



Elders and Ha'wiih meet to form advisory council to advise legislature

Yuulu?it?ath Elders are being invited to a special meeting of Elders and the Ha'wiih. The meeting will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at the Yuulu?it?ath Community Hall in Hitacu and the purpose of the meeting is to determine the make-up of the Elder's Advisory Council. The meeting is also being held to identify the Hereditary Chiefs and other citizens with standing or other roles of importance.

Elders will be compensated for travel, meals and accommodation; please contact Jeneva Touchie to confirm your attendance, 1-877-726-7342. Be sure to dial 0 when you hear the voice mail and you will be connected directly to Jeneva.

The gathering will start with

Christmas dinners for citizens in Hitacu and Port Alberni

The Yuulu?it?ath government will be hosting two Christmas dinners, one in Hitacu on December 11th and the other in Port Alberni on December 13th. The Cultural Group will perform at both events and there will be a coat, hat and mitten swap at both dinners.

Citizens who would like to attend the dinner in Port Alberni are requested to contact the Department of Community Services to register your

breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9 a.m.

Tyee Ha'wiih Wilson Jack recommended a motion at the October meeting of the Legislature and the motion was unanimously supported by the Legislature. Members of the Executive discussed the idea of the Ha'wiih Advisory to the Legislature; however, Director of Operations Iris Frank pointed out that the "action needs to come from the Legislature as a whole to talk about the Chieftainship and the ha'wiih advisory council....so that legislature has clear direction as it relates to the constitution."

President Charles McCarthy commented, "I feel like we are in breach of our constitution and that's the highest law of the land, so it has

attendance. The dinner will be held at 5 p.m. at the Bavarian Centre (3034, 4th Ave. Port Alberni) and the Hitacu event will be at the Community Hall, starting at 5 p.m.

To register for the event you will need to supply the names of your family members, a current mailing address, email address and phone number. Call 1-866-900-7343.



Rebecca Williams receives food fish delivery from Watson Touchie. More than 3500 pounds of food fish, halibut, lingcod and yellow eye was distributed to citizens.

Newborns need to be registered

Yuulu?it?ath citizens are being reminded about the importance of registering newborn babies with the nation as citizens and with Indian affairs. Gloria Valentine, Community Wellness Worker and Christina Klotz, Citizenship Registrar are working together to spread the word about the importance of registering children.

According to Gloria, registration used to be done automatically at the hospital; however, several years ago that practice stopped. The concern over non-registration is the fact that children who are not registered with Indian Affairs have no medical coverage after they reach one year of age.

"We get lots of calls to cover medical bills but if the children aren't registered there is nothing we can do about it," Gloria said. Children who have been apprehended by child welfare services are covered medically while in care of the Ministry of Children Services but

often they are returned to parents who have not done the paperwork to register the children. "These kids are at risk of getting lost in the system," Gloria said and noted one teenager she is currently trying to assist, who has never been registered with Indian affairs despite having relatives who are Yuulu?it?ath citizens.

Christina said most parents who live in Hitacu have registered children, but some parents living away from home may not understand the importance of registering their children. Christina encourages parents to begin the process of registering children shortly after they are born because it can take between four and six months to get a registry number. Parents must bring in a long form birth certificate (sometimes called the large birth certificate) and fill out a parental consent form which is available

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Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy recently attended the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Awards in Vancouver where he met up with Ida Chong, the BC Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

Two new pieces of legislation enacted at November meeting

Two new pieces of legislation passed at the November meeting of the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature. The Elections Act Amendment Act and the Land Act Amendment Act became the 27th and 28th pieces of legislation enacted by the government.

Section 1.4 of the Election act has been amended to incorporate recommended changes including expanding the voting place to include a polling station in Port Alberni which will make voting more accessible for citizens living away from home, in addition to the polling station in Hitacu.

Nomination papers will no longer be filed with a government employee but rather, they will be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer. In the last election a candidate's nomination papers were reportedly handed into a Government House employee; but were not processed. The amendment will ensure the responsibility for nomination papers is in the hands of a paid election official.

The amendment sees changes in how the voters list is created and the process for making corrections to it. Eligible voters living outside of a 25 kilometre radius of a voting place will no longer need to request a mail-in ballot; it will be automatically sent out to everyone on the citizenship register who lives outside of that area. The complete Elections Act Amendment Act YFNS27/2012 can be found on our website, www.ufn.ca

An amendment to the Land

Act concerns the application for indefeasible title. The amendment authorizes the Executive to make application to raise title in the Land Title Office in the name of the Nation or in the name of a citizen. The amendment means that instead of setting up its own land registry the title registry will be done with the province of BC.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) Budget Cuts

Legislature chair Michelle Corfield attended the recent NTC meeting to discuss the upcoming federal funding reduction which will result in about \$1.4 million being cut from core funding.

