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Jack F. Little

Ahousaht Wolfpack takes on North Shore of Vancouver in play to determine who would advance to the finals in the junior boys All Native Basketball Tournament held in Kamloops. Wolfpack stole the game from North Shore who were leading into the final minutes. Ahousaht was victorious with their final push to take the game 57-51.

Ahousaht Wolfpack place second at junior All Native

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—The Ahousaht Wolfpack came up short in their bid to win the Junior Boys Basketball Provincials in Kamloops over Spring Break. The popular tournament was held March 16 to the 21.

The Wolfpack faced the Kitamaat team from the Haisla Nation in the final game and lost by a score of 83-64.

In the early stages of the first quarter both teams turned the ball over and could not get into a rhythm. However, Kitamaat took control in the last half of the first quarter and went on a 14-2 run to pull away. Kitamaat held a 20-13 lead after the first quarter.

The teams both seemed to settle down

in the second quarter and traded basket for basket. This was the Wolfpack's third game of the day.

But with a second to go, Wolfpack's Brett Botting missed a lay-up opportunity. Wolfpack trailed at the half 38-31 for the Haisla squad.

In the third quarter the Haisla team took an 11-point lead. Wolfpack coach Rick Lindholm called a time out with 6:40 left in the quarter. Haisla went on a 10-2 run in the first few minutes of the quarter and led 50-35.

The momentum swung in Ahousaht favor with about three minutes left in the quarter and they trailed only by seven points. Kitamaat still led after three quarters 60-45.

The fatigue of playing their third game was evident as a majority of Ahousaht shots came up short.

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Comments 'despicable,' says NTC's Happynook

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Tom Happynook, president of the NuU-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC), wants people to know that nothing good ever came out of the residential school system, despite what a Liberal government backbencher would have British Columbians believe.

Happynook was responding to comments made by MLA Dennis MacKay (Bulkley Valley-Stikine), who told the Standing Committee on Children and Youth that Aboriginal people greatly benefited from the residential school system, the role of which over the generations was to assimilate Aboriginal people into mainstream society by separating them as children from their families, their culture and their spirituality.

"I don't believe for a moment that every child that went to a residential school was abused, said MacKay in an exchange on March 12 with Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond, the independent representative of children and youth. "I think a lot of aboriginal people benefited greatly from the residential school system, but we never hear from them."

Happynook said the comment was "despicable," adding that it was inappropriate for people to make statements about something that hadn't happened to them, "and don't have first-hand knowledge of the degradation of human rights in a system that was created by a policy of assimilation."

The residential school experience chipped away at the health and wellbeing of First Nations communities over many generations, with each subsequent generation suffering an ever increasing burden heaped upon their backs, compounding the misery, read a statement released by Happynook on March 14 to the press.

Loss of culture, of language, loss of skills, of traditional knowledge that would have been passed from parent to

child only begins to describe the injury done to First Nations people by the residential school system over generations, the press release said.

Happynook said the act of taking

children from their homes and sending them off to be raised in institutions by strangers was harmful and abusive and it left deep scars on generations of First Nations people, "just as did the mental, physical, emotional and sexual torments suffered by children in those government- and church-run schools."



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
President Tom Happynook

Speaking on behalf of the NuU-chah-nulth residential school survivors, the NTC president called upon British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell to ensure that his party members fully understand "the depth of the wound that has been caused by residential schools, a wound that is festering with anger, fear, humiliation, misery and poverty." These are the realities, he said, that the NuU-chah-nulth residential school survivors live with on a daily basis.

Other reaction to MacKay's comment was swift.

In his role as Opposition critic for the Children and Families portfolio, Nicholas Simons wrote to the premier asking that MacKay be removed from the committee and be immediately replaced "with a member who does not threaten the integrity of the committee."

Simons said MacKay's comment reflected a degree of ignorance that ignores the systemic nature of abuse suffered by First Nations people in the residential school system.

He said that the reputation of the committee "must be held to a standard that not only promotes confidence in its work, but also one that promotes reconciliation and understanding between the committee and First Nations community.

"The comments made by this member are such that they bring the reputation of the committee into disrepute."

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Expert witness takes the stand in fisheries litigation

Dr. Daniel Boxberger testified in the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries litigation from Feb. 25 to 27.

He is the head of the anthropology department and a professor of anthropology at the University of Western Washington. Dr. Boxberger has written and published extensively on northwest coast First Nations with a particular interest in their indigenous economies.

Dr. Boxberger wrote two reports for the Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation. His first report, entitled Nuu-chah-nulth Economy and Society, was an overview report examining the Nuu-chah-nulth pre-contact economy within the context of economic anthropological theory. His second report responded to the report prepared for Canada.

Dr. Boxberger was qualified for the purposes of the trial as an "anthropologist with special expertise in aboriginal peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast".

Because direct evidence of pre-contact trade by any aboriginal group is necessarily limited, Dr. Boxberger's evidence was important in that it integrated available evidence within a theoretical framework, demonstrating the existence and importance of trade to Nuu-chah-nulth society.

The Nuu-chah-nulth witnesses included Lillian Howard, who started her testimony on Feb. 14. Her cross examination was continued after Dr. Boxberger and finished on Feb. 27.

Howard emphasized the importance of fishing and ocean resources to Nuu-chah-nulth, including the Mowachaht people, and shared her experience of the impact of residential schools on Nuu-chah-nulth culture and society.

Ray Williams testified extensively about the fisheries resources within Mowachaht/Muchalaht territories and of the importance of these resources to Mowachaht/Muchalaht. He described the numerous fishing sites at which resources were harvested from Yuquot in the 1950s, some of which he still fishes

for food at today.

He also gave examples of traditional fishing knowledge that has been passed on to him and he has passed on to his sons and grandson.

Edwin Jack shared his knowledge, which he learned largely from the late Chief Jerry Jack, of the Muchalaht territory and leadership. Jack also testified to efforts of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht to staying involved in commercial fishing and fisheries resources. For example, in the 1990s by fishing with speedboats and selling through friends and family members in other communities with commercial licences, and in the 2000s by trying to start shellfish aquaculture projects.

Simon Lucas testified extensively regarding Hesquiaht ha'wiih, hahoulthee and fishing, as well as regarding Nuu-chah-nulth fishing and culture more broadly.

Simon also provided information regarding the impact of changes to fishing regulations on Nuu-chah-nulth and regarding fisheries related programs established by the department of Fisheries and Oceans, that Nuu-chah-nulth and groups such as the BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission, have been involved in.

Simon stood up to Canada's extensive cross-examination of him (held between March 6 and March 14 over the course of approximately five days) very well. BC conducted limited cross-examination of Simon on March 14 with respect to Hesquiaht territory.

Benson Nookemis testified regarding Huu-ay-aht fishing throughout his lifetime. Benson gave a detailed picture of the impact of licensing and regulation changes on Huu-ay-aht fishers, which from the late 1960s to the 1990s gradually reduced the species that could be fished, restricted lengths of openings, and eliminated options regarding gear that could be used.

Benson gave a compelling view of the

change from the Huu-ay-aht community of his childhood in which 90 per cent of people were involved in the commercial fishing industry, to today when only a few Huu-ay-aht hold or are able to fish commercial licences.

The week of March 17 to 21 was an off-week for the trial and was used for trial preparation. With Monday March 24 being Easter Monday, Court reconvened on Tuesday March 25 with Richard Inglis, the plaintiffs' next expert witness, taking the stand.

Inglis is an anthropologist who has directed much of his life's work to studying the Nuu-chah-nulth. He is the former Head of Anthropology at the Royal British Columbia Museum where he also served as the Curator of Archaeology and Curator of Ethnology.

Throughout his career, Mr. Inglis has studied the historical records relating to the Nuu-chah-nulth, including the journals and manuscripts of the first explorers, fur traders and expeditioners to visit the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the records of colonial and government officials in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Inglis has prepared three reports for the case:

Nuu-chah-nulth Sociopolitical Organization, Settlements and Economy: The View from Historical Documents Contact to ca.1890, which examines the Nuu-chah-nulth from the perspective of the historical sources of the 18th and 19th centuries;

Overview of Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries 1871 - 1930s, which examines the Nuu-chah-nulth fishing culture after British Columbia's entry into Confederation and the significance of that culture to the reserve-creation process on the West Coast of Vancouver Island;

A report in response to the report prepared by Canada's expert.

These three reports will be the subject of Inglis' direct and cross-examination starting on March 25 and continuing until approximately April 2.

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Deadline looms for CEP reconsideration process

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Not credited for all the time you spent in Indian Residential Schools when you received your Common Experience

Payment (CEP)?

Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada (IRSRC) recently announced that former students must apply for the Reconsideration Process within six months of the date posted at the top of the CEP Decision letters.

Quu'usa Resource Support worker

Linda Gomez

said this new information came just recently and is considerably different from information she received in February.

Back in February she was informed that applicants had until 2010 to submit their applications.

In their announcement, IRSRC said they are now processing applications for the Common Experience Payment (CEP) Reconsideration

n Process.

"All CEP applicants eligible for reconsideration, who have not already applied, will soon be receiving a letter informing them about the Reconsideration Process. This letter will be from the National Administration Committee (NAC), the multi-party committee overseeing the administration of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement."

The Reconsideration Process was implemented to ensure that decisions made regarding the CEP for each student are accurate and appropriate.

To be eligible for reconsideration, the former student for whom the application is made must:

- Have been a resident at an Indian Residential School(s), not a day student;
- Have resided at a school that is on the list of recognized Indian Residential Schools;
- Have been alive on May 30, 2005; or
- Lived at the Mohawk Institute Residential Boarding School in Brantford, Ontario between 1922 and 1969, and been alive on October 5, 1996.

Former residential school students who believe that there are years missing from their CEP settlement are urged to apply for the reconsideration process if they have not already done so.

Applicants have six months from the date noted at the top of their CEP decision letter or from the date the NAC letter is issued, whichever is later, to apply for the Reconsideration Process.

If you do not apply for the Reconsideration Process, you will not be able to appeal your assessment any further.

Application forms may be found at the IRSRC Website at www.irsr-rqpi.gc.ca or contact the Quu'usa program at 250-724-3939 or Service Canada. Completed forms may be submitted by mail, fax, email or telephone to:

Common Experience Payment Response Centre
P.O. Box 5260
Nepean LCD Merivale
Ottawa, ON K2C 3H5
Fax: 1-866-352-4080
E-mail: reconsideration@irsr-rqpi.gc.ca

CEP Response Centre Toll Free: 1-866-565-4526

It is important to note that applicants do not need to find their records or provide additional information in order to have their file reconsidered. However, applicants are encouraged to provide any information they may have that might help researchers to confirm residence and years of residence.

Estimated processing time for each application is approximately 90 days from the date it is submitted, however, complex cases may take as many as 160 days to process.

If applicants are not satisfied with the outcome of the Reconsideration Process, they may appeal the decision to the NAC. They cannot appeal to the NAC without first going through the Reconsideration Process.

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Scott Kilby



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Fisheries litigation

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After Inglis it is expected that Allen Wood will be called. He is the Plaintiffs' final expert witness.

Wood holds a masters degree in Fisheries Management and worked for the department of Fisheries and Oceans for 37 years, where he obtained extensive experience in commercial fisheries management and considerable knowledge of the history of commercial fisheries management since 1960.

Wood has provided a report entitled Nuu-chah-nulth Commercial Fisheries

Involvement, which provides some general information about Canada's regulation of the commercial fishery on the Pacific and tracks the decline of Nuu-chah-nulth involvement in the commercial fishery since the 1960s and comments on the management factors that caused or contributed to that decline.

The next Nuu-chah-nulth witnesses to be called will be Christine Jules of Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Ka:'yu:k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h', Alex Short of Ka:'yu:k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h', and Richard Leo of Ka:'yu:k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h'.

It is anticipated that these witnesses will testify after Wood (approximately April 8), but depending on trial scheduling the Plaintiffs may call some Nuu-chah-nulth lay witnesses between Inglis and Wood (around April 2).

Chief outraged by slur against band school parents

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Smithers—The hereditary chiefs of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en are calling for the resignation of MLA Dennis MacKay as the representative of the Bulkley Valley-Stikine riding in the Gordon Campbell government.

