



## TRC pledges \$50,000 for commemoration

The Yuu?it?ath government's planned multi-purpose facility (gym) will boast a commemoration to the Indian Residential School experience, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Commemorative Initiative.

A few months ago community members got together to discuss ideas to be included in a proposal to the TRC; some of those ideas included a 'healing wall' where individuals or families can memorialize a loved one with a plaque, a traditional cedar carved welcoming figure, a traditional Nuuchahnulth garden and interpretive panels which will explain the installation were some of the ideas that came from the community. More public input will be sought.

The memorial will recognize Yuu?it?ath individuals and families who were impacted by Indian Residential School and it will provide a peaceful space that stands as an enduring reminder of the cultural resilience and traditions of the Yuu?it?ath.



### *Dressed for the Theatre*

The Yuu?it?ath summer camp participants took a trip to Victoria recently. This photo was taken before the group headed to the McPherson Playhouse to watch live theatre. The group also heard the Victoria Symphony and visited Bouchart Gardens on the trip. Shown here, left to right, front row, James Walton, Charles McCarthy, Anna Patrick, Babae Williams, Jada Touchie, Shawna Williams, middle row, left to right, Kyle Kervin, Bryson George, Maxwell McCarthy, Johnny George, Sarah Hagar (Child & Youth Coordinator), back row, left to right, James Joseph, Samantha Patrick, Kathleen McCarthy, Jade Touchie and Suzie McCarthy. (Photo by Gloria Valentine)

## Community meetings set for OCP input from citizens

The Yuu?it?ath Government Lands, Resources and Assets Department has been working together with consultant, Pamela Shaw and a Community Working Group to create an Official Community Plan (OCP).

Representatives will be hosting community meetings to inform

Yuu?it?ath enrollees about the OCP process and gather information on what you would like to see in the OCP.

- Port Alberni  
September 10th / 4-8 p.m.  
Echo Centre, 4225 Wallace Street,  
Port Alberni

- Nanaimo  
September 11th / 5-8 p.m.  
Beban Centre, 2300 Bowen Road,  
Nanaimo

- Victoria  
September 12th. / 5-8 p.m.  
Mings Restaurant, 1321 Quadra St.,  
Victoria

For more information about the OCP please call Darren Mead-Miller, Manager of Lands, Assets and Resources. (250) 726-7342 Ext. 210 Note: There have been a couple of Open Houses regarding the OCP in Hitacu, and there will be another one scheduled in the fall.

### Hit-tat-soo Assembly

Monday, October 9th

5 p.m.

Community Hall, Hitacu

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# Yuulu?il?ath GOVERNMENT

## Yuulu?il?ath plans out Lost Shoe Creek development

Members of the Yuulu?il?ath Executive met at the Lost Shoe Creek Property to look over the Treaty Settlement Land which will be transformed into a retail village. Larry Baird, who holds the Executive Assets portfolio and Alan McCarthy, who holds the Executive Lands portfolio met with Trevor Jones, CEO of Ucluth Development Corp. in early August to review the environmental assessment of the lands and discuss plans to prepare the site.

The UDC is hoping to clear the site this summer in order to start burning debris from the clearing in the wet months of the fall. Mr. Jones is optimistic that building will start in the spring; he is still nailing down the businesses who will rent the space and hopefully also pay for part of the building costs.

Mr. Jones said an anchor tenant (gas station) has signed on and he is in talks with two different coffee shops, two different grocery stores and an outdoor equipment store. To advertise the retail space, a billboard will soon be erected at Lost Shoe Creek.

According to Mr. Jones, the plan includes four buildings with approximately 32,000 square feet of retail space, as well as residential areas which could be used for housing employees. Mr. Jones said the Official Community Plan which is currently being completed by the nation, also prescribes some of the area at Lost Shoe Creek, as residential.

He described the retail village as a park-like setting, with plenty of trees and green-space.

Mr. Jones said the nation is

fortunate that there is good visibility to the propose retail site, from the highway, because it means there will be no need to build a turning lane from the highway, which could be expensive.

Although the highway frontage for the Lost Shoe Creek area appears marsh-like, Mr. Jones said testing on the site shows very little marsh area and a good gravel base, which he said will provide excellent percolation

for traditional sewage treatment. He admitted that initially there were some fears that the marsh would prove difficult for building; however, geotechnical testing indicated there is very little soil on top and mainly a gravel base underneath. Eight test holes were done for the geotechnical survey.

Water will be plentiful Mr. Jones said, noting that the Treaty Settlement Lands sit above

the aquifer and that wells can be sunk at approximately 50 feet. He is hopeful that wells will be drilled in the next few months.

Supplying power to the building lots will be an expensive venture, Mr. Jones predicted. He said approximately \$100,000 will be spent on site preparation this year and \$50,000 of that will be picked up in grants.

Harold Engineering is overseeing the build to lease program. According to Mr. Jones, an environmental assessment of the site showed there is a creek and some wetland areas that need protecting. He suggested a buffer zone would be applied to sensitive areas and no development would take place in those areas.

According to Mr. Jones, the environmental assessment showed there are no endangered bird or plant species within the Lost Shoe Creek site, and there is no fish-bearing habitat along the highway frontage.

Mr. Jones said the biologist noted that the marsh along the highway was not there until about fifty years ago and that it probably became a marsh when the highway was built as water that once travelled freely to a stream was now blocked by the highway. According to Mr. Jones, the UDC was presented with two options to resolve the issue, either to build a culvert across the highway to drain the seasonal water or to build a side channel. Mr. Jones said the full environmental report has not been completed to date and that there will be ongoing assessment to monitor for any fish-bearing waterways, throughout the fall months.



*Lost Shoe Creek Tour*  
Yuulu?il?ath Executive members, Lawrence Baird, and Alan McCarthy are shown plans for the retail village, by Ucluth Development Corporation CEO, Trevor Jones.