Michelle said the meeting was contentious and emotional. She said it was evident that the NTC representatives will need to look at the constitution to find out what the "real job" of the tribal council. "On one hand people say it's a lobby group and others say its a service delivery group," she noted. Legislature member Lawrence Baird said the tribal council expanded from its original format and that leaders "allowed it to grow like weeds."

Michelle said concerns were put forth and staff has been directed to take a look internally to determine if there are redundancies that could be eliminated. The NTC represents 14 nations and employs more than 150 staff; the cuts are expected to impact many full and part-time positions. The NTC administration will report its findings to the directors on December 10th.

Registering newborns as citizens

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at the Government House. Birth certificates are available through Vital Statistics in Victoria, and the cost is \$27. There is no cost to register as a citizen. Once the child is registered as a citizen of the nation they can be granted a status number by INAC and then can apply to the Medical Services Plan

(MSP) to obtain a MSP number.

"We don't really know how many of our children are affected," said Gloria, noting that currently there are three babies in care that she knows of, who have not been registered. "The chances are high of them getting lost in the system," she said.

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Ucluelet RCMP officer assists with traditional food feast gathering

The Ucluelet RCMP are teaming up with Hitacu's Strengthening Our Men's program to introduce youth to prawn and crab fishing. Constable Marcel Midlane said the RCMP will be taking students out to gather prawns and crab on December 8th and 9th. The seafood will be used as part of a Traditional Food Feast at the Ucluelet Secondary School on December 19th. Any students interested in participating should contact Marcel by email: marcel.midlane@rcmp_grc.gc.ca

Drum-making draws an impressive crowd

BY LISA MCKNIGHT-YEATES

Yuulu?il?ath citizens in Hitacu participated in a drum-making workshop at the Community Hall on November 19th. Organized by Gloria Valentine, Community Wellness Coordinator and facilitated by Wish-key (Robert Dennis Jr.), with the help of Annie George, the workshop was enjoyed by about 15 people and a few Elders too who came to watch and provide some helpful hints.

Before the workshop started Wish-key suggested that each person share with the crowd what was on their mind, and what they hoped to get out of the day. While some were anxious to get on with the drum-making, one person shared their experience of a failed first attempt at drum-making, an Elder talked about missing the opportunity to learn drum-making from his Grandfather, and another

said just being in a room with others making drums reminded her of her Grandmother, who was a cultural singer.

Wish-key said it's important to "share the lessons of our ancestors because it's an important part of who we are." The principal of "Hahuup stat is that we teach each other," he commented. "Whether you are a rookie or a vet you contribute to the team," he said, drawing a hockey comparison; "we all help each other," he added.

Gloria Valentine and a few helpers got to work the weekend before the session to prepare the hides. It took about four hours to cut the hides into various sizes to fit the hoops that are used to form the drums. Once cut the hides were soaked in water for a few days, "so they are soft and ready to work with," Gloria said. She explained

that once everyone had their hides scraped to remove any remaining flesh and fat before they the hide is fitted over the drum hoop and holes are punched for the lacing or stitching.

Two years ago Gloria and Annie George organized a drum-making workshop in Hitacu and she was feeling much more confident with the second workshop. "We didn't know what we were doing," she laughed, "it was the first time I'd ever made a drum." In the first workshop deer hides were used but this workshop used the hides from not only deer, but also, moose, elk and buffalo.

Gloria said the idea of hosting a drum-making workshop came about after some discussion about encouraging more drummers to participate in Culture Night. According

to Gloria, there is no formal training for how to drum, noting that the drummers take their cues from the lead drummer who also uses some hand signals.

Hahuup stat (teaching each other) seemed like an appropriate theme for the day because it seemed like everyone took turns helping one another, providing advice or offering physical help to do some task required in making the drum. People who chose the buffalo hide found their fingers getting sore part-way through the day working with a hide that was about three times the thickness of deer hide. And the deer hide proved difficult for some people as well. Ron Williams Sr. was excited to learn to make a drum. He recalls his Grandfather teaching older family members to make drums, but he was too young, and he never **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12.**



Clockwise: Wishkey and Levi Touchie open the workshop with drumming, a packed hall of anxious drum-makers, Ron George Sr. offers some tips to Waylon McCarthy as Clifford George watches on, and Jeneva and Marilyn Touchie and Celena Cook get to work hammering lace holes into hides.

Lawrence (Larry) Jack remembered

**Lawrence Thomas Jack,
August 29, 1951-November 10, 2012**

Larry Tom Jack was born August 29, 1951 in Ucluelet BC and he passed away on November 10, 2012 in Ucluelet, BC.

Larry was predeceased by his two daughters Veda and Dion Jack, and his brother Adam Jack.

