



Huu-ay-aht Uyaqhmis

A Rich History, A Bright Future.

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HUU-AY-AHT SIGN TREATY

Kamatap-hak hiṭ-ii?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS?



HINT: Where some of our Huu-ay-aht ancestors found refuge for at least a generation during the wars between the Huu-ay-aht and Clal-lum peoples.

See Page 7 for Answer...

April 9, 2009: Representatives from the governments of Canada, British Columbia and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations gathered at the Alberni Athletic Hall to celebrate the joint signing of the treaty by the HFN and the federal government.

With guests from the surrounding communities, all five member-nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society and special guests from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and the Tsawwassen First Nation, people shared a meal and celebrated traditionally with songs and dance.

For more coverage of the federal government and the HFN signing the Maa-nulth Final Agreement (Treaty), please turn to page 3...

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Corrections:

In the April 2009 issue on the third page, we wrote "Jordan (Dennis)." This is incorrect, his name is Jordan Bowes -- he is Roberta and Brett Bowes' son.



HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS
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Huu-ay-aht Uyaqhmis is printed ten times per year to foster community awareness and involvement among a population of over six-hundred and fifty people.

Huu-ay-aht Uyaqhmis promotes the recovery of the Huu-ay-aht dialect of the Nuu-chah-nulth language, culture and principles. An additional goal is to increase community skills and capacity as the Huu-ay-aht First Nations get ready for Effective Date of the Maa-nulth Treaty in 2010.

Send any letters to the editor, comments, questions or requests to the Huu-ay-aht Communications Department. Contact information is listed below.

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We, the Huu-ay-aht people, envision a proud, self-governing, and sovereign nation. Isaak will guide us as we work together to establish a healthy, prosperous and self-sustaining community where our culture, language, spirituality and economy for the benefit of all Huu-ay-aht.

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ELECTIONS, MEETINGS AND LAND.

HUU-AY-AHT GENERAL ELECTION

A general election for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Chief and Council has been set for June 6, 2009. Nominations for the election will be held at the House of Huu-ay-aht in Anacla on Saturday, May 16. The resulting tribal government will serve for a reduced term of eighteen months. The term will be reduced because the Maa-nulth Treaty requires that an election be held to elect the leadership within six months of the Effective Date around Summer 2010.

Notification of polling hours and the locations of the polling stations will be sent out and posted online by the first week of May before the nomination meeting. For any questions, please contact the Huu-ay-aht Band Office: 1-888-644-4555.

Huu-ay-aht Chief and Council encourage all eligible Huu-ay-aht voters to get out and cast their vote.

COMMUNITY ROUNDS

The Huu-ay-aht First Nations will be holding community information sessions in five locations in the month of June. Held over two weeks, these meetings will provide updates on the election results, treaty signing and treaty imple-

mentation. In the week of June 15, meetings will be held in Vancouver on the 16th, Victoria on the 17th and Nanaimo on the 18th. The following week, meetings will be held in Anacla on the 23rd and Port Alberni on the 24th.



Specific start times and locations for the information sessions will be mailed out, published in the June issue of Uyaqhmis and posted on the HFN website (www.huuayaht.org).

EARLY LAND TRANSFERS

On April 9, the Maa-nulth Treaty was signed by the federal government and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations. In addition to signing the treaty, the provincial government signed over a parcel of Treaty Settlement Land to each member-nation of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society well before the Effective Date of the treaty sometime in the Summer of 2010.



The thirty hectare parcel of land, pictured above, is located on the northern shore of Grappler Inlet across from Port Desire. Like all other HFN lands, the use of this parcel will be determined by the official land-use plans developed by the HFN government and staff.

TREATY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: FISHERIES

The Huu-ay-aht First Nations Chief and Council appointed various staff, members and consultants involved with the community to sit as members of their Implementation Committees. These groups sit to provide the services and expertise necessary to develop the rules and processes necessary for making the Treaty work in practice.

The purpose of the Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Committee is to look at the requirements of the Maa-nulth Treaty, the Huu-ay-aht Constitution and any related Side & Harvest Agreements and to do the work to make the laws and create the plans that will guide all HFN fisheries operations in the future.

