



## Hundreds cram gym for spectacular opening

Yuulu?it?ath citizens and friends enjoyed a fantastic Grand Opening Celebration which attracted about 450 people.

The festive atmosphere for the opening was palpable. There

were presentations, drumming and dancing from other nations and governments.

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Wilson Jack and emcees Michelle Corfield and Yuulu?it?ath President

Charles McCarthy welcomed the enormous crowd. The presentation of a Community Curtain provided a beautiful backdrop for the festivities. Community members pitched in by the dozens, to help

cook, sew shawls, gather crab, smoke fish, make pies, purchase food, bake bread and čamas, help set up and tear down tables, empty garbage, provide security, first aid...the list goes on and on. The celebration was a success thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours and dollars. As well a number of corporate sponsors donated generously to the nation and many came bearing gifts at the celebration.

“It’s the highlight of my term that’s for sure, because the energy that was in the gym was all positive,” said President Charles McCarthy. “The other nations that came lifted everyone up in the community and made us feel really proud and everyone in this community came together and worked really hard. It really brought our community together,” he said.



Yuulu?it?ath culture group performed before hundreds of guests at the Grand Opening of the new community centre in Hitacu. People came from far and wide to celebrate. Photos on page 6-7. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Photos on page 6 & 7

## Executive approves first land title transfers

*The Executive branch of the Yuulu?it?ath Legislature has given approval to the first two applications for land title transfers to citizens.*

Members of the Executive met last week to consider the applications and they debated the cost for the transfer of land. It was determined the fee would be \$1, plus legal fees, for the application for land with a dwelling on it so long as there is undisputed ownership of the dwelling. There will be a higher price for vacant lots.

Two citizens applied to government’s land’s department for the transfer of lands. Karen Severinson was the first applicant. She has lived on the lot (that will be transferred) for many years.

Les Doiron is a citizen who lives in Port Alberni; however, “I’ve wanted to move home for a long time,” he said. “Then, this land ownership came available, (and) that got my attention,” Les commented. He said having applied and then getting approval “has been very exciting.”

Yuulu?it?ath President Charles McCarthy was

first to throw out a number of \$10,000 for vacant lots and said it was important to keep the number high to stop people from buying lots unless they intended to live in Hitacu. Although the President doesn’t vote at the Executive, he says it is his duty to stimulate conversation to ensure that all angles of issues are examined.

Executive member Alan McCarthy countered that \$10,000 would be too high for local citizens who are hoping to build and Geraldine Touchie agreed saying that lots should be kept at a low price.

President McCarthy said it was important to think “long-term” and said that a price less than \$6000. would mean selling the lots at less than 10 per cent of the assessed value. The land has been assessed by BC Assessment and the value of lots range from a low of \$27,200 up to \$77,000 depending on location, topography and geology.

The president said the cost

of the lot for citizens would be factored into any mortgage they would acquire to build a house.

“Even though we can only sell to ourselves, (Yuulu?it?ath citizens) the land has value and we only have a limited amount of lots to sell,” he said. He pointed out, that additional houses would mean additional water and sewer costs for the government. The sale of land is one of the few ways the government can offset those additional expenses until such time as citizens pay land tax President McCarthy said.

In the end the executive voted that the price for a lot would be set at \$2500. plus legal costs.

Mr. Doiron moved away as a child in 1965 and moved with my family to Port Alberni. “Since then most of my Aunts and Uncles have since passed on,” he said.

“My late Uncle Alex McCarthy always told me to never let go of my culture and my rights as

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## Yuulu?il?ath Elders listen to voices of the past

Yuulu?il?ath Elders gathered recently and listened to some voices they haven't heard in a while. It was all part of a demonstration by Maureen Touchie-Louie and Dr. Bernice Touchie, on the digital recording that has been done as part of a government project. Over the past few months Maureen has been making digital files of old cassette tapes and has collected about 50 hours of recordings of elders who have passed away.

As Elders listened to some scratchy recordings there were smiles as they listened to Chicken (Robert Touchie) sing gospel songs.