Larry is survived by his father Lawrence and his mother Bella Jack, his wife Teresa, his daughters Lorna, Justine, Diane, Bella, Billie Jean and April; and his sons, Levi & Lawrence Touchie, Henry Lawrence III and Arthur Jack; seven granddaughters and one grandson, his sisters Brenda Clayton (Danny) Jan-

ice Harness and Jessie Cook (Martin); his brothers Eugene Touchie, Clayton (Dorthea) and Wilson(Jackie) Jack and Bruce Sam and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 in Hitacu Community Hall. Rick Lindholm officiated and Tyson Touchie gave the Eulogy. Pall Bearers were Art Williams, Ron Williams Jr. Darren Williams, Joe Thompson, Gordon Touchie, Tim Williams and Willie Haipee. Honorary Pall Bearers included Joe Patrick, Tuffy Watts, Derek Peters, Anne Mack and George Frank

Final resting place, Hitacu Cemetery.



Two Hinkeetum masks with shawls believed to be Yuulu?il?ath (used in the sea serpent dance) were recently sold at public auction in the Lower Mainland earlier this month.

Darrel Ross and Len Lindstrom

Watts informed Yuulu?il?ath about the Nuu-chah-nulth cultural items; however, there was little time for the government to react

and the items were auctioned to a private collector. Since the auction Lindstrom has been able to match the masks to an old video and determined they may have belonged to the Mack family.



Obituary: Clifford (Sonto) Mundy

**Clifford Mundy (known as Sonto)
July 24, 1956 - October 29, 2012**

Sonto was born to Bill and Pauline in Tofino BC. He was raised by his grandparents Jimmy and Mary McKay, along with his late auntie Emma McKay. He died in Port Alberni, October 29, 2012. He is survived by his sister Esther Mundy-Barry, Uncles George Mundy, Don Mundy and Earl Mundy and also Aunt Margaret Rose Two-furs (nee Mundy), Nieces Lorna Jack and Justine Jack; Granddaughters Court-

ney, Carlene, Britney, Amber, Shyanne and Selena and Grandson, Robert, first cousins, Vince McKay (Charlotte Carpenter) and Laura McCarthy. He is also survived by numerous relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by daughter Michelle, Mother Pauline Mundy (nee McKay), Father William Mundy, Brother Gary Mundy, Niece Veda Jack, Grandfather Jimmy McKay (the 1st), Grandmother Mary McKay (nee Touchie), Grandfather Willie Mundy,

Grandmother Carrie Sonto and common law wife Cecelia Joseph.

The funeral service was held at the Yates Funeral Home, Port Alberni on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 11 a.m. Interment at Hitacu Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tobias Jones, Vince Jr., Jimmy McKay, John Roberts, Cordell Cromwell and David Haipee. Honourary pallbearers included Renee Clayton, Bobby Williams, Ralph Sport, Fred Cootes, Levi Cootes and Randy Mack.



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Citizens take Nuuchahnulth language university courses

Five Yuułuḡiḡaḡath citizens are currently taking Nuuchahnulth language classes (Language 159) at North Island College in Port Alberni, with the hopes of having an impact in reviving the language here in Hitacu and for other Yuu citizens.

Marj Touchie, Vi Mundy, Annie George and Ed Mack have joined the beginner language class while Maureen Louie is participating in the advanced language class and Barbara Touchie is assisting the instructor in the advanced learning class. The course started in October and will run until the end of December. In January North Island College intends to offer the courses again in Port Alberni; the courses are credit courses for language with the University of Victoria.

Marj speaks fluently but doesn't know how to write the Nuuchahnulth language. As a volunteer with the Language Nest immersion program at the Ittatsoo Daycare, Marj said learning to write the language will be helpful to her as someone who teaches the language. Vi said although she's been interested in language she didn't feel that a one hour session once a week (offered at the Department of Community Services on Wednesdays) was enough instruction for her to learn to speak and write the language. "I wanted to learn so I can get to the place where I can read the material," she said. She speaks very little Nuuchahnulth but lives with her husband Bob who is fluent, so she can understand a bit. "When I hear people talking I can put together what they are saying," she commented.

Marj grew up speaking Nuuchahnulth and that's all that was spoken at home. Her parents and grandparents lived together and her grandparents watched over her while her parents went fishing for dog

salmon at Nahmint.

Marj, like so many other community members who were forced to go to Indian Residential School, was forced into giving up speaking her language. "Residential school was such a bad experience," she said, explaining that she lost her language at school and then when she came home, she was displaced within her own family because she spoke English. Her Grandfather tried and did learn some English but her Grandmother was insulted that she would speak to her in English.