The HFN Fisheries Committee has four members. The chairperson is Ed Johnson Senior, an elected Councillor. The other members of the committee are Larry Johnson, the HFN Economic Development Manager; Stefan Ochman, HFN Fisheries Manager and Bamfield's representative on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District; with Bob Bocking, a fisheries expert.

The main task of the Fisheries Committee is to assure that the rules and processes are best suited to keeping the Huu-ay-aht involved in both domestic and commercial fisheries.

To address the needs of the domestic fisheries, otherwise known as food fish, the HFN is a member of the Joint Fisheries Committee (JFC), a group created by the Maa-nulth Treaty. This group will consist of one represen-

tative from each of the five member-nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society and one representative from each of the governments of British Columbia and Canada.

The JFC will be responsible for all domestic allocations of fish and other ocean re-



sources. Every year, a target number will be established for domestic harvesting. That number will be divided among the five member-nations. Related to this will be the HFN Annual Food Fish Plan, which will determine who will go out and harvest the fish that will supply our food fish. The JFC will also be attending the meetings where commercial salmon runs and Total Allowable Catches (TACs) will be determined in official plans called annual Harvest Agreements.

For example, the HFN will own licenses collectively on behalf of the whole community. These licenses will be leased out in order to provide jobs and guarantee a place for the Huu-ay-aht in the commercial fishery. Imagine a prawn license costing \$500,000 and

imagine leasing that same license to someone for \$25,000. That person then goes out during the prawn season and harvests 25,000 pounds and sells them for \$5 per pound for a total revenue stream of \$125,000. This way the fisherman earns \$100,000 and the HFN would pay off the license in twenty years.

Huu-ay-aht fisheries could also be deeply affected by the court case that the Ahousaht First Nation and other NTC member-nations have brought against the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Maa-nulth Treaty has an article in it, dubbed the "Me Too" clause. It states that some or all of the provisions of the judgment and resulting agreement will be incorporated into the treaty itself, thus acquiring Constitutional protection as a treaty provision.

On a related note, Clifford and Rick Nookemus will be supplying 4,700 lbs and 9,500 lbs of food-fish respectively. In exchange for leasing HFN salmon licenses, the two of them will be providing salmon and other species for food fish. Similarly, Soren Hansson has leased our ZN (rockfish) license and has thus far provided upwards of 1,000 lbs of halibut to the HFN. The next step will be organizing the sockeye and halibut food fish runs in the Summer of this year.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact HFN Fisheries Manager Stefan Ochman at 1-888-644-4555.

HUU-AY-AHT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SIGN MAA-NULTH TREATY

HUU-AY-AHT MAKING HISTORY, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

On April 9, the HUU-ay-aht First Nations concluded the next stage of a long and historic journey at the Alberni Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. Over five hundred people joined in the celebration and witnessed the signing of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement between the HUU-ay-aht First Nations and the Governments of BC and Canada. Signing on behalf of the HUU-ay-aht were Chief Councillor Robert Dennis and Tyee Ha'wilth, *Naasiismis* (Derek Peters). Hon. Chuck Strahl and Hon. Mike de Jong of Canada and BC signed on behalf of the governments.

It is now up to the Government of Canada to pass the legislation in the House of Commons enabling the implementation of the Final Agreement, tentatively slated for July 2010. Provincial Government Minister Mike DeJong took the opportunity to publically announce the early transfer of provincial Crown land to the five members First Nations of Maa-nulth Treaty Society. The HUU-ay-aht will take early transfer of a 31.5 parcel on the north shore of Grappler Inlet.

In attendance at this festive event were Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-wiith, elected representatives the four other Maa-Nulth Final Agreement signatories (who had signed in an earlier ceremony this past July '08).

It is fair to say that the mood at this occasion was celebratory as well as hopeful. All the dignitaries, families and friends in attendance enjoyed the speeches songs, dancing and the wonderful westcoast seafood feast prepared by the celebrated HUU-ay-aht catering team.



WORDS AND VOICES FROM THE SIGNING

[Uyaqhmis readers who want the unabridged electronic copy of the speeches and interviews should make their request by e-mail: hfncommunications@gmail.com]



Wes-wii-sin-up
Hugh Watts, Tyee Ha'wilth of Huupacasath.

