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2006 Watts family reunion a success! This picture represents approximately 1/8 of the entire family.

## DFO Decision to Restrict Domestic Fishery Access Overturned

Submitted by *Kelly Poirier*,  
Uu-a-thluk Outreach and  
Communications Coordinator

**Port Alberni** - On August 10<sup>th</sup> a letter from DFO arrived on the desk of Francis Frank, President of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council and Arliss Daniels, Chief Councilor and Pacheedaht First Nations that took everyone by surprise. The letter stated DFO would not permit Nuuchah-nulth and Pacheedaht First Nations to fish Fraser River sockeye for their domestic needs in areas 12 and 13 of Johnstone Strait. DFO said it was restricting Nuuchah-nulth to area 20 (Juan-de fuca Strait), because their "information indicates that Johnstone Strait is not considered to be a historical fishing area for the NTC." This, even though fishing plans and protocols with other First Nations had been carefully put into place for weeks.

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DFO has been fully aware of Nuuchah-nulth Fishing plans for months, yet waited literally until the last minute to blindside Nuuchah-nulth First Nations with this decision. The letter came after the main harvest period had been planned for, making changes difficult, costly and in most cases would make it impossible for Nuuchah-nulth to meet their domestic needs for this season. "This change was done at the very last minute," states Helen Dunn, Pacheedaht First Nations Fisheries Biologist. "It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year we have been fishing on the First Nations Marine Society License in Johnstone Strait. At this point, Pacheedaht would have a great deal of difficulty changing our plans."

This decision to limit all Nuuchah-nulth access to fishing areas for domestic needs, is an infringement upon Aboriginal rights and creates undue hardship and financial strain on affected First Nations like Ehattesaht who have protocol agreements to get their fish in Campbell River. "This impacts on us in that it costs us a lot in terms of transporting the fish" states Ernie Smith,

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## 220 Attend Watts Family Reunion

By *Wawmeesh, George Hamilton*  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni** - One of the valley's oldest and most venerable families held a two day reunion this past weekend.

The names of each of Wattie Watts's children as well as Watts family trees adorned the walls of Maht Mahs gym as 220 of their descendants registered to attend the family's reunion. While many were from the Alberni Valley others came from as far away as Suquamish and Seattle, Washington, Vancouver, Victoria, and Terrace to attend. Family trees and old family photos were available for guests to view. Breakfast, lunches and dinner were served, there were door prizes in a variety of categories, and there were even activities for children too.

"It was an exciting, heart warming weekend," said organizing committee member Patricia Watts who is married to Charlie Watts Jr. "This is the first of what we hope will become an annual family reunion."

The Watts family descends from Wattie Watts who was the son of Poonie and Walter Watts. Wattie first married Esther of Hupacasath and they had one son-Dan. Esther died leaving Dan in care of his grandparents. Wattie then had three

children with a lady from Comox whose descendants are now the Hardy family. Later, Wattie married Eva Thomas and had ten children: Bella, Hughie, Mamie, Thomas, Walter, David, Agnes, Margaret, Charlie, and Jack. Wattie also had a sister- Maggie Lauder, and her children were: Helen, Lizzie, Ernest, Margaret, and Nessie. The family extends further, and includes roots into the Shewish and Thomas families as well.

A reunion committee formed in February according to Patricia Watts. The funds required to host the reunion were gathered through volunteer projects such as garage sales, loonie/twoonie auctions, concessions, and flea markets. Committee members contributed to the cause as well by donating one loonie a piece at each committee meeting. Donations for door prizes and raffles were successfully solicited from local business as well.

There was a mix of old, middle age, and young people in attendance. At 82 and 79 Jessie Hamilton and Doug Robinson were the oldest descendants and at the tender age of two Ashton Watts, who is the son of Marie Lambert and Aaron Watts, was the youngest.

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## Community profile: Chuck Lucas

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hesquiaht** - It might only be August but Chuck Lucas is already preparing to play in the Masters Basketball Tournament in Port Alberni this November. It's a miracle he's still here, let alone still playing basketball, but he loves the game too much to miss out.

"Being half blind changed the way I play basketball," said Lucas, 51 and the father of three girls. "But it didn't stop me from playing basketball."

To understand the importance of Chuck Lucas playing in the Master's basketball tournament you have to look back to when he started playing, and to the accident that almost killed him and nearly stopped him from playing basketball forever.

Lucas started playing basketball when he was 13 years old. "We played over at Ahousaht, there was myself, Connie Charleson, Harry Amos and others," he said. Sitting forward in his chair he perks up when discussing this period of time. He recalls being clumsy with the ball at first and not really knowing how to play, but something hooked him. He recalls having a dedication to a rigorous training rarely seen in today's players. "We used to run along a logging road and trails for an hour every day, rain or shine," he says matter-of-factly. "We'd do callisthenics daily too like chin-ups, sit-ups, push-ups, squats, skipping, and jumping in place." He recalls how simple yet effective their practices were. "We'd do fundamentals like ball handling, passing, shooting, set plays, and man-to-man defence," he said, adding that "and we didn't scrimmage either." No scrimmaging meant players paid more attention to fundamental skills, a trait he sees lacking in today's players.

While Lucas dedicated himself in practice, he had to wait to use what he learned. He spent the first part of his playing career learning the game by watching it, something he looks back on proudly. "I sat on the bench for my first three years and watched the more experienced guys play," said Lucas. The experience never discouraged him.



Chuck Lucas practising for the Masters Basketball Tournament

Instead, he was motivated to try even harder and his patience would pay off eventually. "I watched and learned; I worked harder at every practice and earned more playing time every year until I was a starter." If players expected any sympathy about hard running on logging roads, no gym, or sitting on the bench, they never got it, not even from their parents. "Parents would complain alright - to us if we weren't working hard enough or listening," he said.

Lucas played throughout his youth and first enjoyed success in 1972 when the Hesquiaht Braves won a championship in a hard-fought game against the Port Alberni Skeemers. With accurate detail he recalls his team-mates names, numbers, and even their playing tendencies. He rattled off names in succession including Joe Charleson, Frenchie Amos, Connie Charleson, Joey Tom, Pat Charleson, Oscar Tom, Richard Lucas, Steve Lucas, Brian Amos, Frenchie Charleson, and Harry Amos. He points out an unwrinkled 34 year old 8" by 11" black and white team photograph. In the picture the youthful players all have black hair, are smiling, and look lean and fit. He particularly recalled later games against the Port Alberni Eagles. The stands at the Port Alberni Athletic Hall were always packed to the rafters from tip-off to last whistle Lucas recalls.

and fans were treated to one of the best rivalries of that era. "They had their big guy in Hector Little, we had Joe Charleson, the late JB Dick was their leader and Connie Charleson was ours, and the late Tony Fred was their great guard but Steve was ours," he said. Modestly, he doesn't mention his own achievements but a look back at the Ha-Shilth-Sa sports archives show Lucas winning several all star and MVP awards leaving no doubt about his contribution.

After he grew up Lucas took up commercial fishing while still playing basketball. The former would nearly end both his playing career, and his life. In 1991 Lucas was fishing on a seine boat and they set their net just as they had hundreds of times before, only this time something went terribly wrong. As the boat began to pull the net the nylon towline pulled taut and suddenly snapped hurtling backward toward the boat. The rope struck Lucas's head with great force throwing him violently to the deck. He was rushed to hospital where, after a long operation, he went into a coma. He woke from it three months later only to find he lost his right eye. He then endured eight long months of rehabilitation at the G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre in Vancouver and received further medical care for over a year. When his rehabilitation was over he faced the daunting task of building a new life for himself. He begrudgingly gave up

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Ha-Shilth-Sa belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born.

A community newspaper cannot exist without community involvement; if you have any great pictures you've taken, stories or poems you've written, or artwork you have done, please let us know so we can include it in your newspaper. Email hashilthsa@nuuchahmulth.org.

This year is Ha-Shilth-Sa's **32nd year** of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. We look forward to your continued input and support. Kleco! Kleco!

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## Residential School Settlement court hearings commence;

### Courts to notify former students of Canada's Indian residential schools about the settlement process

Toronto - A national notification program began today, on behalf of Courts across Canada, to alert former students of the Indian residential school system and their families, about their legal rights in the settlement of the class action lawsuits over the schools.

The settlement notification process will occur in phases. First, through initial notices which will be published, mailed, and broadcast throughout Canada, former students and their families will learn how to give their views about the fairness of the settlement. Then, Courts across Canada will hold public hearings. If all of the Courts approve the settlement after those hearings, another notice will be distributed to explain how to get payment from the settlement or be excluded from it.

Considering the 80,000 living Aboriginal people who are former students of the residential school system, the settlement provides:

1. At least \$1.9 billion available for "common experience" payments to former students who lived at one of the schools. Payments will be \$10,000 for the first school year (or part of a school year) plus \$3,000 for each school year (or part of a school year) after that.

2. A process to allow those who suffered sexual or serious physical abuses, or other abuses that caused serious psychological effects, to get between 45,000 and \$275,000 each. Students could get more money if they also show a loss of income.

3. Money for programs for former students and their families for healing, truth, reconciliation, and commemoration of the residential schools and the abuses suffered: \$125 million to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, \$50 million to research, document, and preserve the experiences of the survivors, and \$20 million for national and community commemorative projects.

The government will pay lawyers representing former students up to approximately \$100 million in fees, plus costs and taxes.

A toll free telephone call centre at 1-866-879-4913 has been set up to handle inquiries, with a link to crisis line

services. Also, a website displays the detailed notice, settlement agreement, list of recognized schools and hostels, and other information at .

Former students and family members have the right to object to the settlement if they don't like some part of it. Those with objections must, by August 25, 2006, write to Residential Schools Settlement, Suite 3-505, 133 Weber St. North, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3G9, send an email objections@residentialschoolsettlement.ca, or call 1-866-879-4913, to explain why they are against the settlement.

Objections will be considered at one of several settlement approval hearings. Former students and family members may ask to speak at the hearing held in the Court overseeing their claim. The hearings generally affect people based on where they now live. The dates, starting times and locations of the hearings are as follows:

**British Columbia:** The Supreme Court of British Columbia, The Law Courts, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver. Hearing date and time: October 10 - 12, 2006 starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Alberta:** Court of Queen's Bench, Court House, 611 - 4 St. S.W., Calgary, October 12 - 13, 10:00am

**Saskatchewan:** Court of Queen's Bench, Court House, 2425 Victoria Ave., Regina, September 18 - 20, 10:00am.

**Manitoba:** Court of Queen's Bench, Law Courts Building, 408 York Avenue, Winnipeg, October 5 - 6, 10:00am

**Ontario:** Ontario superior Court of Justice, Court House, 361-University Ave, Toronto, August 29-31 10:00 am

**Northwest Territories:** Court House, 4903 - 49th St, Yellowknife, October 3-4, 10:00am

**Nunavut:** Nunavut Court of Justice, Amakallak Building, Iquluit, October 10-11, 9:30am

**Yukon:** Supreme Court of the Yukon Territory, 2134 Second Ave., Whitehorse, October 16-17, 10:00am.

## BC sets \$100 million New Relationship Trust for First Nations; Regional meeting coming to Port Alberni

First Nations people of the province of British Columbia are invited to participate "in a process that will help shape the future of First Nations people in BC for generations to come." The New Relationship Trust Corporation was created in early 2006. Jointly agreed to by the First Nations Summit, the BC Assembly of First Nations, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the province of British Columbia; the document lays out a vision for a "new government-to-government relationship based on respect, recognition, and accommodation of Aboriginal title and rights".

Legislation was passed, and a fund containing \$100 million was set aside in trust. The Trust Board of Directors was formed, with representation from each of the three First Nations organizations, as well as from the Province. They are tasked with the development of a practical Strategic Plan for administering the Trust. This will be done in a way that helps First Nations develop the capacity to participate in the new relationship envisioned one year ago. The fund will work toward carrying out the activities of that strategic plan.

Some ways the fund can be used include:

- To assist first Nations achieve self-determination and realize their rights to title
- To help First Nations participate in the management and use of their lands and resources
- To revive aboriginal language and cultural traditions

- Training and technology for First Nations communities
- Job creation

Informed by the values, needs and priorities of First Nations communities around the Province, the New Relationship Trust provides a means to creating a stronger, healthier, more prosperous future for First Nations in BC.

The New Relationship Trust Board of Directors will be in Port Alberni September 12th, Maht Mahs from 9am - 3pm and at the Vancouver Friendship Centre September 14th from 9am - 3pm. There they will provide information about the New Relationship and gather your feedback on the values, goals and priorities of your community.

The information will be used to develop a Strategic Direction for the New Relationship Trust; a fund created to address inequities faced by BC's First Nations people.

Other meetings are being held at Masset, Terrace, Port Hardy, Fort St. John, Prince George, Kamloops, Cranbrook and Atlin.

For a complete schedule and RSVP call the New Relationship Trust office at (604) 925-3338 or Toll-free: 1-877-922-3338; or visit the website www.newrelationshiptrust.ca. All meetings will be open to the public.

First Nations people of the province of British Columbia are encouraged to attend.

## Sayers finalist for Buffet Award

Submitted by Ecotrust,  
Edited by Wawmeesh, George Hamilton

**Portland, OR** - Ecotrust presented the 2006 \$25,000 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership to Haida Gwaii's Guujaaw at a ceremony in Portland, Oregon on July 19, 2006.

"Guujaaw is a warrior and we like that," said Ecotrust President Spencer B. Beebe on behalf of the Final Jury Panel. "The Haida Nation is at the forefront of Canadian Aboriginal Rights and Title and Guujaaw is one of their premier strategists," he said. "His leadership personifies wise traditional relationships and genuine responsibility for the Haida Nation's home."

Guujaaw was honored for his work as a political leader, carver, traditional medicine practitioner, singer and negotiator. He has worked with great dedication and purpose for more than three decades to advance the political, cultural, and environmental interests of the Haida Nation located on the Haida Gwaii archipelago off the coast of British Columbia.