### Joint finance committee and Legislature review draft financials

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature and members of the Finance Committee were presented the draft consolidated financial statements by Jay Norton of McIntosh, Norton, Williams Certified General Accountants. Mr. Norton said the company has audited the consolidated financial statements of the Yuulu?il?ath government as of March 31, 2012, and reported they are in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The financial statements received an unqualified audit, which means there were no problems to report and that they fairly represent the financial status of the Yuulu?il?ath government.

The Yuulu?il?ath government uses fund accounting procedures which result in a self-balancing set of accounts for each fund established; there are four established funds: the operating fund, the trust fund, the social housing fund and the enterprise fund.

### Former treaty Office will be used for alternate school and youth centre

The trailer that was used as the treaty office will soon be transformed into an alternate school and youth centre.

Darren Mead-Miller, manager of the Yuulu?il?ath Lands, Assets and Resources reported that work has begun to address the drainage issues on the site. Standing water has caused mold to form underneath the trailer but according to Mead-Miller, there is not an issue with mold inside the trailer.

The Department of Community Services will be utilizing the trailer for a youth centre and to operate an alternate school. Details of the plans will be finalized within the next month.



*New Youth Centre*  
The Yuulu?il?ath government will be renovating the former treaty trailer to house the new alternate education program for students and provide space for a youth centre.

# NEWSMAKERS

## Campsite and surf shop enjoy busy summer season

Summer 2012 has been busy for the Thornton Motel, Wya Campground, Wya Surf shop, Wya Cafe and the K<sup>w</sup>isitit Gift shop, said Trevor Jones, Ucluth Development Corporation's CEO.

Wya Surf Shop has been selling out of rental gear on weekends and boasting approximately 75-100 rentals a day plus an average of eight lessons on many days this summer Mr. Jones said.

Wya Campground "is exceeding previous years as far as sales go and the yurts were sold out the last half of July and August," Mr. Jones reported.

Recently conservation officers were called to set up a bear-trap at Wya campground, after a nuisance bear had raided several campsites. Staff at the campground stepped-up patrols for campsites that were not adhering to bear-safe rules of having a clean campsite,

### FEEDBACK FROM GUESTS STAYING AT THE YURTS HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE



*Yurts at Wya Beach*

Like a tent on the outside and a living room on the inside, the yurts have been a popular addition at Wya Camp Ground.

free from bear attractants such as coolers and dirty dishes. As well as the camp patrols and a public education campaign, the campground had installed bear-proof garbage bins and a bear-proof food cache for campers at the start of the season. It ended up that the bear moved on of his own accord and did not end up in the trap.

Wya Campsite's water system was cleared for potable water on the BC Day long weekend, although the water at the yurt sites is not potable, and that source was "not intended to be potable water," Mr. Jones said.

He said six of the showers in the communal yurt bathroom area remain for use by yurt customers while two of the showers have been converted to coin-operated showers, for use of campers at Wya.

Originally half of the yurts were heated with propane stoves and half with wood stoves, but this season all but one yurt have been converted to propane heat. Mr. Jones explained that most campers prefer the convenience of propane over the woodstoves, so a decision was made to convert to propane. Yurt #1 has a wood stove, in addition to a propane stove. Mr. Jones said the feedback from guests staying at the yurts has been very positive.

Mr. Jones announced that the manager's job for the K<sup>w</sup>isitit Limited Partnership (LP) which includes managing the Thornton Motel, the Wya Campgrounds and yurts has recently been posted as requested by the Board of Directors. The Wya Welcome Centre is not as busy as in years past, Mr. Jones



*Lodges at Ucluth Beach*

Four lodges are under construction at Ucluth Beach; with one at lock-up stage and the others expected to be completed to lock-up by the end of September.

noted, partly due to the fact that traffic heading to the campground is now reporting directly to the Willowbrae office for registration rather than at the Welcome Centre. Still, the Welcome Centre is "holding its own," he said, adding that the gift and coffee shop and organic garden are doing a steady business. There is also a small campsite at the Welcome Centre which is used for overflow RV parking. According to Mr. Jones, this campsite was "never intended to be that busy, it's overflow, to stop people from going to Tofino," he commented. He said it is not known yet whether the UDC will continue to operate the organic garden next year or whether the operation will be leased out.

According to Mr. Jones the K<sup>w</sup>isitit Gift Shop usually does a brisk business and the K<sup>w</sup>isitit Snack Bar is operating this season on a skeletal basis, serving ready-to-eat sandwiches, drinks and light snacks. The restaurant, formerly the Wickaninnish Restaurant at the K<sup>w</sup>isitit Interpretive Centre was recently been leased by the K<sup>w</sup>isitit

LP but the lease was not signed until part-way through the summer and there was no time to set up the restaurant properly for this season. Operating a snack bar has allowed a

sneak peek at the volume of people coming into the restaurant, (about 200 a day) and an opportunity to question them about what sort of restaurant they would like to see. Summer staff have been collecting data regarding the type of food people would like to buy and the price they expect to pay. From the data collected to date, Mr. Jones said it seems as though people would like to see a reasonably priced family restaurant during the day, and a more formal setting for evening dining, and he said, it would be possible to accommodate both, in the restaurant space.

The lodges at Ucluth Beach are starting to take shape. The post and beam style lodges are in various states of completion, among gigantic trees and with a spectacular view of Ucluth Beach. The first four lodges will be at lock-up by the fall and then construction will start on the remaining six lodges.

The wood is being milled on site and then transferred to a post and beam shop at the Wya Welcome Centre, where the wood is cut into prescribed lengths before being returned to the building site.

The K<sup>w</sup>isitit LP Board consists of: Jenny Touchie, Gordon Taylor Jr., Les Doiron, Spencer Touchie and Yuulu?il?ath President, Chuck McCarthy.