"I feel it is very significant what is happening today in relation to what the late Chief Art Peters initiated back in the early Eighties. He proposed a motion at that time [to the NTC] that all Nuu-chah-nulth break away from dependency on DIA within a five-year period. This was also at a time of our very serious land claims movement. Art Peters along with other leaders, prompted the late George Watts to travel to Ottawa to negotiate an Alternated Funding Agreement so that the Nuu-chah-nulth themselves could manage their own monies instead of INAC/DIA.

"Today we are going to see the building of a foundation that is going to create independence for the HUU-ay-aht. I believe that was the dream of the late Art Peters and I also believe that his spirit will be alive and present here today. He is going to be listening in on the proceedings and will be very happy, rejoicing in his own way."

Quiimaqciik
Robert Dennis Senior, HUU-ay-aht Chief Councillor

"...People need to know that the Tseshaht, Hupacasath, HUU-ay-aht and Ucluelet and Toquaht are all closely related through our head chiefs...there were a lot of times when Chief Art Peters, Chief Adam Shewish, Chief Hughie Watts, Chief Lawrence Jack and Chief Bert Mack would meet on a regular basis, always reminding us of the important issues of the day. They talked about their Ha-hooulth-

lee talked about their responsibilities and guiding us in our journey...

"It was these leaders who got together and signaled to our communities: Things have got to change, things can't stay the way they are. We think that we [Ha-wiith] have a role in our communities. We think that we can look after the resources of our land. We want a say in what happens in our lands, our ha-hooulthlee, our territories'...

"Naasissmiis' chieftainship goes back a long way. Derek's father was known as Tliishin (Spencer Peters). Spencer's father was also known as Tliishin (Arthur Peters). Arthur Peters father was Jack Nookemis and his name was later changed to Jack Peter. Jack Peter's father was Peter Nookemis. Peter Nookemis' father was Chief Nook-miis. Chief Nook-miis father was Chief Atsik. Chief Atsik's father was Tliishin. That is the Tliishin you hear Eddy Banfield talk about in 1858 when he wrote in the local Victoria newspaper. Derek, we recognize the long history to your chieftainship. And we are proud that your great, great, grand uncle left some very important history for you to keep stored in your family.

"...We only see this treaty as a set of tools. It is not a silver platter. It is a set of tools that will enable us to make effective use of the lands within our territories. It is a set of tools that will enable us govern ourselves and to do the things we want to do as a people. It is a set of tools that will provide some cash to our Nation so we can develop our economy, so that we can provide services and programs to our community.

"This is our time to celebrate a hard won victory. This is our time to move forward. This is our time to say, 'Yes, we can do this - create a better future for our people.' In closing, I want to say to the other Nations of the Maa-nulth, to BC and to Canada, lets work together to make this treaty work."

Charlie Cootes Senior, Chief Councillor of the Uchucklesaht Tribe and President of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society

"Because many here do not know them, I am pleased to ask our Ha-wiith to stand: Tyee Ha'wilth *Tuu-taa-puul* (Clifford Charles), Ha'wilth Martin Sam, Ha-wilth Tom Rush and Ha-wilth *Cha-chim-in* (Chris Watts).

"All of our Ha-wiith have had input in shaping this

Treaty today as well as in the development of our Uchucklesaht Constitution.

"I would like acknowledging a person that gave us great inspiration and leadership during the negotiations of our Treaty. That person was our Chief Negotiator Wah-meesh-mit (the late George Watts). I wanted to thank his family for being here to witness this historic day. It meant a lot to him and a lot to us - this is an historic day."

A-in-chut
Shawn Atleo, Assembly of First Nations - Regional Chief

"What a remarkable day! I feel so tremendously privileged and so full of gratitude to be here amongst this leadership who have worked so hard on all of your behalf the people of the Maa-nulth Agreement. I am pleased to see a day when the Ha-wiith would be recognized, recognized for the Ha-hooulth-lee that you have inherited the responsibility to care for.

"[This Final Agreement] has opened up new space. It feels like a threshold being crossed, which is very exciting. I see my relatives 'casting off the cloak of colonial oppression.' That excites me because it is about taking responsibility for the future and one's own life.

