



Wya Resort wins for outstanding accommodation



Tourism award for overall guest experience

The Wya Resort was presented the BC Aboriginal Tourism Award for Outstanding Accommodation at the 3rd annual tourism conference recently held in Whistler and Squamish.

Tyson Touchie, Economic Development Manager picked up the award; he and YFN Management Services Trevor Jones went to Whistler to receive the award.

The award is given to the business with outstanding customer service, facilities and amenities which enhance the overall guest experience.

Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

Yuulu?il?ath Elders met in March at the 6 Plex in Hitacu. Shown here, back row, Larry Baird, Gordon Taylor, Eugene Touchie, Richard Mundy, Roberta Jones, Ron Williams, Geraldine Touchie and Pearl Touchie. Front row left to right: Bernice Touchie, Ida Baines, Evelyln Corfield, Marjorie and Jack Touchie.

Yuulu?il?ath Elders suggest Tiiqw? in as name for new the new community centre in Hitacu

Yuulu?il?ath Elders met in Hitacu at the end of March to create an advisory to the Hāwiih council (which will advise the Legislature) and they began the naming process for the new community centre.

The new Elder's council will consist of Gordon Taylor Sr., Vi Mundy, Richard Mundy, Eugene Touchie, Jack Touchie, Barb Touchie and Marjorie Touchie. Facilitator for the event, Michele Corfield said the group would likely be called upon only once or twice a year, as required by the Legislature. The Constitution states that an Elder's Advisory Council will advise the Hāwiih Advisory Council.

Elders attending this gathering included: Gordon Taylor Sr., Vi Mundy, Richard Mundy, Eugene Touchie, Marj and Jack Touchie, Ron

Williams, Kathy Mundy, Bernice Touchie, Roberta Jones, Evelyn Corfield, Ida Baines, Larry Baird, Pearl Touchie, Luke Touchie and Rose Wilson.

Elders were asked if they would like to attend the provincial Elder's Gathering which will be held in Penticton this year in early July. Marjorie Touchie, Jack Touchie, Geraldine Touchie, Ron Williams, Ida Baines and Rose Wilson expressed interest; Debbie Mundy will inquire about budgeting for this event. It was suggested that a community van would be used to cut transportation cost to this event.

Geraldine Touchie spoke briefly about a new fund-raising committee. She encouraged others to join the committee and said the group will be raising funds for a number of projects

including for kitchen equipment for the new Community Centre and for a local food bank. She encouraged people to contact Suzanne Williams at the Government House, to sign up for this volunteer committee.

Dr. Michelle Corfield, the facilitator of the day said the "main crux of the day will be naming the new building." A few names such as Sassin and Tyee were tossed out as ideas and Richard Mundy pitched the name Tiiqwa?in --Eagle in Nuučaanuł. He said the eagles have gathered here and the community centre will be the community's gathering place, so, he suggested, it is a fitting name. Others agreed and the majority voted that Tiiqwa?in would be a good name for the centre.

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Hitacu Assembly

Monday, May 5th
at the Community Hall
Dinner at 5 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

Elders form Hāwiih advisory council at annual meeting

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There was some discussion as to whether there should be an addition to that name, to indicate a gathering spot or to include the name Yuulu?il?ath rather than the eagle on its own, but in the end, the majority of Elders agreed a one-word name would be easy for people to pronounce and remember. It was reported that Hitacu is the second largest gathering place of Eagles in the world; however, statement is misleading, as tens of thousands of Eagles gather on the Chehalis Flats and in other areas of BC. Still, there are an impressive number of Eagles near Hitacu.

Dr. Corfield suggested that besides a name for the building, the Elders should consider naming the meeting rooms and entry ways to the building. She also pointed out that naming rooms in memory of people who have passed can be tricky business because there are many deserving people and someone could get left out.

Eugene Touchie disagreed saying the group should not refrain from naming the building or rooms after people who had made significant contributions to the community.

