

# Ha-Shilth-Sa



Canada's Oldest First Nations Newspaper - Serving Nuu-chah-nulth-aht since 1974

Vol. 38 - No. 22 - Nov. 17, 2011

haašit'sa "Interesting News"

Canadian Publications Mail Product  
Sales Agreement No. 40047776

## Is the community fully prepared for possible disaster?

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council organized a day-long workshop on Emergency Preparedness, and invited to attend those responsible for emergency response in the communities, as well as managers from a variety of programs and services offered at NTC.

The event was held at the Barclay Hotel on Nov. 9.

Marc D'Aquino is the coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Response with First Nations' Emergency Services. He discussed the role of the organization in helping First Nations communities throughout the province handle disaster response and recovery.

D'Aquino said it was rare for him to go a day without dealing with a disaster in a First Nations community in BC, from spills of hazardous material, to floods, fire and pandemics. While 75 per cent of emergencies in communities can be handled by first responders, a disaster is something that would overwhelm the local emergency response team, he explained.

He said First Nations people have had to build a resiliency around disaster management having endured floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and wildfires over many centuries in the past.

Continued on page 7.



Lynnea Thomas and Joe Bob chose 11-11-11 as a special date for a wedding in Tofino. Photos and story about this Remembrance Day event on page 8.

## Grassroots demand end to violence in communities

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Opitsaht**—Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (TFN) members raised awareness about violence in the community when they staged a Nov. 4 march from Esowista to Tofino, ending up in Opitsaht.

TFN Health Director Nora Martin said it's about ending violence against women.

Marchers gathered at Esowista early that morning and made their way through adjacent Ty-histanis before following the windy highway into Tofino. They carried banners and placards that read End the Silence, Stop Violence and Taking Back our Community.

About 10km later they arrived in Tofino where they boarded boats to cross the inlet to Opitsaht, located on Meares Island.

Led by Ha'wiih and other TFN leaders, the group marched the path along the shoreline in front of the village, ending up at the cultural center.

Martin estimates there were about 100 people at the luncheon. The people of Tla-o-qui-aht were joined by human services workers and executive staff from the NTC.

At the luncheon Martin said speakers focused on the need to protect women and children. Several people said they will not tolerate violence anymore, but will stand up and take action.

The gathering provided a safe place for people to speak and many disclosures were made by both victims and perpetrators.

Also raised were the recommendations that came out of the 2008 BC Coroner's Inquest into the death of 38-year-old Christopher Tom. Tom died of acute alcohol intoxication in Tofino RCMP cells in August 2007. While the death was ruled accidental, 10 recommendations were made to prevent such deaths in the future. Among them was the development of a safe place in Tofino where band members can access shelter and support. Another recommendation was to provide funding



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Ha'wiih march along the road at Opitsaht to raise awareness of violence in the community.

for alcohol and drug education programs in Opitsaht.

Nora Martin said none of the recommendations were ever followed through.

At the luncheon the men made a declaration to protect the women and children.

Continued on page 6.

### Inside this issue...

Elder Profile: Frank Bingo August.....	Page 2
Yellow salmon mystery remains.....	Page 3
Business excellence celebrated.....	Page 4
Jack, Corfield wedding held in Big House.....	Page 5
Emergency Preparedness workshop.....	Page 7

If undeliverable, please return to: *Ha-Shilth-Sa*  
P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA NEWSPAPER COLLECTION (17)  
395 WELLINGTON ST.  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1A 0N4

Ha-Shilth-Sa newspaper is published by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for distribution to the members of the NTC-member First Nations, as well as other interested groups and individuals. Information and original work contained in this newspaper is protected by copyright and may not be reproduced without written permission from:

**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**  
P.O. Box 1383,  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M2.  
Telephone: (250) 724-5757  
Fax: (250) 723-0463  
Web page: [www.hasilthsa.com](http://www.hasilthsa.com)  
facebook: [Hashilthsa Ntc](https://www.facebook.com/HashilthsaNtc)

**2011 Subscription rates:**  
\$35.00 per year in Canada and \$40 per year in the U.S.A. and \$45 per year in foreign countries. Payable to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Manager/Editor/Reporter  
**Debora Steel** (Ext. 233)  
(250) 724-5757 - Fax: (250) 723-0463  
[debora.steel@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:debora.steel@nuuchahnulth.org)

Administrative Assistant  
**Annie Ross-Watts** (Ext. 226)  
(250) 724-5757 - Fax: (250) 723-0463  
[annie.watts@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:annie.watts@nuuchahnulth.org)

Reporter  
**Denise Titian** (Ext. 240)  
(250) 724-5757 - Fax: (250) 723-0463  
[denise.titian@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:denise.titian@nuuchahnulth.org)

Audio / Video Technician  
**Mike Watts** (Ext. 238)  
(250) 724-5757 - Fax: (250) 723-0463  
[mike.watts@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:mike.watts@nuuchahnulth.org)

Client Services Representative  
**Holly Stocking** (Ext. 302)  
(250) 724-5757 - Fax: (250) 723-0463  
[holly.stocking@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:holly.stocking@nuuchahnulth.org)

**DEADLINE:**

Please note that the deadline for submissions for our next issue is

**Nov. 25, 2011.**

After that date, material submitted and judged appropriate **cannot be guaranteed placement** but, if material is still relevant, will be included in the following issue.

In an ideal world, submissions would be typed rather than hand-written. Articles can be sent by e-mail to [hasilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:hasilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org) (Windows PC).

Submitted pictures must include a brief description of subject(s) and a return address.

Pictures with no return address will remain on file. **Allow two - four weeks** for return.

Photocopied or faxed photographs **cannot** be accepted.

**COVERAGE:**

Although we would like to be able to cover all stories and events, we will only do so **subject to:**

- Sufficient advance notice addressed specifically to *Ha-Shilth-Sa*.
- Reporter availability at the time of the event.

- Editorial space available in the paper.
- Editorial deadlines being adhered to by contributors.

**LETTERS and KLECOS**

Ha-Shilth-Sa will include letters received from its readers. Letters MUST be signed by the writer and have the writer's full name, address and phone number on them. Names can be withheld by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit submitted material for clarity, brevity, grammar and good taste. We will definitely **not** publish letters dealing with tribal or personal disputes or issues that are critical of Nuu-chah-nulth individuals or groups. All opinions expressed in letters to the editor are purely those of the writer and will not necessarily coincide with the views or policies of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council or its member First Nations. Ha-Shilth-Sa includes paid advertising, but this does not imply *Ha-Shilth-Sa* or Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council recommends or endorses the content of the ads.



**Elder profile: Frank 'Bingo' August**

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—Ahousaht elder Frank August, 79, is among the last remaining Nuu-chah-nulth elders brought up on ancient teachings through his great grandmother, Mabel Quatlas.

Frank was born to Jackson and Dorothy August, both of whom were orphaned at an early age and taken in by their grandparents. They did their best to pass important cultural teachings onto their own children.

The Augusts lost their first born son in 1919, but went on to raise Martha, James, Sheila, Katie, Francis (Frank), Gloria, Ida, Peggy and June.

Born in 1932, Frank recalls growing up in Ahousaht in a float house near the present-day marine shed. Back then, Jackson's uncle Billy August owned Ahousaht General Store which loomed over the float house.

Frank was still very young when his eldest sister Martha married John Charlie. They had a baby boy, whom they named Francis, Frank's birth name. Sadly, the baby died and Dorothy immediately changed her son's name to Bingo, in accordance with her teachings. Frank has been known as Bingo August ever since.

Frank remembers when his great grandmother died in 1946. Then the teenaged Bingo lay sick in his upstairs bedroom. Downstairs his elderly great grandmother Mabel, who he knew as Netop, was gravely ill.

"Netop raised my mother so she was more like a mother than a granny to her," Bingo recalled. When Netop died she was close to 90 years old, but Bingo thinks she may have been as old as 100.

She had lived a long, full life and in keeping with cultural teachings, Netop's body was taken immediately out of the house through a window and buried. There was no funeral. Dorothy was deeply saddened by her loss.

"One day my brother James came home and asked our mother if she was sure Netop was dead when she was buried," Bingo recalled. When asked why he would ask such a thing, James replied,

"Well...it was April Fool's Day when she died."

"My mother started to scold him, but burst out laughing before she could finish; I guess my brother cheered her up," Bingo laughed.

Lessons about life were taught at the family dinner table.

"We would sit at the table to eat and mom would sit beside me and sing to me as I ate," said August. Bingo was trained to be a dancer and would need to know the songs.

"Mom told me never, ever sing the songs, because I was a dancer, not singer," he shared. The teaching was so ingrained that, decades later, Bingo still has difficulty singing with Ahousaht at gatherings.

"But it's in here, he said, pointing to his heart. I know the songs, but I just can't start them."

There was one exception when it came to singing songs. Dorothy loved lalal songs and she was a strong singer who taught her son all the songs she knew.

"She was a real strong lalal player. Dad was quiet. He sang quiet, but boy could he dance!"

They would talk about life and how we are to conduct ourselves, August remembered.

"Today I can still hear them; it comes back when people start talking about culture," he said.

Jackson August was a fisherman who taught his son to be self-sufficient. He took Frank with him on fishing trips, bringing him to communities up and down the coast. They would visit friends and relatives in places like Kyuquot, where they would be invited to share a meal and talk.

"I learned the languages from up north and Barclay Sound from those trips, and I learned that our teachings are all the same. Just the language is different," August said.

His parents taught him to take four days of the growing moon to prepare for



Frank 'Bingo' August shares some of his memories about Nuu-chah-nulth customs.

hunting and to be on the hunting grounds before first light. Today, he says it seems our hunters are getting away from the teachings.

In his childhood, money was tight and the Augusts lived off the fat of the land, as Bingo puts it. There was plenty of fish, ducks and seal meat.

"We used to cook the backbone of the duck. You never see people do that anymore," he said. Also, all but the head and flippers of a seal were used.

"Old timers used to eat the liver, heart and lungs of the kuukuhw'isa (seal); George Jacobson was the last guy I knew who ate the blubber with skin, hair and all," Bingo recalled.