# OPINION PAGE

## Executive thanks Copper Island for providing retreat

The Yuułu?il?ath Executive would like to acknowledge Copper Island for allowing our community elders and youth attend the camp. It was reported to the Executive that the camp was offered to Yuułu?il?ath citizens and employees at a reduced rate. Thank you for the generous contribution; it was appreciated by all who went and the gesture is appreciated by the Yuułu?il?ath government.



### *The Hellions*

The photo was taken in 1970's.

Back row (L-R): Vickie Touchie, Audrey Haipee, Karen Severinson, Caroline Mundy, Roberta Touchie

Middle row (L-R): Debbie Mundy, Shirley Taylor

Front row (L-R): Beverly Wilson, Phyllis Shaw (nee Haipee), Gina Lee George.

## Bye for now

As the summer comes to an end and school begins, we all feel sad to see the summer go and excited at the idea of new beginnings at the same time. I am feeling these things as I transition into my maternity leave. I am sad not to be coming here every day. Hitacu is a special place, filled with wonderful people. My working team has been very supportive as I have tried to carve out this new position. I will also be sad to take a leave of absence from working for an organization that invests so much into Child and Youth Programming. Kleco Kleco!

To the Yuułu?il?ath Government for their financial support for Child and Youth programming. I am excited and confident in the ability of Alysson Thicke who will assume my position during my maternity leave. We have been working together to plan recreational and educational opportunities for the coming year that I hope will answer some of the requests made in our Elder's and Parent's consultations last spring. I have been so grateful for the supportive parents who have participated in programming and made sure that their children came out to participate in programming. I have appreciated their positive and constructive feedback to help me to create programming that meets the needs of their children.

It is with the greatest sadness though that I leave the role of regularly meeting with the Children and Youth of this community. We have not only had a great summer program, we had a really fun spring. I will miss the fun of interacting with Youth (and eating so well ) at teen nights, the sense of community I felt during family breakfasts, and the fun of playing Menultra in the forest on Friday afternoons. The children and youth in this community are amazing and full of potential; I truly believe that they can achieve anything they can imagine! I hope this program will continue to expand the limits of that imagination.

I am excited to meet my new family member and have time to spend with my family. I will be visiting and introducing you all to this new spirit and will look forward to seeing everyone around town. Please don't be strangers; I cherish the relationships we have cultivated together. Chooch  
Sarah Hagar

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# FEATURE ARTIST

## Yuulu?il?ath carver influenced by younger sibling

Clifford George's envy of his brother's ability to carve spurred him on to mastering the art. For the past 15 years Clifford has made his living solely as a carver and recently he and his brother Chris have been putting their carving talents to work on a number of house posts that will be featured in the lodges at Ucluth Beach.

"It started with my kid brother, I was really envious when he showed me his carvings. He was learning to carve and he came home one day and I was so impressed with what he had done so I tried it," Clifford recalled. He said his brother suggested he buy a scroll saw and a \$12 knife from the Hobby Corner, and he went to work. Laughing, Clifford said his career as a carver came to a crashing halt before it had a chance to take off when he cut himself on the scroll saw, while completing his very first project. The accident prompted him to put away his scroll saw and knife and he didn't pick up the carving tools for another year, when his brother encouraged him to give it another try.

"I thought okay, I would give it another shot. I was at home, not doing much and so I thought I might as well," he said. With a more cautious approach with the saw, Clifford slowly learned how to carve, mostly self-taught, and with input from his brother and friends. "They tell you pointers on how to do a certain shape or certain cuts and how to use the band saw to go with the grain of the wood, how fine the grain should be, things like that. And, you learn from mistakes," Clifford said.

He spent about ten years carving and selling his work to tourists, along the waterfront sidewalk in Victoria. As he gained experience as a carver he carved larger pieces and his venues for selling his work, also grew.

Today Clifford's carvings are sold in the DuQuah Gallery and Cedar House Gallery in Ucluelet, and his commission pieces have been sold across Canada and the United States and last year he carved a totem pole which was shipped to Europe. He started off carving wall plaques and graduated into creating more complicated pieces such as masks, talking sticks, blanket chests and totem poles. Last year he had a totem pole unveiled at the grand opening of the Wya Welcome Centre, and another at the Ucluelet Secondary School. Working with students at the school and teaching them how to carve, was one of the most satisfying projects of Clifford's career. "It was definitely the most satisfying, and fun being around the kids and talking to them. A few of them really picked it (carving) up and it felt good to pass on my knowledge of carving to them," he said.

Clifford's latest project had him doubting his abilities and once again, his brother Chris was instrumental in getting him over the hurdle. The project was creating 20 house posts which will be featured in the lodges at Ucluth Beach; the difficulty with the project was that the idea was to have traditional figures carved in a non-traditional way, using both sides of the log, rather than just one.

"I found it really mentally challenging, trying to figure out how all the dimensions should be. I think I got lucky, after I was finished doing some of the cuts everything worked out," he laughed. Clifford explained

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that carving both sides of the wood is not traditionally done, and he spent a great deal of time, before starting to carve, just staring at the wood, hesitant to make the initial cuts. "I tried to see it in my mind, but I wasn't positive how I could physically do it," he admitted. Brother Chris provided the support that Clifford needed; "he was so positive and confident in my abilities; he was sure I could pull it off."

Clifford said at the start of any project he picks up the wood to feel it, observe it and touch it. "I need to take a good look and see how it feels," he commented. He normally has an

idea of what he is going to carve, the studying the wood helps him figure out where to start carving.

Clifford has shared his knowledge through classes in the community in Hitacu, and said there was quite a bit of interest among middle age students.

A raven mask with a beak that opens is his favorite object to carve and he has done a few raven masks, decorated with cedar bark, abalone and horse hair. Clifford's favourite piece was a functioning raven mask that he created three years ago; he doesn't keep his carvings though,

"Now my carvings are in demand locally, I just got a call yesterday for a piece, I can't actually keep up," he said, adding, "It's a nice position to be in."

