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In this issue, we have highlights from the summer months, including Sports Day in hitacu and the unveiling of new interpretive signs along the Wild Pacific Trail.

Back to school season is quickly approaching, and Ucluelet Secondary School students and urban students are reminded to apply for the YG School Supplies Subsidy as soon as possible. The application can be found at www.ufn.ca: select 'Forms' and then select 'Education Forms.'

September will also bring Yuutu?it?ath Day 2025, and the unveiling of a new house post that is being carved by Clifford George and Hjalmer Wens-tob. Read on for more information about this project and opportunities to take part in the carving.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome Barney Dohm as Yuutu?it?ath Government's Interim Chief Administrative Officer!

Read on for more events, services, and information.

Cixwatin Centre, huu?atu Centre & hiłstiis hupii?uł Satellite Office

CLOSED



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
FOR
LABOUR DAY

Government Offices will reopen Tuesday, September 2.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2025/2026

For Yuułu?it?ath Students attending school in September, below is important information regarding school supplies for the 2025/2026 school year.



UCLUELET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (UES) AND WICKANINNISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- Supplies will be ordered and delivered to the schools directly, for September.

Required supplies not provided by YG:

- Gym shoes, water bottle, back pack.

UCLUELET SECONDARY SCHOOL (USS) & URBAN STUDENTS

- Students can now apply for the **YG School Supplies Subsidy**

The online application can be found at ufn.ca;

- Select Forms
- Select Education Forms - *YG School Supplies Subsidy Application*

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

MANAGER OF EDUCATION SERVICES, JENNIFER TOUCHIE:

- Jennifer.Touchie@ufn.ca

OR DROP OFF IN PERSON TO:

- [huupatu Health Centre](#), [Cixwatin Centre](#) or [hiłstiis hupii?uł Satellite Office](#)

Apply as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving funding.

Work begins on new house post

Community members are welcome to join the carvers in hitaču

Written by: Elena Rardon

A white tent has gone up outside of the Mini-Bighouse in hitaču, where two carvers are working on a new project.

Yuufu?if?ath artist Clifford George and Tla-o-qui-aht artist Hjalmer Wenstob are collaborating on the carving of a female house post that will soon join three other house posts standing in the Mini-Bighouse.

The house post will replace one that was repatriated from the Royal BC Museum in May of this year. While house posts were originally built to support the roof beams of a big house, this post is now in poor condition and will no longer be able to stand on its own.

“The wood is too rotten and eroded to stand,” explained Wenstob.

Wenstob and George were asked to lead the carving of a replacement house post. They will not be duplicating the old house post, explained George—instead, they will be making a brand new carving.

“Carvers never like to copy another piece of work, so this will be a new version of that post,” said Wenstob. “There was a community meeting to generate some ideas of how to make the post look more like the modern women of Yuufu?if?ath.”

The scale of the house post will be the same. The carving will feature hair coming down the side of the woman’s cheek, defining her neck and shoulders. Her hands will be holding a womb.



Tyson Touchie Jr and Jay Millar assist carver Hjalmer Wenstob with the new house post during a community drop-in session. Image credit: Elena Rardon



Children from qʷayačiikʷiis Childcare Centre place their hands on the house post to feel the freshly-carved cedar. Image credit: Elena Rardon

George explained that he worked with Wenstob previously on a totem at Ucluelet Secondary School, so he was excited to partner with Wenstob again on this project.

“It’s been going well so far,” said George. “The log is nice and soft. It’s been sitting for a while, which makes it easier to carve.”

The carvers are using a piece of red cedar that was left over from the construction of the Cixʷatin Centre. It was originally meant to be a structural log, so Wenstob says a house post is a “fitting re-use” of the material.

The new house post will be officially unveiled during Yuufu?if?ath Day weekend (set for September 19-21, 2025). The old post, meanwhile, will be returned to its original village site of kwisitit and put to rest.

Out of the four house posts repatriated from the Royal BC Museum, Wenstob says that this was the only female figure, and she was “not well looked after” in the past.

