



Yuułu?it?ath

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New Yuułu?it?ath legislature sworn in

Charles McCarthy will continue on as President elect of the Yuułu?it?ath. On Saturday, September 24, 2011 an election was held and a total of 184 ballots were cast. Of those ballots McCarthy netted 48 per cent of the popular vote, with 89 votes; Tyson Touchie received 59 and Vi Mundy, 35 votes respectively. This is the first election post Treaty and the first time elections have been held for a four year elected term in office.

Members of the Legislative Assembly were acclaimed; they include incumbents Alan McCarthy and Geraldine Touchie, and newcomers Lawrence Baird, Art Cootes, Rose Marie Touchie and Tad Williams. Four of the last legislative assembly did not run for re-election including: Edward Mack, Eugene Touchie, Marjorie Touchie and Jeremy Valentine. The formal time for appeals of election results has now passed and no appeals were filed.

President McCarthy said he is humbled to be elected with such a strong mandate. He is thankful that there are a couple of returning councillors to provide a continuum and to enlighten the new councillors. McCarthy said in particular he wants to thank the youth who took advantage of their right to vote in their first election. **Thank you for being part of the democratic process,** he commented. He also thanked the people living outside of the community, who took time come to vote and to mail in their votes.

I feel proud of our people that took the time to consider all aspects of our election. President McCarthy said, adding, **I feel a certain level of**

comfort with the level of support I have.

President McCarthy said the new legislature will be more accountable than past governments because of the new laws and acts of the Treaty. **We don't have the ability to pick and choose, he commented. It's what people wanted when they ratified the treaty,** he said.

As far as upcoming projects, President McCarthy said there will be a five-year plan set out with annual reviews. **One of the projects slated in this year's budget is a new gymnasium and somewhere down the line we will want to have a new legislature building,** he added.

The total number of eligible electors was 480 and the total votes cast, 184 or about 38 per cent of the eligible electors. Less than half of the mail in ballots that were sent out were returned; 69 mail-in ballot packages were requested and 34 returned. The percentage of out of town Yuułu?it?ath members who voted was 26 per cent.

During the months leading up to the election there were 572 'absolute unique page views' on

the YFN election website, meaning the website was directly accessed rather than through links on another site. The total number of page views to the election website during the election period was 2691.

Lawrence Lewis, Chief Electoral Officer said, "it was a pleasure and honour to work with the Yuułu?it?ath community on this historic and epic event – their first government elections under their new Treaty."

He went on to say,

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Members of the new legislature are: back row, left to right: Tyee Ha'wilth Wilson Jack, Art Cootes, Alan McCarthy, Tad Williams and President Charles McCarthy. Front row, left to right, Geraldine Touchie, Lawrence Baird and Rose Touchie.



Nick Touchie and Eileen Touchie (nee Tate) were photographed by Iris Frank after the filming concluded.

Superman scene shot in Hitacu

Eileen Touchie (nee Tate) was not the least bit nervous for her movie acting debut when she appeared in a scene for the new Superman movie, "It was very natural; I'm a bit of a performer anyway," she laughed. Her home was used as the backdrop for the scene where Superman emerges from the water and steals some clothing.

About three seconds of her life will be in the movie Eileen joked. Although she is not allowed to divulge much information about her part in the movie, she portrayed a wife who was married to community member and fello extra, Nick Touchie.

She was not nervous during the filming because she got to know some of the crew beforehand and said they were a lot of fun to work with. In the spring she was asked if her home could be used for the location shoot and since that time she has been in touch with some of the key crew members.

Everyone on set was relaxed and

that made her relax too. Eileen even got to meet Henry Cavill, (the lead actor who plays Superman) who gushed about how beautiful the location was. A handful of community members were on hand last week to witness the scene involving Eileen and Nick being filmed.

Once the film crew wrapped-up Eileen hosted a farewell dinner; she baked a salmon, smoked a salmon, and made an upside down blackberry cake for dessert, a reminder of the blackberry bushes that were removed from the bank for the filming. The movie is scheduled to be released in 2013.

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Yuułu?il?ath GOVERNMENT

New legislature chair chosen

Michelle Mari Anne Corfield of Nanaimo has been hired as the new chairperson for the Yuułu?il?ath legislature.

In this role Michelle will act as the presiding member of the Legislature at meetings and also to chair the meetings of the Hit-tat-soo Assembly.