One of his fondest memories involves the kuukuhw'isa; a custom that has faded into the past. When the family caught a seal it would be cleaned and boiled. Jackson would call the old timers to his house to feast with him.

"It meant a lot to him to share with his neighbors. My job was to give leftovers away to each house after the feast. We never kept anything; we shared it all."

"I used to hear a lot of comical stories from the old men; stories about hunting, jokes, all in our own language," August said.

Continued on page 3.



Ha-Shilth-Sa belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born. A community newspaper cannot exist without community involvement. If you have any great pictures you've taken, stories or poems you've written, or artwork you have done, please let us know so we can include it in your newspaper. E-mail [hasilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:hasilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org). This year is *Ha-Shilth-Sa's* 37th year of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.

We look forward to your continued input and support. Kleco! Kleco!

**Legal Information**

The advertiser agrees that the publisher shall not be liable for damages arising out of errors in advertisements beyond the amount paid for space actually occupied by the portion of the advertisement in which the error is due to the negligence of the servants or otherwise, and there shall be no liability for non-insertion of any advertisement beyond the amount paid for such advertisements.

**Bingo recalls the traditions**

Continued from page 2.

He remembers the real old men by their Indian names; the grandfathers of the descendants of Joe Titian, Peter Webster and William Jones.

He remembers that his father seemed sad that this custom wasn't being carried on to future generations.

Frank went on to raise several children while working in the logging and forestry industries; he retired 15 years ago.

Over the years many of his boyhood friends and relatives have passed on. He remembers visits with Mark Atleo and Carl Jumbo and he misses them.

The recent passing of Edwin Frank hit August hard.

"We were the same age. We grew up together. We had lots of fun together. We got in trouble together. He would look after me. That's how close we were," said Frank, the sadness on his face unmistakable.



Bingo's brother James could make their mother Dorothy laugh, even about very serious things.

But visiting with other elders has helped. They remind one another that the old ones have completed their long journey through life; they are at home waiting for us.

Please Re-Elect  
**Gerald Whalley**  
As  
**Director for Area 'A'**  
(Kyuquot-Nootka/Sayward)

I have enjoyed representing you all these last three years. I am working to reduce our taxes by cutting the amount that Area 'A' has been contributing to the other Electoral Areas' planning costs. We should see a savings in 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns on Regional issues.  
(250) 282-3787 [gwhalley@saywardvalley.net](mailto:gwhalley@saywardvalley.net)

**POYNER BAXTER LLP**  
Lawyers

**Residential School Claims**

If You Have Questions About:

- ✓ Common Experience Payments
- ✓ Individual Claims
- ✓ The National Residential Schools Settlement

**CALL US...WE'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**

**Toll Free 1-866-988-6321**

**PERSONAL SERVICE...GUARANTEED**

**To advertise call (250) 724-5757**

**Yellow salmon mystery remains**

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

A recent post on about concerns at finding the European strain of Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) virus in sockeye at Rivers Inlet in Shuswap territory prompted a post on Ha-Shilth-Sa's facebook page about a yellow salmon caught at Paper Mill Dam during Tseshaht's community fish days this summer.

The writer wondered what, if any, were the results from the testing done on this fish.

Andrew Olson, the fisheries manager/biologist with Tseshaht First Nation, explained that where the fish should have been silver, the skin had a yellow hue to it. The fish was photographed, but not tested due to a combination of unfortunate timing and high summer temperatures.

Olson said it is believed that the odd coloring could have been due to a toxic algae bloom the fish may have consumed or red tide. The fish was not sold into the marketplace.

Olson said there was no link made to fish farms or ISA, though a watchful eye is kept on potential links to waste from the farms and its effects on wild salmon stocks.

Olson said there was another unusual catch this summer, which was tested, however. A Tseshaht fisherman brought in about 12 fish at the peak of the run in late June or early July that also had unusual coloring. The fish were caught outside the pulp mill in the inlet.

Olson said the skin of the fish looked darker than usual; almost burnt. And the eyes were filmed over. Samples were taken and sent to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Pacific

Biological Station in Nanaimo. The station found no unusual bacteria or viruses in the fish.

Olson said there was no solid answer as to what caused the fish's odd appearance, however, it is believed that

the fish escaped from someone else's net, or were dumped, and were dead when the Tseshaht fisherman 're-caught' them.

Olson said it is usual for Tseshaht fishermen to report anything out of the ordinary caught during their work, so it can be sampled and tested.

Editor's note: In November, testing by Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans found no sign of the ISA virus in B.C. wild salmon stocks, despite claims by anti-fish farm activists that ISA was found in 48 salmon smolts collected from Rivers Inlet. Further testing by Canada's food inspection agency found no sign of ISA in the tissue samples of those smolts.

\*\*\*\*\*

In other fisheries news, Tseshaht is in the final phase of its business plan development for the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI). Canada committed \$175 million over five years to support First Nations' aspirations to be more involved in economically-viable commercial fisheries.

Tseshaht and Hupacasath jointly submitted a plan for a marine species and shellfish fishery—groundfish, prawn and crab—and they are currently pouring over comments received back from a review of the plan.

Olson said they hoped to do some winter training with the PICFI dollars once those start to flow, which is expected soon.

\*\*\*\*\*

And finally, Tseshaht headed into negotiations with DFO on Nov. 15 to determine next year's salmon allocation. It's hoped, however, that a multi-year deal can be struck, which will help in long-term management of the nation's commercial fishery.



**Pharmacy at Tseshaht**

The Tseshaht First Nation is hoping a personal approach to pharmacy services offered at its administration building on Fridays will lead to improved health for its members, said Operations Manager Ken Watts.

As of Nov. 4, each Friday a pharmacist with RxRAM Pharmacy Specialists will be sitting with clients in room #154 for one-on-one consultations about the medications they are taking. A personal medical binder that contains a personal health plan for individuals will also be developed and monthly reviews of the health plans will allow patients to stay on track with their health goals.

Bring in prescriptions and medications are delivered to the client after the consultation. The pharmacist will also be in

contact with doctors and the community health team if treatments need adjusting.

The goal is a more personal health care delivery style that caters better to First Nations' needs, Watts explained.

The pharmacist is seeing clients by appointment between 10 a.m. and noon. Though the invitation to use the pharmacy was extended only to Tseshaht First Nations members, Watts said the appointments are available to anyone interested in this one-on-one approach to pharmacy services.

The more people interested in the program, the more the services will expand to meet the needs.

Book your appointment through the Tseshaht administration front desk. Bring your status card to the first visit.

# Business excellence celebrated with NEDC awards

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—Four first nation-owned businesses were acknowledged for their successes at the 2011 NEDC (Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation) Business Awards held at Tin Wis Best Western Resort Nov. 5.

The awards ceremony started with a gourmet lunch served by the staff of Calm Waters Dining Room.

NEDC Chairperson Ida Mills made a presentation to an outgoing NEDC board member before handing out business awards.

Chris Jules served on the NEDC board of directors for 12 years. Mills called Jules a very strong leader whose position would be hard to fill. She gave Jules a paddle carved by Simon Lucas.

NEDC's Business Development Officer Ron Arcos presented the first award, which went to L'Abattoir Restaurant, winner of the Best Youth-Owned Business. In order for business owners to win in this category they must be between the ages of 19 and 35.

L'Abattoir Restaurant, located in Gastown in Vancouver, was established in July 2010 by Hupacasath member M. Lee Cooper. Not only is Lee Cooper the owner of the restaurant, but he is also head chef.

The restaurant's name means slaughterhouse, a reference made to its historic location at Vancouver's main butchery. It has garnered much attention from publications such as WE magazine, New York Times, the National Post, the Vancouver Sun, Chatelaine magazine, GQ magazine and many more.

EnRoute Magazine recently rated L'Abattoir among the top 10 of Canada's Best New Restaurants 2011. The Westender Weekly rates L'Abattoir number one best restaurant in Vancouver.

Accepting the award on behalf of her son was Shaunee Casavant.

"I am so proud of him; He has lots of help but he runs the ship himself," said Casavant.

The next award went to First Nations Wildcrafters BC in the category of Best Environmental and Sustainable Business. Established in 2005, First Nations Wildcrafters BC specialized in non-timber and other value-added forest products and services.

Owned by Tseshaht First Nation Member C. Anne Robinson, First Nations Wildcrafters is located in Port Alberni on Tseshaht First Nation Reserve.

Products include wild harvested foods like chanterelle mushrooms, which Anne and husband Keith Hunter market to Thrifty Foods and Discovery Organics. They also gather and sell forest florals, greeneries and arrangements.

The couple harvests the bounty of the forest in a way that promotes growth and increases the health of plants and trees. They use traditional values such as use everything you take.

Pickers are taught proper harvesting techniques in order to minimize their footprint in the forest.

Keith Hunter thanked NEDC not only for the award, but also for the incredible support and advice they've given him and his wife as they grow their business.

"The most important part of what we do," said Hunter, "is doing what it takes to care for the forest in order to save something for the next generations."

NEDC's Best Cultural Business went to Hooksum Outdoor School, owned and operated by Heskiaht First Nation members Stephen and Karen Charleson.

Established in 2000, Hooksum Outdoor School provides a unique training opportunity for those wanting to learn about the great outdoors. Classes are offered in summer at a remote beach in Heskiaht Harbour. Once there, students learn about survival skills, first aid, and kayaking. They can become certified in Advanced Wilderness First Aid, Sea Kayaking, Boat Operator Accredited Training, Maritime Radio Course or Lifesaving.

Students may also sign up for courses in Heskiaht indigenous knowledge or guiding among other classes.

Hooksum Outdoor School's Mission is "to provide quality outdoor and environmental education through indigenous knowledge modern skills, respect, and intimate connection to the natural world"

Mariah Charleson accepted the award on her parents' behalf. She told the

audience her parents were at Bali on their son's wedding. She thanked her parents for teaching her about culture and loving the outdoors and she said she was grateful that they are helping others learn about those things through the school.

