



Photos by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

## Merry Christmas 2014

Community members gathered for a feast to celebrate the Christmas season; it was the first of many Christmas dinners to be held at the new community centre. And here's the annual Christmas photo taken from the balcony of the gym. The Grand Opening will take place on January 17, 2015. More photos on page 6 and 7.

# Grand opening for gym slated for January 17

*Yuutu?il?ath Citizens and friends will celebrate the grand opening of the new community centre on Saturday, January 17, 2015.*

The event will begin at noon with lunch and friends are encouraged to bring their shawls and drums. We anticipate an afternoon of celebrations. A

traditional dinner will be served.

Yuutu?il?ath Government offices have moved to the new building and all government offices are now under one roof.

A few events have taken place at the centre including a Legislature-made dinner, the Community Christmas party, Culture Nights and basketball.

Travel vouchers will be

available for Yuutu?il?ath citizens living away from home who would like to attend the opening event in Hitacu. Citizens are requested to contact the government office to register for vouchers. Please call (250) 726-7342 or toll free 1-877-726-7342.

This past week a dozen citizens were trained in the new commercial kitchen. In the new year

we will be looking for volunteers to help out with the Grand Opening event. It is being anticipated that hundreds of people will attend the opening. There has been much interest from neighbouring nations and communities who are eager to see our new gymnasium, commercial kitchen and government offices that are most definitely worth celebrating!

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Have a happy and safe holiday



Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy puts salmon in for baking. Members of the Legislature made dinner for citizens on December 4th. Darlene Clayton has been helping to organize the kitchen and she helped cook dinner for the soft opening and Christmas dinner.



Yuulu?il?ath Legislature member Geraldine Touchie and government staffer Suzanne Williams helped with clean-up at the Legislature dinner.



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Christmas And  
a happy New Year*



## Smile you're on candid camera at new centre

Surveillance cameras are monitoring the movements of everyone who comes into the new community centre in Hitacu. Video surveillance cameras are recording in both entrances of the new community centre and in the parking lot and outside areas surrounding the new building.

Darren Mead-Miller, Lands, Resources and Assets Manager, said the surveillance system is for prevention, not because of any particular past incidents. Safety of the front-desk staff was cited as an additional reason the front desk area is being video-taped and a locking door between the front entrance and the Community Services staff also enhances safety for employees.

Along with the video monitoring taping 24-7 there is also a live feed whereby certain members of government staff can view the live video from their desk computer.

Canadians have grown somewhat accustomed to cameras in public places after a number of police forces and public agencies have used video surveillance in public areas to deter theft and vandalism. But video surveillance is also controversial because it invades our privacy.

Notices of video-taping will be placed in a conspicuous place in the community centre entrances to let the public know they are being monitored by video. Posted signs will remove any reasonable expectation of privacy. By entering the building where notices have been posted that clearly identify that the building is being monitored by video, consent is being acknowledged. Surveillance cameras can be used to record video but not to record audio communications which is considered an invasion of privacy.

## High speed internet on the way

After months of negotiations with west coast communities it has been announced that a new fibre optic line will be built between Port Alberni and Ucluelet and will provide high speed internet to Hitacu and other First Nations communities, some whom have not had any internet service at all.

A funding partnership between the Pathways to Technology project, Telus, BC Hydro and the provincial government will enable the fibre optics to be strung within the next year and community leaders say that could unlock a wealth of business, social and nation-building opportunities.

Nine First Nations communities – Opitsaht, Macoah, Uchucklesaht, Ahousaht, Esowista, Huu-ay-aht, Hesquiat, Ty-Histanis and Hitacu will have high speed internet; some of those communities have had either no internet or limited service.

The new high-speed connection will give communities with health centres the necessary bandwidth to partner with the First Nations Health Authority to run

cutting-edge e-Health and telehealth technologies, such a remote consultations with medical specialists.

It is anticipated that the infrastructure build will be complete by early 2016, when work will then begin to connect First Nations communities to the broadband service.

The Pathways to Technology project, managed by All Nations Trust Company was started in 2009 with \$40.8 million dollars in funding granted to All Nations Trust Company by the province of BC and the Government of Canada. The goal of the project is to connect or enhance high-speed Internet connectivity in First Nations communities in British Columbia that currently have no Internet access or only limited service.

Yuulu?il?ath Legislature President Charles McCarthy is pleased that fiber optics will soon be extended to the west coast and said the improved service will make a big difference to community members.

