



## Vi Mundy presented Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal



Vi Mundy was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, one of only a dozen medals to be handed out to citizens in the Nanaimo-Alberni federal constituency. Dr. James Lunney, MP said the recipients were people who had made significant contributions to their communities and the award was created to mark the 2012 celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 60th anniversary.

the award, but she didn't know she had been chosen until a few weeks ago.

"I was definitely humbled by it," she said, adding, "I worked for the tribe for about 30 years and always worked with Elders and staff and we did things as a team." Her family was on hand to witness the ceremony held in Port Alberni last Thursday.

Vi was nominated by the MLA for

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## Idle No More protests on west coast

Idle No More started small on the coast, with a handful of protesters at the first demonstration, to a group of 60-plus for the second protest that saw drumming and dancing on Highway 4 and had traffic halted to and from the west coast, for nearly an hour.

Yuulu?it?ath citizens joined other Nuu-chah-nulth nations in the local Idle No More protests which took place simultaneously with protests across Canada that saw aboriginal and non-aboriginal supporters protest the lack of consultation of the Harper Conservative Government with aboriginal people, mainly about elements of Bill C-45.

Although she was not responsible for starting the Idle No More protests, Attawapiskat First Nation Chief Theresa Spence galvanized support for the movement and brought national media attention to it through her liquid fast near Parliament in Ottawa. Many of the local protest signs were in support of Chief Spence.

The first protest started off slowly, with two or three protestors

swelling to about 25 protesters, who carried signs and delayed traffic on the highway but did not block the highway. Many people interviewed seemed to be unclear about why the Idle No More protests were being held, but the movement became a catch-all for many issues which highlight inequities in the rights of aboriginals in Canada.

Yuulu?it?ath citizen Jenn Touchie said, "we want to stop Steven Harper because he's not really supporting us," she commented. Lindsay McCarthy and Levi Touchie were looking on as protesters blocked traffic, and Lindsay commented that it was good to create awareness but he expressed worry that the demonstrations remain peaceful. "We don't want it to get ugly, we're here for a message, so that the people sitting in the seats that make the decisions can make a change," he said. He pointed out that it seemed ironic that Yuulu?it?ath citizens were protesting because they have successfully negotiated a treaty, but he was glad to see people were offering support to other nations who do not have treaties and are still under the thumb of the Indian

Act.

Margaret Frank said she didn't really understand the protest but "I'm here for my kids and grand kids," she said, noting that a younger relative had invited her to the protest.

The second demonstration brought out a much larger crowd and started off with speeches and prayers

from Hereditary Chiefs and Elders from various Nuu-chah-nulth tribes.

The Yuulu?it?ath Executive Branch of the Legislature supported the Idle No More protests that took place in the territory and requested that more information about the background of the movement be published in this edition of the Umacuk to help inform citizens. **More on page 6-7.**



Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

Anita Charleson-Touchie proudly holds up a sign as part of the first Idle No More demonstration held at the junction of Hwy 4 in mid December. More on page 6 & 7.

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## Government staff shares work plans for 2013

The Yuulu?iif?ath government staff has set some ambitious goals for 2013. Each department has created work plans with specific goals and outcomes for this year.

### Community Services Department

The Department of Community Services has identified increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the department as their main goals. Hiring a coordinator for the new Social Education Employment Development Services (SEEDS) program is a high priority as well as team building and coaching exercises for staff. An expansion of the Health Centre will also be done to accommodate the SEEDS activities. Money has also been pegged to enhance the appearance of the Health Centre with First Nations Art.

Another goal of the Department of Community Services is to ensure the community has proper training plans in place to deal with emergencies. The first step will be to submit a funding proposal for a feasibility study regarding the development of a not-for-profit transportation business. An estimated \$10,000 will be required to determine the type of Residential School Memorial that will be erected with the \$50,000 grant that was awarded to the nation from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2012.

Creating training opportunities to enhance

the health and safety of Yuulu?iif?ath citizens is another goal set out by the department. Security officer training will be offered through a year-long project, for six citizens. Other goals are to have ongoing local support services in Hitacu such as mental health and addiction counseling and monthly wellness workshops to enhance cultural identity every other month.

### Lands, Resources and Assets Department

The design and build of the multi-use facility in Hitacu is the major project for the Land's department in 2013.

Ensuring all properties within Hitacu are surveyed is another goal of the Lands department. Bazett Survey will begin staking properties early in 2013 and Bazett will provide maps depicting all the properties which are identified before they complete the documentation for registration. Providing safe and healthy environments for seniors and renters in Hitacu is another priority, and shortening the wait list for residents needing houses. A renovation priority list will be completed by the housing coordinator.

Determining the housing needs and construction are all highlighted in the work plan. An estimated \$180,000 to \$380,000 has been estimated for resources needed for the construction.

Keeping with the theme of providing healthy community spaces, the Land's department has also proposed approximately \$197,000 for the annual

maintenance of government owned homes, the community hall, fire hall, six plex and the community services centre and an additional \$5,000 for road maintenance. The budget has yet to be reviewed or adopted.

### Finance Department

Better, faster and more accurate reporting is the goal of the finance department for the coming year. Staff training and capacity building within the department will be done through a number of workshops and internal sharing of expertise. Another goal of the department is to provide opportunities and information to citizens who may be interested in finance careers.