Executive director Debbie Pierre said the hereditary chiefs would be calling upon other First Nations across the province for their support if the premier doesn't take action and immediately remove MacKay as a member of the Standing Committee on Children and Youth and demand his resignation as an MLA.

The Wet'suwet'en are responding to comments made by MacKay on March 12 when the standing committee met to discuss the education outcomes of children in care. Aboriginal children make up about half of all child welfare cases in the province.

MacKay acknowledged that the committee was working to find solutions to the challenges faced by British Columbia's most vulnerable children.

"What's missing, in my view, are the adult parenting skills for these young kids that are having the challenges," he said.

Then he held up one community as an example.

"I have a daughter who teaches at an Indian reserve. It's called Moricetown. She comes home some days and she's in tears because of the lack of parenting skills of these people who have had these children."

Pierre said the people of the community were shocked and disheartened by the MLA's comments. "There's definitely a lot of anger and frustration," she said, adding the office had been working with the Moricetown community on a statement.

The result is a letter to Premier Campbell sent on March 17 by Moricetown Band Chief Councillor Ron Mitchell. He said MacKay's comments about the band school would damage the trusting relationship between parents and teachers that has been built over the past 21 years.

When asked later by reporters what he meant by "these people" and "these children," MacKay said he didn't mean to imply that all Aboriginal people were bad parents.

"But there are a lot of young native children today—the people who are raising those children don't have adequate parenting skills, in my view."

He said "a lot of native kids come to school not fed. They come to school not having adequate rest."

Asked if he thought that he should be replaced on the committee for his comments he said, "For stating the facts? No, I don't think so."

But on what "facts" was MacKay using as the foundation for his conclusions.

Cindy Blackstock, the executive



Cindy Blackstock, the executive director for the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society says MLA Dennis MacKay should look at the facts before he jumps to conclusions.

director with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, said there is a great deal of evidence on which MacKay could rely if he really sought solutions that would make a difference for this generation of First Nations people, especially for stopping the cycle of their unnecessarily going into care.

She said MacKay would learn from referencing the Canadian Incident Study on Reported Child Abuse and Neglect that there are only three factors contributing to the over-representation of First Nations children in care—poverty, poor housing and substance misuse. And while there are certain parenting styles that led to successful children, people

need to have their basic needs met first.

"What doesn't work is teaching people parenting skills without providing them the tools to implement them," said Blackstock. "And that in too many First Nations communities is what we do. We provide parenting skills, but we do nothing about the fact that people are living in unsafe housing, don't have access to healthy food and water, and are also living in abject poverty," said Blackstock.

What also can be learned is that First Nations children and families have inequitable access to government services and to those services provided by the volunteer sector—food banks and substance misuse programs, etc.

"These are simply, in most cases, not available in First Nations communities," said Blackstock.

If real progress is to be made, she said, MacKay should be focusing on finding solutions to address poverty, poor housing and substance misuse, and seeing that First Nations families have an equitable access to resources and services.

"If we do nothing more than to just implement parenting programs, but don't deal with those big issues, we'll really be setting parents up themselves for an expectation of success without providing them the tools for that success."

Blackstock is Gitksan and knows the territory well. She said there is a huge housing crisis in the area on reserve.

Pierre confirmed that overcrowding is an issue. She said the communities also struggle with access to services. And there is a lack of employment in the area, which results in poverty, Pierre told Ha-Shilth-Sa.

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Opposition wants MLA removed from committee

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Liberal MLA Ron Cantelon (Nanaimo-Parksville), chair of the standing committee, accused Simons of taking MacKay's comments out of context and implying slurs for political gain.

"I thought it was a cheap, political trick," he told a reporter from the Times Colonist.

MacKay, however, stood by the comments he made to the standing committee and elaborated on them in the following days in interviews with reporters.

"I've had a lot of native people tell me that residential schools weren't all bad; that a lot of Native people benefited from the residential schools. All we ever hear about are the negative side, but there's a lot of positive and I've had a good number of Aboriginal people tell me about the positive aspects of the residential schools," MacKay said.

When asked what those positive aspects were, MacKay said "they had warm beds, they had food and they had safety with the schools themselves."

This statement clearly shows "his misguided perspective and ignorance regarding the realities found within the walls of those institutions," said Happyhook.

Scott Fraser, MLA for Alberni-Qualicum (NDP) and Opposition critic for Aboriginal Affairs, said MacKay doesn't get it.

"If he thinks residential schools were a good thing, he doesn't see them for what they were, an attempt to



Scott Fraser, MLA Alberni-Qualicum, Opposition critic-Aboriginal Affairs

exterminate culture, a peoples... He shouldn't be an MLA, but he sure shouldn't be on a children's committee... There may be appropriate committees for MLAs with that attitude, but it shouldn't be one to actually adjudicate children. No way... Maybe he should be on a snowmobile committee or something."

The standing committee was meeting to discuss educational outcomes for children in care. Aboriginal children make up half of those cases, so a firm understanding of the First Nations' community's unique challenges would go a long way to finding ways to improve the situation for the province's most vulnerable children.

Fraser said MacKay's comments weren't taken out of context. In fact, they were repetitive. MacKay said the same sort of thing about residential



Nathan Cullen, MP for the federal riding of Skeena-Bulkley Valley

schools in the provincial legislature in 2006.

"[O]ur Aboriginals in the province of British Columbia who were taken from their families and placed in residential [schools], it wasn't done out of meanness or to punish those children," reads the Hansard transcript during MacKay's part of a debate of what was called the Apology Act. "It was done out of what I believe was the right thing: to educate those young people."

"Yes, there were some unfortunate consequences from those residential schools, but there was also a lot of good that came from those residential schools. So for those children that were abused while they attended the schools... they were a small number when you look at the total number of aboriginal kids, but the intent was not there to punish those

children. The intent was to educate them and not punish them, not to punish their parents."

MP Nathan Cullen, whose federal riding of Skeena-Bulkley Valley in northern British Columbia overlaps MacKay's constituency, said MacKay needs to apologize for the comment that "drags us back to a time when the experiences of First Nations in residential schools was of some debate and the government denied that people ever went through any kind of pain at all."

He said the residential school experience of the Wetsu'wet'en, Gitksan and other Aboriginal peoples in MacKay's riding were tragic. As children they were sent as far away as Edmonton, to Alert Bay and to Port Alberni to attend school. There is a great deal of evidence to suggest that these schools had some of the highest rates of abuse in the country, including the Alberni Indian Residential Schools, one of the most notorious in Canada.

"The stories are so painful and the effects are still being felt today across the communities. It's real, it's tangible, and it's a real shame that someone that is supposed to be representing them does not know that."

Ha-Shilth-Sa called the Office of the Premier on March 20 to ask if there was any reaction to MacKay's comments. Senior communications coordinator Doug Brown said the premier was taking personal time away from the office and there would be no response provided before our press deadline.

A grandmother that is truly blessed

Submitted by Karen Adams
Proud grandparent in Zeballos

I'd like to thank my children for my grandbabies. I remember as a young mother, just moved to Ahousaht from growing up in Port Alberni, how the Elders would say "when you have your own grandchildren you'll see it's a different feeling."

I never understood what they meant. I love my children with all my heart and soul. Now I understand.

I grew up helping my mom watch my nieces and nephews while my brothers and sisters worked. My mom and dad enjoyed watching them, especially when they all came at once. To this day my family has big parties and honors their grandchildren.

My two oldest grandbabies are both eight years old. When my oldest grand baby was born, I couldn't sleep after seeing her for the first time. I was so happy. Her eyes seemed to say "I've been waiting to see you." Ashley is a loving, soft, gentle girl. She likes it when I tell her "you're my first grandchild. You'll always be, no matter how many grandchildren I have."

Living here in Ehatesaht is hard at times missing you Ashley, but know you have lots of family that love and watch out for you. Just keep being loving, kind, patient, gentle and remember your prayers, when you get up in the morning and when you go to sleep.

My little Miss Ashley. I look forward to our visits, in Port Alberni or when we go home.



This was taken December 2007 at Hanson Hall. Eight Seitcher babies were welcomed to the family. Two of them were Karen's and Fred's.

My Ashley is always so eager to learn new things. I remember she was at my place she was about four years old. She wanted to learn how to crochet, so I showed her how to hold the hook and do chains. It took her a while, but when she figured it out she said "Grandma, where's the book?" She wanted to make something right away.

My second grandbaby, who is Jordyn, we all lovingly call "Baby Jay." She was a beautiful surprise. She was born seven months after Ashley. I never prayed so hard for her to be healthy. I helped my daughter Margo raise her. My daughter had a lot of health problems. She was in and out of hospitals.

Baby Jay kept me company while we stayed in a lot of different hotel rooms,

in Victoria, Vancouver, then down in California. The first time she saw a palm tree she was so concerned. "Grandma, what's the matter with that tree?"

Baby Jay has gotten two awards from Zeballos school: One for being a caring and kind heart. The other one for being a good friend, by always being ready to help others.

I've always told her she's got a kind heart, as soon as she could walk and talk. She asked me to read her first award. She got in a February and she sounded so surprised. "How did she know I have a kind and caring heart?"

Baby Jay has grown up with her uncle James, who is just a few years older than her. They have their days when they clash, and they're more like brother and sister. My son "Mr. Adams," puts his arms lovingly around his nieces when they get hurt.

Our first grandson Baby Malcolm, who is six months old, he is such a loving, happy baby. I'm so proud of Kara-Anna

and Malcolm Sr for being young good parents.

My daughter is always one step ahead of me. I'll call her. "Baby Mal will need his shots soon."

"Already done."

When the weather start getting cooler, I phoned her again, about picking up a warm snowsuit.

"Already done."

I could go on and on. When he's not feeling well, baby Mal's grandmas, Martha, Rosie and Mabel, are there for my children. Thank you.

It's hard being so far from my children. It feels like part of me is missing. When I have to leave them I cherish our time when we do get together. Baby Malcolm is always so happy to see us. Sometimes I get scared if he forgets us, but when we do meet again and see the twinkle in his eyes, and his big beautiful dimples, I know he hasn't.

My "Baby" grand baby Cassidy, she is four months old. I've seen her a few hours now and then. I was feeling really down one visit after spending the evening at one of my sister's grandson's for dinner. That was the longest time I held her. I felt so sad that I haven't had the chance to bond with her. A few days later my son Eric asked if I wanted to take her for a while, so in a few days my grand baby is coming up for a visit.

Cassidy's parents both asked me at different phone calls "How long will she be up there?" "So long as I can keep her. One of my sisters said "till she tells you she wants to go home."

I met Cassidy when she was less than a day old. She is a beautiful baby. She received so many gifts while she was in the hospital.

Before I left Ehatesaht to see her, my son Eric called "Mom what's your middle name?"

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Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations

POLLING NOTICE [Notice of Poll]

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the **Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations** that a poll will be held to elect a chief and four (4) councillors on Saturday, the 26th day of April, 2008. The poll will be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and will be located at the Clinic in Houpsitas (Kyuquot). If you are voting in person, please bring sufficient ID with you to show the Electoral or Deputy Electoral officers. If you are voting by mail-in ballot, please be sure to sign the Voter Declaration Form enclosed with your voting package and have it fully signed and witnessed.

A list containing the names of all currently eligible electors has been posted along with this notice at 3 locations in Houpsitas, at 2 locations (including the Treaty Office) in Campbell River, and at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office in Port Alberni. This list will NOT be mailed out, but eligible electors may phone either the Electoral Officer, the Band Office, or the Treaty Office to find out if their name is on the list.

All Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations members who will be 18 years of age on election day (26 April 2008) are eligible to vote. Electors may either vote in person or may vote by mail-in ballot. A mail-in voting package will be sent to all off-reserve electors. On-reserve electors who will be unable to vote in person may request a mail-in voting package ONLY from the Electoral Officer. Please contact me by telephone to request a mail-in voting package.

Please be advised that in the event of a tie vote for any of the candidates, I will break the tie by placing the names of all tied candidates into a hat and the first name drawn out (for either Chief or Councillor, whichever so applies) will be considered the candidate for whom the vote will be recorded.