Supported by the families of Howard and Peter Buffett, the Buffett Award recognizes Indigenous leadership that improves social, economic, political or environmental conditions. The award was established in 2001 to provide resources for the development and transfer of knowledge in indigenous communities. First Nations, Alaska Natives or tribal members over 35 years of age who exhibit extraordinary community leadership within the Salmon

Nation region from Alaska to California were eligible for nominations.

Four other Buffet finalists for their achievements: Harold Gatsensby (Dahka T'lingit), Carcross, Yukon Territory, Canada; Ilarion (Larry) Merculieff (Aleut), Anchorage, Alaska; Tawna Sanchez, (Shoshone-Bannock/Ute), Portland, Oregon and Hupacasath Chief Councilor Judith Sayers (Nuu-chah-nulth), Port Alberni, British Columbia, Canada. Each received a \$2,500 cash award.

Sayers was honored for her contributions to Aboriginal rights, treaty settlements, a sustainable future and equal rights for First Nation women. She has successfully worked to improve the economic, cultural, environmental and social conditions of the Hupacasath First Nation and helped move regional issues at the provincial and national levels. She also serves as the Hupacasath Chief Negotiator in the British Columbia treaty process and in 2006 was elected to the three-member Task Group of the First Nations Summit.

In addition to the Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership, Ecotrust provides a variety of other projects and services through its Native Programs including land repatriation, native youth leadership, wild salmon marketing, and support of the Elakha Alliance.

Ecotrust is a non-profit organization founded in 1991. It is committed to strengthening communities and the environment from Alaska to California.

## Treaty Planning Session

### September 6 - 7, 2006

Somass Hall, Tsahaheh Port Alberni, BC  
9:00 a.m.

Everyone is on their own for lunch.  
Agenda will be circulated at a later date.  
Look forward to seeing you again.

If you have any questions please contact Celeste Haldane or Gail Gus at 724-5757 or toll free 1-877-677-1131 or email: celeste@nuuchahmulth.org or gailgus@nuuchahmulth.org.

## Fisheries - ca'ca'tuk Oceans Day Celebration in Ditidaht

Submitted by *Christine Aday*  
for Uu-a-thluk

On June 15<sup>th</sup> Ditidaht Community School, Christy Wilson (DFO South Island Education Coordinator), and Uu-a-thluk staff organized a fun and successful third annual Ditidaht Oceans Day celebration. World Oceans Day was proclaimed at the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 as an annual reminder "of the life giving role of oceans worldwide" (Fisheries and Oceans Canada website).

**The purpose of World Oceans Day is to increase awareness of oceans, ocean resources, and how all our actions affect the ocean —something many Nuu-chah-nulth-ah are very aware of through the principle of hi'suk is c'awaak, everything is one and all are connected.**

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The Ditidaht Oceans Day started with Christy Wilson's dynamic presentation

to the kindergarten, grade one, and two students. The presentation included a food web game in the Ditidaht language (thanks to Adam Werle, language teacher at Ditidaht Community School) to demonstrate his'uk is' c'awaak to the young students. Next Christy Wilson and Sabrina Halvorsen, Uu-a-thluk's summer student, did a similar but more challenging presentation to the grade three through six students. At the same time, Shannon Cowan, Uu-a-thluk Capacity Building Coordinator, and Christine Aday, Uu-a-thluk Capacity Building Intern, gave a talk to the older students which included sharing stories and talking about jobs in the area that are related to the ocean. "Many of the students have already worked in this field, so it wasn't all new information," said Cowan.

Exciting news cut the presentations short: Ditidaht students who had gone on a two day canoe and camping journey in their ha'wit's ha-houf-ee were arriving by canoe. The drummers and dancers gathered at the dock to welcome home the young canoeists and to practice their coming ashore protocols for when Tribal Journeys canoeists come to Ditidaht in July.

The day just kept getting better and better as a feast of seafood was served to the community. Many thanks to Phillip Edgar, Perry Edgar and Terry Edgar for



Ditidaht dancers ready to welcome home canoeists on the shores of Nitinat Lake

harvesting the crabs, gooseneck barnacles and mussels, and to Shelley Amos and Hazel Edgar for cooking the delicious luncheon. The afternoon was spent listening to Elders and community member's heartfelt words regarding our traditional involvement with the ocean, doing fish prints, painting t-shirts and having hands-on learning through tanks filled with live local sea life. Shannon Cowan wrapped up the day, saying, "Oceans Day was a great experience. We're all working toward

the same goal: healthy communities making a living from a healthy ocean".

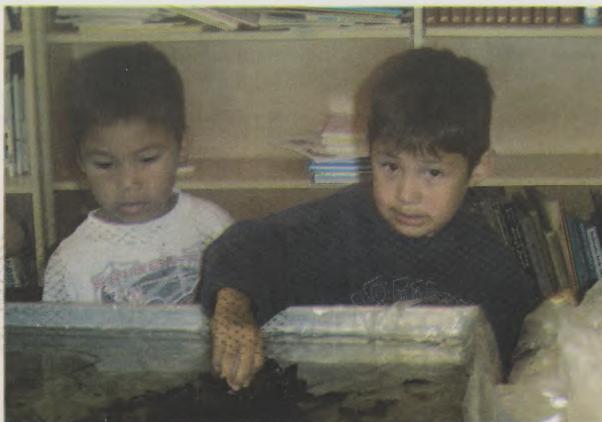
**Did you know the world's ocean:**

- Generates most of the oxygen we breathe;
- Helps feed us;
- Regulates our climate;
- Cleans the water we drink;
- Offers us a pharmacopoeia of potential medicines; and
- Provides limitless inspiration.

(From the oceanproject.org)



Students at Ditidaht Community School celebrate Oceans Day by painting t-shirts



Young Ditidaht students experience hand-on learning with touch tanks provided by Ditidaht Fisheries

and connections and protocols with other First Nations "We need to hold DFO's feet to the fire in upholding legal rulings that our access is second only to conservation," stated Frank. If a decision like this moved forward as DFO intends, there will certainly be

implications for the recreational and commercial fishery to adjust and a scaling back of their allocations in order to ensure that First Nation domestic needs can be caught within the areas that DFO designates as their traditional territories.

## DFO Decision to Restrict Domestic Fishery Access Overturned

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Ehattesaht First Nation Chief Councilor, "If we fish in Campbell River, it is only 3 hours away. So this is a major impact and the costs of transportation just kills us. Last year we didn't get any sockeye at all. We really have a lack of capacity to get our own, because we have no boats and have to hire people to do the fishing for us. This really affects us, by not being able to get our food fish"

The change was apparently based on a DFO National Adjacency Policy that purports to limit First Nations domestic fishing to areas where DFO says their traditional fishing areas are. Nuu-chah-nulth leadership and Uu-a-thluk

Fisheries staff protested the decision vigorously, responding very quickly to DFO staff with letters and phone calls, outlining Nuu-chah-nulth's position on this issue. The quick action by Nuu-chah-nulth leadership and staff paid off quickly. In an unusual turn of events, DFO overturned their decision, but for this year only. "...it was not well thought out and it clearly infringed on our rights." States NTC President Francis Frank. DFO's actions impacted some Nuu-chah-nulth nations domestic fishing opportunities, but it could have been worse for Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations if DFO did not back down. "Clearly there could have been compensatory claims by the affected First Nation that would have cost DFO way more than to reverse their original decision."

At this point for the season it is business as usual as Uu-a-thluk staff lobbied to get the decision reversed and prevent costly litigation. But DFO is saying they are putting all First Nations on notice that this decision will proceed for next season.

**Nuu-chah-nulth leadership and Uu-a-thluk Fisheries staff protested the decision vigorously, responding very quickly to DFO staff with letters and phone calls, outlining Nuu-chah-nulth's position on this issue.**

DFO has yet to provide Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations with a copy of the phantom policy, despite several requests to do so. DFO is obligated under Supreme Court rulings to properly consult Nuu-chah-nulth and Pacheedaht on any policy implementation or decision making that would impact or restrict domestic fishing opportunities.

This purported Adjacency Policy needs to be challenged. There has been no consultation with Nuu-chah-nulth regarding this policy. "We need to clarify and have a lot of discussion with DFO about the ability to access stocks" states Helen Dunn. Meetings have been requested by NTC President Francis Frank with DFO's Regional Director General, Paul Sprout. Nuu-chah-nulth and DFO need to come to a solution prior to next years fishing season that respects Nuu-chah-nulth's priority access

## Uu-a-thluk's Capacity Building Intern Wraps Up an Action-Packed Summer

Submitted by *Dawn Foxcroft*,  
Uu-a-thluk Outreach Coordinator

Christine Aday has had an action-packed summer with Uu-a-thluk, gaining knowledge, building skills and establishing relationships. On

September 1<sup>st</sup> she finishes her position with the NTC fisheries department and heads back to the University of Victoria to finish the second-to-last year of her degree. "It has been great to be a part of something that is working towards Nuu-chah-nulth taking their role as the managers of the resources," explained Christine.

There were a variety of projects that Christine was involved with over the summer working alongside the Uu-a-thluk staff. "It's a great team and everybody is professional and dedicated," said Aday. One of the highlights included her work on an inventory of Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations' fisheries workers, skills, trainees and equipment. "I really enjoyed meeting people and finding out what each nation is doing in fisheries," explained Aday. She also enjoyed attending the Council of Ha'wiih meeting where she had the opportunity to sit down with the Ha'wiih and ask them about their Nuu-chah-nulth names. Additionally, Christine reflects on some of the hands-on projects she enjoyed, such as the bio sampling of sockeye with the Hupacasath First Nation. Aday would like to extend her appreciation to Shawnee Foster who took both herself and Sabrina Halvorsen out into the field and taught them the process of sampling, giving them the opportunity to do the work. Christine was also grateful for the skill-building opportunities that working with Uu-a-thluk presented. Throughout the summer she was able to attain some practical skills through formal training courses,



Christine Aday

such as electro fishing, swiftwater rescue, Microsoft Excel and public presentation skills. Christine explains, "It's been a great summer. The directives of this position are helping me for my future job."

Christine has demonstrated her commitment to her goals by attending university, interviewing biologists and working hard for Uu-a-thluk. "My work with Uu-a-thluk reaffirms that this is what I want to do. It has been the difference between thinking what I want to do and knowing what I want to do," she said. As she prepares to head back to school and wraps up with Uu-a-thluk, she would like to thank the Uu-a-thluk team for a great summer. "Working as the Uu-a-thluk Capacity Building Intern has helped me to get closer to my goal of working as a fisheries biologist." Uu-a-thluk would also like to recognize Christine for all of her dedication throughout the summer and for her deep commitment to Nuu-chah-nulth's role in the management of their natural resources.

## Sabrina Halvorsen, Uu-a-thluk summer student heads back to school

Submitted by *Dawn Foxcroft*, Uu-a-thluk  
Outreach Coordinator

In just a few weeks Sabrina Halvorsen, Uu-a-thluk's summer student, will be returning to Malaspina University College to finish her degree in Fisheries Biology. During her time with Uu-a-thluk, Sabrina's experiences have ranged from clam stock assessments to community meetings. "There was a lot of fieldwork; I was happy with that," said Halvorsen.

In her summer position Sabrina was involved in many different activities, which included working on a Rotary Screw Trap, assisting with sea lice monitoring, helping the Hupacasath Fisheries program with sampling in both Great Central Lake and Sproat Lake, the installation of the Uchucklesaht fish fence, witnessing Tseshaht First Nation's enforcement efforts and swift water training. "I was able to reach the goals that I identified at the beginning of my work term," explained Halvorsen about her summer with Uu-a-thluk, which has also helped her identify some future goals "I would like to learn more about the Nuu-chah-nulth language and fish habitat restoration."

When asked what the most challenging thing about her position Sabrina identified her work as a facilitator at the Elder's Conference. "I am used to giving presentations at school but they have to be serious and are technical. This was different because you have to get people to feel comfortable, motivated and to keep them talking" she said. The most memorable of her experiences this summer was during Ocean's Day in Nitinat Lake. "I liked participating in



Sabrina Halvorsen

Ocean's Day...there was fish painting, where you take a partially frozen fish, put paint on it and make an imprint on paper. There was also T-shirt painting and all the kids there were fun," explained Halvorsen. Sabrina's commitment to the community and her strong ties to the ocean's resources inspired her to become a fisheries biologist. Halvorsen explained, "Growing up I wanted to be a marine biologist and I have always lived on the water. I would like to benefit my community and the resources with the work that I do." Sabrina is already doing all of those things and we look forward to seeing her again as we watch her work towards her goal of becoming a fisheries biologist with the NTC. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication Sabrina.

## Rena Johnson bids farewell

I worked this summer in the Ha-Shilth-Sa department and have enjoyed my time here. I have written various articles from profiles such as on elder's and community profiles, covered fundraising events for the B.C. Elder's Gathering, and also wrote a few stories from the Port Alberni Friendship Center. I have heard so many great stories that I thought that I would never attend to or interview before and it gave me a great feeling of how I could get other people's stories heard while writing it for the paper.

One of my fondest memories was during the B.C. Elder's Gathering when an elder couple came up to me and hugged me saying "Thank you for writing about us in the paper, you did a great job." I've never had so many people come up to me and ask if I work for Ha-Shilth-Sa; for me, it was a great feeling to be recognized for writing in this paper. Working with Ha-Shilth-Sa gave me a lot of work experience because writing for a newspaper is one of my biggest goals and I accomplished some of it already working as a summer student here.

Working here has kept me busy



Ha-Shilth-Sa summer student, Rena Johnson in action at the BC Elder's Gathering. Kleco kleco! for your assistance and dedication. From all of us at Ha-Shilth-Sa.

throughout the summer and after my last day of work I will start getting ready for school at North Island College buying school supplies and text books.

