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Nuu-chah-nulth language nearly extinct, says report

By Debora Steel
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Tsartlip—"We need to have a revolution," declared Cliff Atleo, Sr., president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

This was his reaction to the report released April 30 by the First People's Heritage, Language and Culture Council, which revealed that during the past 120 years the number of fluent speakers of British Columbia's First Nations' languages has plummeted to only 5.1 per cent of the entire First Nations' population in the province, down from 100 per cent in the late 1800s.

The report shows that of the 32 languages, which has among them 59 dialects, all of them fall into three critical categories: Severely endangered, nearly extinct, or sleeping, which means there are no fluent speakers left to draw on to recover the language.

Nuu-chah-nulth-aht count among them 115 fluent speakers, which puts the lan-

guage in the nearly extinct category. It means that in a population of 8,800 registered Nuu-chah-nulth, well under one per cent of the population is fluent in the language.

"You know, that's scary data, and it's real," said Atleo, whose traditional name is Wickaninnish.

Atleo spoke in the Nuu-chah-nulth language of his father who emphasized two things to him: Hang on to the knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth chieftainships, and hang on "with all that you have" to the Nuu-chah-nulth language.

"Because that is who we are."

Wickaninnish is in rarified company, according to the report, entitled B.C. First Nations Languages 2010.

More than half of fluent speakers are 65 and over, and often well over the age of 65.

Hannah Amrhein, a researcher who worked on the language report, said 5.1 per cent of the BC First Nations population spread over 32 languages is far from being sustainable for any one language.

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Ahousaht yet to evict those refusing treatment

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—The 12 people who refused alcohol and drug treatment during a recent attempt by community leaders to make Ahousaht a safer place to live are still living in the village, despite having been served eviction notices in late April.

Chief John O. Frank, the sadness clearly showing on his face, sighed and said, "We are setting up a court order (to evict) at the request of the chiefs (ha'wi-ih)," he said of the coming next step.

In March, 30 Ahousaht members were visited at their homes by community and spiritual leaders and asked to take part in a treatment program or leave. The ha'wi-ih (hereditary chiefs), with the support of chief and council, the RCMP and elders, were taking steps to clean up the reserve.

Their goal is to completely ban the sale and use of alcohol and drugs on reserve. They offered each person a pre-arranged placement in a facility set up at Sydney Inlet in northern Ahousaht tradi-

tional territory where they would receive counseling and treatment for addictions. The program offers a strong cultural and spiritual component.

Frank and his family have endured abuse and even threats because of his role in the community undertaking, but he remains cautiously optimistic.

"We are doing this for the children," he said, adding, many in the community have complained for years about alcohol abuse, violence and public intoxication. He said many mothers and grandmothers have approached him to thank him for making their community safe for the children.

He and his family have made several trips to Sydney Inlet to visit family members there.

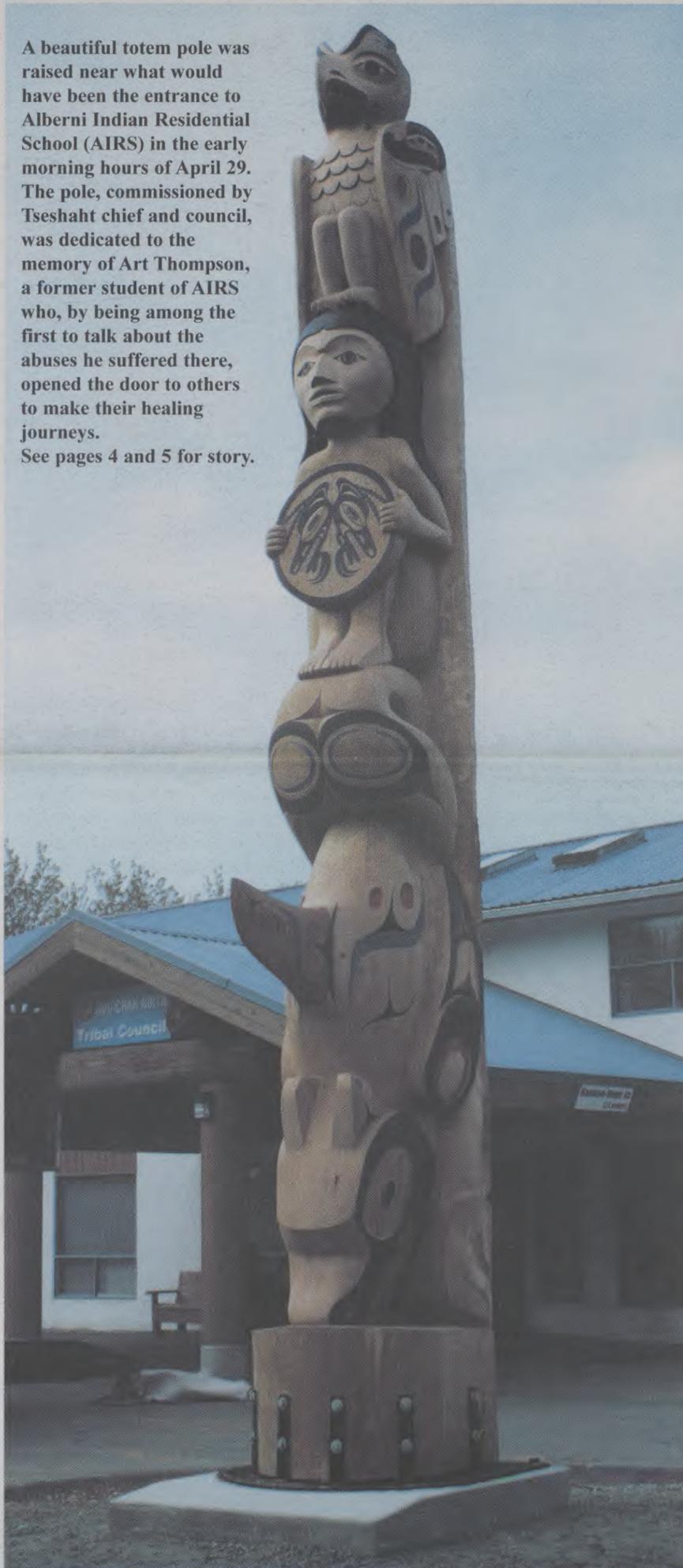
"The people are regaining their strength. They've changed. The power they carry is good," he said of the ones in treatment.

There will not be a public welcoming home celebration for those taking treatment. Any plans for the return home are being kept under wraps to protect the privacy of the families.

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A beautiful totem pole was raised near what would have been the entrance to Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) in the early morning hours of April 29. The pole, commissioned by Tshshaht chief and council, was dedicated to the memory of Art Thompson, a former student of AIRS who, by being among the first to talk about the abuses he suffered there, opened the door to others to make their healing journeys.

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Denise Titian

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Project takes eye health to the people

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Snuneymuwx First Nation—How long does it take for a Mobile TeleOphthalmology Project to go from dream to reality, asked Norman Lewsey, executive director of the Inter Tribal Health Authority (ITHA) on Vancouver Island.

Five long years, he said. Not so surprising then that the launch of the project would be turned into a big event, complete with feast and speeches from some of the people who had devoted considerable energy to seeing that dream come to fruition.

Gathered at Snuneymuwx near Nanaimo on April 16 were health representative full of the hope that their project would bring some equity to First Nations in the area of health services.

Vancouver Island residents living in 51 rural and remote First Nations communities at high risk of developing diseases of the retina related to diabetes would soon benefit from a new mobile retinal screening service. The technicians were trained, nurses hired, and two highly motivated doctors were standing by in Victoria ready to make assessments. The celebration even included the blessing of the teleophthalmology mobile units, along with traditional First Nations drumming and singing.

Rural and isolated patients have trouble accessing the same levels of health care as other people living in British Columbia. Some can't afford to travel to urban centres. Others refuse to leave home. The danger of not getting eyes tested regularly is that diseases that could be treated are left undetected.