Michelle, a YFN member, said, *I truly believe that we need to have a strong, well-structured legislature to ensure our continued success into the future. This can be accomplished with good governance that is supported by good legislative structure. My years of experience both externally in governance roles as well as internally within Nuuchah-nulth provide me with a deep understanding of the context by which we are newly structured under treaty.*



She earned her Doctorate of Management and Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix, a Master of Arts Degree in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution from Royal Roads University, Victoria, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in First Nation Studies from Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo.

She has worked for the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council as vice president, treaty manager, communications co-ordinator, and sat as urban representative on the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council from 1996-2005.

In 2000-2001 she worked for Ucluelet First Nations as a Treaty Analyst, designing and implementing the ratification process for the Nuuchah-nulth Agreement-in-Principle.

Currently she operates Corfield & Associates Consulting Services which specializes in facilitation, mediation, negotiation, strategic planning and community development. She sits on the board of directors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia and is on the board of the Ucluelet First Nations Settlement Trust.



Chief Electoral Officer, Lawrence Lewis and Deputy Electoral Officer, Susan Mundy were ready at the advanced poll on September 20th, held at Government House in Hitacu.

What laws would you like to know more about?

Many laws have been created as a result of the Maa-nulth First Nations Treaty and those laws are posted on the YFN website @ www.ufn.ca under the title of Government. There are 21 different Acts that describe, in detail, the new laws and how they pertain to you; the laws cover everything from citizenship to land use and resource harvesting.

We want to know which laws you are interested in knowing more about. In future editions of the Umacuk, we will do our best to wade through the legalese of the Acts and attempt to explain the new laws in terms we can all understand. Please give Lisa a call @ 726-7342 if you have a suggestion of a law you would like us to review.

Legislature appointments made

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“Self governance is such an important part of defining us as a people, the Yuułu?il?ath and recognizing our given right to self-determination. This is a great responsibility that must be taken seriously – and clearly the Yuułu?il?ath have done so through the negotiation of their Treaty and the creation of their own Elections Act (among many other governance Acts). It was a great privilege to be invited to be part of it – I am very grateful.” The new legislature was sworn in on October 4th at Government House. Tye Ha-wilth Wilson Jack along with Elder Barb Touchie (who did the

YFN dialect translation) performed the oaths of office for the members of the Legislature. A number of legislature appointments were made at the first sitting of the Legislature. Rose Touchie was appointed as the Executive of the finance portfolio. Geraldine Touchie was appointed as Executive of the Community Services portfolio. Larry Baird was named Executive of the Asset Management portfolio and Alan McCarthy was named as Executive of Lands and Resources portfolio. Tad Williams and Art Cootes will sit on the Treaty Implementation Committee as Legislature Representatives for four years.

November Rentals

Available November 1, 2011



3 bedroom (427 Wya Road)
\$675, plus utilities



2 bedroom (609 Albert Road,
Unit A) \$525, plus utilities



2 bedroom (602 Albert Road,
Unit C) \$550, plus utilities.

Please contact Marlyin Touchie for more information @ 726- 6201.

Please fill out a housing application (available at Yuułu?il?ath Government House) by mid October.

YFN Legislative Assembly

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Art Cootes
Alan W. McCarthy
Geraldine Touchie
Rose Marie Touchie
Tad N. Williams

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Shirley, Emily Property & Building Services Coordinator
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COMMUNITY HEALTH



Health Fair

Last week's Community Services Health Fair showcased a wide variety of health services which can be accessed by community members. Services ranged from hearing and lung testing to information about family counselling and literacy.



Vernonica Williams, Community Services Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist is trained in COHI services which includes fluoride applications and sealants. She is shown here assisting Jada Touchie, 7, during the community screening which was held in September.

Action-packed summer for those in Hitacu Youth Program



Local youth participated in a variety of activities this summer co-ordinated by The Hitacu Youth Program, organized by Family Care Worker Gloria Valentine and summer staff: Joyce Patrick, Tyson Touchie and Edward Mack Jr.

In July approximately 21 young people, between the ages of 7 and 14 years of age participated in a wide range of activities from workshops on how to build a skateboard and hula hoop, to hiking, surfing and day trips to the wave pool in Nanaimo and Qualicum Beach.