When Marj and Jack had children, "I didn't want them to learn it because of my bad experience and because I didn't think anyone would use it. I did encourage them to learn other languages and they did take French and Spanish so they had some exposure to languages," she said. Despite her decision not to teach her children Nuuchahnulth, they picked up bits and pieces of the language anyway from their father and Grandfather who spoke to one another. "Usually it was expressions about food or about discipline and they liked to be told about legends, they learned bits and pieces of them." Today she works alongside her daughter Vickie at the Ittatsoo Daycare and is surprised how quickly her daughter is picking up the language, "she has a good ear for it," Marj commented. She's also impressed at how quickly the young children are learning Nuuchahnulth words; "they are like little sponges," she added.

Although Marj and her husband Jack both speak the language, they rarely talk to one another in Nuuchahnulth. "I talk and he laughs at

me and he says I'm making it up," she laughs; after 54 years of marriage he still enjoys teasing her.

Vi said it's difficult to learn the language when you rarely hear people speaking the language. "I'm really interested in learning how to read and write the language. I have a hard time with speaking it because of my hearing (difficulties) and my throat; I lose my voice and have weak

vocal chords since I had my thyroid taken out," Vi said if she strains her voice she ends up irritating her vocal cords, "and then I can't talk."

She said learning sentence structure in Nuuchahnulth is challenging. "I have to sit and think about it, it's backwards to the way English is," she pointed out. She uses the sentence, 'I am running,' as an example, noting that in Nuuchahnulth the sentence would be, 'running, I am.' To help herself learn simple sentence structure Vi is using photos of her grandson to create a dictionary of sorts. "Each photo is different and I'm describing what he is doing," she said. Vi noted that the current language course is somewhat frustrating though because the main instructor does not speak the Barkley dialect of Nuuchahnulth. The instructor is Ehattesah, and the northern dialect differs slightly from the Barkley dialect. According to Vi most of the 20 odd participants in the class are from the central region of the Nuuchahnulth and speak the Barkley dialect. Vi hopes that issue is resolved before the college offers the second round of language classes early in 2013.

Along with giving to her community Marj also has a personal

goal with learning to write the Nuuchahnulth language. As the oldest of ten children, she often transcribed Nuuchahnulth legends into English for her younger siblings who didn't grow up in Hitacu and did not know how to speak Nuuchahnulth. Now, years later, her younger sibling is encouraging her to translate those legends back into the Nuuchahnulth language.

"My younger sister is always fishing for words and she keeps telling me to write children's books for her grandchildren," Marj said, noting that she just may have to get to work on that project.

Marj said although she and others have known for years they needed to take action to preserve the language, there just never seemed to be enough time in the day and after she retired she got involved with the band council and that gobbled up her time.

"We should have been doing a lot about it (preserving the language) 20-30 years ago," she commented. She said retention of the language and culture has been listed as a priority for years but it's been a "painfully slow" process. She doesn't blame anyone for the lack of action but acknowledges that much has been lost. "We've lost so much already, like medicine that our elders used, we no longer use it. Both of my grandparents were very strong into medicine," she pointed out. "It's scary. I think our identity is in the culture and language and if we lose that we will be mumuthnee, like everyone else."

In the December issue of the Umacuk, we intend to get the views of some of the other citizens who are currently taking Nuuchahnulth language classes.

"I THINK OUR IDENTITY IS IN THE CULTURE AND THE LANGUAGE"

AEDs will be installed at community buildings

Cabinets designed to hold automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have been installed at three community buildings, the Youth and Learning Centre, the Department of Community Services (Health Centre) and the Hitacu Fire Hall. The AEDs have not been placed inside the cabinets yet, but will be as soon as community training and information about the units has gone out to the public. The cabinets have been identified with

the universal AED symbol and a warning message to deter individuals from tampering with the units.

Within the next week or so, the Yuułuḡiḡaḡath government will initiate a trial run by installing one AED in a cabinet at the Community Services Centre. Community members are being encouraged to be vocal about the need for these life-saving devices to not be tampered with. A laminated poster will be posted at

each of the three defibrillator boxes in an attempt to deter individuals from tampering with the cabinets. The cabinets are hard-wired into the Prices Alarm System, which is set to go off if the cabinet is opened. The alarms have been set off a few times in the past couple of weeks; it is hoped that if citizens understand that these devices could save lives in the community, they will not be tampered with.



HIV/AIDS awareness campaign launched locally

HIV and AIDS alarmed people across the globe twenty years ago, when it seemed to come out of no where and strike down tens of thousands of people across the globe and when it began, the disease was associated with homosexuality and intravenous drug use. Those two causes are still among the top three causes attributed to HIV, we now know there are many ways to contract HIV and knowledge and prevention will go a long ways to curbing this disease. The Yuulu?il?ath Department of Community Services recently accessed a \$10,000 grant through the BC First Nations & Inuit Health, to promote awareness of HIV and AIDS.