Patients with diabetes are particularly prone to eye disease that can lead to blindness, and there are more occurrences of diabetes in the Aboriginal community than there are in the mainstream population across Canada. The British Columbia First Nations Health Plan estimates that the prevalence of diabetes among First Nations people is as much as 40 per cent higher than for other British Columbians.

Dr. Stanley Shortt, one of the retinal specialists on the teleophthalmology project

team, said people born within the past 10 years have a one in three chance of developing diabetes. Worldwide by the year 2030, 438 million people will suffer with the condition.

Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in people ages 21 to 74. Getting tested allows doctors to treat issues before they become problems.

The mobile teleophthalmology units will travel to the patients and send the images of their eyes via a secure link to retinal specialists who will examine, investigate, monitor and treat any problems long-distance.

Nanosee First Nation Chief David Bob is the ITHA co-chair. He explained that instead of testing for vision, the units tested for disease. He urged everyone to take advantage of this technology when the units are in the communities.

About two million Canadians have diabetes mellitus, one-third without knowing it. Uncontrolled blood sugar levels can cause many health problems, including coronary heart disease and renal failure, retinal damage or retinopathy. People with diabetic retinopathy are 29 times more likely than the general population to become blind.

Diabetic prevalence among the 35,000 First Nations people living within the Vancouver Island Health Authority region is estimated to be 2,200.

This population is geographically distributed among some of the health authority's most isolated communities.

Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and Canada Health Infoway jointly funded the \$1 million teleophthalmology project, contributing \$404,000 and \$636,000 respectively.

"Improving the health status of Aboriginal people on Vancouver Island is



Ashley George, Jay Kroek and Kylie Paul are trained technicians that will travel to remote communities on Vancouver Island taking scans of patients' eyes and sending the images via secure link to retinal specialists in Victoria.

one of VIHA's key priorities as identified in our five-year strategic plan," said Jac Kreut, Vancouver Island Health Authority board chair. "We are delighted to be a part of this innovative project that gives residents living in remote and rural Vancouver Island communities who are at risk of developing diseases of the retina the same access to retinal screening services that are available to people living in urban centres."

Four primary screening clinics are located on Vancouver Island in Sooke, Nanaimo, Port Alberni and Alt Bay. The screening equipment used in the clinics is portable, and will be taken to remote and rural First Nations communities where needed.

Snuneymuwx Elder Bill Seward said he was pleased to have witnessed the launch of the technology in his community.

"It's good for our people. It's good for our children."

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Winner Logan White demonstrates that he had finished all of the smoked salmon roe that he was given in the final round of the Nuu-chah-nulth traditional food eating challenge held April 29 at Alberni District Secondary School. Sam Kean comes in a close second and Madison Pollard-Wright places third.

FEAR FACTOR @ ADSS



Teacher Deb Hamilton surveys a plate full of Nuu-chah-nulth traditional food, including a fish head, oyster and smoked salmon roe, that she was expected to eat during a Fear Factor challenge held on April 29. (Right) Teacher Ryan Dvorak doesn't seem to be enjoying the unfamiliar tastes and textures of the Nuu-chah-nulth seafood diet.



By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—"On a scale of one to 10, how gross is it," asked Madi Pollard-

Wright, a contestant in Alberni District Secondary School's version of Fear Factor, that once popular television show where participants were expected to go and do what others dared not go and do.

"Ten," was the answer, and it made Madi cringe.

"I put my name in, but I didn't expect it to be picked," she told Ha-Shilth-Sa on April 29. She was about to stand before her fellow students on the school stage and attempt to eat a variety of Nuu-chah-nulth traditional foods as part of a challenge hosted by the First Nations

Steering Committee.

To her credit, the clams and oysters didn't slow her down. Neither did the prawns or smoked salmon roe. But the fish head. Oh, the fish head. That was Madi Pollard-Wright's undoing.

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Art Thompson remembered at totem pole dedication

By Denise Titian
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Tseshah—A beautiful totem pole was raised near what would have been the entrance to Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) in the early morning hours of April 29.

The pole, commissioned by Tseshah chief and council, was dedicated to the memory of Art Thompson, a former student of the residential school who, by being among the first to talk about the abuses he suffered in residential school, paved the way for others to begin their healing journeys.

"Art was one of the first people to come forward, as tough as it must have been, to challenge the church and government on the abuses he suffered," said Darrell Ross of Tseshah.

Willard Gallic said Tseshah wanted to rid themselves of the bad memories of AIRS and they started by inviting survivors and their families to take part in demolishing one of the old buildings.

"We want to help people start the journey of healing and we want survivors and anyone else that was impacted by that place to have good memories when they come here," he said.

Tseshah's goal is to replace anything left of AIRS with a wellness centre. According to Gallic, the wellness centre would be a place where people can build new memories and come to Alberni with a better feeling.

"We want everyone to remember Tseshah people as the ones who recognize the pain of everyone that went there; we want to be part of building positive memories," he explained.



Tseshah Chief Councilor Les Sam accepts a framed Art Thompson print from the Thompson family on behalf of the Tseshah people.

"We feel strongly that we were part of something not by choice and we felt we wanted to correct that by destroying bad memories and build new ones for survivors and their families," he continued.

"We recognize people are in a healing process and we want to help them in their healing journey and we don't want colonialist policy to ever disrupt our culture again," said Ross.

Ross said his nation has been talking about the project for a long time because of the experiences their nation has had.

"We as a tribe are stuck with the remnants of the residential school that was built right beside us," he said. "People (former students and their families) want to go back to the site and release pain and move on and our council wanted to have spiritual representation to help people heal."

Carved by Tseshah artist Gordon

Dick, the pole, while dedicated to Art Thompson, is also shared by those that suffered inside the walls of the residential school.

The pole was raised in front of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Building, the former site of Alberni Indian Residential School. A holly tree that once stood at the entrance of the old school was cut down in recent years because the sight of it was a painful reminder to AIRS survivors. It wasn't long before more holly trees sprouted from the trunk but work crews leveled the remnants of the tree, covering it over with gravel and the concrete foundation for the beautiful new pole.

Gordon Dick said he was first approached by Chief Councilor Les Sam about the project in 2005, not long after the conclusion of the Tseshah Market totem pole project. With funding in

place, Dick commenced work on the log, transforming it into a magnificent work of art that features a thunderbird, an ancestor in a female form and an orca transforming into a sea wolf.

Dick said master carver Tim Paul assisted in the early days of the project, helping with design scale. The pole is a tribute to residential school survivors and, in particular, Art Thompson who led the way on the healing path by publicly telling their stories in court.

The piece took 55 days to complete with the artists working eight to nine hours a day. Dick is grateful to his grandfather Allen Dick for giving him advice and inspiration for the project and to his fellow artists Erich Glendale, Kwaguilth and Alex Spence, Haida Gwaii, who assisted with the work.

Dick said he never went to residential school but he recalls tearing down the old building in the summer of 1984 when he was in his early teens.

"Back then I never knew how much damage was being done behind those walls," he said.

He hopes that the sight of the pole will bring positive changes for former AIRS students.

"I hope now they get a good feeling and good memories when they come to our reserve," he said.

Alex Spence said that he feels fortunate to be part of the younger generation that is witness to a renaissance of the culture. "It is good to see it thrive, to see bad turn to good."

Of the late Art Thompson, Dick said, "it is because of him and our elders that held on to the artwork that helped us become who we are today."

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Fear of seafood at ADSS

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Four students took part in the event, their clothes protected by plastic rain jackets. The stage was decorated with caution tape, and pounding music and a smoke machine added to the ambience.

Logan White took the first round in the salmon roe challenge, and Sam Keen took the fish head round. He trumped the three other competitors again with prawns, but then White bounced back in the oyster and clams round.

The run off was to devour a length of salmon roe and White proved victorious. He received a \$50 gift certificate for his efforts.