In August a science camp was popular with area youth as participants learned about earth sciences, built model rockets and learned about forensics by creating a mock crime scene.

The summer program culminated with a camping trip to Chilliwack Lake that included visits to the waterslides in Cultus Lake and to Playland in Vancouver.

Gloria said she could see the program expanding as those living away from home send their kids to participate, adding that at one time the

program catered to many more young people and that currently there are not as many young people living in Hitacu.

The Hitacu Youth Program hire high school students to work the summer program next summer. To qualify for employment, candidates need to be full time students in good standing. Students must be 16 years of age at time of application Gloria suggests that students who are interested in working with the youth program apply by April 2012. If you would like to see more photos of this past summer's youth activities, or ask questions about the summer program, please visit Gloria at the Health Centre.



Department of Community Services

Wickham, Trevor	Manager of Community Services
Mundy, Debbie	Social Development Coordinator
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Valentine, Gloria	Community Wellness Coordinator
TBA	Child and Youth Support Worker
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Your community newspaper wants to know what are you talking about

Umacuk- Talking about

Your community newspaper the Umacuk is a reflection of your community--a record of the events which help to tell the stories of everyone who is Yuułu?il?ath

The stories in this newspaper will serve as a printed record of the lives led here, the young and old, the births, the deaths, the weddings and graduations, the Yuułu?il?ath celebrations and achievements and also its challenges. A community newspaper belongs to the community and needs support of the people in order to accurately depict what is taking place day-to-day, week-to-week, year-to-year. In its first year of publication, this is the fourth edition of the Umacuk. Until recently the newspaper was compiled by the administration staff--mainly Suzanne Williams, who did the newspaper in addition to her regular job as Administrative Coordinator. Now that there is a dedicated staff person for the newspaper, it will be published on a regular monthly basis starting in 2012.

Your newspaper should be whatever you want it to be; there are only a few rules to follow as far as what is fit to print. As the newly appointed editor of your newspaper I want to encourage you to submit your letters, stories, photos or ideas for the Umacuk. If you have a story that you believe needs to be told, please give me a call or email or drop by the office and we can chat about it. Naturally we can not print libelous content, so if you if you follow the general rule that if you wouldn't like it said about you in the paper, you likely can not say it about someone else either, we should be fine. Having said that, it does not mean that tough questions can not be asked or difficult issues tackled, it just means that they will be done so with respect and within a legal context--meaning no libelous or slanderous statements will be printed.

I am pleased to serve as your editor and communication's coordinator and I look forward to meeting with you and assisting to tell your stories that form part of this communities' history. Hopefully many years from now community members will thumb through past editions of the Umacuk to get a taste of what life was like for their ancestors. Imagine the wonder of a community member 50 years from now--in the year 2061-- reading about the day their nation celebrated the completion of the Yuułu?il?ath Treaty. The oral traditions of the nation will remain as the most significant way that events are recorded; the newspaper will serve as a companion piece and the photos and reports will add a new dimension to the stories that are passed from one generation to the next.

The Umacuk will become an important link in the community, a shared vehicle through which we can learn about each another and enjoy reading about the goings on here. And for those of you who do not live here, and are Yuułu?il?ath, I hope the Umacuk will be one of your ties to your home, keeping you informed about what's going on here while you are away. It is also my hope that you will contribute the pages of the paper as well, sending updates on your lives, so people here can read about you.

Bob Mundy came up with a very fitting name for this newspaper--the Umacuk--which means **Talking About** translated from Yuułu?il?ath Lets hear what you are talking about.

Lisa McKnight-Yeates

Yuułu?il?ath Communications Coordinator



Morning row on a spectacular fall day.

Build on treaty to change the course of our history

An Open Letter to President Chuck McCarthy I write to congratulate you on your election as President of Yuułu?il?ath. Your election marks a historical turning point. I express my good wishes to the people of Yuułu?il?ath - who are hoping for far-reaching changes in the years ahead to restore our violated dignity. One of the highlights of our history, was to be one of the first tribes on Vancouver Island to get a treaty, which has provided us an opportunity to create our own destiny. The Yuułu?il?ath people and, indeed, the whole world will be watching closely to see how you, as our President, will work and build on our treaty, changing the course of our history, ending the oppression, injustice and discrimination of past hundreds of years, through the Indian Act I have seen over the years the exclusion of our people from the social and political life of the country, which was one of the obstacles to the building of a true and strong democracy. In my involvement with our tribe over the years, I was very conscious that our people longed for self-governing and decision-making powers. I, as a citizen can only endorse this aspiration and express my willingness to contribute to any action, in this direction. And have confidence that your government will make significant progress in this direction. Chuck, I am fully aware of the immensity of the task that lies before you. I have every confidence that, under your leadership, spaces for citizenship dialogue will be opened up, involving all of our 600+ members. I am aware of the limited resources our govern-

