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Members of the Nuu-chah-nulth graduating class of 2009 were invited to celebrate at Hesquiaht's new school at Hot Springs Cove on June 13. They were treated to a meal of salmon and halibut and a variety of shellfish and salads, plus the warmth of family and friends to displayed their pride in their accomplishments.

## Graduates celebrate in Hot Springs Cove

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hot Springs Cove**—The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council celebrated academic achievement on June 13 with an acknowledgement dinner held in Hesquiaht's beautiful new school at Hot Springs Cove.

Graduates from school district 70 and 84, VAST, and the adult education program entered the spacious gymnasium through a cedar bough and twinkle light arch. They then were seated at a head table decorated with vases of cedar bark roses and centre pieces. Friends and family watched proudly.

Priscilla Sabbas Watts from the Sabbas and Amos families took up the role as emcee for the afternoon event.

She said she was excited to come home and welcome the grads, including her own father, Cecil Sabbas, who had worked hard to finish his adult program to take part in the day's grad ceremony.



**Ruben Lucas is named valedictorian of the class of 2009.**

Cecil talked earlier about being a part of a changing landscape of Nuu-chah-nulth academic success.

"It's our obligation to our children and grandchildren to improve their quality of life," said Cecil. "And they have to come

behind us," he added, improving the quality of life for their children and grandchildren.

Greg Charleson was called on to explained the meaning of the grad theme—How Can We Help Q<sup>aa</sup> cum yiiis hupii. He said it represented support of the families the graduates received, and it was what the graduates would now role model to the younger people who were keenly watching the achievement.

And it represented the community of Hot Springs Cove, who rallied together to put on a wonderful event for Nuu-chah-nulth up and down the island.

Children from the community were out salmon fishing with Pat Charleson Jr., and the Charleson family, including Kevin, Nathan and David. Jeannine Adams, who coordinated many of the celebration activities, also went out fishing, and Angel and Heather Charleson, Faith Watts, Sheila Tom and Lisa Sabbas worked to decorate the room, which featured wolf stencils on the walls and cedar boughs and cedar rose wall treatments.

Dinner included salmon cooked at the

side of the fire, halibut, mussels, clams and other shellfish and a variety of salads.

Jeannine and Angel went shopping and made sure there was enough food for 250 people, Angel said, though they had confirmed only 100 guests. They were correct in their thinking that the day would bring many home to visit family at Hot Springs Cove.

Sabbas Watts later said the event gave Hot Springs Cove the opportunity to show off the new school and to show what the community can do when they put their hearts and minds into it.

Beachkeeper Lawrence Paul and Chief Councillor Joe Tom provided the welcome to the guests.

Lawrence spoke in his Native language and Joe explained what was said. Lawrence was happy that everyone had made it to the celebration. He had very strong feelings about what was happening in the community that day.

Then Lawrence's welcome song was sung and the Hesquiaht women danced.

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**Crew hired to re-build the Walk**

Submitted By *Christina Schlattner*

Four Ahousaht members have been hired by the BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) to rebuild the renowned Walk the Wild Side Trail on Flores Island.

The team will work on the trail for 16 weeks during the summer to improve access and safety of the historic trail.

Joanne Neilson, BC Conservation Corps coordinator, said the BCCF had 15 applicants from Ahousaht.

"Everybody was really keen to work on the trail, and we had a good strong bunch of candidates," said Neilson. "This has been the best response we've had on a project from local people by far."

Under the Aboriginal Leadership Initiative (Ahp-ii-cuk), the Ahousaht First Nation has been working closely with a number of key partners, including BC Parks and BCCF, to re-habilitate the trail for ecotourism and cultural practice.

Ahp-ii-cuk coordinator in Ahousaht, Darlene Dick said there has been a lot of work done in the community and by the Ahp-ii-cuk partners to get the trail rebuilt.

"I would like to say a big kleco, kleco (thank you) to the partners who donated their time and generous financial donation to restore the trail," she said. "Without the Ahp-ii-cuk



The Walk the Wild Side Trail is getting a facelift.

partners, this probably would never have happened."

BC Parks Clayoquot area supervisor Carl Wilson submitted the proposal to get funding for the Conservation Corps and is contributing approximately \$15,000 worth of materials, in addition to staff, boat and vehicle time for trail upgrades, both in the park and in surrounding areas. Wilson said he is working to build a relationship with the Ahousaht Band.

"I hope I'm being successful," he said. The Conservation Corps crew began training in Kamloops on May 25 and

then work on the trail June 8. They will be working all summer to clear brush, re-build the boardwalk, create interpretive signs, build tent platforms and install toilets, to name a few of their tasks. The trail will be open to visitors during that time.

The work will be supervised by Ahousaht band member Sidney Sam Jr., and coordinated by BC Parks Ranger Francis Bruhwiler.

Before the crew even starts work, their job will be made safer by a Ministry of Forests crew performing some fire suppression work on the trail. On May 20 and 21 a crew from Port Alberni removed some of the larger blow down and cut some shake blocks for the project.

"There are many partners involved in this project at many different levels," said Wilson.

Throughout the process of planning, many Ahousaht community members came out to meetings and worked to make all of this happen. Community input on where the crew should work on the trail, what are the sacred spaces that need protecting, where are culturally relevant spots that might benefit from signs, were gathered on a walk in April.

Ahousaht chief and council have cooperated fully with this "people's project." Several council members have attended meetings and given input to the development of the trail.

**Cycling for a world without cancer**

**Donate to the ride to conquer cancer**

Submitted by *Lorraine Mundy*

I am often asked the question, "Why do you do it?" My response is one that is heartfelt. I ride for those who are suffering, for those who have passed on, and I ride to conquer cancer.

The Ride to Conquer Cancer is a two-day cycling event that takes place from Vancouver to Seattle. Approximately 2,200 cyclists are signed up for the event and numerous volunteers will be supporting us along the way.

Opening ceremonies will be in Vancouver on Saturday, June 20, at the Guildford Shopping Centre. A tent city will be set up in Mount Vernon, Washington for Saturday, June 20. On Sunday, June 21, we will finish the event and cycle into the University of Washington.

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Kleco! Kleco!

**Volunteers needed for northern region games**

By *Jack F. Little*  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

The Northern Region Games coordinator is Thomas Titian. His experience is in organizing kids clubs and youth groups in the Zeballos, Kyuquot, Esperanza, and the Tahsis area. He has worked in the summer camp program at Esperanza.

The Northern Region Games started in 2001 and has been an annual event for the four northern tribes. This year's games will take place in Zeballos July 2 to 4, and are hosted by the Ehattesaht First Nation. Hesquiaht First Nation has also expressed an interest in attending the games. Three hundred people overall are expected to participate.

Titian said he has a big task in front of him. To pull off the games there will need to be many volunteers.

Titian asks anyone that may be interested in volunteering to contact him at the Ehattesaht band office at 250-761-4155.

"I would like to see each tribe have four to six volunteers a day. Another

major volunteer we need is a volunteer cook for the concession during the games," said Titian.

Volunteers will be needed in first aid, and first responder. Basketball, volleyball and softball volunteers will be needed to act as officials.

Each evening there will be an opportunity for cultural, leisure and recreational opportunities for everyone.

The games will start with an official welcome on July 2 at 11 a.m. followed by a lunch for all of the participants and visitors. Activities will include 3 on 3 basketball for boys and girls, tug of war, for several age groups and adults; stealing sticks competition with nation against nation; balloon toss; wheel barrow races; three-legged race; track and field; swimming; relay races and will conclude with the ever-popular iron man and woman race, which includes running, swimming and biking.

"I look forward to working with and for each of the tribes and all of our participants as we plan on having fun-filled days full of laughter, sporting events and our culture as it defines who we are as Nuu-chah-nulth," said Titian.

**Lisa Marie disappearance remains a mystery still**

By *Denise Titian*  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Nanaimo - Human remains discovered at an undeveloped Nanaimo property June 5 were not those of missing Tla-o-qui-aht woman Lisa Marie Young. Constable Gary O'Brian of the Nanaimo RCMP said the remains, although unidentified, were "absolutely not Lisa Marie."

The RCMP notified Don and Joanne Young, Lisa's parents, of their findings later that evening.

The skeletal remains were discovered by a couple who were out looking at the property, which is up for sale. Reports say articles of clothing were with the remains, which appeared to have been there for a long period of time.

O'Brian said the remains are that of an older gentleman. A forensic pathologist will examine the remains in an effort to determine the identity of the man and cause of death.

Lisa Marie Young was 21 years old

when she disappeared during the early hours of June 30, 2002. She was last seen in the Jingle Pot area of Nanaimo.

Earlier this year Nanaimo Shaw TV produced a Crime Stoppers re-enactment of the circumstances surrounding Lisa's disappearance. The segment was released in late May and can only be viewed on television on Nanaimo Shaw TV's channel 4.

Shaw TV Nanaimo may rerun the segment but there is no schedule for their Crime Stoppers segments.

Anyone with information is asked to call Nanaimo RCMP at

250-754-2345 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

A candle light vigil will be held on June 28 at Esowista on the beach at 1 p.m.

"Can't believe it will be seven years on June 30, 2009 since Lisa been missing from our lives," wrote Lisa's mother to Ha-Shilth-Sa. "Lisa's family and friends would like you to join on us this day to light a candle for Lisa and other missing women/men/children. We love you more each day Lisa. Our prayers, thoughts and love are with you always."



Lisa Marie Young

**CLAM BOARD SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 26, 2009**

**Have you ever wanted more say in the clam fishery? Here's your chance.** The WCVI Clam Board is seeking harvester nominations to fill eight positions for the next three years. If elected to the board, you will attend two meetings and several conference calls per year and help choose the duration and opening and closing dates of the fishery. For a little bit of time, you'll have a very big voice.

**So how do you get elected?** In March, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) sent information packages to all regular Z2 and ACL licence holders explaining how the election works. Unfortunately, the fax number receiving the nominations was not operational for about 10 days. As some nomination forms sent to the fax number may not have been received, DFO will be mailing out a second nomination package. If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else, gather two signatures from other licensed diggers on the form inside this package and return them to DFO by June 26, 2009. DFO will consider nominations valid and will include them on the ballot if they are received by the close of business on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. After that, your name (or your nominee's) will appear on the ballot that will be mailed out by DFO. Voting will take place this summer. Look for notices posted in your Nation's administration office and the Ha-Shilth-Sa.

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# Clayoquot Biosphere Trust tallies up their efforts

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust has gone ahead with successful projects despite the recession and budget cuts. Curtis Cook told the Board of Directors at their June 4 Annual General Meeting.

Executive Director Curtis Cook said his staff has been busy for the past five months working on several projects connected to the Core Priorities established in 2007/08 after community consultations. Those Core Priorities are:

1. Connecting people and place with a priority of strengthening local knowledge, capacity and skills for sound stewardship.
2. Biosphere Centre to be built as a permanent home for the CBT
3. Practicing sustainability in order to

support creative local initiatives that use natural resources to generate social-economic benefits while advancing conservation and sound stewardship.

Cook reported that he and his staff have continued to maintain contact with the outlying communities, accepting invitations to events at Hesquiaht, Ahousaht and others. They've managed to co-fund events like the Nananiqsuu Haahuupa - Sharing the Grandparents' Teachings and hosted the Wild Fish Conservancy presentation at the CBT offices in December.

In January 2009 the CBT approved the 2008 Call for Projects and the 2009-11 CBT Business Plan. That month they entered into an agreement with the Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Ucluelet Community Food Initiative to support community food security initiatives in the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve.

Food surveys were carried out and food security workshops were held in the spring. Many other projects related to food security are in the works.

Cook said the momentum for the Healthy Food, Healthy Community workshops is carrying on as people move toward community gardens and other self-sustaining methods of acquiring food.

In February, the CBT's Marine and Aquatic Committee began work on a collaborative project for salmon restoration. That month the CBT Board of Directors penned a letter of support for Ahousaht First Nation and their battle with mould in family homes.

The CBT's 10-year audit is coming up in 2010 and the CBT says their auditors carried out preliminary work which will be completed by 2010.

Kristi McLeod of Genus Capital Management said they've managed CBT's portfolio since 2000. She said they managed the portfolio conservatively this year in light of the fact that the economy was down around the world and were pleased that their performance with the portfolio was 'better than most.'

"The worst of the recession is behind us but it can take a long time before things get better again," she warned.

## NUU-CHAH NULTH GRAD 2009

Congratulations Grads of 2009! In this time filled with joy and happiness as you share your achievement with family, friends and community members, we wish to extend our sincere congratulations. With your dedication, perseverance and hard work you have successfully completed Grade 12. Congratulations, we wish you the best today and always as you continue to reach for your dreams.

