# SEEDS program starts in Hitacu

A new integrated way of delivering social development programs is being rolled out in Hitacu this month; Social, Education, Employment and Development Services or SEEDS for short. It is a program based on the successful Tseshaht SEEDS model; the Hitacu program is being created specifically to meet the needs of the local community. Nene Kranveldt, who was instrumental in the Tseshaht SEEDS program will be helping roll out the program here.

The over-arching objective of the program is to help move adults out of poverty by helping them gain the skills needed to improve the quality of their lives.

The SEEDS goal is that all employable social development clients will be employable through the program and is the catalyst for life-long learning and supporting citizens to gain greater independence.

The initial launch of the SEEDS program will begin this month with the creation of the Ha Huu Pa Parenting Group, a re-start of the Strengthening Our Young Men initiative and a financial fitness workshop on October 4, 2012, that will help people with budgeting skills. That workshop is open to all community members; it will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Hall.

On the education front, an alternate education program called VAST will start at the new Youth and Learning Centre and a teacher from the Ucluelet Secondary School will be on hand twice a week, to assist students with independent learning.

Trevor Wickham, manager of the department of Community Services said the program is aimed at low income families with long-term dependency on social programs.

The philosophy behind the SEEDS model is that every person has a purpose and passion and something valuable to contribute to themselves, their family and their community.



Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

The Touchie family photographed at the celebration dinner with family and friends, they are, left to right, back row: Keith Gagnon, Joanne Gagnon, Raven Gagnon, Jennifer Touchie, Trisha Miller and Luke Miller. Front row, left to right are: Delores Touchie, Baby Jordan Touchie, Anastasia Mickey McCarthy, Luke Touchie, Cydney Gagnon Kaydance Titian and Jenna Miller.

## Touchie's celebrate 50 years of marriage

By Jennifer Touchie

Luke and Delores Touchie have been married for 50 years. They both have lived in Ucluelet most of their lives and it's great to see them laugh and smile together still after all these years. They have raised four children of their own and had a foster child Allan Williams who passed away at a young age.

My Parents have been through a lot through the years. My Dad is a hard worker and a great provider for his family. He played ball and taught his children how to play ball. My Mom was amazing mother with a great heart and she was also a hard worker. They have taught us well. My parents would take us on trips all across the States.

He (Dad) surprised my Mom, for her birthday one year, to go to see Elvis Presley at his mansion in Graceland, Menphis Tennesee; Elvis was her other true love. That was the best summer family trip for us all. It is great to see such a beautiful couple be in love

and care for one another.

My Mom became sick with a lung disorder and was on a list for a transplant, and they lost my brother Donnie which was devastating but through all this my Mom had to have a lung transplant in 2000, and is doing very well to this day.

Through all the trials and tribulations I am proud to say Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad. It is so great to see such great love for one another; we wish you many more more anniversaries to come.

## Community Consultation Meeting re: TRC proposal

Nene Kraneveldt will be facilitating a community meeting in Hitacu on Wednesday, October 3, to discuss ideas for a proposed TRC commemorative project. Recently the community of Hitacu was awarded \$50,000 to from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to create a commemorative installation to honour Indian Residential School survivors.

"This is an important opportunity for us to take ownership of how we tell our story and share our history," Nene wrote. She said, "we need your input to ensure our commemorative piece reflects our community values and views."

This community engagement dinner and discussion starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Yuulu?il?ath Community Hall in Hitacu.

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## Yuułu?ił?ath Government

# Elections Act gets revisions

Members of the Yuulu?il?ath legislature and the Treaty Implementation Committee met recently to discuss proposed changes to the Elections Act.

Three major changes being considered include setting up a polling station in Port Alberni to accommodate voters. It was decided that mail-in ballots would automatically be sent to citizens living away from home rather than by request, and there will also be a change in the way nominations are received, so that employees are not responsible for filing nomination papers, and that responsibility would shift to a paid election official.

The proposed changes are expected to be adopted at the next legislature meeting on October 9, 2012.