Michele Eng, Nuu-chah-nulth Public Health Nurse who works in Hitacu explains that the local program will be delivered in three phases,

first a media campaign to increase awareness, part two, to create a video with youth regarding HIV and part three, the actual testing for HIV in the community. Michele is not aware of a previous HIV/AIDS awareness campaign locally but pointed out that Aboriginal Canadians have been singled out as an at risk population for the disease.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada Aboriginal people represent an estimated 8.0% of all people in Canada living with HIV (at the end of 2008) and an estimated 12.5% of new HIV infections in Canada in 2008 were people who self-identify as Aboriginal people (including First Nations, Inuit and Métis). "Overall the HIV infection rate for aboriginal people was about 3.6 times higher than among other

Canadians in 2008. Unlike the general Canadian population, injection drug use is the main category of exposure to HIV for both Aboriginal males and females," Public Health Agency of Canada.

In British Columbia in 2011 there were 40 cases of HIV diagnosed in First Nations people (No cases of people under 20 years of age) according to a fact sheet from the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch. The First Nations & Inuit Health Branch will join partners across the world in marking the World AIDS Day, December 1, 2012 and Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week will be recognized from December 1-5, 2012.

One of the goals is to reduce the fear of getting tested and the stigma attached to getting tested. Michele states that all results of testing remains confidential.

The campaign got underway in early November, when members of the Community Services group took their awareness campaign to the Evan Touchie Legacy Tournament. They set up a booth to talk about HIV and AIDS awareness and also launched the first of a five-part questionnaire to help increase knowledge of the public. As an incentive for participation, a prize, an Ipad mini, will be raffled to people who return their survey's correctly; the draw will be done at the Christmas dinner in Hitacu.

Youth Support Worker Alysson Thicke is also helping to deliver the program and will focus her attention on making young people aware of the importance of having safe sex and educating themselves about the potential dangers of HIV and other sexual diseases. She will be creating a video with local youth.

"We're hoping to change people's attitudes; we all have a set idea of what HIV looks like," Alysson pointed out. "Being visible is step one," she commented, noting that the high school recently had an HIV educator come and talk to students.

Alysson pointed out that anyone who is sexually active needs to be informed about HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases and also about their partner's sexual history. "This is not new but it's part of being responsible for your health," she said. Michelle added

that it is important to have the test for HIV because, "knowing is better," because, "there is treatment and early treatment will reduce the amount of virus in your system and you can stop the spread of HIV," she stressed.

Michele said she would like to see testing as common as testing for blood sugar. She understands there is a reluctance of people to get tested because people might not want to openly discuss their sexual activity or illicit drug use, however; she said the harm reduction tactic is important in stopping the spread of the disease. Anyone who wants to be tested can contact Michele to make an appointment; before testing is done there is a counseling session (Michele is a trained HIV counselor) and following the testing there is a debrief session to answer any questions patients might have. The actual diagnoses is not done locally, however; screening will let you know if you need to get further testing.

According to Health Canada Aboriginal people made up an estimated 8.0 per cent of all people living with HIV (including AIDS) and about 15.5 per cent of all new HIV infections in Canada. "Of all prevalent HIV infections at the end of 2008, an estimated 48 per cent of infections were to men who have sex with men(MSM), 31 per cent were attributed to heterosexual contact, contact, 17 per cent were among people who inject drugs (IDU), 4 per cent were among MSM-IDU and the remainder were other exposure categories."

The Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada, identified Aboriginal peoples as a key population impacted by HIV/AIDS. Currently a variety of organizations are involved in helping to deliver prevention programs, and support services to Aboriginal communities. The Population-specific HIV/AIDS status report indicates that more research is needed to "identify, analyze and implement culturally appropriate and effective approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention are, treatment and support which are specific to the unique needs of First Nations... You can read the report online at the Public Health Agency of Canada website: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/aids-sida/publications/ps-pd/index-eng.php

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Know Your HIV status... GET TESTED

Tsunami debriefed by emergency personell

Karla Robison, manager of Environmental and Emergency Services for the District of Ucluelet, met with Hitacu Fire Chief Wilson Jack and Yuulu?il?ath government representatives on November 8, 2012, to review the emergency response of both communities during the Tsunami Advisory that was issued in late October after a 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Haida Gwaii.

The communities of Hitacu and Ucluelet followed the protocol set out by the Provincial Emergency system but were criticized by some citizens via social media and through phone conversations with emergency personnel, that they were not responding appropriately, partly, because Tofino had evacuated the community and used their emergency sirens, despite the fact that there was no Tsunami warning. A tsunami warning is given only if the potential for widespread inundation is imminent or expected.