“We learned a lot of significant things from our elders,” he said, pointing to Harold Touchie as someone who deserves to be honoured. “There were a lot of prominent people and we’re being asked to stay clear of people’s names because we could leave people out or people could be offended?” he asked.

Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy suggested that rather than naming the building or rooms after citizens, that instead people be

recognized in the entry-ways where there would be high visibility. “You could have something in the entry-ways, something designed for the walls...a wall of recognition of the Elders...” he commented.

Nuučaañut Words

For about half an hour the Elders talked about various Nuučaañut words for south wind and north wind, and different berries and fish. Building on the idea of a wall of recognition, Elders suggested a photo collection of various families and sports teams, and having family trees was another idea. Some of the Elders suggested that some of the naming of the new building should be left up to local youth, and it was suggested that a contest be held to determine names for the gym and some meeting rooms. Dr. Corfield will speak to the government administration about setting up a group to move forward with some of these ideas.

Geraldine Touchie provided a brief update on the proposed Traditional Camp. She said Tim Sutherland had been meeting with the Elders and determined that a site in Effingham Inlet would be the best spot for the camp. The camp location is remote enough that youth could be un-plugged from TV and computers and, she added that Effingham Inlet has resources such as fresh water, fish and berries. She said the Junior Rangers offered to assist with the building the camp and will be invited to a meeting to discuss this possibility.

The Elders also discussed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) funding for a memorial to recognize the



Suzanne Williams and her Grandma Kathy Mundy.

Residential School experience. Geraldine reported that the Social Development clients in the new SEEDS program were recruited for an online survey regarding the placement of the TRC memorial and that Wya Junction property was one of the favorite locations chosen. This was recently reported to the Executive branch of the Legislature, who expressed concerns with the proposed placement of the monument because the Welcome Centre property was leased to YFN Management Services. Some Elders said the memorial should be in the community of Hitacu and others said they didn’t want the memorial at the new community centre, as it was a place where people could be happy, rather than a place to remember. “This should be a place of our own picking, it’s got nothing to do with the hall,” Eugene commented.

Anita Charleson-Touchie gave an overview of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council Tiicaqk Quu?asa Mental Health Program.

She and Ann Marshall work in the community each Wednesday and are available counselling. She said the Quu?asa workers are respectful that each community has its own way of doing things. She noted the Jennifer Touchie runs a parenting program as part of the Quu?asa program and that Margaret Bird does clinical counselling in the community on a regular basis.

Richard Watts provided a brief overview of the Common Experience Payment Education Credits. (Related story on page 3).

Suzanne Williams and Sarah McArthur, participants in the Leadership Vancouver Island west coast course addressed the Elders and invited them to a Volunteer Fair. Elder Marj Touchie spoke about the success of the LVI program for Yuulu?il?ath participants, Suzanne Williams and Jeneva Touchie. Marj informed the Elders that she took part in one of the LVI Community Days and was thrilled to be part of it.



Richard Mundy and Jack Touchie share a laugh.



Elders Ron Williams, Evelyn Corfield (front) and Ida Baines.

Community Newsmakers

Common Experience education credits explained to Elders

The Common Experience Education Credits were discussed at the Yuułu?i?ath Elders Gathering with many expressing frustration that the Canadian government has set rules on how those funds can be spent.

Everyone who received the Common Experience Payment is eligible for up to \$3,000 in credits for Educational funding. The CEP recipients can either use the full amount themselves or transfer part of it to other family members. The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement stipulated that once all Common Experience Payments (CEP) were made, if more than \$40 million remained in the Trust Fund, the funds were to be made available to CEP recipients, upon application, in the form of non-cash personal credits for educational purposes. There is a list of approved educational facilities where the credits can be spent and each nation in Canada has been listed as an approved facility as most deliver cultural and language programming.

“To me that’s my money and I should determine what to do with it, If I choose to donate that money it’s my choice, but I want it,” remarked Larry Baird. He told the Elders he heard of other nations who were applying for the CEP education credits and would be distributing that money to Elders.