Then came the teachers' turn to test their mettle. Deb Hamilton looked confident from start to finish, taking the win, but the most entertainment came from Ryan Dvorak, whose attempts at swallowing the unfamiliar food caused for more than one grimace and squirm.

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Pole a tribute

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Witnesses to the pole raising were invited to Maht Mahs for breakfast hosted by Tseshah First Nation. Tseshah elder Willard Gallic called the event a proud moment for Tseshah.

"I see many people here who attended the school and I hope this lifts your hearts and starts the healing process; this has been a real sore spot for us because it's in our own backyard," he said of the residential school. He thanked all that came to witness the event and to pay their respects to the family of the late Art Thompson.

Thompson was taken from his Ditidaht home to attend the school where he suffered inhuman abuses. He was a renowned artist but also became known as one of the first to publicly re-live the horror of his years at AIRS as he testified in a lawsuit against the government of Canada and the churches that ran the schools. It was his courage and bravery that paved the way for many others to speak out.

Chief Sam thanked the individuals and organizations that helped with the project and with the pole raising ceremony. He said Health Canada provided the funding, through the NTC, for the project.

The family of late Art Thompson thanked the people of Tseshah for remembering their loved one. Speaking on behalf of the family, Martin Watts said, "We are very honored to celebrate the accomplishments of one man who said 'Enough is enough. Let's fight the church and the government and move forward in a good way.'

"The family wants to tell survivors we can move forward. The pole faces east so



Alex Spence, Haida Gwaii, Kwaguilth, Dick, and Erich Glendale, Kwaguilth. It can look forward to the rising sun every morning," he explained.

The Thompson family told the people of Tseshah they thank them for taking a step toward healing and moving on with life. Chief Sam accepted a framed print from the family on behalf of his people. More framed Art Thompson prints were presented to the carvers of the pole.

Jack Thompson thanked everyone for honoring his brother. He told the people he appreciated their support and said he too supports the idea of healing and moving on.

He said it was important to remember what his late brother accomplished.

"He fought many fights on behalf of those not strong enough to talk about these issues. It is good to talk and to let this garbage go," he said.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Cliff Atleo said he was proud to see the raising of the pole, calling it a much-needed step toward healing. He vowed to continue to fight and to press government for funding to revive languages and to promote healing.

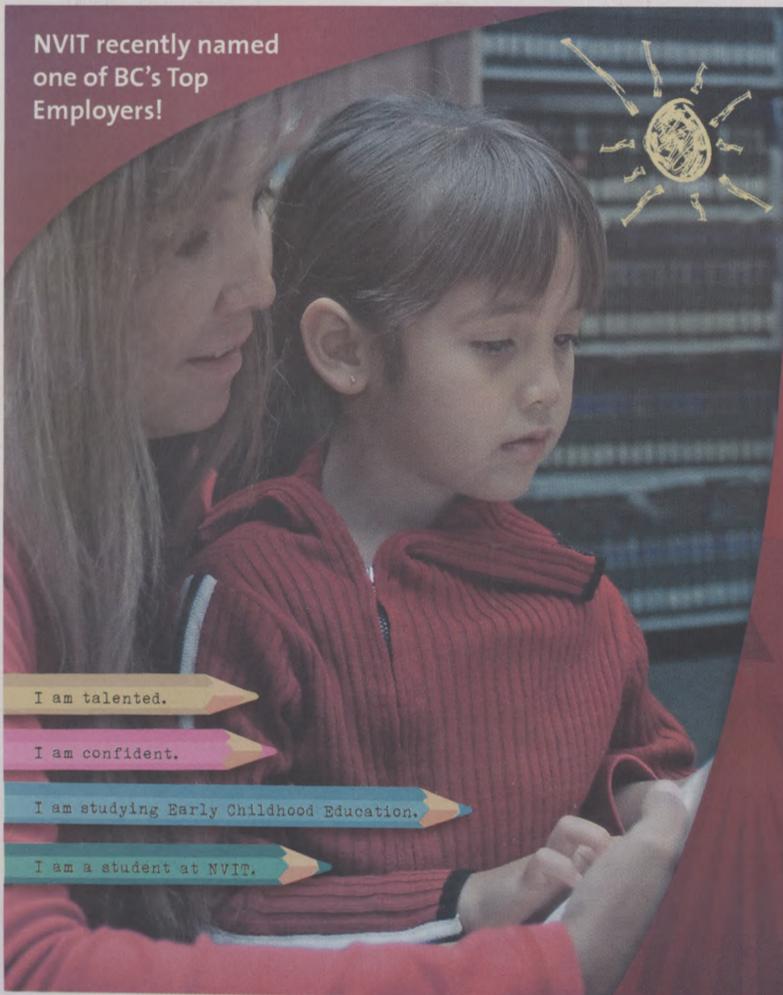
NTC Vice-President Priscilla Sabbas-Watts called Art Thompson a survivor and a conqueror of residential school. He didn't let what happened to him taint how he treated children.

"Art loved his kids and he allowed them to be children," she said. "It was wonderful to see him with his children and grandchildren."

Liz Underwood, Tsawout, left Victoria early that morning to be at the ceremony. She recalled that Art called her Auntie in residential school. Of the pole raising she said, "It was very, very beautiful. I cried when it went up."

And as she spoke she burst into tears; as people came up to support her she said, "Thank you to Art for having the strength to speak about sexual abuse. I still don't have the strength to do it. He was and is a great man who will live on in our memories forever."

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Argument for special costs made before Justice Garson May 4

Nuu-chah-nulth Nations were back before Justice Nicole Garson on May 4 to argue their case for costs in the fisheries rights litigation case.

Matthew Kirchner of Ratcliff and Company, a lawyer representing the Nuu-chah-nulth, said it is ordinary for the successful party to seek costs from the unsuccessful party in a litigation.

"This is an amount intended to indemnify the successful party for a portion of the legal costs and all the reasonable disbursements incurred to conduct the case," he reported.

However, the costs ordinarily granted are just a small fraction of the actual legal costs of a trial. The Nuu-chah-nulth have put forward an argument for special costs, which could increase significantly the costs that Canada would have to pay to the Nuu-chah-nulth.

Kirchner said the Nuu-chah-nulth argument was that special costs would be in order because the case "raised issues of broad public importance dealing with the resolution of aboriginal

rights and that it represents a breakthrough case in terms of aboriginal rights to sell fish."

Canada argued for no costs at all being paid to the plaintiffs, the Nuu-chah-nulth, because the question of aboriginal title was left undecided "and the geographical scope of the right does not extend to the claimed 100 miles offshore."

Justice Garson has reserved her decision, and has not indicated when her ruling will be heard.

The Nuu-chah-nulth are back in the Court of Appeal on May 6 on a motion by Canada to file a written argument in the appeal that is doubled the permitted length. This is a procedural issue only and not to hear Canada's appeal argument of Justice Garson's Nov. 3, 2009 decision.

There was strong Nuu-chah-nulth support in the court on May 4, and many indicated their interest in returning on May 6.

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Port Alberni commemorated the National Day of Mourning on April 28 at the Steelworkers Building where workers in the area's heavy industry gathered to remember those who had been killed or injured on the job. Kelly Drybrough, president of the Port Alberni and District Labour Council, placed bouquets of flowers by the cairn as a piper plays a lament in the distance.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Grade 12 Graduation Celebration

Saturday, June 26, 2010
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Kyuquot/Cheklesahat General Election

Notice of Nomination Meeting

Wednesday May 19th 2010
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Houspitat Community Hall

The electoral officer will receive nominations for candidates for one chief and four councillors, to be in office until Effective Date: 1 April 2011, after which we are required by Treaty to hold another General Election.

Any elector 21 years of age shall be eligible to be nominated for Chief or Councillor but will only be eligible to accept the nomination for one position

The Election (voting) will be held on Wednesday June 30th 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Houspitat Community Hall, Kyuquot, B.C.