Staff from Tsawwassen First Nations and Yuulu?il?atḥ met to discuss the shared experience of being a Treaty Government. Shown here, left to right, CFO Tamara Nelson, Valerie Cross-Blackett (Tsawwassen), Iris Frank, Director of Operations, Angela Wesley (Maa-nulth), Darren Mead Miller, Lands Manager, and Trevor Wickham, Community Services Manager.

## Overhaul for rental units

uulu?il?ath Department of Lands, Resources and Assets reports that three of the six houses in Ucluelet (which the nation secured as part of the treaty settlement), have now been renovated. Darren Mead-Miller, Lands Manager toured the recently renovated house on Rupert Street, which was supposed to be condemned and he was impressed with the quality of work done. "It could have

cost more to demolish it than renovate it," he commented, noting that mold was a problem in the house, and the contractor is certified in mold remediation. Two of the houses are currently rented (one to a Yuulu?il?ath citizen), and the third is currently being advertised for rent. It will be exclusively available to Yuulu?il?ath citizens until October 1, 2012.



A new coat of paint for the Yuulu?il?ath Community Hall.

## In accordance with Yuułu?ił?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuułu?ił?atḥ 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 Yuulu?if?ath 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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- 6. Other business
  - a. Audit presentation Chief Financial Officer
- 7. Updates
  - a. Lands and Resources
  - b. Community Services
  - c. President
  - d. Executive
  - e. Director of Operations

Adjournment

For more information please contact Christina Klotz, Law Clerk
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Rent exclusively available to Yuulu?il?atḥ citizens until October 1, 2012.

## **Community Newsmakers**

## Citizens living away from home have input to OCP

The Official Community Plan (OCP) made its debut to Yuułu?il?ath citizens living away from home recently. Lands, Assets and Resource Manager Darren Mead-Miller, and Pamela Shaw, the planner who has been contracted to write the OCP took information regarding the OCP to Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Victoria, to meet with citizens, discuss the OCP and obtain input.

"It was great that people who might not have been able to participate otherwise got to be part of the process," Shaw said.

She said the group working on the OCP which includes the government Lands Department and a working group of Hitacu citizens, recognized it was important to consult with citizens who live away from home. "Even though they are not physically living in the community they are part of the Yuulu?il?ath nation," Shaw noted. She

has been impressed with the commitment of the citizens' working group in Hitacu and noted it's important to get citizens living away from home involved too.

Shaw pointed out the best turnout was in Victoria, where people seemed eager to hear about the OCP process, and provided input. "It was surprising, I thought we might hear about people wanting large economic development projects but instead people were more interested in talking about striking a balanced approach, protecting water courses, protecting the coast and doing what makes good fiscal sense," she commented.

She met everyone who attended the OCP events, to explain the OCP process and the accompanying maps which identify all the Treaty Settlement Lands and proposed areas for various uses such as residential and

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"The people who came out tended to have a high level of knowledge...They understand where the land base is, and how it relates to surrounding development. People seemed to be very well informed of things that are happening regarding the official community plan," Shaw commented.

As a result of the input received from citizens living away from home, a few changes have been made to the OCP. One such change is the expansion of land designated for residential use near the Wya campground, Shaw noted. Another change was to industrial lands, which were re-oriented to avoid a water course, which was also proposed by a citizen, during the road trip.

Shaw said there was lots of discussion about the Lost Shoe Creek lands, with the "general sense that is a good site for some highway oriented economic development.

The OCP will be presented to the Legislature (and later the same day at the Hit-tat-soo Assembly) on October 9, 2012where it is expected to have first reading. The OCP will have four readings through the legislature before it is law. Between third and fourth reading there will be a public hearing, which will be the last opportunity for to comment on the document before it is adopted into law. Shaw said there will be plenty of opportunity for people to comment on the OCP before it is finalized, and noted, that even once it is finished, the document is a 'living document' which can be revised every few years.

"The idea is to get an official community plan on paper; it can be amended as new opportunities arise; it will grow with the community," she added.



Christina Klotz, Law Clerk, reviewed Status Cards as part of the OCP road show; she is shown here taking a photo of Grant C. Barker. Below, citizens enjoyed a meal and information about the OCP; they are, left to right: Roberta, Randy Montgomery, Brenna Barker and Grant Barker.