Rose Wilson said “I feel these guys are spend-

ing our money big time and it’s rightfully ours.” Geraldine Touchie agreed saying, “We’re a self government and it should go to the nation; they are still dictating to us,” she added.

Dr. Michelle Corfield, facilitator of the meeting said it might be an option for the nation to apply for the education funds to ensure that all eligible claims were actually claimed. “I think you deserve to have it. I fear you won’t fill out these forms (to claim the education credit) and that some would rather forget that part of our history and not deal with it,” Dr. Corfield said. She said, “this is your money,” even if it has strings attached. “We have an obligation to you as survivors,” she added, suggesting that the credits that have not been designated by individuals for education

credits could be used by the nation to provide cultural programming if that was the wish of the Elders.

Richard Watts of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council provided an overview of the Common Experience Education Credits and offered to assist Elders in filling out the forms to get the credits.

By now each CEP recipient should have received an Acknowledgement Form; if you did not receive the form please call **1-866-343-1858**. The forms need to be completed and returned before the end of October. Personal credits can be fully used by the CEP recipient or part (no less than \$1000) or all of it may be transferred to a family member. The personal credits can be applied to a variety of education expenses such as tuition

fees, books, computer equipment, transportation costs and lodging for students. If you do not redeem your Personal Credits the value of that credit will be transferred to the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund and Inavialuit Education Foundation for educational programs.

The terms for the Common Education Experience education credits were agreed to by the Assembly of First Nations and Canada in 2013. The objective of the Personal Credits is to “further a fair, comprehensive and lasting resolution of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools; and to promote education and reconciliation.” The terms of reference for the education credits is outlined on the residential school settlement website and state that the credits cannot be sold or redeemed for cash.

The personal credits are intended to support three basic outcomes:

1. to increase the number of First Nations students who graduate from high school
2. To increase the number of First Nations to attend post secondary school
3. Foster education in First Nations’ traditional knowledge, language and cultural revitalization

For more information regarding the CEP education credits please call:

1-866-343-1858.



Pearl Touchie and Luke Touchie look over the paperwork for the Common Experience Education Payment, at the recent Elder’s Gathering in Hitacu.

DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION

The annual Yuułu?i?ath Draft Budget will be presented next week at the

Hitacu Assembly

Monday, May 5th at 5 p.m.

Dinner will be served before the meeting and everyone is encouraged to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

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Community Connections Fair a success for leadership team

The April 5th Community Connections Fair was a success and it is all due to the combined efforts and support of community members, local businesses and organizations, and the volunteers and non-profit organizations that serve our communities.

We were able to offer an assortment of food ranging from fresh muffins and fruit to delectable tofu pockets and fresh vegetables and it was all made possible with support from the following businesses and organizations: Tofino Coffee Co., Green Soul Organics, Seaview

Communications, Tofino Co-op, Sobo Restaurant, Jupiter Juice Bar and Bakeshop, Solidarity Snacks, Far West Foods Group, Common Loaf Bake Shop, Ucluelet Co-op, Gray Whale Deli, Yuulu?il?ath Government, Alan McCarthy, Tamara Nelson, Lisa McKnight-Yeates and Gerry Kervin.

Door prizes were also drawn throughout the event, with the grand prize being a trip for two to Hot Springs Cove and it is with thanks to: Chocolate Tofino, Friends of Clayoquot Sound, House of Himwitsa, Jamie's Whaling Station and

A special thanks to the 32 local organizations that shared their excellent work at the Community Connections Volunteer Fair! We hope the event was a valuable networking opportunity and helped encourage people to volunteer with your organization.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank the great citizens of our local communities for your support by stopping in and checking out all the wonderful non-profit and volunteer organizations that serve our communities. We hope that you enjoyed yourself while visiting all of us at the Community Connections Volunteer Fair and we hope that you made some new friends and made some new connections.