### Administration Department

Educating citizens about government operations and improving transparency is a goal of the Administration department. A Mock Legislature and President for the Day will be done as a way to get youth interested in local government and an open house will give citizens the chance to see how each department works and have the opportunity to talk to staff.

Developing an HR plan that is in line with policies will be completed this year and a capacity development plan will be created with succession planning for all departments.

### In accordance with Yuulu?iif?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuulu?iif?ath 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 Monday March 25, 2013; 1PM at the Yuulu?iif?ath Community Hall.**

*Lunch will be provided at 12:30 PM; 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. Announcements/Discussion
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Draft Budget Review
6. Updates
  - a. Lands and Resources
  - b. Community Services
  - c. President
  - d. Executive
  - e. Director of Operations

Adjournment

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## January Elders meeting to create Hereditary Advisory Council

Elders and the Traditional Chiefs will meet for the second time this Thursday, January 31st, to discuss the creation of the the Ha'wiih Advisory Council.

The Yuulu?iif?ath Constitution states there will be a Ha'wiih Advisory Council to advise the Legislature.

The first meeting to discuss the creation of this committee was well attended and a number

of contentious issues were raised. All Elders are invited to attend Thursday's meeting, which starts at the Community Hall at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast. Elders living away from home are asked to contact Jeneva at 1-877-726-7342 ext. 201 if they need travel or accommodation assistance or would like a copy of minutes from the first meeting.

## Queen's Diamond Jubilee

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Dr. Lunney said that four of the medal recipients "were architects of the historic Maa-nulth Treaty between local First Nations and Her Majesty's governments of Canada and British Columbia including: Vi Mundy, Chief Ann Mack (Toquaht), Robert Dennis Sr. (Huu-ay-aht) and Chief Charlie Cootes Sr. (Uchucklesaht).

Dr. Lunney noted that Vi Mundy served two terms as chief councillor of the then called, Ucluelet First Nation. "Chief Mundy played a key role in communicating the terms of the treaty to members of the Ucluelet First Nation living in various outlying communities," Dr. Lunney noted.





## First four lodges at Ucluth beach near completion

*Four of the lodges at Ucluth beach are at lock-up stage and another five have been started. The first four are expected to be completed in mid May, with the finishing now being done on the interior.*

Trevor Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the Ucluth Development Corp. said the finishing work will be done by the current crew of ten that is working on the lodges, plus various contractors. The kitchen will be built off site and then installed. The walls will be an interior wood panel and the floors will be polished concrete with radiant heat. A collaborative approach with the YFN Holdings Board members, staff, the architect and builders has directed the decisions regarding the finishing of the lodges. Mr. Jones said generally ideas are discussed among the work crew and architect and then brought to the board for feedback.

“We have a really good board, they are very pragmatic and grounded in understanding the process and they are prepared to let the people on the ground, who have the experience, do their jobs,” he said. Board members offer advice, Mr. Jones said, pointing out that the metal roofs were slated to be green in colour until the board voted to go with a copper colour. Once the lodges are at the point where finishing is done, board member Jenny Touchie may assist with the choosing of textiles and furniture, because she has a fair bit of experience in this field. She was the Operations Manager of the Tin Wis resort in Tofino, during a major renovation project a few years ago. “Help from the board members takes the pressure off staff,” Mr. Jones commented.

Mr. Jones explained that the lodges will have appliances fired by propane and that customers will be asked to limit their use of power. “We need to get people to shift their thinking so that we’re working without BC Hydro,” Mr. Jones commented.

“We will be encouraging people to watch electrical consumption and be conservative by turning off lights,” he said. There will be no toasters or plug in coffee makers, instead, guests will cook on a propane stove. The bathrooms have also been designed to be energy efficient with showers operating on an on-demand propane system and there will not be tubs or hot tubs in the unit.

The lodges will operate off the grid for now, but they have been designed so that, if at some point in time there is electricity available, they could be refitted. According to Mr. Jones, the idea set out a few years ago was to have the first phase of the Eco Resort operate off the grid until such time as a convention centre and hotel were built at the site and those would require hydro. The plan eventually is to have a 70 room hotel, a long-house style convention centre, a spa, and a restaurant all located at Ucluth beach.

The first four lodges will be finished by May, and there will be a soft opening of the first four lodges, with a price cut, while the remaining five lodges are completed. A marketing plan is also being set up with a firm from Nanaimo that specializes in social media campaigns and has offices in Nanaimo, Vancouver and New York, Mr. Jones said. Advertising will extend to markets in Europe and Asia, as well as Canada and the US, Mr. Jones added.



The turret on this lodge boasts a spiral staircase and an amazing bird's eye view of spectacular Wya Beach and beyond. Top photo shows one of the lodges nearing completion.

### Creation of the Ha'wiih Advisory

#### 2nd Meeting for Elders

**When?** Thursday, January 31, 2013

**Where?** Community Hall, Hitacu

**When?** 8:30 a.m. breakfast

**Who is invited?** All Elders are encouraged to attend.

To register call Jeneva at 250-726-7342, Ext. 201

or toll-free 1-877-726-7342

Please let us know if you need assistance with transportation or accommodations. Minutes of the first meeting are available to Elders upon request.





## No Pop Challenge

A group of adults and teens in Hitcu have taken the 90-day pop challenge. Since December about 20 people in the community have gone without the sugary, often addictive drink.