Top photo: Planner Pam Shaw and Dorothy Williams in Port Alberni, below, June Hicklin, her daughter Christine, Melanie and Randy Babichuck and Alan McCarthy. Bottom Photo, Darren Mead Miller, Pam Shaw, Ida (Bunny) Baines, Evelyn Corfield, (Skylene's guest) and Skylene Touchie.



## **Opinion Page**

## Hitacu's oldest citizen dies at 91 years of age

arion Louie, Hitacu's oldest citizen passed away September 15th, 2012. Born on December 7, 1920 in Hitacu, she was predeceased by her parents Fred Louie and Lucille Mitchell, and Husband Bennett Touchie Sr.

She was also predeceased by children and step children: Virginia Peters, Harold Touchie, Arnold Touchie, Allen Touchie, Alfred Touchie and Bennett Touchie Jr./ and Grandchildren Ralph Louie, Allen Louie, Marc Jack, Fred Peters, Anna Louie, Nancy Louie, Rose Peters, Connie Peters and Reanna Louie.

She is survived by children: Sullivan Louie Sr., Grace Touchie, Emily Shirley, Donna Jack (Larry).

She is also survived by Grandchildren: Robert Peters, Jim Touchie, Gilbert Louie, Paul Louie, Michael Louie, Donna Louie, Rachel Louie., Carlene Louie, (Brandon), Mary Sabbas (Bill), Shane Sabbas, Jay Millar, Salina Touchie (Bed Edgar), Melanie Touchie, (Elmer Frank), Jenny Touchie (Alex George), Sydney Jack, Marion Perry and Alyssa Touchie. Great-Grandchildren are: Wayne Louie, Paul Louie Jr. Melia Louie, Tyler Sabbas, Justin Sabbas, Carter Underwood-Louie, Matthew Edgar-Touchie, James Peters, Emily Peters, Marina Perry, Leo Perry, Thomas Seitcher, Richard Peters, Sandra Louie, Andrew Tomern, Rose Peters, Brenda Peters, Robbie Peters, Anthony Peters, Bo Peters, Arnie Peters and Jordan Sabbas. Great Grand Children: Dallas Louie, Kaila Louie, Jordyn Louie, Darcy Peters, Lehah Peters and Ken Perry. Numerous Nieces & Nephews and further extended family.

Her daughter Donna said her mother

was an avid weaver and did bead work until a few months before she died.

"She was so many things, loving, caring, gentle and very humble. As we grew up there was always room for other children who were put in tough situations; our door was always open." Donna recalled there were often people living with the family or visitors.

Marion learned at an early age about survival and her father Fred Louie taught her how to hunt. They "used to walk to Kennedy Lake and put deer on their backs and walk back home." Donna also remembered her mother's story about a canoe that she found on the ocean, and repaired it. "She would row into Barkley Sound in early morning and had to be back before dark or her canoe would be taken

A memorial service was held in Ucluelet at the Ucluelet Community Centre on Thursday, September 20, 2012. Pall Bearers were Jay Millar, Elmer Frank, Gilbert Louie, Billy Keitlah, Larry Jack and Shane Sabbas.





Marion Louie was known for her bead-work and weaving, both which she did up until a few months before she died. Some of her artwork hangs in museums and has been sold around the world, and much of it, she gave away to family and friends.

Photo submitted

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## **Community Newsmakers**

# Ashley McCarthy works for provincial government via Aboriginal Youth Internship

shley McCarthy is a young person with a bright future and a cubicle at the provincial legislature to call her own for the next few months. She is working for the BC Ministry of Finance, as part of the Aboriginal Youth Internship Program.

Earlier this year she graduated from the Indigenous Business Leadership program at Camosun College, earning her diploma in June. "This is going to give me really valuable work experience," she said, excitedly. "The office culture is very professional and I have my own little cubicle in the ministry office," she laughed.

Sitting in Thunderbird Park in Victoria, next to the Royal BC Museum, near where her new office is located. Ashley had just started her internship when we spoke. She will be working in the debt management branch of Finance Ministry and didn't yet know the exact details of her job description

but was excited about the opportunity ahead of her. Ashley first started working when she was 16 after having a baby and dropping out of high school. She worked for the Ucluth Development Corporation where she developed an interest in business, and five years go she headed back to school with the hopes of getting a better job.