Dan Samuel presented the final award, Business of the Year, which went to Tseshaht Market. Established in 1979 Tseshaht Market has steadily expanded their convenience store and gas bar. Strategically located on a busy stretch of Highway #4, Tseshaht Market has recently branded with FAS GAS.

The market offers a full complement of fuel services, hot food, a large variety of convenience items, and First Nations giftware.

Late Tseshaht leader George Watts played a prominent role in creating Tseshaht Market. He wanted to create businesses that would provide training and employment to First Nations people.

Each year Tseshaht Market offers two \$2,500 scholarships. These scholarships are designed to embrace the passions and visions of George Watts, which were business and educational development.

The Market donates generously to causes of both the First Nations and to the Local community. In the last year, the Market has donated to Raise a Reader Alberni Valley, Cancer Society, BC Elders Gathering, Thlu-piich Games, First Nations Youth Football, and Haahuupayuk School, to name a few.

In his emotional acceptance speech, Market Board Chair Mike Watts paid tribute to his late uncle George Watts and to all the other leaders that have passed on. He asked the people to stand up and remember the past leaders who helped to bring the rest of us where we are today.

"We're in a good place," said Watts.

In a toast to all NEDC award winners, Watts spoke of how it takes good management to make a business successful. He praised the management of Tseshaht Market for making a strong successful team.

Future plans for Tseshaht Market include the redevelopment of the old Sproat Lake Elementary School, located on property adjacent to the Market.



Ida Mills, chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation, (left) looks on as Tseshaht Market Board Chair Mike Watts accepts the Business of the Year Award for 2011.

Photos by Denise Titian



Shaunee Casavant accepts the NEDC youth business award on behalf of her son M. Lee Cooper and his restaurant L'Abattoir located in Gastown in Vancouver.



Keith Hunter and C. Anne Robinson received the NEDC award for Best Environmental and Sustainable Business for their company First Nations Wildcrafters BC. The award was presented on Nov. 5 at Tin Wis in Tofino. First Nations Wildcrafters also won a Mystic Award for Agrifood Business of the Year from the Mid-Island Science Technology and Innovation Council.

# Jack, Corfield wedding takes place in Big House

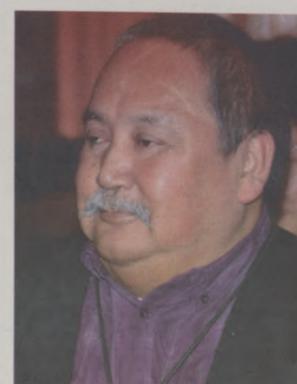
By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tsaxana**—Benedict Timothy Jack Jr. took Jacqueline Leigh Corfield's hand in marriage during a ceremony at the House of Unity in Tsaxana on Nov. 12. The reception followed in the nearby Wahmeesh Gym.

Jackie's father Ross Corfield gave away the bride. Her son Ashton Ryan Corfield walked ahead of them down the aisle drumming as he led the bride to the side of her groom. Ben and Jackie's son Zander Daniel Corfield-Jack performed ring bearer duties.

Jackie's mother Evelyn Corfield and Uncle Chuck Doiron, as well as step mom Barb Biss, were in attendance to support the union, as was Jackie's sister Michelle Corfield, the former vice-president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Continued on page 6.



Father of the Groom, Ben Jack Sr.



Above: Jackie Corfield and Ben Jack Jr. tied the knot in a ceremony in Tsaxana on Nov. 12. Left: Barney Williams performed emcee duties. Jackie's mom Evelyn Corfield and Uncle Chuck Doiron were in attendance, as was Jackie's sister Michelle Corfield (pictured right). Below: Steve Pendleton of Neah Bay, Wash. brushed the couple and sprinkled eagle down on them. He sang a prayer chants and offered a blessing to the couple.



Left: Jackie Corfield's son Ashton drummed the bride down the aisle in the House of Unity, the Big House in Tsaxana.



Maid of Honor was Cindy Mainwaring and Best Man duties were performed by Jerry Jack Jr.



Photos by Debora Steel



Above: Jackie and Ben's son Zander was the ring bearer. Left: Florence Wylie and grandson Tristan congratulate the happy bride during the reception.

# Corfield, Jack wedding

Continued from page 5.

Ben's mom Verna Paul, his grandmother Josephine George, Ben Jack Sr. and wife Marie attended for the groom. Ben Jr.'s children are Chris Jack and Briana Murphy. Grandsons are Ethan and Dominic.

Best Man was Jerry Jack Jr. (Jerome). Maid of Honor was Cindy Mainwaring. Monika Waterfall, Mabel Cathers, Jackie Watts, and Maria Martin were bridesmaids. Groomsmen were Dan Jack, Dana Jack, Nathan George and Jimmy Johnson.

Steve Pendleton from Neah Bay, Wash., made the trip and performed a traditional brushing and sprinkled eagle down on the couple. He did a chant and blessed the union, before Janice Garcia of Gold River performed a ceremony that made the marriage legal under the laws of the province.

Jackie wore a cream-colored cocktail-length dress with taupe bolero jacket. Ben wore a black vest over a pin-striped shirt. He and the groomsmen wore matching ties featuring a West Coast-style design.

The bridesmaids all wore matching purple shawls and carried posy-style bouquets featuring an eagle feather in each.

As the reception was getting underway, a moment of silence was held to remember those who had passed recently and a "cane to hold them up" was offered to family members to acknowledge their loss.

Michelle Corfield announced the wedding party as they entered the gym. The groom and ring bearer were draped in sashes that featured bear's paw embroidered symbols.

Barney Williams was emcee for the business conducted at the reception. He spoke of how precious the bride is to her family and the care that the family expects will be taken with their daughter, sister and aunt.

A letter read from Jackie's Uncle Les Doiron, who was unable to attend the event, had the bride in tears, until a message to her new husband was tagged on to the end.

Doiron said that Ben would have to get used to not having the last word in any discussion going forward now he was married, unless those last words were "Yes, Dear." This caused the room to erupt into laughter.

A red shawl was wrapped around the bride by Esther Thomas, Chuck Doiron's partner, and then the Jack family encircled the bride and groom and their young son and symbolically pulled them into their family unit.

Guests included friends and relatives from as far north as Kyuquot, as well as Bella Bella and Neah Bay. Also in attendance were many associates of Jackie's from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council where she works, including Victoria and Sterling Watts, Andrew Kerr and Florence Wylie, NTC executive director.

The bride and groom says kleco, kleco to all who made it to the wedding, and to those who tried.

"We understand the weather was bad and we're glad everyone was safe and did what was right," for those conditions, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jack Jr. to Ha-Shilth-Sa.

# Violence issue is widespread

Continued from page 1.

All those in support of the declaration were asked to raise their hands and all did. It was quite an emotional thing to see, Martin said.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Cliff Atleo praised the efforts of the people of Tla-o-qui-aht for taking the initiative to tackle the issue, which he characterized as a widespread one.

According to Martin, the community drive to end violence in their communities started about four years ago. In October a few TFN women approached chief and council to call for change. They listed a number of assaults in the community over the past few years and called for an end to the violence.

"Women are leaving the community, some out of fear for their safety and some, it seems, in some sense of shame," said Martin.

She said the people of the community have become good at keeping secrets.

"It's time to be firm, stand our ground, and talk about these things," she added.

"It started with residential school; there is a lot of anger and hurt and violence coming from Christie (residential school), which was just around the corner from Opitsaht," Martin said.

Community leaders reached out to their members at the luncheon in an attempt to start the healing process. They called upon victims of violence to come forward to be wrapped in blankets. It was recognition of the pain they went through and also an acknowledgement that they belong in their community, where they should expect to feel safe and loved.

"It was emotional but there was a lot of healing today," said Martin.

Chief and council promised to continue to work to end violence. They vowed to continue holding regular community meetings where planning processes take root.

The Ha'wiih joined the effort, recognizing the need for action. They committed to hosting more family friendly events like the community dinners chiefs Ray Seitcher and Robert Martin will host in upcoming weeks.

The Seitcher family took it a step further when their family stood up and committed to haahupa (teach) their young

boys to respect women.

Others gave permission to the people to correct their children when needed.

TFN health workers hope to partner with neighboring communities to tackle the issue of violence. They want to see a friendship centre in Tofino that local First Nations could access resources at.

"We want to start healing and to look at models of treatment like what Ahousaht did," said Martin.

Ahousaht leadership made news when they offered help to band members. The help involved spending four to six weeks together, away from the community, to receive cultural teachings and counseling so that they could reintegrate into the community in a positive way.

TFN chief and council have agreed to work together with the Ha'wiih and band staff to carry forward the work. Proposals

are being written in an effort to bring in programs and clinical counselors.

"Today we felt heard. The men committed to protect women and children. I felt emotional, happy, relief. I felt like I could be myself without obstacles. We felt united," said Martin.

Various TFN groups meet regularly to keep the momentum going. The Women's Group meets every Wednesday and efforts are being made to start a men's group.

Said a young female member, "Even people who hurt others need help; they should not be pushed away."

Martin would like to thank the preparation team who made the anti-violence march and luncheon possible: Barb Audet, Marie Atleo, Melanie Touchie, Catherine Frank, Robyn Rea and Tammy Dorward.

**Honouring who you are and where you've been.**

**We're here to help you get to where you're going.**

250-370-3299

[www.camosun.ca/aboriginal](http://www.camosun.ca/aboriginal)

**Your journey starts here.**

Aboriginal Education & Community Connections

Celebrating 20 years of service to Aboriginal students and community

## Living Away from Home dinners

Well it's that time of year again and our Treaty team has set some dates for our December sweep of dinners and meeting gatherings for our Nuuchahnulth living away from home. Update dinner/meetings will be provided in the following cities as per:

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Vancouver	Dec 1, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Vancouver Friendship Centre Gymnasium 1607, East Hastings
Seattle	Dec 2, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Duwamish Longhouse 4705 W Marginal Way
Nanaimo	Dec 4, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Fairview School Gym 205 Howard Avenue
Campbell River	Dec 5, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Ocean Crest Community Church 291 McLean Street
Port Alberni	Dec 6, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Italian Canadian Society Hall 4065 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Victoria	<b>Dec 10, 2011</b>	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Our Lady of the Rosary Church 798 Goldstream Avenue

**Note: Rosie Marsden, Indian Registry Administrator will also be in attendance for those who need to update their status cards. Pictures are \$5.00 - Please bring old status card and copy of Identification. [Will be on location for all meetings with exception to Port Alberni update.]**

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Francoeur at 250.724.5757 or email at [phyllis.francoeur@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:phyllis.francoeur@nuuchahnulth.org).