“We’ve had very slow internet service here for years and high speed will be useful for both profes-

sional applications and home use,” he commented.

“Having uninterrupted internet service will mean that Yuulu?il?ath citizens can take part in distance learning or use the internet for a home-based business. And, we (the government) will be able to use video conferencing without being bogged down when other users come on line.

“We already have internet but the reliability of this broadband connection means that our service won’t hinge on the number of users online or a satellite dish. Our government will be able to take advantage of the service to reach out to our people. We could host our People’s Assemblies and other government meetings online to increase participation,” he said.

“Whether it’s the government or an individual watching Netflix or playing the xBox online; high speed internet will be extremely beneficial,” President McCarthy commented.

## Increased water pressure causes leaks

Yuulu?il?ath citizens experienced some wet crawl spaces and water leaks in the first couple of weeks after the new water system was activated. Public works scrambled to fix the leaks and things seem to be under control.

The new water system was commissioned early in December followed closely by reports of some water leaks. Public works crews have fixed many of the leaks and repair work will be ongoing until they are all repaired.

“We put out a notice to ask citizens to take a look under their crawl spaces and in yards and driveways for water leaks and wet spots so we could identify leaks in the system,” said Darren Mead-Miller, Manager of Lands and Assets. He said there is no way of knowing how long it will take to fix all the leaks and said the public works has been testing the system by isolating sections of the water main to

identify where leaks are. Bowerman Construction, the contractor for the water and sewer work recently patched up a big leak at the six-plex that had been bubbling water into a nearby grassy area for months.

Leaks in the new system were expected because the head pressure in the new tower almost doubled from the old system, from about 45 psi (pounds per square inch ) to about 70 psi from the new water reservoir.

“We knew we were going to exceed municipal operating pressure,” commented Mead-Miller, noting that pressure reducing valves were installed in homes before the new water system became operational. Service lines from the mainline to houses were not replaced during this upgrade but Mead-Miller said the existing lines are able to handle the additional pressure.

“There are always leaks in

water systems, not just here,” he said. “I don’t want the leakage that we have to overshadow what we have here. We have a secure new water system that people should be proud of and people can go to sleep at night knowing their water is clean and safe.” He added that he doesn’t want this 4 million dollar upgrade to the water and sewer being overshadowed by a few leaks.

Bowerman’s have started de-commissioning septic tanks for the houses near the entrance to Hitacu. That work will be done over the next couple of weeks and then those houses will be connected to the sewer. They are also doing work on the lift station across from the gravel pit. All the components of the lift station are being refurbished; the lift station takes sewage from the lower end of the community and lifts it to the sani-station near the government wharf before it is pumped across the bay to the District of Ucluelet sewage lagoons.

## Community Centre, Ec Dev and financial update at AGM

The annual Yuulu?il?ath AGM opened with a moment of silence to acknowledge elders that have passed away, and the recent death seven-year-old Dominik Billy, who has relatives in Hitacu.

Legislature Chair Dr. Michelle Corfield changed the sombre mood when she talked about the new community centre.

"This is our mark of change and our new stamp of who we are as Yuulu?il?ath people. When our friends come to visit us we don't have to leave home now (to host them) and that's an amazing feeling," she remarked to those who gathered at the Community Hall for the AGM.

President Charles McCarthy reported that being in the new building on opening day was fantastic, with "youth and old timers coming through to look at the gym." Now, he said the centralized government services would make the government more accessible.

He spoke about various projects the government has undertaken in the last year including the new water and sewer project and the building of a Traditional Camp in Effingham Inlet.

"I know people have been upset about the road (torn up to accommodate the water and sewer project) but we will all be grateful when we have a new water system," he said. He noted that the annual report was available for anyone who wanted the full update on government activities of the past

year. The Legislature members offered to cook the first meal at the new facility and the President said, "We're humbled to be here and this is our symbolic way of giving back to the community."

Tyson Touchie, Economic Development Manager told the crowd that all the businesses had a busy summer and that business hadn't slowed down in the fall. He said he was proud to have citizens as managers of all the businesses and noted that President McCarthy had been "spurring me on to hire our citizens--saying where the hell are our people, they should be managing these businesses." He said the businesses need a few years to get established before they will become self sufficient.

He provided a snapshot on a couple of the businesses but did not provide detailed financial statements and said he will provide them at the next Hitacu Assembly.