He credits the school totem pole project for getting his name known locally. He worries though that he won't be able to continue to carve for years to come because it is physically demanding. "It's really hard on the back. I've got bad arthritis in my hands, back and hips and it takes its toll; it's physically demanding," he revealed.

Clifford uses power tools for most of the carving, hand chiseling to do the fine detailed work. "Sometimes there is a little guilt that this carving is not traditional but it's how I learned to do it. Using power tools you can do it in a lot less time," he commented.

He paints most of his creations, mostly because he enjoys painting and doesn't really like the look of stain on his carvings.

"I have been painting since I was a child," said Clifford and his wife Linda, who is also his business manager, said he didn't realize he could draw so well.

His interest in painting was sparked as a young teen when he watched a documentary on Emily Carr. "I got interested in First Nations Exhibits and then I found out she spent time here, and she had an interesting story. My teacher gave me a book on Emily Carr and I did a lot of reading and artwork. It was fun learning about her," he commented.

Clifford is Yuulu?il?ath; he grew up in Tofino and Ahousaht and transferred back to Yuulu?il?ath a few years ago, when he began his carving at Wya Welcome Centre. The current project has Clifford finishing 20 house posts with two five-foot carved panels, that will be featured in the lodges at Ucluth Beach.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Carving on the Edge festival features Yuułu?il?ath artists

*West Coast Vancouver Island's Carving Edge Festival will celebrate traditional and contemporary wood carving from September 1 - 10, 2012*

This 10-day festival includes a fine art wood carving show, demonstra-

tions on traditional canoe-building, Nuu-chah-nulth paddle-making, mask making, burl wood carving, tool-making, and traditional designs. There will be presentations by master carvers, storytelling events, and family carving workshops for all ages. All events are open to the public at no charge and a



*Carving on the Edge*

Art Cootes' carvings will be featured as part of the Carving on the Edge festival in September.

## Fisheries monitoring course

Are you interested in environmental monitoring or fisheries assessment work?

The Central Westcoast Forest Society and the Ahousaht-Mainstream Salmon

Enhancement Subcommittee are offering a two-day training course with Vancouver

Island University. The course runs from Wednesday, August 29 to Thursday, August 30.

Classroom theory will be held in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at Humanity, 150 Fourth Street in Tofino. Field training will take place on the Kennedy Flats in the afternoon

until 4:30 p.m.

Participants must supply appropriate personal field gear, including chestwaders and non-slip footwear.

During the course you will learn how to use and maintain field measurement equipment, define fish habitat features and requirements, quantify fish habitat for a given fish species and life.

For more information and to register for this 2-day course, please contact Jessica Hutchinson by phone at 250-726-2424 or by email at [centralwestcoast@gmail.com](mailto:centralwestcoast@gmail.com).

“Carving Map’ available from local businesses and visitor centres will lead festival goers to event locations.

Carving Edge Festival 2012 is an arts festival for carvers and people who wish to learn more about the culture of carving.” said Festival coordinator Norma Dryden. “During our unique 10-day event, neighbors and visitors can learn about the rich history of carving on the West Coast and the many new art forms that are emerging from today’s contemporary artists.” Highlights of the Carving Edge Festival 2012 include: “Carving Edge” Art Show: Featuring the best work of traditional and contemporary wood carvers from giant carved burls to masks and carved bowls. Dates, Times, Location: September 1 - 10, 11am - 6 p.m. daily, 368 Main Street, Shore Tofino BC

**Carving Artists Exhibition:** Two full days of carving exhibitions! Carvers will be demonstrating traditional canoe making, Nuu-chah-nulth paddle-making, ceremonial masks, tool making, traditional design techniques, cedar bark weaving and several carving techniques. Master carvers include Tim Paul, Joe Martin, Carl Martin, Keith Plumley, Mark Mickey, Levina Martin, George Grae Manson, Jason Titian and many more. Dates, Times, Location: Saturday & Sunday, September 1 & 2, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, 368 Main Street, Shore Pier 1933 - on the water, Tofino BC

**Master Carving Workshop: The Nuu-chah-nulth Paddle with Carl Martin.**

A three day workshop for

five participants to carve a sea-going paddle from yellow cedar under the guidance of Tla-o-qui-aht canoe carver Carl Martin. Workshop is \$150, includes wood. Bursaries are available/work trades welcome. (A second workshop will take place the weekend of September 8 for more participants.) Sign-up at [carvingfest@gmail.com](mailto:carvingfest@gmail.com) Dates, Times, Location: Saturday, Sunday, Monday September 1 - 3, 10a.m. - 2 p.m. daily, 368 Main Street, Shore Pier 1933 - on the water, Tofino BC

“Origins” A slideshow presentation about early and contemporary Nuu-chah-nulth traditional art by Tla-o-qui-aht fine art carver Joe David. Dates, Times, Location: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 1 Clayoquot Sound Theatre, 380 Campbell Street Tofino BC

Film: Histakshitl Ts’awaatskwii: (We Come From One Root) Artist Ron Hamilton will present his 2010 award winning film about the ceremonial curtains of the Nuu-chah-nulth potlach. Friday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., Clayoquot Sound Community Theatre, 380 Main Street Tofino

Carving Demonstrations for Families: Carving play for kids and families. Date, Time, Location: September 8, 10a.m. - 2 p.m. Tofino Saturday Market, Village Green.

The Carving on the Edge festival was founded by the Keepers under the Pacific Rim Arts Society umbrella in 2010 & 2011.

## Program announcements

### **First Nations Fitness**

A Financial Literacy workshop will be held in Hitacu on September 20th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Hall. This workshop is free for citizens and a required workshop for social assistance clients. More information to come shortly.