Advance poll will be held Tuesday June 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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An elector is entitled to vote in person on Election Day or at the advance poll or by mail-in ballot

Michelle Corfield, Electoral Officer
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Our hands go up for NCN nurses program

Submitted by Ina Seitcher

The Home Care program goal is to deliver professional, ethical, culturally sensitive and responsible care for people with chronic illnesses, disabilities or recovering from surgery. The home care program consists of many key players the client, the family, the homemaker, the personal care worker (PCW), the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and the registered nurse (RN).

In order to have personal care hours provided the client will need to be assessed by the RN/LPN. In the initial home visit, the RN/LPN will assess if the client has a physical or functional need and what services will be required. The nurses will also discuss the goals of care, responsibilities of the nurse, client, family and caregivers.

In some instances a client may only require homemaking services. A homemaker will do the vacuuming, mopping floors, dusting, cleaning stove and fridge, bathroom, and client's bedroom. A homemaker cannot provide personal care services. The homemaker is employed by the community and usually reports to the social development worker.

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The licensed practical nurse will do assessments for personal care and home-making hours for stable clients. If a client is more acute, the RN will do the assessment. When the client is more stable the LPN will follow up with regular home visits. An LPN will do assessments on an ongoing basis such as checking blood pressures or blood sugars as needed. They will provide health teaching related to clients needs. They are there to assist in discharge planning provide referrals, assist in obtaining medical equipment. They also provide foot care for diabetics and elders. An LPN will also do mould assessment or assist in filling out disability forms. The LPN will work with the



From left to right: Chris Lemphers, Nurse, Ina Seitcher, Home Care Supervisor, Deb Melvin, Home Care LPN, Vicky Tottenham, Home Care LPN.

client, the family the care aides and the RN in meeting the needs of the client.

The RN will provide home visits for clients that are more acute in their illness. A care plan will be developed that will be client centered. The RN will support clients and families in assuming responsibility for their own health. The RN and LPN work very closely together in the care plans for the client. They both advocate for the health needs of each individual client. If there are concerns regarding the services provided the RN will reevaluate the care plan or service plan.

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Student exhibits focus on First Nations

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Dozens of grade 4 and 5 students of Eighth Avenue School took part in a school heritage fair held April 28. Each worked on Canadian heritage projects that involved research, development of a display and presentation.

One class focused on industry while the other focused on First Nations culture.

Each student selected a topic and prepared informative displays complete with written information and models. They stood proudly at their stations, prepared to answer any questions and to tell all they learned about their subject of choice to the visiting judges.

The event was the first step in the Historical Fairs Program that provides grades 4 to 9 students the opportunity to study any aspect of Canadian Heritage. Hundreds of schools across Canada take part in the event in hopes their projects will be selected to take part in the regional fair and even the provincial fair.

Tables were set up in the school gym and students manned their stations to show their work and present information about their selected topic. Much work went into each exhibit and the children appeared very well rehearsed as they answered questions.

One young lady focused on First Nations traditional dancing.

"I learned lots about First Nations that I never knew before," she said, "like they had ceremonies in the winter because that's when supernatural beings were there." The young lady said she got her information about first nations dancing from the Internet, books and from Miss Deb Atleo, the Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker.

Joshua Mason, Grade 4, shared what he learned about shamans.

"They are First Nations spirits," he explained. "They are healers with magic powers that they are born with, and they use rattles to summon up powers and they get lots of training for their rituals."

Corina Ambrose made her own deer hide tambourine drum. She said the drum represents the heartbeat and is part of every culture on earth.

"My family, we sing a lot. My grandma got me my first drum, then I made one," she shared.

Selena Evans said she learned that fish can't see fishing line so she learned to make a fish hook out of wood and women's hair.

Brandon George, Grade 4, said potlatches were magnificent and planned parties. Each person was invited and got a present. It was not just an ordinary dinner party. He learned that potlatches were made illegal in 1885 by the government of Canada, but he thinks they are legal today.

Anthony Ashby, Grade 5, made a model of an igloo. He said he wanted to learn about the Inuit and igloos because he loves winter and the snow.

Deavan Grant-Paul, Grade 5, made his presentation all about his grandfather, world renowned artist Tim Paul. "I love my grandpa," he said matter-of-factly. "This project is all based on First Nations culture and my grandpa is First Nations," he explained. Grant-Paul described his grandfather as a really good artist who makes poles, masks and prints and will show his work in Vancouver in the near future at the Spirit Wrestler Gallery.

Tim Paul was at the fair volunteering as a guest judge. He said his grandson started his project by doing some Internet research. What Tim saw on the Internet brought him back to the days when Deavan's father, Tim's son, was a boy and traveled the world with his grandparents to unveil some of Tim's earlier works.

"We take him everywhere too. He makes me and Monica so proud!" said Paul.

May Van Ingen, Grade 4, learned that Aboriginal people made their clothes out of cedar bark or animal skin. She beaded her own dress with the assistance of Miss Masso.

David Hooper is a volunteer with the Heritage Society, who played a strong role in organizing local school heritage fairs. Lisa Gunther, the vice-principal of Eighth Avenue School, said David approached her last year with the idea of a heritage fair as a school project. She said it fit well with the social studies curriculum and allowed the children to look at Canadian culture in greater depth.

Of the 58 projects shown at Eighth Avenue School, 30 were selected to go to the Alberni Valley Museum Regional Heritage Fair, which will take place May 7 and 8 in Port Alberni. Hooper said Wood School and Haa Huu Payuk

Schools will also get involved.

Shelley Harding, education curator at the Alberni Valley Museum, said several other schools will take part in the Alberni Valley Regional Fair. Haa Huu Payuk will be sending 15 students who will be presenting a class performance rather than individual projects.

In total, Harding said 126 school students are registered for the Alberni Valley Regional Fair.

"There will be judging, workshops for the kids and ending with a trip to McLean Mill," said Harding, adding all events are heritage and history-related.

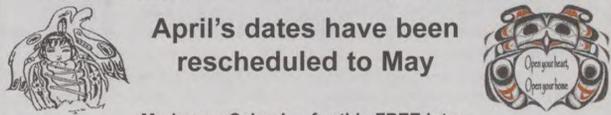
"From our regional fair, six will be selected to go to the provincial fair which will be in Barkerville at the end of

June," said Harding. Normally the Provincial Heritage Fair is followed by a National fair, but there will not be one this year.



Corina Ambrose made her own deer hide tambourine drum.

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New election fee narrows Ahousaht's field

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

West Coast—It's election time for Ahousaht and nominees are busy on the campaign trail. Candidates are doing the good old-fashioned town-to-town campaign meetings with constituents and they are also making use of modern technology like the Internet and email.

Ahousaht will elect a chief councillor on a ballot separate from the council members' ballots. This is new for Ahousaht. Previously, Ahousaht elected only councillors who resided on reserve, then, following the election, the new council would meet in private and decide amongst themselves who would be chief.

With a new custom election code in place, nine candidates were nominated for chief, along with 36 nominees for council. Ahousaht's nominee list was almost double that number in the begin-

ning, but a mandatory \$150 running fee seems to have deterred some people.

In addition to the changes in voting for a chief, Ahousaht has also introduced new rules for voting for a council through their custom election code. Ahousaht will still elect 12 councillors, but starting this term, eight of the seats will go to Ahousaht resident band members while four seats will go to non-resident Ahousaht members.

By opening council seats to off reserve members, Ahousaht hopes to address concerns that members living off reserve don't have a say in band business.

Candidates may run for both chief and council if they are nominated, but they must pay the fee for both seats for a total of \$300.

The rationale behind the new policy was to narrow down the list of nominees, which, in recent past would run into the hundreds. Proponents of the fee argue that those not serious about serving on council would likely refuse to pay the non-refundable fee, but some fear that it unfairly closes the door to those who

can't afford it.