# Emergency preparedness takes time, effort and testing

Continued from page 1.

But the level of threat has changed because of modern developments, including hydro-electric projects, rail and roadways bringing dangerous goods through or near to First Nations' territory, and even space junk falling from the sky.

D'Aquino said the smart thing for communities to do is to analyze the threats around them and do whatever is reasonable to mitigate, remove or reduce them, and then prepare for what's left going sideways.

The people who are most prepared for emergencies are those who will recovery quicker. He said elders who have lived through past emergencies are often the ones who are fastest to recover. They are also the hardest to evacuate, said D'Aquino, because of their history with past emergencies.

He talked of a situation where elders were living near a mountain that was ablaze with fire. They would say "We're safe here, because the fire has never come down the mountainside before." Unfortunately, he said, the forests are no longer the healthy forests of their past, but pine-beetle ravaged, with dead trees that burn very quickly. The emergency changes as the environment changes, and often elders fail to take that into consideration.

D'Aquino talked about making emergency plans and testing those plans so as to make them part of the "muscle memory" of the community. He spoke of communications, and providing regular updates to community members so they don't fall prey to rumor and speculation during a disaster.

Even when there is nothing to report, people still need to hear that, said Laurie L'Heureux, emergency coordinator for the City of Port Alberni, and know that information will flow regularly from a solid source.

D'Aquino not only discussed what to do as an emergency is happening, but said any plan also should provide for people during the recovery phase, which is the longest part of disaster response.

For example, after a flood or fire that destroys people's homes and possessions, how does a community cope with the psycho-social or mental health response of members returning to their communities?

What about family reunification?

A community plan should also identify community assets to be employed when needed, said Helen Dick, community emergency response for Tseshaht. Are there boats and canoes to transport people across the river in the event the "orange" bridge on Highway 4 at the Tseshaht administration building is washed out? What skills have you in the community that could be used—plumbers, electricians, carpenters, fallers?

Know what buildings and property will be protected, like a water treatment facility, during an approaching threat. D'Aquino said often community members are upset when his crew comes into a community and protects band buildings instead of individual homes that are at risk during an emergency. But the community must be able to function and organize themselves to facilitate a quick recovery after a disaster, and governments need to function to help in that recovery.

Tseshaht Councilor Erma Robinson took in the workshop and said that it just demonstrated to her she's just not prepared enough, personally, despite having two, going on three, totes for her emergency kit at home.

She said she's always had a mind for being prepared in an emergency, but she looks out her door and wonders if everyone else in her neighborhood is prepared.

Emergency preparedness is an individual responsibility, said D'Aquino. Start by creating a go-bag or an emergency kit that you can keep in a closet for when that one day comes that we hope never will.

November starts a season of episodic minor earthquakes along the West Coast of B.C. It's a time when there is regular movement in the earth's plates causing small tremors. But we are warned that the big quake is coming. Maybe not today, or tomorrow or even in 50 years from now, but it's coming nonetheless.

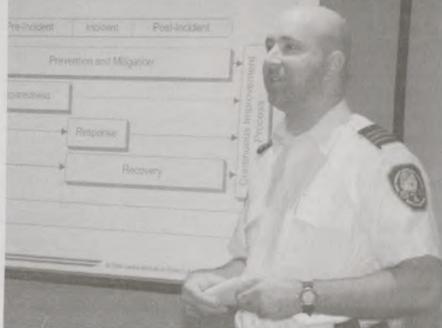
Are you and your family prepared and ready for what you will do when it comes? Go to and look under the Announcements link. We've started a weekly list of things to do to get you started on your emergency kit. We are in week six, so you're not too far behind.

Or go to for 52 Weeks To Being Emergency Prepared.

During a disaster is not the time to plan.



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office manager Lisa Sam, Huu-ay-aht Councillor Jack Cook, and NTC Mental Health manager Vina Robinson attended the Emergency Preparedness workshop on Nov. 9 in Port Alberni.



Marc D'Aquino is the coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Response with First Nations' Emergency Services.

**Household Emergency Information**

72 HOURS IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☎

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☎

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☎

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☎

OUT-OF-TOWN EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☎

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Doctor ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

Poison Control Centre ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

Local emergency management contact ☎ \_\_\_\_\_

BASIC EMERGENCY KIT CONTENTS:

Water  Radio (batteries)

Food  Extra keys

Manual can opener  Cash

Flashlight and batteries  Emergency plan

First aid kit  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Update your kit every year. Next update: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency kit location: \_\_\_\_\_

If an emergency happens we will meet at \_\_\_\_\_

For more information visit [GetPrepared.ca](http://GetPrepared.ca) or call 1-800-O-Canada



Remote communities like Nuchahlaht and Kyuquot, as represented at the workshop by Lydia Michael and Tess Smith respectively, are often faced with severe winter weather that can cause power outages and communication failures that last for weeks at a time. Washed out logging roads have also caused the communities some headaches in the recent past.

# Wedding date a century in the making

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—They say there's magic in numbers. The 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year is a date that has drawn the attention of numerologists and romantics alike.

Numerologists say the special date is one that favors matters of the heart over the mind, a day when friendship, romance, caring, and all those other good qualities of life are of utmost importance and all other practical matters take a back seat.

This is why long-time sweethearts Joe Bob and Lynnea Thomas chose the once-in-a-century date to be their special day, their wedding day.

The young couple invited family and friends to the Tofino Community Hall to witness their Remembrance Day marriage.

The bride was attended to by Maid of Honor Jennifer George and bridesmaids Iris Frank, Tracey Campbell and Angela Mack. She was given away by her brother, Gary Thomas.

The groom broke with tradition by having his cousin, Nellie Atleo, serve as Best Lady. His groomsmen were Stan Bob, Steve Frank and Kyle Frank.

Rounding out the wedding party was flower girl Cassidy Frank and the newlywed couple's son Tyler Bob as ring bearer.

Reverend Rick Lindholm conducted the marriage service, introducing Mr. & Mrs. Bob after they exchanged rings.

Both sides of the family celebrated later that evening with a reception.



Gary Thomas gave his sister Lynnea away on her special day, Nov. 11, 2011.

Below: Cassidy Frank was a beautiful flower girl, escorted by ring bearer Tyler Bob, the happy couple's son.



Groom Joe Bob is all smiles while he awaits the arrival of his bride with his mom Noreen Frank.

From  
This  
Day  
Forward



Nellie Atleo (left) performed Best Lady duties for cousin Joe Bob, the groom. She escorted the Maid of Honor Jennifer George down the aisle.



Above: Signing the registry are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob.

# In-service attended by NTC children's programs

The Nuu-chah-nulth Aboriginal Supported Child Development and NTC Infant Development Programs travel to Cranbrook Oct. 25 to 27 for provincial in-service.

Visitors to the Ktunaxa First Nations were welcomed to St. Eugene's Hotel and Resort.

Ktunaxa (pronounced "k-too-nah-ha") people have occupied the lands adjacent to the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers and the Arrow Lakes of British Columbia, Canada for more than 10,000 years. The traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation covers approximately 70,000 square kilometers within the Kootenay region of southeastern British Columbia and historically included parts of Alberta, Montana, Washington and Idaho.

For thousands of years, the Ktunaxa people enjoyed the natural bounty of the land, seasonally migrating throughout the traditional territory to follow vegetation and hunting cycles.

The people obtained all of their food, medicine and material for shelter and clothing from nature—hunting, fishing and gathering throughout the territory, across the Rocky Mountains and on the Great Plains of both Canada and the

United States.

European settlement in the late 1800s, followed by the establishment of Indian Reserves, led to the creation of the present Indian Bands. (According to the St. Eugene Hotel. See website for more information).

According to Diana Elliott and Cindy Jamieson in their opening welcome, this location was selected in the beautiful Ktunaxa territory in a venue that has been truly transformed from a negative aspect of history as a former residential school to a place of healing and economic development. St. Eugene Resort is an excellent example of re-envisioning ourselves.

Aboriginal Infant Programs and Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs from all across BC celebrated coming together and were welcomed into the territory by Chief Cheryl Casimer and Health Parenting by Elder Marilyn Taylor followed by welcoming from Diana Elliott and Cindy Jamieson.

Our first keynote address came from Monique Gray-Smith with "Where Eagles Dare" Nurturing the Wellness of the Caregiver." Her formal training is as a Psychiatric Nurse, and founder of "Little Drum Consulting".

Monique focused on understanding the impact of stress and trauma on children and their families and gave words of encouragement around Symptoms and Strategies for Dealing with Stress.

Our Day 2 Keynote Address was from Dr. Martin Brokenleg—The Circle of Courage—Early Childhood and A Strong Childhood.

Dr. Brokenleg emphasized the importance of "relationships" and quoted Urie Bronfenbrenner who was one of the world's leading scholars to focus on the interplay between research and policy on child development, "Every Child Needs at least one adult who is crazy about him or her."

Dr. Martin Brokenleg consults worldwide and serves as the Dean of the Circle of Courage Institute. He holds a doctorate in psychology and is a graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School. He is an Emeritus Professor and was most recently Director of Native Ministries and Professor of Native American Theology and Ministries at the Vancouver School of

Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia. He is the father of three children and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe practicing the culture of his Lakota people.

On Day 3 the Keynote Address came from Evelyn Zetherspoon, a Social Worker and ZERO TO THREE Fellow who has devoted her career to high-risk children and families. Evelyn's presentation "Ordinary Magic – Fostering Resiliency in Young Children" encouraged practitioners.