"He used to sing a lot," commented Richard Mundy, as he listened. Maureen said she had been asked several times to make a copy of the songs but said she would need family permission before she could do that. Other recordings are of Corbett Williams counting in Nuuchahnulth. Bernice remembered Corbett coming into the daycare to teach children. Listening to the recording made her emotional.

Richard Mundy enjoyed listening to the tapes but said it was difficult to hear many of the speakers. "A lot of it you couldn't make out. I think it's a good idea to preserve this for the next generation so it would be worth fixing." He said one interview was with a woman telling a story from the back of a boat. While he couldn't understand what she was saying, the tape brought back memories of him travelling in the back of a boat. "The ladies would always sing songs or tell stories in the back of the boat," he said.

Gordon Taylor Sr. enjoyed the presenta-



tion and remembered most of the people who spoke in the tapes, but the background noise was very distracting he said. "There were some interesting parts but the background noise was loud." He said the most interesting part for him was listening to Ella Thompson, (Barbara Touchie's Mother) who spoke only in Nuuchahnulth. Gordon speaks some Nuuchahnulth and understands a lot. He said Ella talked about the Tseshaht nation not owning houses in a specific area. He said years back there were disputes over the ownership of fishing cabins.

Maureen said while a few local families are accounted for in the tapes she would still like more tapes of elders speaking the language. Of those recorded include: Albert Jackson, Betty Fish, Vernon Ross, Ella Thompson, Robert Touchie, Albert Touchie, Barbara Touchie, Rose Cootes and Lawrence Jack.

According to Maureen there are some digital files that will remain private, accessible by password only to family members and others

will be used as teaching tools for the language program. She suggested that she would like to remove the Taataaqsapa Cultural Dictionary that was created by the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council in 1991 and replace it with her own dictionary created from the words used in the digital tapes. The large "Our World—Our Ways" dictionary features words and phrases from all the Nuuchahnulth tribes.

The process of making digital recordings from the old audio tapes is time-consuming, Maureen said. Some of the tapes are of people speaking in the Nuuchahnulth language and they have not been translated, but Maureen hopes that is a project that the language group can tackle. It's a slow process and some of the tapes are really difficult to understand because the recording is so poor, but it would be worth the effort to catalogue what former citizens had to say, she commented.

Most of the tapes were recorded in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

## Citizen living away calls Hitacu his home

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a First Nations person," Les commented.

"And my interest in Ucluelet has always been on my mind, I love it there, It is home."

A couple years ago he was asked to sit on the Operating Board that oversees the economic development activities for the nation. "I thought about my relatives and the future of our people. I thought, having been in business before and having travelled a lot of this world I would be able to help bring something to the table."

Once I saw Wya, and the other business ventures, I fell in love. I have almost got my resi-

dence card at Wya Point. We stay there a lot," he commented.

Les works at Alberni Toyota and his wife owns her own hair salon.

"So we will be looking at moving full time in the next couple of years and building," he commented.

"I can't wait to live Life on the Edge again," he added.

The application for land transfer from a citizen living away from home caused one member of the Executive to question the identity of the applicant and that led to a discussion regarding implementing safeguards to ensure the Executive is not biased when granting land

title transfers.

"We have to look at the application on its own merits not the person who's applying," President McCarthy said.

Building on vacant lots will be subject to the Zoning and Structures Act which is now being reviewed by the Implementation Committee before it is reviewed at the Legislature.

Citizens can download the application forms for the transfer of title from the nation's website at [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca). There are five forms to be filled out for the transfer; in the February Umacuk there will be an explanation of the forms and process.

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## Citizens pitch in for memorable celebration

Yuulu?il?ath citizens were busy for weeks prior to the Community Centre Grand opening, doing a variety of jobs that were done in an effort to make the opening a memorable event.

Leo Touchie and Art Williams volunteered to create a community curtain with the Yuulu?il?ath Government logo on it. Leo designed the logo for the government years ago. The curtain was used as a blank curtain, donated by Cultural Leader Lindsay McCarthy; it had been given to him by his uncle, Chuck McCarthy, for a potlatch a few years ago. Lindsay said he felt the banner would make a nice addition for the dance floor for the opening. He said while curtains usually tell the history of a family's dances and songs, this curtain with the logo would serve as a community curtain.