Respectfully,

Leadership Vancouver Island
West Coast Chapter – Team Iisaak



Leadership Vancouver Island participants: Suzanne Williams and Jeneva Touchie, with Eli McDonnell at the Community Connections volunteer fair.

Call for Summer Help

The following business are looking for YFN citizens to submit resumes by email to: UDCea@ukeecable.net

or by fax **726-3494**
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Wya point Surf Shop

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servers, kitchen help, hostesses, bartenders and line cooks \$11. starting wage plus tips

Wya Point Resort

housekeeping, operations and maintenance, front desk \$11. starting wage.

Work to commence in May...work through until September

Adventure Centre, Kwisitit Feast House, Live to Surf, Long Beach Surf Shop, Mermaid Tales Book Shop, Sea Wench Naturals, Seaview Communications, Surf Sister, The Crow's Nest, Tofino Sea Kayaking, Tofino Tea Bar, Treehouse Gift Shop, Tuff Beans, Ucluelet People's Drug Mart and Westside Surf School.

We also wouldn't have been able to pull off this event as smoothly without the volunteer support of our Leadership Vancouver Island group members and their family members: Lee Macnamee, Venita Chow, Jeneva Touchie, Eli McDonnell, Gillian Nicol, Jeremy Steen and Kyle Kervin – thank you all for coming out and lending a helping hand!

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Hakum Bella Jack passes away at 88

Ayathkayah, Hakum Bella Jack passed away on April 4, 2014. She was predeceased by husband, Taayii Hāwiih Lawrence Jack (Naansimkwachisht), in 2013 and children Lawrence Jack and Adam Jack. She is survived by children: Taayii Hāwiih Wilson Jack (Jacqueline), Brenda (Danny), Clayton (Dorthia), Jesse (Martin), Janice, Bruce and Eugene and numerous Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bella was born on December 31st, 1926 to parents Tom (Masta) and Sarah Touchie. Her siblings included brother Matthew Touchie and sisters: Martha Fred and Edith Brown.

At a community funeral service in Hitacu, on April 9th, Bella was remembered for her love of family, relatives and friends and her independent spirit and sense of humour. Pastor Miles White officiated

the service.

She and Lawrence were married for more than 62 years, and



raised a large family. Bella loved to visit with family and friends and more

than anything, she loved visits with her Grandchildren, the crowd

The couple lived a long sober life together and were very spiritual people. During their last days together they were getting hard of hearing so you would have to listen to two stories at the same smoke while enjoying their second hand smoke, said Grandson Tyson Touchie during the ceremony.

Bella was remembered for her independent spirit. "She was always independent, could gather herself up and head to Port Alberni to stay with Jesse. She would go shopping or to a potlatch or try her luck in a casino," Ron Hamilton said in the Eulogy.

"She loved to watch the Price is Right and was a devoted Blue Jays fan and watched every game while she rolled their cigarettes," he reminisced.

Although Bella and Lawrence spent time living in Port Alberni, they

spent most of their lives in Hitacu. During berry season she travelled to Washington to pick berries.

Bella and Lawrence were heavily involved in the early Treaty negotiations. But it wasn't all work and no play. The couple loved wrestling and would often bundle up the kids to go see wrestling. Bella loved Bingo and she and Lawrence both mastered the Super Mario video game.

She was also remembered as a hard worker, having worked in the tucup processing plant in Tofino and across the bay, processing Herring. She worked as a Social Worker for the Ucluelet First Nation during the 1970s and 1980s and also part time as a book keeper in Port Alberni.

Bella lived a long healthy life and was loved by her family and community.

Attention Artists

The Yuulu?il?ath Government would like to hear from any artist who would be interested in working on the Residential School Memorial which is being sponsored by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Please contact Suzanne Williams at (250) 726-7343 if you are interested.