“That’s kind of telling of the times, and the attitude towards women at the time,” said Wenstob. “And that’s why we wanted to make sure we listen to all the wonderful women of this community while we were designing it.”

The tent will be open for any community members who want to watch the carvers or even try a hand at carving. No prior carving experience is necessary, said Wenstob.

“Being able to co-host the space with Cliff is an honour,” said Wenstob.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM WILDFIRE SMOKE



Exposure to air pollution can irritate the lungs, cause inflammation, and alter immune function. Although wildfire smoke is different from air pollution caused by traffic or industry, it is also harmful to human health.

REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE TO WILDFIRE SMOKE

- Keep windows closed to limit intake of the outdoor air.
- Portable air cleaners that use HEPA filtration can effectively remove smoke particles from the indoor air.
- A homemade Do-It-Yourself (DIY) air cleaner using a box fan and a furnace filter can also effectively improve indoor air quality: <https://rb.gy/90uh5s>.
- Limit outdoor exercise and drink lots of water.
- If you are working outdoors, use an N95 respirator that has been properly fitted.

LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS AROUND YOU

- People whose health is compromised by an illness or chronic condition, elders, pregnant people, infants and young children have a higher risk of experiencing health effects from wildfire smoke.
- Remember to check in on your vulnerable family members and neighbours.

WATCH OUT FOR SEVERE SYMPTOMS

- Call [HealthLink BC \(8-1-1\)](https://www.healthlinkbc.ca), talk to your primary care physician or visit a walk-in clinic if you're experiencing any of the following:
- Shortness of breath
- Severe cough
- Dizziness
- Chest pain
- Palpitations

For more information, visit the BC Centre for Disease Control website at www.bccdc.ca/health-info/prevention-public-health/wildfire-smoke.

Young athletes enjoy Sports Day

Summer event hosted by q^wayaćiiik?iis Childcare Centre

Photos by: Elena Rardo

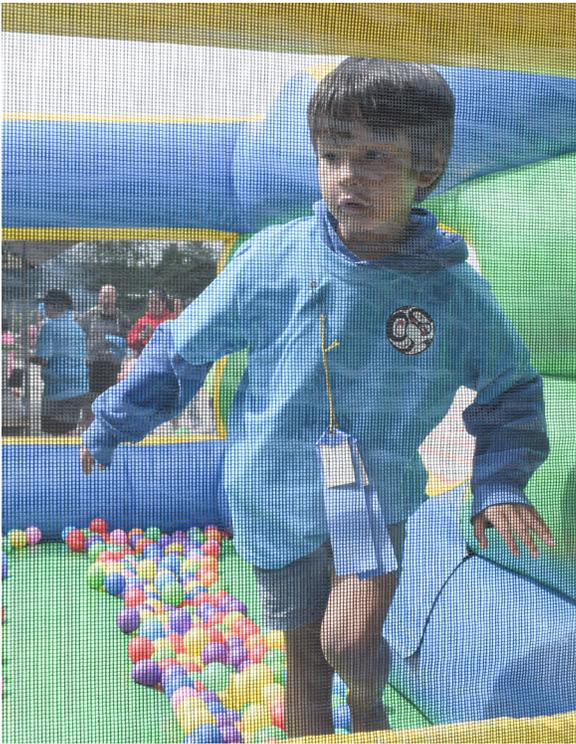
Residents of hitaçu had a chance to enjoy a day of culture and sports earlier this month.

Sports Day, hosted by q^wayaćiiik?iis Childcare Centre, took place on Friday, August 1.

It was a day of foot races, obstacle courses, water balloon fights, bouncy castles and more. There were even “Uncle” and “Auntie” races for the older athletes. Participants enjoyed a BBQ lunch after the activities.

Ĥeekoo Ĥeekoo to Skylene Patrick, Marissa Mack and the rest of the daycare team for organizing this event.