Jeneva Touchie decided to take the challenge after deciding to start the new year off healthy. "I was trying to get healthier so I figured why the heck not," she said. She only had one difficult moment over the Christmas break when she realized the punch she wanted contained pop; she didn't have any. She has been able to quench her thirst with fruit juices and water.

Celina Cook decided to give up Coke about a month before taking the 90-day pop challenge. She admits that she was addicted to Coke and when she quit drinking it she had headaches for a week straight that no amount of medication would help.

Now she drinks water and ice tea and doesn't miss the pop at all. She's also noticed that other family members don't bring pop to drink, when they get together for dinners. Congratulations to all the participants for setting a healthy example.



Idle No More protest at the Junction.

# NOTICE

## Surveying Lots in Hitacu

Bazette Land Surveyors will be conducting surveys of lots in Hitacu this week and next.

If you have any questions about the surveying please contact

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## Couples lives spent looking after Yuułu?il?ath

BY LISA MCKNIGHT-YEATES

Bella and Lawrence Jack are the oldest Yuułu?il?ath citizens at 86 and 88 years old respectively; they have been together for more than 60 years and have reigned over the Yuułu?il?ath Ha-hahoolthe as Tyee Ha'wilth and Hakuum for most of their lives.

Lawrence was passed the Yuułu?il?ath Chieftainship at the age of 14, when his father died after eating a poisonous plant. "It didn't take long, just a few hours," he remembered, explaining that his father and sister both died after ingesting the plant.

"It was a plant that looked like grass, I'm not sure what you called it but you peeled it," he said, explaining that the grass was picked by a neighbour, who mistook it for another plant; the neighbour also died. "Three of us got sick but pulled through," he said. Lawrence recalled playing outside when he began feeling dizzy and decided to go home; "the grass was making me hallucinate." He got home to find his father shaking his sister, "he was trying to bring her back to life." Lawrence passed out and woke the next morning to find out his father had died. His uncle nursed him back to health and shortly afterwards, he was visited by his father's advisors, who told him that he was now the Tyee Ha'wilth.

"I was only a boy," Lawrence exclaimed. "It was a big responsibility," he added. His father's advisors helped him to learn the role of being the head Chief and advised him about Nuuchah-nulth laws, and the roles and responsibilities of being Tyee Ha'wilth. "Whenever anyone had a problem they came to me," he said. Lawrence will remain Chief for the rest of his life, but passed the role of Tyee Ha'wilth to his son Wilson about ten years ago. He explained that the Chieftainship was supposed to be passed to his oldest son Lawrence, (who recently passed away), but he did not want the Chieftainship so it went to Wilson who was seated as Tyee Ha'wilth during a potlatch in Ucluelet.

Lawrence was born in Nahmint where his family lived part of the year during the black cod fishing season. He recalled several permanent dwellings in Nahmint and remembered his father telling him stories about, "the second chief and third chief and there's one at Copper Island."

He grew up at Wreck Bay, "there was a grassy spot near where

my father lived, out near the rocky point beach," he said, noting how the family lived there before moving to Hitacu. Just last year Lawrence made the trip out to his childhood home and erected a flag in memory of his father.

According to son, Eugene Touchie, Lawrence moved to Hitacu as a child and spent time at Wreck Bay, Spring Cove and Nahmint, as the family lived in those villages seasonally.

"He (Lawrence's father) was the father of the whole Ucluelet tribe, that's how we got here. He was chief of that side, my father, and my Dad's father may have been chief at Spring Cove, that was ours too," he recalled.

"I was maybe 16 when I moved to Hitacu and not too many people know how to speak the language," he recalled, remembering how his father's speaker, a McCarthy, spoke English and Nuuchah-nulth.

Bella and Lawrence knew each other as friends when they were young; their relationship changed after a masquerade party when they both decided they wanted more. "I got hooked," Bella laughed. "I thought it wouldn't last that long, but it did," she smiles. "I guess because we had seven kids that kept us together," she smiles contentedly.

Lawrence was attracted to Bella's good looks but admits that her "good sense" is what kept him attracted to her for more than sixty years.

Together they have weathered the trials and tribulations of life, including the deaths of two children, family battles with alcohol and vast changes in their community.

Bella described Hitacu when she first moved here, at 19 years of age. "There were no roads. We travelled by boat all the time and there were just a few houses," she said. In fact, Bella wasn't convinced she wanted to move to Hitacu, "there were only three families living here at the time," she said.

Their modest home is cozy, with a warm fire. They have lived in the house on top of the hill for a few years, after switching houses with their daughter Brenda, so they wouldn't have to deal with stairs in their aging years.

As the television blares in the background, and Bella's chihuahua



Mayco vies for her attention, the slight-framed Bella, takes a long drag from her cigarette and explains that she was told to quit smoking but she doesn't want to. She laughs and then explains, "he smokes a pack a day, but it's his only bad habit," she said. Lawrence said that he used to be a heavy drinker, but the couple knew they had to stop in order to be responsible parents. "She (Bella) said, we've got to quit, and we did," he stated.

Bella worked as a social worker for the Nation for several years, remembering, "it was pretty hard to be a social worker, you get called down for nothing sometimes." She's content now to watch TV, visit with guests and pet her dog. She says the dog is good company, despite biting her fingers when he jumps on her. He ate her hearing aid too, but she forgave him.