I have had great co-workers and a great supervisor and I also thank NTC for hiring me during the summer season, I had fun!

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## Sports - ʔim-čap-mis

# Wes Thomas Memorial Fast Pitch Tournament

By Denise August,  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni** – Rec Park stadium seats were filled to capacity as ball players and sports fans gathered to kick off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wes Thomas Memorial Fast Pitch Tournament on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Acting as Master of Ceremonies, Wally Samuel thanked the people for coming to have fun and remember the great sportsman and friend that Wes Thomas was.

Wes Thomas played for several years with Ahousaht Native Sons as their star pitcher; he died of cancer in December, 2004. Thomas was a well-known pitcher on the fast pitch circuit, having played for forty years.

Hosted by Wally Samuel, Thomas' wife Lil and the Thomas family; the tournament drew ten teams who would compete for first place over the weekend. Players came from Ahousaht, Port Alberni, Parksville, Comox, Richmond, Case, Vancouver and Squamish.

Two games were played Friday night and opening ceremonies were held during the intermission. Speaking on behalf of Tseshaht, Les Sam welcomed the people to Port Alberni and to this

"wonderful event". "I can recall playing with Wes at this very park," he remembered, "he was dedicated, sportsmanlike and a very honorable ball player."

Donning his Ahousaht Native Sons t-shirt, Charles Mealy of the Port Alberni City Council was on hand to welcome the people on behalf of Mayor Ken McRae and the City of Port Alberni.

Former teacher and long-time friend of Wes Thomas, Denny Grisdale said what he remembers most about Thomas was his beautiful smile. He recalled a time where he was out having a drink with Wes and someone attempted to kick him off the table, calling him a "white man". "Well, Wes stood up and told the guy, "that white man is my friend", said Grisdale.

Samuel asked that people remember the other great ball players that have passed, like John Dick, Tony Fred and Ralph Eaton.

The Thomas family gathered on the pitcher's mound, and, surrounded by ball players, performed a prayer chant then a celebration song before the last game of the evening was played. Richard Sam said the Thomas family sang together during the last two innings. "It was awesome," he said.



Larry Thomas leads celebration song



Wes Thomas' wife Lila and daughter Annie Smith

## Community profile: For love of the game

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Chuck Lucas with his life-long supporter - his father Charlie.

commercial fishing but not playing basketball greatly affected him more so.

Lucas adjusted to his disability and resigned himself to being a spectator at basketball tournaments but in 1998 the opportunity to play arrived unexpectedly. He'd travelled to Neah Bay, Washington to watch a basketball tournament and was sitting watching a game when the call came. "George Frank from Ahousaht asked me to play," he said. Apprehensive he almost declined the offer but quickly accepted instead. "It was awkward at first but it felt so good to be out there again." Pat Charleson Jr. watched Lucas play in that game, moreover though he watched and heard the goings on at the team's bench. "Some guys were being hard on him because he was missing passes and shots," said Charleson. "I went to the bench and told them he was half blind so give him a break." The team adjusted their play and Lucas went on to score some points, get some rebounds, and play good defence. After playing in Neah Bay Lucas was inspired to practice again but at age 51 there was no league or tournaments for players his age. He continued to practice daily, just for the love of it. However, Lucas's motivation changed when he read the newspaper. "I read about the upcoming Masters Basketball Tournament in Port Alberni and I got really excited to play again," he said. Some of his old team mates are attempting to get back together to play in the tournament. Although they all share the love of playing basketball it's a different experience for them this time around. "We're all older now and

we've softened around the edges a bit," he said. Old rivalries are just that - old, and for Lucas playing basketball has a different meaning this time around. "I look forward to playing, but I look forward even more to seeing and being with old friends again."

Lucas tries to run a bit and he's watching what he eats allowing himself no junk food or pop. Although he played for years before his accident he's virtually had to learn to play all over again because of his visual impairment. It's frustrating at times he says, but he's dug down and chosen to work hard rather than quit. He works out twice daily and practices fundamentals like ball handling and shooting just as he did in his youth. Lucas may be older, he may have lost a step, and he may have partially lost his eyesight but he handles the ball effortlessly as he works out. He shoots with perfect form, the release and follow-through like machine part that has done this a thousand times.

In practice Lucas stays in constant motion for 30 minutes, shooting, moving, grabbing his own rebounds, looking, and watching. He stops for a few moments, his face dripping with sweat, the back of his shirt is soaked through, and he's breathing just as hard as he would in a game. But after breaking for a minute or so he stretches, takes a deep breath, and gets back at his drills not because he has to, and not because he wants to.

He's back at it again because he loves to.

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## Tseshaht First Nations "Masters" (35 - Over) Men's & Women's Memorial Basketball Tournament

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I.e.: Tseshaht First Nation will be recognizing; John Dick - MVP, Tony Fred - Most Inspirational, Tom Watts - 1<sup>st</sup> all-star, Chaz Watts - 1<sup>st</sup> all-star, Willard Gallic Sr. - 1<sup>st</sup> all-star, Harvey Thomas - 1<sup>st</sup> all-star, George Watts - 1<sup>st</sup> all-star. For more information, please contact Gina Pearson at one of the following: Work Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm - (250) 724-1225 - Home evenings (250) 723-4727.

Email addresses: gpearson@tseshaht.com or ginawatts@shaw.ca

## No Practice Facility- No problem

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hot Springs Cove** - Where there is a will there is a way. That statement both describes and applies to the early Hesquiaht Braves basketball team. Rarely before, and certainly not in recent history has a team shown such determination or dedication to playing basketball.

Chuck Lucas, who is getting ready for the Masters Basketball Tournament in November, described how there was no practice facility when he first started playing. Instead, the team concentrated on conditioning and practicing basic fundamental skills. He emphasized that players did not scrimmage as part of practice, and that this was more out of necessity than for any other reason. Conditioning aside, the players still needed to practice handling the ball as a team so they did what they had to do to find some facility, any facility to house them.

"We used to practice inside Louis Sabbas's unfinished house," Lucas fondly recalled. The house sat on stilts and was located on a beach. The inside was 20" by 30"- roughly the dimension of half a basketball court. The team placed basketball hoops on each end of the floor and turned the empty house into a make-shift gymnasium. "We even

took the rafters out to create more room to pass and shoot," said Lucas. Former team mate Cecil Sabbas, smiles when recalling how naive they were. "When I think of how we weakened the building structure by taking the rafters out I think we were nuts," laughed Sabbas. "And to think we were running, jumping, and jostling around making the house sway back and forth on those stilts," he said shaking his head.

Practicing in such cramped facilities made the players more proficient at passing, shooting, but particularly at close checking on defence. Passing and shooting had to be pin-point accurate or the whole practice would go out the window- literally. "You had to be spot on with passing and shooting or the ball would go flying out of one of the empty windows," smiled Lucas. "Someone thought about boarding up the windows," said former team mate Pat Charleson Jr. "But then it was dark with no light in the place."

Some teams complain about lack of practice facility time, or the age of their facility, but maybe they should try not having one. It might be good for them because the result of working out in such conditions that year was a championship. Reflecting back on that time the Hesquiaht Braves probably wouldn't have had it any other way.

## Human Remains discovered on Hupacasath reserve

By Denise August,  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni** - A Hupacasath woman out walking her dog on old logging roads near her home on Kleekoot Reserve was alarmed when her dog sniffed out what turned out to be human remains.

In a press release Port Alberni Cpl Rob Foster confirmed human skeletal

remains were found on the evening of August 21 near the Sproat River Bridge on Pacific Rim Highway. A forensic examination of the scene will be conducted August 22. The age, sex and cause of death are presently unknown. Cpl. Foster did, however, say the remains are not archaeological. He estimates they've only been there a few months.

### Attention Ball Players

#### "We are looking for your Donations"

The Port Alberni Friendship Center is Running Soft Ball sessions for the community. We are looking for donations, any old or spare gloves, bats etc..

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## Toquaht youth launches adventure tourism business

By Denise August,  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ucluelet** - Tourists visiting Ucluelet have a new and very different adventure option when it comes to exploring the area thanks to a young Toquaht man named Carlos Mack. Rather than selecting one of the many whale watching excursions or sports fishing charters that dot the main streets of Ucluelet, the truly adventuresome may board an open canoe and paddle the shorelines of Toquaht traditional territory.

**Carlos Mack, 22, launched a cultural tourism business that he describes as a native interpretive canoe tour mainly focused on Toquaht First Nation history and territory.**

Carlos Mack, 22, launched a cultural tourism business that he describes as a native interpretive canoe tour mainly focused on Toquaht First Nation history and territory. He is already networking with the owner/operators of Seaway Express and more friends in the tourism industry in Bamfield. Each new business owner is sending tourists to each other, promoting each other by word-of-mouth.

With the new Seaway Express ferry service providing the link between two hot tourist destinations, Bamfield and Ucluelet, Mack's newly established business is sure to enjoy the benefits. Mack says he and his cousin Noah Plonka started out in 2005 with a 24' birch bark-style canoe that he eventually bought from a man who started out teaching the cousins about the adventure tourism business.

Mack's parents are Sidney Mack and Jeanine Nahas who is of Lebanese descent. He was raised at Ucluelet, Victoria and Whitehorse with his brother Phil and sister Leah. Carlos is very proud of his siblings saying his 19 year-old brother plays rugby for Team Canada and Leah, 24, is in Law School. Coming

from a family of high achievers, Carlos said he had no immediate plans for college or university so he had to do something. "I love the outdoors and people will never stop coming here because it's so beautiful so I'm doing what Natives should be doing; I'm taking people out to show them around and tell them about our history," he explained.

Learning Nuu-chah-nulth history from Chief Bert Mack and other NCN people; Mack relays the teachings to his customers, telling the history from the Toquaht perspective. Paddling, or sometimes running a small motor if the customers are too tired to paddle, Mack's keen eye picks out the main attraction; the black bears foraging along the shore line. People also like to see the birds, wolves, seals, sea lions and, if they're lucky, the elusive cougar. Mack says business is up and down. The pattern he says seems to be that a wave of tourists comes into town and make the rounds at the various attractions and things slow down until the next wave of tourists comes in.

Noah eventually moved on leaving the business to Carlos. Future plans include building platforms and tree top zip lines, Costa Rica-style, if he can get the funding in place.

Mack says the zip line inspiration came to him one day when he was hiking Big Toquaht River. "I came across 15 bears and at first I was scared but they were feasting on salmon and didn't care that I was there," he explained. Mack thought it would be a great idea to build the platforms and zip lines so adventurers can watch wild life from a safe distance in the tree canopies.

As the only tour operator with exclusive access to Toquaht traditional territory, Mack says he has a site in mind for the zip lines in a stand of spruce trees near Macoah.

For more information about Toquaht Wildlife Safaris call 1-877-726-4230, ext. 27 or 250-266-0645.



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## Education - ha-ho-pa

### Neill Middle School starts off another school year

Submitted by Sherri Cook

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Welcome to a wonderful school; a place where professional staff work hard to maximize learning and create a safe and caring atmosphere. Our school embraces the philosophy of 'Middle Level Education'. We believe that our school community focuses on the whole child and that high academic expectations are coupled with social and emotional learning and well-being. Middle Level schools are schools of transition; transition from Elementary to Middle and from Middle to Secondary. It is also a transition from childhood through adolescence into young adulthood. We believe that students at this level need a special program that involves all aspects of academics and social and personal well-being.

We believe that every issue and concern is important. Please contact your child's teacher right away if you have any questions or concerns. Please also feel comfortable to contact the Principal, one of the Vice Principals or the Counsellor should you feel they could help.

**Agenda books:** THE P.A.C. has provided agenda books for students for next year. It is our expectation that students will fill out homework and upcoming events each day and show their parent/guardian each night.

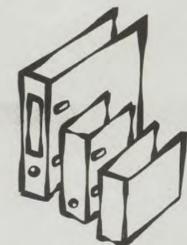
### School Supplies List

#### Grade 6 program Supplies List

- 6 duotangs
- 1 2" binder with dividers
- 10 notebooks (keytab style)
- 1 graph paper notebook
- 2 packages lined loose leaf paper (3 hold punched)
- 1 pencil case
- 1 package blue pens, 1 package black pens, 1 red pen
- 1 highlighter
- 1 black extra fine tipped felt pen
- 12 pencils (sharpened)
- 2 good quality erasers (white)
- 1 - 30 cm ruler (clear plastic)
- 1 glue stick
- 1 container white school glue
- 1 set of 24 pencil crayons (sharpened)
- 1 package felt pens (unscented)
- 1 pair good quality scissors
- 1 calculator (basic)
- 1 dictionary
- 1 geometry set
- \* Additional items may be required by individual teachers

#### Grade 7 program Supplies List

- 1 zippered binder
- 2 packages loose leaf lined paper
- 12 good quality pencils
- 2 blue or black ink pens
- 1 package pencil crayons
- 1 package felt pens
- scissors
- 1 glue stick
- 1 ruler
- 1 calculator
- 3 highlighters in different colours
- container for supplies
- 3 erasers
- 1 black extra fine tipped felt pen
- 1 thesaurus
- 1 geometry kit
- 1 package of 3x3 post-it-sticky notes
- P.E. - appropriate lace up gym shoes. NO SKATER SHOES. T-shirt, shorts or sweat or track pants.
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## BladeRunners Program



**Back Row: L-R - Jack Little - UNN Youth Worker, Levi Sutherland, Jonathan Watts, Herb McMaster - President of UNN, Cliff Fregin, Grant Kendrick, Wes Guiboche - UNN Exec. Dir. & WCBR Coordinator, Tyler Kendrick, Front Row: L-R Laverne Frank - 1st Aid Instructor, Kurtis McConnell, Derrick Boismier, Jason Gurney.**

Submitted by Rena Johnson and Wes Guiboche

**Port Alberni** - The UNN (United Native Nations) recently had an intake of 12 youth who participated in the BladeRunners program. It was a very successful intake as many of the youth were able to secure full-time and part-time work the very next day after receiving their training and being certified. The UNN will be hosting three additional intakes coming in September, November, and January. Therefore, we are encouraging youth to apply and register for the upcoming training sessions as the support and training that is provided will play a significant role in making youth more employable in the construction industry.