Our Programs were honored to attend this Inservice event with the theme and title "Walking in the Spirit of Child & Family Wellness". The welcome and hospitality our programs received, the people, the food, the presentations, the networking and the venue will always be greatly appreciated!

Kleco, Kleco!  
This article submitted by Jackie A. Watts, Sr. Infant Development Program Consultant & Family Ties Supervisor.



Pictured here Left to Right: Stevie Staniforth, NTC Aboriginal Supported Child Development Consultant, Laurie Hannah, Sr. Aboriginal Supported Child Development Consultant, Cindy Jamison, Provincial Aboriginal Supported Child Development Coordinator for BC, Dr. Martin Brokenleg, PhD, Presenter, Diana Elliott, Provincial Advisor for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs of BC, Jackie A. Watts, Sr. Infant Development Consultant/Family Ties/Aboriginal Infant Development Regional Advisor for Vancouver Island and Jennifer Touchie, Nuu-chah-nulth Infant Development Program Consultant for Central NTC Region IDP, NTC Infant Development Programs and Aboriginal Supported Child Development.

**?ii?atis / ? iinax?int**  
**Band Meeting has been rescheduled for:**  
**November 19, 20 2011**  
**Zeballos Hall at 9am-5pm daily**



**ADSS FIRST NATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**4th ANNUAL LOONIE TOONIE FUNDRAISER**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2011**  
**HUPACASATH HOUSE OF GATHERING**  
**5500 AHAHSWINIS DR.**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 9:00**  
**DRAWS BEGIN AT 1:00**  
**COME AND HAVE SOME BANNOCK AND JAM**  
**VENDOR TABLES \$10 (OR DONATION)**  
Please contact Angie Miller at [amiller@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:amiller@sd70.bc.ca) or 250-720-7221

To advertise in Ha-shilth-Sa  
call Holly at 250-724-5757

## SEEDS Open House November 30th, 2011



- First Aid
- Super Host
- Workbooks
- Computer Skills
- Work Experience
- Cultural Activities
- Healing Circles
- Goal Setting
- Tutoring (all ages)
- Literacy (all levels)
- Grade 12 Dogwood
- Driver's License
- Community Kitchens
- Planning Sessions & More!



—Growing Individuals, Families, and Community—  
One person at a time

**SEEDS OPEN HOUSE**  
Where: SEEDS Building  
When: Nov. 30th 11am - 2pm  
Why: Share and learn about programming to help people help themselves.

Please join our SEEDS team on Wednesday November 30th, 2011 from 11 to 2pm. Learn about our exciting programs, give something for yourself. Learn how strategic planning can transform your community!

For more information contact Ken Watts  
250.724.1225



PH: On Google maps search "Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council" for location. SEEDS is the green building behind the Tribal Council PH



Tseshahht accepts government compensation offer at a Nov. 9 community meeting.

## Tseshahht/province settle over private lands removal from Tree Farm License 44

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshahht**—An offer from the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources that will compensate Tseshahht First Nation for private lands removed from Tree Farm License 44 has been ratified by membership at a meeting held Nov. 9.

The value of the offer is about \$10 million, said Chief Councillor Les Sam.

The agreement includes forest tenure opportunities, including a woodlot at Ship Creek of 376 ha with an annual allowable cut (AAC) of 3,592m<sup>3</sup>, a First Nations Woodland License around Sproat Lake with an AAC of 26,000m<sup>3</sup> per year, and a First Nations Woodland License at Cataract of 1,519 ha. There is also tourism opportunities set out in the agreement, including a possible campground development on Sproat Lake.

Tseshahht becomes one of the first nations to be offered a First Nations Woodland license. They are long-term licenses of 25 years, and are renewable if the nation demonstrates good management of the lands.

Membership poured over the offer and held a lengthy discussion about the impact it would have on band-owned business revenues. A small minority of Tseshahht suggested the agreement should go to a referendum, but the majority didn't want the offer put at risk by any delay, said Tseshahht Chief Operating Officer Cindy Stern.

Sam and Stern delivered the news of the community's ratification of the offer to the provincial government on Nov. 10 and received word that the signing of the agreement would follow soon.

Sam said it is a very future-forward agreement that will change the way the lands would be managed over the long-term, and allows for a multi-use approach to the territory, including providing areas for cultural and spiritual practices.

Sam said he was very excited that the situation around Tree Farm License 44 had been resolved. He first raised the issue in 2004 with then forestry minister Mike deJong.

Tree management licenses have been part of the forestry industry since the late 1940s. Companies were given cutting rights to Crown land, and in return the companies were required to include their

adjacent private lands in the tenure area and manage those lands to the standards set for the tenured land.

The 1-million hectare Tree Farm License 44 was granted to MacMillan Bloedel in 1955. The tenure included more than 70,000 hectares in private lands. Prior to the tree farm license being sold in 2005, the provincial government agreed to remove the private lands from the license, effectively removing the trees from provincial regulation.

The decision to remove the private lands was made without consulting Tseshahht or Hupacasath, nations that have title interest in the territory. This set the parties on a six-year journey through the courts and mediated negotiation for compensation and accommodation.

Mediation began in September 2009 with a team made up of Sam, Stern, Darrell Ross, Robert Hunter and Willard Gallic.

In the agreement, the province acknowledges the lack of adequate consultation with Tseshahht before the private lands were removed from the tree farm license. This lack of consultation is contrary to the Supreme Court of Canada Haida decision, which found that when a proposed development could infringe on the rights and title of a First Nation, that nation must be meaningfully consulted about the project or initiative. If the project goes forward, the nations must then be adequately compensated and/or accommodated for any impact on those rights and title.

Stern said the resulting accommodation in the case of Tree Farm License 44 provides Tseshahht a very good opportunity, because if the lands are managed well, the 25-year term for the woodlot license is renewable, so the agreement could be extended well into the future.

Tseshahht is very well prepared for the opportunity that the agreement offers. It has made a very good business for itself in the forestry sector, and will be able to expand its capacity with more jobs for community members and opportunities for spin-off business ventures. Forestry currently employs Tseshahht members, and the operations include an engineering arm for road and infrastructure development.

Sam said the community will have to prepare the children on how to be good forest managers. It's an agreement that will benefit them and those yet born over many years to come.

## Community & Beyond

**Craft Fair  
To Dec. 24  
Port Alberni**

Mistletoe Market is an artisans fair consisting of paintings, prints, cards, jewellery, photographs, wood work, fabric art, glass, pottery, stone sculpture, teddy bears, knitted goods, native art, soaps, lotions, books, and CD, and ornaments galore. Taking place at the Rollin Art Centre Gallery, 3061-8th Ave, Port Alberni, Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission! Wheelchair accessible.

**Fundraiser Loonie/Toonie/Swap Meet  
Nov. 19  
Port Alberni**

To be held at the Lawn Bowling Club from 9 a.m. to noon. Loonie/toonie draws start at 11am SHARP! Concession available.

**2011 Local Government Election  
Nov. 19  
Port Alberni**

Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Glenwood Centre, 4480 Vimy Street. On Election Day, the citizens of Port Alberni will elect one (1) candidate for the position of Mayor and six (6) candidates for the position of Councillor. For more information visit [www.portalberni.ca](http://www.portalberni.ca)

**Ehattsahht Band Meeting  
Nov. 19 and 20  
Zeballos**

This meeting was rescheduled from October. Will still be held at Zeballos Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**Memorial Potlatch  
Nov. 26  
Campbell River**

You are invited to a memorial potlatch for Leo Anthony Jack (January 29, 1940 – August 13, 2007). To be held at Quinsam Hall, 761 Nursery Road starting at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Jack 250-286-9926 or Leo Jack 250-332-5301.

**Seeds Open House  
Nov. 30  
Port Alberni**

Please join our SEEDS team on Wednesday November 30th from 11am to 2pm. Learn about our exciting programs, there's something for everyone. Learn how strategic planning can transform your community. For more information contact Ken Watts at 250.724.1225.

**ADSS Loonie Toonie Fundraiser  
Dec. 3  
Hupacasath**

The 4th annual ADSS Loonie Toonie Fundraiser, hosted by the ADSS First Nations Steering Committee, will be held at the Hupacasath House of Gathering, 5500 Ahahswinis Dr. Doors open at 9 a.m. Draws begin at 1 a.m. Come and have some bannock and jam. Vendor tables \$10 (or donation). Please contact Angie Miller at [amiller@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:amiller@sd70.bc.ca) or 250-720-7221

**8,000 Sacred Drums  
March 21, 2012  
Vancouver**

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Location Oppenheimer Park, 488 Powell Street. Bring your drums, rattles as we will gather together to drum prayer songs for our people, our earth... our environment...for all that is going on in our heart. We will pray for peace for indigenous people around the world, suffering from war. We will pray for our children, our youth and families. We will share ceremony for our earth, for our people, and all people around the world. The first great ceremony was held March 21, 2004 in Temoya, Mexico and there will be drum circles joined around the world on the Spring Equinox continuing every year until 2012.

**Sewing Circle  
Each Monday Evening  
Port Alberni**

SEEDS hosts a sewing circle every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the SEEDS building 5001 Mission Rd.

**Adult Graduation  
Ongoing  
Port Alberni**

SEEDS has ongoing registration for adults who want to graduate. For more information call Ken Watts at 778-421-2450.

**Alberni Athletic Badminton  
Mon. and Thurs.  
Port Alberni**

Adult Drop-in from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Alberni Athletic Hall. Everyone welcome. For Info please call Marg 723 8990. Located 6 km West of Port Alberni at 7666 Pacific Rim Highway. Just look for the Big Pumpkin.

**Diabetes Education Centre  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursdays**

West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call 250-724-8824 for information.



### In honour of Foster Parent Appreciation Month

We would like to honour and thank Caregivers for following the teachings of the Elders and caring for the Children.

Hishuk ish tsawalk  
(We are one - all connected)

In the spirit of generosity, caring and respect,  
Thank you,  
Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services



### Uchucklesaht Tribe Government Referendum

On October 27, 2011 the Uchucklesaht Tribe Council ordered that a referendum be held on January 28, 2012 on certain proposed amendments to the Constitution. The location of the Referendum will be at the Port Alberni Lawn bowling Hall located at 4255 Wallace Street 8am-6pm.