For those who attended the N.T.C. grad ceremony in Hot Springs Cove, we were happy to see you there. We hope you enjoyed your day.

For the Grads who were unable to attend there is a gift for you at the N.T.C. Please contact Eileen Haggard, 724-5757 to arrange for pick up or mailing.

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# Titian and Frank families unite in marriage

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht**—On a beautiful afternoon day on the field at Maaqtusiis, June Titian and Peter Frank Jr. exchanged vows in front of family and friends May 30. Titian is the daughter of Barry Titian and Denise Titian and Frank is the son of Peter and Rose Frank.

Family friend and community pastor Rick Lindholm married the young couple. Lindholm asked everyone to stand as the wedding party arrived. The father of the bride could not hold back his smile as he walked his daughter down the aisle.

The young couple were high school sweethearts and have been together since their graduation year at Maaqtusiis School. They have three beautiful children, Joshua, 7, Mason, 4, and Nia Jane, one year old on June 6.

During the vows an emotional Frank shed tears of happiness as he was asked to repeat the vows. After the short ceremony, Lindholm invited everyone to the banquet at the Maaqtusiis gymnasium.

Prior to the banquet the wedding party took the opportunity to take pictures of the wedding party. At the banquet those that attended were treated with appetizers of fresh prawns, fish heads, salad and fresh cut vegetables, prior to the main course. When the wedding party arrived, emcee Eddie Frank Jr. asked everyone to rise.

Archie Frank Jr. was busy barbequing the fresh fish that had been caught and donated by family friend and relative Johnny John.

The ushers and bridesmaids were introduced, and leading them was Chris Frank and Christina Dick, followed by Archie Frank the third and Melanie Titian, Michael Frank and Inez Paul. The Best Man and Maid of honor were



Bride June Frank poses with her proud parents Denise Titian and Barry Titian along with the bridesmaids on the field at Maaqtusiis.

Devon Robinson and Gertrude Iris Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frank Jr. were then welcomed to loud applause.

Frank announced that his cousin Peter Frank Sr. had important business to do first. Marie Donahue and Carol Mattersdorfer were acknowledged with a Taa-ulth-maa (like a cane to hold them up) for the loss of a son and a husband. Frank also explained that the host, his siblings and their families had recently lost their mother, however, she told them to continue on with the wedding plans.

After the blessing of the food, the Ahousaht singers sang a dinner song. Frank then called on volunteers to serve both the head table and the guests who gathered to share in the young couples beautiful wedding day celebration.

Hudson Webster spoke on behalf of

the Frank family after dinner was served and the tables were cleared for the entertainment that was to follow. Emcee Frank prior to Webster speaking, called on all of the Frank family members to stand with the groom and his family. Across the gym from where the Frank family gathered, the bride's family gathered.

Dave Frank did a chant and Webster then talked to the Titian family members about young Peter Frank Jr. After speaking the bride's side responded. Elder Lena Jumbo spoke on behalf of the Titians.

The young men from the Titian side then started to sing and called out the groom to dance. The crowd erupted as Frank, the male members of the wedding party and other family members joined in on the fun dance. After the dance, the groom and his family members went back to their family.

All of a sudden the Titian family

members sang another song and it was followed by at least four more. The groom and his family members responded each time. The Frank family then went forward across the gym to ask for the bride.

In a very touching moment, the groom spoke to the Titian family and his bride. Young Frank was very emotional as he promised that he would look after his bride and their children. The Titian family had wrapped their bride in a shawl with money attached. When the family gave permission for the Frank family to take the bride they too wrapped her in a shawl.

The Frank family then did some celebratory songs as one of their family canoes was brought into the gym. They did their canoe song and then followed it up with the ever popular Wah-wah-naas song and dance.

The bride and groom, as well as all of their wedding party, also danced. The traditional part of their celebration was cut short as the family was still in mourning.

Eddie Frank, emcee, announced the cutting of the cake. Frank called then on the Maid of Honor and the Best Man to say a toast to the bride and groom.

This was followed by the traditional throwing of the garter to all of the single men. The single women were then called forward for the tossing of the bouquet.

The final business was the wedding waltz for the new bride and groom and members of the wedding party. Father of the bride requested a waltz with his daughter.

Both the Frank and Titian families would like to thank all those who helped in one way or another to make the special day for June and Peter one they will remember.



Eddie Frank leads the Frank family in the ever popular Wah-wah-naas family song and dance.



Members of the Frank family perform a paddle song and dance in one of the family's canoes with the bride and groom aboard to celebrate their marriage. The newlyweds, June and Peter Frank Jr., are all smiles after their vows, looking very relaxed and happy.

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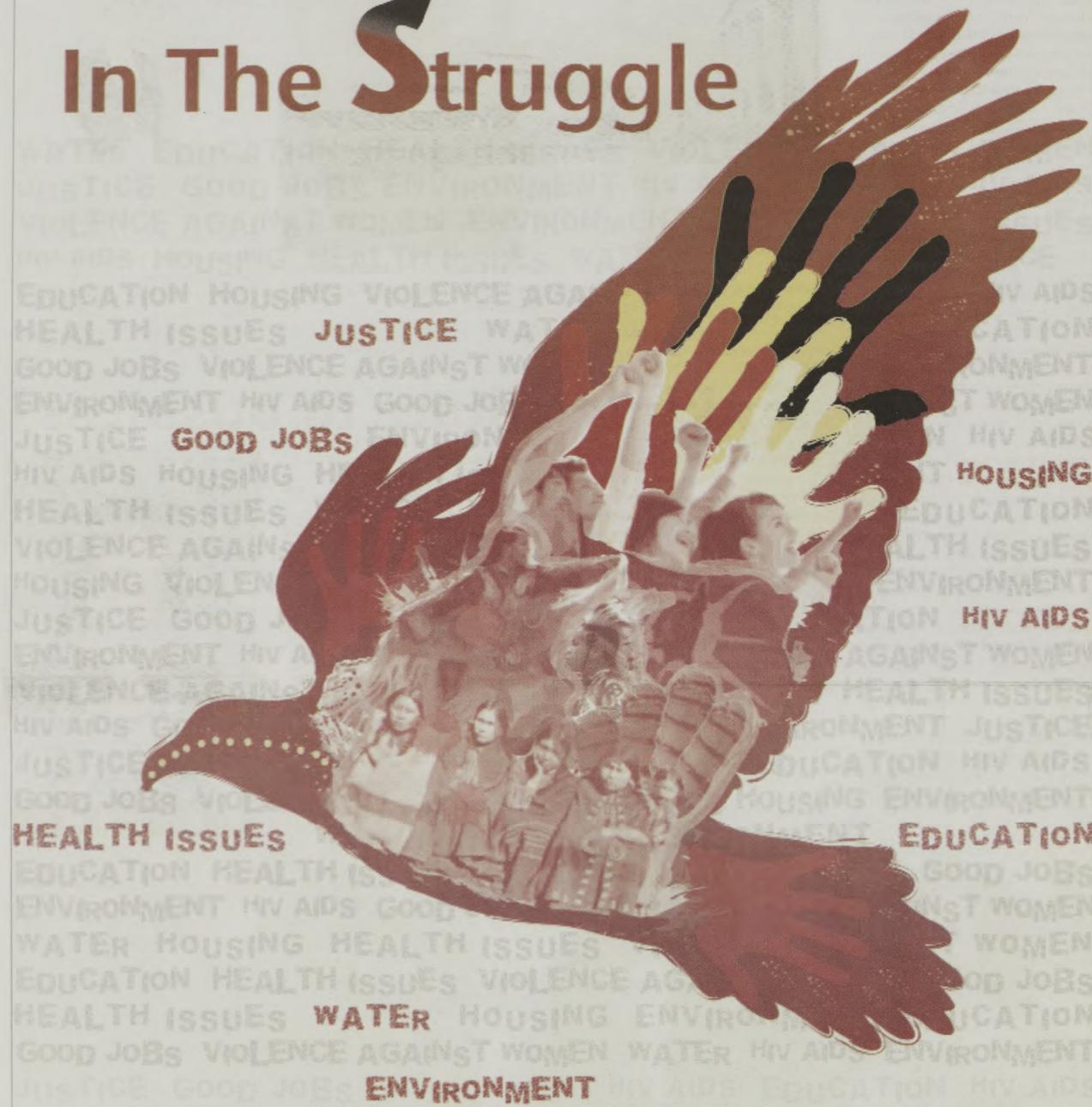
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## Happy National Aboriginal Day Photos now on display at Canada's Ottawa museum

The photos of Bob 'Suds' Soderlund will be on display at the Canadian Museum of Civilization for the next year. The exhibit, called How We are, How we Want to Be, is a photo retrospective of Soderlunds 25 years working for Ha-Shilth-Sa, where he documented the culture and lifestyle of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

The exhibit, which was originally installed at the Alberni Valley Museum in Port Alberni in 2007, has made it to the bigs. Dawn Foxcroft has been working to organize the museum installation in Ottawa since November 2008 when she was first approached about the possibility of putting the exhibit in the Nuu-chah-nulth house in the Grand Hall.

"It has been a great experience to work with the Canadian Museum of Civilization on this project," said Foxcroft. "I have learned a tremendous amount from their very talented staff. Showing Bob's beautiful photos in this space will allow for the [museum's] 1.3 million visitors from all over the world to learn about Nuu-chah-nulth and have a window into our communities and lives."

Leslie Tepper is the curator of Ethnology, Pacific Coast, with the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

"I had heard about the exhibit, How We Are - How We Want To Be, during a trip to Port Alberni several years ago, and went by the Alberni Museum to see it. What a great show. The



The exhibit q'aaqin, q'aa'aaqin How We Are, How We Want To Be will show in the Nuu-chah-nulth house at the Canadian Museum of Civilization for the next year. messages were so important and the design was stunning," she said. At that time, the exhibit on display in the Grand Hall was Encounters at Friendly Cove.

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Dawn Foxcroft has been working on the exhibit since November 2008, but before that prepared it for the initial installation at the Alberni Valley Museum in 2007. The exhibit features the photographs of Bob 'Suds' Soderlund who worked with Ha-Shilth-Sa for 25 years.

## Linking culture to business

Business goals and Indigenous culture often pull in different directions. For Indigenous people, cultural objectives tend to be superseded by the pursuit of profit. Yet, cultural authenticity is essential to individual identity and self-worth, and absolutely core to the survival of a healthy community.

A year ago, Camosun College created a unique new program, the Indigenous Business Leadership (IBL) Diploma. It prepares graduates to use business skills

within the context of celebrating and honoring local Indigenous culture.

"Business and cultural values can co-exist," said Ann-Marie Livingston, an IBL student finishing the first year of the two-year program.

Ann-Marie's Aboriginal heritage is Pacheedaht, a branch of the Nuu-chah-nulth located on the Jordan River in Port Renfrew, a village a couple hours drive north of Victoria.

After growing up in Victoria, Livingston completed a diploma in First Nations studies and then worked within her community in Port Renfrew for a decade in treaty negotiations. However, she found that in order to be most effective in supporting her community, she lacked sufficient financial management or budgetary skills.

"I came to Camosun's IBL program specifically to brush up on my business skills and blend the Indigenous perspective," said Ann-Marie. "I am learning that instead of having business done to us (as Aboriginal people), we are able to do business with others."

Added to business skills, such as reading financial statements, preparing budgets and managing expenditures, the Indigenous perspective considers differing social needs, a consultation process, and collaborative decision-making.

"Instead of a coercive or authoritative management style, we take time for dialogue and building consensus," Ann-Marie said.

Ann-Marie plans are to develop economic self-sufficiency for the hundred or so Pacheedaht people. Already a tourism magnet, Port Renfrew is famous for a wealth of beautiful beaches, the West Coast and San Juan trails, and great sports fishing. "We have land and the potential to develop a world-class resort," she said.

Success is likely. "When I first met Ann-Marie, she demonstrated she had a capacity to be a leader, with a strong sense of herself as an Aboriginal woman," said Susanne. "This sense of identity and commitment to personal values is core to retaining what is truly valuable in Indigenous communities."

Ann-Marie's commitment to helping Aboriginal communities extends into her



Ann-Marie Livingston

new role of promoting the IBL program to high school students.

"Change will take time and knowledge, and most important, we must stay mindful of the connection with our culture," she said.

The two-year program is comprised of a core of Indigenous Business Leadership courses complemented by required courses selected from the general business curriculum. Classes include a mix of lectures, group-work simulations, sharing circles, guest lecturers and case-study activities.

