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Chanterelle mushrooms harvested from the Uchucklesaht territory!

Nuu-Chah-Nulth



ha?um - Food (fall is a time of harvest)

Pronunciation: “hah-oom” — with a short pause or glottal stop (?) between the two parts.

ha — sounds like “hah” (with a slightly throaty h, produced deeper in the throat)

? — a glottal stop, like the sound you make in the middle of “uh-oh”

um — sounds like “oom”

Cultural Highlight

A Joyous Celebration in Ethlateese Village

A historic celebration took place in wellness center – Nasuk Mahti in Ethlateese Village on October 10, 2025, the first wedding held in the village in 50 years. The event marked a truly special and emotional moment for the Uchucklesaht community, bringing together family, friends, and citizens to witness love and tradition come together against the stunning backdrop of the ocean.

The ceremony, officiated by Chief Wilfred Cootes, was filled with heartfelt emotions as Ha'wilth Martin Sam's daughter Jayleen Sam and Darrell exchanged their vows surrounded by the natural beauty and peace of Ethlateese. Following the ceremony, guests gathered upstairs to share dinner and continue the celebration in good company and spirit. It was an unforgettable day that will be remembered fondly in the hearts of all who attended, symbolizing love, unity, and the enduring strength of community.



November Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 Outreach 10-12: Warrior's 4:30 - 9ish	5 Parent's Group 11 - 1	6 Woman's Group 11 - 1	7 Water Aerobics 9:00-9:45	8
9	10 Language - In Person 12 - 1 Pro-D Day Activity	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 Language - Zoom 7 - 8pm Island Elders Lunch - Saanich	13	14 Paint Night 5-8pm Water Aerobics 9:00-9:45	15
16	17 Language - In Person 12 - 1	18 Meal Prep 10 - 1 Warrior's 4:30 - 9ish	19 Language - Zoom 7 - 8pm Career Workshop 3:30 - 6:30	20 Elder's Breakfast 10-12	21 Water Aerobics 9:00-9:45	22
23/30	24	25 Outreach 10-12: Warrior's 4:30 - 9ish	26 Men's Group: 3:00-5:00 Dietician Talk 11 - 1	27 Emergency Response Team Program 10-2	28 Water Aerobics 9:00-9:45	29

NOTES Nov 4 | 18 | 25 - Outreach 10 - 12 Dietician Talk - Foods for Arthritis
 Oct 10 - Pro-D Day - Coombs Country Candy

First Nation Education & Reconciliation

SD70 Trustees Extend Invitation to Nations for Co-Governance

Ha'wilth and Executive Councillor Thomas Rush graciously accepted a letter and gift from the School District 70 (SD70) trustees, marking an important step toward strengthening relationships and inviting Nations back to co-governance.

This exchange reflects SD70's ongoing commitment to collaboration, mutual respect, and shared decision-making with Indigenous communities.

From left: SD70 Trustee Helen Zanette, Pam Craig, and on the far right, Jaime Hansen, Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education at SD70.



Events

JOIN THE UCHUCKLESAHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY!

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Government is developing a Citizen Emergency Response Team as part of our Emergency Management Program to strengthen our ability to care for our people during emergencies or disasters. Our goal is to ensure we can respond quickly and efficiently, evacuate safely, and provide shelter, food, water, and comfort to those in need.

This effort will support both Ehtlathese and Port Alberni communities, in collaboration with our neighbours at the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Team Members Will Help With:

- Door-to-door communication
- Traffic control
- Transportation & logistics
- Reception centre registration & reunification
- Group lodging & shelter operations
- Emotional support & recovery activities

Training and Benefits:

- Comprehensive training provided: including first aid, cultural safety, traffic control, and emergency response.
- All training and response time is paid.
- Gain valuable skills and help build a stronger, more resilient community.

LUNCH INCLUDED

PROGRAM DETAILS:
DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2025
TIME: 10AM - 2PM
VENUE: NUCII

DOOR PRIZES

Please Contact: Moses Towell (250) 724-1832 ext. 208 Moses.towell@uchucklesaht.ca

Special Event

Uchucklesaht Citizens Take Part in Healing Event at Old Christie Residential School Site



On October 9, Uchucklesaht citizens including Ha'wilth and Executive Councillor Thomas Rush, Executive Councillor Regina Frank, Marie Samuel, Gloria Frank and Cultural Coordinator Joshua Shaw joined survivors, families, and leaders from across Nuuchahnulth territories on Meares Island for a powerful day of healing at the former Christie Indian Residential School site.