Lawrence is perched in his chair, knees to his chest, smoking out the open window, while banging on the sill, scaring the crows away. He worked as a commercial fisherman from the time he was a teenager until he retired in the mid 1980s. "I had a small boat and fished around here, salmon, coho, sockeye and codfish," he said.

Both Lawrence and Bella are fluent Nuuchah-nulth speakers in the Barkley dialect and they still speak to one another in the language. Bella said they regret not teaching their children to speak the language. "Our

language has stayed with us but we started speaking English when we had kids and we regret that," she said. She commented that some of the children can understand or speak a little of the language, but none are fluent.

The couple raised seven children, Brenda, Clayton, Jesse, Wilson, Janice, Larry and Adam, (both deceased). Bella also had a son Eugene who was raised by his Grandparents and then she and Lawrence also adopted Bruce when he was days old.

"We have a lot of good memories," Bella states as she points to the photos of the family that line the living room walls.

She reminisced about community parties. "There was no electricity; we had gas lamps and the girls and boys would get together and have a square dance party in our homes. One person would bake a cake and someone else would make coffee and tea or sandwiches. We used to have so much fun."

Brenda remembers her parents doing a lot of fishing and clam digging and said as children her parents enjoyed taking them to wrestling matches in Nanaimo and Victoria.

The couple still attends the occasional community event and their home is often abuzz with family, including 44 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren, as well as many friends.



## Idle No More sparks action and debate

Idle No More has rallied tens of thousands of aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians who have loudly protested and demonstrated with signs, over the last several weeks, their opposition to Bill C-45, Bill C-38, Treaties and numerous inequities for First Nations.

The Yuulu?il?ath government shares many of the concerns that the Idle No More protests have brought to the forefront of the Canadian consciousness; however, since our treaty was ratified on April 1, 2011, specific protest points regarding resolving treaties expediently do not apply to this nation directly. Still, the Executive of the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature supports other nations in their bids to have the treaty-making process move forward. The Yuulu?il?ath government welcomed Idle No More protests in Yuulu?il?ath territory at the junction of the Pacific Rim Hwy.

### How it began

The Idle No More movement began when four young lawyers from Saskatchewan used social media to raise awareness about Bill C-45. The Twitter hash-tag Idle No More, spread like wild-fire through social media networks and the protest movement was born. A National Day of Action was planned in early November and Facebook and Twitter were used to spread word of this event quickly.

The organizers of the National Day of Action said communities and organizers of the protests were free to protest when and how they wanted to. The Day of Action captured national media attention; but the media coverage increased substantially once Chief Theresa Spence, of Ontario's Attawapiskat First Nation announced she would start a hunger strike and then set up camp on an island adjacent to the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, to raise awareness about aboriginals living in poverty. Spence became an icon for many protesters, and the movement itself became about much more than Bill C-45. It became a catch-all for many the inequities endured by the First Nations people of Canada.

### Bill C-45 and Bill C-38

Opposition to Bill C-45 and Bill C-38 have been front and centre in Idle No More protests, with slogans about both bills being scrawled on protest signs and vocal opposition to it being heard loud and clear. Bill C-45 and Bill C-38 are related as they both deal with the environment. Bill C-45 is a piece of legislation that contains 64 different acts or regulations and contains more than 400 pages so it's not something that most people will read. The Jobs, Growth and Long-term Prosperity Act Bill C-38 is a bill that repeals approximately 70 laws including amendments to the First Nations Land Management Act, the Fisheries Act, the Navigable Waters Act, the Species at Risk Act, the Canada National Parks Act, the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act and contains a new Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

### National Chief Shawn Atleo and the AFN

On Friday, January 25th, National Chief

Shawn Atleo was interviewed by the CBC radio and addressed the apparent split in support for the Assembly of First Nations.

He explained that although there were some chiefs who aligned with Chief Spence and thought the AFN should not meet with Prime Minister Harper in January, Atleo said the mandate of the AFN is to transform the relationship between aboriginal people and the crown (government) and he talked about the key points identified at the January 11th meeting between Prime Minister Harper and First Nations Chiefs. On January 21st Chief Atleo said in a press release, *"It is important that we remain united behind these demands, the agenda adopted by our people in one Assembly after another. Some have been critical of that process, and critical of our decision making structures. They are not perfect. Some reflect the colonial past we reject. They can be improved and that is a discussion we must have. Today's AFN is the creation of our Elders, building on earlier structures they knew needed reform. Tomorrow's AFN will continue that process."*

"As we engage in these discussions we must ensure that dialogue does not prevent us from seizing this moment to achieve change. Our priority, our focus must remain seeking the changes we have fought for so long, in the lives of our peoples..."

The areas of action discussed at that meeting are summarized below.

1. "Commitment to high level working process with Treaty Nation leadership for establishing frameworks with necessary mandates for the implementation and enforcement of Treaties on a Treaty by Treaty basis..."
2. "Facilitating fair, expeditious resolution of land claims..."
3. "Resource Equity, Benefit and Revenue Sharing" --the PM agreed to the notion of resource revenue sharing, including economic spin-offs for resource development for the first nations.
4. "All legislation must be unquestionably consistent with s.35 of the Canadian Constitution...Legislation and provisions of legislation as in C-38 and C-45 that contravene our Treaty and inherent rights must be reconsidered and implementation of these provisions must be put to a halt."
5. "Fundamentally transformed fiscal relationship" that guarantees fairness and sustainability."
6. "Immediate commitment to the establishment of a national Public Commission of Inquiry on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls..."
7. A guarantee of First Nation schools in every First Nation that reflects the diversity of languages and culture.
8. "In order to be effective, progress in these areas will require a fundamental change in the machinery of government..."