When she landed the internship her children were thrilled. "They were dancing all around," she laughed. "They were so excited," she added, explaining that they have lived frugally while she was a student.

She heard about the internship program at the Gathering Our Voices conference for Aboriginal Youth, held last March in Nanaimo. One of her college instructors suggested

that she would be a good fit for the program, and after a little convincing, and an intense application process, she landed the job. "It was a really long process to get in," Ashley said, noting that of 125 applicants, only 25 were selected.

Ashley said she feels honoured, "to have the opportunity to be here and hopefully I can make a difference in the communities I work in." She credits her parents Ramona Cook and Alan McCarthy for supportuing her decision to return to school and to believe in herself.

The Aboriginal Youth Internship Program is a 12-month paid internship for Aboriginal youth residing in B.C., age 29 and under. Interns are placed in provincial government ministries for nine months and then in Aboriginal organizations for the last three months of their internship. The program runs from September until August and is geared towards providing experience, leadership development and cultural support. To kick off the internship program the Esquimalt First Nations hosted a Welcoming Ceremony for all the interns at the Esquimalt Bighouse as part of the orientation week. The ceremony was attended by the interns and their family members; the bottom photo shows Ashley at that ceremony, the photo taken by her Dad.







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Job Posting: Closes 4 pm October 19, 2012

## Proposed policy will pay for higher grades

new attendance policy being drafted will see students being funded based on achievement levels. The revised Attendance Allowance Policy is aimed at supporting higher learning.

Students in high school will be issued Attendance Allowance cheques on a term-by-term basis. The Child and Youth Support Worker will review report cards in order to determine what level of funding

students will receive. The proposed scale for funding is as follows: \$90 per term for students averaging higher than a B average, \$75. Per term for grades between a B- and C, and \$60. Per term for average grades below C. Students and their parents or guardians must hand-in a signed copy of the Attendance Allowance Registration and Statement of Agreement, two weeks before the first report of the year and must

agree to work with Child and Youth Worker to support their child's success in receiving this allowance. Strategies could include goals and a plan for learning and encouragement of regular attendance. Application forms for the Attendance Allowance Registration will available at the Department of Community Services once the policy has been finalized.



## Surf's Up

Wya Surf school taught lessons to youth from Hitacu last week; the group shown here with Wish-key (Robert Dennis Jr. and Alysson Thicke, Child and Youth Support Worker. (photo submitted)

## **CULTURE NIGHT**

Starts

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Community Hall, Hitacu starts at 5 p.m.

# Ha Huu Pa parenting club starts in Hitacu

A new parenting club started this week in Hitacu with the focus of teaching Nuu-chah-nulth traditional parenting. Ann Marshal, a Quu?asa Counsellor with the Nuu chah nulth Central Region Tiičaq¾ (Mental Health) and Jennifer Touchie, Early Years Outreach Program Consultant with NTC's Central Region's Child and Youth Program will be facilitating the Ha Huu Pa Parents Club; Ha Huu Pa, means, Nuu chah nulth teachings.

The program is designed to "meet the needs of Nuu cha nulth parents who are isolated geographically or socially, and offer a more positive approach to parenting," Ann Marshall noted. The role of the parent, feelings, ways to encourage children and problem solving are some of the issues that will be discussed.

The group will meet every Wednesday, 10 a.m. until noon at the Department of Community Services in Hitacu. Lunch will be served.

## **Moms & Tots**

A Moms & Tots group will start on Monday, October 1, 2012. The group will meet at the Department of Community Services, Hitacu from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Soup will be available for attendees.