Donations of Art

The Yuulu?il?ath Government is looking for donations of art that can be used for a fundraising raffle. Money raised will go towards purchasing equipment for the new Community Centre. Please contact Suzanne Williams at (250) 726-7343 if you are willing to donate.



Fire engulfed a house in Hitacu that has been vacated for a few months. The home used to belong to Ron Williams Sr. and then Ronnie Jr. The Hitacu fire department responded to the fire which had fully engulfed the house in a matter of minutes. RCMP will be investigating the fire and after an initial inspection said the fire was likely caused by arson.

Occupational First Aid offered in Hitacu next week

A seven hour course in emergency first aid will be held in Hitacu next Thursday, May 1st. The WCB Occupational First Aid Level 1 will include CPR and AED instruction as well as First Aid that

will cover topics including choking, shock, bleeding and minor wound care. Successful students will receive a WCB OFA Level 1 certificate which will qualify them to work as a First Aid Attendant on certain job

locations. Students must be at least 16 years of age. The course will run at the Community Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a half hour break for lunch. Please call Veronica at (250) 726-7343 to register.

Government Receptionist

The Yuulu?il?ath Government has an opening for the position of Receptionist – Secretary

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Closing Date: Friday, May 2, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Interviews will take place on May 14th and the successful candidate must be ready to start on May 20th.



Yuulu?il?ath Elders were given an update on the preparations for a Traditional Camp in Effingham Inlet at a recent Elders luncheon.

Elders updated on Traditional Camp

Elders were given an update on the plans for a Traditional Camp in Effingham Inlet recently when Tim Sutherland, project coordinator attended an Elder's luncheon. Photos of a picnic shelter were shown, and Tim said the goal for the camp this year will be to build a similar-type structure. He suggested that rather than using traditional methods for a roof it might be more expedient to have a tin roof on the structure. He was asked by the Elders recently to look into the possibility of organizing a boat trip to Effingham; Tim notified Elders that the cost of renting a big boat was cost prohibitive and he will now speak to YFN Fisheries to see about securing the Nahmint 5 for a trip to scout the location.

Bronze Medallion course may be offered

The YFN Child and Youth program would like to offer the Bronze Medallion course for citizens age 14-19. Bronze Medallion teaches water rescue education, including self rescue techniques, tows and carries for rescues of conscious and unconscious victims. The course aims to improve skills and endurance as well as judgement and knowledge about water safety. The course is a requirement for many jobs such as a lifeguard and will be required for any youth who are interested in being employed as summer workers with YFN Government. Please contact Veronica Williams at (250) 726-7343 if you are interested in participating. There will be a minimum of six participants in order to run this program.



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Yuulu?il?ath celebrated spring with a garden party last week at the community garden behind the fire hall followed by a BBQ. Left, little Jaime Williams and below, Matthew Jack and Jaysen Touchie.



Wya Point Resort-Lodges

These positions are for the upcoming season. Flexibility is a must. The successful candidates must be available during the business hours of operation which includes weekend work.

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Joanne Touchie home to provide home-care

Joanne Touchie is thrilled to be working in Hitacu, as a home care worker for the Yuulu?il?ath government on a contract basis. She has been working as a RCA (Residential Care Aide) for several years since her graduation from Discovery College (formerly in Port Alberni). She also holds her Occupational Industrial First Aid, Level 3 (and has for nine years), and has certificates for learning about Dementia, Alzheimer's and suicide prevention.

From the time she graduated Joanne worked in an old age home in Qualicum Beach for four years, and then in Port Alberni for Tseshaht Nation, Rainbow Gardens and Vancouver Island Health Authority working as a RCA. She also does part-time work for Barrett & Mack Company of Port Alberni, working with young adults that have behavioral disabilities or autism.

Her job is to go into homes and provide assistance with daily living

care and the duties can range from assisting someone take a bath to helping them get ready for the day, light meal preparation, laundry and changing linens. She also does respite work, which gives families who care for individuals, a break. Joanne enjoys the variety of work involved in her job and said in respite she can be doing anything from going for a walk with a client to sitting and making jewelry with another.