### Chief Theresa Spence

Chief Spence came to symbolize the inequities of the First Nations through her six-week liquid diet. Now that she has ended that fast, there seems to be a split in public opinion on whether she helped

or hindered the Idle No More movement. Her camp on an island in the Ottawa river, in view of Parliament, put her in the national spotlight, along with her message about desperately needed housing for First Nations. Her support seemed to diminish though, after she got the Prime Minister to agree to a meeting with her and then chose not to attend. She also came under criticism from her own community and was eventually given the choice to quit her strike or be replaced in her position as Chief. Although she did not meet with the Prime Minister, she did end up meeting with leaders of the official opposition and ended her hunger strike with a 13-point declaration which aims to improve native housing, education and full implementation of treaty rights within a five year period.





# Yuulu?il?ath News



Photos by Lisa McKnight-Yeates  
About 60 people attended the Idle No More protest at the junction in early January.





Students from Hitacu took part in the Ucluelet Secondary School Winter Feast in mid December, with the feast based around traditional Nuu-cha-nulth foods. Shown left to right: Kathleen McCarthy, Chelsey Mundy and Maxine Curley.



*Fresh prawns*  
RCMP officer Marcel Midlane shows prawns Dylan Joseph and Daniel Joseph and others from the Strengthening Our Men program. The fishing trip was done to gather food for the traditional Winter Food Fest held in December.

## Seeking Extension for Independent Assessment Process

The Assembly of First Nations is seeking to request an extension of the Independent Assessment Process. The AFN wants to hear from any individual or organization that has reports that a former Indian Residential School student was unable to apply for the Independent Assessment Process by the September, 2012 deadline.

Please provide the following information:

- name of the potential claimant
- where one had no knowledge of the deadline, provide details on their circumstances or if they were not physically able to apply due to illness or incarceration.
- where claimant retained a third party to file the IAP and the claim was not filed.

This information will be compiled and used to seek an extension to the IAP deadline. AFN's request to extend the deadline is not guaranteed.

Please send information to:

Charlene Belleau,  
473 Albert Street, 9th floor,  
Ottawa, ONT. K1R 5B4  
or email: cbelleau@afn.ca

## Patrick sisters earn All Stars and Janey, Most Inspirational



Janey Patrick was recently named the Most Inspirational player.

Janey Patrick recently received an award for the Most Inspirational player at the Island Zones basketball tournament.

As well, at the NCN basketball Tournament the Ucluelet Wild Women picked up first place and Sisters Cory and Janey Patrick and cousin Byron Patrick were all awarded All Stars along with Skylene Touchie.

## Traditional Cleansers Available for anyone interested in being cleansed

**When:** Thursday January 31st  
**Time:** 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. (break from 5:30-6:30)  
**Where:** Department of Community Services  
**Contact:** Reception at (250) 726-7343 to sign up.

Traditional Cleansers will be visiting Hitacu from Tsotunlelum, as part of a healing program.

For more information feel free to contact NTC Community Health Development Worker, Melody Charlie at (250) 266 2507

## VAST Alternate Education in Hitacu

Mondays: 2:30-4:30 p.m./ Thursdays: 10:15-11:45 a.m.  
at the Youth and Learning Centre



**Teacher Nicole Thompson**  
nthompson@sd70.bc.ca

**W: 250-726-7796**



## Appeal process for non-insured benefits

If you have been denied coverage for prescription drugs under the Non-Insured Health Benefits program, there is an exception process you can follow in an attempt to get the coverage.

Clients must get prescriptions from a doctor or specialist. You must take your prescription to the Pharmacy who will contact the Drug Exception Centre in Ottawa. The Drug Exception Centre will fax a form to the clients' doctor for completion. The doctor will complete the form and return it to the Drug Exception Centre and the Drug Exception Cen-

tre will then inform the pharmacy of their decision and the pharmacy will let the client know the results of their claim. If the result is still not approved the client has the option of appealing the decision, guided by the appeal process. It is strongly encouraged that clients contact their community health representative for further assistance. Yuutu?it?ath citizens contact Lorraine Mundy at the Department of Community Services, (250) 726-7343, ext. 227 or 1-866-900-7343.

## Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training program

Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Programs (NETP) are available to any Aboriginal person, whether they are from a treaty or non-treaty nation, Metis and Inuit who reside within Nuu-chah-nulth Territory.

"It's important to note that while their services are available to all Aboriginals who live within their regions, other ASETS Agreement Holders will likely not operate in exactly the same manner as NETP," said Andy Callicum, NETP Supervisor.

Employment Counsellor, services can and will vary greatly from office to office, and it would be up to the individuals to find out more about the services they could access

in their areas.

If a client wants to go to school outside of our catchment area, and is looking to apply to us for funding, they must live within Nuu-chah-nulth territory at the time they complete a funding application. Once a student is approved for funding, they are able to move outside of the region to go to school, and continue receiving assistance for tuition and living allowance for the duration of their approved training agreement. Due to contractual obligations with our funders, we are unable to provide services to clients who have moved first and are then looking to apply to NETP. For more information call (250) 723-1331



### Education Funding APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Any citizens seeking funding to assist with Post Secondary Education are asked to make application by February 28, 2013.