The core courses are developed and primarily taught by Indigenous people or co-taught with Camosun's School of Business Faculty and reflect current Indigenous realities and concerns. There are opportunities to mentor with Indigenous professionals and complete a significant community enterprise project with an Indigenous community or organization.

For more information contact Susanne Thiessen, Indigenous Business Program Leader at thiessens@camosun.bc.ca or 250-370-4165.

Interested in exploring Camosun's full range of Indigenous programming?

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# Happy National Aboriginal Day Things that Native Americans gave the world

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| <b>B.</b><br>beaver pelts, brazilian dye  | <b>P.</b><br>Potatoes, parrots, pumpkins, peanuts,<br>popcorn, pineapple, passenger pigeon,<br>pear cactus, parkas, peppers,<br>pomegranate, passion fruit, papaya,<br>pecan, paprika |
| <b>C.</b><br>canoe, corn, caucous, chocolate, cocoa,<br>cassava, cotton, cashews, chayotes,<br>catfish, chilis, cayenne | <b>Q.</b><br>quinine, quinoa  |
| <b>D.</b><br>decomeracy, dog sleds  | <b>R.</b><br>rubber,  |
| <b>E.</b><br>ecology  | <b>S.</b><br>squah, silver, sisal, sunflowers, sweet<br>potatoes, succotash.  |
| <b>F.</b><br>fertilizer, food preservation  | <b>T.</b><br>turkey, tapioca pudding, tomatoes,<br>tortillas, tobacco, tar  |
| <b>G.</b><br>gum, grits   | <b>U.</b><br>The U.S. Constitution (influenced by the<br>Iroquois)  |
| <b>H.</b><br>hammock, hominy, hickory nuts  | <b>V.</b><br>Vanilla  |
| <b>I.</b><br>impeachment, ipecac  | <b>W.</b><br>wild rice, witch hazel, words (several<br>thousand words in English and Spanish)   |
| <b>J.</b><br>jerky  | <b>X.</b><br>xylophone (the marimba of both African<br>and American origin)   |
| <b>K.</b><br>kidney beans, kayaks   | <b>Y.</b><br>yams   |
| <b>L.</b><br>Libraries, long pants, llamas  | <b>Z.</b><br>zero, zucchini   |
| <b>M.</b><br>milpa, moccasins, manioc, medicines  |   |
| <b>N.</b><br>names (half of the state names of the<br>United States, in fact)   |   |

## Museum of Civilization

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This show was developed with the museum in partnership with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht, but the loan period for the material from the community was coming to an end.

"I thought that the exhibit of Bob Soderlund's photographs would be a wonderful follow-up exhibit... This exhibit offers [visitors] an opportunity to see contemporary Nuu-chah-nulth people and activities through the lens of a talented photographer framed by a thoughtful storyline and an exciting exhibit design," Tepper explained.

The photos showcase a quarter century of culture, fishing, sports and politics. Foxcroft and her sister Kelly helped Soderlund organize the original exhibit for the Alberni museum. It then made its way to Tofino, Bamfield and Campbell River. The display had to be downsized to fit the space constraints of

the Nuu-chah-nulth house.

The museum develops exhibits with First Nation communities through consultation, shared partnership projects, working with guest curators or by borrowing a temporary show from a First Nation community. "It has been a great pleasure working with Dawn and White Raven Consulting on this project, as it was to work with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation on the earlier exhibit. We are currently developing a new storyline for the Grand Hall exhibit houses, and I look forward to working again with the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations."

Foxcroft believes the exhibit is a great addition to the North West Coast section of the Museum of Civilization "because it shows Nuu-chah-nulth and First Nations as a contemporary people—political, cultural and thriving."



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# Happy National Aboriginal Day National television network celebrates

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) will stage its third annual Aboriginal Day Live celebration on June 20 from dual venues in Winnipeg and Whitehorse. An extraordinary lineup of talented Aboriginal artists will perform an evening of music, comedy and traditional dance during the broadcast.

Star of the Gemini-nominated APTN comedy, Fish Out of Water, writer/comedian Don Kelly will host the Winnipeg stage accompanied by some of the most famous names in Aboriginal entertainment, including Academy Award-winning Canadian First Nations musician, composer and educator, Buffy Sainte-Marie, actor/rock musician George Leach, Aboriginal rap artist Joey Stylez, Tadoule Lake's Sayisi Dene Drummers, progressive rock artists Eagle & Hawk, top-selling recording artists Brulé & the American Indian Rock Opera (AIRO), and Labrador's Aboriginal Artist/Group of the Year, The Flummies.

The Whitehorse stage will be hosted by Olympian water polo player Waneek Horn-Miller and comedian Ryan McMahon, creator of NCI FM radio host/character Clarence Two Toes. The Whitehorse stage will showcase an all-star musical line-up, including Juno award winning guitarist/singer/songwriter Derek Miller, Crystal Shawanda, star of the hit APTN series *Crystal: Living the Dream*, Best New

Artist Juno nominee Kinnee Starr, master fiddler Donny Parenteau, the First Peoples Performance Group, celebrated guitar player Ed Peekeekoot, and Juno award winner for Best Aboriginal Recording, Jerry Alfred.

"APTN is proud to host Canada's largest National Aboriginal Day celebration," said Sky Bridges, APTN Director of Marketing. "This is a day to celebrate Aboriginal culture and identity, but also to recognize the significant contributions that First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples have made to the foundation of our country."

The exclusive three-and-a-half hour Aboriginal Day Live 2009 celebration will air at 7 p.m. MT on APTN West.

On June 21st, as part of the National Aboriginal Day special programming schedule, APTN will feature an encore presentation of the 2009 National Aboriginal Achievement Awards and the APTN premiere (English version) of Elijah, a docu-drama about Elijah Harper, the Aboriginal politician from Manitoba who stood up against the Meech Lake Accord.

Aboriginal Solidarity Day was first called for in 1982 by the National Indian Brotherhood (Assembly of First Nations). The date of June 21st was chosen due to the cultural significance of the summer solstice, the first day of summer and longest day of the year.



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## Health and Wellness

### Sharing your knowledge

Submitted by the BC Cancer Agency

Last summer, the BC Cancer Agency's Screening Mammography Program (SMP) teamed with the Cervical Cancer Screening Program and BC Women's Aboriginal Health Program to offer several workshops at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

The purpose was to raise awareness of the importance of the cancer screening tests for women.

The real value of the workshop came from the First Nations women who shared their stories about having mammograms. Screening mammograms are used to find changes in a woman's breast and can detect early signs of breast cancer. The risk of breast cancer increases as a woman ages.

The women who attended spoke about what made them feel comfortable when having a screening mammogram. Many women said it made them more comfortable when the technologist took the time to walk them through what will happen and explained each step as the exam is performed.

In particular, women wanted to feel the technologist was listening to what they said and taking care to be as gentle as possible.

First Nations women sharing their stories and thoughts provided SMP with valuable insights. SMP provided this feedback to their technologists to help improve the delivery of this life-saving service. Both SMP and First Nations women seek and encourage a respectful

approach.

The workshop also gave women the opportunity to discuss the reasons why they might not have regular screening mammograms. Many said time was a problem. Traveling to a centre to have a mammogram takes time. Child care was also raised as an issue, especially since many grandmothers look after grandchildren.

Some elders expressed the concern that a woman who acknowledges cancer may become ill. In fact research has shown that detecting cancer at its early stages, usually before it has spread, is a woman's best chance of survival.

SMP works with many First Nations communities to help make it easier to access to this life-saving service. SMP has three mobile vans that travel across BC and visits over 100 communities each year.

The SMP mobile service will be in the Ucluelet Aug. 18 and 19. Ladies are encouraged to call 1-800-663-9203 to take advantage of this life-saving service.

#### Fast Facts

Regular screening mammograms can find most types of breast cancer early, usually before it has spread.

- SMP service is free to BC women ages 40-79. Just call 1-800-663-9203 to book an appointment.

- A screening mammogram visit only takes about 15 minutes.

- Your results are sent to you and your doctor by mail.

- The program mails a reminder to you when it is time to book your next appointment.

## Tips to help you stay healthy under sunny summer skies

Have you ever had a sun burn that itched or hurt, or that kept you up at night?

Did you know that the amount of sun exposure you get as a child is important to your overall lifetime risk of getting skin cancer?

Here are several tips to help you avoid damaging your skin for life.

1.) Minimize outdoor activities between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., which are the times when the sun can do the most damage in the least amount of time. Try to play outside in the early morning and early evening.

2.) Dress in loose fitting but tightly woven clothing. If you hold up a shirt and you can see through it then harmful UV rays can also get through.

3.) Wear a hat that not only protects the head but also the neck and ears

4.) When outside look for shade. You can get a sun burn even when it's cloudy outside.

5.) When using sunscreen use one with a SPF of 30 or higher. For best results, apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going outside. New guidelines say that you can use sunscreen on babies under six months of age. Just to avoid applying it on baby's hands, or too close to eyes or mouth. Reapply sunscreen throughout the day and after coming out of the water, even if it says water proof.

6.) People with blond or red hair need to be extra careful as they are more likely to burn and are most at risk for skin cancer later in life.

7.) Finally, remember to stay hydrated. Drink at least eight cups of water on really hot days.

Have fun this summer while being sun smart!

## Tiic'aaq Mental Health

### Punishment/discipline are not interchangeable words

Submitted by Andrew Kerr  
Northern Region Prevention Worker

Often when we think of disciplining our children, the word punishment comes to mind. But more and more, experts and parents are seeing that discipline and punishment do not go hand and hand. Rather, it's possible for children to learn from their mistakes and change their behavior without punishment. Punishment breeds contempt and resentment and it doesn't teach a child much of anything that is constructive. The word 'discipline' has Latin roots and means "to give life to a child's learning". The word punishment means "severe and rough mistreatment." Disciplining and setting limits does several things that punishment does not do. "It shows children what they did wrong, allows them to take ownership of the problem, gives them ways to solve it and most importantly, it does what punishment will never do. It leaves your child's dignity intact."

While punishing does little to teach children about their mistakes, the same holds true for lecturing. Most of us probably remember being lectured when we were young and I am sure in almost all cases we dreaded it. Strange thing is, now that we are parents we find ourselves falling into the same pattern with our own children. The lectures or the "I told you so talks" are a waste of

time, because we are providing children with information they already have such as, "if you hadn't hit your sister you wouldn't be in your room, if you had put your coat on you wouldn't be cold, or if you had studied you would have passed."

This is like a husband saying to his wife "if you hadn't backed up you wouldn't have hit the garage door." We don't need this information anymore than a child needs to hear "if you had put on your coat you wouldn't be cold."

In the case of a child outside without a coat, you might say something like "what seems to be the matter?" Your child would probably respond with something like "I'm freezing and I need my coat" to which you might say "good thinking." By avoiding punishment and lecturing, the child has decided how to solve the problem he/she has created.

The most important responsibility we will probably have in our lifetime is that of parenthood. Part of this responsibility requires that we be the best parent we can be. I want to encourage all parents to ask questions, talk to friends and professionals, do research and practice what you learn so you can be the role model that your children need so that they may become the best parents they can be!

Practicing better parenting won't make you perfect, but it will make your life a lot less stressful and a lot more rewarding.

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## Seven graduate from Maaqtusiis School

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht - Maaqtusiis School's class of 2009 celebrated one of the greatest achievements of their young lives June 12 as they took part in graduation ceremonies at the school gym.

The seven students made their grand entrances into the gym to the inspirational song "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus. Proud family members snapped photos of the graduates with their escorts.

Emcee Tom Campbell, father of graduate Beau Campbell, thanked people for joining the graduates in celebration of their accomplishments.

He said most of the students spent their entire lives in the community, but he and his sons didn't move back until Beau was in Grade 3.

"His sister walked him to school the first day and he screamed bloody



photos by Denise Titian

#### Maaqtusiis School's class of 2009

murder," Campbell remembered. He said the school called him but, as a single, working father, he couldn't take time off to get his son.

"The next day they had a hard time kicking him out," Campbell laughed, Beau got to like school so much he didn't want to leave.

Campbell thanked Principal Greg Louie for all he's done for the students over the years.

Wayne Robinson said an opening prayer in which he asked the Creator to look out for the graduates and to help them find their way back home if they should decide to leave for post-secondary education.

Principal Louie thanked Campbell for his comments and told the people that he went to high school in Victoria for a short period of time. He said Tom would be going back to Victoria this summer for his own 30-year high school reunion.