We want to congratulate those who just finished their life skills, flagging certification, health and safety training. Furthermore, we want to acknowledge Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS) for the funding they have provided.

Participants generally receive three weeks of intake, orientation, life skills (anger management, communications skills, time management, financial management, work ethics, goal setting, health and wellness, etc.), job preparedness, certified courses (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System: WHMIS, Fall Protection, Level 1 First Aid, etc.) and hearing tests.

On-the-job training is provided by the employers and support is given for up to eighteen months until the participant and foreman feels the participant is self-sufficient and doing well.

Sometimes apprenticeship opportunities are provided and in that case, participants also often take academic upgrading.

What makes this program unique is that the BladeRunners Coordinators, who are the heart and soul of the program, are

available for support for the youth 24 hours a day, seven days a week. BladeRunners Coordinators also provide crisis intervention, counseling, job coaching and mentoring services. It is this unparalleled support that provides assurance for not only the participants, but also employers as well. BladeRunners Coordinators not only develop a close relationship with the participants, but also the employers. On-site monitoring can occur as often as once per week and continues for as long as the participant and foreman need. The BladeRunners mandate is to provide unemployed marginalized at-risk-youth with on-going support, job readiness skills, and work-place training so that they can overcome their barriers to employment and achieve long-term attachment to the workforce.

#### Program Objectives:

- a. To identify and recruit candidates aged 15 - 30 (19 - 30 in some regions), who have multiple barriers to employment.
- b. To provide participants with job readiness skills, through a structured standardized training program, which prepares them for job-placement and on-the-job training.
- c. To provide participants with local meaningful work experience, initially through subsidized on-the-job training (some employers choose to waive the subsidy), to enhance their long-term employment prospects.
- d. To create on-going support for participants to ensure long-term attachment to the workforce, where possible laddering individuals into apprenticeship positions in the trades.
- e. To identify, create, maintain and strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders such as: youth, community organizations, employers, trade unions, post-secondary institutions, and various levels of government.

### Attention all Kyuquot / Checklesah Band members

2006 - 2007 School supply applications are now available. Please contact the band office for your application, or to have one filled out over the phone, or fax the following information to Jennifer. Names of children, birthdates, school attending and what grade they will be in. Please include home mailing address. All this information is necessary for month school allowance and for the graduation list for our tribe.

\* We do not provide school supply funds for preschool or kindergarten.

## Hesquiaht's Dream of a New School to be Realized

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hot Springs Cove** - Dreams come true the old saying goes and the Hesquiaht community's dream of a new school is one step closer to becoming a reality.

The new 1330 Square meter school began construction in June and is being built in upper Hot Springs. Fourteen Hesquiaht tribe members are employed in various construction capacities. The school will house four classrooms, a library, a full kitchen, and a new gymnasium. It will accommodate a Head-Start program for pre-school children, and classrooms for kindergarten to grade three, grades four to seven, and eight to twelve. Four teachers, 3 teacher's assistants, and 2 cultural studies instructors will be hired. Time will be devoted to cultural and language instruction every day as well. Construction is due to be completed in July 2007 with a grand opening scheduled for one month later in August. The first classes are scheduled to commence that September.

"The dream of a new school has lived through numerous chief and councils, we never let it die," said Hesquiaht member Cecil Sabbas, the school project coordinator. "We're so close now and that's a credit to everyone who devoted themselves to this over the years."

The idea of a new school started some 30 years ago Sabbas says. It was born out of tribal pride, but also out of necessity, especially now. Over the years Hesquiaht members have had to rely on a series of stop-gap measures for their children's education. Some parents send their children by boat to Maaqutsiis School in Ahousaht - a half hour to 45 minute ride each way, during the day, with no school when the seas are too stormy. Some parents home schooled their children. They would attend classes in the upper hall of the community centre. This arrangement was often compromised by the fact that the tribe's administrative offices were located downstairs and they often needed the hall for meetings and business purposes. With nowhere else for students to attend class they were often forced to miss school. "We hated doing that," said Sabbas. "But it served as another reason and more motivation to pursue building a new school."

There is another reason why Hesquiaht pursued building a new school. Many



The new 1330 Square meter school began construction in June and is being built in upper Hot Springs

parents send their children far from home to attend school in communities like Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Campbell River, Nanaimo, or Victoria to receive an education, and this strikes an old and painful chord in them. Many Hesquiaht members' suffered the disruption known to all aboriginal people and families. "A lot of us went to the residential school," said Sabbas somberly. "We remember the heartache, how painful and lonely it was for us to be away from our parents and we don't want that for our kids." Hesquiaht's new school will provide community members an opportunity most other people take having for granted. "We want to raise our own children and have them home with us every night." Sabbas himself knows this all too well. He and his wife Bev send their daughter approximately 280 km away to Campbell River to attend school for ten months a year. Although hard on Sabbas it imbues him with an inexhaustible motivation to see their school through to completion.

It's been a long, hard battle to get to the point where ground has been broken and construction underway, but the new school almost never got off the ground. There have been setbacks, delays, reviews and price hikes to deal with, and starting construction of the school has been a task of Olympic size proportions - literally. The project was first approved in 2000 by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. Initially the budget to build the school was first estimated at \$4 million. A series of reviews had to be undertaken though before construction could commence with each review taking fourteen weeks. The reviews

wouldn't be the only thing that would delay, and almost derail Hesquiaht's dream of a new school though.

In July of 2003 the Olympic Committee announced that Vancouver had won the bid to host the 2010 Olympic Games. The announcement provided a much needed boost to the B.C. economy, and while most of B.C. rejoiced the members of Hesquiaht were somewhat subdued. "Construction prices immediately shot through the roof," said Sabbas. "It was a painful wake-up." Although the \$4 million dollar budget had been approved it was calculated according to construction costs set in the year 2000. After the Olympic announcement those costs swelled dramatically and when new calculations were made it now cost \$8 million to build the school. Hesquiaht would have to fight yet another battle when they tried to justify the new budget to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs who felt the inflated costs had more to do with extravagant Hesquiaht tastes than the Olympics. Sabbas was taken aback by DIA's request that Hesquiaht take a look at the budget again - and trim the excess. "The delays and price increases weren't our fault yet we were being treated like they were," he said. "And we've got the bare necessities going into the school to begin with."

Upon research it's worth noting that the offices in which this meeting took place occupy some of the most prime real estate in Vancouver. As well, remuneration packages for senior civil servants, which are a matter of public record, prove to be handsome by any standard.

Sabbas and others lobbied hard and eventually the new \$8 million dollar budget was approved - sort of. In yet another hurdle the new budget will be doled out in increments. \$2 million dollars has been released this fiscal year and \$5 million dollars is due to be released next fiscal year. Consequently, construction will have to be done incrementally as well. "We have to build according to the budget," said Sabbas. "We can't build according to project, the budget just isn't there." Nor is the budget there for a gymnasium it would seem, but that won't stop Hesquiaht from building one.

Because of the size of Hesquiaht they are not eligible to have the full cost of a school gymnasium paid for, a facility the community greatly needs. For gym facilities members have to rely on using the infamous "cement pad," a former helicopter landing pad that was added to and converted into an outdoor basketball court. Although makeshift walls and a roof are built around it the facility isn't

completely covered, nor is it insulated or heated. Rain seeps in through the space between the roof and top of the wall on blustery days. "We desperately need a gym," said Sabbas. The community can receive partial funding but will have to contribute the other half of the cost. In the year 2000 that cost was calculated to be \$450,000. After 2003 Hesquiaht's contribution ballooned to \$1.2 million dollars. Raising this kind of money is a daunting task for a remote community with high unemployment but Hesquiaht has overcome far greater challenges says Sabbas. "You know the tidal wave in 1964 wiped out most of our village," he recounted. "We didn't just sit around, we rebuilt again."

A new school is a great community asset, and it is sure to attract members who live abroad back home. Having said this, land to build on is scarce, as is housing money for construction and this has the community deeply considering some of its community policies. "Do we allow a families first policy, and what about elders, and where a family will stay who may decide to come home right away?" said Sabbas. These are vexing questions to which there are no easy answers or solutions, but it's a challenge the community is up for.

"We're going to do everything we can to give our community a new school." The school remains nameless as yet, but the community already has suggested naming it after former much beloved teacher Donna Hughe. Hughe was awesome to the students of the Hesquiaht make-shift school says Sabbas, and she wove herself wholeheartedly into the fabric of the Hesquiaht social and cultural life. Hughe would die of an aneurism, and the community still struggles with her loss. "Our whole community mourned her death, and I don't think we've ever gotten over her loss," he said. "We want to honor her in some way, if not by naming the school after her then maybe the library because it's a place of knowledge and study."

With construction set to finish in July of 2007 a grand opening ceremony has been scheduled for the following August, a day that can't come soon enough. "Every day of construction is a day closer to our dream becoming a reality," said Sabbas. "That hammering is music to my ears," he quipped. "The day our school opens will be an emotional day for all of Hesquiaht," said Sabbas. It will be a day well overdue, and a job well done.

Some dreams come true. Just ask the people of Hesquiaht.



Cecil Sabbas, Hesquiaht School Project Coordinator studies school architectural plans

# Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council 2006 Scholarship Recipients

<b>Ahousaht:</b>			
Ashley Thomas	Grade one	Serena Read	Grade nine
Bria Samuel	Grade one	Jared Dick	Grade seven
Pharyn Frank	Grade one	Jolleen Dick	Grade nine
Cassandra Wilson	Grade two	Erik Mohns	Grade eight
David Wilson	Grade four		
Felix Thomas 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade two	<b>Huu Ay Aht:</b>	
Jeannie Sutherland	Grade twelve	Ayanna Clappis	Grade three
Fiona Cromwell	Grade two	Colin Williams	Grade three
Janessa Swan	Grade two	Brenden Fred	Grade four
Cosmo Louie	Grade three	Kathleen Good	Grade five
Janelle Louie	Grade nine	Dylan Haugen	Grade six
Triton Lelewski	Grade three	Lee-Anna Gurney	Grade six
Marcus Lelewski	Grade five		
Shyanne Samuel	Grade five	<b>Kyuquot/Cheklesaht:</b>	
Austin Keitlah	Grade six	Tanesha Clarke	Grade four
Chelsea Marshall	Grade six	Tiana Jules	Grade one
Jerome Frank-Perry	Grade seven	Seth Barreau	Grade three
Robin Smith	Grade seven	Chelsea Jules	Grade five
Dannie George	Grade nine	Conner Nickerson	Grade five
		Ariel Leo	Grade eleven
		Alysha Guadet	Grade twelve
		Glen George	Grade twelve
<b>Dididah:</b>			
Chantelle Knighton	Grade two	<b>Mowachah/Muchalaht:</b>	
Desiree Knighton	Grade four	Heather Johnson	Grade five
Richard Knighton	Grade five	Natasha Amos	Grade twelve
Logan MacDonald	Grade four	Mikaela Mark	Grade six
Crystal Charles	Grade five	Shawana Howard	Grade twelve
Nona Marchand	Grade five		
Courtney Johnson	Grade six	<b>Toquaht:</b>	
Brendan Tate	Grade seven	Amanda Godfrey	Grade seven
Samuel Joseph	Grade nine		
Daniel Joseph	Grade seven	<b>Tseshaht:</b>	
Krista Joseph	Grade eight	Bailey Sam	Grade one
Tammie Canute	Grade ten	Bret Watts	Grade two
Estelle Edgar	Grade twelve	Barry Fred	Grade three
		Evelyn Thomas	Grade three
		Melody Antoine	Grade three
<b>Ehattlesaht:</b>		Tiffany McCarthy	Grade three
Jonathan John	Grade five	Lynn Bos	Grade five
Brandon John	Grade six	Coleton Gomez	Grade four
Arnold John	Grade ten	Deion Watts	Grade four
Nathan Smith	Grade eight	Taylr Watts-Bird	Grade four
Andrew Smith	Grade nine	Jolyn Watts	Grade four
		Alex Gus	Grade nine
<b>Hesquiaht:</b>		Paul Gus	Grade ten
Brevin Charleson	Grade one	Cynthia Dick	Grade eleven
Gabriel Barbosa	Grade one	Michelle Gallic	Grade eleven
Jaylynn Lucas	Grade three	Jared Fontaine	Grade twelve
Ryann Sabbas	Grade five	Jonathan Watts	Grade twelve
Hesquiaht Delorey-Tully	Grade six		
Bowashquisin Delorey-Tully		<b>Ucluellet:</b>	
Danielle Rowland	Grade seven	Waylon McCarthy	Grade one
Zachery Lucas	Grade eight	Lakeisha George	Grade four
	Grade nine	Myiesha Cambell	Grade seven
		Dalton Burns	Grade five
		Lillian Williams	Grade eight
<b>Hupacasath:</b>			
Nicholas Ross	Grade two	<b>Uchuklesaht:</b>	
Erin Ross	Grade six	Megan Cootes	Grade twelve
Nathan Read	Grade five	Sonia Siezien	Grade seven
Bryan Read	Grade seven		



NTC President Francis Frank congratulates Uchuklesaht member Megan Cootes on a job well done



Dididah scholarship recipients



Ehattlesaht scholarship recipients



Hesquiaht scholarship recipients



Eileen Haggard, NTC Elementary/Secondary Supervisor



Tseshaht Councillor Mike Watts welcomes guests



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## Passenger ferry service links Bamfield to Ucluelet

By Denise August,  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ucluelet** – An exciting new ferry service launched in June makes it possible for passengers to travel between Ucluelet and Bamfield in just over an hour. The Seaway Express, 62', transports up to 60 passengers through the breathtaking scenery of Barkley Sound where the sea lions, whales and other wildlife frolic.