New signage on Wild Pacific Trail

New signage honours Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ's Bob and Vi Mundy

Written by: Nora O'Malley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Ha-Shilth-Sa

A new series of interpretive signs along the Ancient Cedars section of the Wild Pacific Trail pays tribute to the legacy of Bob and Vi Mundy, the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ couple who shared priceless traditional knowledge with the west coast.

Bob passed away on May 5, 2024. Vi passed shortly after on July 31, 2024.

"We couldn't imagine in our family Bob without Vi or Vi without Bob. They came as a unit, and they were really beautiful to watch. They were a testament to not giving up on each other," said Jeneva Touchie during a June 7 ribbon cutting ceremony.

"Bob would open the door for her, even in the rain, until the day he passed," said Melody Mundy.

The new Ancient Cedars signage features an audio box framed with a carving by Kevin Touchie and six interpretive panels sharing Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ teachings, developed by Carey Cunneyworth and Jeneva Touchie.

Wild Pacific Trail President Barbara Schramm says the audio box, which records Jeneva's voice, brings local voices to the Old Growth Forest.

"We didn't want to repeat the same old, same old. We wanted this done so people could learn in the right way," said Schramm.

One of the oldest trees on the Ucluelet Peninsula is now showcased with a new deck featuring interpretive signage explaining sustainable plank harvesting practices – it's also



From left: Wild Pacific Trail president Barbara Schramm, Ucluelet Mayor Marilyn McEwen and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ manager of language services Jeneva Touchie cut the ceremonial ribbon on June 7 to open the new display along the Ancient Cedars section of the Wild Pacific Trail. Image credit: Nora O'Malley, Ha-Shilth-Sa.

where hikers can find the memorial plaque dedicated to Bob and Vi Mundy.

Cunneyworth is an archeologist and the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's director of culture, language and heritage. He said the special old growth stand is culturally modified tree (CMT) and protected archeological site.

"Bob and Vi taught us how to be with the land, be with family and to take care of your community. We see a lot of that in this tree. It's quite a special tree," said Cunneyworth.

He shared that at one point, 100 years ago, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ ancestors would take big strips off the tree to use for houses, carving or boxes. There is also a large hollowing in the tree that he says was a cache ancestors used for storage - and it may have been a bear den at some point.

"It's such a powerful testament to the forest and really giving back," said Cunneyworth. "It's something we can all learn from, and I know Bob and Vi really talked about that; being intimately connected to the forest and how to take care of it. I really think this whole trail with the CMT here and the knowledge they put into the signage really represents how much love they had for the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ community and the Ucluelet community."

Ucluelet Mayor Marilyn McEwen says the new signage "provides a legacy of culture learning for residents and visitors, alike."

"This meaningful initiative honours Indigenous knowledge, language and the enduring relationship between people and forest ecosystems that has shaped this region for mil-



Standing on the new deck, the Mundy Family surround a memorial plaque dedicated to Bob and Vi Mundy. Image credit: Nora O'Malley, Ha-Shilth-Sa.

lennia,” said McEwen.

Vi was a board member of the Wild Pacific Trail Society and had a “quiet, patient way” of sharing traditional knowledge for signs throughout all Ucluelet and the region.

“Her impact ripples to this day through all the societies on the west coast,” said Schramm.

“I’m really grateful for everything they were willing to share with us,” Jeneva adds. “They taught us to share what we know. It’s really hard to imagine sometimes how to carry language without Bob around. But we are doing the best we can.”