He went on to thank the staff of Maaqtusiis School from the nursery staff all the up to the high school teachers.

"Some have left but there are some still here and I want to thank you for the roles you've played in our children's lives," he said.

Louie went on to talk about each of

the graduates. Stacey Titian was described as a quiet, calm young lady.

"She overcame some difficult times with encouragement from staff and here she is today," said Louie.

"Dorianna Smith has had children and still made it through school," he said before congratulating her.

Of his own daughter, graduate Janelle Louie, Greg said she has always been a hard worker, never having to be told to get her homework done. He said he is so very proud of her and especially pleased that she graduated at the age of 16.

Teralyn Duncan, he said, continued to do her assignments even on maternity leave and, later on, made use of the school's day care. Her efforts paid off as she won the Honor Stole for earning the highest grade point average of the class of 2009.

He praised the two male graduates, Beau Campbell and Greg Charlie together, saying one is never without the other.

"On the basketball court they brought our team to a higher level and we wish them well; they are both interested in post-secondary athletics," said Louie.

Lacey Adams took time way from school to have her baby but she came

back and also finished what she started.

"I wish all of you very well. Whatever it is you choose to do, I wish you well," he told the students.

Vice-principal Scott Maschek presented the Honor Stole to Teralyn Duncan who earned a 76.4 GPA, beating out five other students who were very close.

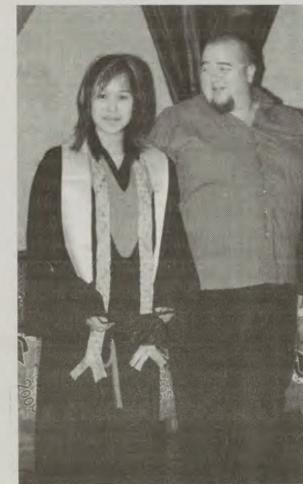
Rod Sam of the Ahousaht Education Authority presented completion certificates to the students. They will receive official graduation certificates later in the summer when they've successfully completed final exams and earn their Dogwood Diplomas.

Guest speaker Terri Robinson said it's been 10 years since she sat on the very same stage the 2009 graduates were on and much has changed in her life. She left her life-long home, went to the city to go to college and she admitted that she was terrified at first. "I wanted to be a role model for my son and for the youth and finish my Bachelor of Arts degree in 2006," she said. Robinson went on to the University of Victoria and is seven months away from earning her second degree.

"Follow your dreams and don't be afraid to ask for help," she advised the graduates before wishing them good luck on their new journey.

Beau Campbell congratulated his classmates in his valedictorian speech, then chuckled and said he didn't write a speech because he forgot about it. The audience laughed as he went on to thank family and school staff for coming out and making their day that much more special. He said it's good to be in school but he's so glad they're finally finished.

The graduates were each presented with commemorative jackets and everyone that helped with the celebration from the graduation committee to the decorators to the cooks were acknowledged for their hard work.



Vice-principal Scott Maschek presented the Honor Stole to Teralyn Duncan who earned a 76.4 GPA.

## Strict identification regulations in effect at border

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Crossing the border to the United States has just become more difficult now that the U.S. government has implemented its soft launch of the latest phase of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

The U.S. has ramped up security at their international borders in an effort to protect their citizens from terror attacks like the one on 9/11 in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

As of June 1 all cross border travelers are required to show passports or other U.S.-approved enhanced security identification.

What does this mean for Nuuchah-nulth cross-border travelers? They can no longer freely cross the border with just a birth certificate or standard driver's license. Now they must carry one of six approved documents:

- a passport

- an enhanced driver's license
- a Secure Certificate of Indian Status card

- a Nexus Card
- a Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship such as a Canadian Citizenship card.

Under the more strict U.S. laws, all cross-border air travel requires travelers to carry valid passports.

Border security guards posted at land and water ports of entry were somewhat forgiving on June 1 as travelers adjusted to the new cross border requirements.

They say most Canadians were prepared for the new identification requirements and were ready with their passports on June 1.

The new enhanced B.C. Driver's Licenses went into production May 30. These licenses cost more at \$110 compared to \$75 for renewing a regular driver's license, but it will get you across the border by land or water. The two-year Enhanced BC Driver's License renewals costs \$66.

Secure Certificate of Indian Status is not yet available.

Non-drivers may apply for a British Columbia Enhanced Identification Card for \$70 for a five-year card. Five year renewals and cards for seniors cost \$50.

Canadian Passports cost up to \$92 for an adult and \$24 to \$39 for children and can take from 24 hours to four weeks to process, depending on how you apply and what additional services you are willing to pay for.

The tighter security at border crossings has raised concern for First Nations living near the Canada/US Border. The Okanagan Nation members asserted their right to freely cross the border on June 1 by staging a gathering of protest.

They and other border First Nations cite Article III of the Jay Treaty which declares the right of "Indians" to trade and travel between the United States and Canada. American Consular Services in Canada states that as a result of the Jay Treaty "Native Indians born in Canada are therefore entitled to enter the United

States for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing, and/or immigration."

Tom Schreiber of the US Customs and Border Protection would not comment specifically on the issue of First Nations and the Jay Treaty. He did however say that the new border regulations apply to all, including dual citizens and even American citizens.

"It is an outgrowth of the 9/11 Commission; we tried to get to enhanced security so we know definitely who enters the U.S.," he said.

Canada Border Services Agency Spokesperson Faith St. John said Canada's border requirements have not changed. Whatever was acceptable to cross the border into Canada before June 1, 2009 is still acceptable today.

"Overall, it is working very well," said Schreiber. "We've been putting out the message since January 08 and Canadian travelers are very savvy. There's been a high rate of compliance."

Ha-Shilth-Sa wishes our readers a  
Happy National Aboriginal Day on June 21

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# Families host naming ceremony at Mungo Martin house

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Victoria** – On May 27, 200 family members and friends from the Hunt family from the Kwaguilth Nation and the Robinson family from Ahousaht gathered at the Mungo Martin House to witness and celebrate a child receive a name.

Jose Robinson and his partner Jenn Johnson and their son Landon called on their family members to share in their special day. Jenn's parents are Rick Johnson from the Musgamakw Dzawada'enuxw Nation and Debbie Hunt, a Kwaguilth member. Jose's mother is Bev Robinson.

"On behalf of the families I want to thank and welcome each and every one of you to a child's naming ceremony, which is important business for the families," said speaker and Ha'w'ith Frank Nelson. "It also is happening at our ancestor's house, Mungo Martin, who built this house so that our cultural teachings and

practices can continue."

Prior to any business conducted for the ceremony, dancers came out with eagle down to bless the floor and to protect those gathered.

Nelson acknowledged and thanked Chief Andy Thomas from the Esquimalt First Nation for witnessing the occasion and allowing their families to be in his traditional territories.

"Elders, chiefs and family members," said Thomas. "I want to welcome you all here today and it is an honor to witness



Photo by Jack F. Little

Family members prepare young Landon for his Hilugwila, naming ceremony, at Mungo Martin house in Victoria on May 27.

an important ceremony that you are doing here today. I especially want to acknowledge the Kwaguilth for keeping our culture and teachings alive and, in closing, I would like to wish a long life to this child. You have paved the way and laid a strong, healthy and a sacred path for him to follow."

The Kwaguilth calls this ceremony Hilugwila.

"When a child is born they believe that it is in between the spirit world and the existing world and if the child dies before the tenth moon it is believed that

he or she did not enjoy it here and wanted to go back to the ancestors. If the baby lives to its tenth moon, it is believed that the child likes it here and wishes to stay and be a part of our lives," said Nelson.

Four noble ladies

were called to assist with the Hilugwila ceremony; one was to scorch the baby's hair; one to paint the baby's face; one to put the Thunderbird straps on him; and one to put the cedar headpiece on. The family then called on young men from both the Kwaguilth and Ahousaht nations. It was explained that their responsibility was to be protectors (warriors) of the nation and they took a vow to protect the child throughout his life.

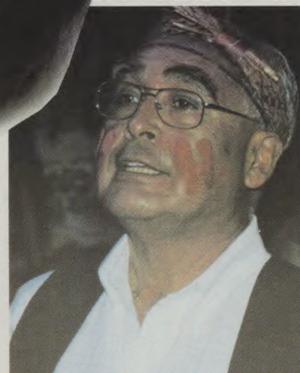
It was explained that to singe the baby's hair protects him from disease and pain throughout life and the smell of the singed hair also wards off sickness. The painting of the baby's face with red ochre protects the baby from skin disease, especially from small pox. The thunderbird straps also help to keep the baby well, safe and healthy and among the people in this world.

The cedar headpiece was put on Landon and he was washed with water by one of the noble ladies. She pressed her wet hand four times on Landon's head and then wiped him dry.

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Great-grandfather Tony Hunt proudly dances for his grandson Landon



Jose Robinson with his son Landon after the child received his traditional name in the Hilugwila ceremony on May 27. Bottom right: Wickannish, Uncle Cliff Atleo Sr. attends the event.

# Tla-o-qui-aht starts work on micro hydro project

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation has begun construction on a micro-hydro project that will produce green energy to be sold to BC Hydro. In time the project is expected to generate revenue for the Clayoquot Sound First Nation.

Saya Masso said the run-of-the river project will take water from Canoe Creek at the top of the watershed, funneling it back down to the bottom through pipes, generating a considerable amount of electricity and returning the water back to the system.

Hupacasath's China Creek Micro

Hydro Project is a similar system. They've enjoyed much success with their \$14-million green energy project, generating \$1.2 to \$1.4 million annually. According to a Forest Ethics report, Hupacasath uses a portion of the revenue they generate from their 20-year energy purchase agreement with BC Hydro to pay down their debt. They expect to be debt free by 2013.

Tla-o-qui-aht's \$15 million micro-hydro project is being built in their traditional territory, located on Highway 4 about halfway between Tofino and Port Alberni.

Construction started in spring and is being done in phases as TFN continues to seek funding for completion of the project. An access road has been cleared

and Masso said the pipes are being delivered to the site where workers will coat them with a protective sealant. Once complete the project will generate up to five megawatts of power, enough to service 200 homes.

Tla-o-qui-aht is engaged in discussions with BC Hydro in an effort to secure an energy purchase agreement.

Electricity generated at Canoe Creek will not go to Tla-o-qui-aht homes on the West Coast, but will be sent to Port Alberni instead. Masso explained it would be too expensive to divert the energy west toward Tofino and Ucluelet. "BC is exporting energy to the U.S.; if they buy our green energy they won't have to burn fossil fuel to produce their own energy," he explained.

"We chose projects close to existing hydro lines and highways," Masso continued, "in order to cut down on kilometers of hydro lines."

It is situated high in the watershed above fish habitat and land is being cleared in a way that leaves minimal impact on the land.

Rather than standard sized logging roads, the road builders are designing the access to the site to be as narrow as possible. In addition, important natural features like significant old growth trees and a giant boulder are being left in place with the road going around them.

Trees that are felled will be offered up to Tla-o-qui-aht artists. In early June, Joe Martin, a renowned canoe carver, will survey the site. He will assess the timbers suitability for long houses and canoes.

Once the pipes are in place, workers will bury them to keep them from impeding the path of migrating animals

*Celebrating milestone*

## Baby reaches tenth month and community celebrates

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Landon was then given his traditional name from Jenn's father's side, the Johnson family. His name is now "Manlida'as," which means that he will be giving the rest of his life, explained his father Jose.

The Kwaguilth singers then sang Manlida'as' Hilugwila song to celebrate this child's wish to stay. Family members danced with joy, and a few of them were very emotional as tears of happiness were shed.

and to achieve a more natural look.

The Canoe Creek micro-hydro project is only one part of a larger vision for Tla-o-qui-aht. Masso said the first nation hopes to build a fish hatchery near the site. Running the water from the micro hydro project through a hatchery before it goes back into the system would allow the two projects to share some infrastructure and save the band some money.

The new opening from the highway up to the mountain top creates opportunities for hiking trails to attract tourists. According to Masso there is already a provincial parks trail in place directly across the highway from the Canoe Creek project.

There are breathtaking views of the Kennedy River Valley from the top of the mountain.

"When you come to the UNESCO Biosphere reserve you want to see how ecosystems can service us and you want to showcase how we have a responsibility to be stewards," said Masso.

Tla-o-qui-aht is developing Haa'uukmin Tribal Park in the Kennedy River Valley and Masso said the projects they are developing there are eco-friendly and will tie in to the concept of tribal parks and eco-tourism opportunities.

Masso expects the first five years of revenue generated from the Canoe Creek micro hydro project will go toward repayment of the debt incurred from the construction of the project.