Facilitator Jennifer Touchie will make play dough and goop for texture play and discussions. One Monday each month we will be going to Strong Start. For more info contact Jennifer Touchie @ 250-726-6363



## AFOA BC Community Based Workshop

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When: October 4th, 2012

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## Yuułu?ił?ath News

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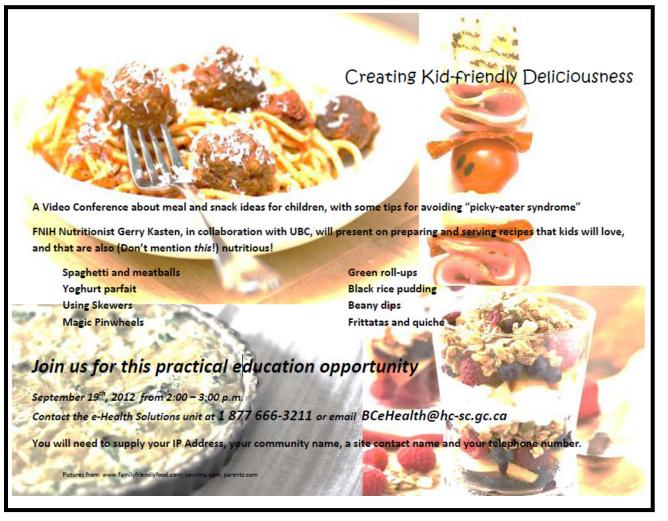








Students in Hitacu showed some mixed emotions about heading back to school. Most youth enjoyed an action-packed summer with a variety of activities courtesy of the summer youth program.



## Youth Activities

**Mondays:** VAST alternate education program will be operating out of the new Youth and Learning Centre(former treaty trailer). A teacher will be available to assist students in their independent studies from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Monday.

Tuesdays: Jr. Girls Roller Derby with Beth Luchies, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Ucluelet. Students will need to catch the late bus home. Starts October 16th and will run until December 11th. Available to students in Grades 8-12. Homework Club from 3-5 at Ucluelet Elementary and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ucluelet Secondary School. Wednesdays: Homework Club from 3-5 at Ucluelet Elementary School and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ucluelet Secondary School.

**Thursdays:** VAST teacher at Youth and Learning Centre, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Youth Centre open until 7 p.m. for drop in.

**Fridays:** Don Jitsu with Ian Shu, 3-5 p.m. All ages welcome.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- •There will be a Youth and Learning please remember, I need to get this to the press by 4:30) Centre Grand Opening Sleep Over in October... Details to follow.
- •Surfing Day with Wya Surf Shop on Friday, October 19th (Pro-D Day). Ages 6-18 are welcome. Please register by calling the Department of Community Services at (250) 726-7343.

## Yuułu?ił?ath News

## Elders whale-watching trip sparks memories

Local Elders enjoyed a boat ride and whale-watching trip in September organized by Social Development Coordinator Deb Mundy. About eight elders and other guests joined the Canadian Princess on a trip around Barkley Sound and through the Broken Group Islands. They spotted a couple of humpback whales near Benson Island at the start of the trip,

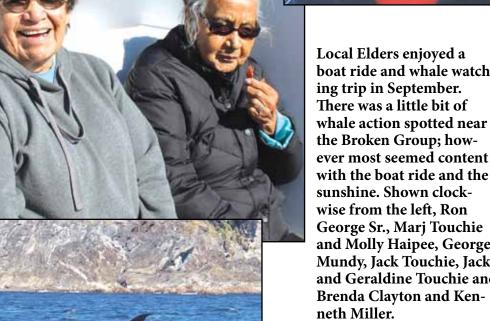
and although no more were seen, most on board seemed to be enjoying the sunshine and scenery.

The trip also sparked some memories and laughter for the Elders. Jack Touchie remembered catching his biggest fish ever, not far from Sail Rock, a 52 pound salmon. Ron George pointed to the mountain range near Salmon Beach that looks like jagged

teeth; he said they were instrumental in navigation in Barkley Sound. According to Sullivan Louie, the name given to the peaks was hayuqh yuu (loosely translated to ten relatives).

On board, Brenda Clayton shared apskwi which seemed to be enjoyed by everyone; thanks to Brenda for that treat!





boat ride and whale watchand Molly Haipee, George Mundy, Jack Touchie, Jack and Geraldine Touchie and



## Yuułu?ił?ath Language lessons

Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. Starting again, October 3, 2012.

Department of Community Services, Hitacu.

Everyone welcome