Information Meetings for the proposed amendments will be held on November 14, 2011 and December 29, 2011 at the Port Alberni Lawn bowling Hall located at 4255 Wallace Street.

Information packages regarding the proposed amendments will be distributed at the November 14, 2011 Information Meeting, are available at the Uchucklesaht Tribe Office and also eligible on the Uchucklesaht Website at [www.uchucklesaht.ca](http://www.uchucklesaht.ca)

## Start your degree, learn a trade, develop a career with over 20 programs starting this winter

### Legal Administrative Assistant

Develop specialized legal administration skills to support a wide range of businesses and organizations, including law, corporate, government, insurance, real estate & more.

Length: 30-week certificate, post Office Assistant I  
Tuition: \$1,590 approx



### Welding Level C

Train for a career that is essential in many different industries. Continue into levels B and A or Metal Fabrication.

Length: 28 weeks training + 1,000 hrs work experience  
Tuition: \$2,005 approx



### Health Care Assistant

Prepare for employment in a growing sector of health care. Contribute to the wellness of our older adult population.

Length: 27-week certificate  
Tuition: \$2,580 approx



### Education Asst. / Community Support - Indigenous Focus

Gain the skills needed to work in schools, outreach programs, and community support agencies. Designed for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal learners.

Length: 10 months (or 20 months part time) certificate  
Tuition: \$3,700 approx



### UVic Dual Admission

Take advantage of the best that NIC and UVic have to offer. Begin your career with NIC's smaller classes and personal service knowing you're already admitted to UVic.

Length: 1 or 2-year options  
Tuition: \$2,580 approx per year



### Bachelor of Education Transfer

Start your teaching degree with a full year of courses that transfer to institutions province-wide, including VIU and UVic.

Length: 1-year transfer plan  
Tuition: \$2,580 approx



### Discover your path at NIC



Over 950 students representing more than 30 First Nations discover their path at North Island College each year. NIC offers programs in health care, trades, business, fine arts and more. Whatever path you choose, our Aboriginal Student Advisors are here for you, every step of the way.

Campbell River:  
**Laura Johnston**  
250-923-9741  
[laura.johnston@nic.bc.ca](mailto:laura.johnston@nic.bc.ca)

Port Alberni:  
**Luke George**  
250-724-8746  
[luke.george@nic.bc.ca](mailto:luke.george@nic.bc.ca)

Comox Valley:  
**Kelly Shopland**  
250-334-5029  
[kelly.shopland@nic.bc.ca](mailto:kelly.shopland@nic.bc.ca)

Mt. Waddington:  
**Dee-Anne Cowan**  
250-949-7912  
[dee-anne.cowan@nic.bc.ca](mailto:dee-anne.cowan@nic.bc.ca)

For more information, contact the Aboriginal Advisor at the campus nearest you or visit us online at [www.nic.bc.ca/aboriginalservices](http://www.nic.bc.ca/aboriginalservices).

### HA-SHILTH-SA SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Address changes and requests for subscriptions contact [annie.watts@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:annie.watts@nuuchahnulth.org)

## RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL COMPENSATION AND HEALING

TIME IS LIMITED TO APPLY!

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS IMPOSED A TIME LIMIT ON WHEN YOU CAN FILE A CLAIM FOR HEALING AND COMPENSATION FOR SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE THAT WAS DONE TO YOU AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL

SCOTT HALL, LAWYER



1-800-435-6625

VICTORIA - TOFINO - UCLUELET

- PORT ALBERNI - NANAIMO -

DUNCAN - PORT HARDY

## TSESHAHT MARKET

GATEWAY TO THE PACIFIC RIM



FULL SERVICE GROCERIES, GAS BAR, HOT FOODS,  
SNACKS AND SO MUCH MORE!

Hours of operation - 6:00 am - 12 midnight

Phone: 724-3944

E-mail: tseshahtmarket@shaw.ca

Web address: www.tseshahtmarket.ca

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENT OUT OF PROVINCE AND COUNTRY

Recent situations have caused financial hardship to some people who Depart Canada without acquiring any type of medical coverage insurance. Non-Insured Health Benefits Program through Health Canada does not cover anyone who departs Canada, nor does your BC Medical Plan unless you have written authority from them stating that they will cover you, and what they will cover. (Remember the price is much higher in US than here - I suggest you check it out to protect yourself and your family). Ensure you get coverage by contacting your local travel agency - they can and will help you! It is also understood that once you have departed Canada and you change your mind and decide you wish to have coverage - it is too late...Travel policy insurance will not cover you in outside the country if you try to obtain insurance after you have left.

Protect yourself and your family!

Questions on this matter are encouraged and welcomed through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program Coordinator (Robert Cluett) 1-888-407-4888 or 250-724-5757.

## Birthdays & congratulations

I would like to say happy birthday to my daughter Carmen Frank who will be turning 20 on Nov. 17. Babe, I hope you have a wonderful day. Best wishes. Love ya, always and forever. Mom, Dad, and family.

Happy Birthday to my dad, Peter Frank Sr. I hope you have wonderful day on Nov. 22. Best wishes. So wish we could be there to celebrate your big day with you. Robyn, Bucky and Kids ..Love Ya Dad.

Happy birthday to my awesome son, Jordan Dick who will be 11 on Nov. 26. Son, I hope you have a great day. Best wishes. Hope you get everything you wish for. Love ya, always and forever. Mom and dad and family.



I would like to wish my eldest sister Linda Mabel George a Happy 48th Birthday on Dec. 7 and many many more. Love from your sis, neices Alenasue and Davina, Brooke, Kira, Shell, and nef Jess.

Nov. 12: I wanted to wish my little brother Johnathan Jordan Adair a Happy 16th Birthday. I hope you have the most amazing day little bro. Remember not rush to grow up. Enjoy being young! Wishing you nothing but many years to come, blessing and a happy future. Lots



Happy 2nd birthday to granddaughter Kaylee Gus on Nov. 19. Love grandma Liz and family. We all love you!

of love from your big sister TLAW and god daughter TFSW xoxo.

Happy 30th Birthday, son. My have you grown. Lots of love to you, Gloria, Steve, Caity and Josh. We miss you xoxoxox.

## In Memory

Remembering our Mom (Alma Mack)

My heart aches because I can't hear your beautiful voice; My heart aches mom I don't know why; You've gone to that special place; I can't explain my pain; You're my mother and so far away; I want you close by; I miss your motherly embrace; Holding you close; My heart aches; I miss you!; Lots of love from Norm, Ed, Terry, Gina, Gloria, Robin and Johnny and all your grandchildren.



## Fisheries Manager

Hesquiaht First Nation requires a Fisheries Program Manager to oversee fisheries related activities within our territory. The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Daily program operations and staff supervision
- Maintaining monthly program reporting to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and NTC Fisheries (training is available)
- Management and maintenance of the fisheries program's office and field equipment
- Coordinating and participating in seasonal fisheries activities, as designed by Hesquiaht First Nation, including site monitoring, by-law enforcement, research and development
- Professionally representing Hesquiaht First Nation's Fisheries Program through correspondence and at government, public and community meetings
- Assisting with proposals and project development, field work and project implementation
- Assisting with Fisheries Program planning and advancement on behalf of Hesquiaht First Nation
- Must have experience in Microsoft Office and Databases

Submit a resume' and cover letter to the Administration Office. The posting will remain in effect until the position is filled.

Contact information

Fax: 250 670 1102

Email: hesquiahtadmin@hughes.net

## Teacher Aide (Assistant)

Hesquiaht School of Learning requires a Teacher Assistant for the school year.

The teacher Assistant performs some or all of the following duties: assists students with lessons under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher; monitors and reports to the classroom teacher on student progress; assists with the preparation of learning materials and environment; accompanies and supervises students during activities in the school gymnasium, library, resource centers and on field trips; monitors students during recess and noon hour; may assist with the marking of tests and worksheets; and assists with classroom inventory.

The successful candidate must submit a current Criminal Record Check as soon as reasonably possible.

Please submit your resume' and application to the Principal, at Hesquiaht School of Learning. Only those contacted will be interviewed.

Fax: 250 670 1102

Email: hesquiahtadmin@hughes.net

## Language Teacher

Hesquiaht First Nation requires a Hesquiaht Language Teacher for School year 2011/2012

This position involves teaching the Hesquiaht Language to all the students, including Head Start. You will be required to assist in the evaluation of all the students, ensuring each student under your care, will have the opportunity to achieve basic understanding of the Hesquiaht Language thru various methods such as oral, written and pictures, etc.

In addition, you will be required to assist in the development and implementation of an expanded Hesquiaht Studies Program. Participation in extracurricular activities for the students is required. The successful applicant will be under the direction of the school principal.

The successful applicant must be fluent in the Hesquiaht Language. A Solicitor General Criminal Record Check is mandatory.

Please submit your resume' with a cover letter to the Administrator

Fax: 250 670 1102

Email: hesquiahtadmin@hughes.net

**Health Fair**

**The 5 Southern Region  
Nuu-chah-nulth Nations**

**Invite you to:**  
*A Health Fair with a day filled with  
booths, workshops, prizes and much*

Open to everyone, with specific information  
for Nuu-chah-nulth Members

**Where: Hupacasath House of Gathering**  
**When: Thursday November 17, 2011**  
**9 am—3 pm**

*This Health Fair will provide individuals with  
various information that will assist members  
and communities to live a healthier*

**life!**

Door prizes Nutrition Mini Workshops

Diabetes Education Environmental Health Dental

In partnership with:

## NUU-CHAH-NULTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM

## Trades Department

September 2011

### 2011 - 2012 Students



Currently for the 2011-2012 school year NETP Trades department is supporting 9 individuals in courses offered in institutions such as Camosun College, North Island College, Vancouver Island University and Blanche Macdonald Centre. The individuals are focusing their studies on either Automotive, Early Childhood Care and Education, January and Cabinet Making, Plumbing Year 2, Health Care Assistant, Make Up/Freestance Artistry, Professional Cook Level 1 or Building Service Worker Level 3. NETP will provide continuous support for these students throughout their studies and wishes them the best of luck in moving forward with their own education and employment goals!