### **Don Jitsu offered in Hitacu**

Ian Shu will be coming to Hitacu to offer Don Jitsu with the first session beginning on Friday September 14th, 2012 between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Any Children and Youth interested in participating in Don Jitsu should call the Community Services Department at (250) 726 7343 to sign up. We will be creating classes to best meet children’s needs. This is great opportunity to improve mental, physical health and have some fun with friends. Come on out!

### **Deadline for School Supplies**

The deadline for applications for school supplies is September 7th, 2012.

### **Interest in Aboriginal Canoe Championships?**

The Child and Youth Program is looking for Youth interested in participating in the BC Aboriginal Provincial Canoe Championships. Please call the Community Services Department to state your interest (250) 726 7343 and we will organize a group to meet.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Holy Halibut

Ucluth Fisheries had an excellent haul last week with approximately 350 pounds of halibut caught and distributed in Hitacu. Gilbert Louie and Art Williams hold up a huge halibut, (estimated 90 pounds) caught last Tuesday night.



## Korean Culture

The Korean Love Corps made their annual visit to Hitacu recently. The troupe made their way through the community, drumming and then provided an excellent Korean meal followed by traditional drumming and dancing.



## Public Health Announcements

Michelle Eng, Public Health Nurse for Hitacu wants to remind residents that it will soon be time for flu shots. She anticipates receiving the vaccinations in October.

She is also notifying residents about a whooping cough outbreak in Canada and the US.

"There are no reported cases of whooping cough that I'm aware of

in Hitacu. I'm thinking of the citizens and their families who are considering heading over to Vancouver to the PNE should be warned," she commented.

Nurse Eng said citizens need to be aware of whooping cough and what it is; that it is vaccine preventable and free for those who are eligible (childhood immunization schedules), and to apply universal, normal daily routine hand hygiene precautions.

"This info is straight out of the ImmunizeBC website and I welcome all citizens to take a look at this website, which is a collaborative project supported by the Ministry of

Health, BC Centre for Disease Control, regional health authorities (eg. VIHA), First Nations and Inuit Health, and HealthLinkBC. For the conscientious objectors or those who speculate the use and benefits of vaccines, the information in the website is evidence-based," she wrote.  
<http://immunizebc.ca/diseases-vaccinations/pertussis>

There are currently higher than normal numbers of whooping cough cases occurring in Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. In these areas, vaccine is currently being provided free to people at risk of getting very ill

from whooping cough, and those who are in close contact with them.

## Swine Flu

The Public Health Agency of Canada has posted a Public Health Notice on a variant strain of influenza H3N2 that has been associated with outbreaks in the United States but has not been detected in Canada to date.

The website link and attached document below provides information about the risks associated with the H3N2v influenza virus from close contact with swine.

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/influenza/phn-asp-h3n2-20120820-eng.php>

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## In accordance with Yuuʔiʔath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuuʔiʔath Legislature has initiated a Hit-tat-soo Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.

The Hit-tat-soo Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012; 5PM at the Yuuʔiʔath Community Hall.

Dinner will be provided; all citizens are invited to attend.

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the Hit-tat-soo Assembly. Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.

### Agenda Items:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
3. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
4. Meeting minutes from the June 4, 2012 Hittatsoo Assembly
5. Announcements/Discussion
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  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Other business
  - a. Audit presentation – Chief Financial Officer
7. Updates
  - a. Community Services
  - b. Lands and Resources
  - c. President
  - d. Executive
  - e. Director of Operations

Adjournment

For more information please contact Christina Klotz, Law Clerk  
Ph: 250.726.7342 Email: [christina.klotz@ufn.ca](mailto:christina.klotz@ufn.ca)

## Three students gain work experience

Three teenagers have been working for the summer months with the Yuuʔiʔath government. Samantha Patrick and Kathleen McCarthy spent their summer helping with the Department of Community Services summer youth program in Hitacu, while Jack Mundy joined the crew mid-summer to work for the Land's Department, helping out with public works.

Living in Hitacu for the summer, and catching up with relatives was the favorite part of the job for Samantha. The 15-year-old lives in Nanaimo and has attended the Hitacu youth camp for many years; this is her first summer job.

"It was pretty fun. I like working here. I get to hang out with my cousins, and play and do all fun things," she said, shortly after returning from Hooksom Outdoor School.

Kathleen said Copper Island was her favorite trip of the summer because, "the kids loved it; they swam each day and there were a lot of activities," she said. Twice a day the participants met with Elders for language and cultural lessons. Kathleen was impressed that many of the young children remembered the language lessons they were taught during the school year and could still recite various words when speaking with language teacher and Elder Barbara Touchie. For Sam, the language classes at Copper Island were her first exposure to learning the language; "It was difficult," she commented.



A week after the Copper Island trip the young people were off to Victoria for an action-packed weekend which included a live-theatre production, tour of the Royal BC Museum and IMAX theatre. The group also toured the Buchart Gardens while the Victoria Symphony Orchestra performed at the Gardens.

Kathleen said besides being enjoyable, the trip was also educational. She said exposing young children to a variety of cultural events such as the theatre shows children, "what they could do through an education; we've got so many opportunities to be whatever we want to be." Having done some travelling herself, Kathleen said it's important for young people to understand how important it is to "leave their comfort zone."

"I love to travel and I learn new things every time I leave home," she said, adding, I want them to have that thirst for knowledge too."

When asked what their favorite activity for the summer, both agreed, it was spending the week with the youth from Sequim Washington, who were visiting Ucluelet. "We had fun playing games throughout the day, so no one ever got bored," Samantha

said.

Being around young people in the community was a positive experience for both teens and both understand that in their role as summer camp assistants, they are role models for younger children here. "Enthusiasm plays a big part. If they see you being happy and excited about events they will be too," said Kathleen. She's happy to have made a connection with younger people in the community, especially those students who are heading to high school next year. "I hope they will come to me if they are having an issue or just need to talk," Kathleen said. She pointed out that there is a lot of peer pressure



in high school, and that perhaps a connection to an older high school student, such as herself, will make it easier for young people not to bow to peer pressure.