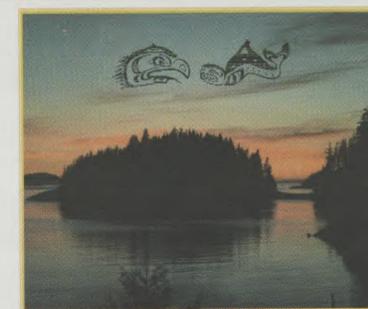
The votes will be counted at the Clinic at Houpsitas at the close of the poll and the results will be declared immediately following the count.

Given under my hand at Houpsitas (Kyuquot), British Columbia, this 16th day of March, 2008

Maggie M. Paquet, Electoral Officer

If you have any questions, please contact the Electoral Officer at:
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Please note: Keith Cox has withdrawn from candidacy



Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h Members

Reminder:

If you move please call our office to let us know your new address, so we know where to send information on our Implementation Process

KCFN Treaty Office : 1-250-287-2775

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- Kevin Head—Band Manager
- Peter Hanson—Technician/Customary Code/Education
- Marilyn Short—E&E/Accounting
- Ron Frank-Tech Support/Coordination
- Eleanor Nicolay—Communications Coordinator/E&E
- Francis Gillette—Che:k'tles7et'h Tyee
- Dianna Dragon—Communications/E&E
- Glen George—Lands/Communications p/t
- Sarah Dennis-Customary Code/Fisheries/Forestry

Mental Health Tiič'aaq̓

Ten tips for grooming healthy relationships

Submitted by Kim Rai
Mental Health Worker

Healthy relationships bring happiness and health to our lives. Studies show that people with healthy relationships can have more happiness and less stress. There are basic ways to make relationships healthy, even though each relationship is different—parents, siblings, spouses, friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, community members, teachers and classmates.

Here are 10 tips for healthy relationships.

1. Keep expectations realistic. No one can be everything we might want him or her to be. Sometimes people disappoint us. It's not all-or-nothing, though. Healthy relationships mean accepting people as they are and not trying to change them.

2. Talk with each other. It can't be said enough: communication is essential in healthy relationships. It means—Take the time. Really be there. Genuinely listen. Don't plan what to say next while you're trying to listen. Don't interrupt.

Listen with your ears and your heart. Sometimes people have emotional messages to share and weave it into their words.

Ask questions. Ask if you think you may have missed the point. Ask friendly (and appropriate) questions. Ask for opinions. Show your interest. Open the communication door.

Share information. Be generous in sharing yourself, but don't overwhelm others with too much too soon.

3. Be flexible. Most of us try to keep people and situations just the way we like them to be. It's natural to feel apprehensive, even sad or angry, when people or things change and we're not ready for it. Healthy relationships mean change and growth are allowed.

4. Take care of you. You probably hope those around you like you so you may try to please them. Don't forget to please yourself. Healthy relationships

are mutual.

5. Be dependable. If you make plans with someone, follow through. If you have a task or deadline, meet it. If you take on a responsibility, complete it. Healthy relationships are trustworthy.

6. Fight fair. Most relationships have some conflict. It only means you disagree about something. It doesn't have to mean you don't like each other. When you have a problem:

Negotiate a time to talk about it. Don't have difficult conversations when you are very angry or tired. Ask "When is a good time to talk about something that is bothering me?" Healthy relationships are based on respect and have room for both.

Don't criticize. Attack the problem, not the other person. Open sensitive conversations with "I" statements; talk about how you struggle with the problem. Don't open with "you" statements; avoid blaming the other person for your thoughts and feelings. Healthy relationships don't blame.

Don't assign feelings or motives. Let others speak for themselves. Healthy relationships recognize each person's right to explain themselves.

Stay with the topic. Don't use a current concern as a reason to jump into everything that bothers you. Healthy relationships don't use ammunition from the past to fuel the present.

Say, "I'm sorry" when you're wrong. It goes a long way in making things right again. Healthy relationships can admit mistakes.

Don't assume things. When we feel close to someone it's easy to think we know how he or she thinks and feels. We can be very wrong. Healthy relationships check things out.

There may not be a resolved ending. Be prepared to compromise or to disagree about some things. Healthy relationships don't demand conformity or perfect agreement.

Don't hold grudges. You don't have to accept anything and everything, but don't hold grudges. They just drain your energy. Healthy relationships don't hold on to past hurts and misunderstandings.

The goal is for everyone to be a winner. Relationships with winners and losers don't last. Healthy relationships are between winners who seek answers to problems together.

You can leave a relationship. You can choose to move out of a relationship. Loyalty is very important in good relationships, but healthy relationships are now, not some hoped-for future development.

7. Show your warmth. Studies tell us warmth is highly valued by most people in their relationships. Healthy relationships show emotional warmth.

8. Keep your life balanced. Other people help make our lives satisfying, but they can't create that satisfaction for us. Only you can fill your life. Don't overload on activities. You'll have more

opportunities to meet people and more to share with them. Healthy relationships aren't dependent.

9. It's a process. Sometimes it looks like everyone else is confident and connected. Actually, most people feel just like you feel, wondering how to fit in and have good relationships.

It takes time to meet people and get to know them, so make "small talk." Respond to others. Smile. Keep trying. Healthy relationships can be learned and practiced and keep getting better.

10. Be yourself. It's much easier and much more fun to be you than to pretend to be something or someone else. Sooner or later, it catches up anyway.

Healthy relationships are made of real people, not images.

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Hospital Discharge Planning

Nuu-chah-nulth Home and Community Care Nursing

If you or a family member are going to be a patient in the hospital and will require care after discharge, could you please let us know before hand? If this is an unexpected admission, please call us before discharge from the hospital.

We can assist you in obtaining equipment, assess for personal care hours if needed, information on what to ask your doctor. In many cases, clients get discharged home and are asked to get their dressing supplies, medical equipment. Doctors are not aware that with a prescription that this is covered under NIHB. In other cases people are discharged on a Friday afternoon and they may require personal care hours and by the time they reach home it is too late to notify anyone who can help them.

For people away from home, please call the First Nation Advocate for the hospital or call Pearl Dorward at 723 21135 ext. 1-1109. She can assist you in contacting the hospital Advocate nurse or answer any question you may have.

For people on reserve, please call: Central Region: Glenda Frank @ 670- 9655. Southern Region: Catherine Sturgeon or Jackelyn Williams @ 724 5705. Northern Region: Meghan Bennett @ 283-2012



The
NTC Regular Budget meeting
is scheduled for:

Thursday, March 27, 2008 to be held at the Maht Mahs in Port Alberni
Start time will be at 9:00 am

Deal with key factors and improve children's lives

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"I know we have very, very good parents that face those challenges and do the best that they can," she said. "So definitely, there are serious barriers to success and parenting is really impeded by that."

Blackstock said that in Canada "We have three times as many children in the child welfare system alone than were placed in the residential schools at the height of their operations," she said. And despite this the department of Indian Affairs Canada is underfunding the child welfare available to the First Nations communities, she said.

"And the provinces, including the province of British Columbia, does not step up and top up that inadequate funding to provide these kids and equal shot...and that's a place where Mr. MacKay could really devote his efforts and make a meaningful difference in ensuring that these children don't get left because they happen to be on the reserve line," Blackstock said.

Pierre said the relationship between the First Nations in the riding and the MLA has been strained over the years. Chief Councillor Ron Mitchell said MacKay has only visited Moricetown once in six years.

"Dennis MacKay has not been a strong supporter or [ally] to the First Nations within his constituency," said Pierre. His most recent comments, about the parenting skills at Moricetown elementary and his comments are just "one of his veiled attempts to pit First Nations against non-First Nations."

Pierre said she's sure they are not the only First Nations in Canada that have faced these types of stereotyping from their political leaders, "but I think what's going to be very important is we're going to develop alliances to ensure that these things are addressed and addressed properly, so I'm strongly encouraging that the First Nations in B.C. and throughout Canada to back the Moricetown band in their efforts to have [MacKay] removed."

NTC supports Sweeney Field for new high school

Port Alberni—The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) has, after review and consideration, decided to support the recommendation of School District #70 to build a new high school at the Sweeney Field location in Port Alberni.

"The new high school location addresses many key objectives the tribal council is working towards in the interests of the Nuu-chah-nulth people," said Tom Happynook, NTC president.

"One goal of our strategic plan is to ensure that Nuu-chah-nulth students continue to aspire to post-secondary placements. Having the high school in close proximity to North Island College will certainly help us to encourage that meaningful participation in higher education and inspire achievement," said Happynook.

Another objective of the Nuu-chah-nulth people and the tribal council is to create healthy communities and healthy

individuals.

"A big part of that strategy is to ensure that our children have opportunities to take part in healthy activities," Happynook explained. "The Sweeney Field location is close to the pool, ice skating arenas, the track and surrounding fields, and therefore supports NTC's objective of raising healthy children," he said.

Nuu-chah-nulth leadership also wants a literate citizenship, and the recommended location of the new high school is close to the library. It is also close to the museum, where elders could be invited to share their vast knowledge and life experiences.

Sweeney Field is also close to the seniors' facility, where a respectful interaction between youth and elders may be encouraged. Some have criticized the Sweeney Field location for its very proximity to the seniors' facility.

Happynook said youth in our society don't exist in a vacuum, and occupy a space in the Nuu-chah-nulth family circle with all the other generations; all must learn to co-exist.

"For us, being Nuu-chah-nulth, our youth are important to us and we need to make sure we are raising responsible children, respectful of their elders, to teach our youth to keep their eyes open for elders and to help them. There is an opportunity to bring forward the Nuu-chah-nulth practice of respect for elders in this kind of situation and strengthen the bond between our students and the elders in the area."

He added that access to the pool, the skating arenas and other activities that the Sweeney Field location offers, will keep our students occupied in a positive way.

"I think that this issue will fade away." There has also been criticism about the

proximity of the proposed high school to an elementary school. Some complain that the younger children attending Wood elementary may be influenced by some negative activity of the older students, who may smoke or use drugs.

Happynook said that the question then is not about the location of the high school, but again how we can work together in raising responsible young adults, addressing the challenges of some of the youth in the high school, regardless of where it is situated.

"It doesn't matter where you build the school, if that's a problem, it's going to be there," said Happynook, "whether it's at the Sweeney Field site or the original ADSS site, or on Mount Arrowsmith. "Let's walk down that path and deal with those issues head on and not confuse them with a discussion about the site location."

Nuu-chah-nulth front and centre in new exhibit

A new exhibit has opened at the Royal British Columbia Museum and features some familiar faces.

It's called "Free Spirit: You and Me and BC" and celebrates the 150th anniversary of the province of British Columbia.

Among the displays are photos of three Nuu-chah-nulth among 150 people featured in a mural called The Party. It is a photo collage of BC personalities and includes Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judith Sayers, plus artists Tim Paul and the late Art Thompson, who can be seen beside a photo of Pamela Anderson.

"I thought that Art would like it, because Pamela Anderson is looking quite babe-ish and is wrapped in the Hudson's Bay Company blanket, and beside her is standing Art," said Martha Black with a chuckle. Thompson was a dear friend of the museum's curator of ethnology.

"I thought, he'd like that. He'd get a big kick out of that."

A couple of Thompson's prints are featured in other areas of the exhibit. Black worked on the First Nations part of the display.

Tim Paul's work is also featured, including a video that he did about values and family and the importance of Nuu-chah-nulth values of healing, and learning from the ancestors.

"I think that his words of wisdom are important for all of the First Nations content in the exhibit."

Black said the exhibit deals with all of B.C., with aspects and stories from throughout the province.

The exhibit is not chronological, and doesn't emphasize colonial history, said Black.

"It was for the 150th anniversary of B.C., but we are well aware that for First Nations this is a whole different story."

Black said the First Nations perspective isn't relegated to another part of history.

For example: There is also an old mask from Yuquot seen in the exhibit and a statement from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht, said Black.

"It speaks for all of the First Nations in the exhibit...We have been here since the world began. We have always been here. This is our place and we are the centre. People came from elsewhere to us. We are not on the border. We are the centre."

Black said what she tried to show for the First Nations component of the exhibit was that First Nations were always modern. She used items already in the museums collection.

Jessie Webster, and some of her baskets, are represented. She talks about the passing on of artistic skills and on how people relate with the land.

"What we are showing from the First Nations is largely things that are contemporary, modern. Even when they were made in the early 20th century, they were modern. So there is a Jessie



Chief Councillor Judith Sayers is one of three Nuu-chah-nulth featured in a photo collage called The Party as part of the Free Spirit: You and Me and BC exhibit at the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Webster whaling hat, but there is also one of her shopping baskets. It has the tradition in it, nonetheless."