To find a list of industry Training Programs, Apprenticeship and Red Seal Programs check out ITA's website www.ita.bc.ca

#### Trades Application Requirements:

- Current resume
- Completed job search
- Alternate funding support
- Completion of Test of Workplace Essential Skills (TOWES)
- Program outline
- Quotes for required supplies
- Proof you meet pre-requisites
- Meet with NETP Employment Counsellor regularly

#### Trades Financial Support an Individual may apply for:

- Tuition
  - Required textbooks
  - Required supplies
  - Living allowance
- If the course fits under the NETP Trades Policy - an individual may apply for:
- Please note - the individual will also need to look for a co-sponsor to help contribute towards some of these costs.
- For further information in applying for Trades Training contact any of our NETP offices.

**Instructor, Adult Basic Education**

**Alert Bay**

Please go to <http://careers.nic.bc.ca> for further criteria, required qualifications and information on how to apply to posting #100274.

**NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE**

http://careers.nic.bc.ca

**Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation  
Career Opportunity**

**Certified General Accountant**

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations is seeking a Financial Officer to be involved in the day-to-day financial transactions for the First Nation's operation. This position is based out of Tofino, and reports to the Band Administrator. The Financial Officer requires strong technical organizational skills, and the ability to be flexible as demands and priorities change.

**Functions and duties:**

- Perform reconciliation/accounts payables and receivables, payroll, and month end adjustments;
- Maintenance of an accounting records system;
- Assist in the preparation of year-end financial statements, and annual operating and production budgets;
- financial projections, planning, and reports;
- Manage cash flow and related bank activities;
- Participation in annual operational audit.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- CGA or CA; a student close to completion of an accounting designation would be considered.
- 5-years experience in the accounting field, previous experience with a not-for-profit organization is an asset.
- Strong computer skills, including Excel and Accpac for Windows or Adagio.
- Strong critical thinking, logic analysis and problem solving skills and a keen eye for detail.
- Experience with First Nation funding, including AANDC, Health Canada, and CMHC would be considered an asset.
- Excellent inter-personal skills are a requirement to effectively work with, staff, outside agencies and the local community.
- Able to provide acceptable references and criminal record check

**Resumes with covering letter, 3 references, and proof of qualifications will be received until 4:30 p.m. on Friday December 2, 2011.**

**Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations**  
PO Box 18, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0  
Attn.: TFNTribal Administrator

**Fax: (250) 725-3352**  
**Email: eli-enns@tla-o-qui-aht.org**

**HA-SHILTH-SA  
SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Address changes and requests for subscriptions  
contact [annie.watts@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:annie.watts@nuuchahnulth.org)

# Legacy tournament takes good health to heart

The 4th Evan Touchie Legacy—Tournament of Health took place in Ucluelet Nov. 4 to 6 at the Ucluelet Secondary High School gymnasium with a total of nine basketball teams, both men's and women's.

With a Healthy Heart Concession (that sold out this year, as compared to the first year of tons of left over 'strange unknown' foods), various health booths of nutrition, acupuncture, massage, college and university booths and, of course, a nursing booth of blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol levels, which had a line-up of people awaiting their turn! A long way from year one!

Thank you to all the sponsors who chose to help us spread the message of health and healthier, including the Dream Catcher Fund; Nu-u-chah-nulth Tribal Council; Yuuthluithaht First Nation; Uclulth Dev Corporation and Aveda One Studio Salon. Also, thanks goes to the USS High School; Ukee Bikes; Lions Gate Fisheries; Priscilla and Ken Watts; Tyson Touchie and family; Jr. Clarke; Roy Vickers Gallery; Ukee Coop; Live to Surf; West Side Surf; Bruhwiler Surf; Matilda and Cliff Atleo; Sound Acupuncture and Rain in Motion Massage

Special thanks to all volunteers who donated their time with the Healthy Heart Concession, Door Admission, Score and Time Keepers, Cooks and Clean Up Crews. We couldn't have done it without you.

The Tofino men took the finals against Ahousat Timbermen, and for the women, the West Coast Spirits were on fire in the finals against Yuuthluithaht Wildwomen.

Men Allstars were Mike Long - Tofino, Saul Brown - Ahousat Timbermen, Travis Thomas - Ahousat Suns, Justin Frechetter - Port Alberni Hawks, Kenny David - Yuuthluithaht Boys

Women Allstars were Jolene Nadgee - West Coast Spirits, Chantelle Thomas - Tofino, Vyna Brown - Ahousat, Skylene Touchie - Wildwomen.

Best Defensive Players were Gramm Greig - Tofino. Women - Jolene Nadgee - Spirits.

MVP was Andy Greig - Tofino and Brittany Williams - Spirits  
Most Inspirational Player was Raylene McCreath - Wildwomen.

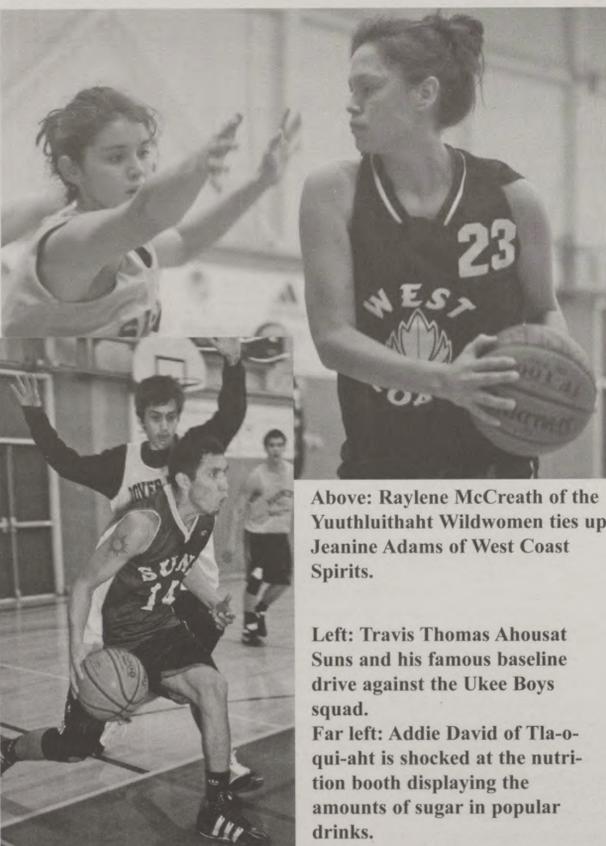


Sam Barney and Shawn White of the Hawks battle for the ball against Travis Thomas of Ahousat Suns.

Photos by Melody Charlie



Greg Charlie of the Ahousat Timbermen gets no easy bucket against Ahousat Suns.



Above: Raylene McCreath of the Yuuthluithaht Wildwomen ties up Jeanine Adams of West Coast Spirits.

Left: Travis Thomas Ahousat Suns and his famous baseline drive against the Ukee Boys squad.  
Far left: Addie David of Tla-o-qui-aht is shocked at the nutrition booth displaying the amounts of sugar in popular drinks.



## Services Offered

**CEDAR WEAVER/TEACHER:** Earrings for regalia, elders, etc. available to teach at workshops, conferences, schools, etc. (Material incl). Hats baskets, headbands. Phone to order or can barter for what have you (fish). 250-591-8199

**DELIVERY SERVICE:** Serving coastal First Nations point A to point B delivery service from Port Alberni with delivery van. Call Charles at 250-723-3555 or email kaanowish@shaw.ca.

**CUSTOM ART FRAMING SERVICES:** Four Directions Photo and Framing. Call Jim at 250-723-7578.

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

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

**SPEAKER AVAILABLE:** I'll be available for Workshops and public speaking for people who live with F.A.S.D. (250) 315-2188. I was born with this Sept. 26, 1969. Tim Manson.

**ODD JOBS WANTED:** A homeless woman (NCN) looking for any odd jobs, willing to do anything. Please call 250-720-9800.

**CEDAR WEAVER:** Baseball caps, bridal floral bouquets, for sale. Traditional hats, headdresses bracelets for trade. email whupelth\_weaver@shaw.ca; to Cedar Weaves; baseball caps, bridal floral bouquets, for sale. Traditional hats, headdresses, traditional bracelets for trade. email: sandrahams@live.ca.

## Marine

**FOR SALE:** Custom made nets (250) 923-9864.

**FOR SALE:** 18 ft Double Eagle highliner with a 140 hp Johnson and new yamaha 9.9 kicker. New canvas top, new radio. Comes with trailer. Numerous extras. For \$13,500. Call 736-1176.

**FOR SALE:** High end 16' double eagle boat, with 85hp merc, johnson kicker, 18' trailer and lots more. \$3900. Contact Bill Moore at 250-723-8249.

**FOR SALE:** 16 ft. run-about boat, 50 hp Mercury motor, and trailer, needs some work. Moving. Price is right. \$950.00 obo. For more info call 724-3049.

## Rupert's Rototilling

• Lawns • Gardens • Rototilling • Break Clearing • Snow Removal • Levelling  
Kulvea B-6000 Front End Loader  
Siga Park HST 15 Front End Mower  
Brad Rupert  
Ph. (250) 723-1647  
Free Estimates

**LES SAM CONSTRUCTION**  
Residential, Commercial and Architectural Structures  
• Construction Management  
• Home Warranty  
Phone (250) 723-7991 or Cell (250) 720-7334  
Fax (250) 723-7994  
Registered BC Builder

Advertise in Ha-Shilth-Sa  
Call 250-724-5757  
The next deadline is Nov. 10

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## For Purchase

### FOR SALE:

"George Watts - Creating Greatness" books: \$20 each. All sales proceeds go to George Watts Scholarship Fund. Call Caledonia at NEDC: 250-724-3131



**FOR SALE:** 40' Breckenridge trailer. 1 br, 1 bath, kitchen/living room, electric fridge, propane stove, micro oven. Good condition, 5 years old. \$30,000 obo. Good for single person or couple. Located at Esowista, can be moved. Call 250-725-3846 or 250-266-2243 for more information or viewing.