For Jack, the summer work has been rewarding in a different way, in that he has



been able to acquire new skills and get some physical exercise during his work experience. For the most, he has been working outside, clearing brush and weed-whacking. In the fall he hopes to return to school to do some upgrading, before going back to school for an electrical apprenticeship.

## Let's do the math.

A recent study of teens on Vancouver Island showed that about one-fifth of students phoned or texted for three or more hours a day.

If they kept that up every day of the year, that would equal...1092 hours, that's 45.5 days, 1 1/2 months!

What else could you do with that time?

- Do 3,931,200 sit-ups
- Learn to play an instrument
- Walk to Nova Scotia (based on Google estimation)

The 10 000 hour rule states, that it takes 10 000 hours of deliberate practice to master a skill. So if practicing for 3 hours a day for 10 years could make you a master, will text messaging ever make it into the Olympics?

Want to know more? Check out our Tech-Off Challenge (posters on your local bulletin board) and stay tuned for more Technology in Balance information and events!

Brought to you by the Tech In Balance working group of the Coastal Family Resource Coalition and West Coast Literacy Plan. For more information on our activities contact the CFRC Facilitator at 250.726.5019 or [coastalfamilyresourcecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:coastalfamilyresourcecoalition@gmail.com)!

Thank you to Pacific Surf School for supporting the Youth Tech-Off Challenge





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## Trip to Victoria exposes local youth to music and the arts

By Kathleen McCarthy  
Day 1~

I think going to the city really opens up another experience for the kids. Exposing them to another culture for me I think is always rewarding. When the actors (after the show) talked to the campers about their careers, it showed the window of opportunities youth can have if they stick with their education.

So once we arrived into the city you could tell the kids were going to adore their inter city experience. After we checked into UVIC and moved all of

our bags into the dorms I think bringing the campers onto the campus was really fascinating to them.  
Day 2

When we went to the museum the group broke into two groups so that one group (lets call this group marigold) would visit the artifacts of the west coast and see all these amazing pieces of artwork of the Nuuchahnulth communities along the west coast. While the other group ( lets call this group daffodils) would look around the floor that has the artifacts of the first nations culture.

And learn about different strategic ways of living on the coast. After the groups were done with their activity we switched places. The campers seemed very interested in the artifacts that were on display at the museum. And seeing that some artifacts were by local communities and from our community was to me a connection to history.

Later that evening we went to the Bchart gardens. It was the most magical experience to me. Walking through the rose garden with an orchestra highlighting the background

music for the walk felt like I was casted in my own movie. I just fell in love with the tour of the gardens. Seeing some of the girls walk around picking up fallen rose pedals was all in all so adorable. I don't think I could ask for a better way to admire flowers.

When we walked back to the front of the gardens I saw some flowers were closed and drooping, so I asked Sarah about it and she told me how some flowers also go to sleep at night.



*Copper Island*  
**Yuulu?il?ath youth in the summer camp spent a few days at Copper Island recently, along with some community Elders and families.**

### Cynamoka introduces lunch menu

Gordon Taylor Jr. announced recently that The Cynamoka Coffee House has added lunch items to the menu.

Already well known for their great coffee and breakfasts, the new menu includes

burgers and fries, fish and chips, chicken strips with fries or onion rings, pulled pork on a bun, with BBQ sauce and coleslaw and smoked salmon burgers with a dill dressing, lettuce and tomato and onion.

The restaurant is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.



### Quisitis Enterprises Operations Manager

Closing Date: 4 pm September 21, 2012

Salary Range: \$50-75k and/or commensurate with experience

Please submit a cover letter detailing why you are the best candidate for this position (which specifically addresses how you meet the minimum selection criteria) along with a current C.V. to the attention of: CEO, Ucluth Development Corporation, PO Box 1120 Ucluelet BC., V0R 3A0 or by email to [UDC@ukeecable.net](mailto:UDC@ukeecable.net).

Quisitis Enterprises LP is a company wholly owned and operated by the Yuulu?il?ath (Ucluelet) First

Nation. The company is currently seeking to interview eligible candidates who meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum 5 years of hospitality and hotel management experience
2. Business or Management degree or equivalent combination of experience and education
3. Excellent communication skills
4. Marketing experience
5. Direct experience managing up to 20 staff
6. 3- Affirmative Professional References

*(Priority ranking will be given to Yuulu?il?ath citizens who demonstrate that they meet the minimum selection criteria above)*

The Operations manager will report directly to the CEO and be responsible for the day to day operations of the Wya Point Resort which consists of a 35 site campground and RV park, 15 yurts and associated infrastructure, 12 lodges at Ucluth Beach and the Thornton Motel - a total of 50 rooms with a maximum guest capacity of 300 persons inclusive of the campground. The Manager shall perform the Services from the Thornton Motel administration office and/or on site at the Wya Point Resort between the regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at least 6 days per week, subject to any absences required by or incidental to the performance of the General Duties (which can be obtained at the UDC office). On site accommodation is provided at an estimated value of over \$20,000 per annum, which is included in the evaluation of total remuneration.

## COMING SOON

### OCP Community Consultation

The Yuulu?il?ath Government Lands, Resources and Assets Department has been working together with consultant, Pamela Shaw and a Community Working Group to create an Official Community Plan (OCP).

Representatives will be hosting community meetings to inform Yuulu?il?ath enrollees about the OCP process and gather information on what you would like to see in the OCP.

- **Port Alberni**

September 10th / 4-8 p.m.

Echo Centre, 4225 Wallace Street, Port Alberni

- **Nanaimo**

September 11th / 5-8 p.m.

Beban Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

- **Victoria**

September 12th. / 5-8 p.m.

Mings Restaurant, 1321 Quadra St., Victoria

For more information about the OCP please call Darren Mead-Miller, Manager of Lands, Assets and Resources. (250) 726-7342 Ext. 210 Note: There have been a couple of Open Houses regarding the OCP in Hitac, and there will be another one scheduled in the fall.