Tourists destined for Bamfield or Ucluelet are often outdoor enthusiasts. Most are looking for rugged wilderness areas to hike, paddle, photograph or surf. The link between Bamfield and Ucluelet allows the visitor to check out both sides of Pacific Rim National Park without having to take the long 122km drive deep into the Alberni Inlet and back again over the logging road to Bamfield; a drive that can take 4 – 5 hours.

**Based out of Ucluelet, Seaway Express is owned and operated by two friends, John McDonald and Wayne Wenstob and their families.**

Based out of Ucluelet, Seaway Express is owned and operated by two friends, John McDonald and Wayne Wenstob and their families. John's newlywed daughter Heather is a naturalist who takes bookings for the ferry. Her

husband Givin Popowich is learning the history of the area and acts a deckhand and tour guide while skipper Dave Payne runs the boat.

"It was Wayne's vision to do the ferry service between Ucluelet and Bamfield," explained Popowich, "but it was John's family's vision to do the wildlife aspect of it and we blended the two ideas."

The Seaway Express makes scheduled runs leaving Ucluelet at 10:30 am and 3:45pm; and leaving Bamfield 9:15am and 5:00pm. The schedule varies according to demand so passengers should call for current schedules. The trip can take about an hour, far shorter than the four hour (200km) drive through Port Alberni. Popowich says it can take longer if there are whales to watch.

During an August 17th trip the Seaway Express wove its way through the Broken Group Islands stopping to view the clusters of grey whales and humpbacks. Eagles were perched on rocks, like sentinels keeping watch over the historic čisaa (tsisha), Benson Island, the birthplace of the Tseshaht. Massive sea lions lounged on the rocks, undaunted by the approaching boat strobing with camera flashes.

The vessel is loaded with brochures, maps and books for the passenger's reading pleasure. Popowich points out historical places along the route; telling the passengers about historical events including the devastating tsunamis of the



Givin Popowich shows sites of interest in the Broken Group Islands

1700's in which thousands of Nuuchahnulth people perished. Between checking in with passengers individually, he also teaches people about the wildlife of the area and their habits.

Popowich describes his job as 'awesome'. Since the business launched June 24th he says he's met so many fun, friendly people. In fact, a glance through the guest book shows very satisfied customers; entry after entry people are praising the crew for the personal care and attention they received during the trip.

The ferry service will be beneficial to the tourism business operators on both ends of Barkley Sound. Carlos Mack operates Toquaht Wildlife Safaris and

says he's already linking with Seaway Express and a friend who owns cabins in Bamfield. They hope to promote each other's businesses to their customers for the benefit of all.

The Seaway Express will run until October shutting down for winter from November to February. Scheduled ferry service will resume in March. Popowich says the families hope to couch whale watching tours between morning and evening passenger ferry services in the future.

Additional sailing and charters are available. Call Heather at (250) 726-5353 or toll free at 1-877-726-7002 or visit [www.barkleysoundmarine.com](http://www.barkleysoundmarine.com)



One of the four whales frolicking in the Broken Group Islands



A sea lion strikes a pose for the tourists



Seaway Express moored at Ucluelet Government dock

## Be Bear Aware:

**Managing Attractants:** Bears are ruled by their need to eat. In the fall they need about 20,000 calories every day to prepare for hibernation. That is the equivalent of about 300 apples, or 60 hamburgers, every day! A bear's natural foods include vegetation (greens, roots and berries), insects, carrion, and fish. If natural food sources fail, bears are more likely to try foraging in town. Still, if they don't find food in town they will go elsewhere.

Some people feel sorry for the bears, but letting a bear eat your plums, or a bit of dog food is not the way to help them through the winter. Bears often seem harmless at first. They keep their distance and are wary of people, but this apparent respect can disappear quickly. Bears that learn to forage in our neighbourhoods soon lose their fear of people, and may cause property damage or even injure someone. If bears are fed they are actually much more likely to be killed themselves. Why would you offer a bear food, just to have it killed down the road for accepting the offer? If we want to help bears, we have to make a few changes in our own behaviors and in our communities to make the habitat we live in less appealing to bears. **Garbage** should be stored indoors, in a garage or basement. Conditioned bears will damage weaker structures to get garbage. Take garbage to the dump regularly. If you have collection service, set the garbage out on the day of collection. Try freezing pungent wastes until garbage day to combat odours.

**Orchards** should be kept neat. Ensure that all windfall fruit is cleaned up daily. Harvest fruit as early as possible. If you don't plan to use the fruit pick the blossoms. Remove unused fruit trees and replace them with attractive, non-bearing, native trees. Plant fruit trees close together, and enclose them in electric fencing, to prevent them from being damaged by the bears.

**Compost** is a great way to keep solid waste and soil nutrients out of our landfills, but it can attract bears. Compost should not smell;

if it does then something is wrong. If your compost has attracted bears in the past, it likely will again in the future. Try composting kitchen waste indoors using worms. If you have a garden/orchard enclosure put your compost inside the fence. Generally prune low brush and tall grass around your yard to eliminate cover. Bears are initially less comfortable crossing open exposed areas.

**Brushing** also increases the distance that you will be able to see, so that you are less likely to surprise (or be surprised by) a bear.

**Bird Feeders** also attract bears, especially in the spring. Seeds are high in calories and a very good source of energy. While feeding birds can help them survive through the winter and off-sets habitat loss, we have to balance the good we do one species with the harm we cause to another. Bears can climb to reach nearly any feeder. If yours is suspended by a metal pole, bears have been known to simply push the pole over. A feeder high up on the side of the house is likely safe from bears. Don't let seeds accumulate under your feeder or you will make the neighbourhood cats very happy. Put out your feeders after the first snowfall, once the bears are safely in their winter dens, and take them down when spring arrives.

**Barbecues** attract bears too, but this is easily remedied by burning off all excess residue after cooking and keeping the grill clean. Leave the barbecue on high with the lid closed while you eat your supper. Cover it with a tarp or a cover once it has cooled to prevent the food odors from being carried by the wind. This will also help to keep it looking new.

**Other common attractants** include pet and livestock feed. Here the only solution is to keep these items securely indoors. Beehives are very attractive as well. Though hives are often kept farther from our homes, bears can cause a lot of expensive damage. Beehives are best protected by electric fencing. Livestock may be protected by guardian dogs which are specifically bred and trained for this purpose. Feeding bears, even unintentionally, is against the law in BC.

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

## Safety for swimmers

Submitted by *Chris Kellett*

BC has one of the highest rates of drowning in Canada. While we enjoy our beautiful summer weather and our natural waterways and back yard pools it is important to heed some basic safety tips to stay safe.

### Fence your pool

Half of all child drownings happen in private pools. Make sure your pool is fenced and has a gate which can be locked when no one is around. This will protect both your own children as well as those in the neighborhood. If you have a portable above ground pool make sure it is emptied when not in use. Ask about local government by-laws which relate to owning a swimming pool.

### Walk for safety.

At public pools walk, don't run around the edges as the pool decks can be slippery, use the hand rails when getting in and out of the pool. Read the safety signs posted around the complex and obey the messages.

If you have a pool or hot tub at home make sure it is safe to get in and out of. Things can get pretty slippery when people have been splashing around.

### Check the surroundings

Many accidents occur when jumping or diving into water where there are hazards such as logs or rocks or where the water is too shallow. Broken glass and other debris can also cause injury. Natural waterways can change daily, just because it was safe yesterday does not mean it will be OK tomorrow. Always check surroundings before entering the water.

### Do not rough-house

Rough-housing and wrestling in water can be very dangerous. Hitting your head on walls, rocks, logs or other people can knock you unconscious, which could lead to drowning. Injuring yourself in the water may make it difficult for you to get out of the water to seek assistance.

### Alcohol

Alcohol and water do not mix. Alcohol related injuries are a common problem at private pools, beaches and swimming holes. Alcohol not only can be the cause of the accident it can also make them worse by slowing your reflexes and making you unable to react appropriately if you do get into trouble.

### Parents

A child can drown in just a few inches of water in just a couple of minutes. Young children must be constantly supervised by a sober, physically capable adult when they are near water. Obey warnings about currents and hazards at local water holes, do not let children play in hot tubs. A quick dip is OK but hot water can quickly affect a young child's body.

### Sun protection

Make sure you always give children lots of water to drink when they are playing in the sun. Keep them covered with long sleeves and a hat. Apply waterproof sun lotion and bug repellent. Enjoy the outdoors safely. More information on safety tips for swimmers can be obtained from your public health unit.

## Tuberculosis Also known as "TB"

Submitted by *Matilda Watts*

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by germs that are spread through the air when a person with infectious TB coughs or sneezes. Anybody nearby is at risk of breathing these air-borne TB germs into their lungs.

### What are the signs/symptoms of TB?

- o Coughing for 2 weeks or longer
- o Coughing up blood
- o Lump(s) in Neck
- o Weight Loss
- o Chest pain
- o Feeling tired or weak
- o Night sweats
- o Fever
- o Loss of appetite
- o Fatigue

### TB Skin Test

A TB skin test is given to show if a person has TB germs in their body.

### Negative Test Result

This usually means that you do not have TB germs in your body

### Positive TB Skin Test... What does it mean?

People who have TB germs in their body have either **TB infection** or **TB disease**.

You have **TB infection** when you have breathed TB germs into your lungs and your body's defenses have stopped them from growing. Even though you are infected, you will not feel sick, and you cannot spread TB germs to others.

You have **TB disease** when the TB germs in your body start to grow and become active. When you have the **disease**, you may or may not feel sick, but it is really important to remember that you can spread TB germs to those around you.

For further information about **Tuberculosis (TB)** contact your local Community Health Nurse

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## Birthdays & congratulations



Happy Belated Birthday to our 2 wonderful birthday boys! Ashton Ryan Corfield Aug. 2 11yrs And Zander Daniel Corfield-Jack Aug. 15 1yr. Lots of hugs and kisses Momma & Dadda and family!



August 29, 2006 - My dearest Mother Shirley D. John and sister Greta John (Aug 24, 2006). Happy Birthday to a very special Mother. Mom I just want to say, that I love you soooooo much. I want to thank you for giving me life, today. I am so proud to be your daughter, thanks for sharing, caring, and loving me. Mom happy Birthday and always know that I love you dearly. with lots of love your daughter Carol Mattersdorfer and Family.

August 24, 2006 - To the Best sister on the Block, Greta Fanny John. Well sister it is another year. I hope that your birthday in your honey's place went well. I hope you the best on this day. Thanks sister for always been there for me and my children, another year. (002 picture)

August 18, 2006 ... 57 ... 57... who is the "Captain" today, The BIRTHDAY MAN.. This is my uncle Roye. Francis John of Ahousaht First Nation. He is the baby brother of my day Chester. George. John Sr. Well dear uncle, I know on this day you had a busy day. You worked hard and strived for what you wanted, to help others commute to work daily. No matter the time and date, you are of value to other people. Uncle, I am so proud of you and how your time and patients revolve around your family. I always am glad to visit you and aunt Hilda. You are one of a kind and are you a Leo? a good old Leo like me. ha.. ha.. uncle we have something in common anyway, you're born a leader uncle. You have a role that fits our community in your heart. I love you uncle you are one of a kind in my eyes, and my heart. Thanks for always been there for me. always know that I love



August 15 - We would like to wish our nephew Mazarini a belated 1st birthday wish, from aunt Karen, uncle Andrew, cousins Mercediese and Dakota.



Big Sister Maxine & Parents Sammi Prevost & Simon Baker wish to announce the birth of they're son Daniel Konstance Baker born July 18th, 2006 @ 6:59am @ Victoria General Hospital. He was 6lbs 14oz & 51cms long. 1st time grandson to Maxine Little & 4th time grandson to Sam Prevost.

you dearly also. Love from your niece Carol, Don and family (picture 003) Happy Belated 19th Birthday to our son Nick - To you my dearest son, I am sure that you had an excellent Birthday... a journey you will never forget my son. Nick, was on the Canoe Journey again this year. Thanks to my aunt Ilene and uncle Felix Thomas, for taking him and been there for him all the way up to Muckleshoot? But you certainly, made me a proud mother for having him under your wings. Nick, had shared that he explored this adventure and had a good time, and met a lot of people. (even found a honey).. anyway my dearest son had his birthday up there. Thanks to all those that help celebrated with our son. Nick, has been clean and sober, and is a dedicated worker, when he wants to be. He went to the Kelsmet Camp, thanks to the Holistic Staff, for been there for him also. When he arrived from his Journey, he found himself a job. I am so proud that our children, are ready and willing to seek some employment. But son, you were in our hearts on your birthday and thought and prayed for you every single day. I am sure that this trip was a learning experience for you again. Nick, always know that you are loved and cared for by your grandparents, aunts, and relatives of Ahousaht. Love always from your mom and dad, brothers and sister.(picture 004) of the cowboy. Happy Birthday to my aunt Helen Charleson on August 29, 2006. Happy Birthday to my aunt Helen Charleson on August 29, 2006. Well auntie.. I sure hope you have a good one and always know that your niece and family members are thinking of you on your birthday. Many more to come auntie and always know that we are thinking of you. love from your niece Carol and Don Mattersdorfer.

Happy 8th Anniversary to my loving wife, Alfreda Charlie. Oh Yeah Thank You for the "Hummer 2", it's very nice & a great colour! Most of all thank you for being there through the good times and the good times! Happy Anniversary. Love Daniel.

We would like to say Happy Belated 23rd Birthday to Sammi Prevost. Hope you had a great day. Well you had to of you got a good birthday present (A new baby boy.) Sorry this is so late. Love Mom & Dad

Sept. 16 - Happy 2nd Birthday to our terrific Two year old son and baby brother



I would like to wish my husband Andrew K. Mack a very happy 3rd wedding anniversary on August 23, 2006. I love you more and more each and every day. From your loving wife, Mrs. Karen Mack.