Putting the final touches on the paint-

ing Leo said the task was more difficult than he imagined, because painting on the canvas had to be done with the grain of the material which made his job a little trickier. And before he could begin painting, he and Art sewed the two pieces together, by hand which took about six hours, and then Art also sewed a pocket along the top edge so the banner could be hung. Leo said all tolled the project took about 60 hours of preparation and paint time.

Out on the floor the dancers wore spectacular capes that were designed by Christopher George, and the painting and sequence work was done mainly by Marilyn Touchie and Gloria Valentine. They, and occasionally... (others who helped) have been meeting for weeks now to put the finishing touches on the shawls. Gloria also donated a half dozen shawls of her own that were given a few extra design features to spruce

them up.

The week before the opening the Culture Group met every night so their voices would be strong during the opening and the dancers practised various family dances that were performed at the opening.

There was baking bread, shopping for groceries, making pies, smoking fish, cleaning... all by volunteers from the community of hitacu, citizens living away from home and others.

It was incredible to watch the community come together and put in hours of work for this event. Before, during and after, the helping hands didn't stop. The celebration went off without a hitch. The gym was packed and everyone had a great time. Hat's off to everyone who helped make this event one that Yuulu?il?ath citizens can be proud of.



Photos: top, Leo Touchie puts the finishing touches on the community curtain. Middle: Gloria Valentine shows off one of the beautiful new shawls with designs by Christopher George, and bottom, Johnny George helped catch crab for the festivities.

## Obituary: David Boucha

A Memorial Service was held for David Boucha, who passed away on December 19, 2014. He was remembered fondly by friends and family at a memorial service held on December 27th.

He worked at Wya Resort and was well liked among coworkers and guests.

He was predeceased by his mother Agnes Beaver and his father William Boucher.



Born in Kenora Ontario on March 19, 1958, David Leon Robert Boucha lived in Hitacu for many years.

He is survived by brothers Fred, Tim (Monique) and Allan Boucha and sisters Karen Garson, Denise (Jerry) Gerritsen and Marilyn Boucha. He is also survived by children: Desmond Jack, Callista and Kaitlyn McIntrye, Michelle Touchie (Thomas) Terri and Edwin Touchie and Jordan Touchie, who was like a son. He also leaves behind Grandchildren: Cameron, Paris, Serena, Katrina, Thomas Jr. Donte, Diego, Malikai. He is also survived by numerous aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, Lillyonna, Lindsay McCarthy the 3rd and numerous friends and coworkers.

*A special thank you*

In our time of loss, to the Ucluelet First Nation, The Touchie family, Joe Thompson, Lindsay McCarthy, Ed Mack and Tyson Touchie for all your support and kind words, and to Waters Edge Resort and friends and relatives who visited during this hard time. We will miss Dave. Thank you to those who shared their stories with us. Thank you with so much appreciation.

The family of Dave Boucha



# Yuulu?il?ath News



*Grand Opening  
Celebration of  
new gym*





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## NTC Community Health Nurse

Amanda Aspinall is the new NTC Community Health Nurse for Hitacu and the Central Region. She will be working out of the former Community Services building in Hitacu on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Amanda's schedule has not been finalized yet and therefore she will be posting a calendar of the hours



she will be working locally, on the front door of the centre each month.

Other NTC workers such as the new clinical counsellor and the home care nurses will also work out of the old health centre.

Amanda has lived on the coast for about a year and a half and has worked for NTC since last March when she replaced RN Michele Eng, who was promoted to NTC's Nursing Supervisor. Amanda and her family (husband and four children) moved from the lower mainland where she worked at BC Women's hospital in Vancouver for several years. Amanda also worked in England as an RN, where she trained for midwifery; it's also where she met her husband.

Flu shots are available for citizens and she said there is a big push to get children vaccinated.

The phone number for the health centre is 726-7343.