Located in Ahousaht traditional territory, the Christie Indian Residential School was operated by the Roman Catholic Church from 1900 to 1971. The main building, which once held dormitories, classrooms, a kitchen, and a chapel was lost to fire in the mid-1980s.

The Oct. 9 gathering, hosted by the Ahousaht Residential School Research Team and Ahousaht Hawiuh (hereditary chiefs), marked the demolition of the last remaining structure, the old Christie gymnasium. This event was much more than a demolition, it was a ceremony of release, remembrance, and healing.

During the day, Hesquiaht Chief and leadership wrapped

their survivors in blankets. The act symbolized freedom from the painful memories tied to the place, and a return home to wholeness and belonging.

Uchucklesaht citizens stood in solidarity with survivors and neighbouring Nations, Regina Frank chanted while the demolition was happening, offering prayers, songs, and support. The day served as a moving reminder of the strength, resilience, and unity of the Nuuchahnulth people and the shared commitment to truth, healing, and renewal.



Economic Development

Forest For Dinner – UTG Sweet Gale Collaboration



With the support of provincial funding, the Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Forest For Dinner have explored the potential of various plants, herbs, botanicals, and berries that could be sustainably harvested from the Uchucklesaht territory, processed, and sold to the market.

Through this research, we discovered that sweet gale (*Myrica gale*) was abundant. The market for sweet gale in Quebec and Europe is very strong and is growing among chefs and specialized food and beverage makers in our part of the world. While sweet gale is abundant in Uchucklesaht territory, it is very difficult to find and harvest in other areas where it may be found in North America and Europe.

Sweet gale is a highly aromatic shrub traditionally used for its fragrant leaves and catkin-like seeds that are valued for its culinary, medicinal, and practical

applications. Sweet gale seeds emit a distinctive herbal aroma characterized by earthy, resinous, and slightly spicy notes. Sweet gale is often used to enrich broths, stews, and spirits, sweet gale adds a subtle bitterness and complexity to a variety of recipes. It can also be incorporated into drink fermentation, such as kombucha.

Recognizing the value of sweet gale, market demand, and our shared values that respect the land, its generosity, and our relationship, UTG is collaborating with Forest For Dinner to launch a small-scale sales pilot program.

Sweet gale is available for sale directly through Forest For Dinner's website (www.forestfordinner.com) and will also be featured at a number of Christmas markets, including one of the largest in western Canada at The Shipyards in North Vancouver.

For more information, contact Dave McCormick, Economic Development Manager, david.mccormick@uchucklesaht.ca

Notice

2025/26 Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program

SMARTER BURNING, CLEANER LIVING

Exchange rebates from \$1,200 to \$3,000

Options for households on First Nations land:

- Exchange of any wood stove manufactured prior to 2018/19, switching to heat pump or pellet stove
- Exchange of an uncertified wood stove (pre-1994) to a certified wood stove
- Remove existing non-EPA or CSA certified wood appliance without installation of new appliance and receive \$300
- Add an electric insert to your existing fireplace and receive \$400

Retailers

- Dolan's Gas Fitting and Heating Ltd. – Port Alberni – 250-723-4328
- Pioneer Fireplace – Parksville – 250-954-0331
- Beaufort Sheet Metal – Port Alberni – 250-736-1012
- Tilley's Plumbing & Heating – Port Alberni – 250-735-8989
- Van Isle Chimney Service – Port Alberni – 250-731-4954

For more information, go to: www.acrd.bc.ca or phone 250-720-2700.

This offer applies to residents of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and is on a first-come, first-served basis until rebates run out.

What's New

Planning for future generations

Uchucklesaht is conducting a needs assessment for early learning and childcare services.

On October 24, 2025, Uchucklesaht youth visited Ehtlataese to learn from Elders – our knowledge keepers. Through stories and teachings, they explored caring for the land, one another, and living as Uchucklesaht. The visit supported a project to strengthen early learning and childcare programs.

For more information, contact Human Services at Human.Services@uchucklesaht.ca or 250-724-1832



Health and Wellness



Flu shots, don't forget them!

Flu season is upon us, and the nurses at Nucci have a solution! We are available to do drop in, or by appointment Flu shots. For those out of town, your local pharmacist or health unit is a great place to keep up to date with vaccinations. For almost everyone, getting the flu shot is the most effective way to prevent the flu and its complications. Because flu viruses change quickly, the previous years vaccination may not protect you from this years virus.