Special birthday wishes go out to my daughter Shauntay Kadajiah Kristan & my niece Ashley Latisha, for Sept 1st & 2nd. Wishing you both,nothing but the BEST!! Love you both so dearly, I'm so proud of what the both of you already accomplished in your little lives, Grade one scholarship Ash, way to go. Enjoy Grade 2, i love you. From Mommy (& auntie Jane)

Brodie Bartelme. Have an awesome day. Love mommy, daddy and sister Pharyn. Happy Birthday to our uncle/grandpa Rueben on Sept. 4. We hope that you have a good day, many more to come. We love you and take care of yourself. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian and Warren.

Happy 15th Birthday to our son Richard Amos on Sept. 6. My goodness I can't believe that you are 15 already it seems like it was just yesterday that you were a baby. Well I hope that you have a good day and many more to come. Love from Mom, Dad, brothers Dwight, Brian, Warren and sister Natasha.

Happy Birthday to our uncle/grandpa Peanuts on Sept. 7. We hope that you have a good day. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian and Warren.

Happy Birthday to our cousin/auntie Daisy on Sept. 10. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. We love you and miss you and hope to see you soon. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian and Warren.

Also congratulations to my cousin Daisy and Peter on their new arrivals on August 1, 2006. You done such a good job and I am so proud of you. The year is ending in a good spirit seeing that you have two new arrivals in your family and that you are engaged to a good man. Well make sure you let me know when the date is going to be for the wedding. I am so happy for you. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian and Warren.

Happy belated Birthday to my honey Trevor Fraser on August 14, my daughter Jade Thompson on August 16, my son Erick Martin on August 27, and my grandmother Cecelia Savey on August 28. I love you all! Love from your Honey, Mommy & granddaughter Amelda Johnson.

Happy Birthday to auntie/grandma Cecelia on August 28. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. Good luck to you on your b-day. From Rudy, Adrienne, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian and Warren.

Happy Birthday to my Dad/Grandpa Alec Dick on Sept. 2nd love u Dad miss you lots and hope you have a good Day, Thankz for being the best for Daral, he loves you up to the



We would like to wish our son Dakota a happy belated 13th Birthday on July 30. From Mom, Dad, and big sister Mercediese.



I would like to say Happy 1st Birthday to our baby boy "Kinton-Heart" Clinton M.J. Mather on August 30. We love you baby Daddy Craig and Mommy Kim hope you enjoy your day! Love you lots!!! Love Daddy and Mommy and your big bro Markus. Happy belated to my nephews Josh-Man and Mason. I hope you guys enjoyed your birthdays!!! love Uncle Craig and Auntie Kim and ur Cousin's Markus and Clinton

sky, always and always your the Best. I Hope u both had a good summer, his gonna miss you, Love you Dad Mmmhh big hugs Larisha and Daral.

Happy Birthday to My God-daughter/god sister Ashley Latisha on Sept. 2nd wow babe 7 already, well hope u have a good day sweetie, thinking of u always, enjoy your day Love God mom Larisha and God brother Daral.

Happy Birthday to Tay-Tay on Sept. 1st hope you have a good day, tell mom to take you here to Vic for a visit soon Love Larisha and Daral.

Happy 19th Birthday to my oldest Neph Alec Bob on Sept. 6th. What a good day to celebrate hey son, i'll be there with you to celebrate the special day..take care of yourself son and miss you and baby always, hope u come visit us sometime Love Auntie Larisha and Daral.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Daisy Dick on Sept. 10th and congrats on your new Twin baby's Jade and Jorja Born on the first of august...i'm sure you'll have a great day your blessed with 4 great children take care cuz miss you and thinking of all of you Love Cuz Larisha and Daral

Happy 14th Birthday to my Neph/Bro Gregory Mitchell Dick on Sept. 17th love you son, was good to have you and your brothers here for a week during the summer. Keep up the good work with your basketball i know it's in your heart, all the basketball camps you went to this summer will pay off miss you all Love you son from Auntie Larisha and lil brother Daral

Happy Birthday To my handsome Neph Richie Joe on Sept. 30 hope you have a good day son, miss you Love Your Auntie Larisha and Daral in Victoria.

Happy Birthday to the big Chief Cyril Livingstone on Sept. 3rd. From Hummer, Annie, Davey Crocket (aka Jr), Chips-ahoy (aka Sugar Bear) and Jen & Dan.

From your honey-bunny Gina, your daughters Carrots, Dunks and Shuggs, Snuggie, Scarey, Glo, Baby, Ten Cent, Curley Toes, Dushtin & the gang.



Sept. 16 - Happy 2nd Birthday to our terrific Two year old son and baby brother Brodie Bartelme. Have an awesome day. Love mommy, daddy and sister Pharyn.

## In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷap

Dear friends and relatives of Ahousaht. In memory of my brother Harvey, better known as "SOUP" was inducted into the Ahousaht sports hall of fame. I would like to take this opportunity to share, of how my big brother Harvey was a good encouragement and very supportive. Harvey gave me encouragement by his actions; I remember when he was a young boy in Opihsaht. After he did his chores at home he would go about the village to help others, such as rolling oil drums, and pumping the oil for them too, chopping wood, dumping garbage and a lot other chores to be helpful. That teaches me that actions speak louder than words, which just means I must put my words into actions.



Veronica asked him to train her for long distance running. Veronica says this, "my uncle was a strong support, and he made me jog everyday at the graveyard beach, and also got me to run through the water, so that my legs would be strong, and he also informed me of what was good for my body, such as what foods were good to eat, and to drink lots of water, and "NO SMOKING" he spoke strictly to me, but with love and care. I do miss my uncle "SOUP" very much."

My brother was a real team player and loved to compete and participate, as a young boy in school he joined the curling team, and he did very well, he won a M.V.P trophy, and he liked playing baseball, soccer, track and field events. He wanted to win first prize and he kept trying and trying. I think his word of encouragement today would be to all the children, "do your best", "don't give up", "have fun". My brother was an inspiration to me, I miss him very much. I have such dear memories of Harvey, and I would like to thank the sports committee for what they are doing in honor of "SOUP".

Kleco, kleco, and his words of encouragement to you middle aged, "it's never too late, because you must watch your middle" ha ha ha. May the Lord bless and keep you and may he make His face shine upon you "AHOUSAHT"

From Christina (Charlie) Dawson

## In Loving Memory of Lanny Clarke Christopher Ross September 2, 1977 - June 13, 1999

There's a special angel in Heaven, That is a part of me. It is not where I wanted him, But where God wanted him to be. He was here just a moment, Like a night time shooting star. And though he is in Heaven He isn't very far. He touched the hearts of many, Like only an angel can do. I would've held him every minute, If the end I only knew. So I send this special message, To Heaven up above. Please take care of my angel, And send him all my love!



Author Unknown Remembering you with love always and forever... From Dave & Annie, and the Ross families.

## poets nook

### Smiles from Heaven

Your smile's like the sun laying a very long, thin sheet of Soft, gentle, warm, colors down on a mid summer evening And your charming eyes are like the first silent, evening stars Gently flickering off into the cool breeze, making me Feel so wonderful. When our paths cross during the passing hot, mid summer Day, I see beautiful angels smiling at me, giving me the Beautiful strength from heaven, so that I may strive Through the day which few see as a glorious gem given to Us as a gift, looking forward to see your lovely Smile once again ascend from heaven on the evening Of comfort, whispering beautiful dreams, that last for Ever in my ears.

"Chops" (Alex Antoine) 2006

## New Movie features Chief Maquinna and Luna

By Denise August, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Filming wrapped up in Gold River early August where Screen Siren Pictures is filming their new movie 'Luna: The Way Home'. Adam Beach stars as Chief Mike Maquinna who, along with his people, leads the fight to protect the Orca from the government.

Luna, an orphaned killer whale, arrived in Nootka Sound 2001, it was later determined that the orca had been previously identified as L98, a member of the "L" pod of resident orcas born in 1999. He had been missing from "L" pod for about a month before arrived in Nootka Sound.

Locals named the friendly little orca "Luna" mistakenly believing that he was female. The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations however, believed that Luna, or Tsuxiit as they called him, instead embodied the spirit of their late Chief, Ambrose Maquinna. It had been reported that Chief Maquinna, shortly before he died, had predicted that he would reincarnate as a killer whale.

According to the Screen Siren Website Luna: The Way Home tells the story of Luna, who appears in waters of a remote

village on Vancouver Island, and becomes the centre of spiritual and political controversy. The government plans to transport Luna hundreds of miles overland to be reunited with his pod, while the tiny Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations Band fights to protect the young killer whale they believe embodies the spirit of their late chief. At the centre of it all is a young native boy struggling with his identity and the Band's new chief, Mike Maquinna, who finds himself embroiled in a storm that tests his abilities to lead. Luna: The Way Home is the story of how a lone whale helps an entire people to find their way home.

Adam Beach, who starred with Nicholas Cage in *Windtalkers*, has been consulting with Chief Maquinna about his portrayal and Mowachaht/Muchalaht members have been hired as extras and paddlers. The filming has moved to Pitt Lake, a remote location outside of Vancouver. Graham Green, another renowned First Nations actor featured in *Dances with Wolves* also has a role in the movie.

The publicist has promised to send production photos to *Ha-Shilth-Sa* when filming wraps up later this month.

## 220 Attend Watts Family Reunion

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There were 50-50 draws, raffles, and door prizes over the two days too. Myrtle Williams won \$84 in the 50-50 draw. Herman Watts, Jane Watts, and James Dick won prizes for being part of a set of twins in the family. It was veteran versus young up-and-comer as Cathy Watts edged out young Chris Lambert in a battle for most colourfully dressed family member. Charlie Watts Jr., Tom Watts, David (Leonard) Gus and David Watts took prizes for being named after family descendants. Door prizes that were given on Sunday, Darleen Watts won the bread maker, Courtney Watts won the stereo, and Keanna Hamilton won the DVD player. Food and refreshments were on hand throughout the two days with fish, roast, chow mein, spaghetti, stew, ham, fruit, salads, cakes, and assorted chumus. Plenty of water was on hand as well which was an asset considering the 26 degree Celsius temperature.

Each of the families in attendance took the opportunity to address those in attendance and explain who they were. Angie, Matilda, and Eunice Joe introduced themselves and their sister in law Geraldine who was married to the late Peter Joe. They are descendants of Bella Watts who had children with Wilfred Robinson and Wilson Joe. Marlene Dick, who is the daughter of Jack Watts, and her husband Ronnie

introduced their family which included 16 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Marlene's brother Robert introduced his two daughters Martha and Mila-Ann who stayed briefly before departing back to their home in Terrace.

Darleen Watts stood with her brothers and sisters and represented Charlie Watts sr.'s family. Speaking eloquently, Darlene recounted how the family thread wove its way through everyone present and bound them together. One of the largest families to introduce themselves and speak was the Lamberts. Mother Helen Lambert is the daughter of Walter Watts. Son Don spoke briefly, yet matter-of-factly capturing the breadth of the family's reach. "I never realized it until now but Grandpa Walter must have come from a huge family."

It came as a surprise to some on this day to find out exactly who their family is and how this awareness or lack of it was a recurring theme in the speeches made. One of those who echoed this sentiment was Charlie Watts Jr.: "The only time our family seems to get together is at funerals," he said. "We've become strangers, even passing each other on the street not knowing we're family, and that's not right."

Sterling Watts attended the reunion and

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The 2040 Watts Family Reunion organizing committee

**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 update 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.**

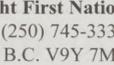
**Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.**

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



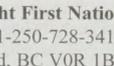
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1-888-745-3366 - Fax: (250) 761-4156  
PO Box 59 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



**Hupacasath First Nation**  
(250) 724-4041 - Fax: (250) 724-1232  
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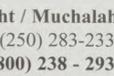
**Huu-ay-aht First Nation**  
1-250-728-3414  
PO Box 70, Bamfield, BC V0R 1B0



**Ka:yu:k't'h'Che:k'tles7et'h'**  
(250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210  
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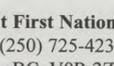
**Mowachaht / Muchalaht**  
(250) 283-2015 - Fax: (250) 283-2335  
Toll free - (800) 238 - 2933  
PO Box 459 Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0



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



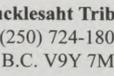
**Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations**  
(250) 725-3233 - Fax: (250) 725-4233  
PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0



**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



**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

**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 Opitsaht*  
Any questions please call me at work 725-3233 / fax 725-4233  
Thank you. Hazel Curley (TFN IRA)

**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: cmoss@island.net  
Fax: 250-725-4233 attn: Carla Moss

**TO ALL AHOUSAHT MEMBERSHIP**

Can you please send your current Addresses for Newsletters, and Phone numbers to Ahousaht Treaty Office. It would be nice to have Phone Numbers for our Urban Membership Contacts, for future Meetings etc...feel free to contact:  
Ha'wilt Pa Tuk Ahousaht  
C/O Ahousaht Administration  
General Delivery Ahousaht BC, V0R-1A0  
Toll Free: 1-800-991-1433 or 250-670-9531  
or Email: ahousahtreaty@telus.net

**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

**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.

**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 Gail Gus at NTC. Feel free to contact me at lisagallic@shaw.ca or call me at 1-866-724-4229.

**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  
\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*NCN First Nation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*In order to qualify for a free subscription you must provide your Nuuchah-nulth First Nation i.e. Ahousaht, Ditidaht, etc.  
\*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Returned papers are deleted from the mailing list. It's up to you to keep us informed of your address!**  
1. To get the quality you want in your photos, graphics or ads please email/submit at high resolution, minimum of 175 d.p.i.  
2. Please call 724-5757 if you have any concerns or if your subscription stops.  
Annie Watts, Ha-Shilth-Sa Administration Assistant  
New Email Address, effective immediately  
hashilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org

**220 Attend Watts Family Reunion**  
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at age 41 was part of its largest demographic group. Reunions are beneficial he says, and not just for his family. "Every family should have a reunion," said Watts. "The process of knowing who your family is and how far it extends is long overdue." Watts himself found the reunion both fun, but enlightening as well. "From a young age my daughter noticed that we wave at a lot of people on our walks," he said. "She commented that 'we sure have a lot of cousins don't we dad,' and that really captured to me how big our family is."