ment has at its disposal, and I hope and pray that the legislators will honour its commitments to support your efforts to overcome the poverty in many of our citizens' lives. Please be assured that the prayers of I and my family for your presidency and our willingness to walk with you and the legislatures - in building a community founded on respect, honor, peace and reconciliation. May I end by wishing you every success in the difficult task that lies ahead of you, so that the dreams and aspirations of the 600+ members people may become a reality. I pray God's blessing on you, the Legislature and the people of the Yuułu?il?ath First Nation. With respect and good wishes, I, remain humbly a proud YFN member
Vi Mundy

Yuułu?il?ath

Yuułu?il?ath Umacuk is printed a minimum of four times per year to foster community awareness.

The fundamental goal of the Yuułu?il?ath paper is to contribute to restoring the mental, spiritual, physical and emotional wholeness of the community.

Send any letters to the editor, comments, questions or requests in writing via e-mail or regular mail to the Yuułu?il?ath Communications Department. Contact information is found below.

Umacuk accepts submissions, but please note that the Yuułu?il?ath Communications Department reserves the right to select submissions based on theme and content and may edit materials for grammar and space. We are committed to accuracy in our reporting. If an error is made, please let us know and we will correct it in our next issue.

Items not selected for publication may appear on the Yuułu?il?ath website and, as above, may be edited for space and grammar.

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Local carver featured at Carving on the Edge festival

Art Cootes didn't know he had a knack for carving until his son handed him a knife and suggested he give it a try. That was 15 years and dozens of carvings ago. His studio suite is filled with masks, carved whales, rattles and wall hangings. His shelves are crammed with projects on the go and his artwork is spills over onto hallway shelves and nooks and crannies in his home.

Although he started carving a while ago he hasn't been actively selling his pieces. Until a few years ago he was the main care-taker for his mother Rose and caring for her took up most of his time. In his spare time he carved but he didn't market his pieces, and one carving after another was added to his collection. After his mother's death, at 99 years of age, Art decided he would start to clear some of the inventory that piled up over the years.

He's working on a website which will feature a catalogue of his carvings. Recently he was also featured at the local *Carving on the Edge Festival*; he show-cased some of his work at the Wya Welcome Centre. He's also done a few large

commission pieces, the first a large wall carving that hangs in the Water's Edge Resort in Ucluelet and a second wall carving that is now showing at the Black Rock Oceanfront Resort.

"Mostly it's just people wandering in my shop," he commented about the sales of his art work. He admitted that his focus really hasn't been on the sales end of things.

Art uses a mix of traditional and non-traditional carving methods, meaning he uses power tools to do some of the preliminary cuts in the wood and detail work is done by hand. He said that some people have been critical of his use of power tools but it doesn't bother him.

"I think to speed up the process with power tools is okay; some people say it's not traditional" Art said but he doesn't apologize for taking advantage of current technology.

The artistic approach to carving remains. His carving is self-taught, with the aid of books about Nuu-Chah-Nulth carvers. He studied the techniques used and said often he copied the style of the traditional carvers. Art does not start out with an idea