As a record of how the businesses are doing Tyson provided a Statement of Income from September 30, 2014 for the Resorts and Accommodation LP. The revenue for that LP was \$790,340 (includes the Thornton Motel, Wya Point Resort and Welcome Centre). The expenses for the LP totalled \$707,842. The net loss listed was \$186,926, but that does not include the payment of business loans.

He mentioned the two awards won by economic development this year including

the Outstanding Accommodation of the Year from the Aboriginal Tourism of BC and the Sustainable and Environmental Business Award from NEDC.

Briefly Tyson mentioned the Lost Shoe Creek Gas Station, the Don Ling Operating Agreement and wind farm on Mount Ozzard. He reassured citizens that nothing has been signed yet with the Chinese investment company and said that "we're all working to make sure it's a good deal before we sign anything and that anyone who has questions is able to ask them before they (the Operating Board) goes ahead.

### Audited Financials Presented

Tamara Nelson, Chief Finance Officer presented the Yuulu?il?ath Government's (YG) 2014 Audited Financial Statements of the to the Assembly.

Economic Development financials roll into the YG financial picture via YFN Holdings. The loss of \$876,471 in 2013 is due to the economic development restructuring, amortisation and the write off of the Thornton Motel building due to fire. Ms. Nelson explained that the losses are non cash losses.

YGs net financial assets of \$15,859,715 reflects the balance available to the government for the future; this includes the Settlement Trust and the Implementation investment.

She noted that the former Ottawa Trust Funds, which

are no longer held in trust, were temporarily used for the construction of the new community centre but have been paid back, with interest.

One million dollars was used from the Settlement Trust as equity in the construction of the new community centre and further funds will be sought from the Trust to be used for additional equity in the building.

The detailed audited financials were presented at the Assembly and are available at the Government office. Detailed financial information from the March 31, 2014 audited financial statements will be available on the nation's website in the new year.

### The Former Ottawa Trust

The former Ottawa Trust Fund (OTF) was transferred at Treaty effective date, to the YG and can be used at the discretion of government and its administration.

The transfer of all assets from Canada to the nation was authorized in a ratification vote prior to treaty and that included the OTF. The fund, in the amount of \$734,274.74 was income earned on former reserve lands and the funds were held in trust by Canada on behalf of the Ucluelet First Nation Indian Band. Previously there were restrictions on how the fund could be spent but those restrictions regarding the OTF are void now that the funds belong to the nation. Continued on page 5.

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## Maanulth AGM sums up challenges and progress

The Maanulth AGM took place in Campbell River on December 5, 2014. President Charlie Cootes welcomed leaders, elders, member delegates and citizens of the Maa-nulth nations.

“As is normal for any organization dealing with governance and politics and which also is dealing with Canada and British Columbia, we have had our share of challenges in the past year. Some of them are ongoing, some are new. Through it all the Nations continue to evolve in their sophistication, their capacity and their ability to deliver services to their citizens,” he commented.

He touched on some significant milestones in the past year including that Uhucklesaht Tribe has now joined (YFN and HFN) as a member of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and that K-C has observer status with Strathcona regional district.

Maa-nulth has been working the past year to finalize a Government-to-Government agreement with the Province of BC. Last December the nations signed a Memorandum of Understanding with BC with the goal of establishing a meeting forum at the highest level between the province and Maanulth Nations. “The agreement is intended as a vehicle to address any bilateral issues, foster communication and improve consultation between the parties,” Cootes said.

Dealing with the federal government continues to be a challenge, he said. “We continue at an impasse with them on matters such as access to major capital, access to CMHC direct lending,

access to pooled borrowing, all of which continue in the process,” he said. “Added to the list this year was the inability to access the Fraser River stocks of Sockeye to meet our domestic fisheries needs.”

Successes include completing negotiations around the Reasonable Opportunities Agreement, which is now in effect and the Foreshore agreements have also been completed and are in effect.

Enforcement agreements are in place with BC but there have been difficulties in getting agreements with Parks Canada, Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Nations have been developing legal acts and processes on an individual basis and worked together on common projects for certain laws and acts such as the Application of Laws on the Foreshore, Public Works and Services Act and Zoning and Structures Act.

### Legal Report

Brent Lehmann provided an update from legal counsel. He said in the past year Ratcliff & Company have provided general advice to the board of directors of the Maanulth Society on a number of matters. He said that despite the fact that there are still many issues to be resolved, Treaty Nations are much better off than those nations with aboriginal rights.