Chief Wilson Jack received notification on his pager via Emergency Info BC, and his response was to get the fire depart-

ment volunteers to evacuate the harbour and go door to door in low-lying areas, to let people know there had been an advisory and that no evacuation was necessary at that time. He and fire fighter Tyson Touchie also let people know that if the advisory were to be elevated to a tsunami warning, people would be notified via the fire sirens and transportation arrangements would be made for residents who needed it.

One of the big problems that both emergency coordinators noted was the fact that citizens picked up information from NOAA, the US based Pacific Warning Centre, of their own accord, but they did not understand how to interpret the information. Trained emergency personnel know the differences between a tsunami advisory, watch and warning, whereas much of the public has not been trained to know the difference, and the national media was using the terms interchangeably on newscasts, which further confused citizens.

In the next few months the two communities will work together on joint training for emergency personnel.



Raymond Hailpee has his ready pack and emergency supplies ready to go, packed in totes that sit at his back door. A long-time member of the West Coast Search and Rescue, Raymond said he has learned to be proactive about emergency preparedness. In his totes he has water purifier, canned and dried foods and other supplies. In his pack he has a tent, flashlight and personal items. Emergency ready-packs should contain food (dehydrated or canned), water (3 or 4 day supply), a first aid kit, wind up or battery operated radio.



Gym moves closer to reality with site testing taking place

Bore holes were being drilled at the site of the proposed multi-use facility last week. Paul Fraser, field technician with Lewkowich Engineering Associates Ltd was overseeing the drilling at the site at the end of Wya Road.

“We’re looking for suitable bearing soil for the structure that is being designed,” Fraser said. He noted that this type of drilling is done to ensure that soils are able to withstand a certain weight. “Our report will show what the ground conditions are and the type of foundation you need.” he said.

Also on site was professional engineer Sean Clayton, vice president of Humphrey Construction the group that has been awarded the construction contract of the new facility.

Clayton said that drawings of the new facility should be available for the Executive to review by the end of the month.

Youth and Learning Centre opens

The Youth and Learning Centre in Hitacu opened October 30th with about twenty local children and adults in attendance. Tyson Touchie welcomed the crowd and talked about the transformation of the old treaty trailer into a place that would become instrumental to young people as a gathering place and adults to learn.

Geraldine Touchie welcomed everyone on behalf of the Yuulu?il?ath government and

she did the opening prayer. Tyee Ha'with Wilson Jack, Wish-key (Robert Dennis Jr., organizer of Strengthening Our Men), Trevor Wickham, Manager of the Department of Community Services and Ucluelet Secondary School Principal Carol Sedgewick also addressed those gathered.

The building will serve as an activity centre for youth and as well as an adult learning centre. One room of the building has been

outfitted with computers and will be used for the VAST alternate program. Currently Alysson Thicke, Child and Youth Support Worker is running Homework club from 3-5 on Mondays and Tuesdays. In December the I am Filmmaker course will be held at the Youth Centre; originally scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this course has now been changed to accommodate students' schedules and will be run from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Strengthening Our Men program is now also operating at the Youth Centre, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays.

Art attack, Jujitsu and Christmas baking will also be held at the Youth and Learning Centre.

Bonnie Charlie donated a foosball table to the centre, in memory of her Great-Grandmother Julia Patrick.



I am filmmaker

Facilitators: Greg Meeres, Phil Hood & Tim Hall



Greg Meeres is a Vancouver-based producer, director, cinematographer and humanitarian with a passion for the developing world. As the founder of Boldfish Entertainment, Greg's latest projects have taken him to Mozambique, India, the Philippines and Cambodia. He has also written, produced, directed and filmed numerous projects across Canada, in Europe, the Dominican Republic and, in Israel.



Phil Hood has worked in all facets of media from photographer to editor to publisher, including Editor / Publisher of *The Westcoaster*, a community newspaper serving Ucluelet and Tofino during the 1970s. Phil was also Publisher of *BC Christian News* and Editor of *The Shantyman*. After transitioning into commercial video production and working as a writer, producer and filmmaker, Phil discovered a passion for teaching filmmaking. Having instructed and motivated hundreds of youth enrolled in MCC's Kaleidoscope filmmaking program, Phil created the I AM FILMMAKER training which he facilitates to inspire and challenge participants in all aspects of video production.



**Monday thru Friday,
December 3 – 7 10 AM to 3 PM
Hitacu Youth Centre**

Friends and family are invited to a Gala community screening of the workshop project Friday evening at the Youth Centre. Popcorn included!

Sponsored by:

**Ucluelet First Nation
Child and Youth Support**

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**Filmmaking for all ages 12 & up
An intensive 5-day workshop**

During the week, a video production company will be formed with participants, a facilitator and professional filmmaker. Beginning with a simple sequence, the workshop will cover all the basics of digital filmmaking. Participants will then work as a team to write, shoot, present their own short film. From no prior experience to filmmaker! Guaranteed!