At a recent election information session held in Port Alberni, consultant Kathy Brown told the people the fee was being imposed to offset the cost of the election, which runs into the tens of thousands of dollars.

A committee member that helped develop the election code pointed out most Ahousaht members have large extended families. They argued that if someone could not afford the fee they could turn to their extended families for assistance to cover the fee.

That theory was tested at a nomination meeting in Ahousaht where Brown told Ha-Shilth-Sa that several families met before the nomination meeting and decided amongst themselves who they would like to see on council. Where funds couldn't be raised amongst friends and family, candidates and their supporters turned to fundraising activities in the community to raise the needed money.

"I believe it's a hindrance," said Chief John Frank, who is running in the election for both chief and council. "Some people may not have coin in pocket, but they may have the knowledge in their heads. Are we short-changing them?" he asked.

Running for Ahousaht chief councillor are incumbent John O. Frank Sr., Keith Atleo, Angus Campbell, Marion Campbell, Curtis Dick, David Jacobson, Paul Robinson, Sidney Sam Sr., and Wallace J. Samuel.

Nominees for Ahousaht resident council members are: Julia Atleo, Keith Atleo, Angus Campbell, Darrell Campbell, Floyd Campbell Jr., Francis

Campbell, Marion Campbell, Curtis Dick, Darlene Dick, John O. Frank, Louie M. Frank Sr., Mark Jack, Francis Howard John, Harold Little, Vera Little, Greg Louie, Thomas Paul Jr, Doris Robinson, Harvey Robinson, Paul Robinson, Rod Sam, Eugenia (Gena) Swan, Melinda Swan, Michael (Luke) Swan Jr., Carla Webster, John (Hudson) Webster and Philomena (Mena) Webster.

Non-resident candidates vying for four council seats are: Mark Atleo, Neil Atleo, Tyson Atleo, Margaret Dick, Jack F. Little, Guy Louie Sr., Tracey Thomas, Andrew Webster and Pamela Webster.

Some of the candidates have prepared biographies which are posted on www.ahousaht.ca.

All Ahousaht band members over the age of 18 are entitled to vote. The top eight resident council candidates and the top four non-resident candidates will be elected for a four-year term.

Ahousaht chief and council election day is June 1 at the Resource Tech room at Ahousaht Administration building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Members living off reserve who wish to vote must contact Electoral Officer Robert McKerracher or Deputy Electoral Officer Caroline Atleo to arrange to have their ballots mailed to them. Ballot packages must be mailed to Ahousaht and received by the electoral officer by 8 p.m. on election day.

To send for ballots, contact Robert McKerracher at 1-888-804-3129 or email mckerr@gicable.com or contact Caroline Atleo in Ahousaht at 1-800-991-1433 or email c_atleo@hotmail.com

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The scheduling for the community visits is as follows:

Tseshaht	May 10 & 11 2010
Hupacasath	May 12 2010
Ditidaht	May 17 2010
Huu-ay-aht	May 18 2010
Port Alberni & Uchucklesaht	May 19 & 20 (to be held at the Port Alberni Friendship Center)

Ahousaht	May 25 & 26 2010
Tla-o-qui-aht	May 31 2010
Ucluelet east	June 2 & 3 2010

Kyuquot	June 14 2010
Oclueje	June 15 2010
Ehatis	June 15 2010
Mowachaht	June 16 2010

For communities that are not on this schedule we had no known diabetics. Please do not hesitate to call me if you do have diabetics in your community. Ina Seitcher RN BScN
Nuu-chah-nulth Home & Community Care Supervisor
250 724-5757

Adoption Interest

The Ministry of Children and Family Development wishes to seek interest from Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council members in adopting a sibling group of three (3) children, ranging from 1 to 5 years of age.

For more information, contact Social Worker Cindy Prior at the Ministry of Children and Family Development, 4088 – 8th Avenue Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4S4. Collect calls accepted. Phone: 250 720-2650 or Fax: 250 720-2626



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First Nations language use down 95 per cent

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"This speaks to the fact that the time to act is now. We have such a limited number of years left because so many of our fluent speakers are elders. The other really shocking part of this is that under the age of 24 only 1.5 per cent of the population is fluent speakers, so this is the exact opposite of what we would like to see for our languages to be thriving."

"I'm 65," said Wickaninnish, "so I'm part of that 5.1 per cent category of fluency, but 50 years ago English was my second language. The only time we used English was in the classroom. At play before school, after school, recess, we used our language. That's all we used," he remembered.

So what happened that led to such a quick erosion of the First Nations languages in British Columbia?

Amrhein said that colonization, historical English-only policies, the residential school system, which caused a huge interruption in the transmission of First Nations languages as a mother tongue, are to blame, in part.

First Nations languages are also excluded from government, higher education, business, the media. There is also a lack of resources and funding for language revitalization efforts, Amrhein said.

"This is a crazy number to see," she said of the 95 per cent decrease in fluency.

A language lost has an astounding impact on the greater population, said Amrhein. It doesn't just mean a loss of speakers.

"Thousands of years of accumulated cultural nuances, rituals, practices, philosophies, ideas, beliefs, intricate details about a way of life are lost when a language is lost," said said.

Cultural, historic, scientific, ecological, biological knowledge is lost when a language is allowed, or forced, to become extinct.

"Each language contains an immense amount of knowledge and that's lost when a language is lost, and not only from First Nations communities, but from the sum of all human knowledge," said Amrhein.

A vibrant language means healthy individuals, and healthy communities, she said of the strong correlation between language and health.

And through language people are con-



Cliff Atleo, Sr., president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, looks over the First Voices Web resource at www.FirstVoices.com on April 30 in Tsartlip.

nected to their history, ancestors, land, where they come from, who their relations are. It is the identity of a people that is lost when the language is lost.

There are some groups working feverishly to protect and perpetuate the languages of the First Nations. There are about 9,000 semi-speakers who are working toward building their fluency in their languages.

The number must be looked at cautiously, however, said Amrhein, "with a very loose definition from very few words to partially fluent."

And there are about 12,000 language learners, which is defined as having limited access to a First Nations language.

The trouble here is that these learners are not working to become fluent.

Wickaninnish said language revitalization in the Nuu-chah-nulth territory is a priority, but Canada needs to make real effort and invest in the first peoples.

The time to give back is now, he said, and to breathe life into the 2008 residential schools apology from Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

John Elliott, a teacher of 37 years at Lau, welnew Tribal School at the Tsartlip Nation where the language report was released, said "I heard Harper say 'I'm sorry.' If we heard one of our kids say that, we'd say 'You say sorry the right way. That's not the right way to say sorry. Say it with your heart and mean it. Not the way you are saying it...' There is nothing to back it up yet. Those are empty words. A little bubble that popped and it's gone. And that's how we view it, from a great leader that he calls himself in Canada. We want more and we expect more."

He said his mother, who is 90 years old

and teaching her language to her children, spent from the age of four to 11 in the boarding school.

"She was told never, ever teach your children the language. Never, ever pass that along. That's the story of our past. That's B.C.'s history. That's Canada's



Teacher John Elliott

history. We can't ignore it."

And British Columbia doesn't get off the hook either, said Wickaninnish.

"It's hard to fathom how much (B.C.) has benefited from our land, from our resources, from the still unresolved land question," he said.



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May 8, 2010

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Intermediate Basketball Tournament

May 7 to 9

Ucluelet

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Duncan

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A message from Floyd Campbell Sr.

May 15

Ahousaht

The memorial feast I announced for my late brother Lyle set for May 15 in Ahousaht is cancelled. This is due to circumstances not under my control. I would like to apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused anyone. Please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you!