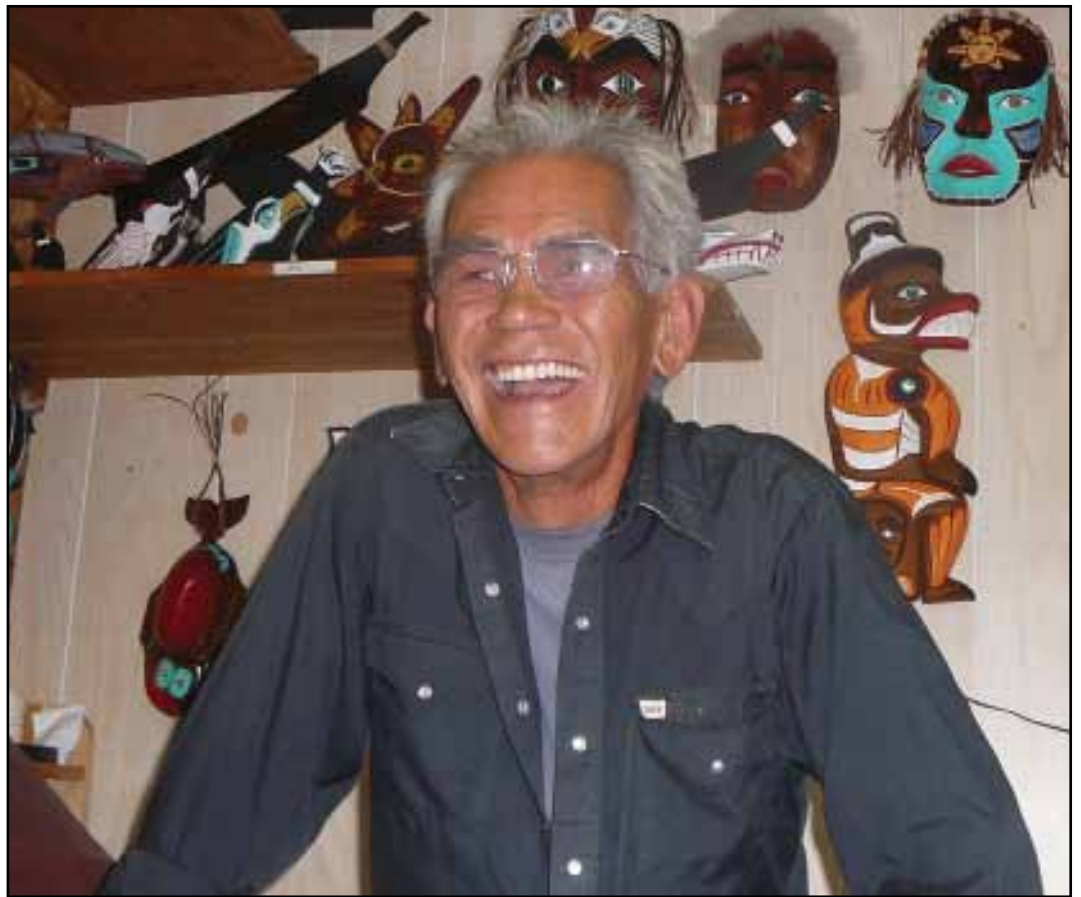
of what he is going to carve before he begins carving.

"Our people explain it like this. They say the wood talks to you; I think it just comes out mostly by itself," he added.

Some of the carvings are polished wood while others are painted in bright colours; he noted that he often uses non-traditional colours for painting, because he likes the way certain colours look on the carvings. He does most of the painting himself, but once in a while, his grandchildren also help him paint.

He's not sure where his inspiration comes from, Art said he just gets in the mood for carving and sometimes can carve for hours. Some of the pieces are completed in a few days and other carvings have taken years to complete.

Art recently was acclaimed as one of the new members of Yuułu?il?ath Legislative Assembly so we suspect he will have a little less time for carving in the future. Art recently launched a website to sell his carvings; please visit the site @ www.artcootes.ca



Art Cootes is surrounded by carvings in his studio, and a sample of his work.

Yurts offer glamorous camping at Wya Point

Imagine having a front row seat for a live performance of an ocean storm, right from the comfort of your living room. Now look skyward from your bed to view the gnarled limbs of an ancient fir tree and the birds that live there. Sound far-fetched? It's not. These are the scenes from the new yurts at Wya campground which recently opened for business.

And what exactly is a yurt? A yurt could be described as a mix, part-tent, part-cabin, a lattice framework with a domed roof; it's an architectural masterpiece borrowed from Mongolia, and it is causing a sensation with guests at Wya Point.

"I don't think there's anything like it anywhere; it's absolutely incredible," gushed Sandy Dunkley of Grand Prairie, Alberta. He and his family booked into the campground for one night, following a recommendation from the local visitor centre. They were leaving the campground when I caught up with them, turns out they were heading back to the Wya Welcome Centre to book a second night in the yurt.

"Every time you look around you see something absolutely amazing. You're right in the middle of old growth forest; there are trees there that have to be a thousand years old," Dunkley commented.