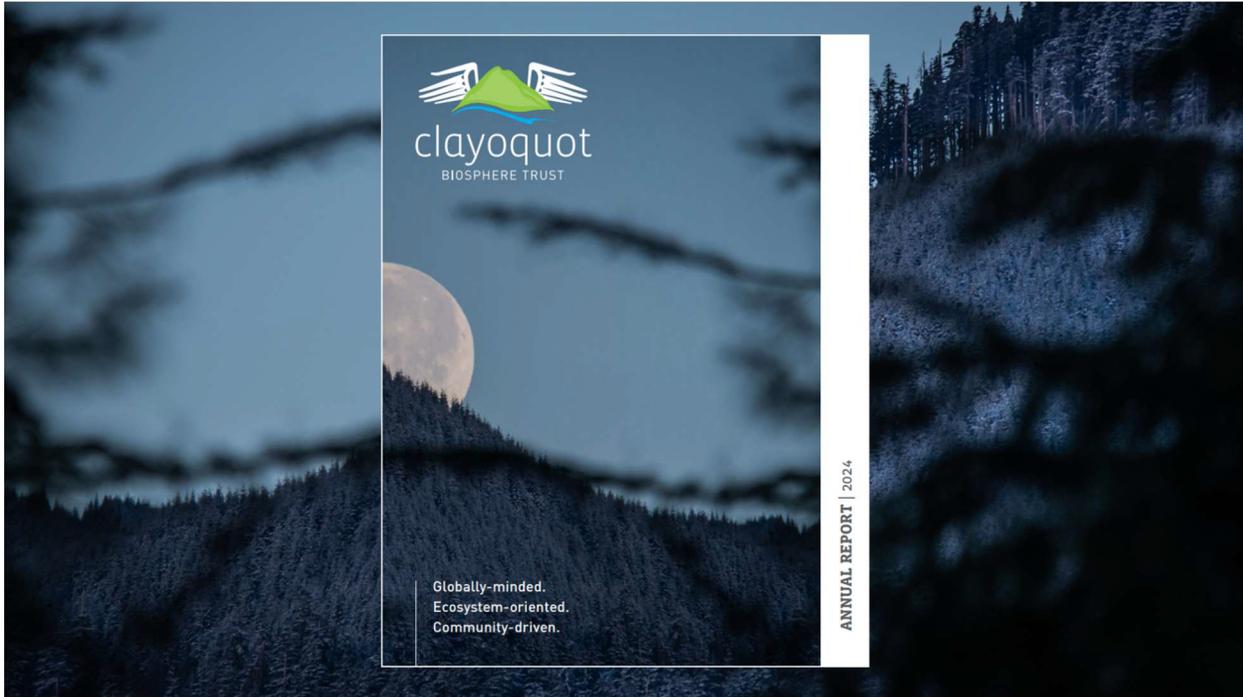
The Mundy family plans to scatter the ashes of Bob and Vi Mundy in the sea near Black Rock Resort, Vi’s favourite place to eat.

Three years in the making, the audio box, signage and CMT deck project was made possible through the leadership of the Yuufu?i?at?h Government with support from the Province of BC Resort Municipality Initiative, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, Black Rock Resort, the Wild Pacific Trail Society and the District of Ucluelet.



Vi and Bob Mundy’s granddaughter Khia Little, 13, plays with the new audio box. Image credit: Nora O'Malley, Ha-Shilth-Sa.

CBT's 2024 Annual Report



Our staff and board are excited to share our 2024 Annual Report, highlighting CBT grants, programs, and learnings from last year.

We'd like to express our gratitude to all communities, grantees, and donors with whom we collaborate; as a UNESCO biosphere and community foundation, none of what we do would be possible without your continued support.

We also extend thanks to our incredible volunteers for their time and dedication.

Read the report by scanning the QR Code or visit <https://qrco.de/CBT2024>



Nunuučaan'ut Language Grants



Nunuučaan'ut (Nuu-chah-nulth) Language grants are now open on a rolling basis. We will be accepting applications throughout the year until all funding has been allocated.

This grant funds up to \$2,000 per year to ONE leader in EACH of the following nuučaan'ut (Nuu-chah-nulth) Nations: hišk^{wii}?ath (Hesquiaht), ʕaahuus?ath (Ahousaht), λaʕuuk^{wi}?ath (Tla-o-qui-aht), Yuutu?ik?ath, and tuk^{waa}?ath (Toquaht). Funding is for individuals who are members of a Nation with projects that are committed to language revitalization efforts.