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Above Top (L-R): Eric Denhoff, Hon. Chuck Stral, Chief-Councillor Robert Dennis and *Naasiismis* (Derek Peters) celebrate the signing of the Maa-nulth Treaty. Hon. Dr. James Lunney and Hon. Michael De Jong can be seen in the background.

Above Bottom: HUU-ay-aht Ha'wiith and their families watch the proceedings.

Far Left: *Naasiismis* (Derek Peters) signs the treaty as HFN legal counsel Rob Botterell and HFN Chief-Councillor Robert Dennis and others look on.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

LANGUAGE EXTINCTION OR LANGUAGE RECOVERY?

Over the past year, HUU-AY-AHT UYAQHMISS readers have received regular updates on our HUU-AY-AHT Language and Cultural Recovery Efforts. The May UYAQHMISS highlights several sources of optimism for the recovery of the Nuu-chah-nulth Language despite somber warnings world wide about the loss of indigenous languages.

Nuu-chah-nulth people know that their language is endangered. At the same time, Nuu-chah-nulth Language Champions from Ditidaht to Kyuquot-Cheklesahk know that when they share their knowledge and resources and work shoulder to shoulder, that they have the capacity to produce a unified plan of Nuu-chah-nulth Language Recovery that will succeed.

On March 30, HUU-AY-AHT Na-nanaiqsu representatives *Ya-thlua* (Jeff Cook) and Denny Durocher presented a two page proposal to the NTC Annual Budget Meeting. They sought the broadest Nuu-chah-nulth support to kick-start a process of community consultation and planning for the development of a two-year Nuu-chah-nulth language training program. This program would include production of the following curriculum development tools: a course curriculum for teachers, a training manual and a language text book.

After some thought-provoking discussion, the NTC leadership voted unanimously to support the resolution to encourage the HFN Na-nanaiqsu to seek funding

for a two-stage project to develop the Nuu-chah-nulth Language Recovery Training Program.

The first stage of the project is to develop the outline of a comprehensive Training program that would be refined at a Consultative Seminar this coming September by Nuu-chah-nulth Language Champions.

Finding Light at the End of the Tunnel

Too often announcements in the mainstream media describing obstacles to recovering endangered languages help foster a sense of hopelessness among aboriginal people.

However, a recent BBC news article entitled "Saving Native American Languages" by Jane O'Brien included several keen First Nation insights.

Navajo speaker Rachel Nez pointed out that "Language is the distillation of hundreds, if not thousands of years of experience collected... so when the language disappears, you are really throwing away that whole library of knowledge."

"We need more funding and more effort to return these languages to everyday use," says Fred Nahwooksy of the National Museum of the American Indian.

He goes on to say that, "We are making progress but money needs to be spent on revitalizing languages, not just documenting them. A lot of tribal communities say that [just documenting them] is a defeatist attitude, as if

these languages are expected to become extinct."

In a 1998 Statistics Canada report, Mary Jane Norris' report underscores the following three urgent points for the need to recover our languages:

1. Language is one of the most tangible symbols of culture and group identity.
2. It is not only a means of communication, but a link which connects people with their past and grounds their social, emotional and spiritual vitality.
3. Although loss of language doesn't necessarily lead to the death of a culture, it can severely handicap transmission of that culture.

The HUU-AY-AHT Language and Cultural Recovery team receives its direction from the HUU-AY-AHT Na-nanaiqsu Society. Working together with our most knowledgeable language speakers for the past three years, Dr. Terry Klokeid has been able to connect with Nuu-chah-nulth language champions and international language scholars such as Dr. Henry Kammler, who spent three weeks in Anacla this past fall.

The HFN Language Recovery Team has determined that it is within our community capabilities to generate new speakers of the language. As long as we work within a community development plan that calls for generating new fluent speakers, we will soon see a time where parents, children and office workers increasingly incorporate more and more language into their everyday conversation until the day when we can carry on entire conversations in quu-atsa.

RECOVERING ANCESTRAL LANGUAGES AND BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

An Interview with Shawn Atleo, Regional Chief of the AFN.

"I feel really good about the notion that we are no longer just talking about the survival of our language. There is every reason why we should be able to respond to the young people who want to recover the functional use of our language. Linguists suggest strongly that if we have more than one language, we are going to do better in education, not more poorly. It is the young people that I see all over BC and all over this country who are saying 'we want fluency!' There is a thirst for our languages and our culture.