"This project is a smaller piece of a larger vision in TFN's ultimate goal of self-determination," said Masso.

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## Education - ha-ho-pa

# Activities close out the year at Gold River Secondary

Submitted by Margaret Amos  
Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker

Another year has come and gone. A new beginning and many memories is what we have to enable us to move forward.

Hishuk-ish-tawalk was the theme for Multi-Cultural Week on April 20 to April 24. It was challenging, but with the support of everyone it was a success! Each year the committee discusses what the theme will be, what can be shared amongst each culture, make it student participation, involve the community and then look at what can improve, what didn't go well so that next time we can do it better.

Kleco! Mrs. Whyte for the students' art work she displayed in the foyer; Mrs. Cross, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. McCormick, Roz Latvala for helping with the planning. Roz is a very big help with assisting with scheduling for events with staff, and Mr. Meise for taking pictures.

Monday:  
We invited elders Violet Johnson, Gloria Maquinna, Jack Johnson Sr., Cecelia Savey and Max Savey to listen to the students in Nismass Language Program. Every Wednesday the language takes place and our elder Violet Johnson comes to teach the

students our language. This was an opportunity for them to see what the program was all about, for students to listen and ask questions, the elders to express their concern and the importance of our language to keep it alive. They were impressed with the work that is put into this language program. It was strongly expressed that it has to start in the community. This is the goal that the community is working on and the students got to practice what they have learned and the importance of carrying on with our language.

Tuesday:  
We had four of our students from G.R.S.S. that did a presentation on their endeavors with the Scouts Program. The showed slides about their travel to the United Kingdom and talked about their experiences that they had going on this trip. It was an awesome presentation!

Four of our students from G.R.S.S. shared their experiences in Student Encounters and encouraged students to participate in this program. Slides were shown and questions were asked at the end of the presentation. In their travels they went to Ottawa and this is open to all students. Kleco to the students!

Wednesday:  
We were so honored to have a visitor from Port Alberni who is known by Yaawilthma. He came to our school and

talked about the importance of receiving a name. We invited the elders Violet Johnson, Jack Johnson Sr., Gloria Maquinna, Max Savey, Cecelia Savey, Lenard Mark, Billy Howard, Dennis John and Beulah Howard to witness the presentation.

He started to collect names at the age of 15 years old, when he became interested in this important part of our history. He has accumulated 10,000 names from different tribes in Nuu-chah-nulth Territory, as well as Neah Bay.

He talked about four principals:  
1. We can't take anything in our life for granted. (ASK-Pray).

2. Get what we want! Treat it with RESPECT! Respect all the time.

3. Share.  
4. Give thanks to Naas! Thanking for everything! Practice, practice all the time!

He shared names that he collected from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht ancestors. He mentioned the name of our late Chief Ambrose Maquinna was given at 10 years old and an elder Jack Johnson remembers the name. He documented it in his file. The students sat awed, quiet and they didn't want to leave. This gave our elders a boost in what we need to pass on to the next generation. We would like to say Kleco to you Ron Hamilton. It was well done!

Thursday:  
Invitations were handed out to artists in our community and to people who do crafts. Some attended, others didn't. Eugene Amos (carver), Steven Howard

(carver) Lenora Johnson (beading) Hilary Savey (beading) Allison Howard (makes vest, shawls, pillows), Floyd Jackson ( drums maker) Francis Jack (demonstrated his art), Beulah Howard (cedar). This was a good day! Kleco! Mowachaht/Muchalaht for allowing their staff to participate in our school. The students were so excited to see everyone and next year we will need to see more participating and just to remind everyone that we will need to follow policy and a criminal record check is a necessity.

Friday:  
At last we are at a close! Sgt. Karmali came to share information on the three programs he is involved with aboriginal people. He shared his life experiences and the hard work it took to get there. Students showed interest in his presentation and the program. It was mentioned that we had a student who took this program last year from our school and that was Raven Wilson.

Each year we discuss what can we do better, what went wrong, and if anyone has new ideas. Please let me know. We want to make it student driven and as well as community involvement.

We need your name if you want to take part in our Cultural Week. And we need commitment. We've come to a close and Kleco to the Principal Mrs. Fehr for being a big support and to all the ones who came to share their knowledge, talents and experiences. Job well done! To Juanita Amos, Kleco! Your meal was delicious!

### NOTICE:

#### School District No. 70 (Alberni) has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Alberni District Secondary School Project.

The Board of Education of School District No. 70 (Alberni) is seeking a design-builder to undertake the design and construction of the new Alberni District Secondary School.

A selection process will be used to identify a Shortlist of up to three qualified Respondent teams which will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposals.

The RFQ outlines the overall scope of the Project, the requirements for the Responses to the RFQ, and the process to be used to select the shortlisted Respondents.

NOTE: the RFQ is subject to the terms of the Agreement on Internal Trade.

The School District invites local firms and individuals to explore opportunities to participate in the Project. Accordingly, any contractors, design professionals or suppliers of goods and services who would like to make their interest known to others can provide information to the Contact Person for placement on the School District website. ([www.sd70.bc.ca](http://www.sd70.bc.ca))

Interested Parties can view complete details of this RFQ including the registration form on BC Bid ([www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca))

The Contact Person for the RFQ is:

Doug Hibbins, P. Eng.  
Alberni District Secondary School Project  
School District No. 70 (Alberni)  
Email: [dhibbins@trillium-bc.com](mailto:dhibbins@trillium-bc.com)



## Community Beyond

NTC DAC Annual Health Ability Fair  
June 17 to 19  
Tsehaht

Presentations at the upcoming DAC Health Ability Fair will include: general and diabetic foot care by Happy Soles; hearing aid maintenance and importance of hearing tests by Island Hearing; denture and gum care and maintenance by Alberni Denturist; prescriptions and over-the-counter medications - Shopper's Drug Mart; NIHB update; We will also have self-care service providers on-site.

End Violence Women's Workshop  
June 19  
Port Alberni

For the Dignity of Everyone, A Day of Healing and Celebration. In the Upper Lounge at the AV Multi-Plex. Healing workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guest speakers: Jessica Yee, 2009 YWCA Young Woman of Distinction. Rose Henry Award winning advocate for homelessness Melissa Hyland. Showcasing the documentary film 'Highway of Tears.' Register at 250-724-7111.

Loonie/Toonie Auction  
June 20  
Port Alberni

To be held at the Port Alberni Friendship Center 3555 4th Ave. Bids start at 9:30 a.m. Auction starts 1 p.m. Craft/flea market tables for rent for \$10. Fundraising for PAFC Elders' Committee for travel to Elders' Gathering in Terrace in July. Call Vi Wishart 250-724-2379 or Pat O'Donnell 250-723-1636.

Loonie Toonie / Flea Market  
June 20  
Port Alberni

To be held at Haahuupayak. 10 a.m. pre-bids, 1 p.m. auction. There will also be tables available to anyone interested. It is by donation. We are fundraising to help Wes Price, a single father of 3 and housing his niece for all the personal and valuable items they lost recently in a house fire. For tables or donations contact Aliza: Home 250-724-9631 or cell 250-720-3941.

Seafood Feast and Silent Auction  
June 22  
Port Alberni

On June 22, the Tsehaht First Nation is hosting a Seafood Feast and Silent Auction in support of Shawn A-in-chut Atleo and his bid for AFN National Chief. Tickets are \$100, only 100 are to be sold. To purchase your tickets please contact Vina Robinson at or 250-729-1314 or Christine Apro at or 250-731-1218.

Community Meeting Hosted by UBC Museum of Anthropology  
June 24  
Port Alberni

All interested Nuu-chah-nulth-aht are invited by the UBC Museum of Anthropology to a community meeting. The museum has been working with Nuu-chah-nulth community members for several years to develop a new display of its collection of regalia, basketry and other heritage objects. Come to see a slide show, hear the plans, and add your input. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Great Room, Tsehaht Band Office, 5091 Tsumas Drive (Mission Road). Refreshments and lunch provided. For planning and food services, please confirm your attendance with C.Anne Robinson by noon June 22: 250-720-8907 or FirstNationsWildcrafters1@shaw.ca

Eric and Fanny Mack Anniversary  
June 26 and 27  
Toquart Bay

To all family members, you are cordially invited to celebrate the 37th anniversary of Eric and Fanny Mack on June 26 and 27. It will be at Toquart Bay campgrounds. If you would like any further information contact Theresa Mack at (250) 723-7116.

Candle light vigil for Lisa Marie Young  
June 28  
Esowista

To be held on the beach at 1 p.m. Lisa's family and friends would like you to join on them this day to light a candle for Lisa and other missing women/men /children.

Tic Kaa Ii Kwink Games  
July 2 to 5  
Zeballos

The Ehattesaht Tribe is hosting the Tic Kaa Ii Kwink (Northern Region) Games 2009 in Zeballos on July 2 to 5. This is our 8th annual games. More information at a later date. Cherie John, Northern Region Games Coordinator.

Chuck Windsor and Naomi Howard Wedding  
July 8  
Campbell River

Wedding Announcement: Chuck Windsor & Naomi Howard would like to announce their Wedding Day, July 8, 2009 at the Thunderbird Hall, Campbell River BC. Please join us in celebrating. For more information or questions please email: [sweetcashes@hotmail.com](mailto:sweetcashes@hotmail.com)

## Birthdays & congratulations

Happy Father's Day to Allen Dick (BUCKY). I love you hun, with all my heart and all my soul. I just want to say thank you for all you have done for me and our kids. We so appreciate it. We are lucky to have you in our lives. I hope you have a wonderful day on Father's Day! Love always and forever, Robyn and kids.

Happy birthday sexy! Happy birthday to the awesome Robyn M. Frank on June 25. We hope you have a great day there Robynator. From all your friends in Vic!

Happy 6th birthday to my handsome boy. Markus P.M. Mather on June 21. You are the sweetest boy any mother or father could ask for. You and I are very lucky to have a best friend like you in my life. Love mom (Kim and Craig) and brothers Deven and Clint.

Happy belated 6th birthday to my nephew Tayshaun Charleson! Love auntie Kim and uncle Craig and your cousins Markus and Clint and Deven.

Happy birthday to my older "Strawb" Robyn M. Frank on June 25. Love you sister from the Mather clan in Coquitlam.

Happy birthday to our nephew Richard Little on June 25. Love auntie Kim and Uncle Craig and you cousins Markus and Clint and Deven.

Happy Father's Day to my uncles Wayne, Bishop, Archie, Danny, Russell, Paul, Grant and to the father's in Ahouasat...God Bless you all. Best wishes to all of you. From Robyn, Allen and kids. Robyn M. Frank

Happy birthday to my Cuz'n, Roman G. Frank. I hope you had fun on June 30 and hope this year will be a good one for you and your family. Love from Robyn, Allen and kids. Robyn M. Frank

Happy birthday to my friend in Victoria, Robyn Frank, on June 25. Every year I remember and think of you on your birthday. Too bad I don't have my PC hooked up or I could have scanned a really cool old school pic of you from way back in the day. Hope you have a fabulous day and hope your honey waits on you all day long, cooks for you, does all the house chores and send you to the spa. XOXO Mel Charlie.

Happy anniversary to my parents on June 25. Hope you get to honeymoon all day. Love your eldest

We would like to send out a birthday wish to our son (Kalvin) on June 14. We hope you have fun and we wish you many, many more. Love mom, dad and Shanny. Also on the same day is a birthday wish to cousin Lana. We wish you many more. Also a birthday wish goes out to Sparkplugg in Seattle, best wishes Parker have fun at Travz.

And to Sugar, we wish you all the best on your special day cousin. We hope you have fun. We would also like to congratulate our niece Courtney with the arrival of her new baby Makavali. Only a few days late here. Also to Lil Edgar and Merien with the arrival of baby Noah. Congrats to you guys.

Much love to all Daniel, Freda, Shanny and Kalvin. Happy Father's Day to John Lyall. Lots of Love, Sharon Louie- Bond, and Rande Louie-Lyall.

July 1: Happy anniversary to my husband Edward Smith. Thank you for all the years we have been together. You have changed many things in my life. I am thankful for all that you do for me. Have a good day. Love your wife Annie. Also Happy Father's Day and enjoy that too.

Happy Father's Day to all my brothers: Wesley Thomas Jr., Richard Thomas and Nathan Fortune. To my brothers-in-law: Henry, Gideon, Tom, Vince, Willie, Edgar and Clarence Smith. To my uncles: Larry, Bert (Jenzen), Arnie Thomas and Ralf Titian. Last, but not least, to my nephew Bradley Frank. You all have a good Father's Day. From Annie Smith  
July 4: Happy birthday to my brother Wesley D. Thomas Jr. From your sister Annie Smith.