## New clinical counsellor for Hitacu

James Norman Jenka, has been hired as a new clinical counsellor for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Teechukt Mental Health program. He will provide clinical counselling services to Yuulu?il?ath, Toquaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ahousaht and Hesquiaht respectively. James will offer one-one clinical counselling support and group support. James also carries traditional teachings and practices passed onto him from his elders that he is open to sharing.

For the past 15 years he has worked as a clinical counsellor and uses a mix of western and traditional healing methods. "People are responsible for their own journey of healing, but I'm there as a guide which I've learned through education and experience. Experience plays a huge role. They say you can't really help someone until you've been there," he commented.

"I'm a residential school survivor and grew up in an alcohol and drug infested community with a lot of problems of incest and sexual abuse and family violence, you name it," he said. "Every community has their own way of healing but a lot of us have lost our old ways and lost a lot of cultural and traditional teachings," he said.

Born in Chippeyan, Alberta, James is new to the west coast. He moved from Saltspring Island where he counselled and ran a sweat-lodge. When he landed on the west coast a few weeks ago he said it felt like he was home.

James will provide monthly calendar which will be faxed to the YFN government each month. James can be contacted through the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Central Region Community & Human Services Office at

250-725-3367.



## Post Secondary Funding Application

Applications can be downloaded at  
[www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca)

Community Page and click Photos & Forms

**Deadline is February 28, 2015**

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## Suzanne Williams wins UBC scholarship

Suzanne Williams is going to the Saunders School of Business at UBC to participate in the Aboriginal Management Certificate program which starts at the end of this month. She recently won a bursary worth \$6500 --a joint bursary from Leith Wheeler, UBC, the Saunderson School of Business and Ch'nook—an Indigenous Business Education Initiative.

She's excited about the four month program which covers everything from business leadership to entrepreneurship, human resources management, marketing, busi-

ness strategy, operations, financial management and accounting. The course is run in four different week long modules which concludes in May. Along with classroom work there will also be homework assignments, on average about 15 hours of homework and assignments per week.

The Saunders School of Business, UBC is a global leader in the creation of business knowledge and is consistently ranked by the Financial Times among the top 100 business schools in the world. Students will develop and understand-

ing of four main areas of business, including business infrastructure and financial viability. The program will give business skills required for success in managing an existing business or developing new ones.

Suzanne said she's looking forward to the program and obtaining her management certificate. "And being able to move forward towards whatever comes next," she said. "After the program I will have a better idea of which direction I want to go in," she added.

"I thought I wanted to go into HR but after taking the (Leadership Vancouver Island) leadership course last year I realized there are so many other things I can do," she said.

"To me it looks like a really good introduction to everything about aboriginal business. Economic development has piqued my curiosity a bit," she said and added that

she can't wait to hear the stories and advice from other participants and instructors.

The Ch'nook Indigenous Business Education Initiative was founded by Saunderson in 2001 to increase Aboriginal engagement in business education. Ch'nook supports Aboriginal business leaders in building the knowledge and skills required to create and maintain

sustainable enterprises and economic development in Aboriginal communities.

"When you join the Ch'nook Aboriginal Management Program you will embark on a journey of professional development that will transform your career and your business. The program combines the very best in teaching, business research and

Aboriginal content that is personalized and focuses on your career progression."



## Annie George hired as new education worker

Annie George has been hired as the Yuulu?il?ath Education Support Worker. In this role she will provide support for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and serve as the liaison between the school, parents and students.

"I wanted to be a teacher most of my life," Annie said, adding that she was in university for two years pursuing a degree in arts and education at Vancouver Island University until the homesickness for she and her son got to be too much. Her new job will allow her to fulfil her desire to work in the education field while living in Hitacu.

For now she is working at the new government building; however, once the Youth and Learning Centre has been re-located to a site near the community centre, she will be working in that building, offering one-on-one tutoring for students. She will also be working at the Ucluelet Elementary School and the Ucluelet Secondary School, providing one-on-one assistance to Yuulu?il?ath students.

The responsibilities for this position include a broad spectrum including participating in school based meetings, meeting with parents and students, monitoring attendance, encouraging participation in activities and completion of assignments, analyzing student enrolment rates and retention rates. She will assist in the implementation and monitoring of the Local Education Agreement.