Education was used as a tool of oppression to take our language away. Our people are rebuilding it and putting into place the education to make sure that we retain fluency. That is exciting!

I think that even the signing of this Final Agreement is taking on the notion of accepting responsibility for the resurgence of our languages and culture.

Language is identity. Language confirms that we have deep roots in the land where we come from. It helps to describe and orient ourselves to the world around us. When we engage the world through our own worldview and our own lens - we are coming from a place of health. This worldview is something that others have attempted to take away from us. So when we use our languages, it is really an expression that leads to self-determination, self-government and sovereignty. This is particularly so when our people step forward and say - 'our languages belong to us, have always been here and it was wrong to try to take them away'. This is what Prime Minister Steven Harper said when he stood up and apologized for the Residential School Process.

Communities are now just taking our languages back. Nothing makes me more excited than to hear kuu-kuu-atsa, our language, being spoken again".



Above: HFN and Nuu-chah-nulth language champions work with Shaw Cable to produce the language videos.

Left: Natalie Clappis and Donovan Williams read a book together at Paawats. The two have been students there since the language nest was opened.

FLUENCY? YES WE CAN!

We would all like to see younger generations become fluent in the Nuu-chah-nulth language. That includes not just children and toddlers, but also young adults.

Some people say it's impossible for an adult who has grown up speaking one language (like English) to become truly fluent in an additional language (like Nuu-chah-nulth). They say this because they look at our high schools and universities, where lots of young adults have studied an additional language and yet never really learn to speak it. But maybe this failure happens because those programs emphasize formal learning of grammar and the written language. In many parts of the world, where just about every village has its own unique language, it's common for adults to pick up a second or third language and become quite fluent.

In a recent article, a Turkish professor named Hasanbey Ellidokuzolu described what often happens in

tribal Africa: a young man "can marry a girl from another tribe provided that he can speak that tribe's language. And the way to pick up that second language is not through formal classroom instruction but through real communication with the members of the target community. Among such African people, any [suggestion that only children can become fluent] will only be laughed off."

Right now there are pilot programs going on, for example the office staff lessons at the HUU-AY-AHT Treaty Office, where we are focusing on real communication, on listening to Elder Speakers and understanding them. This is where real fluency will develop among young adults.

We'll save reading and writing and grammar lessons for another day. Once this pilot program is developed in the Treaty Office, we can take it to other groups of young adults, in Port Alberni, in Anacla, and elsewhere.

UYAQHMIS NANIQSU PROFILE

Marie Newfield



First born child of Annie (Williams) Clappis (Hakuma-ulth) and Andy Clappis (Tsi-cha-chis-tulth), Marie Newfield (nee Clappis) received the traditional name of *Hoot-pulth-uk* (Moon woman). Marie's younger brothers and sisters include: Violet, Patsy, (the late) Andrea, Doreen, (the late Chester), (the late) Percy Marylyn, Bennie and Peter Clappis

Marie grew up in the Huu-ay-aht villages of Chupis and Kuukswiis and with the help of her parents managed to elude the Indian agents for several years until they took her to the Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) at nine years of age. Because she was a bit older and taller than others in her class, she managed to learn the ropes and survive her AIRS experience relatively unharmed.

While at the AIRS, she was able to pick up English and developed a taste for studying that has lasted a lifetime. Remarkably and in spite of so much pressure to abandon her ancestral language, she managed to hang on to a lot of her Huu-ay-aht language.

She was to find these language skills very useful later on when she worked as a member of a team of language speakers, in the production of the Nuuchahnulth Phrase Book and Dictionary (2004). A couple years later, she was able to use and continues to use these skills helping preschoolers to pick up Huu-ay-aht language at the HFN Paawats (Language Nest).

Marie's lifelong love of learning has taken her to enroll in a wide range of training courses. The list of courses is long and includes: business machines, typing, adult education (Dogwood Diploma), undergraduate study of Social Work at UVIC, applied computer programs, Occupational First Aid, Transportation Endorsement, First Host, and Radio Communications.