Congratulations to our daughter Dorianna Smith (Dolly) on your graduation. You have come a long way baby and I am so proud of you and what you have accomplished. You are a mother of two beautiful children (my grandchildren), Latoya and Latrell Frank, and you still continued on with your education. Sure, it took time, but yes you made it! I am glad you are taking a year off but remember to reach for your goals and make it happen because dreams do come true.

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Deadline is June 29.

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I look forward to four more productive years working on your behalf

Scott Fraser MLA

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## Birthdays & congratulations

We would like to wish our uncle Mike a very happy 50 birthday June 20. Love your nieces and nephews.



We would like to wish our brother Mike Lambert a very happy 50th birthday June 20. Many more to come. You're still young! Lots of love from your brothers and sisters



We would like to wish our #1 Dad a very happy

50th birthday June 20 and many many more. Love your handsome #1 sons Mike, Brandon, Wayne and Daniel.



Happy 50th birthday to my Dad (Mike Lambert) also to my

cuzin John Watts for June 20. Hope you guys enjoy your special day. Love from Brandon Peters.

take it easy and just relax. Love from your daughter, your proud daughter always Carol John-Mattersdorfer

Happy Father's Day to all my brothers: Evans Thomas, Peter John and George John Jr.

Well, my dearest, gorgeous brothers, certainly hope you all have a magnificent Father's Day. I want you all to know that you're in my heart every day, that you all have your own lives, but you're still in my train of thoughts and always praying for you. Hope you all have a good one. Take it easy k. Love from your favorite sister Carol Mattersdorfer

Happy Father's Day to my son-in-law Craig Loudon. Well my dear son in law! I am so fortunate to have you in our lives. Thanks for all that you do for us. You make a big difference in all our lives. Live life up to the fullest and enjoy your daughter. You're the best father. I see it every day. Well Craig, we love you! Hope your day is rather enjoyable. From your mother-in-law, Carol, Nick, Sam, Fred, Jess, and Ash Mattersdorfer.

Happy 20th anniversary to my best friend! My sister/cousin Mrs. Keith Clarke and Mr. Keith Clarke. Sure hope you all the best and can't wait for your golden years together. From your friend Carol John-Mattersdorfer

To my sister Greta John

Happy Father's Day 2 u 2! I know you deserve a smile on your face! I know you're that type to stay strong!

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## Klecko's - ʔekoo

### Care made the difference

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their unconditional support during my recent illness and hospitalization. Paul and Brain Boys, I can't thank you enough. To my nieces Melanie Fred and Fran Paulo for the beautiful flowers and words of encouragement. My sisters Norma Taylor and Charlene Livingstone, your love and support means a lot to me and to my friends Roberta Robbins, Gina Valdez, Nichole Jackson, Sam Matilpi, Bill Smith, Wendy and \*bigail Paul, Pay

(Hummingbird) and Steven Zubak, also to my cousins; Tobias Jones, Betty Lucas and Karla Point. I am very fortunate you are there when I need someone "just to talk to"

Finally, to the nurses and doctors at Royal Jubilee Hospital, the level of care you provided made all the difference in the world.

And to Sandy and Kim of "Our Place Society" your compassion, hard work and commitment does not go unnoticed. Again thank you so much to you all. Sincerely, Gerald G. Amos

Happy 50th birthday Mike Lambert for June 20. Enjoy your special day. Also happy Father's Day June 21. xoxoxo Love Always Colleen Peters (your boss).

I would like to wish my son Mike Lambert a very happy 50th birthday June 20. Lots of love, Your Dad

## In Loving Memory

Prayer's to a Kelthmaht Father's Day! Loving memory of Buddy Gordon Jack Mom Frances B. (David) Jack

I smile when asked where are you from? Kelthmaht-Ahousaht. Father's Day, Mother's Day, I miss you Dad and Mom. Love you. 2009 Ciciqink Waikaiʔukaa Haweeʔ.

I walked along Port Alberni waterside where longshoremen Buddy and Martin once worked side by side (1960 to 1989). Iona was asked to get oldest brother Buddy Jack to our Kelthmaht Chief Martin Charlie Jr side before he passed. I watched as brother's looked at each other, held each other's hand. Davy said "he knows its you Iona" smiling... ciciqink.

I smile, when I remember our Kelthmaht Chief Martin Jr. asking Iona make me two large bannock before I leave to catch the ferry. Martin had brought Val's first grandchild for us to meet. Side by side Martin and Buddy raised Buddy's six children (uncle Douglas and Harvey were our babysitters). 2009 Ciciqink: To old man in his chair, looking out the window.

Waikaiʔukaa Haweeʔ (Praise to you, Creator). Many, many times I watched my dad Buddy hold his tears back Buddy



say, keep your head up daughter Iona, don't cry! Words of Huu-ah-ah grandfather Gordon Frank Don't cry! Buddy... Happy sounds of little feet running behind Grandma Iona Sebastian, Asadae, Nadia Jack, Jamal Cooper, Keisha Jones, Dylan Cooper, (Iona's grandchildren). Kleco Kleco to Iona's only son, Michael, I smile watching you raise your three sister's babies just as our late brother Doug raise you Mickey (Mom misses you son). Love you all 2009 Ciciqink (Prayer).

Kelthmaht-Ahousaht Iona Grace Jack-Dennis Xoxo, Kleco kleco

Dianna Marie Tylee Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1972 to June 24, 1994

Seems like it was just like yesterday when they put you in my arms. I was so happy. I finally had a "baby girl" of my own. But that was not to be.

When you came home April /98, I was so happy. That's when you told me "Mom, I'll never, ever leave you again." But it didn't happen like that. The Lord took you back.

Your brothers Dennis, Pierre, Mike and Jonathan sure miss you so much. So does your son Kenneth, and also your new grandson Braiden and Kenneth's girlfriend Vanessa.

Someday we'll meet again. Love you and miss you so much.

Love Mom, Dad, son Kenneth, new grandson Braiden and mom Vanessa,



brothers Dennis, Pierre, Mike and Johnathan.

## Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services

is currently seeking a Resource Home for two young siblings. Knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth culture and a background in working with young children would be assets. Potential caregivers should be prepared to make a long-term commitment and be able to work as part of a team. Requirements will include completion of the application/approval process necessary to become a Resource Home, completion of Pre-Service Orientation and completion of the BC Foster Parents Education Program. Maintenance payments will commensurate with existing Ministry of Children and Family rates. Please contact Terry McDonald or Amber Severinson at 250-724-3232.

## Birthdays & congratulations

May 11: Happy belated birthday to my mom, Cecelia Tom. I love ya mom. Love from Erica, Alissa and Dan.



To bro Paul Tate: Happy Father's Day 2009. Luv Scott Dennis, your big brother. XOXO. Aug. 10: Happy birthday Asadae Jack. Luv Grandpa Iona.



May 31: Happy birthday to my mom and fiance Erica Tom. We love you. Love from Alissa and Dan



May 21: Big Brother Jamal Cooper wishes sister Medicine Baby Keisha Jones a happy second birthday July 2009.

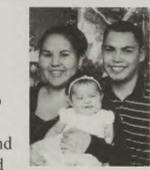


June 17: A huge happy 16th birthday to Stevie Boi Tom Jr! Love ya, and hope ya have a great and fun day!



Lovez from your cuz Erica, Dan, Alissa and Grandma Sisa.

Aleta Cooper wishes Happy Father's Day to Corey Jones. Happy birthday to both father and daughter Corey and Keisha. Corey and Keisha Jones July 31. Happy birthday to you both. Wow! Birthday on the same day. Luv Iona and Scott Dennis.



Wildman artist Scott Hayes Dennis, Ditidaht. Happy Father's Day sweetheart! Scott Dennis. Luv Iona Grace Jack-Dennis.

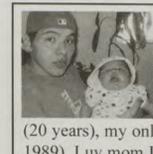


Wow Six years together. Happy anniversary (June 13). Love you always, your woman to Scott Dennis Luv's Iona Grace Jack-Dennis

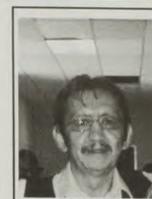
June 6: Happy 32nd birthday to my son Ronald David Sam. Love you a whole bunch. From your mom Catherine T. Watts.



May 21: Nadia Jack, one year old June 2009. Happy birthday Michael Cooper (20 years), my only son (July 12, 1989). Luv mom Iona. Happy 1st birthday Nadia Jack, June 15. Luv Sebastian, Asadae, Dylan, Jamal, Keisha.



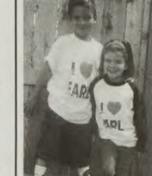
Happy birthday to my uncle Steven Peters for June 19. Also happy belated birthday to my cuzin Derk Peters for June 12. You guys enjoy your special day. Lots of love Collen, Mike, Wayne, Daniel, Michy and Brandon.



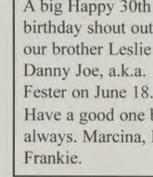
Happy Father's Day to Mike Sam. Luv Michelle and Dylan Sam Cooper.



Happy Father's Day to Daddy, Papa Jean and Grampa Earl! XOXO AJ and Gracie.



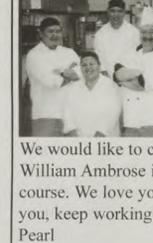
A big Happy 30th birthday shout out to our brother Leslie Danny Joe, a.k.a. Fester on June 18. Have a good one bro. We love you, always. Marcina, Lisa, Bolene and Frankie.



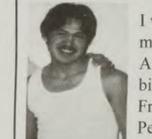
I would like to say happy birthday to William Ambrose Sr. on June 16. I love you always. Pearl



We would like to congratulate my son William Ambrose in completing his course. We love you and are proud of you, keep working hard. Love Dad and Pearl



I would like to wish my son Anthony P. Ambrose a very happy birthday on June 24. From your Dad and Pearl



## Klecko's - ʔekoo

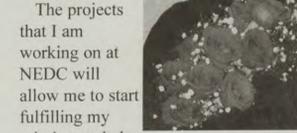
### Grateful for encouragement and help from family, NTC

My name is Naomi Horbatch and I am from the Ahousaht First Nation. I will graduate with my Recreation and Sport Management Diploma from Vancouver Island University (VIU) in August when I complete my Co-operative work experience with the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC).

I will be continuing on with my Tourism Management Degree at VIU. I would like to thank NTC and Ahousaht for sponsoring my education and the hard work that the post-secondary department does. Maria and Holly were a great source of encouragement and they should be recognized for that. Thanks ladies!

I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support, especially my dad who looks after my dogs at

times. Also, I would like to thank NEDC for sponsoring both my co-op work terms and the support and guidance from all the staff. The projects that I am working on at NEDC will allow me to start fulfilling my mission, to help First Nation people achieve self-sustainability through self-employment.



Kleco, Kleco, Chuu, Naomi Horbatch

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To have a volume on your voice! I love you sister and you're doing wonders with your kids and my kids. Love from your sister Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

To all the fathers of Ahousat "Happy Father's Day from the Mattersdorfer family.

Happy birthday to a sweet and wonderful baby girl, Brooklyn Atherton Lockyer on June 21. Can't wait to come to Saskatchewan.

Happy birthday to my little Mohawk Robbie Steel. Love you lots and hope you have a great day July 2.

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## Ehattesah

Ehattesah Tribe is preparing for a Nomination Meeting to elect a Councillor. If you live off-reserve and want to receive information so you can take part in the election, make sure your name and address are registered with the Band Office. Call today, (250) 761-4155 or write: Electoral Officer, Ehattesah Tribe, Box 37, Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

## Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Members

We are in the process of updating our membership's current mailing address, phone number or e-mail. Please contact Tracy Amos at: Toll Free: 1-800-238-2933 at extension 1361 Or e-mail to [tracy.amos@yuquot.ca](mailto:tracy.amos@yuquot.ca)

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## A fun day made special

Our appreciation and acknowledgement to our family and friends in Ahousat. Kleco, kleco for making Peter Frank and June Titian's day special.

Your presence and help with making the party run smoothly is deeply appreciated. It was a fun evening, and we hope that this day will be added to your collection of memories.

Cuu, and again Kleco! From Peter, Rose, and Frank family.

# Theme of graduation event promotes public service

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Speeches from dignitaries followed. Wickinnish Cliff Atleo Sr., president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, said he was honored to participate in the milestone event in the graduates' lives. "It makes us all very proud."