She began her job in the sec-

ond week of April and goes home on weekends to Port Alberni.

"I've been home but pleased to be back home working in the community. It's a really great feeling to be back home and to be welcomed by the clients and everyone has made me feel welcome back."



"It's great to be back home and doing home support here for the individuals that need assistance," she said. "When I got this opportunity I flew at the chance and I'm more than thrilled" to be working here," she said, noting that she has not lived here for 16 years. During the week she stays in Hitacu with his sister Jenn and brother Terry and parents Luke and Delores Touchie are nearby too. Joanne has two daughters, Raven E. Gagnon 14, and Sydney Dawn Gagnon 6.

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Savannah George raising funds for World Youth Program which will take her to Tanzania

Savannah George is fund-raising to be part of a Canada World Youth volunteer that will take her to central Canada and Africa to do good work.

As part of the Canada World Youth team she will be working in Sudbury, Ontario for three months and then Tanzania, where she will be volunteering to help with projects that focus on environmental sustainability and women's health and equality. Volunteers are expected to raise money in order to offset the cost of the trip; Savannah needs to raise approximately \$500 by June 1st and more than \$1,000 before

July 21st. She is taking donations and is also planning fund-raisers.

Savannah's Qu'as name is Wh-Aala which means graceful dancer and comes from a song that belongs to the Ahousaht tribe, where her family's roots are. "My grandpa Ronnie George, To'mull is a Hāwiih from Qwatswiaht," said Savannah. He has lived in Hitacu for many years since getting married to a Yuulu?il?ath woman. Savannah's Mom is Annie George.

At 22 years old, Savannah is excited about seeing the world. "This is going to be a great experience for culture and I'm very culturally involved. I can't wait to see the diversity of the world," she commented.

Savannah said when she was growing up her late grandma Hazel used to tell her that she had a free spirit and that she would travel the world. "Not only do I get to travel for this program but I will gain leadership skills as they will be teaching me how to work with a huge group of people efficiently. I will be learning about environmental sustainability. When I come back I will possibly have the proper tools to make a difference. I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone to know that home will always be there. Explore and see the world," she enthused.

If you want to be in touch with Savannah please e-mail her: savannahgeorge12@ymail.com

Donations can also be sent (cheques or money orders) directly to Canada World Youth. Cheques that have her name and registration number will be credited to Savannah's fund-raising efforts. Canada World Youth-Savannah George 14055122, 2330 Notre-Dame Street West, Suite 300, Montreal, Quebec, H3J 1N4

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers of any age who are interested in being part of a new Community Consultative Group. This group will work with the government and the RCMP to set local policing priorities.

If you are interested in serving on this volunteer committee please call us and leave your contact information.

Contact Suzanne Williams or Jeneva Touchie at:

(250) 726-7342



The West Coast Chapter

Leading Self, Leading Others, Leading Community

The Leadership Vancouver Island (LVI) program is a community leadership program. It is based on a number of leadership programs and developed, most directly, from the Leadership BC initiative. The program begins with a 2-day residency in September followed by one full day of class each month for 8 months and is worth 6 elective credits at Vancouver Island University. LVI has evolved over the last ten years in Nanaimo and Ladysmith to become a unique, popular and effective leadership development experience, joining individuals with community business, government and not-for-profit organizations to foster a positive future for Vancouver Island. This September, we are hosting our second year of the West Coast Chapter of LVI and are seeking applicants at this time.

Application Deadline:

May 30, 2014

Download your application at:

<http://www.tofinochamber.org>

<http://www.uclueletinfo.com>

Garden at Wya Welcome Centre will be leased out this year

The garden at the Wya Welcome Centre is being rented out to would be farmers this season. The the last few years the garden has been a commercial enterprise with funding through the Vancouver Island Health Authority for an Aboriginal Health Initiative. The project received \$27,000 per year for three years of funding with the goal of producing an organic garden that produced nutritious fruits and vegetables for local distribution. That funding ran out last year and the garden was left untended.