Marie was one of the first aboriginal people to serve as an elected representative on a local school board (SD#70) where she became a strong voice against racism in the Port Alberni community. She also has worked as a member of the Victim Assistance Program as well as the Emergency Social Services for the Bamfield area. She still owns and operates the Pachena Bay Express that was started in 1995.

Marie has six children -- (the late) Deborah, Janet (lives in Holland), Harry, (the late) Geraldine, Cecil Joseph, (the late) Danny Joseph and Scooter (Derek) Joseph. Marie has seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

IPHC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The International Pacific Halibut Commission funds several Merit Scholarships to support University and Technical College education. The scholarship fund has been established to assist the further education of Canadian and U.S. students connected to the halibut fishery and its industry. A single renewable scholarship valued at \$2,000 (US) per year will be awarded.

A committee of industry and Commission representatives will review applications and determine recipients based on academic qualifications, career goals, and relationship to the halibut industry. The scholarships for 2009 will be available for educational entrance or continuation in Fall 2009. Additional questions can be directed to either Laura Black (206) 634-1838 (ext. 201) or Bruce Leaman (ext. 203). Applications are available through the Commission offices and must be received by June 29, 2009:

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UYAQHMIS YOUTH PROFILE

Brian Happynook



Brian Happynook was born on September 1, 1982. The youngest son of Hupinyuk (Tom Happynook) and his wife Kathy. He has two siblings: Tommy Junior, his elder brother; and Jadine, his younger sister. He is descended from Billy Happynook and Lizzie Happynook.

Brian grew up in the Victoria and Mill Bay areas in the southern region of Vancouver Island. He attended school and graduated successfully and was generally content with his experiences at school. "School was a good time. I'm going to school now," he relates, "but I'd like to get back to work."

Brian is currently attending the Glazier Training Program at the Construction Industry Training Institute in Surrey, BC. Glaziers are skilled trades workers who "fabricate and install all types of glass, aluminum and related products. [They] cut, prepare, edge, fabricate, install, remove and repair all types of glass..." (bcciti.org).

Already at the skill level of Apprentice, Brian has enrolled in school to gain the classroom instruction required in addition to a total of 6,900 hours of work experience to earn the Red Seal -- the badge that signifies the passing of the national standard test for the next level, Journeyman.

"When I get my Red Seal and get enough work experience," Brian explains, "I'll be able to make more than \$30 per hour all across Canada."

When he was younger, Brian didn't have a plan. He entered into the work world in the trades and ended up getting into glazing. "It's a job. It's not horrible and it pays well."

Brian goes on to state that due to his very busy schedule with school, work and his personal life that he has not been able to follow the activities surrounding his tribe. He does state, however, that he would have more interest when things stabilize for him.

For most of his life, Brian has lived in or close to urban areas. Like many other aboriginal youth, his focus and experiences with the Huu-ay-aht traditional territory have been oriented around vacations.

"I think Huu-ay-aht needs to have more types of tourism and recreational activities down in the territory. Outdoor type stuff like having more trails and a more-secluded campground would be good."

While Brian isn't jumping at the chance to move to the traditional territory, he seems open to the possibility in the future.

When asked about what he would say to young people today, he had simple advice, "Have fun."

Apprenticeships and Journeymen?

Brian is currently involved in the "trades." These are types of jobs are performed by very skilled workers who tend to be involved in building, creating, repairing and installing all the things that allow civilization, as we know it, to go on

Examples of trades are barber/hairstylist, carpenter, chef, electrician, locksmith, machinist, millwright, pipefitter, plumber, roofer, sawyer and welder.

The Red Seal program is a national set of standards that signify a certain level of training in the trades. To meet the requirements and get your Red Seal is a milestone in the career of any tradesperson.

Good luck, Brian!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ENTERPRISING HUU-AY-AHT Rose (Nookemis) and Clifford Charles

Together with her husband *Tuu-taa-puul* (Clifford Charles), Rose Charles (nee Nookemis) is once again thrilled to welcome visitors from every corner of the globe to the beautiful Pachena Bay Campground during the May to October 2009 camping season.

Located on the Huu-ay-aht Reserve (Anacla) just three kilometers east of Bamfield, the Pachena Bay Campground has been operated for more than thirty years and this coming camping season will be the fourth under the direct management of Rose and Clifford Charles.