In the last year the legal team has reviewed the marine planning documents from West Coast Aquatic and have been assisting the Maanulth Nations



in their approval of those plans. They have been providing general advice to the nations representative to the tripartite Implementation Committee and have prepared an overview of the Fraser River sockeye salmon allocation issue for presentation at the tripartite Implementation Committee.

**Pooled Borrowing:** The legal team has provided advice on how the Maanulth Nations can participate in low cost pooled borrowing offered by the First

Nations Finance Authority. Currently it is not possible for Treaty Nations to participate, and in order to participate the Maanulth First Nation would have to have their financial administrative laws, policies and procedures certified by the First Nations Financial Management Board. Before a Treaty Nation can become a full borrowing member of the federal pooled borrowing a number of things would need to take place.

## RCMP priorities questioned at Assembly

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Vi Mundy asked if the nation would consider putting something in place to deal with wills and estates. She explained that her family had been frustrated by the provincial process of dealing with her Mother's estate.

“I would make a recommendation to the Legislature that we have something in place, especially for people who don't have a will.” She said now that property can be owned by citizens it is important that the property can be transferred.

President Charles McCarthy said that the government had run a

workshop on Wills and Estates. At the December 17th Executive it was suggested that another workshop on Wills and Estates be done in the new year.

Concerns were expressed by Anita Touchie that the RCMP response to a vehicle hit and run took almost a week and their response to apprehending a turtle was immediate. “For our family it was really disappointing; what kind of message does it send to this community?” she asked. The government administration will meet with RCMP to discuss the matter.

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# Yuulu?il?ath News



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## Community Christmas Dinner 2014





Kaleena George was recently hired as the new recreation facilities worker in Hitacu.

## Kaleena George named as new youth worker

Kaleena George has landed her dream job. Recently hired at the Yuulu?il?ath Recreation Facilities Worker, Kaleena said she has dreamed about having a full time job in recreation ever since she was a kid and spent three years as a summer youth worker in Hitacu.

She had hoped to go to school for youth recreation and then her Mom passed away a few years ago and her plans

changed. "I had to learn to live on my own and had to get a job to support myself," she said.

She ended up getting her first full-time job at Blackrock and worked there for four years until recently, doing house-keeping.

"But I always loved my job working at day-camp. I got to be there for the kids in our community and I liked being a role-model," she

said.

She was hired a couple of weeks ago but has not started working with youth yet. Before that happens she's getting educated in everything from First Aid to FoodSafe. She will be getting her Class 4 Driver's license and this week she's taking a kitchen course, to learn to use all the equipment at the new kitchen in the community centre. She's also helped to coordinate the Christmas dinner. "On the

night of the soft opening (of the community centre) the kids were congratulating me and asking when I was going to start," she said with a smile.

She is looking forward to providing a variety of activities for the youth and as well as providing a safe place for the youth to hang out. She remembers how much she appreciated having a "safe place to go with friends and still have fun even with the youth worker there. I want to be able to provide that place," she said.

Kaleena expects to be delivering youth programming early in 2015.



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Reporting to this position: Economic Development Manager and all direct reports thereof

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## NOTICE Gym & Kitchen use policy

The Yuulu?il?ath Government is creating a policy that will guide the rental and use of the facilities at the new community centre.

The policy will include the cost of rental of the facility for private events (does not include basketball practices etc.)

It will also outline regulations as far as clean-up of the facility following an event.

Until the policy is complete, users may book by contacting reception at (250) 726-7342.



## A-frame cabin takes shape for Traditional Camp

Dennis Touchie and Levi Touchie have returned from a few days at Effingham Inlet, where they are building a cabin to be used as a traditional camp.

“We had a couple of hiccups,” Dennis laughed, explaining how issues that wouldn’t normally be a big deal are exaggerated when one is working in a wilderness setting. He explained that the crew had two tape-measures that both broke while they were at Effingham.

“Normally you would go and get a new measuring tape but we didn’t have that option,” he smiled and explained that a piece of the tape-measure was cut away to be used like a ruler.

“Every single cut on the roof had to be measured and angle cut and it took way longer than expected,” he said. The crew also spent a few hours ensuring that a large tree that had fallen into the water didn’t get tangled up in the

dock anchors.

Despite their difficulties and foul weather, the crew have persevered to keep getting as much construction done as possible on their week long trips.

The A-frame is now nearly complete. Levi and Dennis have slept up in the loft as their tools and supplies are taking up much of the main floor, but once a deck is put on the building bunks will be built on the main floor as well.