This year YFN Management Services has decided to rent out 10x10 plots for the season which will run from May until October. Economic Development Manager Tyson Touchie said he's not sure how much interest there will be in renting space at the junction but said that it would be great to see the K^wisitit's Restaurant use the garden to grow of few local vegetables. Anyone interested in leasing a plot of land to grow food is asked to call Tyson at (250) 726-3499.

Opportunity for food vendor at Wya

YFN Retail and Food Services LP is offering an opportunity to start a small business that will serve food at the Wya Welcome Centre. Currently there is a coffee bar, and reception centre for the Wya Point Resort at the Welcome Centre. YFN Retail and Food Services LP would like to attract a privately owned and operated food vendor to the site.

The Economic Development Office can assist interested parties in developing a business plan and help to make application for financing to NEDC to purchase a food trailer and enter into a License of Occupation. email ecdevman@ukeecambe.net for more information.

K^wisitit's Feast House open on weekends

K^wisitit's Feast House restaurant has opened for the season, weekends only at this point for lunch service. Most of the staff has been hired and the restaurant will swing into full gear and be open full time for lunch and dinner by the end of May. Kent Furey is the acting assistant manager.



Deb Mundy, Social Development Coordinator turns the soil to prepare for potato planting at the community garden behind the Fire Hall. Also shown, working in the garden is Marilyn Touchie. Deb has decided to plant potatoes this year to be used at Culture Night dinners.

Opportunity for Entrepreneur

Wya Junction Gardens Salad person

This is a pilot project for this season and to grow and sell produce at a prime location outlet at the Junction.. Call **Bernice 250-726-7343 (225)** for more information. This can lead to multi-year project (YFN Retail & Food Services LP to start your own business. For more information call **Tyson 250-726-3499** ecdevman@ukeecable.net)

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Motor with controls,
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Less than a year old

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Hitacu Surf Club

Twice a month. Youth will be picked up from school and dropped off at home. 10 participant maximum
Registration on first come, first served basis. (Min of 6 participants).
Register with Veronica by calling

(250) 726-7343

CPT 1 Deficiency

sugar fix and regular food required

Dr. Rhiannon Hughes and Jennifer Touchie are teaming up to inform parents about CPT 1 Deficiency which is prevalent in First Nations communities on Vancouver Island, and has been pointed to as a contributing factor in infant deaths. If the condition is not treated a number of serious health problems can occur but the good news is that the treatment is as easy as giving your child a sugar boost.

CPT 1 deficiency is an enzyme in the body that helps us change fat into energy. When this enzyme is missing or does not work properly it can cause illness that could lead to a metabolic crisis if not treated and that could lead breathing problems, seizures and even death. Officially called Carnitine Palmitoyitransferase I--CPT 1 was the topic of a community round table discussion in Hitacu recently.

“We don’t want to scare people,” stressed Dr. Hughes, a pediatrician and genetics specialist who makes frequent visits to Hitacu. “The CPT 1 deficiency is an inherited condition,” she said and noted that in a recent study the CPT 1 deficiency was linked to cases of Sudden Infant Death or SIDS and that the SIDS rate among Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations is very high. Jennifer added that six babies have passed away in Nuu-chah-nulth communities in the past year. Parents may not be aware they could be unaffected carriers of this deficiency but of 447 babies tested in the Vancouver Island Central region 22.8 per cent tested positive for CPT 1 Deficiency, Dr. Hughes noted.

“It’s unpredictable in who will have a problem,” Dr. Hughes said. Because babies and children up to five years old are dependent on their parents for food, it is that age group that is the focus of this public awareness campaign.