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## Summer Youth programs wrap up with beach party



*Beach party*

Top left, Jade Touchie and Suzie McCarthy, below in their disguises, Johnny George, left and Maxwell McCarthy, right.



*Beach party*

Pretty well everyone in line got a turn to smack the 'Justin Bieber' pinata at the beach party. Shown here, left to right, Kathleen McCarthy, Johnny George on ground, Jada Touchie, Maria Williams, Charles McCarthy, Suzie McCarthy, Jade Touchie, Kyle Kervin, Maxwell McCarthy, Anna Patrick, Randi-Lee Williams and Shawna Williams.



## Youth worker hired to cover maternity leave

Alysson Thicke has been named the new Child and Youth Support Worker for the Yuułu?il?ath government; she will be filling in a one-year maternity leave for Sarah Hagar.

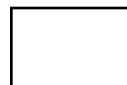
The 28-year-old lives in Tofino, where she grew up and recently returned to. She completed her Bachelor of Education from the University of Victoria and spent the last six months substitute teaching and operating an after-school program for the Pauquachin First Nations. Last year she worked with SALTS (Sail And Life Training Society), the program which runs 10-day sailing camps for young people, aboard tall ships.

She started full-time work on August 24th and will train with Sarah for two weeks.



*Beach Pyramid*

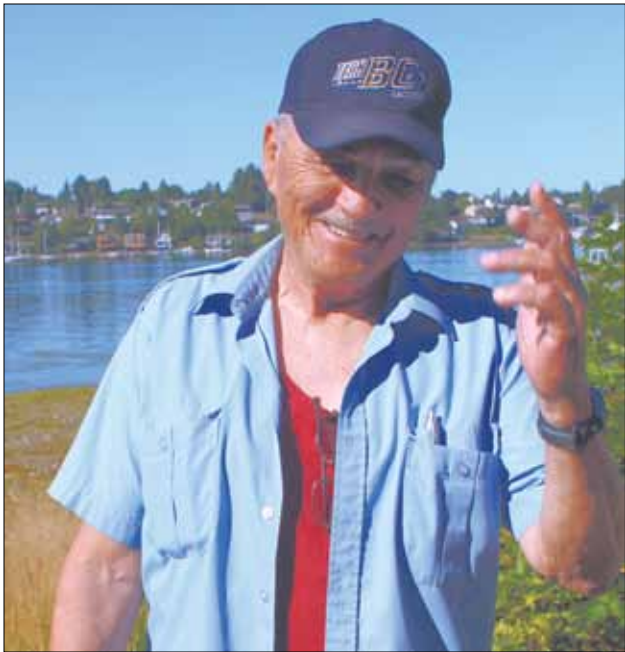
The Hitacu youth summer program wrapped up last week with a beach party at Long Beach. Shown here watching and standing, left, Maria Williams, Sarah Hagar and Anna Patrick. Bottom row, left to right, Robert Andrews, Kathleen McCarthy, Charles McCarthy, Samantha Patrick. Middle row, left to right, Suzie McCarthy, Randi-Lee Williams, Jade Touchie. Top row, left to right, Jada Touchie, Johnny George and Shawna Williams, Standing to the right: Kyle Kervin, Maxwell McCarthy and Peyton George.



## Elder's beach walks spark creativity for stories

**Y**uulu?il?ath Elder Eugene Touchie learned a lot from his grandparents and hopes he's passing valuable information along to his grandchildren.

"I spent a lot of time in Port Alberni with my grandparents," Eugene recalled. His grandfather was a trapper, which meant he, and Eugene spent a lot of time in the Broken Group. "Where my Grandparents went, I went. If we went berry picking into Washington state, or fishing, I went with him," he remembered fondly.



### Community Contributor

**Eugene Touchie stepped away from political life last year but he is still involved as a volunteer.**

His Grandfather was Yuulu?il?ath (Tom Touchie) and his grandmother Sarah was Tse-shaht; Eugene went back and forth between living in the Broken Group and living in Port Alberni. "My grandfather was a very all round person, trapping, fishing, hunting. He carved and was a jewelry maker; he did pretty well everything you could do and he was a good teacher." Eugene said his grandfather was always whittling, carving toys and making drums; I didn't know what actual toys were until he bought me a train set," Eugene laughed.

At the tender age of seven, his Grandparents took him to Residential School, and he remembers them explaining that although they didn't want to leave him, they didn't have a choice. "They said they would go to jail if they didn't make me go to school," he added. He still recalls the school seeming like a very gloomy place, and he cried himself to sleep the first night there. At ten years of age, he left school and joined his Grandparents in Hitacu, where he remained for three years before being forced back to residential school.

"He would call me and say, sit here, you are going to learn something and I want to teach you to be patient. Both of them taught me but it

wasn't until I was 38 years old, the light went on and I realized what they were trying to teach me," he said.

Eugene remembered his Grandfather carving racing canoes for the Tseshaht nation, the Miss Somass and Miss Alberni which were used for racing until the mid 1950s. "He could sit for hours on end and carve something; I can carve a bit but not in the same category as him. He was a good teacher, but residential school took everything away, all those lessons I learned," Eugene commented. While away at school both of his Grandparents died; he was allowed to attend his Grandfather's funeral but was not allowed to attend his Grandmother's, and he has always regretted this.

Eugene started off his working life as the lead singer for the Bellaires, a rock band that travelled and played at venues on Vancouver Island. He was a deckhand on a fishing boat for a few years and then moved to Alert Bay, where he taught physical education at St. Michaels residential school. He started logging a few years later and that career brought him back to the coast; he logged for nearly 20 years.