**CREATOR'S OWN SEAL OIL your source of OMEGA 3.** Both Omega 3 and Omega 6 are essential fatty acids (EFA's) (the good fats). Available from Faith and Richard Watts @ (250) 724-2603 (cel) 731-5795.

**FOR SALE:** House at 399 Esowista. In quiet location with ocean and forest views. Includes bed and breakfast business with 10 rooms and self contained apartment. \$275,000. (250) 725-3482.

**FOR SALE:** Hesquiaht Place of Learning has some new tables a chairs available for sale. Shipping charges will apply. The tables are 60 length X 30 wide X 24 high: \$275 each. The desks are adjustable. \$53.35 each. Call 250-670-1191 Crystal Tom Principal.

**EMPLOYMENT WANTED:** Heavy Equipment Operator looking for work. Call Frank August at 250-735-3485.

## Native Basket Weaving

X-mas ornaments, Easter baskets, etc. Please pre-order  
Kathy Edgar (250) 715-8013

## Accommodations

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

**NITINAHT LAKE MOTEL:** Open year round! Coastal rainforest and world-class recreation at your doorstep! For reservations and other information call 250-745-3844.

**FOR SALE OR RENT:** Great commercial opportunity. Great location by Tseshaht Market on Pacific Rim Highway. Also ideal for office, etc. Asking \$80,000 or rent for \$1,000 a month. Call Richard Watts, 250-724-2603 or 250-731-5795.

**FOR RENT:** Southend Nanaimo Upper House for Rent Sept 1st. 3bdrm + den. Include fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, yard and parking. Does not include utilities. Small pet negotiable with p/d. Required is references and d/d. No parties no smoking(outdoors only). Call after five pm or leave a message 250-585-6065.



**BEAR WATTSH INN** 5201 Hector Road, Port Alberni, B.C. (250)724-2603 or cel 731-5795. One Bedroom rooms available, own shower and toilet facilities. Nu-u-chah-nulth rate available. www.bearwattshinn.com

## Artists

**CEDAR WEAVER:** Baseball caps, bridal floral bouquets, for sale. Traditional hats, headdresses, bracelets for trade.

email whupelth\_weaver@shaw.ca  
**AUTHENTIC BASKET WEAVING GRASS:** picked and processed by Linda Edgar of Nitinaht, 3 corner, sharp and swamp grass and cedar bark. Please call 741-4192 in Nanaimo.

**FOR SALE:** 6 - 20" un painted elk hide drums for sale. Please call Earl 250-723-8369 or 250-730-1916

## CEDAR WEAVING

by wii-nuk  
Mary Martin.  
250-591-6984  
cedarweaving@shaw.ca.  
shopping baskets, whalers hats, skirts, capes & more. Classes available

## Ben David

Nuu-cho-nulth  
Northwest Coast Native Artist  
Masks • Headdresses • Rattles  
Bows • Plaques ...and more!  
4563 Dogwood, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y3Z8 (250) 724-6831

Ahtsik Native Art Gallery  
Gordon Dick, Artist/Owner  
art@gordondick.ca  
www.gordondick.ca

7133A Pacific Rim Highway, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 8Y4  
Phone: 250-723-DICK(3425) 1-888-3AHTSHK(248745)  
Fax: 250-723-3477

## House of Win-Chee Aboriginal Fashion

Denise Williams, Designer  
Victoria, B.C.  
Phone: (250) 382-7379  
Email: winchee@pacificcoast.net

## All About Art Seeking Native Arts and Craft.

Traditional & non-Traditional  
Contact  
allaboutart11@gmail.com

**REPRESENT DESIGNS:** First Nations Graphics. Specializing in Native Vinyl Decals. (Custom Made/All Sizes). All types of Native Graphics. Celeste Howard. Email for quotes and prices. represent.designs@gmail.com

## Wanted

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

**HELP WANTED:** Need work experience? The Port Alberni Friendship Center is seeking interested applicants for Volunteer positions including: Reception and Youth Workers. We are seeking individuals that are reliable, committed, flexible and of good character. Hours per week may vary. If you are interested, please contact Jeff at 723-8281 to pick up a Volunteer Application Form.  
**Employment Wanted:** Heavy Equipment Operator looking for work. Call Frank August at 250-735-3485.

## Volunteer

**TSAWAAYUUS ELDERS:** Are requesting volunteers to come and share your time with us. Singing and drumming, dancing, storytelling, crafts of any kind, projects. Come and share some special times with us. Please call Bunt at 724-5655.

**Tattoos by Rick**  
Call (250) 724-4931

**ALL OCCASIONS**  
CALL: RENEÉ  
723-2843  
PORT ALBERNI, B.C.

**Coo-us Catering & Events**  
Small or large events  
Food Set-up/Clean-up  
Decorating DJ  
"Serving the people in a creative, fun & respectful way with affordable rates"  
Certified with experience  
250-731-4639 or tinamgus@yahoo.ca

## FIRST NATION WILDCRAFTERS

specializing in cultural resources and other value added forest products and services

C. Anne Robinson  
700 A Pacific Rim Hwy  
Port Alberni, BC  
ph: 250.720.8907  
fx: 250.720.8981

firstnationswildcrafters1@shaw.ca

**McAnerin's Quality Painting**  
Shawn McAnerin  
Ph: 250-723-0801  
Call: 250-720-5414

INTERIOR • EXTERIOR • RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

Specializing in Quality Workmanship and Customer Satisfaction  
Liability Insured  
Pressure Washing  
Gutter Cleaning  
Clean-up Service  
Free Estimates

**Clip 21**  
HAIR STUDIO  
723-4247 or 723-HAIR  
4311 Tenth Avenue, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4X5

## DIABETES EDUCATION CENTRE

West Coast  
General Hospital  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursdays  
8 AM - 2 PM  
250 724-8824

**Daniel Blackstone**  
Community Development & Mental Health:  
• Presentations  
• Workshops  
• Meetings, Formal or Informal  
• Cultural Awareness  
250 591 6552 or  
blackstoned@shaw.ca

# Uu-a-thluk

TAKING CARE OF

## Marine Planning Update from West Coast Aquatic



Ahousaht members gather around maps of Ahousaht territory during a session with WCA staff.

Getting west coast residents to talk about their vision for the ocean may not sound like a big job, but for West Coast Aquatic, an ocean management organization located in Port Alberni, it has been a long process. That's because to truly represent the coast, West Coast Aquatic (WCA) interviewed everyone from fishermen to elders to government and recreationalists. More than 700 conversations later, WCA continues to gather opinions and information through a marine planning process better

known as "The Tsawalk Partnership." "Tsawalk," (meaning one in the Nuuchahnulth language) officially began in 2009. "Through the Tsawalk Partnership, we are gathering information to bring all levels of government the best possible data," says Kelly Poirier of WCA. "We have the opportunity to provide a one-stop shop of resources for your community's decision makers, so they can have the information they need at their fingertips."

This information-gathering is the hallmark of ecosystem-based management, a way of managing resources in a particular environment that considers ecosystems and the bigger picture. Although Nuuchahnulth Nations have managed by these principles for millennia, the past century has seen industrial-scale extraction leading to depleted ocean resources and threatened species. Ecosystem-based management considers the impacts of all activities on the environment and makes plans for sustainable resource use before activities take place.

But making good management decisions requires up-to-date information about what's taking place in an area. Gathering that information through protocol agreements and other measures has been one focus of the Tsawalk Partnership. Another has been helping communities in Barkley and Clayoquot Sound plan their own visions for the ocean.

"Each Nuuchahnulth community in Barkley and Clayoquot Sound is currently developing their own marine strategy," Poirier says. "WCA will work with Nations and others to integrate these into larger strategies for the west coast."

From the many conversations that have happened as part of the project, the WCA team is producing a number of products to share with communities. These include a shared set of values to guide actions and decisions, an information and science database, strategies to address priority issues, and mapping plans that match activities to areas where they fit best.

"Tsawalk is different from other models, where researchers come in, take knowledge, and leave," says Clayoquot Marine Planner, Jennifer Spencer. "Through Tsawalk, information remains with the nations to be used for future decision making."

Using maps to generate discussion, WCA visited communities and heard stories unfold. Fishers, elders, and others talked about what happened in their territories and what they would like to see happen in the future. WCA staff are also working to compliment

community knowledge with data from other agencies and researchers to provide communities and decision makers with a full picture of their marine territory.

"At this table, we as Ha'wiih and decision makers work towards

a high level of long-term sustainability for our ha-houlthee, [chiefly territories]" says Wii-tsuts-koom (Chief Anne Mack) of the Toquaht Nation. "I really appreciate the work that is taking place at the ground level with our community members by the staff of West Coast Aquatic and of Uu-a-thluk... to help us move forward with this vision."

In the coming months West Coast Aquatic will update First Nations communities about their activities and bring the results of their work with leadership back for review. WCA staff will continue to work with communities who have expressed interest and commitment and assist nations that ask with capacity building and funding proposals.

"We hope people are proud of the results and recognize that the work is happening because of the foresight and vision shown by the many Nuuchahnulth who contributed to this partnership along the way," says Poirier. "Many people contributed their knowledge over the past few decades, and it's in their memory that we work."

*"Through the Tsawalk Partnership, we are gathering information to bring all levels of government the best possible data..."*

—Kelly Poirier, West Coast Aquatic



### What is West Coast Aquatic?

Chiefs, councils, Ha'wiih, and all levels of government established West Coast Aquatic (formerly WCVI Aquatic Management Board) in 2001 with a vision of healthy and wealthy ha-houlthee. Today WCA is a place where different governments, sectors, and communities work together to bring that vision into reality.



WCA staff prepare for community consultations in Tofino.



**Tsawalk**  
the power of one

Uu-a-thluk  
P.O. Box 1383  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M2

Ph: 250.724.5757  
Fax: 250.724.2172  
info@uuathluk.ca

www.uuathluk.ca

The Tsawalk Partnership represents people who live on the west coast of Vancouver Island and who care about the marine environment.

