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Spring who? It already feels like summer!

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Savannah & Sean's Beautiful Wedding in the West Park of Bamfield.

Congratulations!

To Savannah Lincez and Sean Flickinger on their wedding! After a brief courtship of 14 years, they were married on April 20th, 2026 at the West Park. They were joined in celebration by family, friends and their beautiful baby boy, Samson.
Amaya Black

The Coolest Creatures Come Out at Low Tide

Bamfield's own Low Tide will take the stage at the Salty Hearts Music Festival on May 1st at 5:45 PM. Featuring John Hughes, Jordan LeBlanc, Amelia Vos, Alessandra Gentile, Abi Andiel, Julek Chawarski, and Phil Lavoie, the band is a familiar local favourite.

With a mix of funky covers and Bamfield-inspired originals, Low

Tide delivers a lively, upbeat sound. When the tide drops, the weirdest and wildest critters come out, and the band's hoping Bamfield follows suit, crawling, shimmying, and showing up in full force on the dancefloor.

Abigail Andiel

Heros Celebrated

50 years after the seiner, Bruce I, sank off Cape Beale and a heroic rescue of the crew by lifeboat, lighthouse *and* helicopter, 80+ guests were hosted on February 28th by the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) Bamfield Lifeboat Station crew to honour those involved. Bamfield Historical Society (BHS) director and former Officer-in-Charge and Marine Search and Rescue (Western) Superintendent, Clay Evans, shared a detailed account of the rescue and retired CCG members Clifford

Charles and Dave Christney recounted other harrowing details from their experience on the attending lifeboat crew. Don Amos spoke on behalf of his late father, Bob, another Bruce I rescuer who inspired his own CCG service. The celebration also included presentation of plaques to Cliff, Don and Dave from former US Helicopter pilot, Bruce Mills, who was both part of the rescue and was rescued by the Bamfield crew after the chopper also ended up in the water that night. Prior to breaking for refreshments, a new Bamfield Historical Society interpretive sign about the Bruce I was unveiled. It joins BHS's growing permanent exhibit throughout town:

find it outside the lifeboat station - scan the QR code for sound clips from those mentioned above

(available here:

www.bamfieldhistory.com/stories/audio/)

Christine Gruman

Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest

Has recently received a grant through the BC Community Forest Association for wildfire resiliency planning work. We are coordinating with HFN and the ACRD, which also have funding through FireSmart for wildfire resiliency planning. This work should be completed by early 2027. The BHCF AGM will be May 28th at 6:30 at the Eastside Firehall (note the date change). BHCFcontact@gmail.com for more info.

Amy McConnell



Introducing BamfieldHUB.ca

The HUB is a new community platform that provides a central source for local information and discussion. Check the site for local news, weather, events, community groups, regional planning, and discussion. The discussion forum provides a moderated online town hall space intended for more in-depth, targeted discussion than social media allows. The discussion forum includes a voting feature that can be used as a quasi-referendum tool and could help inform local governments of the community's perspective on proposed initiatives (e.g. Sewer Referendum). The site will grow over time based on your suggestions.

James Willock



It's Bioblitz Season!

With spring in full swing, The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) is holding a number of iNaturalist Bioblitzes! A bioblitz is a friendly competition that is held using the iNaturalist platform (iNat for short), to see who can digitally capture the most biodiversity!

iNat is like a social media platform for nature lovers, naturalists, and researchers alike, that allows people to upload pictures of live organisms, usually wild ones, and tag their location - these are called observations. Observations can be of plants, insects, mammals, fish, fungi, and anything in between! Once posted, observations get identified by the online community.

Why do this? There are many reasons! For one, it is a fun way to get out in nature and to notice and learn to identify the life around you. Additionally, these observations can be used by research, conservation, invasive species management, and more! There have now been many research projects carried out using only iNat observations, discoveries of new species, or even rediscovery of species thought to have been extinct!

We have already done three bioblitzes,

and the next will be a "species at risk" theme, which will start on May 1st. Keep an eye on our social media for updates on future bioblitzes through the summer and fall!

For more information on the bioblitzes, or iNaturalist, email Kirstynn at the BMSC at kjoseph@bamfieldmsc.com. We look forward to seeing your observations!

Kirstynn Joseph

Peach Kuchen

This recipe is one I remember making in the spring before the fresh fruit of the summer started ripening as all it takes is a can of peaches (and a few other things). Hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

½ cup margarine or butter, softened
¼ cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 egg
1 cup all purpose flour
½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
1 can (29 oz) sliced peaches, well drained
3 tbsp sugar
½ - 1 tsp cinnamon

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 9" springform pan. In a medium bowl, beat margarine and ¼ cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and egg; beat well. Add flour, baking powder, and salt to bowl; mix well. Spread batter over bottom and 1" up the sides of greased pan. Arrange peach slices in a spoke or spiral fashion over the dough. In a small bowl, combine the 3 tbsp of sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over peaches and dough. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until edges are brown. Cool 10 minutes before removing sides of springform pan. Serve warm or cool.

Recipe from The Pillsbury Company's "The Complete Book of Baking".

Hannah Schriber

The Weathered Verse

When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer

When I heard the learn'd astronomer,
When the proofs, the figures, were
ranged in columns before me,

Community Events

May 1-2: Salty Hearts Music Fest.
Low Tide @ 5:45 Hacas Inn Stage
May 8-10: Three Stars Dark Sky Festival
May 8-12: West Coast Wisdom: A Women's Yoga Re-Wilding Retreat
May 16-18: May Long Weekend
May 20: Community Lunch @ BCS
May 29-June 1: SongWest Retreat

When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them,

When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room,

How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,

Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself,

In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,

Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

Walt Whitman

Trivia

The largest black bears can weigh:

- A) ~300lbs
- B) ~672 kgs
- C) ~1037lbs
- D) ~400 kgs

In the hit 1981 track by Tommy TuTone, what is Jenny's phone number?

- A) 267-5219
- B) 867-5309
- C) 467-9805
- D) 367-9415

How many moons does Jupiter have?

- A) 6
- B) 53
- C) 115
- D) 238

Who would the word "perspicacious" describe?

- A) Someone who sweats a lot
- B) Someone with keen mental perception
- C) Someone who is mature beyond their years
- D) Someone who is very particular

Hannah Schriber

ANSWERS: D, B, C, B

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