He moved back to Hitacu in the late 70s, with (former) wife Bernice and three children, Evan, Jeanette and Tyson. Eugene said he was hoping for a dozen children, but in the end, said it's probably better that he had only three because work often took him away from home. "To be a good dad you really want to spend time with your kids but I was in camps and lost a lot of time when they were growing up. When I quit logging we finally got to go to movies and dinner out," he commented.

During his varied career, Eugene worked for Parks Canada, was an RCMP officer, managed a trail building crew and then spent 16 years with the government fishery program, now Ucluth Fisheries. In 2007 Eugene retired.

### Politics

He ran for Band Council two years after moving back to Hitacu in the 70s, and served for six years until son Evan decided to run for council, and Eugene stepped aside. After Evan's death Eugene rejoined politics, serving on several councils and retired from politics in 2011 after serving on the interim government, when the Treaty was signed.

Eugene is still involved in Yuulu?il?ath government committees, serving as a volunteer on the Official Community Plan working group and he was recently named to the Housing Authority.

### Eugene the Elder

Today, at 69 age, Eugene spends time with his

eight Grandchildren and shares his knowledge of the Yuulu?il?ath culture with the younger generation, as a participant in the Language Nest, a program where Elders visit pre-schoolers at the Ittatsoo Daycare, telling stories and teaching language lessons through immersion. He's also writing short stories which he hopes to share with local children once they are complete. Eugene said stories start to formulate in his mind, when he's out for his daily walk. "It struck me that I like to talk, and tell stories so I started thinking, why don't I do something for the kids," he laughed.

"I walk at Kw'isitit, to me there is a familiarity the kind that you dream about. When I was young I never thought those beaches were anything special but now I see the beauty and quiet there and you see things that you don't see anywhere else," he said. "I walk from one end of

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the beach to the other, and often, by the time I come back, I have the start of a story." Eugene said in school, he was always good at writing, and pointed out that he has a great imagination. To date, he has penned four stories, two about a beach watcher, one about the creation of waves and another about a friendship with an orca.

"Today our people are lost. We can always sit and talk about the past, and that's fine, and they want to bring the past back (language) but it's such a slow process, because our kids don't have the same identity that was taught to our generation. We were taught to be fluent in our language and singing and customs and traditions; we were all taught that when we were young," he commented.

He credits his Mom Bella and her husband Lawrence Jack for keeping so much of his language and many of the stories, alive. Eugene said. His Mother's sisters, Aunt Edith and Martha were the biggest influences of his life.

"The chief has been taught history from way back and not necessarily through his eyes." He added that, "Lawrence is my chief; he was our Hereditary chief and the only chief I've known here." This year Eugene bought a boat and said he may just come out of retirement, to become a tour guide; he figures he's got the folklore down pat and now just needs to organize the tour itself. He hopes to be up and running by next spring.

Eugene's ability to weave historical facts with a bit fun will have tourists laughing and leaving here with a some of knowledge about Yuulu?il?ath history and a few good jokes too.



## Strengthening Our Men experiencing slow start

It has been a slow start for the Strengthening Our Men pilot project in Hitacu. Wish-key (Robert Dennis Jr.) is “having difficulty getting participants.” The program kicked off nearly two months ago, with a community dinner, to encourage attendance, Wish-key said. Since that time though he has had little success recruiting participants.

The Strengthening Our Men program was designed to revitalize young men in the community by bringing back traditional skills and practices which would ultimately reinforce pride in the Yuulu?il?ath culture. Young men, between the ages of 15 and 22 are being encouraged to participate in the program, but there is some flexibility in the age range.

Wish-key is hoping that setting a regular weekly meeting time will encourage more participation and he’s requesting that community members help promote the program to young men within their own families. The Strengthening Our Men program will run every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.. The location of the meeting may change from week to week; however, it will be posted in the weekly community bulletin and on the Nation’s Facebook page.

“I’m not sure why so few people have come out,” Wish-key

commented. He’s not certain if the lack of participation is because the random scheduling of events, if events have conflicted with work schedules or if people are just not interested. He is also unclear whether youth are connecting with him as the co-coordinator of the program because he has lived outside of the community of Hitacu for many years. Wish-key is hoping that regularly scheduled events and a few fun activities such as a beach fire and weenie

roast might turn things around.

“The main idea is to build some momentum and get some young men to participate. It’s a program that is largely based on health and spirituality, but we can do planning that will help further young men. If

they want to look at school options or prepare to get their license, we can do that,” he said.

When Wish-Key unveiled the plans for this pilot project, he hoped to include teachings from local Elders and teaching about traditional foods. The program is being funded through the Vancouver Island Health Authority’s Aboriginal Health Initiative and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

Recently Wish-key acquired funding to include the creation of a digital story.



*Hake Treat*

Barbara Touchie enjoys hake that son Laddie collected.

## Master Apprentice program to increase language fluency

BC’s Master-Apprentice Program is a method for learning traditional languages, where a fluent speaker, teaches a learner, through immersion. The goal of this program is to have apprentices increase their fluency in speaking and understanding their language.

Dr. Bernice Touchie, Education Coordinator of the Ittatsoo School, is hoping to attract both masters and apprentices to increase the knowledge of the Yuulu?il?ath dialect. According to Bernice, this program has been used very successfully in other communities. Earlier this year, a group of Elders accompanied Dr. Touchie to Saanich for training in the Language Nest immersion program, and during that trip she heard about the effectiveness of the Master-Apprentice program in Saanich, where several young people have increased their fluency.

There is remuneration for both the master and apprentice as they will be working together a minimum of 12 hours a week for a total of 300 hours.

“Language immersion can take place in a variety of settings” Dr. Touchie said, noting that the program is not intended for sit-down lessons but rather for participants learning by doing every day activities such as walking, shopping or cooking. The method of learning is similar to the way language is learned by babies and young children, by listening to the language spoken around us and by being constantly immersed in it.

Anyone interested in participating in this program, either as a Master or an Apprentice, should contact Dr. Touchie at (250) 726-7342, ext. 211.