“We’re building a four foot deck on the front and the bunks will be high enough off the ground so you can stick a tote underneath and keep things dry,” he said.

Along with creating the cabin itself, the pair have been building cutting trails. “Levi has made a good trail to

the beach,” Dennis said, noting that the cabin is tucked away in the trees, about a ten minute walk from the beach.

He’s not sure about the time line for completion of the project since it is completely weather dependent.



*Photos courtesy of Melody Charlie*

The new gym has been getting loads of use as enthusiastic crowds of basketball players, walkers, and dancers have been sharing the use of the facility. The government is working on a use policy and schedule for use of the gym so that everyone gets to enjoy the new facility. Shown here enjoying the court, from left to right are: Jaysen Touchie, Tyson Touchie, Evan Touchie, Bryson George, Kobe Little and Randi McCarthy-George. Photo to the left: Matthew Jack and Skylene Touchie.

Thanks to Melody Charlie for providing these photos and posting a number of photos to the nation’s Facebook page.

## The Yuuḷu?iḷ?ath Government Notice

The government office will be closed for statutory holidays on

December 25th and 26th

and on January 1, 2015.

The community centre will not be available for use on these days.



This is one of the historical photos from Vi and Bob Mundy's collection. Shown here is Jimmy McKay (Popeye) to the left and Nutchá, who was the former Tayee Hāwiil Lawrence Jack's Mother.

## Incredible history unfolds through digitization of tapes with Elders

Maureen Louie has been working on digitizing the Nuuchahnulth language with the help of a digitizing machine borrowed from the University of British Columbia.

In the past couple of weeks Maureen has been able to get the digitizing machine up and running on a new PC dedicated to language, purchased by the government. This has allowed Maureen to digitize her late mother Barbara Touchie who gave the nation so many teachings through her years of teaching the adult language class in Hitacu.

Other Elders featured on the tapes being digitized include: Betsy Fish, Lulu (Vernon Ross's Mother), Sarah Tutube/Mack and one tape features place-name songs by Ella Thompson. These are a few examples of the amazing history that these tapes hold.

Our appreciation is extended to Marge Touchie and Bob Mundy who have assisted us by phone or the adult class when clarification on words is needed.

Maureen will also be digitizing a Lexique dictionary from Gale Johnson of Toquaht. Maureen is still looking for cassette tapes to be digitized.



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Reporting to this position: Economic Development Manager and all direct reports thereof

The YFN Group of Operating LPs is searching for a full-time Finance Manager.

Ideal candidate will have a professional accounting designation or be in the upper levels of a professional accounting program. In addition to overseeing payroll and payables entry, you will be responsible for all other aspects of the accounting cycle for 7 Limited partnerships. This includes, but is not limited to, all statutory filings, postings to GL, invoicing, generating quarterly statements and other reports, bank reconciliations, and preparation of annual budgets and reports. You must be a self starter who can work independently and prioritize a busy schedule. As well, you must be a team player, and ready to work closely with the CEO, Admin assistant and the Board. The successful candidate must be willing to step out of their role as accountant and help with the management of a variety of businesses through the peak season. Some of the businesses include a surf shop, restaurant, resort and campground. As well, an understanding for and respect of the First Nations culture is a key requirement.

Staffing Timeline: January 2015

Start Time: January 2015

Location of work: Ucluelet/Tofino area (remote worksite is not-negotiable. Must be willing to relocate and/or commute)

Hours of work: 8am-430pm and as needed (flex-time or compressed schedule is negotiable)

Salary: Negotiable, based on experience and credentials

How to Apply: Please forward your CV, including your professional history as applicable to this posting and employment reference letters and/or contact information to: [Chuck.McCarthy@ufn.ca](mailto:Chuck.McCarthy@ufn.ca)

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## Nuu-chah-nulth Language Course Ling 159

Starting Jan. 22, 2015  
5:30-8 p.m.  
at Duquah Gallery, Ucluelet

For further information or an application please call:  
Gale @ 250-726-2610  
or Bernice @ 250-726-7342  
Ext. 211.

The course can be credited through the U-vic challenge process as an elective. 10 students are required for this course to run. It is open to west coast tribes and schools.

## Kitchen course teaches basics of cooking and keeping work area clean

Twelve Yuułu?il?ath Citizens got a familiar with the new kitchen at the community centre last week when Tim May, owner of Red Can Gourmet in Tofino facilitated a four day course.

