be taken on a two hour tour that will take them to The Smokehouse Studio & Gallery where they will meet with Moy Sutherland Jr where he will share his entrepreneurial

experience. From there the participants will go to Hupacasath's Upnit Power and see the power house and generators.

Mentor & Protégé Social -

This provides an opportunity to bring Mentors and Protégé's together to network and share ideas. While the mentor relationship provides guidance and support to young entrepreneur's it also provides an opportunity to acclaim success and recognize a Mentor's accomplishments - weaving current success with future possibilities!

Young Entrepreneur's Panel -

Gisele Martin, Tla-ook Cultural Adventure Tours, and Denise Williams, House of Winchee Aboriginal Fashions (other panelists TBA)
The young entrepreneur's will share their stories of how they took their business dream into reality.

Where to Start? Workshop -

NEDC Business Support Services Officer, Caledonia Fred
Caledonia will facilitate a workshop that

identifies how to turn business ideas into reality, from researching and identifying opportunities to preparing the business plan and marketing.

The Loan Process Workshop -

NEDC Business Development Officers, Clifford Anderson & Ron Arcos
Clifford and Ron will discuss the NEDC loan application process and the various loan funds available.

Personal Finances & Credit Workshop -

Cherie Williams, Scotiabank
Cherie will facilitate a workshop on personal financial management and credit repair / maintenance. She will address how prospective entrepreneurs can acquire equity and financially plan for their entrepreneurial success.

Empowerment Presentations -

Dr. Judith Sayers, Hupacasath; and Chief Lewis George, House of Himwitsa
Learning from those who have been there and done it provides invaluable insight on how to entrepreneurial knowledge can be applied in the real world. Dr. Judith Sayers and Chief Lewis George will share their personal entrepreneurial journeys.

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