Trevor Jones, Chief Executive Officer of the Ucluth Development Corp is used to these compliments about the campground and the yurts. He said a family from Switzerland visited this

summer and described the experience as 'glamping'—glamorous camping. There are 15 yurts in all, with various layouts and sizes, some designed for families and others for couples. Each yurt is furnished with a summer kitchen, barbecue, furniture, a deck with cedar lounge chairs, a battery-powered lighting system and some form of heat, either a wood or gas stove inside. The floors inside are hardwood and futon-styled furniture doubles for seating and sleeping.

"This offers a camping option for people who want the comforts of home," Trevor said.

Although the yurt is not traditional to the Yuułu?il?ath, the low environmental impact of its design is certainly in line with the traditional ways of treating the environment with respect. Trevor said that because the campsite is located at an ancient village site, the construction of every aspect of the campground has been built with environmental considerations in mind. The yurt is built on a tent platform which means it could be removed years from now and there would be very little damage done to the surrounding land.

Trevor said the Ucluth Development Corporation won the support of the community and the support of the legislature by making certain that a strict environmental code was adhered to. From the beach he points to bluff and explains that yurts were not built in certain areas because the community wanted to protect a mid-den site.

The beachfront yurts are positioned to offer an incredible view of Wya beach and the windows have been placed to offer the best view from each yurt.

The forest sites with yurts are equally beautiful and offer diffused lighting which is perfect for capturing the lush green colours of the forest. Through the roof top sky light one can see branches of the trees that surround the yurt and you can imagine the magnificent show in the night sky watching twinkling stars from the comfort of the yurt. There is also a wheelchair accessible yurt.

"This is an amazing wilderness experience and we take for granted. We have the best view of the West coast, said Trevor enthusiastically. And right out here this summer we had whales

feeding in the kelp beds here," he added, pointing to the water just steps away from the yurts.

Not all the yurts are fully functional yet but the Ucluth Development Corp has started renting a few yurts and Trevor he doesn't believe it will be long before the yurts are booked solid year round. Currently the UDC is offering an introductory price of \$100. per night; however, once the yurt rentals are established Trevor expects they will fetch between \$200 and \$300 per night, depending on the season.

The campground and new yurt sites are part of the master plan to develop the Treaty Settlement Lands near Ucluth and Wya beaches.

Phase One of the plan includes the campground, yurt sites and lodges that are now under construction. Eventually a hotel, restaurant, spa and conference centre will also be completed. Cost of the campground and the yurt project has been 1 million to date; the lodges will add another 2.8 million, bringing the total project costs for Phase One to 3.8 million.

On September 22, 2011, the Ucluth Development Corp held a community Open House to celebrate the opening of the yurts. Elder Barb Touchie gave a blessing at the event and about 20 people came out for the tour and refreshments.

Photos: left, Trevor Jones, CEO of the Ucluth Development Corp stands in front of the entry to a yurt. Top photo, the view through the ceiling of the yurt and below, the community celebrates the grand opening of the yurts.



COMMUNITY PAGES

Soup & bannock and dance group resumes



Fisheries Report

Sockeye harvest down as fish disappeared

by Tad Williams

This year, although abundant, we didn't do well in the sockeye harvest. Typically we harvest at least 5000 sockeye for FSC purposes, but this year we had access to only 2675 pieces. Many fingers were pointed and it is not my place to lay blame on governing agencies of the fishery. Needless to say we had desire to get at least 4000 pieces but came short as the fish disappeared.

We made up for lack of sockeye numbers by supplementing with Chinook and coho catch.

On a more positive note, there is a program going on along the west coast run by Errol Sam of NTC fisheries (Uu-uthlak).

He takes names from every nation on the west coast, specifically those who do catch reporting, and puts their name in a draw for substantial prizes. Three of our nation's fishermen have won prizes to date.

Dial 0 to reach reception at Government House

Government House (YFN Administration) has installed a new phone system which is causing some confusion for people because the system does not ring directly to the

receptionist. By dialing 0 as soon as the phone is answered, you will be patched through to Jeneva Touchie, the receptionist. The office is closed from 12 to 1 p.m.