For future reunions to happen it will be up to this generation of adults to carry on the tradition. As a child Sterling Watts remembers seeing a mix of old and young people at gatherings. People who are elderly now were middle aged then said Watts, and their parents or aunts and uncles were the old people. This middle-aged group was responsible for the business of organizing. It's this generation's turn to accept the responsibility of carrying on such traditions and events, and that really boils down to one thing says Watts. "My generation should be organizing these events," said Watts. "The elders in our family should be able to just relax and enjoy these things now," he said. "I know I'll be participating in organizing next year's reunion."

The event couldn't have been pulled off without the dedication of many volunteers said reunion committee member Patricia Watts who wanted to thank fellow members: Charlie Watts Jr., Herman Watts, Ray Watts, Dianne Gallic (Watts), Marlene Dick, Colleen Peters, Mike Lambert, Josie Watts, and Kaye Watts. Food was generously donated by Tseshaht Council, Pam Watts, Judy Joe, Jeannie Albany, Joyce Hleck, Barbara and Charlie Johnson, Mr. Hamigeshi, and Aladdins Lamp. Local businesses donated goods that helped make the reunion a success includes: Quality Foods, Fairway Market, Shoppers Drug Mart, Somass Drugs, Capelli Hair Salon, the Hobby Corner, Choice Chocolates, Salmonberries, the Extreme Zone, and Stylze Clothing. Cash donations were also generously contributed by Hugh Watts, Danny Watts, Ron Dick sr., and Charlie Watts jr. "Watts" is a Scottish surname and is patronymic, or based on the first name of a father. In this instance Watts is the abbreviation of the Christian name Walter, a Germanic name which, when translated means "Strong Warrior." "Saint Walter" was a priest who smuggled bread to the poor who were held prisoners.

**Lambert family** volunteers said reunion committee member Patricia Watts who wanted to thank fellow members: Charlie Watts Jr., Herman Watts, Ray Watts, Dianne Gallic (Watts), Marlene Dick, Colleen Peters, Mike Lambert, Josie Watts, and Kaye Watts. Food was generously donated by Tseshaht Council, Pam Watts, Judy Joe, Jeannie Albany, Joyce Hleck, Barbara and Charlie Johnson, Mr. Hamigeshi, and Aladdins Lamp. Local businesses donated goods that helped make the reunion a success includes: Quality Foods, Fairway Market, Shoppers Drug Mart, Somass Drugs, Capelli Hair Salon, the Hobby Corner, Choice Chocolates, Salmonberries, the Extreme Zone, and Stylze Clothing. Cash donations were also generously contributed by Hugh Watts, Danny Watts, Ron Dick sr., and Charlie Watts jr.



Doug Robinson, Jessie Hamilton were the oldest descendants and Ashton Watts, was the youngest to attend the Watts reunion

**The Watts Family would like to thank the following people for their generous donations of time, money, door prizes, auction items and food:**

- We have a special thank you for David Watts for stepping into the job as MC at the last minute. There was an emergency that prevented our MC from attending at the last minute and David did a wonderful job to keep things running smoothly.
- Volunteers during the reunion:**
- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Ron Drew        | Vi Wishart     |
| Gloria Florence | Mike Williams  |
| Heather Freeman | Joanne Freeman |
| Jenny Louie     | Libby Louie    |
- Cash Donations:**
- |                |              |
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| Val Hughes     | Steve Peters |
| Sylvain Belair |              |
- Business Donations for Loonie Twoonie:**
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| Quality Foods      | Fairway Market      |
| Salmonberry's      | Choice Chocolates   |
| Hobby Corner       | Stylze Clothing     |
| Extreme Zone       | Somass Drugs        |
| Capelli Hair Salon | Shopper's Drug Mart |

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

Nicola Tribal Association (NTA)  
P.O. Box 188, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8  
#202-2090 Coutlee Avenue  
Phone (250) 378-4235 Fax (250) 378-9119  
Email: administration@nta.nicolatribal.org

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Nicola Tribal Association provides services to seven Indian Bands in the Merritt area. We are seeking a full-time Chief Executive Officer interested in a challenging and rewarding career.

**Duties:** Reporting to the NTA Board of Directors, oversees the operations of the NTA Programs and Services; communicates with Chiefs, Chairperson, Staff, Community members; and liaises with government and funding agencies.

**The ideal candidate:**

- Must have a Public Administration Degree, Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, or degree of similar nature, and must have a minimum of five years experience as a senior management multi-disciplinary role within a First Nations organization
- Be self-motivated, able to work independently and foster a team environment
- Knowledge of Nlaka'pamux and Syilx culture; traditions and language an asset
- Willing to consent to a criminal record check
- Preference may be give to a First Nations applicant

**Start Date:** Early Fall  
**Salary:** Negotiable depending on experience

**Forward resume and two references by September 15, 2006:**

Arnold Lampreau, Human Resources Chair  
PO Box 188,  
#202 - 2090 Coutlee Avenue  
Merritt, BC V1K 1B8  
Phone: 250-378-4235  
Fax: 250-378-9119  
Email: administration@nta.nicolatribal.org

For a complete list of duties and qualifications, contact the number above.  
For more information on the City of Merritt, Visit: <http://www.merritt.ca/>

**USMA Community Human Services Program is currently seeking individuals, couples & families to fill the following needs in our program;**

- Relief Resource Homes
- Temporary Resource Homes
- Permanent Resource Homes
- Emergency Resource Homes

Individuals & Families need to have an understanding of the Child, Family, Community Service Act; USMA's role in relation to the act, as well as the role of the Resource Home parent in relation to the Act. Individuals, couples and families who are interested in sharing their safe, nurturing, loving home with Children and Youth are encouraged to contact the Resource Social Worker at 1-877-722-3232/250-724-3232

For More information on the application & home-study process call a USMA Resource Social Worker Terry McDonald or Amber Severinon.

Children & Youth in your community need your help.

Chas Watts	Tuffy Watts	Bear & Shevaun Watts - Loonie
Danny Watts	Ron Dick Sr.	Twoonie, Flea Market.

**Food Donations:**

Pam Watts - Sockeye, Halibut.  
Judy Joe - Potatoes, ham, fish.  
Aladdin's Lamp - Moose meat  
Jeannie Albany - Roasts.  
Joyce Hleck - Baking  
Hamagishi - Chow Mein.  
Barbara & Charlie Johnson - Donation.

**Loonie Twoonie, Flea Market Donations:**

Crystal Watts - Loonie Twoonie  
Marion Gallic - Flea Market, Potluck lunch.  
Skibba - Loonie Twoonie, Flea Market  
Dorothy Jones - Loonie Twoonie  
Cassy & Rob Dennis - Loonie Twoonie, Flea Market

Bear & Shevaun Watts - Loonie Twoonie, Flea Market.  
Ray Watts, Jr. - Poker Tournament Proceeds, Juice.  
Faith Watts - Loonie Twoonie  
Patrick Amos - Loonie Twoonie  
Ray Sims - Loonie Twoonie  
Gina Pearson - Loonie Twoonie  
Lena Johnson - Flea Market  
Frank & Alvina Johnson - Loonie Twoonie  
Ron Dick, Sr. - Raffle prize.  
Vince Watts - Loonie Twoonie  
Jen Gallic - DJ for dance.  
Barbara Seland - Door prize.  
Josie Watts - Raffle prize.  
Kaye Watts - Raffle prize.  
Eunice Joe - Door prize.

**Main Cooks:** James & Gina Dick  
Ben & Karen Lucas (Sutherland)  
Ron Drew

## Klecko's - ʔekoo

We would like to thank our family and friends for coming to share in our most happy day, our wedding on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Josie for getting our dresses to us on time; being stranded at the salon with a broken phone at the hotel was a little hard on the nerves! Thank you to Allana and Bonnie for taking care of the flowers and the cake; Ben & Hilda Nookemus and staff for taking such good care of us and our guests with your delicious food and refreshments. Thanks to everyone for the photos and videos. Thank you for the beautiful gifts and a special thank you to



those who shared kind words and best wishes. You made our day all that much more special just by being there. Much love, Al & Denise Titian.

Cliff and Marleen Nookemus Wedding, June 24, 2006, Port Alberni, Wedding party, left to right, Kristen Young, Eleanor Manson, Karen Ahenakew, Marleen Nookemus, Cliff Nookemus Jr., James Nookemus, Tim Manson, Don Prevost, front Sydney White, Lucas Dennis.



received. Special thanks to Clifford and Marie Nookemus, Jeff and Laverne Cook, Jack and Deb Cook, Karen and Kaal Haugen, Lisa Johnson, Patrick Nookemus, Jim Varette, Linda, Rosanne and Sandra Young. Our apologize if we have missed anyone we appreciate every bit of help that we got. Thank you again Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Nookemus Jr.

We would also like to thank you to everyone who made our special day so perfect we appreciate all the help that we

### The BC Elders Gathering Committee would like to thank:

- Lori Campbell for volunteer driving during the BC Elders Gathering, and also for recruiting the Ahousaht FN group who helped with set-up on July 17;
- Sheila and Mike Tom for all their help and contributions;
- Joe and Geraldine Tom for the beautiful paddles and other contributions;
- Ehatesaht FN group who also helped with set-up on July 17;
- Ka:yu: 'k't'h'/'k'les7et'h', and The Native Courtworker and Counselling Assn. of BC, for their print level sponsorship contributions;
- Ministry of Energy, Oil and Petroleum, Oil and Gas Division, for their contribution of water coolers and bottled water;
- DuQuah Gallery, and Dumas Freight Company for in-kind donations;
- St. Jean's Cannery for donating canned fish;
- Five Star Embroidery & Silk Screen Ltd. (Nanaimo) for all your work on souvenirs, and your many in-kind donations;
- Again, a huge thank you to all sponsors who contributed to the success of the Elders Gathering.

My name is Daphne Peter from the Ucluelet First Nation. I would like to say thank you to all of those who made a donation to Daniel Cootes. Daniel had an unfortunate accident in June 2006. In the last couple of months I have been fundraising for Daniel, so that we could buy him a lap top. During his time in rehabilitation Daniel will now be able to do more training. I would like to put in a special thank you to my daughter Sabrina Surprenant for helping me with the bottle drive, it was a lot of work on hot sunny day.

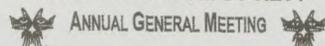
Donations were made by:		
Linda McKoryk	District of Ucluelet	Sabrina Surprenant
George Nenzel	Shirley Mack	Martin Surprenant
Doug Muir	Daphne Peter	
Barbara Lee	Cop Can/Gregson's	

All those who donated their bottles during the bottle drive and those that bought 50/50 tickets. Grand total was \$1287.25

## Community Events

The family of the late **Wahmeesh-George Watts** Invite everyone to a **Memorial Potlatch** to celebrate George's life on **Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>**, if necessary Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> In Port Alberni at the Alberni Athletic Hall, 4835 Beaver Creek Rd. Start time will be determined and posted in a future issue. For more information contact Ken Watts at gwmemorial@hotmail.com or Priscilla Sabbas at (250) 220-5195

## TSOW-TUN LE LUM SOCIETY



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
The Tsoow-Tun Le Lum Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 12:00 Noon at the Tsoow-Tun Le Lum Treatment Centre beginning with lunch; at 699 Capilano Road, Lantzville. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call (250) 390-3123.

## Tournaments

**T-Birds Open Annual Golf Tournament**  
**September 9, 2006**  
**Hollies Executive Gold Course**  
18 holes of golf, 5 men or women to a team. Call for pricing Ron Dick Sr. @ 250-723-8340 or cel 731-5118

### Classifieds continued

James and Norman Rush, sons of Steven Rush (Uchucklesaht) and Lorraine Williams (Tseshaht) would like to hear from all family members. We can be contacted via email at jamesrush@aol.com. Please include your snail-mail address. Chuu. Klecko. James S. Rush.

**LOST - TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL DRUMS.** A pair of drums on Mother's Day March to Stop Violence went missing. Both drums are painted with native designs. Both are of great sentimental value to both myself and my entire family. A reward for the return of both drums is being offered and upon return no questions will be asked. The return of both drums will be forever greatly appreciated. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these precious gifts to me, will be greatly appreciated - do not hesitate to contact me, Nellie Joseph at 725-2388. Klecko! Klecko!

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KLECO... KLECO... MANY thanks to Aunt Vera Little Summer has come and almost gone already. This is what I'd like to share... today. I would like to take this opportunity to express my most thanks to our aunt Vera little, of Ahousaht for taking our son Frederick Mattersdorfer, under her wing and letting him work with you this summer. It's always a pleasure, knowing that you have so much to offer our children, every year and you are doing an awesome role, for Frederick. To you son, your always ready and willing to give a hand for her also, you and Jessica. I am so proud of my children today, for the future tomorrow. Thank you so much for having a supper for him, when he went away for a week. Thanks to Uncle Dave and Ginger, for your kind words to Fred, to Grandma

Marie, for been there for the support, to you Uncle David and Renee for sharing the kind words. To especially those that shared their kind words of our son Fred, today. Thank you for always been a good role as a grandmother to our children aunt Vera. Words can't express many thanks for you always ready and willing to be there for us, to support us, and are always willing to help us either way. Always know that we love you so much. Love always from the Mattersdorfer family, Donald, Carol and children. Well auntie. I sure hope you have a good one and always know that your niece and family members are thinking of you on your birthday. Many more to come auntie and always know that we are thinking of you. Love from your niece Carol and Don Mattersdorfer.