She said Tim Paul's work is very contemporary, but retains the teachings and the traditions of the ancestors, and bringing the values forward into modern day, like "everything is one and all is connected."

She's hoping that when people visit the exhibit they go away with the idea

that First Nations have always been a contemporary part of the province and they have been part of the economy, the arts, the politics, all of it all the way through.

People can visit the Website at www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca and write in their own stories about their relationship with B.C. The exhibit runs through to Jan. 11, 2009.

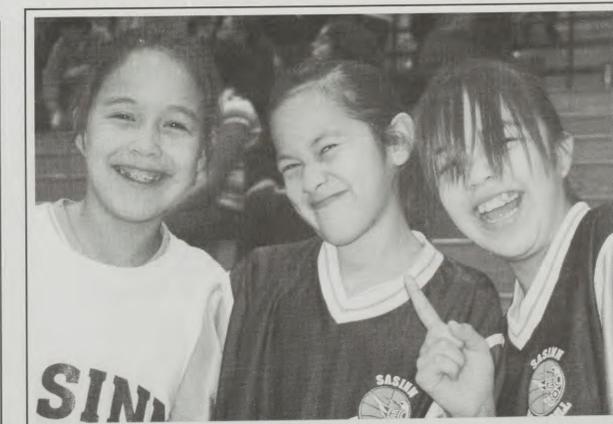
Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services

are accepting applications for urgently needed resource homes for the Nuu-chah-nulth Territory.

Specifically, Usma is seeking resources for Teenagers with varying needs and sibling groups. Usma is also looking to develop homes for infants.

Applicants would be required to complete additional training. Payment will be equivalent to MCFD Foster Care Rates or will be negotiable.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Terry McDonald or Amber Severinson at 1-877-722-3232 or 724-3232.



Girl Power! Janey Williams, Jay-Lynn Lucas and Corey Williams of team Sasini were showing there is strength in numbers (Number One) at the Junior provincial basketball All Native tournament held in Kamloops.

Students to make their case against discrimination

Victoria—British Columbia is embarking on a new initiative to encourage Grade 4 to 7 students to take personal responsibility for preventing racism, while celebrating the province's cultural diversity through music and art, attorney general and Minister responsible for Multiculturalism Wally Oppal and Education Minister and Deputy Premier Shirley Bond announced March 14.

Make A Case Against Racism marks the International Day for the Elimination of Racism March 21. It encourages young people to take action, within their schools and lives, to help prevent racism by being aware of and responding respectfully to people from other cultures.

"Building and maintaining intercultural harmony is a responsibility shared by all British Columbians," said Oppal. "We are asking teachers and students to recognize the importance of fair and respectful treatment for all by joining in this new initiative to design and produce a CD against racism."

Make A Case Against Racism is a joint initiative of the ministries of Attorney General, Education and Public Safety and Solicitor General. It is designed to complement provincial school curriculum.

"Our schools are an important source of interaction for young people and adults of diverse backgrounds and cultures," said Bond. "By helping children and youth find effective tools and strategies to address racism, we can create welcoming and inclusive communities where everyone can feel safe and achieve their best."

Schools throughout B.C. with grade four to seven students, including independent and First Nations schools, are receiving innovative Make A Case Against Racism poster-brochures and Youth Against Violence wallet cards. The materials will support classroom discussions and learning activities that can be downloaded at:

www.WelcomeBC.ca. The centrepiece of the program is a music and art contest, which culminates in the production of a CD that will be distributed free to the first 1,000 artwork contest entrants. Through an arrangement with Music BC Industry Association, the CD will feature music by B.C. musicians, selected by students through online voting (to vote, go to: www.musicbc.org/mar). The CD's insert will display the winning anti-racism

artwork, chosen by a jury of young people. The contest closes April 30.

"Make A Case Against Racism will not only illustrate the creativity of our youth, but will help to bring awareness to the problem of racism," said Bob D'Eith, executive director of the Music BC Industry Association. "Students will be exposed to music they might not normally come in contact with, which, in turn, will help them gain an appreciation for the multicultural nature of our Canadian society."

Make A Case Against Racism is supported under WelcomeBC, a provincial initiative announced by Premier Gordon Campbell June 13, 2007. Funding for this initiative is provided in large part by the Government of Canada through the Agreement for Canada-British Columbia Co-operation on Immigration. WelcomeBC helps immigrants moving to B.C. access existing and expanded services under one umbrella, to assist them in better adapting to life in their new communities.

Make A Case Against Racism resources can be accessed by visiting: www.WelcomeBC.ca.

Cuts coming for college

Campbell River—Gordon Campbell's attempt to "impose cutbacks by stealth" on B.C. universities and colleges will have a serious impact on North Island College and the people it serves, according to New Democrat advanced education critic Rob Fleming and North Island MLA Claire Trevena.

"North Island College is facing a cut of \$540,000, and it has been told that the Ministry of Advanced Education will become much more involved in directing which college programs continue," Trevena said. "This is likely to have a huge impact on opportunities for people in the North Island."

"The half-million dollar cut imposed on colleges and universities will close doors to students and families in every part of the province, and flies in the face of B.C. Liberal promises to improve access to advanced education," Fleming said.

The MLAs said the cuts come with a warning that the ministry will become more involved in running individual college courses.

Birthdays & congratulations

Happy birthday to our grand baby "Baby Jay" on April 6th; she'll be turning eight years old. I've being privileged to watch you blow out your candles every year, from Ahousaht to Ehattsaht, down in California. Baby Jay, to see the excitement in your eyes when you wake up on the day of your birthdays, how the last few birthdays, you've wanted to be part of the planning. Baby Jay this is your day. Your bubble bath will be waiting for you when you get up. The last eight years have gone by so fast. Next thing you know we'll be planning your sweet 16th birthday. I love you all the way to the moon and back, my granddaughter. Happy birthday grandbaby. Love always and forever "Grandma K" and Grandpa Freddy



birthday extra special. I've noticed he's that kind of young man. Three holidays, how you two celebrated: Christmas,

New Years, Valentines day, now Easter and your birthday. Birdie if you're uncertain about something today and find yourself slipping into negative thinking make a point to zero in on the positive. If you can't see thru the fog, if your future is fuzzy, this is the time to practice being optimistic. Remember girl "our Secret." Count everything you can be thankful for today, remind yourself of your "blessings." How they brighten, enrich and sweeten your life. All around you are little blessings, Point them out yourself and watch them multiply. The more you give thanks, the more reasons you'll find to be thankful for. I thank the Lord every day for you. I love you "Birdie" Magdalene Rose-Marie. Love always and forever Mom and your old pops Freddy.



Claire Trevena

"Instead of North Island College reflecting the communities it serves, it's supposed to be taking orders from Victoria," Trevena said. "The

Campbell government is trying to convince people that these cuts move resources from universities to needed programs in colleges, but the truth of the matter is that these cuts will strike hard at institutions like North Island College," Fleming said.

A letter from North Island College President Lou Dryden to staff notes that the cuts are being imposed despite the college's work over five years to align with the ministry plan.



Happy 19th birthday to my baby Trevor Anthony Jack on April 12th! My son, what can I say that I haven't said a million times to you? You already know

that you're the handsomest, smartest, funniest, and sweetest son ever. And you already know that I couldn't have asked for a more perfect son! I'm super proud of you! Hm m m m m you're 19 now, legal. I think it's time you moved out on your own. There, I'm kicking you out of the nest. It's time to spread your wings and fly my son. But you can always count on me and I'll be here for ever and ever. You'll always be my baby! Have a great 19th birthday, have fun but behave and be safe. (Hey girls, he's single, has a full-time job, very generous, waiting for the right girl, see above for more info! Ha ha I'm bad) Love your one and only mother, Anita Baker.

Helpful tip from the Infant Development Program

Word of information to new parents, moms and dads! Please register for your child or children's birth certificate(s) and child tax benefits. Once you have the large birth certificate you can register for status and band membership so you can get their medical as well. Just a friendly reminder from all of us at NTC Infant Development Program.

Jackie Corfield, Northern Region Office IDP

New Tobacco Laws Take Effect March 31, 2008

As of March 31, 2008, improvements to B.C.'s tobacco control laws will reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and place important limits on how tobacco is sold and promoted in B.C. This protects the health of all British Columbians and their communities.

Smoke-free changes mean:

- All indoor public places and work places in B.C. will be smoke-free. Bars, restaurants, pubs, clubs and casinos will no longer allow indoor smoking or have designated smoking rooms.
- Common areas in apartment buildings, such as hallways and laundry rooms, must be smoke-free. Smoking is also banned in the common area of hotels. While smoking is permitted inside the private accommodation rooms, hotel proprietors are free to designate rooms as non-smoking.
- There will be a 3 metre smoke-free zone around most public and workplace doorways, opening windows and air intakes, and smoking is permitted on un-enclosed hospitality patios. (Proprietors and local governments can set more restrictive requirements.)
- All transit shelters must be smoke-free.

Tobacco sales, display and promotion changes mean:

- Tobacco retailers cannot display or promote tobacco products if minors are allowed in their store.
- Retailers cannot display or promote tobacco in such a way that anyone can see it easily from outside their store.
- New limits apply to retail signs that describe the tobacco products for sale.
- Tobacco products will not be sold in hospitals, public post-secondary institutions, provincial government buildings and local government recreational facilities.

Provincial tobacco laws will continue to be enforced by local health authorities.

For more information of the Tobacco Control Act and Regulations or for the telephone number of your health authority, please visit: www.health.gov.bc.ca/tobacco



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Jack F. Little

About 85 students took part in the Nootka Jamboree on Feb. 29 and March 1 at the Gold River Secondary School.

Northern communities have fun at jamboree

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Gold River—At the Gold River Secondary School, students from the communities of Tahsis, Zeballos, Tsaxana and Ka: 'yu: 'k't'h'/'Che:k'thles7et'h' played basketball in the fourth annual Nootka Jamboree held on Feb. 29 and March 1. There were 13 teams with about 85 participants.

Along with the basketball jamboree, there were also a concert and a dance for all of the participants. With the excitement in the air and many anxious students waiting to play, jamboree organizer and teacher of the GRSS First Nations Programs, John Levering, gathered all of the students together.

"Welcome to each of you to our fourth annual jamboree. I am excited to see you all here. All the participants have been divided into teams and have been placed according to their skill levels to ensure that everyone participates and has fun," said Levering.

Each game that would be played was going to be recorded on a plus and minus system with each team playing a minimum of four games.

The participants were divided into junior and senior teams with the juniors being in Grades 7 to 9 and the seniors being in Grades 10 to 12.

There were also two divisions, one for

boys and the other for girls. Just prior to the tournament jamboree, each of the students received a T-shirt, with their team color. The first game started at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoon with two games played at once.

"I really love this jamboree for the kids as it gives everyone an opportunity to participate. Sometimes this may be the only time you might see a smile on the kids face," said Levering. Levering has been the key organizer for this jamboree and said that for a few of the players this is their fourth jamboree and also the last one for those students graduating this year.

The results of the finals in each division were made available. In the junior girls division team # 10 defeated # 9 by a score of 39-18. Winning team members were Kyla Fred, Jasmine Amos, Kayla Klawitter, Val Jules, Dawn-Jo Smith and Chandelle Rasmussen. In the junior boys final team # 5 won against # 6 by a score of 52-36. The players on team # 5 were Davidson Maquinna, Ryan Sabbas, Brandon John and Seth Teichroeb.

In the senior girls division team # 12 was the winning team as they defeated # 11 by a score of 34-18. The winning team members were Beatrice Jack, Claudine Smith, Michelle Edgar, Nikida Donaldson and Paige Matthews. In the senior boys division final team # 2 defeated # 3 by a score of 44-25.

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Family comes together for historic exhibition

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Between March 1 and April 2, the the Sutherland (Haiyupis), Jumbo and Sam families of Ahousaht will be involved in an historic art exhibition and show at the Rollin Art Centre in Port Alberni.

The centre is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and is located at 3061 8th Avenue, close to the Eighth Avenue Middle School.