Wedding Announcement

Hello Yuuthluilthaht First-Nation,

I Jackie Corfield daughter of Evelyn Corfield(Baird), granddaughter of May McCarthy am Marry ing Ben Jack Jr. son of Ben Jack Sr. & Verna Paul

Inviting you all to our wedding Nov. 12th 2011 starting at 2pm. Will be doing both ceremonies that day. I would like to have my Yuuthluilthaht First-Nation family and friends there if possible.

P.S. can someone make sure Lindsay McCarthy Sr. knows thanks I do need him there!!! J

Memorial Tournament

The Evan Touchie Legacy--A Tournament of Health (basketball tournament) will be held at Ucluelet Secondary School from November 4-6. The event will have 10-12 teams of men, women and intermediate basketball plus health related booths to promote heart health awareness and prevention.



Autumn Frost

Top photo: No photos were allowed during filming but once the camera stopped rolling we were allowed to take a photo of the set of Autumn Frost (aka Superman) which was recently filmed in Hitacu.

Bottom Photo: Tammy Shymko and Rowan Lyal discuss plans for bush removal for the film shooting. A few community members were hired to act as extras and a local crew was hired to clear brush for the filming.

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

YFN Oath

(as put together by Barb Touchie, Bob Mundy & Henry Kammler)

[A literal translation from English is impossible. For example there is no difference in the NCN language between "promise", "affirm", "swear" and "say". This means, in NCN once something is said, the simple word is as legally binding as a promise or an oath.]

Speaker 1:

Q^wis^waaq^wxe^w7ic 7ah^wkkuu mamuuk 7uu^w7atup Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath.
This is how you will conduct your business on behalf of the Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath.

Čamihta^waaq^w7suk 7uu^w7a^w7uk čačim^whap Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath.
You will be faithfully committed to keeping the Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath in a good condition.

Sač^w7ya^w7ak^w7aaq^w7suk 7aaq^w7sčik.
You will always be guided by the truth.

Wik^wsuuk 7uk^w7ach^win 7uu^w7atupsuk Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath.
You will not work for yourself but on behalf of the Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath Nation.

Hiš^w7i^w7aaq^w7suk 7iisaak.
You will respect everybody equally.

Wik^w7aaq^w7suk wik^w7sčik^w7i^w7i^w 7unic^w7itqak 7apath^wsi.
You will not depart from the right path as long as you are in office.

Q^wis^w7i^w7ashak?
Will you act accordingly?

Speaker 2:

HAA^w7A, Q^wIS^w7I^w7ASA^w7.
Yes, I will act accordingly.



Tyee Ha-wilth Wilson Jack, along with Elder Barb Touchie (who did the YFN dialect translation) performed the oaths of office for the members of the Legislature on Tuesday, October 4th. Shown here is YFN President Charles McCarthy, taking his oath. The oath was taken by each of the representatives of the legislature.

In accordance with Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath Legislature has initiated a Hit-tat-soo Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.

The Hit-tat-soo Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday November 8, 2011; 10:00 A.M. at the Yuu^w7u^w7i^w7ath Community Hall.

Lunch will be provided at 12 noon; everyone is invited to attend.

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the Hit-tat-soo Assembly. Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.

Agenda Items:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Opening ceremonies
3. Welcoming remarks
4. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
5. Announcements
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
6. Other business
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
 - h. _____
7. Adjournment

For more information please contact Christina Klutz, Law Clerk.
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Elders enjoyed a luncheon on September 22nd at the sixplex. Debbie Mundy organizes the luncheons as part of her role as social development coordinator. Normally between 20 and 30 people attend the luncheons where there are often presentations regarding health.

Language lessons

Elder Barb Touchie and Dr. Bernice Touchie have started the fall session of the language program. Language lessons are offered every Wednesday afternoon from 1-2 p.m. Call Bernice for more information @ (250) 726-7342.



Candice George looks over the crops at the community garden, behind the fire hall. She picked a few carrots and some kale for the soup she made the next day for the dance group.

Aboriginal Tourism

Conference
October 28-29 at Best Western Barclay in Port Alberni. Special Nuu-chah-nulth members free. Call 1-866-444-6332 for more information.

NOTICE

Minutes of the first Hit-tat-soo Assembly (held August 28, 2011) are available for viewing at Government House. For those who are living outside of community of Haida, please contact Christina Klutz, Law Clerk, and she will email them to you. (250) 726-7342 or christina.klutz@yfn.ca