Student Christmas shopping at Ucluelet Elementary School

Ucluelet Elementary School is having their annual Christmas Shopping Spree on December 15th for all students. The school is collecting any gently used items for donation so that students can shop at the school for reasonably priced Christmas gifts, comparable to a giant garage sale. If you have any used items you would like to donate please drop them off at the Department of Community Services for delivery to the school. The school cannot accept any clothing or used stuffed animals.

Food Safe course planned

Deb Mundy is organizing a Food Safe course to be held January 23, 2012. Anyone interested in taking the course should call Veronica at the Department of Community Services, 250-726-7343.



Michelle and Savannah McCarthy aboard the Patriate, dressing Halibut, which were part of the food fishery for Yuulu?il?ath citizens. In the latest round of food fish more than 2500 pounds of halibut, yellow eye, quill back rock fish and 1000 pounds of ling cod was distributed to citizens in Hitacu, Ucluelet, Port Alberni and Nanaimo.

December 2012



Youth Program and Events

Happy Holidays!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 10 am – 12 pm Health Services	3 <i>I am Filmmaker</i> 10 am – 4 pm YLC High School Homework Club 3 – 5 pm in the YLC Strengthening Our Men 5 – 8 pm YLC	4 <i>I am Filmmaker</i> 10 am – 4 pm YLC Elementary Homework Club 3 – 5 pm in the YLC	5 <i>I am Filmmaker</i> 10 am – 4 pm YLC	6 <i>I am Filmmaker</i> 10 am – 4 pm YLC Art Attack for Youth 3 – 5 pm at the YLC	7 <i>I am Filmmaker</i> 10 am – 4 pm YLC <i>Movie Screening!</i> Don Jitsu 3 – 5 pm in the Community Hall Youth Gaming Night in the YLC 6 pm – 11 pm	8
9 Sunday School 10 am – 12 pm Health Services	10 High School Homework Club 3 – 5 pm in the YLC Strengthening Our Men 5 – 8 pm YLC	11 Elementary Homework Club 3 – 5 pm in the YLC <i>Community Christmas Party at the Hall</i>	12 Christmas baking for Youth at the YLC 3 - 5 pm	13 Art Attack for Youth 3 – 5 pm at the YLC	14 Christmas concert at UES 1:00 pm Don Jitsu 3 – 5 pm in the Community Hall	15
16 Sunday School 10 am – 12 pm Health Services	17 High School Homework Club 3 – 5 pm in the YLC Strengthening Our Men 5 – 8 pm YLC	18 Elementary Homework Club 3 – 5 pm in the YLC	19 Christmas baking for Youth at the YLC 3 – 5 pm	20 Art Attack for Youth 3 – 5 pm at the YLC	21 Last day of school (UES and USS skating trip to Port Alberni) YLC Closed for the Christmas	22 Happy Holidays!

Evan Touchie Legacy

By Melody Charlie

The 5th Annual Evan Touchie Legacy ~ Tournament of Health was held at the Ucluelet Secondary School Gymnasium Nov 2-4th & was another huge success! The Legacy has every intention of inspiring you to live healthier in whatever way fits you best in your life! Thankfully with your help, people once again tried new nutritious foods at the Healthy Heart Concession, got their blood pressure, sugar & cholesterol levels checked & won various health promoting door prizes!

Having lost my children's father at 33 years of age to a heart attack (atherosclerosis - see more below), *tiic aql lu! ha?um* (eat good food, that which keeps you alive) is the main message of the annual event.

Each year a variety of different health booths set up with the support of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council nursing program. Booths featured visual displays on cholesterol, salts & sugars, Healing Our Spirit HIV/AIDS, VIHA Youth Addictions & West Coast Resource Society Services each participated with their own booth on health. The Healthy Heart Concession's introduce's a new food item every year & this year Power Energy Balls were the new introduction, real food, real energy. Though there were quite a few left over, that doesn't mean they won't be back next year!

Nine men's teams, four ladies teams, along with a two 10 & under teams from neighbouring nations & communities participated in the very unique & only tournament held on the coast. Tofino won for the men's division over Port Alberni Hawks (77-72) for the third consecutive year, along with the West Coast Spirit's holding their championship belt in the women's division for the second year in a row.

Thank you to the following sponsors who

help make this all happen; Dream Catcher Fund, West Coast Motel, Ahousaht First Nations, Canadian Princess, Ucluth Development Corp., D Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council, Ucluelet Secondary School, FarWest, Roman's Pizza, Cynamoka, Place TV, those who donated personally to sponsor an award, and all the volunteers. I would like to especially thank Yuulu?il?ath First Nation for supporting the event each and every year, it truly warms my heart, to have the nations support in promoting healthier and taking a huge part in health prevention. I raise my hands in gratitude. I believe people have embraced the message of healthier & many will live longer healthier happy lives.