The course was to help “coordinate a commercial kitchen in the sense of understanding the cleanliness and basic operation of a commercial kitchen,” he said.

Besides learning to organize and clean the kitchen, citizens learned to use equipment and some cooking skills as well. On the second day of the course the participants made fish soup, corn chowder and bannock for Culture Night and on the third day of the course they sold home-made chili and bread.

“I’m hoping to bring an awareness for the community that they have a beautiful facility here and they need to treat it as if it was their own because it is their own,” he commented.

Tim also helped cook for the Hitacu Community Christmas dinner and is hoping to start a 12-week culinary course in 2015.

Participant Carrie George said she learned that it’s not enough to clean the counters in the kitchen. “The back splash needs to be cleaned, the sinks, the stove tops-- every surface needs to be cleaned and sanitized.”

Being prepared is another key lesson she learned. “Today we’re making fish soup and we don’t have the fish here,” she said. Being organized in the kitchen means having all the ingredients, bowls and utensils ready to go.

Debbie Mundy was thrilled that participants offered to help donate food for the Culture Night dinner and said it was helpful to get a number of people trained in the kitchen.



### The Independent Assessment Process is Winding Down.

#### Notice to IAP Claimants

**If you have not heard from the Adjudication Secretariat or from your lawyer in several months**

This notice is addressed to former Indian Residential School students who have an unresolved Independent Assessment Process (IAP) claim. If you applied, but are unsure about the status of your claim, or have any questions about your IAP application you can either:

- Contact your lawyer or legal representative;
- Call the toll-free IAP information line at 1-877-635-2648; or
- Visit our website at [www.iap-pei.gc.ca](http://www.iap-pei.gc.ca)

#### The IAP is winding down

Since 2007, the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat (Adjudication Secretariat) has resolved more than 28,000 cases in the IAP. There are still over 8,000 active files that await resolution. We anticipate holding all remaining claimant first hearings by the spring of 2016 and finalizing all post-hearing work and decisions by spring 2018.

#### What is the IAP?

As one of the compensation programs established under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement), the IAP is the only option for former residential school students to resolve these claims, unless they opted out of the Settlement Agreement. The deadline to submit an application to the IAP was September 19, 2012.

#### Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

Former Indian Residential School (IRS) students may call the IRS Crisis Line, a national, 24-hour toll-free support services operated by trained Aboriginal crisis counselors. The toll-free telephone number provides access to emotional and crisis referral services in both French and English. Counselors can also provide information about accessing other health supports available to claimants.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/services/indiresident/irs-pi-eng.php>

## Kyle presented drums and joins drum circle again

Kyle Kervin was side-lined from the drum group at Culture Night for a while after his drum was damaged, but community members have made certain that he knows he's a valuable part of the group.

Recently he was presented with two different drums. The first drum was given to him by fellow drummer Everett Watson but when that drum needed repairs Kyle was sidelined again.

More recently Cultural Leader Lindsay McCarthy noticed that Kyle was not playing. "And a few of the guys mentioned the drum circle was different without him, and they talked of how much Kyle has

improved and how far he has come along," said Annie George. She asked why Kyle wasn't in the drum circle and was told that his drum was damaged.

Two practices later Annie was sitting with her father when Ronnie noticed that Kyle seemed to be missing drumming. "We discussed it and I said, I will give him my drum and my Dad started smiling and nodding," Annie said.

"Kyle accepted the drum and the drummers invited him back into the circle. It lifted Kyle's spirit and made a lot of people happy that night," she said.



### *Blanketing those who helped avert a tragedy*

A blanketing ceremony was held by the George and Touchie families to thank community members who helped save teens who were pulled from chilly waters after the canoe they borrowed tipped over the middle of the harbour, in the middle of the night. The quick reaction of citizens saved the lives of two teens who were clinging to the canoe. Top photo shows baby Lincoln Louie who was credited for alerting people that there was something wrong in the harbour. Donna Louie and boyfriend Ross Nelson were also blanketed for helping out. Mike Louie and Chuck McCarthy, who pulled the teens from the water, and Liz McCarthy, who drove the wet teens home, were not in attendance. The families requested that family members of those people take blankets home to thank them for sparing the community from tragedy and grief.



### **First Responders**

For medical emergencies

## call 9-1-1

And for immediate help while the Ambulance is on its way, call our local First Responders

**Celena (250) 918-8910**

or

**Jay (250) 534-9518**