If you have questions or want to talk about your application, please contact brooke@clayoquotbiosphere.org. For more information, scan the QR Code below or visit <https://qrco.de/NLGrants>.

 Marcie Callewaert



Save the Date

CLAYOQUOT SOUND UNESCO BIOSPHERE

25th Anniversary Gathering

SAVE THE DATE

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and ʕaʕuukʷiʕath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations) invite you to a regional gathering in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere. This free full-day public event will include a community meal, presentations, educational booths, and fun activities for all ages.



**Saturday
Sept 20**

Drop-in from 10 AM until dusk
Wickaninnish Community School Field
Načiks / Tofino



If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to Brooke at brooke@clayoquotbiosphere.org or Rebecca at rebecca@clayoquotbiosphere.org.





**Free
Event!**



Jay Genaille

Professional Hoop Dancer & Entertainer

HOOP DANCE PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, September 17

Cixwatin Centre . 7:00pm

as part of the Pacific Rim Arts Society's Cultural Heritage Festival.

pacific rim arts society



FREE OF CHARGE; DONATIONS WELCOME

New Staff Highlights

Welcome to Yuułu?i?ath Government, Barney Dohm!

Barney Dohm is excited to join Yuułu?i?ath Government (YG) as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer.

Barney grew up in British Columbia and has spent more than 20 years in senior leadership roles across Canada, much of that time working alongside First Nations governments, businesses, and communities.

“My career has taken me from building roads, bridges, and housing projects to leading diversified multi-million-dollar companies owned by Indigenous communities and senior executive roles in Crown Corporations,” says Barney. “I’ve served as CEO, COO, Board Chair, and advisor, helping organizations strengthen their governance, grow their businesses, and create new opportunities through partnerships and Impact Benefit Agreements. I am especially proud of work that has supported sustainable housing and construction projects that bring long-term benefits to communities.”

Barney holds a Master of Science in Project Management and a Bachelor of Commerce in Business Economics & Accounting.

He’s also been deeply involved in volunteer service. For more than 25 years, Barney has served in leadership with Scouts Canada, mentoring youth and adults, training new leaders, and contributing to major events like the Pacific Jamborees. He has been honoured with several Governor General’s awards for his volunteer contributions.

In his new role with YG, Barney looks forward to applying his background in governance, project management, and strategic planning to help advance community goals.

“Most importantly, I’m eager to listen, learn, and contribute to the work being done here,” he says.

YUULU?I?ATH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Are you interested to learn Nuu-chah-nulth language in West Barkley dialect?
Drop-in to an in-person or online language class!

huuhtakšiiḥah quuqu?aca
I'm learning to speak Nuu-chah-nulth.

Virtual Classes

WEDNESDAY
Drop-in Language Class

Weekly on Wednesday . 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Taught via Zoom.

THURSDAY
Drop-in Language Class

Weekly on Thursday . 1:00pm to 2:00pm
Taught via Zoom.

Priority to Yuułu?i?ath citizens. Contact Jeneva.Touchie@ufn.ca for more information.

hiłstiis hupii?uł YG Services



August 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
				Office Closed	1 2 3
4 Statutory Holiday YG Offices Closed	5	6 Corey Rich Economic Development Officer 9:00am to 3:00pm	7 Kids Language Class with maḥima 9:00am to 11:30am	8	9 10
11 Counselling with Amber Severinson 11:00am to 1:00pm	12	13 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Coordinator	14 Kids Language Class with maḥima 9:00am to 11:30am	15	16 17
18	19	20	21 Kids Language Class with maḥima TBA Melissa Hall Human Resources Manager 1:00pm to 4:00pm	22	23 24
25	26	27 Rachel Harding Community Health Nurse	28 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Coordinator Jennifer Touchie Educations Services Manager 10:00am to 12:00pm	29	30 31

*Services offered during regular operating hours of the Yuutu?it?ath Government Satellite hours, 9:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, unless otherwise noted. Operating on the territory of the Tseshaht & Hupačas?ath First Nations.