Celebration Of Life Feast

May 22

Campbell River

To be held at Navy League Hall (across from Ironwood Mall). Dinner at 5 p.m. (celebration ends at 10 p.m.). You are invited to join us in a feast for our beautiful mother, Margaret Jack! On May 22, our mother's heart stopped for about 5 minutes! Thank God for our younger sister Bonnie who did CPR! Our mother was at the Nanaimo Regional Hospital for over two weeks. For the first five days, they had her in an induced coma until they figured out what was wrong with her and until she got a bit better. She was so dehydrated and had double pneumonia. The doctors said she had a strong heart and her arteries were good, so couldn't figure out why her heart had stopped. They then sent our mother to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria for 4 days to see a heart specialist. The doctor's said her "electrical system" was off, so they put a heart pacemaker in. The doctor said "one out of 10" people that go through this makes it. We are blessed our mother was the one! Our dear mother lost a lot of her memory for a while after her cardiac arrest. She hasn't fully recovered but is doing a lot better! We are very thankful for her and

want to celebrate her life with all our family and friends. Jack Family

Loonie Toonie

May 22

Port Alberni

Robinson/Tom Families. Somass Hall. Doors open 9 a.m. Bidding starts at noon. Craft Tables available. For information contact Irene at 723-8281 or 778-421-1614.

Slow-pitch tournament

May 22 to 24

Port Alberni

Level: Recreational Gender: Mixed Start: 2010-05-22 End: 2010-05-24 Contact Name: James and Patti Jones Contact Phone: 250-724-4506 Contact email: patjay.jones@shaw.ca Additional info: 6 x 4 format, big ball/small ball, NSA Umps, \$300.00 entry, 5 game min. Cash and prizes, beer gardens, silent auction for two nights in Tofino, Home Run Derby, and surprise box for every team at end of tourney.

Youth Conference

May 27

Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mahs Gym from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To support Nuu-chah-nulth youth to be more involved in their communities, to talk about culture and traditions, and how to keep our culture and traditions with the ever-changing world. Fun, games, singing and dancing in the evening. For more information contact Norine Messer at 250-735-4111 or email her at norinemesser@hotmail.com. Travel and accommodations subsidies can be arranged. Held by the Nashuk Youth Council.

NTC Grade 12 Grad Celebration

June 26

Anacla

To be hosted by the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. Registration available at NTC office at the end of May, and made available on our Web site.

34th Annual B.C. Elders Gathering

July 13 to 15

Salmon Arm, B.C.

Hosted by Adams Lake Indian Band and the Secwepemc Nation at the Sunwave Centre. For more information please contact Karen Everard at (250) 679-8841.

Tlu-piich Games

Aug. 5 to 9

Port Alberni

They are back and your participation is encouraged. Watch Ha-Shilth-Sa for more information in the coming months.

Submissions for this page
can be emailed to
Ha-Shilth-Sa.

haahuupayak School is accepting applications for a Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Culture teacher.

This is a temporary, part-time position.

The hours of work are

Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-3:00 pm

and the position ends June 18, 2010.

The successful applicant must have Grade 12, a valid driver's licence, fluency in the Nuu-chah-nulth language (Tseshah dialect preferable), and knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth culture and protocol.

Applications will be accepted

until 4:00 pm, May 10, 2010.

Please email a resume and cover letter to ha-ak-sap@hotmail.com or mail to haahuupayak School

P.O. Box 1279 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2

Ahousaht pushes ahead

Continued from page 1.

In other Ahousaht news: As the weather warms, construction is in full swing in the community. The RCMP building is scheduled for completion by the end of May and plans for the opening ceremony will be announced at a later date. The two new eight-plexes are well underway and the band has received approval to build a new six-plex. Four of the units in the six-plex will be set aside for teachers, and construction is scheduled to be within a month.

Construction of eight family homes is scheduled to begin within a month. There are no empty serviced lots available so the eight homes will be built on the sites of condemned homes.

Chief and council have been meeting with government officials regularly about the development of lot #363 and have received approvals and funding to go ahead with sewer and hydro services and lot preparation for future construction.

In recent meetings with BC Hydro, council learned that the utilities company has the ability and will boost power transmission to Ahousaht through its existing underwater cable, averting a power crisis. Chief Frank said council has signed off with BC Hydro on plans to construct two micro-hydro projects. He said engineers will conduct studies to determine the best sites for the projects.

Construction has begun on the new sawmill which should be completed by the end of May. Logs are already in place to begin training people.

Chief and council recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ATCO, which will assist Ahousaht in the development of its economic ventures. Besides providing assistance for mining exploration activities on Catface, ATCO will help Ahousaht develop new administration, elders and youth centers.

Council has been meeting with two major banks to explore ways in which to assist off-reserve members to purchase homes in urban centers.



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Website: www.nuuchahnulth.org

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council



**We are seeking a
2010
Tlu-piich
Games Coordinator**

The NTC is seeking an enthusiastic, highly motivated Nuu-chah-nulth member to oversee the presentation of Tlu-piich Games this August 5 to 9, 2010 in Port Alberni. The Tlu-piich Games Coordinator will report to the NTC Executive Director and seek direction from an ad-hoc committee to produce another, fun-filled and dynamic games that celebrate Nuu-chah-nulth sportsmanship and family values. The successful candidate will work varied times between June 21st to August 20th, 2010.

Preferred Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have:

- Proven record as a Team Leader with success in events management and volunteer coordination.
- A high school diploma/GED; post-secondary experience/degree desirable.
- Possess strong interpersonal skills and able to act with tact and diplomacy, meet deadlines, and maintain effective working relationships.
- Must be a self-starter and able to work independently.
- Knowledge of the history of the Tlu-piich Games would be an asset.



Apply by **May 25, 2010**, by sending your cover letter and resume to: Human Resource Manager, by: Fax: (250) 724-1907 or email: hr@nuuchahnulth.org or mail to: P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Birthdays & congratulations



Happy 20th birthday to my beautiful big sister. happy 20th bday Khristina Lambert May 18. You've been there my whole life And our friendship is more than true. We are two, but we stand as one, And I don't know what I would do without you. No one can ever make me smile the way you do, And it's all because you're just you. You are my best friend, and I want to thank you, Because

you've always brought out the best in me. And when I'm sad you always cheer me up and make me happy. I don't think you will ever really understand How you've touched my heart, and made me who I am. I don't think you could ever know just how special you are to me, Because you're a better friend then anyone could ever be. You'll always be in my heart And we will never ever grow apart, Because we will look back at those times and hope to never forget. So this one's for me and you To always help remember, That miracles do come true, Because you're my best sister forever Khrystina you're my best friend. Love your little sister Kate-Lynn Marie Lambert.



B-day wish - an angel left her wings may 18. I have this little angel. For me she left her wings. She has no idea how much happiness she truly brings. She brightens up my days with her smiles and her laughs. She helps me to remember all the blessings that I have. Her face, it is so perfect, she's sweet and soft and pure. Sometimes she can be willful and sometimes she is demure. She tries her very hardest to please and do what's right. She gives the greatest hugs from morning until night. Every person that has known her sees this light within her soul. I know that in this whole great world, she has a special role. She's helpful and considerate to everyone she knows This light in her shines brighter as my angel grows. When she sees someone is sad, it opens up her heart. She wants to do all that she can; she wants to do her part. She'll squeeze away the sorrow and make me forget about my pain. She shows me where the sun is when we're hiding from the rain. I know the Creator must love me, He showed me

with his Grace. I knew just how completely when I saw my angel's face. And in that very moment when she came into my world, I knew that she was so much more than just my baby girl. She would be my sunshine, with a sweetness that won't end. And when she grows up one day she would be my closest friend. She would be the reason I would always try my best. For my little angel baby girl would be my greatest test. When our Creator entrusts to you an angel, who has left her wings for you. Encircle her with love with everything you do. Let her know the Creator made her, and that He trusts you with her care. Be sure to make time for special moments with her to share. And when at night she finally says her prayers and goes to sleep. I thank Him for my angel, and ask for him to always keep A watchful eye and hand to protect her from this crazy world. Protect my little angel; protect my baby girl. Khrystina the day you were born you blessed my life you were the most precious little girl from head to toe beautiful smile and beautiful glow... HAPPY big "20" Khrystina Jerri-Lynn Lambert.



