

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

**BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR THE VERY BEST NEW YEAR!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH PROGRAM.**

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**First Nation Culture Warrior Brothers, Tim Massa and Hjalmar Wenstob** advance Nuuchahnulth culture through song, dance, and art. Tim, impressed with his brother's response to traditional healing, decided to advance culture. In grade 6, disheartened with lack of First Nation language



instruction, he started to promote language instruction. This cascaded nationally and then internationally. In grade 8 he was teaching language. Joining his brother, they created a COVID healing song for everyone to share. Hjalmar carved a COVID

transformation mask (moveable hands covering the face when opened revealed red dots leaving the mouth) in the tradition of historical masks that spoke of small pox, the first encounter and such. Abstracted from a **Unreserved with Rosanna Deerchild** pod cast (<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-105-unreserved/clip/15883835-brothers-share-covid-19-healing-song>). Photo of Tim (left) and Hjalmar by Wenstob family.

**“As a modern treaty nation**, Huu-ay-aht will decide how best to manage our lands and resources,” Tayii Hawilth (Hereditary Chief) **Derek Peters**. The HFN forests are 33% old growth (older than 250 years). The BC government has asked for a 2-year deferral on old growth harvest. The HFN will defer logging 96% of their old growth for 2 years. They plan to harvest the remaining 4% to protect their economic development. The HFN plans to make its final decisions on deferrals mid-January 2022. *Abstracted from Alberni Valley News, 8 December 2021.*

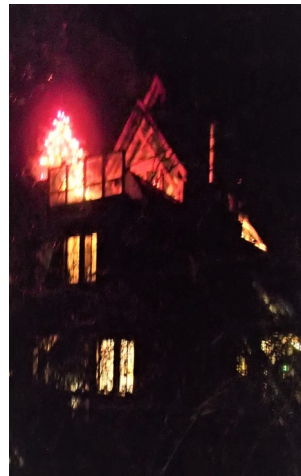
**Persistent bear problems in Bamfield.** Several homes throughout Bamfield have had their deep freezers raided, sometimes, more than once. One home, working with **Mandy Ross** of Bear Aware, has set up an electric fence defence. This bear, that has been described as large, knows what deep freezers hold, and, if it sees one, it will invade. According to the Port Alberni Conservation Office, a bear trap has been set. This bear will not continue to be a problem, but there will be other bears. *Louis Druehl*

**Overheard on the boardwalk**, “Now, that I finally have a Handicap Parking Permit there is no where in Bamfield to use it.”

**Dear Bamfielders & Friends of Bamfield,**

*May your pipes be free of ice & your firewood dry;  
and there be someone close to you near by;  
and your sense of taste & smell be strong;  
and your horizon be wildfire free;  
and the earth beneath your feet be solid and stable.  
Best Wishes for your New Year!*

*Love, The New Bamfielder Folks*



**Grappler's Cedar Palace** aspiring to CN-Tower vertical dominance or offering a beacon of hope for our little village? This edifice, the creation of **John Boom**, taken from us by the sea, 25 February 1996, was adopted by the **Wenstob** family who further evolved the Palace's uniqueness.

**Bamfield's 2021 saw the loss of too many** Bamfielders; a remarkable HFN Reconciliation Ceremony, recognizing Residential School Survivors; the Bamfield water-borne 1st of July parade, HFN led. West Park's awakening with a Bang and 12 UBC architecture students; the loss of ferry service, quickly replaced with fanfare; the forever east-side (?) parking problems; Bamfield's own coffee company; the refurbishment of the Smiley Rink; the opening of the Boomer Trail, the frightful sight of a 'For Sale' sign in front of Builder's Bob's shop; the paving of Bamfield Main, delayed until 2022; the prospect of a WCVI wildfire (that along with the COVID-19 games distracted us from the ever looming Richter 9 disaster); the Bamfield Waterworks wrestling with an aging system; the Bamfield Health Clinic, providing village-wide vaccinations; and the BC Hydro crews keeping the lights on; and the influx of young people striving to make a go of it in Bamfield. *L. Druehl*

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](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*





**Escaping the 30 November deluge** resulting from an atmospheric river (aka Pineapple Express) stretching from the warm Philippines to Bamfield, two Bamfielders

decided to bypass the road and take the *Francis Barkley* to Port. The round trip proved to be wonderful (no potholes, washouts, white pickup trucks). **Leslie's** onboard breakfasts, chowders and hamburgers, and sighted sealions, whales, steep surrounding mountains converted what could be have been a tedious trip into a cruise, say up Oslo Fjord! And if they had travelled a day later, it would have been free. *L. Druehl*. Photo of 2 Bamfield refugees in the Huu-ay-aht wharf ferry departure lounge by **Ben Clappis**



**The Christmas Craft Fair**

is back after a year COVID absence (the first missed year in the over 30 years since its start up by **Hedy Demontigny** (photo). A good crowd visited many vendors' tables. Sorry no lunch! Buskers **Phil Lavoie** (photo left) and **Malcom Richards** provided entertainment. Somethings new: **Luke Andersson** and **Lake Butler** pitched their delightful wood workings and **Zelda Clappis** provided fruit pies and jams.



**Over 70 masked parents and friends** celebrated our school children's Christmas pageant. The kids Treed and Hip Hopped through *Let it Snow* and *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, followed by sing-along of *We wish You a Merry Christmas* and *Deck the Halls*. The folks' departure from the gym was interrupted by **Santa's**

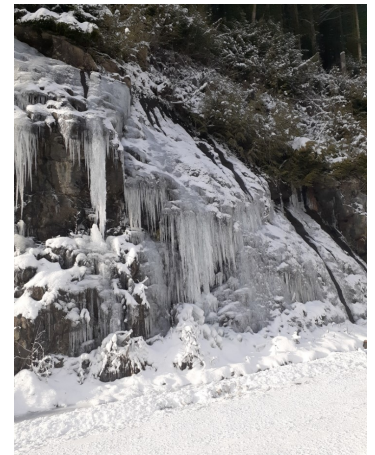
arrival, who to the school children and their numerous younger sibs' delight passed out goodie bags (sometimes one needs to take a COVID break). During all this, the teachers **Robin** and **Laura Schmitt** were perpetual motion machines, herding, cuddling, mimicking their cherished charges. *L.*



*Druehl*, photos of Santa and chorusters by **Stella Peters**.



**Winter scenes.** Snow Buddies, **Tim Massa** (left) **Hjalmar Wenstob**, provided by **Wenstob** family. Ice show Km 39, Bamfield Main, by **R. Hopkins**



**Bamfield Tid-Bits.** The Bamfield boat-launch ramp was cleared of ice with a gas-fueled fire. A 28-solar-paneled shed drifts, sucking up energy, in Grappler: a service station for electric boats?. While the Bamfield bears snooze, our cougars prey (rumoured: 3 cats and 1 goat). Bamfield Cork Board flooded with queries on road conditions and one noted response: Dane Dentoon wrote, he made it with 4-wheel drive. (WHO DO YOU ASK ABOUT ROAD CONDITIONS? WHO DOES THE AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTACT? WHO,WHO,WHO?)

**Bamfield Clinic.** Register for COVID-19 booster shots and perhaps other, available for 5 to very old, 26 January. End-of-Life planning clinic will be held in Bamfield in March.

**Hallelujah!** Bamfield Community School Association saved. The drastic cut in funding (23%) has been reversed to to 2021 level (who could resist **Sally Mole**). The final tally for the Authors, Oysters and Ale evening was \$7200, before the Huu-ay-aht generous donation.