Applications for post secondary funding are due on February 28th; forms can be downloaded from the nation's website at [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca).

### Update your contact information

**Yuulu?il?ath citizens are being asked to contact the government office with updated information if you have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months.**

**Please call (250) 726-7342  
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**Contact information updates are necessary to update the voter's list (2015 Election) & for food fish delivery**





## Official Court Notice



## The Indian residential schools settlement has been approved. The healing continues.

The Indian residential schools settlement has been approved by the Courts. Now, former students and their families must decide whether to stay in the settlement or remove themselves (opt out). This notice describes the settlement benefits and how to get them for those who stay in, and it explains what it means to opt out and how to opt out.

The settlement provides:

1) At least \$1.9 billion for “common experience” payments to former students who lived at one of the schools. Payments will be \$10,000 for the first school year (or part of a school year) plus \$3,000 for each school year (or part of a school year) after that.

2) A process to allow those who suffered sexual or serious physical abuses, or other abuses that caused serious psychological effects, to get between \$5,000 and \$275,000 each—or more money if they can show a loss of income.

3) Money for programmes for former students and their families for healing, truth, reconciliation, and commemoration of the residential schools and the abuses suffered: \$125 million for healing; \$60 million to research, document, and preserve the experiences of the survivors; and \$20 million for national and community commemorative projects.

You won't have to show you were abused to get a common experience payment, and you can get one even if you had an abuse lawsuit, and even if you won, settled, or lost.

Eligible former students who stay in the settlement can get

a payment from it. Family members who were not students will not get payments. However, former students—and family members—who stay in the settlement will never again be able to sue the Government of Canada, the Churches who joined in the settlement, or any other defendant in the class actions, over residential schools.

If you want to stay in the settlement and receive a payment from it, call 1-866-879-4913, or go to the website, and request that a claim form be sent to you as soon as it is ready.

If you opt out from the settlement you will not get any payment from it. However, former students or family members who opt out will keep any right they may have to sue over residential schools.

To opt out, you must complete, sign, and mail an Opt Out Form postmarked by **August 20, 2007**. You can get the form at the website below, or by calling 1-866-879-4913.

You don't have to hire a lawyer to opt out, but you may want to consult one before you do. If you stay in the settlement, you don't have to hire and pay a lawyer to get a common

experience payment. Of course, you may hire your own lawyer and pay that lawyer to represent you with an abuse claim.

Call 1-866-879-4913 with questions, or go to [www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca](http://www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca) to read a detailed notice or the settlement agreement. You may also write with questions to Residential Schools Settlement, Suite 3-505, 133 Weber St. North, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 3G9.

### Your Options Now

#### Request a Claim Form

If you are a former student and you want a payment from the settlement, and you never want to sue the Government of Canada or the Churches on your own, do not opt out; instead, call now to register and a claim form will be mailed to you after August 20, 2007. When it arrives, fill it out and return it.

#### Remove Yourself (Opt Out)

If you don't want a payment, or you think you can get more money than the settlement provides by suing the Government or the Churches on your own, then you must opt out by submitting an Opt Out Form postmarked by **August 20, 2007**.

**Do Nothing:** get no payment, give up rights to sue.

**1-866-879-4913**  
[www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca](http://www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca)

## Jay Millar earns certification to work in confined spaces

Jay Millar, who works for the Yuulu?il?ath Government's Public Works recently received his certificate for Confined Space Rescue Operations Level 1.

He took the training from MTS Maintenance Training Systems Inc. in November in Vernon, and had to wait for results from a written and practical exam. Jay said the certification allows him to operate safely in confined spaces



such as the water reservoir or sewage tanks—not that he would want to do the latter, but he could if it was required.

### THANK YOU Jay

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## Catering

Catering Applications due on April 1, 2015

Those interested can download an application from the front desk at Government House. The Approved applicants would be called on for various catering jobs for the YG meetings and events and for external organizations when required. The Catering Policy is on our website at [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca) and it should be reviewed by applicants.



