

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR NEW YEAR AND NEW DECADE: A GREENER TIME!

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Looking back on 2019. For **Huu-ay-aht First Nations** advancing local businesses but not Sarita LNG; **Bamfield** advancing parking for west sides stymied but not dead. **Stella Peters'** communal potlucks; **Tish McPhee's** cheery water taxiing; the **Eileen Scott Park** all weather volunteers; **Suzanne Rompre** and **Patrick McNamara's** fighting bears and lazy Bamfielders, running our recycle depot, **Les Butler** chasing leaks in our water system (our \$1.69 M, DAF free system), **Mandy Ross** championing our bear neighbours, **Kyle Hancock's** cooking lessons, **Rich Palmer** keeping us, with fine scotches and company, focused on the important things; **The Poker club's** redistributing wealth; **The Bamfield Community School Association's** community lunches and other activities (hopefully with a new coordinator, soon); **The Bamfield Community Hall Society** seeking funds for a new hall while maintaining popular activities, **Amanda Vos'** First Responders acquiring a non-ambulance and **Phil Lavoie's** BVFD crew outshining other, larger stations, **ACRD's Teri Fong** and company for keeping our property taxes at near zero increase (and lots of other things); the **Bamfield Road** that for all the wrong reasons brought Bamfield to the nation's attention; our Regional Director, **Bob Beckett**, who is here, there, everywhere promoting Bamfield; **BC Hydro crews'** keeping the lights on; **Rose Janelle**, our post officer who keeps us all in touch; and **You**, we give thanks. *L. Druehl*



Loretta Sirois passes on & Bamfield becomes less interesting. RIP Loretta.

The Bamfield Library and Post Office foodbanks are in good shape...thank you donors. Rose could use cash for hampers and emergencies.

Tish's Bamfield Water Taxi will be in drydock for extensive work all of January. However, volunteers will fill in. Contact Mercantile Market (250-728-3351), 11 am—5 pm, for ride. Advance notice appreciated.

**Coming soon:
Premier John Horgan's secret Bamfield and What's up with the Bamfield Inn?**



38 years young and going strong. The perennial Bamfield Craft Fair offered crafty decorated shells, driftwood, gold bracelets, fragrant oils and soaps and lotions, confections (no nuts, gluten free, delicious), prints and cards and knit goods, and lots more, but **no hot lunch**. Vendors—local, past local, and from out there—provided a festive air. Buskers, **Phil Lavoie** and **Amelia Vos** serenaded. This fine Bamfield event is advanced and hosted by **Andrea Butler**. Thank you, Andrea. *L. Druehl*. Photo, **Hedy Demonigny**, who started and then ran this show for 30

years. Have you thought of volunteering for any of the 20+ Bamfield organisations? Give the old-timers a break and bring in new ideas.

Bamfielder Com-mended. On 24 October 2019, **Dane Dentoom**, CCG Leading Seaman was honoured for assisting the RCMP in securing a DUI-operated fishing boat in the Port Hardy Marina, 29 November 2018. This involved manoeuvring the CCG vessel along side of the irrationally operated boat, boarding with the RCMP and taking control. (see www.bamfielder.ca for full citation).



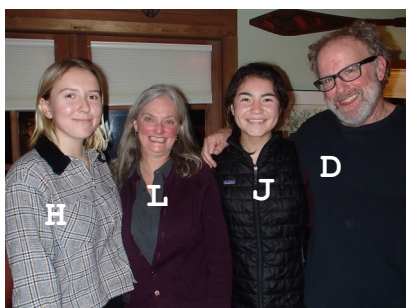
Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Christmas spirits, hic! The Bamfield Community Hall Christmas Social was an absolute sellout. Too many folks to count. A nibbly buffet that every year seems to get better and bigger. (But a shut down of the shrimp fishery, so no **Bowker** tub of these tasty crustaceans.) The Christmas decorations were Christmas. The **Jan** and **Nelson Meadows** of Black Lake, who passed out Bay leaves (to make people, like stews, better?), were Christmas. The Fall Program Students, who with our ultra-perennial **Eileen Scott**, struggled to entice others to join in choring, were Christmas. **J.P. Hastey**, Hall

Chair, who played a teasing **Santa**, announcing the possibility of big bucks funding for a new Community Hall...soon, was Christmas. Friends and neighbours and new folks circulated, hugged, looked great, imbibed a little, and otherwise acted like Christmas. And water cabbie, **Tish McPhee** was Christmas. The Hall should consider having a microphone to penetrate the din (*if it is worth saying, it is worth hearing*), music to encourage singing and lubricate old joints, and more deviled eggs. Those who missed signing up for the Society and getting their 2020 Bamfield phone card, see **Rose. L. Druehl**. Collage by **M. Phillips**



The true spirit. The Bamfield Community School students performed traditional Huu-ay-aht dances, singing and drumming, opening a talent-full evening of pleasure. Classic Christmas fare—*Jingle bells* and such—with a touch of rap in an upper-graders' video. A cool **Santa*** presided over gift-giving. Potluck cookies and cakes, a silent auction and raffle concluded a joyful evening for over 65 folks. Thank you **Kristin Russell** and **Emilie Comtois** for a great show. Kristin hinted she'd love more stage lights and microphones for future performances. (More kids would be nice, too). And thank those who decorated the gym and borrowed the lovely Christmas tree. **L. Druehl**. * Is Santa's gender known for certain?



Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Scholars Shine. The fifth Annual **River Sidley Memorial Award** holders, **Hutton Noth** and **Joani Viliunas** join the Sidley family. **Louise** and **David Sidley** follow the careers of their scholarship recipients and take pride in

their achievements. Joani will be interviewing for graduate programs at Stanford and Hawaii. Hutton will complete her BSc studies at UBC-Okanagan. These River Sidley Memorial Awards have introduced students from outside the five traditional schools. (UBC, SFU, UV, UA, UC) and their perpetuity assures future generations of students access to our marine station. **L., Druehl**

Be Green. Every little bit helps. Climate Change is real and it is deadly. So suck up and do the right thing. It's not just for you but your pets & kids & grandkids.