"This is more than just a commercial enterprise for us," say Rose and Clifford, who lease the Campground from the Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

"We are proud to welcome campers as our guests and make every effort to assure that they find clean and well-presented campsites and have an overall wonderful and exciting camping experience.

"The Campground and the Beach at Pachena Bay is

truly one on the most beautiful places on Earth. We have had campers returning annually for more than thirty years, even from the time before the campground was officially opened. We are finding that many young adults who camped here with their families as children are now bringing their young families to share in the same kind of inter-generational camping experiences."

To the largest extent possible, Rose and Clifford go the extra distance to be helpful to the campers visiting Pachena Bay. "We are always willing to assist campers with questions or solve problems that may arise. We do our best to accommodate," says Rose.



Some may think that the odd summer storm can make for uncomfortable camping but not always so, in the experience of Rose and Clifford, "Campers often relish the challenge of staying as cozy as possible while enjoying an unexpected, beautiful seasonal storm occasionally served up by Mother Nature."

"We are so proud of this campground because we

know how many people treasure their time here. This is what motivates us in keeping our campsites clean, presentable and safe" say Rose. "Our business philosophy is simple: we love working with people and making sure that they have the best visit possible."

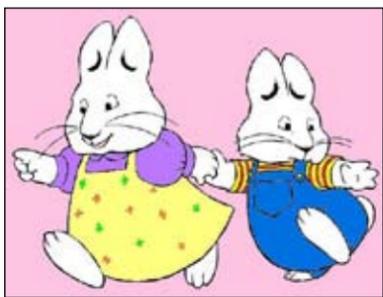
On behalf of the Huu-ay-aht people, Rose and Clifford are pleased to invite reservations for camping beginning on May 1, 2009. Check the Huu-ay-aht Website (www.huuyayht.org) and click on Campground for information on rates and campsite selection and services available to visitors.



Reservations by Telephone: (250) 728-1287. For questions, e-mail: pachena@island.net



HFN CHILDREN SEE RABBITS IN APRIL AND DINOSAURS IN MAY



A Play Date with Max and Ruby
2:30pm, April 26, 2009
The Port Theatre, Nanaimo, BC

Based on the acclaimed children's books by author and illustrator Rosemary Wells, Max and Ruby are a pair of rabbit siblings aged three and seven. Preschool-aged Paawats students headed to Nanaimo to have fun and attend this play.



Walking with Dinosaurs
Leaving Early Morning, May 9, 2009
Save-on-Foods Arena, Victoria, BC

Paawats students and some Bamfield community children will be heading to Victoria to see the dinosaur experience in Victoria. Based on the popular BBC television series, the children will see realistic and to-scale animatronic dinosaurs stride the stage.

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"I think that this is just a prelude, a little hint of what our people can offer to BC and Canada.

"And for the kids present here today. It is remarkable to think that what the adults are saying with this Treaty is that we are going to keep sharing. We are going to share with one another. We are going to share the richness of our teachings, our culture and our language.

We are thankful for those who have gone on before us that allow us to be here today--the Ha-wiih who have inherited the responsibility, stepping forward on behalf of their people...."

Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

"It is always hard to predict the future and you got to be careful on that sort of thing. But I think when Huu-ay-aht youth are talking with their elders, years from now, they'll say that this day (April 9, 2009) is the day that we changed from being under the Indian Act and subservient to the whims of Ottawa and the Ministers involved to taking control of our own future.



"So it is a great day for Huu-ay-aht, full of almost endless opportunities. They can chart their own course. They can control their own lands. They can build their own future. That wasn't possible when they had to answer to INAC."

Michael De Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (BC)

Huu-ay-aht should never forget to honour their leadership who has had the vision, the foresight, the passion, and the courage to take this step forward. So Tlii-shin, Chief Councillor Robert Dennis and his Council, the negotiating teams, Tom "Mexis" Happynook are the leaders who have said, 'there must be a better way'. They propelled the support they received

from within the community. They had the courage to step forward with the Province and with the Federal Governments. I know that succeeding generations of Huu-ay-aht and Maa-nulth members will never forget that step."