Family members who are participating in the first ever family art show and exhibit are Morris Sutherland Haiyupis Sr. and his wife Jan Green, Elder Lena Jumbo, Alice Sam and Hiishmiik (Morris Sutherland Jr.)

Green was approached by the coordinator of the centre, Sharron Bartlett, to put the show together. She was told that the centre had never done a family exhibit.

An application was processed by Green and was reviewed by a committee of five people, which included a board member from the centre, two other artists who do not have a vested interest in applying themselves for an exhibit, and Bartlett and the administrator of centre, Gareth Flostrand.

The decision of the committee was to proceed

"Niw'aas saqumtl!"—Our Family is the name we came up with for the art show and exhibit," said Green. She has been married Haiyupis since 1991. She was originally born in Petrolia, Ont. From a very young age, Green has enjoyed making gifts for her family and friends. Green enjoys working with beads.

Another passion is weaving, especially with cedar bark and has worked with it for 16 years.

She has been taught by Lena Jumbo, Carrie Mickey, June and Doris Parker. "I would especially like to thank my family, who have willingly supported,



The work of Jan Green, Morris Sutherland Sr., Morris Sutherland Jr., Lena Jumbo and Alice Sam at the Rollin Art Centre until April 2.

encouraged and taught me the wonderful art of weaving," said Green.

Haiyupis is originally from Ahousaht and is a man who holds and practices many teachings, and has strong ties to his Nu-chah-nulth culture.

Haiyupis completed a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology in 1983 with a sub-discipline in Archaeology. He also loves to tie in both his education and the Nu-chah-nulth culture together in working towards cultural and environmental conservation.

The art his does, the drum, paddle, lahah set, and arrow-head/harpoon necklace, are meant for actual use, he said.

"I love to carve and work with wood, bone, shell and other natural materials," Haiyupis said.

Hiishmiik is also from Ahousaht. A basic translation of Hiishmiik is "someone who gets whatever they are after." He began carving in 1995 and worked alongside other artists, including Joe Wilson, Mark Mickey and Carey Newman.

Nellie Jacobson, also from Ahousaht.

In the late 1960s, Jumbo started weaving her beautiful Maquinna hats. Many of her hats were purchased by the Victoria Museum.

Jumbo has 23 receipts that she saved over a 10-year period for purchases by the Victoria Museum. She also has had numerous sales of the Maquinna hat to private collectors.

Weaving keeps her very busy as she usually has orders to be filled. Jumbo can be seen at her home in Ahousaht weaving on many occasions. Her famous hats can be seen throughout the world, and grace many private and public collections.

Alice Sam was born and raised in Tofino, but is originally from Ahousaht. She was taught by her grandmothers Alice Sam and Nellie George the craft of weaving, especially with cedar bark. Sam was also taught by the late Carrie Mickey and Caroline Little. Sam also learned from weavers Nellie Dawson, Jan Green and Lavern Frank.

Other items Sam makes are baskets, mats, hats, hair pieces, jewelry and traditional regalia. She believes strongly that it is now a part of her role to pass on the knowledge she has gained to future generations and those artists who may be interested to learn.

At the Rollin Art Centre you will find the many works of these artists. Items include traditional regalia, jewelry, paddles, prints, post cards, and a bent box. The family has put a lot of work into their display and would like to invite you to drop by.

Hiishmiik also apprenticed under the tutelage of the late Art Thompson.

Hiishmiik does jewelry making, totem pole carvings, bentwood boxes, prints and sculpture and articulating masks. He is very thankful for the teachings from the late Thompson for teaching him cultural significances and staying within the traditional values of his culture.

Like his father Haiyupis, Hiishmiik appreciates the spirituality, educational and cultural values of the Nu-chah-nulth, and continues to strive to find ways to set himself apart from other artists.

Lena Jumbo from Ahousaht is well-known for her weaving abilities. Jumbo's trademark is the "Maquinna hat" and she learned the art of weaving at the Ahousaht Residential School from late

Spring storm dampens Pacific Rim Whale Festival

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino/Ucluelet—Dozens of events were planned for visitors to the 22nd Annual Pacific Rim Whale Festival, but turnout was low as stormy weather drove festival-goers indoors where they could learn about whales while staying warm and dry.

The festival ran from March 15 to 23 in conjunction with the school district Spring Break. It kicked off on Saturday with guest speaker Ron Hamilton of Hupacasath, who spoke about the whaling tradition of the Nu-chah-nulth people.

Event organizer Samantha Fyleris said while attendance was low, Hamilton's presentation was very informative. Hamilton is an ethnographer and Fyleris said they hope to incorporate more First Nations history into future whale festivals. After all, she said, the Nu-chah-nulth were the first whalers on coastal Vancouver Island.

World famous artist Roy Henry Vickers opened his Tofino Gallery, Eagle Aerie, to visitors and offered traditional storytelling to children.

There were events for all ages. Wickaninnish Center, located in Pacific Rim National Park, was open all week. The Pacific Rim Arts Society held their popular annual exhibit of work from local artists, including prints from the First Nations Youth Photography Club, exquisite masks by Mark Mickey of Hesquiaht and beautiful button blankets from Anne George of Ahousaht.



Gerit Touchie watches her weaving student as she finishes a round on the community cedar bark hat. Touchie explained that the hat would be created by novice weavers who will be invited to finish one round, thereby making its creation a community effort.

Guest speakers made presentations about whales and other aquatic creatures or visitors could watch presentations in the theatre.

On permanent display at the Wick Center is a canoe carved by Pacheedaht Tye Ha'wiltz Queesto, Chief Charlie Jones. Queesto was a well-known master carver and historian. He carved the Wick Center canoe in the 1970s at the age of 98. He passed away in the 1980s at the age of 114.

Visitors to the whale fest were invited to take part in a variety of events from

nature hikes to documentary film screenings. There were contests, tours and much more. Visitors could watch artists in action and, in some cases, take lessons in crafts, such as cedar bark weaving.

With wind and icy rain pounding the West Coast, March 20 was a perfect day for indoor events. In Ucluelet there was to be a rubber fish race and barbecue, but people opted for the traditional cedar weaving lesson inside the court house.

So many people signed up for the event that they were being turned away at the door. Inside, instructors as young as 11 were teaching tourists how to weave cedar roses, mats and hats.

Ucluelet First Nation elder weavers Rose Wilson and Molly Haipee were also there to share their expertise.

Linda Marshall said the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust sponsored the cedar weaving workshop. An important component of the workshop included the weaving of a red cedar bark hat.

Visitors to the workshop were invited to weave a round on the traditional cedar hat, making it a community hat. When completed the community hat will likely go on public display.

Meanwhile, in Tofino, kids were invited to the Tofino Maritime Kids Day at the Community Center. Dozens of booths were set up allowing the young people to take part in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts projects, playing musical instruments, and learning about whales through interactive activities.

Samantha Fyleris called this year's Whale Festival a success, saying it was comparable to previous years.

And she promised the 25th annual festival "will be huge."

Another, modern-day indicator of the whale fest success is that organizers had to pay for more band-width for the Whale Festival Website after it went down with so many visitors checking the site.

Fyleris credits all the businesses in Tofino and Ucluelet as well as the volunteers for making the festival the success that it is. Wickaninnish Resort is a sponsor, raising \$15,000, a major portion of the festival budget.

The Pacific Rim Whale Festival, says Fyleris, is a true community event. "It is not only for the whales but it is also a celebration of coastal life and it helps to bring us out of that winter jam," she said

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Glen George Community worker

Dealing with the matters of treaty implementation

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Houpsitas—Glen George moved back home in July 2007 to work in the area of communications for the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations.

One of his main goals is to communicate discuss the treaty the community ratified in October. Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' is one of the five Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations that negotiated the Maa-nulth Final Agreement with the provincial and federal governments.

Recently, George was also given the task of land use planning to go along with his job in communications. These are a couple of key areas for the implementation of the Maa-nulth agreement. George is excited to be working for his community. His parents are John George, who is originally from Che:k'tles7et'h', and his mother is Cecelia Nicolaye from Ka:'yu:'k't'h'. His siblings include three sisters, Linda, Rita and Rhonda, and two brothers Perry and Terry.

George was born and raised at Aktis. His sister Linda was also born there. Both he and his siblings have fond memories living at Aktis. They moved away when George was 10 years old. When he was in his teenage years, George went to Christie Residential School. George completed his schooling in Campbell River.



Glen George

George had completed a program at Discovery College in Campbell River and earned a certificate that qualifies him as an administrative assistant. He felt though that this may not be enough of an advantage in the job market, so he pursued a diploma in the area of Business Management at Sprott Shaw, also in Campbell River.

With a certificate in administration and also a diploma in management, George felt confident in his abilities.

The opportunity to work for his community came up last summer.

On Feb. 23 and 24, George was a part of the planning team that hosted a very successful annual general meeting (AGM) at Houpsitas (Kyuquot). Other planning committee members were Sarah Dennis, Natalie Jack, Carol Smith and Jennifer Hanson.

"I was very happy with the results of

our first AGM held at home. To the chief and council, staff, planning committee members and especially our implementation team for the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' treaty, I would like to say kleco, kleco," said George.

George and the other planning committee members were pleased with the turnout at the AGM, and it was evident that the little community hall was not big enough to accommodate those in attendance.

"We had about 65-plus living away from home community members come home for our first AGM, and our community hall was too small," said George. It is a goal of their community to get a multi-use community hall with a gymnasium.

"One of our main issues is the need for a larger facility which can be used for both cultural, leisure and recreational use by our community members," said

George.

There are many other issues facing the isolated community of Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' at their main village of Houpsitas. With the community's acceptance of the treaty for their community, a major role for George and the implementation committee is ongoing communications with all of the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' membership.

George will also be working very closely with Pam Shaw of Island Planning Solutions in the important area of Land Use Planning for the membership. George and Shaw have an important deadline of this fiscal year end, March 31, to have a draft land use plan completed.

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When someone close to you has died, it is sometimes difficult for friends or family to fully understand that grief takes time, and that it can be extremely helpful to participate in a group with others who are also dealing with loss.

Grief can be an incredible roller coaster of emotions. In a bereavement group all feelings are validated, respected, acknowledged and accepted. The group becomes a safe nurturing place to explore all feelings in a supportive and caring environment. The group is also a way for people to honor the life of their lost loved one and to look at their personal connection with the person who has died.

Participants share when they are ready and always having the option to pass and just listen. Sharing these feelings with others helps to "normalize" your experience. Participants often say, "Yes, I've felt

that way too." Such confirmation and support can be deeply healing.

Over the seven weeks, as the sessions proceed, the group becomes very safe and cohesive. Participants find that even though they may come from different backgrounds they have experiences and feelings in common.

All group members are asked to commit themselves to regular attendance and observance of some simple guidelines regarding confidentiality and mutual respect.

You will become aware: that in the midst of your unique pain you are in a normal process; that you can connect with and be supported by others as you support them; that you will come to a place of new life, comfort and hope

The next Hospice grief support group, "Shelter in a Storm," starts April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hospice Centre, 240 Neill Street in Tofino.

The group runs for seven weekly meetings through May 20. Location of meetings may alternate depending on group participants.

There is no cost and snacks will be available during breaks. Feel free to call 725-1240 for more information, or to put your name on the confidential list for the group starting April 8.

Submissions for the next
Ha-Shilth-Sa
are due by April 4.

Birthdays & congratulations



Happy 41st anniversary to my parents Donna and Wally on March 27. Hope your day is great. We love you and miss you everyday. Love Robyn Penny and family.

I would like to send out special birthday wishes to a special young lady, Margaret Rose. I hope all your dreams come true. Wishing you nothing but happiness for you and your family. I love you, and happy birthday sweetheart. Auntie Carol.

I would like to congratulate my niece Arlene Frank and Derek Thomas with the birth of your precious son Derek Thomas Jr. You have given me another precious grandson to bring more happiness into my life, to love and spoil. I Love you both Auntie Carol.

Happy 5th birthday Janaya Smith on March 22. Lots of love Grandpa Mike, Colleen and family.

Happy birthday Lonnie Nookemis on March 14. Love cousin Colleen, Mike and family.

Happy birthday Michelle Dick (lil Oakers) on March 23. Love from cousin Mike, Colleen and family.

Happy birthday Sandra Lambert on March 25. Lots of love from your bro Mike, Colleen and family.