Special thanks going out to all the people who came to support my little family during our time of great sorrow. I would like to thank Percy Campbell, Ina Campbell, Darlene Dick, Gale Hayes, Darryl Campbell, Harold/Cathy Little, Hannah White, and thank you to the people who supported me and the kids financially Maggie Gus, Ray Fryberg,

and Ina Campbell, your support was greatly appreciated. For the hundred's of people who came to our community for the funeral, and all the phone calls were much appreciated. Your kindness to us will never be forgotten. May we stand as one to support each other. Beverly Jack, Geneva Haiyupis, Wilson Haiyupis, and Colleen Jones

## Arts

**FOR SALE:** Gordon Dick Nuu-chah-nulth Art in Gold Silver and Wood Phone 250-723-9401. e-mail: gatleo@shaw.ca

**WANTED:** I am looking for someone to make Abalone buttons. Call 723-7134.

**FOR SALE:** Carvings such as coffee table tops, clocks, plaques, 6' totems, canoes made by Charlie Mickey 731-4176. Place an order my mail PO Box 73, Zeballos, BC, V0P 2A0.

**BASKET WEAVING FOR SALE:** Grad Hat Regalia, Baskets, Weaving material, specializing in Maquinna Hat Earrings. Available to teach at conferences and workshops. Call Julie Joseph (250) 729-9819.

**WANTED:** whale teeth, whalebones, mastodon ivory and Russian blue cobalt trade beads. Lv. msg. For Steve and Elsie John at 604-833-3645 or c/o #141-720 6<sup>th</sup> St, New Westminster BC V3L3C5.

**Cedar Weaver:** Baseball caps, bridal floral bouquets, for sale. Traditional hats, headaddresses, bracelets for trade. email whupelth weaver@shaw.ca

**ROSE AMBROSE:** Basket weaving, shawls, baskets, headbands, roses, etc. Also teach 723-2106.

**BURN PILE/CEDAR FURNITURE:** Tables - coffee table - shelves - end tables - night stands - tv stands. Will make any size. Call Robin 730-2223.

**ARTIST:** Anne M. Robinson - Cedar bark jewellery, artwork, including cedar roses, taking orders 723-4827.

**Authentic basket weaving grass,** picked and processed by Linda Edgar of Nitnath, 3 corner grass and swamp grass, please call 704-9555, in Nanaimo

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

## Automotive

**FOR SALE:** 2003 Chev Blazer, 2-door, blue, auto, V6, A/C, CD, foglights, towing pkg., 88,000 kms, lots of extras, excellent condition, \$16,000. Call David at 723-4454.

**D&M AUTOCLEAN:** "We'll do your dirty work" Automobile cleaning and renewal. CARS-TRUCKS-RV'S-BOATS. 7429 Pacific Rim Highway. Phone 720-2211.

**PROFESSIONAL BODYWORK:** Will do professional bodywork and painting. 14 years experience. Marcel Dorward. 723-1033.

**FOR SALE:** 1 ton crew cab on propane. \$2500. 735-0833.

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER** 114000miles, originally from California, white exterior, grey interior. 4.3 litre vortec if interested call Rudy at (724-5724) or (730-0105)

## Marine

**MOTOR AND PROPS FOR SALE:** XL-115 - Mercury/2004 Opti-Max 2 stroke. 4-Blade SS prop for 150 or 200 Yamaha. 5-Blade SS prop for 115 Yamaha or Mercury. Contact: Leo Jack Jr 250-332-5301

**FOR SALE:** 40' Ex-troller and Spring nets made to order. Call Robert Johnson Sr. (250) 724-4799.

**FOR SALE:** Area "G" AI Troll License 37.5 ft. Contact Louie Frank Sr. at 250-670-9573 or leave a message at the Ahousaht Administration Office at 250-670-9563.

**FOR SALE:** New and Used Barclay Sound Sockeye Nets. (250) 923-9864.

**CANOE BUILDING:** Will build canoe, or teach how to build canoe. Call Harry Lucas 724-1494.

**WANTED:** Boat Trailer for 20' boat. Call Michael @ 720-6026.

**FOR SALE:** Nets - Different Sizes, Different prices, make an offer. Trolling gear - offers. View - 5010 Mission Rd. Phone - 723-9894.

**For Sale:** 28', 1983 Spirit. Command bridge, hardtop stern roof, all new canvas & canopy, twin 350 Chev engines (570 hrs), Volvo dual props, hydraulic steering, anchor winch, all electronics, kitchen, bathroom, security system, hot water. \$45,000 obo. Call (250) 723-1496

**2 BOATS FOR SALE:** 1 - 32 foot fiberglass, 180 horse Isuzu motor, radar and colour sounder. 1 - 13foot Lifetimer with 25 horse 4 stroke outboard. Serious inquiries only. Boats can be seen in Ucluelet. Phone 250-726-4620.

**ALUMINUM FLAT BOTTOM SKIFF** 12 FT X 5'6" with nearly new 25 HP Mercury Motor and Trailer. \$4500.00. ph # (250) 539-3403 or (604) 290-1587.

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**T.S.G. TRUCKING SERVICE:** Moving And Hauling, Reasonable Rates. Tom Gus, 5231 Hector Road, Port Alberni, B.C. Phone: (250) 724-3975.

**FOR HIRE:** Pickup truck and driver. Need something transported or towed? Transport/move furniture, fridge, stoves, outboard motors, your boat, canoe or travel trailer towed or moved. By the km and by the hour. Call 250-724-5290.

**FREE LANGUAGE CLASSES:** at Hupacasath Hall. Language Instructor - Tat Tatosh. Monday and Wednesday Nights. 7 pm to 9 pm. (Bring your own pen and paper). Parenting Skills for Parents and Tots. Fridays from 3 - 4 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. euu kleco. Edward Tatosh, Certified Linguist.

**TSAWAAYLUUS: 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.

**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\*

**NITINAHT LAKE MOTEL:** Open year round! Coastal rainforest and world-class recreation at your doorstep! For reservations and other information call 250-745-3844. P.O. Box 340, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M9.

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

**ODD JOBS:** Teen will do odd jobs. Call Gordon 723-4827.

**PROFESSIONAL available for 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.

**DAY CARE PROVIDER AVAILABLE:** Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 726-2040.

**MEETING FACILITATOR / NEGOTIATOR:** Are you tired of meetings going all night long, never finishing the agenda, going around in circles? 20 years experience and proven track record. Keep your meetings on track. Call Richard Watts, Weelth-tsh @ (250) 724-2603 or (cel) 731-5795. Available any time.

**URGENT:** Timmy Johnson Please call Elaine Jack at 1-250-754-3590 as soon as possible.

## Miscellaneous

**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.

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

**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.

**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:** 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.

**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).

**MISSING: 2 MAQUINNA HATS** around 3957 10th Ave. Port Alberni around October or November 2005. Anyone with information please call 724-2184.

**FOR SALE:** blocks of yellow cedar for carving 724-4549

**FOR SALE:** Native design dress by Joyce Little, Size 11-14 723-4232, Power Rider, \$100, 723-4232.

**FOUND:** Unfinished carving. Call to identify. Ha-Shilth-Sa 724-5757

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

**FOR SALE:** Weedeater and carvings. Call Bruce 728-3414 if you're interested.

**Books for sale:** The Whaling Indians, Legendary Hunters - by Edward Sapir, Morris Swadesh, Alexander Thomas and Frank Williams \$45 each. The Whaling Indians, Tales of Extraordinary Experience - told by Tom Sa:ya'ch'apis, William, Dick, Captain Bill, Tye Bob \$40 each. If you would like to purchase any one these books please contact lisagallic@shaw.ca or call me 724-4229 and leave a message.

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**LOST:** Man's black velcro wallet with I.D. Call Paul or Liz @ 723-0596.

**FRESH BREAD:** Anyone in Port Alberni like fresh baked bread, buns or pastries? Phone # 723-6210 call Carol A. Lucas.



# N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



## It's Your Credit!

Your Credit Report is available from Equifax Canada and/or Trans Union of Canada Inc., and is available to you free of charge. These agencies maintain information on you and your Credit History. Your Credit History is information that is gathered on an on-going basis from sources that have extended you credit and reveals your ability to repay in full and on time; the stronger your ability to repay, the more credit you may be granted. Lenders can purchase your credit report to determine whether to accept your application for a loan. Your credit file changes constantly, so it is important to check it regularly to ensure it is accurate.

You may have heard it defined as: Good, Bad, or in Between

**Good Credit:** contrary to popular belief good credit does not require a spotless payment history. To determine if an applicant is a good credit risk, a scoring system may be used. Points are received for factors such as type of occupation, length of employment, and annual income. An applicant may also receive points for the number of previous or current creditors who have rated their credit payment history highly. The higher the score, the more likely you are to receive credit.

**Bad Credit:** if your credit history reveals that you are in debt and have not illustrated an ability to repay, and it can be difficult to improve. A poor repayment history will not help you, so the first step to rebuilding your credit is to start improving your payment history. A good tip is to determine what the minimum payment required and pay this monthly ~ communicate with your creditors and let them know what you are doing.

**In Between:** if you have been extended credit and are applying for more a creditor may consider you to be over-extended and deny your application based on your current income and existing obligations. A good credit risk usually doesn't have many credit inquiries, and some creditors will automatically reject an applicant if their credit report shows an excessive number of inquiries over a short period of time. Inquiries will remain on your credit report for up to two years.

**Overview:** credit is the reputation for repaying debts on time. The better your credit, the more willing lenders will be to loan you money.

**Rebuilding Credit:** Don't despair; bad credit does happen to good people. You have to start today to get your credit back into shape. Start by requesting a copy of your credit report and ensuring it is accurate. If it is not, contact the agency and let them know. Second, contact your creditors and establish a repayment schedule (minimum payment) and stick to it. Over time your credit score will improve as you show potential creditors you are serious about getting your credit in shape.

- Open new accounts and pay them off. Your ability to repay a variety of new accounts is a key step to rebuilding your credit. If you open a new credit account, be sure to stick to the monthly repayment schedule.
- Start Small. Rebuilding your credit is similar to starting over from scratch. Don't over-extend your ability to repay.
- Ask for help. Contact a credit counselor. If your credit is "in between" consider asking a family member or friend to co-sign on a small loan, and then illustrate your ability to repay.
- Get a secured credit card. This card is guaranteed as you deposit money onto it. It has all the purchasing power of a major credit card. Your deposit payments will be reported to the credit bureau and so you're building your positive payment history.
- Moderation. If you're using your new accounts in moderation, i.e. you are not over-extending yourself, you will be able to make payments larger than the minimum and repay in full more quickly.
- Keep you balances low. 30% of your credit limit is the ideal amount for the balance you currently owe. Any more and you may be over-extending.

**Overview:** It takes time to rebuild your credit. But regular, even minimum, payments reflect your commitment.

### ~Identity Theft~

Identity theft is when someone steals your personal information to take over your credit accounts, open new ones, take out a loan, access your bank accounts, or commit many other crimes using *your identity*. Because it does not involve physical theft, you may not even realize you are a victim until substantial damage has occurred.

How do they do it?

- Thieves obtain your personal

information from scouring through your garbage, or dipping into your mail box. They are looking for bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, and tax information.

- By stealing your wallet or purse, where you contain vital information such as your Social Insurance Number, Drivers License, and your address.
- By completing a change of address form to redirect your mail.
- By obtaining your credit report by posing as someone who has a lawful right to the information such as an employer, loaner, or landlord.
- By acquiring personal information you share on unsecured sites on the internet.
- By buying the information from an inside source (i.e. A store employee that gets your information from a credit application).
- By accessing your personal information at work.

How do they use your information?

- They open new credit card accounts in your name. When they use the cards and don't repay the delinquency is reported on your credit report.
- They may establish telephone or cellular service in your name.
- They may open a bank account in your name and write fraudulent cheques on the account.
- They may counterfeit cheques or debt cards to drain your bank account.
- They may acquire an auto loan in your name.
- They may contact your credit card issuer and pretending to be you, change your address on your account. The bill then does not reach you and goes unpaid, and you don't realize there is a problem until you see your credit report.
- They may file for bankruptcy using your name to avoid repaying debts they've incurred under your name.

What can you do to protect yourself?

- Regularly monitor your credit report for accuracy and contact the bureau if you notice any errors.
- You can apply to the Equifax Credit Watch program that will alert you of any unusual or suspicious activity.
- Report, cancel, and replace all of your identification and credit cards, including club point's cards, should your wallet and/or purse go missing.
- Pay attention to billing cycles. If you have not received a utility or credit bill, contact them immediately to ask why and to ensure your

address has not been changed.

- Be careful about giving out your personal information, especially on the telephone or internet, but also by mail.
- Protect your mail. Install a mail slot in your door rather than use a mail box. Shred mail that contains account and other personal information, and shred old and/or used cheques.
- Find out who has access to your personal information work; verify that it is in a secure location.
- Memorize your passwords and pins, don't jot them down or use numbers such as your birth date or maiden name.

### ~Did You Know~

Identity Theft complaints have been broken down by the Federal Trade Commission as follows:

- 50% report that a credit card has been issued in their name.
- 25% report that a telephone, cellular account, or other service, was opened in their name.
- 16% report that a bank account has been opened in their name, and/or their current bank accounts have been drained.
- 9% report that a loan has been obtained in their name.
- 8% report that a thief obtained a drivers license, or other fraudulent documentation, in their name.
- Most people find out that they have been a victim of identity theft when they are turned down for credit!

### NEDC Services Offered:

The following is a list of Programs and Services available through NEDC

- The General Business Loan Fund
- Business Equity Program (BEP)
- Western Economic Diversification (WD)
- Forest Industry Business Program
- Fisheries Fund – the Community Initiatives Program
- Persons with Disability Program
- First Citizen's Fund
- Youth Programs
- NTC Forgivable
- Feasibility Studies and Business Planning
- Individual Training Program
- Community Economic Development

If you require additional information, Or would like to arrange for NEDC to visit your Community to offer our services to your community members Please contact the NEDC office for more information!

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