He said he graduated from the Alberni Indian Residential School in 1962 and there were only seven Nuu-chah-nulth graduates. When he went on to university at the University of British Columbia, again there were only six or seven First Nations graduates in a university population of about 16,000.

"It's easy to understand the pride we have in the numbers we have today." There were close to 60 graduates listed in the event program.

Atleo reminded the graduates that there were now endless opportunities for them, including doors open to the professions or the trades.

School District #70 Superintendent Cam Pinkerton spoke first in the Nuu-chah-nulth language congratulating the graduates on their academic achievement, saying it took a huge amount of work to get to that point in their school careers.

He also thanked the relatives of the students for their support and encouragement leading up to that day, and beyond into the rest of their lives.

Pinkerton was accompanied on his visit to the community with a number of the district's trustees, who were inspired by the green capacities of the school building at Hot Springs Cove. Things that will be considered, he said, as they look to build a new high school in Port Alberni.

School District #84 Superintendent Lawrence Tarasoff brought his young children to the event. He said he was overwhelmed by the organization of the

Nuu-chah-nulth in hosting the event.

Tarasoff said the theme was an excellent one, as those who help are held in high esteem in the community, saying there were many rewards and challenges that come from a life of service.

Jennifer Hanson, a school trustee in district #84 and Kyuquot member, wished the graduates luck in the years ahead.

Joe Tom provided the keynote address to the grads. He first thanked the ancestors for the wisdom and knowledge that were the roots of the Nuu-chah-nulth community—its identity.

"It's who we are."

He also thanked the grandparents and the parents for carrying on the traditions and values that come from that ancient wisdom and knowledge.

"We must always appreciate what we have."

He said 11 years of residential school made him an angry person. But then a gift came from the tribal council, and he was sent off to university for two years to get his education in clinical counseling.

He encouraged the grads to continue with their education, because the community needed them. But while they were out in the world learning the Western ways, he reminded them to never lose the strong foundation of culture that their parents, grandparents and ancestors had built for them.

"Bring the best home," he said.

Pat Charleson Jr. and Jeannine Adams work to feed the crowd at Hot Springs Cove on June 13.



Cecil Sabbas and partner Angela Galligos were both 2009 grads celebrating Nuu-chah-nulth academic achievement at Hot Springs Cove on June 13.

Ka:'ya:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek:'tles7et'h' showed the passion that he intended to follow by demonstrating his rapping talent with a riff that said, in part, "I'm a Native that made it." He is a graduate of 2009. "A Native like me is hard to find." His words received a tremendous round of applause.

As a token that acknowledged the thread of wisdom that runs through the Nuu-chah-nulth community, the eldest man and woman at the event were given a gift, as were the youngest boy and girl. Charlie and Maime Lucas accepted the acknowledgement as the eldest in attendance, and babies Kayden and Kaydance were the youngest.



Greg Charleson

Ruben Lucas was this year's valedictorian. He too said that the graduates' knowledge was steeped in the history of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples. He confirmed that the road to graduation was not an easy one, but learning did not stop there. He encouraged his fellow students to speak with the elders and set new goals.

As a young man, he was proud to say that drugs, alcohol and tobacco had never polluted his body. He encouraged others to take up a healthy lifestyle.

After a wonderful meal, Wickinnish and the education department of the tribal council presented the graduates with certificates and a gift. Representatives from each Nuu-chah-nulth community with graduates at the event were asked to say a few words to their home-spun heroes.

"Way to go," said Tseshah councillor Irma Robinson. "The work you did was hard." She encouraged them to follow their passion as they go on in life.

Grad Brandon Smith of



Angie Miller presents young Kaydance a silver bracelet as mom looks on. Kaydance represents the future graduates in the Nuu-chah-nulth family.



Priscilla Sabbas Watts dances the welcome song and takes on the role as emcee at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council celebration at Hot Springs Cove on June 13.

## THANK YOU!

This year's Nuu-chah-nulth Graduation ceremony was held in Hot Springs Cove. Kleco! Kleco! to all the people who helped to make it a very special and memorable day for the Grad class of 2009.

Thank you to:

Hesquiaht – Hereditary Chief, Elected Chief and Council and community, thank you for the warm welcome.

M.C. – Pricilla Sabbas- Watts, thank you for the fantastic job

Key note address – Joe Tom, thank you for your inspiring words

Valedictorian- Ruben Lucas, you did an excellent job and represented the 2009 Grad class well

President – Cliff Atleo, thank you for your inspiring speech and for helping with the presentations.

Thank you School District #70, Cam Pinkerton and School District 84, Lawrence Tarasoff.

Thanks for your speeches and for joining us in celebration.

To all those who harvested seafood for the dinner. Thank you, the seafood was delicious.

Thank you to those who provided the transportation to and from Hot Springs Cove. The trip was enjoyed by everyone.

To the many cooks— thank you for the wonderful meal.

Decorating Crew- thank you for a wonderful job. Having the wolves surround the Grads was very inspirational.

Recording Mike Watts, thank you for doing the recording.

Reporting – Debra Steel, thank you for the fantastic coverage.

Carver– Paul Sam. Thank you for the beautiful jewellery. Thank you especially for coming to our rescue and doubling your order. Chiefs, elders, parents and community members, it is you who makes this day special, thank you for sharing this day with the Graduates.

A special thank you to the N.T.C. and S.D.#70 support staff for all your help.

Congratulations to Ashley Tom, the happy winner of the draw. Thank you to the N.T.C. for this donation.

Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make this day special.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADS OF 2009

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Raylene McCreath  
Tamara Thomas  
Janelle Louie  
Dorianna Smith  
Stacy Titian  
Beau Campbell  
Greg Charlie  
Teralyn Duncan  
Dannie George  
Jordan Dick

### MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHHT

Charmaine John  
Craig Amos  
Norma Johnson  
Stephanie Wilson  
Nia Samuel

### TLA-O-QUI-AHT

Archibald Thompson  
Cathy Matthew  
Deborah Thomas  
Susanne Thomas  
Ashley Tom  
Catherine Williams

### TOQUAHT

Kyle Frank

### TSESHAHT

Alex Gus  
Kameron Gallic  
Sheldon Dick  
Margaret Fred  
Clinton Fred  
Lizette Cartledge



### DITIDAHT

Amanda-Lee Cunningham  
Cecil Joseph  
Chantelle Sutherland  
Donna Peter  
Tracy Peter  
Robert Knighton

### EHATTESSAHT

Darren John  
Ruben Lucas  
Heidi Vincent  
Jo-Lynn John  
Lacey Adams  
Andrew Smith



### HESQUIAHT

Angela Galligos  
Devon Charleson  
Jeff Martin  
Jessica Trenholm  
Jessie Thomas  
Kelsey Amos  
Leslie Mickey  
Cecil Sabbas

### Hesquiaht Ancestry

Skylene Touchie

### HUPACASATH

Dawn Tatoosh  
Jolleen Dick  
Serena Read  
Sharon Charles

### HUU-AY-AHT

Heathier Johnson

### KA:'YU:'KT'H'/CHEK'TLES7ET'H'

Chad Hanson  
Chantelle Smith  
Brandon Smith



# Students build a new tomorrow

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshaht**—What better way to celebrate an accomplishment than to share a meal? And what better way to fundraise for that celebration than to host a barbeque of salmon and halibut, burgers and hotdogs, and all the fixings that a person can eat?

That's what the students of Tseshahts Residential Building Maintenance Worker Program did on May 22 in the parking lot of the Maht Mahs gymnasium. It was also the place where they toiled over 24 weeks in a multi-discipline course that encompassed a dozen trades, including carpentry, plumbing, soldering, and painting and decorating.

There is always a need for someone in the community who is skilled at a wide variety of things that people can call when maintenance issues appear in a home or building, said program instructor Bill Lucas.

It's also important for that skilled person to know when it's time to call in the big guns, like a journeyman plumber or electrician, and that's what the course offered, skills to handle situations that can be handled without the expense of a journeyman, and knowledge to understand when the problems require a qualified member of the trade.

Seven men and one woman took part in the program. Jonathan Watts was the youngest of the group and was excited right from the start, learning that Tseshaht, in conjunction with North Island College, was offering the 24-week program.

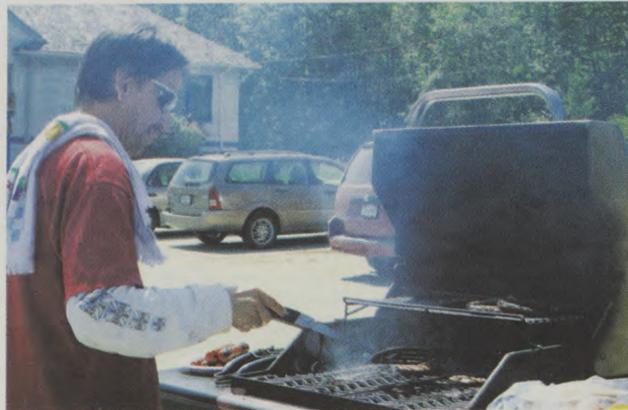
"It kind of clicked," Watts said. He describes himself as a real people person. A one-time employee of Tseshaht Market, Watts took the assessment to see if he was qualified to take the program and, once accepted, jumped in with both feet.

The forming and framing component of the program "was just awesome" he said. The participants built a shed that the raffled off and cutting the wood for that and seeing the form go up was really gratifying for Watts.

But while he liked the carpentry aspect of the program, Watts said the plumbing part was also interesting.

"I kind of want to be there and do it all; for people to count on you to come to their home and repair it for them." The lone female student of the group said she really liked the plumbing aspect of the course and even took the skills she learned home and took apart her facets and put them back together after cleaning them up.

She said at first she was scared a bit of the power tools, but that soon went



Photos by Debora Steel

**Critch Dick takes care of the hamburgers and hotdogs at a fundraising barbeque held in the parking lot at Maht Mahs on May 22. Funds raised would go toward graduation of the Residential Building Maintenance Worker Program.**



**Program instructor Bill Lucas enjoys some fish.**



**Jonathan Watts helps with food at the fundraiser**



**Jeanette Andrew was the lone female enrolled in the program.**



**Ron Dick sits with a building shed program participants built and raffled off to help defer costs for two trips the group intends to take.**



**Good food, good company: Phyllis Biggs, administrative assistant for the Nuu-chah-nulth nursing department, Laurie Sinclair, LPN working as a TB nurse, and former TB nursing supervisor Suzanne Taylor enjoy some sun with a meal provided by students of the the Residential Building Maintenance Worker program on May 22.**

away after learning the right way to use them.

She said she saw the program as a real opportunity, and admits it's changed the way she looks at a building, noticing the different ways, for example, a roof can be constructed and knowing what each different style is called and how it was built.

Lucas said his crew of students worked on a variety of homes within Tseshaht, including fixing the storage doors at Maht Mahs gym.

The program is garnering much attention and the students, plus representatives from Tseshaht and North Island College, have been invited to two

conferences—The Association of Canadian Community Colleges in Charlottetown in May and the Learning College Summit in mid-June in Phoenix.

The topic the ambassadors for the building maintenance program have chosen to speak on is Hishuk ish tsawalk—Everything is one and everything is interconnected: Designing an on-reserve program to meet the needs of First Nations students and their communities.

In Phoenix Jeanette Andrew will co-present with Tom Weegar, Campus Principal of North Island College, Port Alberni.



**Aboriginal Education Advisor for North Island College Luke George.**

## Feedback requested

Luke George wants to get the word out about plans for the Port Alberni Gathering Place project.

The Aboriginal Education Advisor with North Island College said the school is looking for community input so that their new structure will meet the needs of the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

A survey is now on the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Web site at

The school has received \$200,000 to construct a place that will identify strongly with Aboriginal students, where they and the wider community can meet for ceremonies, classes, cultural education or things like carving.

There are two meetings of the committee that is working to choose plans for the construction before the ground is turned to start the project in fall. So the deadline for input is the first week of July.

"This is something I'm pretty excited about," said George. He said it was a happy surprise when North Island College approached Tseshaht to ask permission to build the gathering place on their own private property. He said it was wonderful that the college was taking the steps to consult.

The school has also consulted with Hupacasath, but now want to widen the net to the greater Nuu-chah-nulth community.

There are a variety of plans being considered, but the one the majority of people are leaning toward is a tradition longhouse-style structure. It will be constructed at the front entrance of the existing college building in Port Alberni and it's anticipated that there will be artists work featured at the site, including poles. The building will not be a replacement for the Aboriginal student lounge, but will be a unique precinct on campus that will increase the Aboriginal 'sense of place.'