Happy birthday Patrick Nookemus on March 25. Love from your cousin Colleen, Mike and family.

Happy birthday to my grandson Joseph Jack (aka JoJo) on April 8. May



We would like to wish our granddaughter and niece a happy 1st birthday on May 22, Miss Brooke Jade George. Love, XOXO, your grandma and grandpa (Rita & Dave), Uncle Jesse George and Auntie Alenasue George.

you be blessed with all good things grandson! Love you lots! Love your grandma Margaret Jack.

Happy birthday to my grandson Trevor Jack on April 12. I hope you get everything you wish for. Be good sonny. Love your grandma Margaret.

I would like to wish my daughter April Johnson a happy birthday on April 18. I hope you have a great day and lots of fun. May you win the jackpot at bingo. Love you lots daughter. Love your mom, Margaret.

Happy birthday to my granddaughter Felicia Harry on April 30. I hope you get to have lots of fun and get spoiled! Love you lots. Love your grandma Margaret.

Happy birthday to my handsome nephew JoJo Jack on April 8. I hope you have fun neph! Treat yourself good. Love you lots. Love your aunt Anita

Happy birthday to my older sister April Johnson (aka Mullits) on April 18. I hope you get spoiled and have fun. Take care, miss you. Love your sister Anita.

Happy birthday to my cousin Kathy Jules! Hey cuz, how are you doing? Love you. Love, Anita

Happy birthday to my beautiful, funny, sexy niece Felicia Harry on April 30. I love you very much and will be thinking good thoughts of you on this day. Not that I think bad thoughts of you. Ha ha. Love your favorite aunt, Anita.



I would like to wish my Smithers baby Cinnamon Rose a happy 5th birthday for March 26. Love you baby Cinnamon Rose. Love you Mom Gerrelyn. I would like to wish our baby sister Cinnamon Rose a happy 5th birthday and many more. Love Zach, Sky, Evangeline and Gerrelyn Jr.



Welcoming our new grandson, Michael William Allan Crosina. March 25th 2008 weighing 7lbs, 2 oz. To proud parents Terry Crosina, and Lyse Frank. Congratulations to you! Michael we waited a mighty long time for you son. That day will always be on our minds. Love you so much! Papa Elmer & Mama Melanie



Hannah Joenell Frank March 13: When our baby girl was brought into this world it was definitely an adventure to remember. You are an awesome baby, who brings sunshine and happiness to all you touch. You are definitely daddy's little girl now and forever. Happy 1st birthday our little princess. Jared A. Lucas March 16: Happy Birthday to our little big guy. You make an awesome number one Canuck fan! Turning 8 is a big step son. We love you so much son. Miss you everyday and think of you often! Love mom and dad [BJ] and Iris Frank.



Ahousaht Suns win Hawks men's tourney

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—The Ahousaht Suns men's basketball team won the fourth annual Port Alberni Hawks tournament at Maht Mahs on March 7 to 9. They faced the Hawks in the final game and defeated them by a score of 95-76.

There were only six teams participating as two teams dropped out at the last minute. Other teams that played were the Senior Hawks, Junior Hawks, Hot Springs Wolves, Ukee Guardians and Gold River.

This was also the first memorial basketball tournament for the late Harvey Thomas and Kylee Rose Chippeway Thomas.

In the final, the Suns got off to a good start. In the first quarter they led by a score of 27-20. Luke Robinson and Hunter Sam paced the way for the Suns as they each scored nine points. This was the Hawks second game, and it was also back to back games for them

At the half, the Suns pulled away and led 50-34. However in the third quarter the Hawks made a little mini-run and only trailed by nine after the third quarter. The Suns still led by a score of 70-61.

Fatigue however set in by the fourth. The Hawks only mustered up 15 points in the final quarter and the Suns scored 25.

Hunter Sam led the Suns with 29 points and Luke Robinson scored 21. Young Beau Campbell also scored 12 points.

Bobby Rupert and John McIntyre each scored 17 points for the Hawks. Randy Northrope chipped in with 13 points.

In an exciting game between the Hawks and the Hot Springs Wolves, the Hawks won a close game by a score of 76-70. In the first quarter, the Hawks led by an score of 25-13. By the end of the first half, the Hawks led by 10 points, 42-32. Bobby Rupert had a good first half and had 17 points. But by the end of the third quarter the Hawks led only 59-54.

In the fourth quarter the Wolves took the lead as they went on a mini-run. After trailing 63-58, the Wolves took the lead 67-63. The Hawks battled back and scored six unanswered points and led 69-67.

In the last couple minutes of the game the Wolves only managed three more

Basketball involvement was the right medicine

Just wanted to say a big thank you to the Ucluelet First Nation, chief and council, Gloria Valentine, Aaron and Julie Otis, and Bernice Touchie for your support in my coaching the Junior Guardians and Warriors Basketball teams.

It was a tough year for the boys and me, but we got through it together. Trying to fill Evan's shoes in the

points and the Hawks prevailed with a 76-70 win to advance to the final game against Ahousaht Suns.

John McIntyre led the way for the Hawks with 34 points and Bobby Rupert scored 21. Matt Lucas scored 18 points and Kevin Charleson scored 16. The Wolves placed third place.

Ahousaht won their game over the Wolves 104-67 with Hunter Sam leading the way with 38 points, Waylon Swan scored 26 for the Suns. Shawn Frank scored 17 and Kevin Charleson scored 15 for the Wolves.

The Suns faced the Hawks with the winner to the final and the Suns prevailed with a convincing 91-62 win over the Hawks. Hunter Sam again led the way with 28 points followed by Luke Robinson with 21 and Beau Campbell with 12. John McIntyre scored 26 for the Hawks.

In a close game between the Junior Hawks and the Ukee Guardians, the Jr. Hawks won the game by a score of 70-64. Joe David led the way for the Junior Hawks with 17 points, Zack Barney scored 16 and Sampson Barney scored 15 points. Ryan Touchie replied with 17 points, Shane Seiber with 15 and Tim Williams scored 14 for the Guardians.

At the trophy presentations, the first place winners were the Suns from Ahousaht, second place was the Port Alberni Senior Hawks and third place was the Hot Springs Wolves. The team from Gold River was chosen the Most Sportsmanlike Team.

First All-Star trophies were presented to Hunter Sam and Edgar Carlson from the Ahousaht Suns, Bobby Rupert and John McIntyre from the Senior Hawks and Kevin Charleson and John McIntyre from the Wolves. Second All-Star trophies were presented to Sampson and Zack Barney from the Junior Hawks, Beau Campbell and Waylon Swan from the Suns, Shane Frank from the Wolves and Jordan Touchie from the Senior Hawks.

The Most Valuable Player went to Luke Robinson from the Suns and Beau Campbell, also of the Suns, won the Most Inspirational Player. The Best Defensive Player went to John McIntyre from the Hawks.

Bobby Rupert, one of the organizers, thanked all the sponsors of the trophies, especially Chuck Doiron for the second all-star carvings. He also thanked the teams, volunteers and the fans for supporting their tournament.

basketball world was very intimidating and overwhelming to say the least, but I know he would be and must be proud of us all for continuing on as best as we could.

Thank you for your support because I wouldn't have made it through the year without it. It was my medicine and am truly grateful.

Melody Charlie

Defending champions Sasinn run out of steam

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—The defending junior girls basketball team, the Hitattsoo Sasinn, gave it their all but came up short at the Junior Girls Provincial All Native Championships. They dropped a two-point loss to the eventual champions from Bella Coola.

The two-time defending champions had to settle for a third-place finish. Sasinn played seven games, with three on Thursday and two on Friday. Bella Coola would defeat Kitamaat in the final.

In an exciting game, Sasinn lost to Bella Coola by a score of 71-69. Bella Coola is a young squad that really thrives in their running game, and capitalizes with their quickness by creating turn-overs. The teams played an even first quarter and Bella Coola led at the half by a score of 31-26.

Bella Coola seemed to neutralize Skylene Touchie with a very good team defence and would not let the Hitattsoo player get into her game. Touchie is a two-time MVP of the junior tournament. The lead, however, for Bella Coola was only four after three quarters, 49-45.

Each team played some of their best ball in the last quarter. The defending champions, Sasinn, could not seem to break the poised young team from Bella Coola.

Bella Coola held on to their slim lead during the fourth quarter. Sasinn on a couple of occasions came within both a one point, but could not over.

In the last two minutes Bella Coola had opportunities to grow their lead at the free throw line, however could not capitalize. In the last 90 seconds they could only hit on one of their free throws, including a technical foul to a Sasinn player.

With 44 seconds left, Shayleane Little was fouled and would go to the line for an opportunity for Sasinn to tie or take the lead. She missed both attempts though. A Bella Coola player was fouled in the last 30 seconds and just made one free throw. Bella Coola had a two-point lead.

In the last few seconds, Raylene McCreath had an opportunity to tie the game on a running lay-up under pressure, however she missed. The game ended with the Bella Coola squad hanging on to a nail-biter to win the game.

Sasinn defeated the Nootka Rebels in their first game, lost to the Kitamaat team in their second game and would now have to come through the back door on the consolation side. Scores were not available for these games.

They started their climb from the back door with a win over Bella Bella, 78-46. Skylene Touchie and Josephine Mack led the way with 17 points each and Raylene McCreath had 15.

Sasinn then defeated New Aiyansh in a close game, 71-64. Mack led the way with 22 points, Shayleane Little had 17 and Touchie had 16.

Sasinn then had wins over the Port Alberni Jets 80-39 and a win over the Similkameen squad from the Okanagan. Sasinn would then run out of steam in their loss to Bella Coola.

Other Nuu-chah-nulth (NCN) teams



Photos by Jack F. Little

Sasinn player Reylene McCreath was named an All-Star of the junior girls provincial All Native Basketball Tournament held in Kamloops March 16 to 21.



Skylene Touchie also got an All-Star nod from organizer Vinnette Manuel.

participating were the Port Alberni Jets, Ahousaht Blazerz, NCN Lady Warriors, Tla-o-qui-aht Queens, West Coast Wolves and Nootka Rebels. The Jets placed fifth with wins over New Aiyansh in their first game in overtime, 65-63 and a win over the Friendship House from Prince Rupert.

In the Jets versus Friendship House game, the Jets prevailed with a 58-54 win. Krystina Lambert led the Jets with 18 points, Natasha Charleson scored 12 and Melissa Smith scored nine points. The Jets however could not defeat the Kitamaat and Sasinn teams and ended up placing fifth place.

Ahousaht Blazerz lost their first game to the eventual champions, the Bella Coola squad. They then defeated the West Coast Wolves, Chilliwack, and Kamloops teams. They then faced a young, hungry and inspired team from Similkameen and were knocked out of the tournament. Ahousaht would finish in the top eight teams of the Junior Girls division. There were 24 teams participating.

The Nootka Rebels defeated the TFN Queens before bowing out of the tournament to New Aiyansh. All other NCN teams lost two straight.

Bella Coola was first place, Kitamaat was second place and Sasinn placed third. The local Similkameen was fourth, Port Alberni Jets were fifth and Kispiox earned sixth place.

In the All-Star presentations, Krystina Lambert from the Port Alberni Jets was rewarded for her hard play. Skylene Touchie and Raylene McCreath from Sasinn also received All-Star trophies. Touchie was a double award winner as she was voted the Most Sportsmanlike Player award.

New superintendent

The Vancouver Island West School District 84 Board of Education has announced the appointment of Lawrence Tarasoff as superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer for Vancouver Island West School District 84.

Tarasoff comes from School District

48 (Howe Sound) and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge that, coupled with his enthusiasm and dedication to student learning, will greatly benefit the education system in School District 84.

He will assume his new duties this summer.

NOTICE OF CHANGE

The Board of Education Public Meetings for April are as follows:

April 8 – Ucluelet Elementary School at 6:30 pm
April 22 – School Board Office at 7:00 pm

School District 70 (Alberni)

Budget Input Meetings

As part of the development for the 2008/2009 Operating Budget, the Board of Education is requesting input from the public and stakeholder groups.

Budget input will be welcomed as part of the regular Board Meeting to be held at Ucluelet Elementary School on April 8th starting at 6:30 p.m. and at the Board Office at 4690 Roger Street during the regular meeting on April 22nd at 7:00 pm.