Dave Haggard, Member of the BC Treaty Commission

"What was exciting for me was watching the young people take over and say in no uncertain terms, 'that we have had a hundred and fifty years of control under the Federal government. Now we want to try this. We are ready'. They showed that by talking with elders, that they have been able to bring their culture back, stronger. They are making sure that the things are in place that is needed for them to be successful. That's what has happened over the past two-years. It was so exciting - watching the young people just take control."

Hup-in-yuk Tom Happynook, Huu-ay-aht Ha'wiih

"I am overwhelmed with excitement today. It was a long hard battle because we were in comprehensive negotiations. We covered hundreds of issues. We were very careful in listening to our member when we went around in listening to the interest that our members wanted to have in the treaty. We were very careful in tickng each of those interests off [the list] as we went through the treaty negotiations.



"It has now culminated in the event today where we will be signing the treaty and moving into the Implementations Phase of the Treaty.

"Today is a great day for me, for all Huu-ay-aht because we are now shedding the shackles of the Indian Act that was not created to benefit us, but rather to oppress us.

"So now we are moving on to a new future -- a bright future. A future of economic development but more importantly, opportunities your our youth to prosper and take care of their families."

EVENTS CALENDAR, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Every Sunday, February to July 2009

• HFN Dance Practice at the PA Friendship Centre. 11:00am to 2:00pm.

May 1, 2009

• Pachena Bay Campground opens today. For reservations, please call (250)728-1287.

• The West Coast Trail opens. For reservations, please see the website:

http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/index_e.asp

May 16, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht Nomination Meeting at the House of Huu-ay-aht. This meeting is held to nominate individuals who will stand for election to the position of Councillor and Chief-Councillor of the HFN.

May 19, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht Chief and Council meeting in Anacla.

June 6, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht General Election. Cast your vote to select the leaders of the HFN. Polling hours and location to be set at a later date,

watch the website and your mailbox for more information.

June 16, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht Community Information Session in *Vancouver*. Agenda, venue and start time to be announced.

June 17, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht Community Information Session in *Victoria*. Agenda, venue and start time to be announced.

June 18, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht Community Information Session in *Nanaimo*. Agenda, venue and start time to be announced.

June 23, 2009

• Huu-ay-aht Community Information Session in Anacla at the House of Huu-ay-aht. Agenda and start time to be announced.

June 26, 2009

• Application deadline for the Summer student internship with the HFN Maintenance and Communications Departments.



Youth Summer Employment Opportunity

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Maintenance Department (Anacla Reserve)

Two (2) positions available from mid-July to mid-August, 2009.

Municipal Services: Duties include painting fire hydrants and other items in coded colours and learning basic function and maintenance of the water treatment system.

Community Garden: Horticultural skills to be built up in successful candidates. Duties to include weeding, pest control and the safe and proper use of tools and motorized equipment.

Invasive Plant Control: Protecting the native plant life from non-native species through mechanical means and restoring habitat around the Pachena River and area.

Drop off or send resumes to the Huu-ay-aht Band Office.

• E-mail: huyaht@pachena.ca
• Fax: (250) 728-1222

Deadline: June 26, 2009. Call 1-888-644-4555 for more information.

Announcements

Please send Uyaqhmis your announcement of your newborn Huu-ay-aht so our community can share in your family celebration.

The Huu-ay-aht community extends sincere condolences to the Williams family on the passing of Wes Williams, beloved older brother to Nellie Dennis and Irene Williams. He will be deeply missed...

Youth Summer Employment Opportunity

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Communications Department (Port Alberni)

One (1) intern position available from June 29 to August 10, 2009.

- (1) Familiarization with the planning and production of a monthly community newspaper.
- (2) Teaching the essentials of writing press releases and newspaper articles by writing and editing three youth-oriented articles for the Huu-ay-aht Uyaqhmis.
- (3) Setting up a Uyaqhmis/Huu-ay-aht Cultural Archive: digital photo, videos and audio recordings under the supervision of the HFN Archivist.

Drop off or send resumes to the Huu-ay-aht Treaty Office.

• E-mail: huyahttreaty@shawcable.com
• Fax: (250) 723-4646

Deadline: June 26, 2009. Call (250)723-0100 for more information.

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ANSWER:

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