Funding is available for post secondary education and occupational skills funding. Students planning to attend school at any point in 2013, need to make application at this time.

Whether you have received funding in the past, or you are a new student, an application must be completed.

Application forms are available at the Government House. If you need a form mailed, please call

Jeneva Touchie (250) 726-7342 ext. 201. or toll free 1-877-726-7342.

Completed applications can be faxed, emailed or dropped off at the Department of Community Services, addressed to:

Trevor Wickham,  
Trevor.Wickham@ufn.ca  
Fax: (250) 726-7396



**DEADLINE: February 28th 4:30 p.m.**

### Hitting the slopes

Youth from Hitacu visited Mount Washington earlier this month; here is Alex Louie snowboarding. There will be another youth ski trip this Friday.

## Youth program offers a glimpse of life in the Armed Forces

Are you an Aboriginal Youth living in Canada, and are you looking for a very challenging and rewarding employment opportunity for the summer? Do you like to make new friends, work hard, do you like to do physical activities and enjoy the outdoors? Then maybe applying for the RAVEN Program is exactly what you are looking for.

The Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific implemented the RAVEN Aboriginal Youth Employment Program to build bridges into the Aboriginal communities in Canada and to make Aboriginal youth aware of potential military or civilian careers with the Department of National Defence.

The program is a total of six weeks long and provides participants with a view of life in the Canadian Forces. You can complete the program with the option - but no commitment - to pursue a career in the Reserve Force, Regular Force, or work in a Civilian Occupation

with the National Defence.

RAVEN is held at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt at the Work Point Barracks, and the staff are current Military members who have years of experience. The Culture Camp phase is administered by Elders from different First Nations and Aboriginal groups.

The application deadline is 30 April 2013. If you wish to file an application, be sure you have it in to the Recruiting Centre by that date.

To apply or if you have questions about the application process contact 1-800-856-8488 or email [esqraven@forces.gc.ca](mailto:esqraven@forces.gc.ca)

Applicants must be between 17 and 29 years of age however those 30 and over may apply, must have completed Grade 10, be physically and medically fit and be a Canadian citizen. For more information visit: [http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/marpac/0/0-w\\_eng](http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/marpac/0/0-w_eng).



# Community Newsmakers

## Highlights from 2012 as reported in Umacuk

### JANUARY

Two Hitacu students Kathleen McCarthy and Tyson Touchie Jr. are in New Zealand on a student exchange program. The trip was organized by the West Coast Resource Society.

The Yuułu?i?ath Community Services Department received funding to the tune of \$30,000 for the Strengthening Our Young Men proposal which is aimed at improving the health of young men in Hitacu.

Bernice Touchie started a Language Nest immersion program which has elders visiting the local preschool to interact with children and teach the Nuuchah-nulth language.

### FEBRUARY

The multi-use facility, constitutional amendments and the unveiling of the new talking stick carved by Chris George were part of the first People's Assembly of 2012.

Elders Molly Haipee and Rose Wilson were gifted a canoe at the celebration of life for a Tla-o-quiht elder, carved by the Martin family.

Gordon Taylor Jr. celebrated four years of success at the Cynamoka Coffee House.

### MARCH

Elders gathered in early March to give input on the Nation's priorities. Sixteen elders attended and discussed the role of the elders in the community, preservation of the language and affordable housing for elders.

A Baby Welcoming Gathering was held in Hitacu in March.

Local students enjoyed 'strike school' which was held at the Community Centre, when local schools were on strike.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission came to Port Alberni for two days in March and many survivors of Indian Residential School attended to bear witness to those who opted to share their stories with the TRC commission.

### APRIL

Yuułu?i?ath now has a voice at the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD). Legislature member Alan McCarthy is the representative for Yuułu?i?ath at the ACRD. Alan was also a guest speaker at the Vancouver Coastal Communities annual conference held in Ucluelet.

At the April 2nd Hit-tat-soo Assembly Yuułu?i?ath President Charles McCarthy got some help from local youngsters, to cut a cake which helped

to mark the first anniversary of treaty implementation.

Waylon McCarthy, Alex Louie, Kobe Little, Ethan Joseph and Charles McCarthy helped to construct a greenhouse at the Ucluelet Elementary School.

### MAY

Ten Yuułu?i?ath and Tla-o-qui-aht citizens completed the Vancouver Island University and North Island College Employment Skills Access Program held in Hitacu.

A community working group has started to meet to discuss the Official Community Plan.

Lorraine Mundy and Melody Charlie completed the 9th annual ReMax Ride for the Rim, from Ucluelet to Port Alberni, benefitting the Canadian Diabetes Association.

### JUNE

Food fish deliveries for citizens in Hitacu, Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Victoria. More than 4000 pieces of sockeye were delivered.

Yuułu?i?ath has resigned its seat on the board of the Iisaak Forest Resources Ltd. Yuułu?i?ath President said the only nations benefitting from decisions were Ahousaht, Hesquiaht and Tla-o-qui-aht, and not Yuułu?i?ath or Toquaht Nations.

A picnic area at Kwisisit was cleared as Yuułu?i?ath exercised its sovereignty over the access to the South beach and Nuuchah-nulth trail which runs through a former Yuułu?i?ath settlement.