The Board is also interested in your organization's relative ranking of current existing programs and services. All submissions and presentations are considered public documents.

Those wishing to make a presentation are requested to register with Barb Witte 720.2770 or bwitte@sd70.bc.ca no later than the Friday prior to the meeting. The Board prefers to have written summaries available at the time of registration or no later than the day of presentation.

If you have any questions please contact Diane Matchett (720.2757 or dmatchett@sd70.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Timber Supply Review, Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area (TSA) Public and First Nations Review

You are invited to review and comment on the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Analysis as part of the Ministry of Forests and Range Timber Supply Review (TSR) Program.

This program will provide the BC Chief Forester with the necessary information to determine the annual allowable cut (AAC) – the allowable rate of timber that can be harvested from the Arrowsmith TSA – for the next five years.

Before determining a new AAC, the Chief Forester will consider information ranging from technical forestry reports to public input and the government's social and economic objectives as expressed by the Minister of Forests and Range.

The forest license holders and BC Timber Sales in the Arrowsmith TSA are inviting comments on the analysis report. The public and First Nations are invited to review the analysis report and other data now available on the web (see address below) and provide feedback as directed on the website.

To review the Arrowsmith TSA report and provide feedback, see the website www.timberline.ca/arrowsmith/index.html. For more information on the TSR program visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsr.htm.

Written comments will be accepted until April 11th, 2008. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact David Carson at Timberline Natural Resource Group Ltd. (david.carson@timberline.ca) or Dan Biggs, Stewardship Officer of the B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range (South Island Forest District), at dan.biggs@gov.bc.ca.

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Players' emotions run deep at tournament

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Kitamaat also got their running game going and took control of the game. Each time the Wolfpack made an attempt of a mini-run, Kitamaat always answered. Ahousaht could not get the lead to less than 10 points.

In the end the Haisla team took the Junior Boys championship. Greg Charlie scored 17 points to lead the scorers for the Wolfpack. Brett Botting chipped in with 11 points and Greg Dick scored 10 points. The Metz brothers, Darren and Daniel, did a bulk of the damage for Kitamaat, with Darren leading the way with 30 and his brother with 22 points.

The Wolfpack also lost to Kitamaat in the semi-final game by a score of 89-74, and they dropped to the consolation side. Botting and Charlie each scored 19 points each. Daniel Metz had a terrific game netting 30 points to lead the Haisla squad as he barely missed a shot.

The Wolfpack also played the North Shore Wolves. North Shore had led the game except for three brief times that Ahousaht took the lead. However, the Wolfpack prevailed down the stretch. Ahousaht had only a 28-27 and a 30-29 lead in the first half.

After trailing the rest of the game, Ahousaht pulled even with about two-and-a-half minutes left in the game. They had a 53-51 lead. North Shore did not score again in the game. The final score was Ahousaht 57-51 over the North Shore squad, who were then eliminated. Ahousaht would move on to play Kitamaat again.

Greg Charlie paced the Wolfpack with 20 points and Saul Brown and Brett Botting each scored 10 points. In earlier games Ahousaht defeated Squamish Nation (score not available) and the Skidegate Saints.

Greg Dick led the way with 27 points and Brett Botting scored 26 points. Ahousaht then defeated the Port Simpson team by a score of 82-66. Greg Charlie had 21 points and Beau Campbell scored 16.



Photos by Jack F. Little

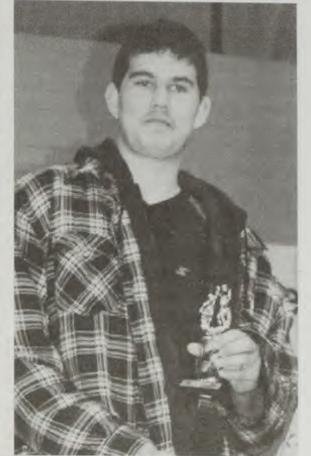
Brent Smith with the Nootka Spartans of Gold River drives to the hoop past a North Shore defender in a closely fought battle that ended in an overtime victory for Nootka in the All Native provincials held in Kamloops March 16 to 21.

In other games for the Nuu-chah-nulth teams that participated, the NCN Young Guns went out two straight in losses to the Port Simpson and the Kincolith teams from the Naas Valley.

The Nootka Spartans team won their first two games. They first defeated the Bella Bella team, however, the score was not available. In the Spartans' next game they faced the North Shore Wolves. The North Shore team had control for most of the game. However, the Spartans battled back and eventually tied the game with 4.5 seconds left.

Devon Perrault went to the free throw line and scored on each attempt to send the game into over-time with the score knotted at 71 each.

In over-time the Spartans prevailed. Chris Lucas scored on an offensive rebound to spark the Spartans to a 77-76 victory over the North Shore squad. They would next play Kitamaat, but came up short as they lost by 10 points, 64-54. Nootka would then lose to the



Brett Botting of the Ahousaht Wolfpack received a first All-Star nod and was awarded the most sportsman-like player trophy for his role in the tournament.



Greg Charlie of the Ahousaht Wolfpack was also named an All-Star, and received the most inspirational player award for the tournament.

played a good tournament and was also chosen as the Most Inspirational Player award.

His teammate Botting was also a double award winner as he was chosen the Most Sportsmanlike Player award.

Ahousaht wins bid to host tournament in 2009

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—On March 21, at the closing ceremony and trophy presentation of the provincial junior boys and girls All-Native Basketball Tournament, it was announced that Ahousaht will host the tournament in 2009. Ahousaht's bid won out over the bid from the Cowichan Tribe of Duncan.

Vinnette Manuel, the basketball tournament organizer for 2008, was in tears as the ceremony took place to close this year's competition.

"As I look out at you, the tremendous crowd, I see nothing but love; love of the children, love of the sport of basketball and love for your communities," said Manuel.

She thanked everyone for coming to the 2008 All Native. An estimated 700 people witnessed the final games.

Ahousaht representatives, coaches, managers, players and community members stood along side the Kamloops committee to officially invite the teams next year to Port Alberni.

The tournament will coincide with



Ahousaht Chief Councillor Keith Atleo and Wally Samuel Sr. invite players and fans to Port Alberni for next year's All-Native Junior provincial tournament.

Spring Break.

After the brief closing comments of the committee members and local representative from Kamloops, Ahousaht was asked to speak.

Wally Samuel Sr. invited the teams

and their fans to come to the home of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations in 2009.

Ahousaht Chief Councillor Keith Atleo then spoke. Atleo acknowledged all of the hard work of the referees, the

Thompson River University and the School District for allowing the teams to participate and use their facilities.

"Train hard is the message I would like to leave the youth, and we hope to see you in Port Alberni next year," Atleo said.

Ahousaht, in anticipation of their successful bid, has tentatively booked the facilities for 2009. They know it will take a tremendous amount of work, but they already have many community members willingly stepping forward to help.

They would like to thank the community of Port Alberni for their support, and especially the First Nation communities of Tseshaht and Hupacasath.

Coach Rick Lindholm of the Junior Boys Ahousaht Wolfpack is very happy that they received the bid to host the prestigious tournament and looks forward to the challenge.

"The youth of today are the future leaders of all of our communities," said Lindholm.

He also said that the Nuu-chah-nulth, especially the community of Ahousaht, where he has lived for many years, are well-known to be gracious hosts.

Proud of the children and their efforts with babies

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"I don't have one," I told him. He said "We're going to give baby our moms' middle names. We still haven't decided on the first name. We want a catchy name." One of my sisters asked "what's your new grandchild's name?" I told her "Something, something, something Karen." She laughed. "You just remembered Karen?" So I had to explain.

I want to thank Becca and Eric for honoring me to watch Cassidy for awhile. I am so excited for when Fred goes down to pick Cassidy up.

James gave up his dresser for his niece's clothes. We got a truck load of wood. The whole family went out to pack the wood up beside the house, and the last few blocks my son James said "Well, Baby Cassidy will be warm"

To watch you son with your baby girl, I'm so proud of how you get up and change her diapers. I've always known you would be a good dad; how you were with your nieces growing up and all the little ones that have come in and out of our home.

And once again, thank you to my children Magdalene (Birdie), Margarita (Margo) Eric and Kara-Anna for sharing your children with us.

And also thank you for teaching me wrong from right, encouraging me to keep my dreams in sight, for showing me not to let obstacles keep me down, creating a smile from a frown. For saying you care about me, for showing just how special love should be. For wiping my tears away when I'm feeling sad and for calming me down when I tend to get mad. For helping others with the good you do. For hugging me when I am feeling blue and whispering in my ear "I love you."

Thank you, my children for all that you do. I don't know where I would be if it weren't for all of you! When we

were in Esperanza, there were a lot of good verses from the bible. I enjoyed this one for my children:

Proverbs 3:5-6—Trust in the lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the lord in everything you do and he will show you the way.

And this one I always think of my husband Freddy. Eccles 4:9-10—Two are better than one because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up but if someone is alone and falls it's just too bad because there is no one to help him.

Thank you Freddy for always being there for our children. A lot of the teachings you've shared with our children, you've been taught from your grandparents and your mom Mabel Adams, which is being passed down to our grand children. I've found out through the bible a lot of the teachings is what you knew already from your grandparents.

Now as a grandmother I can now say to younger parents "When you have your own grandchildren, you'll see it's a different feeling."

Thank you to Lil Webster, Martha Taylor, and Pam Watts for being there everyday of our grandchildren's lives. Love and honor your children, for you are blessed. I remember one elder from home saying "I'm blessed many times over and over." He had many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. That was Archie Frank Sr.

I remember that my Nan Susan had my sister Pearl write all her grandchildren, and great grandchildren's names in a book. Nan would lovingly look at the book and say "I am rich in blessings."

Love always and forever
Mom Karen Adams (Seitcher)
Way up here in Ehattesaht.

P.S. No, it's not that far. It's just a hop, skip and a jump.

Many hands work together for tournament

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The winning team members were Thomas Johnson, Tyler Gillette, Kadin Snook, Kenny John, Phil John, and Todd Amos.

For the fifth annual Nootka Jamboree, Levering said the hoped to have it scheduled for after the Spring

Break so they don't conflict with hockey and other basketball tournaments. Also, Ahousaht would like to participate.

Levering would like to acknowledge all of those that volunteered in refereeing, scorekeeping, cooking, cleaning up and chaperoning.

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ATTENTION UFN MEMBERS

The Ucluelet First Nation Chief and Council wish to extend a special invitation to you for an upcoming General Meeting in Port Alberni!

Join us for dinner, updates, and door prizes!

WHEN: Monday, March 31st
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: To be announced

Please contact Lynn @ the Port Alberni Satellite Office for more information and to confirm the location of the meeting.

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ATTENTION UFN MEMBERS

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Please accept this as our request to receive updated contact information for all members that are ages 16 and up.

Why do we want to know where you are?

First...to keep you up-to-date on current & exciting events, UFN Treaty Implementation News and Progress; and,

Second...to ensure that you have a chance to submit nominees and vote for the 2008 election; and,

Lastly...as a member you have the right to be informed!

For our peace of mind please contact any of the following at their respective locations by email, fax, mail, or in person.

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

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Community & Beyond

"Welcoming Home" Gathering for Former Residential School Students and their families
March 27 and March 28
Tin Wis Resort

All Nations Invited. *Snacks*Breakfast*Lunch*Door Prizes* Traditional Healing, Cultural Activities and Support. This event is coordinated and funded through the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Teechuktli Quu'usa Program. Contact Vina Robinson, Quu'usa Urban Outreach at 724-3939 to register or visit the Quu'usa Office at 5120 Argyle Street, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4:30pm

NTC Budget Meeting
March 27
Port Alberni

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council will hold its annual budget meeting at Maht Mahs gym in Port Alberni beginning at 9 a.m.

Entrepreneurs Conference
March 28 to 30
Port Alberni

NEDC presents Taking the Lead to be held at the North Island College. In teams, participants will learn how to develop a business plan and compete for cash prizes. Pre-registration required. Contact Jennifer at 724-3131, toll free 1-866-444-6332 or email jennifer@nedc.info (All meals and materials provided.)

Floor Hockey Tournament
March 28 to 30

Tseshah Senior Men's and Ladies' Tournament to be held at Maht Mahs Gym. Hosted by the Thunder Sports Club. Contact Les Sam at (250) 720-7334, Ed Ross at (250) 723-6400 and Terry Sam at (250)720-5181.