Happy birthday to my big sister may 18th. My sisters and I will always be together forever every one can see the love we share in my heart is for her in her heart is for me and that's why there will always be my big sister and me. Happy 20th birthday sister *Christina* love your baby brother Ashton.... xoxo

May 1 - Happy Anniversary Doreen and Joe. From Marvin Sr, Michael, Marv Jr. Pearl, Lisa, Violet, Miss Lady Tutube. Happy Mother's Day May 9, 2010 Mom (Marlene) xoxo. Auntie Annabelle, Barbra, Joyce, Sharon, Tanya, Wendy, Auntie Ang, Judy, Matilda, Naome, Betsy, Barb P and Jackie and all the mom's you all have a great day. Love from Pearl and family.



Happy Mother's Day Samara. Love Pearl and family.

YOUTH CONFERENCE MAY 27, 2010

Where: Port Alberni, B.C. Maht-Mahs Gym-Tseshah
When: May 27th, 2010 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Why: To support Nuu-chah-nulth youth to be more involved in their communities, to talk about culture and traditions, and how to keep our culture and traditions with the ever changing world. Fun, Games, Singing & Dancing in the evening!

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Held by the Nashuk Youth Council

In Memory

In memory of my beloved friend...
Husband of 26 yrs...-grampa-dad-uncleBrother-nephew-son...
April 17, 2009 + =April 17, 2010
Donald ~ Michael ~Mattersdorfer

D- Dad, father, good role model, your inspired yr sons so much...gave them your tools, yr ambition, yr looks... Don you gave our children your looks, yr talents, yr trades, yr smile, n just the way u were Don...outgoing n fun!

O-Only u were the one that taught them your skills, you were there teacher, whom had patients, knowledge, time and skill. One dad that gave it his best shot in his life...always was good to them n read them stories, and laid w/them and sd prayers with them each night.

N- Never was a dull moment, your time with us was awesome, always self-employed, bought his own speed boats, and boat house, n just been a total good provider. To me, my family n friends. ie. Birthdays...celebration of life,...Christmas's... valentines day..halloween...mother's day...now it's the first time I've missed all those moments of our time spend together... Now..I only have good memories stored in the memory of my bones... for life..

A-AM a single mother now...n it's a struggle, at times, but I face the challenges, & do the best I can. God gives me that time. That I could only handle so much. I give it all 2 god. My prayers are been answered, my dreams coming true... And..our children are growing, learning, and moving, striving and pushing... Am a proud mother, friend, grandma, and sister, n aunt..

L- Love conquers...Love is all that I can give to our children, now they are all I have, of u Donald..I can still see them as you. My friends say:-) "Fred" so looks like his dad! same as our son "Nick"...your features are remaining on this earth my dear loved one..

D-Don you were the apple of my eye...you were always so good to me.. u always brought me java 1st thing in the morning..You cooked, cleaned, read our kids stories, went fishing, went driving...played cards, n laughed with, hugged with and kissed with...I miss our moment together Don! It was always for better or worse...I know what happened in our marriage.. it was just our marriage..n I gave it my best shot! I loved u right up to the end, that I moved back home...n was sad that I found my late husband/ We were separated then, but maintained a friendship...2 set a good example for our children...that anything can happen when u set your mind to it and stick with those. Life is to short 2 b serious! Now today I only have my fond, precious memories in my heart. Thanks 4 reading this it came from my heart...not my mind...life is good to me..

In memory of My late husband Donald...Mattersdorfer, written from my heart, Love always n 4-ever, Carol R John-Mattersdorfer

In Loving Memory Ernest D. Wilson June 3, 1969 - May 7, 1998

Your not forgotten dear brother, Uncle, Nor ever shall be; As long as life and memory last We shall remember thee Gone is the face we loved so dear Silent is the voice we loved to hear; Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for thought to reach Sweet to remember you who once was here, And who though absent, is just a dear.

From your loving sister Pearl and family



In loving memory Mamie Wilson April 7 - May 12, 2000

Loving and kind in all her ways, Always a smile, to the end of her days. Sincere and true, in heart and mind, Beautiful memories she left behind.

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On April 15th Ecole Alberni Elementary School held a Potlatch at the Maht Mahs. Local hawilth, elders and parents were in attendance as well as the following schools: Gill, John Howitt, 8th Avenue, Ucluelet Elementary, Ha Hu Payuk, EJ Dunn and students from VAST and ADSS. All parties took part in traditional songs and dances. The purpose of the Potlatch was to share and teach First Nations traditional practices. An estimation of 600 people was in attendance throughout the day.

The day was superb! I would like to thank the Alberni Elementary School Community: the teachers, students, parents and PAC and CPF members. I also like to thank; the Potlatch committee in helping preparing for the potlatch, the parents and volunteers who came out to help with this important event, and the hawilth and elders of the Tseshaht and

Hupacasath for coming and witnessing our Potlatch.

I would like to thank Boys Project for donating four paddles, for the school to use at the Potlatch. Also to the BCTF Ed May Social Responsibility Education Fund for funding the paddle and cedar weaving project. Also I would like to thank the following contributors to make this event possible: Tseshaht First Nations, Hupacasath First Nations, Nuu chah nulth Tribal Council, Parent Advisory Council, Canadian Parents for French, and School District 70 (Alberni).

Finally, I want to thank all the resource people for coming in and sharing your knowledge with our school. Also want to thank my fellow Nuu chah nulth Education Workers, this group of people is always willing to support and help out at any event I put on, I am very appreciative of working with them.

New job, new life, new day

By Carol R John-Mattersdorfer

I just would like to say a big thank you to New Heaven and Co. I was hired to work at this place, in Ahousat First Nation in Ahousat British Columbia on the Rez!

Well I would personally like to thank Project Manager: Mr. Greg. Louie, and Max McRath that interviewed me in early September. I recently am now a employee for them yahoo!

This job that I have is fantastic. I am enjoying it to full degree. I captured a lot of good memories already. I feel really honored to be apart of this team.

I talked to the head boss of this company Terry and Perry. They've been in this company for 22 years at Squishish B.C. It was a honor to meet them. Of course with my healthy curiosity, I felt I just had to interact with them.

Knowing now I am on the best team ever! lol yeah well anyways just a short note to all my friends and family out there.

I am busy working for our future school, yahoo! Can't wait to see it. I heard so much of the blueprint already, sounds interesting.

The guys with the hard-hats on and working hard! I applaud them. So dedicated, and sincere with their job. Way to go guys.

From my insight, this is going swell already. Having to get to meet alot of the employees they are friendly and out going. Yeah, just a note to tell you all that if you don't see me, I am busy working for the community of Ahousat yes! and enjoy it, meeting a lot of people, cause I am a social butterfly and always have a interest of wondering what else should I say.

I am a busy employee, so thanks again Greg Louie and Max. So thanks to Liz Parker she is my co-worker and she is pleasant to work with, we always have fun working together. She's cool!

So thanks for reading this short story, will continue next month again, lol kidding.

You all take care of yourself now and each other til next time.

chun!
the end...

Employment Opportunities

The Port Alberni Friendship Center is accepting applications for a full time **Coach/Counselor/Coordinator** for the Aboriginal Training to Employment Program. The successful candidate will be responsible for In-take process; individual assessment and planning; training and workshops, practicum placement; employment support and program administration. A university degree in a related field and/or 3 years employment counseling experience. Salary: Up to \$36,400 depending on experience and qualifications. Deadline to apply is May 13, 2010. Interested parties to forward cover letter and resume to Cyndi Stevens, Executive Director, Port Alberni Friendship Center, 3555 - 4th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 4H3. For further information please contact M. (Jeff) Jeffries at (250) 723-8281 or email M.Jeffries@pafriendship-center.com

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Uu-a-thluk

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Traditional Foods and Modern Storytelling

Uu-a-thluk contractors and members of the Nashuk Youth Council attended the third annual traditional foods conference for Vancouver Island First Nations in Victoria, April 16-17. They represented Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, sharing knowledge and learning about traditional foods. NTC president Cliff Atleo also participated in the conference, presenting on the First Nations Fisheries Council and ways to increase access to fisheries resources.