In all honesty, I hadn't any intentions of hosting the event this year. I had felt like my job was done, four years getting the message out, I felt heard. The event had started to occur without me! The school had called to let me know the gym was booked, the teams were reserving their rooms for the first weekend of Nov, health booths were confirming their attendance and people were wanting to donate, all before I myself knew I was going to host again! It warmed my heart, I took a deep breath, accepted & gratefully accomplished another year with the support of everyone.

I am truly grateful for your support, because it is only with that support that the event carries on & people are inspired!

If the legacy can inspire 8 year old Dalainee John (Ahousaht FN) who memorized the salt content in the various fast food plate displays at the Legacy, to stay away from fast foods & eat healthier, than the event has truly been successful.

Respectfully,
Melody Charlie



Photos by Melody Charlie

Community Newsmakers



Photos by Melody Charlie



Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates
Tyson Touchie and Eugene Touchie introduce the newest member of the family, Tiani (daughter and Granddaughter) to the Evan Touchie Legacy basketball tournament.



Christmas Dinners

The Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government invites you to join us for Christmas dinner, in Hitacu and Port Alberni.

Hitacu,
Tuesday, **December 11th**
5 p.m. Yuułu?ił?atḥ Community Hall

Port Alberni,
Thursday, **December 13th**
5p.m. Bavarian Centre (3034, 4th Ave.)

Please call to sign-up



YFN citizens with families with children ages newborn to 17 years of age, are asked to contact Veronica Williams at the Department of Community Services.

1-866-900-7343

To register for this event we need your full family name, current mailing address and email address and phone number. Please register by

December 6th, 2012.



Cultural Group will perform at both events !
There will be a coat, hat and mitten swap at the dinners as well.

Drum-making and Shawl-making workshop

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learned. At the workshop he talked about how proud he was that his Granddaughters danced at Culture Nights and he hopes to encourage his Grandsons to drum, once he's taught them how to drum. When we caught up with him, he had just re-started his drum-making, after his deer hide ripped part-way through the process. He was determined to finish though, so with some advice followed by some repair work, he was back on track and by the end of the day had completed the task.

Maureen Louie said making the drum reminded her of her Grandmother, who was a singer. "It would be neat to have a ladies

drumming group" she mused. Deb Mundy talked about the positive energy in the room and the energy was palpable. Elder Ron George offered a tip to Waylon McCarthy and the teen seemed to be truly impressed with the Elder's technique for tightening sinew. And the scene was repeated over and over again throughout the day as people helped one another stretching hides, tightening lacing and offering advice and encouragement.

Wish-key said his Grandfather Dave Haipee taught him how to make drums when he was a child, and along with that teaching came lessons on respecting a drum because the hide came from an animal

and how to care for a drum so it doesn't get damaged. Wish-key acknowledges that making a drum today is much easier than it would have been in his Grandfathers time. "There were no short-cuts, you had to hunt the animal and tan the hide before you could make the drum," he commented, adding that the process that would take workshop participants one day to complete would likely take several days.

Community Elders were impressed with what they saw. Gordon Taylor Sr. was impressed with the turn-out and commented, "there is some really good work

being done here." Richard Mundy Sr. agreed and got up to address the crowd following lunch. "This is so encouraging, it makes me feel so good to be here," he stated. He thanked the organizers of the event and said it was heartening to see people gathering in the community for a good cause rather than for something sad in the community. "I feel so good about this right now; this is encouraging for our tribe," he added.

Others who assisted included: Deb Mundy, Dr. Bernice Touchie, Rennie Touchie and Annie George.

Shawl making for Culture Group

A small group of women have been getting together Monday nights to create shawls for the Culture Group. Gloria Valentine, Community Wellness Worker has brought together people, material and decorative paints, sequence and fringe as well as some designs courtesy of local artists Chris George, Clifford George and Leo Touchie and the shawl-making has begun.

Annie George displayed a beautiful sequenced and painted shawl that her mother created, designed by Eddie Williams and another that she made, with a design done freehand by Chris George.

The group is meeting to create and sew the shawls which will be used for the Culture Nights and at potlatches and various functions and ceremonies.



Drum - ʔickʔak

drummer - ʔickʔsii

lead singer - nuqʔsii

Shawl - Nušaana



The recent drum-making workshop attracted a full house of participants including, front row, left to right, Annie George, Maureen Louie, Waylon McCarthy, Nate George, Watson Touchie, back row, left to right, Ron Williams Sr., Clifford George, Cynthia Dejong, Deb Mundy, Marilyn Touchie, Jeneva Touchie, Celena Cook, Dave Boucha, Edwin Touchie and Wishkey.