The goal of the college is to attract, retain and support through graduation First Nations students, and it is hoped that this building will contribute to the welcome environment being cultivated by the school.

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## Birthdays & congratulations



I would like to congratulate our daughter Allison Gallic on completing her first year in the University of Victoria for

her Bachelor of Science. Awesome job girl; way to go! We are so proud of you. We would also like to congratulate her on her new job at Tseshaht First Nations as fisheries management. Way to go girl! Love always Mom and Dad Jake and Ruby Gallic.

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Wishing our daughter Robyn Melanie Frank a wonderful day on June 25. Hope this is a start of another great year for you, Robyn. All our love, mom and dad.

June 6: It was our granddaughter Nia Jane's birthday on June 6 not Mason, her brother. Anyway Nia, a belated happy birthday to you. My only excuse for this mistake is my memory, hehehe. All my love, grandma Rose.

Congratulations to all grads of 2009, especially our Maaqtusiis Grads of 2009: Lacey Adams, Beau Campbell, Gregory Charlie Jr., Terallyn Duncan, Janelle Louie, Dorianna Smith, and Stacey Titian. Your attitude towards your education has been awesome. Keep up the good work in your future endeavors.

Congratulations to Birdie and Jordan Lucas on their upcoming wedding, and can't let this one go, to our niece, Andrea Frank, we are all so tickled about your engagement to that wonderful guy, Mr. M. Charleson. Everyone have a safe and wonderful summer vacation.

Happy birthday to Kenyon George on July 8, Ander Lucas on July 7. Congratulations on your graduation and happy birthday to Reuben Lucas on July 9. Happy birthday to Carol Lucas and Charlie Lucas on July 27 and happy 4th birthday to Mathias August on July 22. From Virginia and girls.

Happy birthday to Desiree Nahanee on July 25. From Mom, Dad and family.

We would like to wish Ron Dick Sr. a happy birthday for June 10. Hope you have a good one. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

To my husband Sid Dick Sr., happy Father's Day. Hope you have a tremendous day. You deserve nothing but the best. You mean so much to me. You are one of a kind and that's why I love you so much. You have brought so



We'd like to wish a happy belated birthday to our daughter Victoria Gallic on June 6. Love always Mom and Dad Jake and Ruby Gallic.



We'd like to congratulate our son Kameron Jacob James Mackenzie Gallic on his graduation with (Dogwood).

Way to go son. Love you so much! Love always Mom and Dad Jake and Ruby Gallic.



We'd like to wish our first granddaughter Mariah Gallic-Manson a very special 1st birthday on June 19. Love grandma and grandpa Jacob and Ruby.

much happiness into my life. Our five beautiful kids. We have had our share of good times and bad times but we seem to over ride it all because of our love for each other. From the day we got married till now our love grows each and every day and look forward to the rest of life together. I love you and wish you a wonderful Father's Day. Love always Sharleen Dick.

We would like to wish our father Sid Dick a happy Father's Day for June 21. We love you dad for all your hard work and for being there for us when we need you. You're the best dad ever. Love always your kids Sid Jr, Sylvia, Sabrina, Sheldon and Steven Dick.

We would like to wish our grandpa Sid Dick a happy Father's Day for June 21. You're the best grandpa ever for taking us on boat rides and spending quality time with us always. Love you always papa. Shawntaye, Mackenzie, Bradley and Ricky.

I'd like to wish my husband Jacob Gallic a very special happy Father's Day. Love always Ruby Gallic.

We'd like to wish Aaron Jimmy a happy belated birthday for June 8. Love you neph! Jake and Ruby Gallic.

Happy anniversary to Melanie and Aaron on June 21. Happy birthday to Erin Ross on June 21 and happy birthday to big sis Georgina Lovingstone. From Dave and Annie.



We would like to wish my brother Alec Cootes a happy 39th birthday for June 11. Hope you have the best day ever. Love you always your sis

Sharleen, Sid and family.

Happy 15th birthday to my #1 son Collin on June 17th. I hope you have an awesome day son. Love you tons. Hugs n kisses from Mom, Dad, and your sisters Miranda, Danica and Jenniece.



Happy Father's Day to John Lyall. Lots of Love, Sharon Louie-

Bond, and Rande Louie-Lyall.



Happy Father's Day, Peter Frank. I hope you have a wonderful day and a great time. I wish we could have been there to share your day with you....I love

you dad. You are a very special person in my life. Love always from Robyn and grandkids.

## Fun and camaraderie the benefits of playing

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hupacasath**—On May 30 and 31 at the House of Gathering, 18 teams participated in a Lahal tournament. Chuck August, who is originally from Ahousaht, hosted the tournament, but first opened up the floor on the Friday before the action began for some fun games.

The tournament prizes were substantial, with \$1,000 for first, \$500 for second and \$200 for third. Teams came from the Nuu-chah-nulth nations, as well as Cowichan, Saanich and the United States.



**Winning is sweet for Gina Saluzor who took first place at a lahal tournament in May.**

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## WORK OPPORTUNITY

### Part-time Wellness Outreach Worker

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council/Teechukt (Mental Health Program) is seeking a part-time Wellness Outreach Worker to be responsible for promoting and supporting the health and wellness among Nuu-chah-nulth people who are at risk or becoming involved or have been involved in high risk life-styles. Based out of a NTC office in Port Alberni, the Wellness Outreach Worker is a member of the Community Health Team and under the supervision of the NTC Quu'asa Community Coordinator.

**Responsibilities will also include:**

- Providing an outreach service to individuals living in Port Alberni, and to promote wellness and support them in achieving better health;
- Providing information, referrals and support to address identified individual health issues;
- Facilitating opportunities to promote healing, wellness and learning within a culturally safe framework;
- Encouraging cultural connections including identification of extended family relationships.

**Qualification:**

- Diploma in a field related to counselling and recovery, or equivalent combination of education and 5 years recent experience working with aboriginal people;
- Direct experience in programs that address addictions and high risk behaviours;
- Thoroughly familiar with health services and referral process;
- Familiar with Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations culture, healing processes, and cross-cultural education;
- Holds a valid driver's licence, has access to a vehicle, and provide acceptable references and criminal record check.

For further information contact Charlotte Rampanen at: 250.724-3939.

Apply by **June 19, 2009** by sending your cover letter and resume to:

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**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**

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This summer and fall, Uu-a-thluk will add profiles to our website telling people about independent Nuu-chah-nulth fishing guides. Once those profiles are online, our communications team will promote you and your business in cyberspace. If you would like to be part of this project, or if you know someone who would, please contact Uu-a-thluk at 250-724-5757 or [info@uuathluk.ca](mailto:info@uuathluk.ca).

A message from Uu-a-thluk, your Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council fisheries department.

**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.
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- 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.**
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**Lahal**

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Gina Saluzor defeated Mark George in the championship final. She went undefeated in the tournament to claim first place. Saluzor played Kevin Wilson in the first game and won handily. She then faced Jordan August and won easily again. Saluzor had a tougher opponent in Sandy Morris Jr. in the semi-final with the winner automatically advancing to the final. George was immediately knocked down to the losers' side of the draw as he lost his first game to Andrea Louie. George then defeated Rod Atleo, Bingo August, and Larry Curley before once again meeting up with Andrea Louie. This time George won. He then faced Glen (unknown last name) before meeting up with Sandy Morris Jr. with the winner to the final to face Saluzor. In a game that was close both George and Saluzor's teams were going back and forth with no one taking control of the game, until Saluzor's team pulled away. Bingo August spoke at the conclusion of the tournament.

"On behalf of my oldest son Chuck I want to thank all of you for playing in his tournament this weekend. Chuck just wanted to gather us all together so we can have fun, and it also gives us a chance to socialize and also have fun and entertaining games," he said. Sandy Morris Jr. was then asked to come get his third-place winnings. Mark George was called forward for his team's second place winnings. Finally, Gina Saluzor was asked to accept her team's winnings and she said a few words. "I would like to thank our hosts for this weekend's lahal tournament and especially thank all the teams for playing in these games. Congratulations also to Mark and Sandy and I enjoyed playing them," said Saluzor.

Saluzor told Ha-Shilth-Sa that she enters and plays in a lot of Lahal tournaments in the United States. One of the benefits is that you make many friends when you play in different tournaments and communities.

**The next deadline for submissions to Ha-Shilth-Sa is June 26.**

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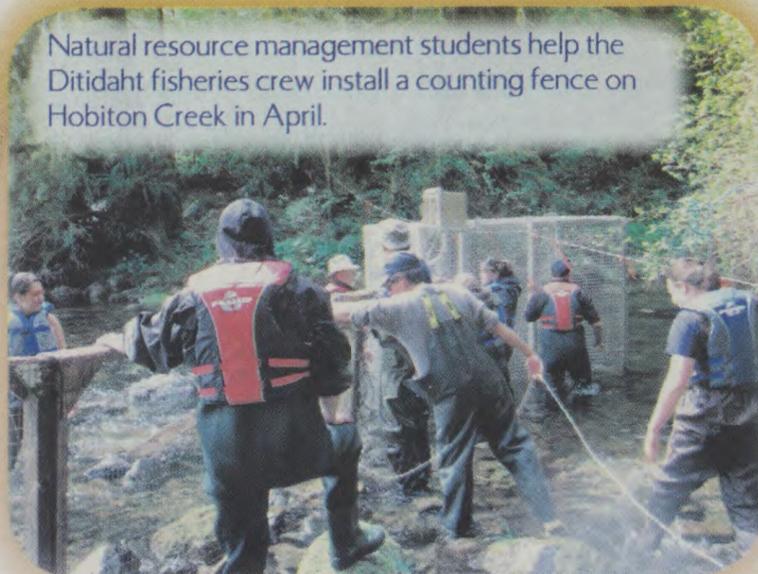
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# Salmon Bringing

# Hope in Hobiton

**S**ockeye salmon—once plentiful enough to catch using fish traps—are returning to Hobiton Creek on the west side of Nitinat Lake in Ditidaht territory, and their numbers look promising. For Uu-a-thluk biologist, Jim Lane, this is good news.

“It’s probably the best return in the last four or five years,” he said. “As of last Wednesday, over 1500 fish had gone through the counting fence. There was another couple hundred behind it, and large schools at the mouth of the river waiting to go up.”



Natural resource management students help the Ditidaht fisheries crew install a counting fence on Hobiton Creek in April.

Along with members of the Ditidaht fisheries crew, Lane was on hand to see the sockeye return as they passed through the temporary counting fence installed in April. Each year, the Ditidaht fisheries crew use the fence to count the number of adult sockeye returning to Hobiton Lake. The totals influence how many fish their Nation can harvest from the watershed, according to Ditidaht’s Hobiton Sockeye Harvest Management Plan.

busy harvesting sockeye for the Ditidaht community and for scientific samples. Lane points to the Nation’s conservation measures as one of the reasons for this year’s strong return.

“Since the stream is in the park, there’s no enhancement work being done. It’s strictly because of improved marine survival and Ditidaht not fishing during times of very low abundance that these numbers are up.”

“The numbers are now above the minimum run size where harvesting can take place,” Lane said. “The harvest will depend on the week-to-week escapement, but generally this is the time when we see the largest peak in escapement for the season. Fish migration into the river usually drops off in early June, and there will be another, smaller peak in the next two or three weeks. After that, it’s usually all over for the year.”

Sockeye, chum, and coho salmon almost all spawn in gravel along the perimeter of Hobiton Lake rather than in the streambed.

Although too small to support a conventional commercial fishery, Hobiton sockeye have long been an important source of food and economics for Ditidaht members. One of

the 20 distinct stocks of sockeye from the west coast of Vancouver Island, Hobiton sockeye are sensitive to changes in the ocean that happen every three to twenty years. Research suggests young sockeye heading out to sea from lakes like Hobiton have a higher chance of surviving when the ocean is cooler. Cool temperatures create better conditions for prey eaten by the young sockeye.

Thankful for the first harvest in four years on this system, the fisheries crew were

Whatever the case, Ditidaht will continue to manage the fish the way they always have—carefully. And thanks to those numbers, there will be a limited fishery for food and ceremonial use among Ditidaht members in 2009.

“Hobarton” is located at the mouth of Hobiton Creek on the west side of upper Nitinat Lake. Its Ditidaht name is “xwubit’adtc,” which means ‘snoring sound made by rushing water.’ Historically, Ditidaht people stayed at Hobarton during the fishing season while catching and smoking sockeye.



Salmon harvested through community fisheries like the one on Hobiton Creek is often enjoyed year round by canning and preserving.

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