"It was an amazing experience for everyone," said Norine Messer, Uu-a-thluk's capacity building coordinator. "The youth met people from around the Island and saw that they have important roles to play in the preservation of traditional food knowledge."

Central to the experience was the presentation of digital stories created by youth council members. In the days leading up to the conference, Messer, Melody Charlie, and five of the youth council members attended a digital storytelling workshop where they created visual presentations to share with conference participants. The presentations included personal stories set to music and photographs.

"All of their stories got shown at the conference," Messer said. "Some of them, like Damon Rampanen, who was also called to witness the event, stood up and talked about their stories to the audience."

Focussing on the theme of food, the digital stories allowed youth to express themselves and be creative in a familiar medium. "Their stories are powerful," Messer said. "They show the youth's strengths and give them a voice in a realm where they can bring traditions from their families and make them their own."

In addition to creating personal stories to share at the conference, the digital storytelling workshop was also designed to bring youth and elders together. Maggie Ignace and Bernice Touchie accompanied the Nuu-chah-nulth youth, sharing knowledge from their childhoods about traditional foods. Ignace also worked on her own story, using a computer for the first time in her life.

"We knew technology was something that youth are plugged into and that was the reason we chose digital stories as a way to reconnect them [to their culture]," said Nitanis Desjarlais, network developer for the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Indigenous Food Network (VICCIFN). "Some of the youth who were learning the Nuu-chah-nulth song were listening to it on their iPhones. Some elders used computers for the first time to make their own stories."

Overall, the digital storytelling workshop was hugely popular. "We totally surpassed what we had envisioned for the project. We thought we might get three or four stories to share. We ended up getting 23," Desjarlais said.

The VICCIFN will show the stories publicly in Nuu-chah-nulth communities in the coming months. The stories will also be available online.

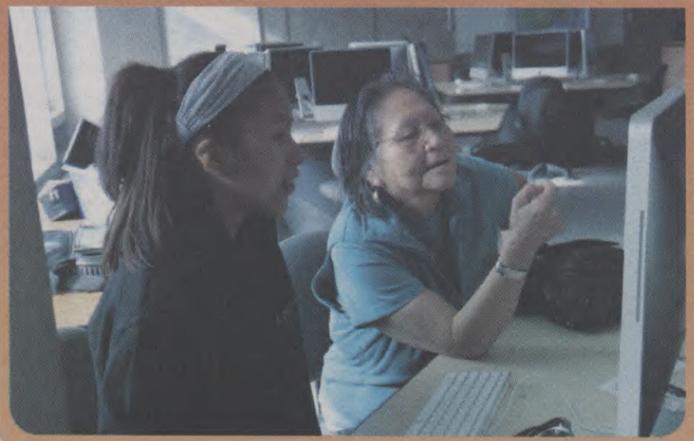
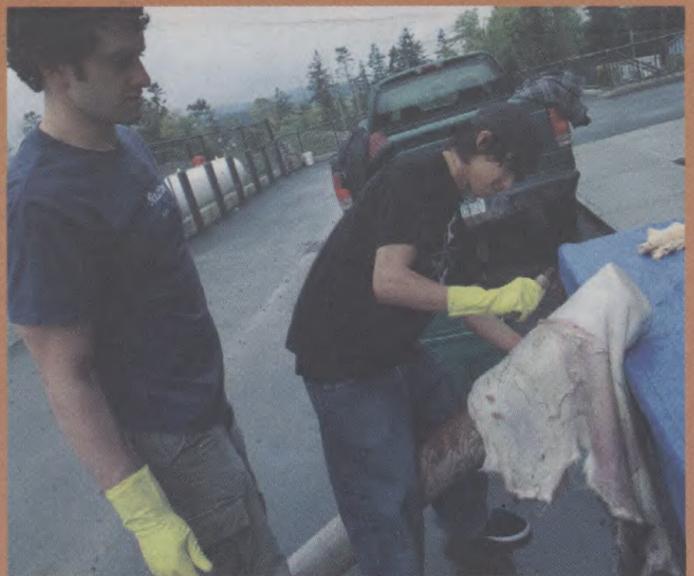
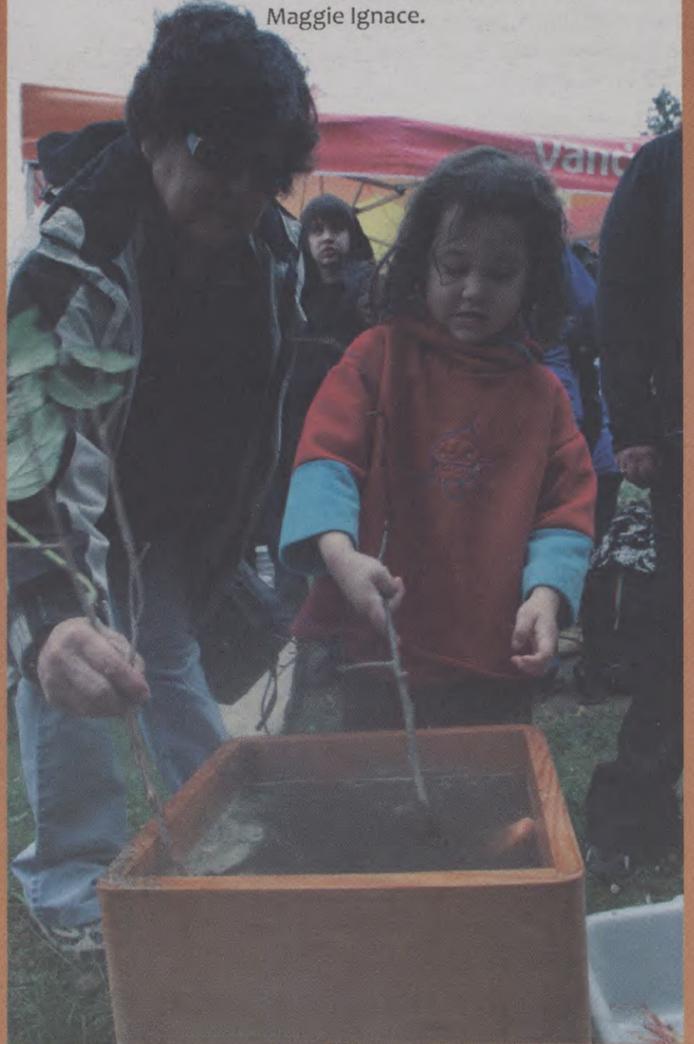
Back at the conference, Messer, Charlie, and the youth council members (Damon Rampanen, Nikkie Watts, Keenan Jules, Belinda Lucas, and Mitch Touchie) were named as "2010 Traditional Foods Champions" and presented with awards.

Nominated by health professionals and community development workers prior to the conference, the Nuu-chah-nulth recipients received cedar leaf oil and a certificate for their efforts. "That was quite an honour," Messer said. "The youth loved it. Some of them couldn't believe they had been recognized like that. It was a great way to end the experience."

Top: Evan Touchie learns to cook prawns in a bentwood box. Bernice Touchie assists.

Middle: Mitch Touchie learns how to prepare a skin as part of the traditional foods conference.

Bottom: Belinda Lucas works on her digital story with Maggie Ignace.



The University of Victoria and the Tsawout and Songhees First Nations hosted the third annual traditional foods conference in Victoria, B.C. The conference is currently looking for a 2011 location on the west coast. For more information, log in to Facebook and search for "VICCIFN."

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