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## Evan Touchie Legacy played in Hitacu gym

The 7th Annual Evan Touchie Legacy - Tournament of Health took place Jan 23-24th in Hitacu. Seven mens teams participated in the event and the home-team was super stoked to show off our new gym and were very proud to host the first of many basketball tournaments to come in our new home! The event happens gratefully with the support of the following businesses: Place TV, Black Rock Resort, Yuulu?il?ath Government, NTC Nurses Michele Eng & Jackeline Seitcher, Green Soul Organics, Common Loaf Bakery, Far West, Tofino Co-Op,

Eagle Aerie Gallery and West Coast Motel

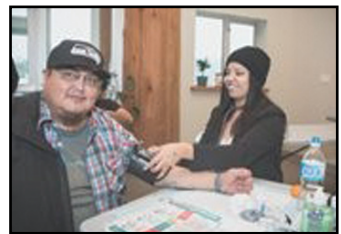
Thank you to all the volunteers who came and worked their bunnies off. It's only with all of you this happens! People tried new foods at the healthy heart concession and participated in the various health booths, which is what it's all about for me.

From the bottom of my heart, my family and I thank you for sharing our message of health & healthier. tiitii?aa?uk - Look after your health - wellbeing.

Melody Charlie



Melody Charlie captured this amazing action shot during this the Evan Touchie Legacy Tournament held this past weekend at the Hitacu gym. It was fantastic to see the gym packed with people for the second weekend in a row. Below, the local community came out in droves to support the cause. (we can see you Carrie) and right, Sharon Tate gets some information on healthy living and Aaron Mundy gets his blood pressured checked by Jackelyn Seitcher (nee Williams). And when the young ones needed a break from basketball action they turned to the trusted Ninja Turtles.





## The Year in Review: 2014 highlights

A look back at events in the past year.

### January

- Yuułu?il?ath Elders took a trip to Effingham Inlet to look at potential sites for a traditional camp. Yuułu?il?ath president Charles McCarthy loaned his boat for the event.
- Constitutional Amendments will be discussed at a special Hitacu As-

Legislature met for two days in January to outline goals for the nation for the next 25 years.

### February

- Lorri Touchie has been hired to manage the Wya Resort.
- Dr. Bernice Touchie was reappointed for a two year term on the First Peopel's Cultural Council Advisory Committee.

is now finished.

- YFN business representatives Yuułu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy and Trevor Jones, CEO of YFN Management Servies went to China on a trip to meet with potential investors.
- Yuułu?il?ath citizens took up the Winter Challenge in March, with young and old posting videos on Facebook of

are completed.

### May

- Spencer Touchie was sworn in as the new member of Legislature on May 5.
- The Hitacu community centre is about two thirds complete. Challenges sourcing the wood and delays in the delivery of the wood caused the project over budget by about \$100,000.
- Irvin Williams was named as the new head chef at Kw'isitit Feast House.
- About 30 different volunteers have either donated their time and or money towards the Community Garden at the Wya Welcome Centre this month.
- Asya Touchie will be spending the summer working in Hitacu. She is a Yuułu?il?ath citizen who lives in Victoria, and is a student at the University of Victoria.



themselves taking the plunge into rivers, lakes and the Pacific Ocean.

- Alex Boucha, Mitchell Touchie and Edwin Touchie represented the nation at the Gathering Our Voices conference.

- Yuułu?il?ath Elders met in Hitacu in late March to create an advisory to the Hawiith council and began the naming process for the new gym

and community building. The name pitched was Eagle gathering place... would be a good name for the centre. *çixwatin* (Eagle) *tiqwas?in* (to sit together).

sembly on January 29th.

- AEDs are now available for use in Hitacu. The life saving devices are at the former community Health Centre, the Youth and Learning Centre and the fire hall. The automatic external defibrillators is a compact, battery operated medical device that uses a built in computer to analyze heart rhythms in victims of cardiac arrest.
- Joe Martin, master canoe carver from Tla-o-qui-aht nation is carving a canoe for the Yuułu?il?ath nation.
- Yuułu?il?ath staff and

- Veronica Williams was recognized by Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health for her contribution to children's oral health.