On top of getting the flu vaccine, more ways to lower your chances of the flu are:

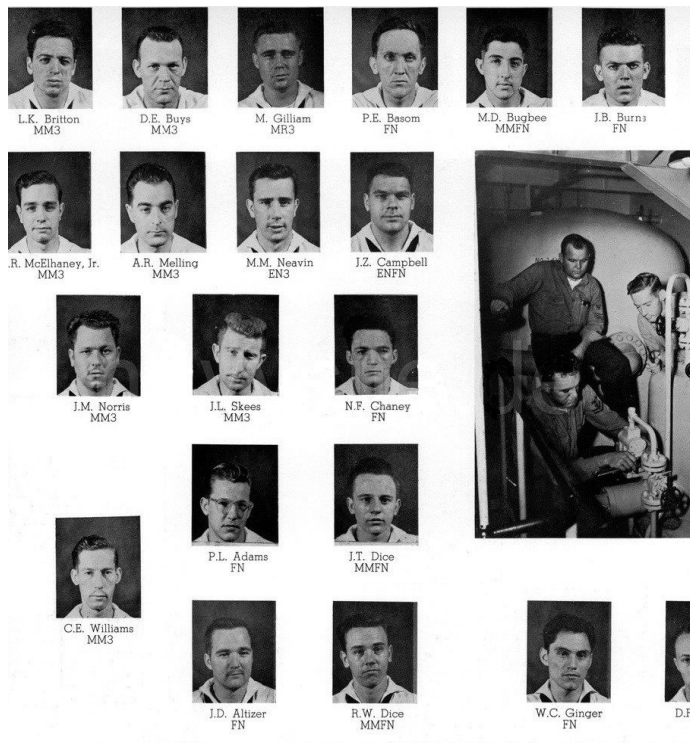
- Wash hands regularly
- Cover your sneezes and coughs
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean surfaces (especially high traffic areas like doorknobs, kitchen and bathroom)

To arrange for your flu shot, call us at 250 724 1832, or send an email to humanservices@uchucklesaht.ca



Contributor of the Month

WW25. ʕuusinhiyak ʕaas • Remembrance Day



ʕuusinhiyakma ʕaas ʕaʕciit, ʕayu ʕupciitʕuk yaxsiʕimʕ. ʕuʕʕaa ʕuʕʕassa witwaak, ʕani ʕuʕʕaa ʕuʕʕassaʕinʕi ʕiʕaak ʕuʕʕatup kanaataʕaʕi, ʕuʕʕatupʕa ʕoostinʕaʕi. ʕuyiminʕaʕa ʕuʕʕiʕ, ʕiisaak witwaakukʕin ʕaakupiiʕ, ʕuʕsaamiiʕ, yaqitʕitʕ ʕiʕaak, mamuʕaqʕ ʕuʕʕatup ʕaʕuʕi. (11/8) - Tuesday the eleventh of November is Remembrance Day, and the eighth of November is Indigenous Veterans Day, because Indigenous people have fought for Canada and the United States too. On these days we remember and honour our soldiers, men and women, who have fought and worked for others. (11/8)

*Westcoast Weekly News 25, by the Somass Valley Language Circle
We gratefully acknowledge our late Elder numaqimiyisʕaqsup
Angie Joe for correcting this story.*

Thanks to Joshua Shaw for sharing this story.
Joshua Shaw- Cultural Coordinator | joshua.shaw@uchucklesaht.ca

Become a Contributor

Would you like to see your creative media featured in **ʕiyaqʕmisuk ʕuʕʕuʕʕisʕaʕi**? Send your contribution to **communications@uchucklesaht.ca** with the subject "Contribution" and you could be featured in next month's issue.

Photography

We are looking for citizen submissions of landscape photography, events (yes, your campfire party can count!), pictures of arts and crafts you are working on, or even scans of historical photography you may have of friends and family over the years.

Stories, Photos and Opinions

We are looking for citizen submissions of short stories, opinion articles, news stories, Elder bios, recipes and more. If you are a talented writer or even an amateur who wants to share your experience and knowledge, consider being published in **ʕiyaqʕmisuk ʕuʕʕuʕʕisʕaʕi**!



Halloween Photo Gallery



Left to Right - Matt Titian, Gloria Frank & Marie Samuel



Left To Right- Laurissa Lucas & Angeline Frank



Samantha Fregin



Left to right- Phyllis Halvorsen ,Carla Halvorsen & Tina Halvorsen



Left to right- Tina Halvorsen, Sabrina Crowley & Carla Halvorsen



Citizens enjoying the Halloween event



Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

The Uchucklesaht Government blends hereditary and modern governance to ensure responsible, transparent, and accountable leadership. It upholds the Uchucklesaht Tribe's political, social, and cultural strength while exercising law-making authority under the Maa-nulth Treaty. Governed by a legislative, executive, and People's Assembly structure, it remains committed to honouring the past while embracing the future.

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