Family Meeting for Memorial Potlatch
March 29
Vancouver

Gertie Violet Lucas Memorial Potlatch: As many of you are aware, the family has been meeting for quite some time. The date that has been set for Gertie's memorial potlatch is Oct 11, 2008 at the Maht Mahs Gym. The Potlatch will begin at 10 a.m. with the cleansing of the floor. The family has decided to meet on a regular basis and have developed a schedule for further family meetings. These meetings are open to all family members to attend. Please make your calendars for the following dates: March 29 to be held at Virginia George's home, 3000 Ghum-Iye Dr., North Vancouver. April 19 to be held at Bruce and Kelly's home, Port Alberni. May 17, location TBA. June 14, location TBA. July 12, location TBA. Aug. 9, location TBA. Sept 6, location TBA. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bruce at (250) 720-6755 or by email brucelucas@shaw.ca . Or Carol at (250) 724-0770 or by email kettle_56@msn.com .

Men's and Ladies Ball Hockey Tournament
April 11 to 13
Port Alberni

Ahousaht Islanders 5th Annual Men's and Ladies Ball Hockey Fundraising Tournament. Entry fee: \$350 (men's), \$300 (ladies). Cash first place only \$1,500 (based on 10 men's teams). Cash first place only \$500 (based on 4 ladies teams). Plus trophies. Deadline: April 9. There will be concession, 50/50 Raffles etc. Come out and support the Ahousaht Islanders Men's Hockey Team. Have some fun, fun, fun and cheer your teams on. Contact Gena Swan 250-670-9691 (h), or email islanders58@hotmail.com or Clara Thomas 250-670-2336.

Memorial Potlatch
April 12 and 13
Campbell River

In memory of Kayla Nicole Shyann John. Will take place at the Thunderbird Hall starting at 10 a.m. Everybody welcome, young and old, babies and youth. For more information, please contact Doreen John at (250) 761-2046 or Colleen and Simon at (250) 761-4944.

Math Games
April 17
Port Alberni

To be held at the maquina Learning Centre from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parents and children (Grades 3 to 8) are invited. Join Julie Anderson and Shelia Weegar as they teach us games with cards and dice that help our children learn addition, multiplication and other basic math. Call Melody at 724-6115 to reserve a seat. Register early as seating is limited.

Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha'wiih
April 17 and 18
Tin Wis Conference Centre, Tofino

The next Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha'wiih meeting is scheduled for April 17th and 18th 2008. The focus of the meetings will be current aquatic resource issues including but not limited to: an update on the Nuu-chah-nulth Crab Working Group, Halibut Transfer Mechanism, Food Fisheries Planning for 2008 and Nuu-chah-nulth Sea Otter Management Plan. Contact Don Hall, NTC (250) 724-5757 or dhall@nuuchahnulth.org for suggestions for the agenda.

Lahal tournament & birthday celebration
April 18, 19, 20
Somass Hall, Port Alberni

For Bingo August hosted by the August family at Somass Hall. Fun games begin April 18 at 8 p.m. Tournament begins 6 p.m. April 19. \$100.00 entry fee. 2 - 8 players per team. Contact Christina August @ 725-4270.

Youth All Native Basketball Tournament
May 16 to 19
Alberni Athletic Hall, Port Alberni

8 Junior Boys Teams (Born 1990 or later). 8 Junior Girls Teams (Born 1990 or later). 6 Bantam Co-ed Teams (Born 1993 or later). Registration Deadline is Saturday May 10. Entry fee is \$150. per team. Entry

Also

Tseshah Rescue Unit Survival Team
Tuesdays
Port Alberni

T.R.U.S.T. meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ron Dick Sr.'s home at 6310 Old Logging Road, Port Alberni. Looking for new members. If interested, a First Aid ticket is preferred. If not you can be trained. Contact ron Dick Sr. at 723-8340 or 731-5118.

Walk In Tax Clinic
Wednesdays
Ucluelet

The Canada Revenue Agency each year trains volunteers to complete returns for lower income individuals and families. There is a team of volunteers available on Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon at the Westcoast

fee due with Registration. Contact: Eddie at 250.735.1523 or Catherine at 250.731.6264.

32nd Annual BC Elders Gathering
July 7 to 9
Prince Rupert

Host is the Friendship House Association of Prince Rupert. Early registration on July 6. Address: 744 Fraser st. Prince Rupert, BC, V8J 1P9. Phone (250) 627-1717. Fax (250) 627-7533.

Memorial Potlatch
Aug. 30 and 31
Campbell River

You are invited to a memorial potlatch for our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather Leo Anthony Jack Sr. (parents Henry Jack and Agnes Smith) and our son, brother nephew, cousin and uncle Darrell Darren Jack (parents Leroy Jack and Patricia John), on Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to midnight and Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Quinsam Hall, 2005 Eagle Dr, Campbell River (off the main highway behind the Shell Gas Station) If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Jack at (250) 286-9926, Leroy Jack at (250) 332-5301 or Anita Baker at (250) 220-1427.

Klaquaqueela Memorial Potlatch
Oct. 11 and 12
Port Alberni

For the late hereditary Chief Jerry Jack of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation. The family of Klaquaqueela invite you to join them as they pay tribute and honor the memory of our dear dad / spouse / grandfather/brother and leader to our nation. The memorial potlatch will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. Contact Ben Jack Sr at (250) 283-9004. E-mail benjack@hotmail.com or Claire Newman at (250) 957-2487. E-mail clarettajoan@hotmail.com or Colleen Pendleton (360) 645-0750. E-mail mrsmagoo98357@msn.com

Memorial Potlatch
Oct. 11
Port Alberni

Please come out and join Charlie, Richard, Betty, Chuck, Carol, Bruce, Ralph and Alexis and many grandchildren and great grand children for a memorial potlatch for Gertie Lucas (nee Amos). We will begin by serving lunch at noon at the Maht Mahs Gym.

Resource Centre in the back of Davison Plaza. For more information contact 726-2343 and ask for Margaret or leave a message at extension 54.

Tax Submission Assistance
By appointment
Tofino

The Canada Revenue Agency each year trains volunteers to complete returns for lower income individuals and families. A volunteer is available in Tofino between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Coastal Family Place. For more information contact 726-2343 and ask for Margaret or leave a message at extension 54

Ahousat Men's Group
Thursdays

Ahousat
At the clinic at 7 p.m.
All men are welcome to attend.

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

Registering events are very important!

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

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Thank you for expressions of condolence and support

Dear family and friends of Rosie Tatoosh (Bill):

All of us have drawn great strength from the incredible outpouring of thoughts, prayers and support that have come our way in the aftermath of our dear Grandma Rosie Tatoosh's passing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

Expressions of condolence and support have arrived in such volume that we have not been able to acknowledge every single one, but I wanted to be sure that everyone who sent flowers, food and cards or made phone calls to us, helped in the preparation, cooking and serving for the meal afterwards, knows that they are deeply appreciated. A special thank you to Steve Lucas for honoring Grandma's request and singing her favourite song.

Although Grandma's passing has been a difficult time for us all, it is a blessing that she's no longer in pain or suffering as that wasn't the 'Grandma' that we all knew and loved so. In that respect, we are all relieved that she is now resting in peace and is free from pain. We are sustained by our love for and remembrance of Grandma Rosie and the support of so many good friends and family. You have our deepest gratitude. All of Grandma's children,

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and relatives are grateful.

Grandma's funeral service was picture-perfect. Beautiful words about Grandma and lots of love. We thought the funeral and meal afterwards went very well and both me and the family took great strength from the support of all those who attended. It truly was a magnificent turnout. It was good to see everyone there and we were able to reminisce with many people whom we hadn't seen in ages and there were plenty of memories to share and much laughter amidst all the tears, which I'm sure, is exactly what Grandma would have wanted.

With thanks,
Luke George and family

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

FOUND: A shawl was left at the House of Himwitsa and has not been picked up by the owner. Please pick up your shawl at the House of Himwitsa. Lewis George, House of Himwitsa Ltd.

LOST: Red Camera (720-5191).

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Marine Safety Training Helps Nuu-chah-nulth Meet Small Boating Standards

Nuu-chah-nulth people don't need to be told that our communities depend on boats. About one-third of all Nuu-chah-nulth live in villages accessible only by water or air, while an average 350 people depend directly on boat travel for work. Jobs in commercial fishing, aquaculture, eco-tourism, and marine transportation are just some of the industries in which Nuu-chah-nulth rely on the water for getting around.

But some people working in those industries may be surprised to hear that marine safety certification is now required for anyone operating a powerboat on the job. Now that Transport Canada has introduced its Marine Safety Strategic Plan, the Small Vessel Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act have changed. In order to comply with the revised regulations, small vessel operators must take safety and operational training from an accredited institution and receive certification. Through the Small Vessel Inspection Program, boat operators and crew are now required to demonstrate that they hold the required training and certificates.

Wikininish (Carl Edgar) takes these changes seriously. Councilor for Ditidaht First Nation, he wanted Nuu-chah-nulth leaders to know about the revised regulations affecting small craft and their importance. To bring the issue to their attention, he made a presentation about the regulations at the January Council of Ha'wiih meeting. "They will affect every Nation on the coast," he said in a recent interview. "Everyone who works on the water will need the training—even if you're a deckhand."

Already certified with his own 100-ton ticket, Wikininish is making sure his Nation's people receive the basic training. For those working on vessels less than five gross tons, Marine Emergency Duties (MED) is now the minimum standard. Crew members must finish this training before completing six months cumulative sea time. MED training covers emergency response to first aid, fire, and abandon ship situations. For those working on larger



Some of the participants and the instructor of the Marine Safety training held in Port Alberni

vessels, Transport Canada requires MED training in addition to further courses.

To help Nuu-chah-nulth workers meet Transport Canada's standards, Uu-a-thluk has been offering marine safety training since 2006. Through these programs, which focus on operating boats under five gross tons, over 45 Nuu-chah-nulth workers have received certification. Funded by the B.C. Capacity Initiative, the training includes MED, the Small Vessel Operator's Certificate, and Level One Occupational First Aid.

This is good news for Captain Bob Kitching of Maritime Education Associates. One of the founders of the new Western Maritime Institute in Ladysmith, Kitching sees the revised regulations saving lives. "People are still making what are fundamentally silly mistakes," he says. "The number of people who die each year in commercial marine accidents is nearly always a result of someone doing something that could have been easily corrected if they'd known about it... This isn't a case of trying to be my brother's keeper. It's a case of trying to bring forward the things that people die from and what you can do to prevent it."

Like Wikininish, Captain Kitching sees worker certification as vital to all water-based industries. He points out that Transport Canada will begin to enforce the MED training requirement this April after providing many warnings and extensions. "There will be no more extensions," he says.

Back in Ditidaht, the latest figures are in. Five members received basic marine safety certification through Uu-a-thluk's spring training program. Another three received certification in 2006. "Even food fishermen need it," said Wikininish of the training. "Everyone who works on the water needs to be safe, and this training can help."

If you need to take one or more marine safety training courses to meet Transport Canada's revised standards, please contact Randy Fred at randyfred@shaw.ca to be added to a waiting list.

Transport Canada's Crewing Regulations

- Mariners who have been at sea more than six months must now have Marine Emergency Duties (MED) training.
- On vessels under five gross tons, the master needs to have a minimum of MED A3 training.
- Vessels over five gross tons must have a certificated master with at least a 60 Ton Master Limited certificate of competency. Requirements are two months sea time, MED A1 or MED A2, Seafarers Medical, ROC-MC (radio certificate), Marine First Aid, successful completion of exams 040 (chartwork), 061 (rules of the road/navigation safety) and an oral exam.
- Mariners operating a vessel under five gross tons will also need their Small Vessel Operator's Proficiency Certificate within one to two years (depending on the size of the boat).
- Mariners operating a vessel over 8m (26 ft. 3 inches) in length outside sheltered waters have required a maritime commercial radio operator's certificate (ROC-MC) since 2003. Those operating a boat less than that in length and in sheltered waters need restricted maritime radio operator's certificate.

Further details and information on vessels and crew certification are available from your nearest Transport Canada Centre. Nanaimo: (250) 754-0244; Victoria: (250) 363-0394.

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