### March

- Citizens gathered at Wya Beach for a BBQ as part of the Elder's Camp. Four different elders and their families enjoyed a two night stay at the yurts.
- Spencer Touchie won the by-election to serve as a member of the Yuułu?il?ath Legislature.
- The last of the nine lodges at Ucluth Beach

### April

- Community members celebrated spring with a BBQ at the fire hall to celebrate two community gardens planted at the Wya Welcome Centre and behind the fire hall in Hitacu.
- Hitacu's new water reservoir is complete and will go online once water and sewer upgrades

- Jeneva Touchie and Suzanne Williams have completed the Leadership Vancouver Island program and are encouraging others to take part in the program.
- We're one step closer to a language app thanks to a recent project that updated the language on the First Voices website.

### June

- The government is investigating allegations of burning at Lost Shoe Creek which was carried out by Wya Construction.
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- A new community capacity was officially launched last week when Ashley McCarthy, Aysa Touchie and Kathleen McCarthy paddled the canoe from the (former) government house to the canoe beach south of the health centre.

### June

- Alexis Baird was guest speaker at the annual Education Celebration.
- Trevor Jones has resigned as CEO of the YFN Management Services, the Limited Partnership that oversees the economic development activities of the nation.
- Melody Charlie participated in her fifth Ride to Conquer Cancer, a two-day, 200 plus kilometer cycling trip from Vancouver to Seattle.
- Yuułu?il?ath citizens organized a water station for the annual Edge-to-Edge marathon.

### July/August

- Five citizens are now certified as First Responders. Celena Cook, Jay Millar, Stella George, Trisha Miller and Joyce Patrick were certified through a joint program between First Nations Health Authority and the Red Cross.
- Human remains found by road crews installing the new water line in Hitacu should be excavated by archaeologists and then re-buried in the cemetery as soon as possible, Elders have advised. The bones of five individuals need to be excavated and buried at the cemetery as soon as possible.
- The new community centre has gone about \$200,000 over budget and the a

fundraising committee has been set up to deal with the shortfall.

- Mary Lou Klotz and Jason DeRuiter were married on August 23, 2014.
- The summer youth camp was held at Wya Resort this year.
- **September**
- The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has denied access to Maa-nulth nations to Fraser River Sockeye. The diversion rate of sockeye was so high on the eastern side of Vancouver Island which meant very few sockeye were making their way down the west side of the Island, in the Maa-nulth Harvest Area.

### October

- Citizens now have the opportunity to raise title and register their homes as their own through the BC Land Title Register. All properties in Hitacu have been surveyed.
- Bowerman Excavating has been replacing water and

sewer lines in Hitacu over the last few months and is expected to wrap up by the end of next month.

- Dr. Bernice Touchie was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant for digitizing audio tapes of the Nuu-chah-nulth language. Digitizing the tapes will help preserve oral culture.
- Wya Point won the NEDC's Best Environmental & Sustainable Business Award.

### November

- Tragedy was avoided in the community, when three teenagers were plucked from chilly waters in the middle of the night. Charles McCarthy and Mike Louie responded to calls for help at about 3 a.m. and the pair took to the water and saved the teens.
- Clifford George has been asked to carve a sign for the new community centre.

### December

- December 1st marked the first day of business for the government in the new com-

munity centre.

- Community members gathered for a feast to celebrate Christmas in the new gym on December 11, 2014.
- High speed internet is coming to the west coast this year; an announcement was made in mid December to announce the fact that the BC Government, Telus, BC Hydro and Pathways to Technologies have agreed to fund the stringing of a fiber optic network to the coast by the end of 2015.
- Dennis Touchie and Levi Touchie have constructed an A-frame cabin at Effingham Inlet, to be used as a traditional camp.
- Children and adults alike have been playing basketball and volleyball in the community's new gym.

### In Memorial:

To those who passed away in 2014: Ayathkayh Hakum Bella Jack, Sičquu?uļ Barbara Touchie, Eugene Touchie, Dave Boucha





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*Hopefully we did not forget anyone, but if you don't see your name on this list please know that your efforts were truly appreciated.*