

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

The Herring have returned to Bamfield!

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Welcome Malachi!

Congratulations to Jenelle Johnson-Sabbas for the birth of Malachi Johnson born January 14th, 2026 at 4:17pm! Weighing 9lb 10oz. His loving family is Grandma Martha Johnson, late Grandpa Raymond Charleson and Aunties Arianna, Kensie, Cassandra and Uncle Jackson.

Amaya Black

Community Forest Update

The Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest completed a salvage operation along the first 450 metres of the Life Saving Trail, located off Binnacle Road. Downed logs were pulled to the trail from up to 15m either side of the path. Following this work, the HFN will be resurfacing the trail with gravel.

Hannah Schriber



The herring spawn in Bamfield, 2026. Photo by Hannah Schriber

Biological Milestone for Herring in Huu-ay-aht Waters

For the first time in approximately 50 years, herring have returned to spawn in Huu-ay-aht territory. On February 21st, 2026, milky blue water was spotted along the shoreline of Eagle Bay (Scott's Bay) by nearby residents. Satellite images also confirm spawn at Bradys and Breakers beach on February 19th, 2026 (Pacific Herring Spawn Reporting- IMAWG). Every year, herring return to calm, shallow protected waters to reproduce by broadcast spawning. Females release adhesive eggs onto substrate, commonly algae and eelgrass, while males fill the water with milt, turning it a shocking turquoise blue. Many locals reported seeing fertilized eggs stuck to washed-up seaweed in the following days.

This spawn event is very exciting for long-time residents and Huu-ay-aht elders, who say spawning historically occurred all the way down Grappler Inlet and Bamfield Inlet. It is difficult to say why the herring are back, but it may reflect cumulative restoration efforts in the area and stand as a testament to the resil-

ience of this important forage fish.
Abigail Andiel

Deepest Condolences to the Dennis family for the passing of elder Simon Dennis born August 13, 1946 - February 16, 2026. His funeral was held on February 23rd, 2026. Nicknamed "Jughead" Simon would show up anytime there was food mentioned! He also loved his culture, songs and dance. His loving memory is carried on by his wife Sylvia, his children Travis (Sandy), Beverly Janson and Waylon, grandchildren Corriisa (Doug), Mercedes, Danae, Mariah, Josephine, Cheyanne, Kimberly, Curtis, Diego and his sixteen great grandchildren. Condolences to his siblings Marjorie, Myrtle, Robert (Sarah), Patricia (Henry) as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fire Chief Update

There were three calls for First Responders in the last month. There are now 22 active members as seven new members joined during 2025. There is an ongoing training program for First Responders to earn their tickets.

Dan Zayonc

Youth Basketball Tournament

Three of Anacla's very own athletes will be competing at the 2026 Junior All Native Basketball Tournament March 15 - 20th at the Langley Events Centre. Nolan Nookemus, Tauri Nookemus and Chase Young will be taking to the court to represent their skills, teamwork and Nation.

Amaya Black

2026 General Elections

On October 17, all BC municipalities and regional governments will be holding elections for municipal councils and regional governments. The election is approximately 8 months away, and now is the time to get the word out and see who is interested in representing our community at the ACRD. We have some amazing, capable folks in our community and it is in our best interest to attract several potential candidates for this fall's election. Bob Beckett is making himself available to meet with anyone who has an interest, sharing his perspective on the role's importance, responsibilities and time commitments. Bob Beckett's email is: bbeckett@acrd.bc.ca and phone: 250-818-2791

A huge thank you to Bob Beckett for his dedication to the community. Bob has held 2 terms for a total of 8 years and in his words "it has been an honour to do so."

No-Bowl Banana Cake

Recipe

1 ¼ cup flour
2/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1 cup mashed banana
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 large egg
1 tbsp vinegar

In an 8 or 9 inch square pan, mix flour, sugar, cornstarch, baking soda, and salt very well with a fork. Add remaining ingredients to the pan. Mix with fork until thoroughly blended. Using a spatula, scrape the sides and corners of the pan to rid them of any remaining ingredients. Even out batter in pan. Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Frost if desired (Lemon frosting is recommended).

Hannah Schriber

Bamfield Community School Greenhouse

The secondary class has successfully raised the new greenhouse that has been paid for by BCSA. Grade 3-5 students are growing seedlings that will be put into the greenhouse and later the garden.

Kindergarten Registration is now open!

Robin Schmitt

Community Events

Mar 6-8: Winter/Spring Derby

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar 9-20: BCS Spring Break

Mar 25: Community Lunch @ BCS

News

New BCSA Saturday Morning Gym Drop-In. Adults! On Saturday mornings, come on down to the school for some fun, open gym time. Borrow equipment or bring your own!

Pickleball at the House of Huu-ay-aht! Check it out on Wednesday Nights from 7pm-late.

Open Burning ended on March 1st! 50-Year Commemoration of the Bruce happened on Feb. 28th at the Coastguard Station.

The Weathered Verse Limits

Who knows this or that?

Hark in the wall to the rat:
Since the world was, he has gnawed;

Of his wisdom, of his fraud
What dost thou know?

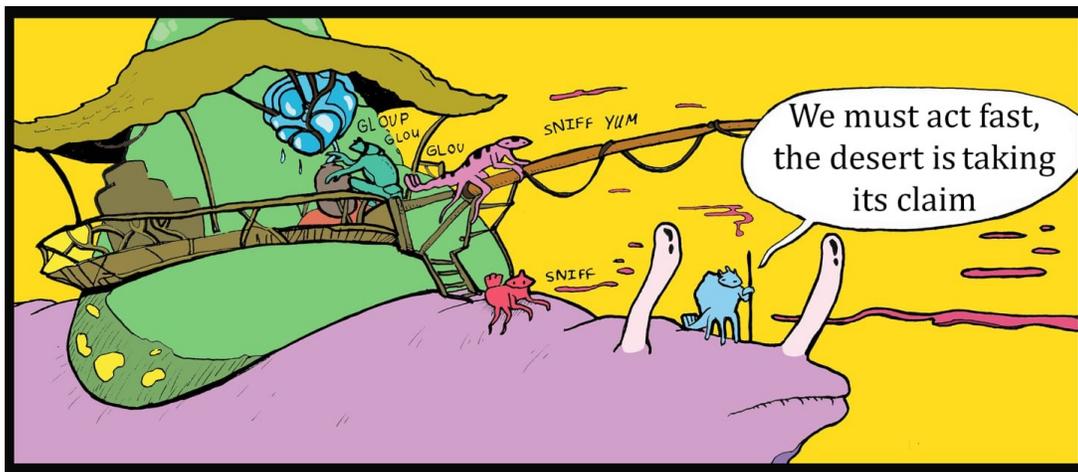
In the wretched little beast
Is life and heart,

Child and parent,
Not without relation

To fruitful field and sun and moon.
What art thou? His wicked eye

Is cruel to thy cruelty.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Crab world: The hunt p. 2 coming soon...By @ jesse_tuneguy & @ lio_etok

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