It is important to feed your child often and take precautions when your child is sick. Parents need to be diligent about checking to see if children are running a fever and not allow children to sleep for more than two hours at a time. Babies who do not eat for several hours and sleep can get sick very quickly. The BC Children’s Hospital has designed a quick reference feeding schedule depending on the age of the child. For instance, three to six months olds with CTP 1 need food every four to six hours both day and night and when children are ill they need feeding every two hours.

“This is a treatable condition with awareness. Children will give you the indicators the parents just have to be aware of it,” Jennifer said.

Jennifer said fear stops many parents from getting their child tested to see if they have CTP 1 deficiency. Testing can be ordered by a doctor and blood samples from newborn screening (which is done automatically in the province of BC when babies are born) can be used so there is no need for new blood samples, Dr. Hughes said the medical profession has been slow to react to this crises and both she and Jennifer noted that the BC Coroners office has been vocal about this deficiency after having to deal with preventable deaths.

For now Jennifer and Dr. Hughes have been networking with relatives of Nuu-chah-nulth infants that have passed away, trying to ensure that all living relatives are tested for the CTP 1 deficiency. If you would like more information about CTP 1 please talk to Jennifer; she works with NTC Health outreach (infant development, supported child development and mental health) and works in Hitacu two days a week. Dr. Hughes visits the community every few months and anyone would like to have their child tested for CTP 1 can make an appointment with her. General information about CPT 1 Deficiency can be found on the web.



The new community centre in Hitacu is coming along with the roofing now being put on.

Hitacu Assembly

In Accordance with Yuutu?it?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuutu?it?ath Legislature has initiated a Hitacu Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.

The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled for Monday May 5th, 2014; 5PM at the Yuutu?it?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 Hitacu 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. Budget Presentation
5. Economic Development Update – YFN Management Services
6. Updates
 - a. President
 - b. Lands and Resources & Asset Management
 - c. Community Services
 - d. Director of Operations
7. Announcements/Discussion
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. Adjournment



For more information please contact
Christina Klotz, Law Clerk at

Residential School film released about Yuułuꞑilꞑaᑭ citizens

A new film called *Huꞑinmiᑭin* (We Have Returned) was released recently by the Yuułuꞑilꞑaᑭ government. The film was created partially through funding by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and features the stories of five Elders and community members. It was filmed by Maureen Touchie and Cameron Denison who were hired by the Yuułuꞑilꞑaᑭ government to make the film.

The 24-minute film was released before a small group of locals. Along with the personal interview the film features photos from residential schools and facts about the Residential Schools; it also shows some of the community and natural surroundings. The film will be used as an educational tool.

The film features interviews with Larry Baird, Eugene Touchie, Bernice Touchie, Richard Mundy and Marilyn Touchie. At times it is a difficult film to watch, as emotional stories are recounted. The stories are powerful, capturing the severity of the abuse and neglect at the schools and the hardship felt of being left at Residential School by their families. Horrific abuse and loss of language were documented by the survivors. But even more powerful was the determination of these survivors to forge ahead with pursuing a good life, despite the past, and some talked about forgiveness and understanding that the abusers were most likely abused as well. The film is expected to be shown for educational purposes.



Yuułuꞑilꞑaᑭ Culture group drummed and danced for the Elders Gathering in late March. Here, Suzi McCarthy dances while drummers left to right including: Kyle Kervin, Ron Williams, Kenneth Miller, Lindsay McCarthy, Levi Touchie and Vince McKay sing.

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Nuučaaᑎuᑭ (Nuu-chah-nulth)

The weather

ᑭupaama - It's sunny

ᑎiᑭaa - it's raining

yuꞑiima - it's windy

ꞑučqakma - it's foggy

ᑭ sounds like klah as in claw

ii sounds like ee (see)

č sounds like like the ch (chop)

ꞑ this symbol is called a Glottal Stop and it tells the speaker there is a break between words...ut-oh is an example where you can hear a break between the words.



Yuułuꞑilꞑaᑭ Elder Molly Haipee learns a new weave for a McQuinna hat, from Ditidaht weaver Julie Joseph.