The Touchie family tied for first place for the coveted Water Station trophy at this year's Edge to Edge marathon.

### JULY

A nasty stomach flu hit the community, with 18 children and adults affected.

The Hilthwii?is Resource Planning Group met in Hitacu on July 25 and discussed concerns that nations other than Maa-nulth nations were fishing in Area 23 and that protocols to request permission were not being sought.

Barbara Touchie was honoured at the Yuułu?i?ath Education Celebration for her efforts to re-vitalize the language.

Yuułu?i?ath Tyee Ha'wilt Wilson Jack and his speaker, Tyson Touchie welcomed Prince Albert of Monaco, to the Traditional Territory.

Three automated external defibrillators have been purchased for the commu-

nity of Hitacu.

Marcel Midlane is the new RCMP liaison for Hitacu.

Local youth spent a few days at Hook-som Rediscovery Camp in Hesquiaht Harbour and also went to camp at Copper Island in July.

Gordy Taylor Jr. won two medals at the BC Summer Games.

### AUGUST

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Commemorative Initiative awarded Yuułu?i?ath \$50,000 towards a commemoration to the Indian Residential School Experience.

Youth Summer Camp participants were treated to a trip to Victoria in August, where they went to the McPherson Playhouse for a theatre performance and also heard the Victoria Symphony during their visit to Bouchart Gardens.

### SEPTEMBER

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 is based on the Tseshaht SEEDS program and the coordinator of that program, Nene Kranveldt, will be helping roll out the program here.

Luke and Delores Touchie celebrated 50 years of marriage in September. Family and friends gathered for a dinner at the 6-Plex, to celebrate.

The Official Community Plan (OCP) made its debut to Yuułu?i?ath citizens living away from home with community consultation in Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Victoria.

Marion Louie, Hitacu's oldest citizen, died on September 15th. She was well known for her beautiful bead-work and weaving, which she did until a few months before she died.

Nuuchah-nulth traditional parenting is the focus of the new parenting club, known as Ha Hoo Pa, facilitated by Ann Marshal and Jennifer Touchie.

Local Elders enjoyed a boat ride and whale watching trip organized by Deb Mundy, Social Development Coordinator.

### OCTOBER

The Yuułu?i?ath Legislature gave the first reading of the Official Community Plan on October 9, 2012.

Nine-year-old Alyssa Marie Rose Touchie went on her first fishing trip with Gilbert Louie in September and

caught two rockfish on the first day and three halibut the next day--pretty good start to a fishing career!

A tsunami advisory was issued locally after an earthquake occurred near Haida Gwaii. Fire Chief Wilson Jack and volunteer fire fighter Tyson Touchie went from home to home in low-lying coastal areas, to get the message of the advisory out to the public.

The Yuułu?i?ath Legislature signed a new Education Agreement with School District 70. The agreement includes SD 70 providing a qualified teacher for the VAST alternate education program.

The Youth and Learning Centre opened October 30th at the former treaty trailer.

### NOVEMBER

More than 3500 pounds of food fish, halibut, yellow eye and lingcod was delivered to Yuułu?i?ath citizens, locally and living away from home.

A drum-making work shop attracted 15 participants and a few onlookers as well.

Cabinets designed to hold automated external defibrillators (AED)s have been installed at three community buildings, the Youth and Learning Centre, the Department of Community Services and the Hitacu Fire Hall.

An HIV/AIDS awareness campaign has been launched locally.

The 5th annual Evan Touchie Legacy basketball Tournament of Health was held at Ucluelet Secondary School with nine men's teams and four ladies teams participating, along with two teams of 10 and under.

### DECEMBER

The Yuułu?i?ath Legislature passed its 29th piece of legislation; the Legislature met in Port Alberni and met prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society.

Yuułu?i?ath Elders met on December 8 to start the discussion about the creation of a Ha'wiih Advisory Council.

Eddie Mack earned his Advanced Diploma in Chemical Addictions; he will begin the four year of studies in January, to pursue a Bachelor of General Studies.

Yuułu?i?ath Government representatives met with their counterparts at the District of Ucluelet at a Community-to-Community forum as a way to bring the two governments together to discuss ways in which they can work together.



## Hitacu fire department needs more members

The Hitacu Fire Department is looking for new recruits. Fire Chief Wilson Jack said there are currently seven members who are trained in Fire Fighter 1 and he would like to see the department double in size.

"It would be great to have six or seven more members," Wilson said, noting that it would be nice to

see citizens join the department so there is fire coverage on weekends and evenings.

Every Wednesday the fire fighters meet from 6 to 8 p.m. to practise. With a few new recruits attending the most recent practices, Wilson said time has been spent going over the fire truck and various equipment. "Once recruits have gone

through basic training Wilson said the First Nations Emergency Social Services will be brought in to teach new members how to run the fire pump and be certified with the Scott Breathing Apparatus.

According to the fire chief there are not many calls to actual fires in Hitacu, about three a year, usually chimney fires. The depar-

ment likes to be prepared though and spends time each week learning the correct procedures for setting up ladders and how to use a fire-hose for a fire attack line.

Volunteers are encouraged to stop by a fire practise or to call Wilson for more information about joining; he can be reached at 250-266-2127.



Sheldon Touchie and Lance Williams were part of the AED/CPR course held in Hitacu recently, shown here following the instructions of the AED to provide resuscitation.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Volunteers needed

The Hitacu Fire Department is looking for a few volunteers who are dedicated to volunteering their time for practices every Wednesday evening and responding to call-outs which can happen 24-7.

Volunteers must be able to lift heavy equipment and be in good physical condition. Fire fighter training will be provided.

For information please call or email:

Wilson Jack [wilson.jack@ufn.ca](mailto:wilson.jack@ufn.ca)

cell: (250) 266-2127

or

Jay (250) 726-7342 Ext. 212

[Jay.Millar@ufn.ca](mailto:Jay.Millar@ufn.ca)

### FOR SALE: 26' Aluminum Boat

Iisaak Forest Resources is selling a, 26' Aluminum crew boat; recently repowered with two new Yamaha motors, and refurbished with new upholstery. This boat is also equipped with VHF radio, a GPS system, and a depth finder; It has served reliably our logging operations, and has had regular maintenance



Please send inquiries Attention: Marty Locker, Iisaak Forest Resources ltd.

Phone: 250-726-7037

Fax: 250-726-7289

Email: [Marty.locker@iisaak.com](mailto:Marty.locker@iisaak.com)

Please submit expressions of interest by fax or e-mail to Marty Locker as above. Expressions of interest must be received no later than February 6th at 4:00pm.

### HELP WANTED

#### Survey assistants & one cutter/faller

McElhanney Consulting Services will be conducting surveys at Lost Shoe Creek in February and March and need 2 survey assistants. They are also looking for an experienced and certified chainsaw operator to cut line and falling work. With application please include any first aid certification you have.

Deadline January 31, 2013 at 3 p.m.

For more information and to apply for these jobs please submit by email or drop off at Government House to:

Iris Frank,

Director of Operations

[Iris.Frank@ufn.ca](mailto:Iris.Frank@ufn.ca)

No Phone Calls Please



# Language and Culture

## Nuučaanuł Language Classes Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.

Classes are held at the Department of Community Services

Look for upcoming information on a community immersion program.

### Joe Tom will be leading a Men's Nite!

starting Wednesday, February 6, 2013

from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Services Centre.

Snacks and Drinks available.



Gordon Taylor Sr. and Marj and Jack Touchie enjoy an Elders lunch at the yurts at Wya beach last week. There will be a second Elder's lunch at the yurts on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

## LIFE INSURANCE INFORMATION SESSION

Representatives from Great West Life will be in Hitacu on Tuesday, February 5th and will make a presentation to community citizens who are interested in purchasing life insurance for themselves.

Life Insurance Presentation (open to the community): the names of any individuals who are interested in applying for life insurance, will be taken following the meeting and a representative will be in touch at a later date.

Starts at 4 P.M.

at the

Yuufu?i?ath Community Hall

Are you happy? (to a lady)  
yes, I am

uuqsuqłhak  
haa?a uuqsuqłah

Are you happy? (to a man)  
yes, I am happy

?uu?aqłah  
haa?a uu?aqłah

### Pronunciation

uu like the oo in moon  
aa like the a in father  
ł sounds like tl  
h like the h in ha (EXHALE)



### UCLUTH FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP LP

Submit by email, fax or mail to: Ucluth Fisheries PO Box 1120 Ucluelet BC., V0R 3A0, [udcea@ukecable.net](mailto:udcea@ukecable.net) or fax 250-726-3494

Please submit a covering letter describing how you meet the qualifications for the job and your resume including three references.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Ucluth Fisheries LP is prepared to make this position a training opportunity; if a young adult is interested in a new career path and requires some training we will consider that and the salary would reflect that.

#### Fisheries and Wildlife Resource Manager

Regular Full Time Position

Starting Wage \$17-25/hr depending on experience and training

**General Job Description** Fisheries and Wildlife Resource Manager will become responsible for enforcement of YFN fisheries and wildlife bylaws and guidelines throughout the YFN traditional territories. This position will also be responsible all catch monitoring activity, implementing fisheries projects, providing patrol services, operation and maintenance of the Nahmint 5 fisheries vessel and various administrative duties. (A full list of duties can be obtained from the UDC).

#### Knowledge Skills & Abilities

- ✓ Valid BC driver's license.
- ✓ Species identification of salmon, ground fish, shellfish etc.
- ✓ Training and knowledge of DFO and Coast Guard regulations.
- ✓ Computer skills
- ✓ First Aid
- ✓ Good Communication skills
- ✓ Minimum Grade 12
- ✓ Knowledge of YFN Cultural Practices and History
- ✓ Small Boat operation and maintenance
- ✓ Knowledge of traditional territory

#### Preferred Skills:

- ✓ Guardian Training Levels I-IV
- ✓ Swift water rescue training
- ✓ Restricted Radio Operators License
- ✓ Small boat and Advanced Power Squadron safety operators training
- ✓ AFS Fishery Enforcement/Guardian Training.
- ✓ Resource Management Diploma or Fisheries Diploma/ B.Sc. Biology

Job Posting: Closes 4 pm January 31, 2013

## In accordance with Yuufu?i?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuufu?i?ath 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 Monday March 25, 2013; 1PM at the Yuufu?i?ath Community Hall.**

Lunch will be provided at 12:30 PM; 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. Announcements/Discussion
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Draft Budget Review
6. 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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