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DICES Staff Update

COMMUNITY INFO

By DICES

town that we are looking for a new Executive Director.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to the wonderful Leticia Gardener, who has been co-directing with Emily Guiane this past year. During that time, Leticia (aka Teesh) has brought a wealth of positive energy and experience, particularly enhancing our Summer Camp and Theatrical/Improv afterschool programs for kids. We wish her all the best as she heads out to seek new adventures in Nova Scotia, and we will miss her! 🍷

Bottle Drive in Support of Parent & Tot Program!

By Leticia Gardener
• DICES

COMMUNITY INFO

PARENT AND TOT is a treasured resource here on the island- a place of support and sociality for new parents and the caregivers who tend to our youngest residents. It's not only a place to connect with other adults, but a place where the youngest Denmanites get a chance to make their first friends and to build familiarity with the school environment and staff. We know that parenting can be an isolating journey in a rural community, particularly in spite of the covid-19 pandemic. Parent & Tot is in need of funds to ensure we have the materials we need for the year to come, and to ensure this program is able to continue to be offered.

A Bottle Drive will take place on Saturday July 30th from 9am-12:30pm at the Recycling Depot. Please come and drop off your empties in support of this wonderful program! If you are unable to make it out to recycling and need us to pick up your empties, please email Emily at dices.emily@gmail.com.

We'd also love to give a shout out to Veronique Eriksson for her tenacious coordination of Parent and Tot through the thick of the pandemic, and for putting her heart and soul into making this program a joy for tots and parents alike. 🍷

Call DIBS at the Market!

COMMUNITY INFO

By Sam Borthwick
• Denman Island Bus Service

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Denman Island Bus

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

I rode my bike around on the Studio Tour on Sunday and Monday. Sunday afternoon I rode down to Galleon, then on Monday afternoon after lunch I checked out some of the Sandpiper offerings. I didn't have time for the rest, to my regret. Each studio pulled me in. The variety was astounding. Many of these artists have stands at the Farmer's Market where you can buy their works, and some have shows coming this summer.

I started my Galleon day at Elaine Savoie's studio, where several artists and authors had offerings on display. I spent a lot of time there, chatting and exploring the art. Though best known for her rooster saints, she has an impressive variety of styles. I love the flow and movement in her paintings. You'll find a sampling of her work at the Market along with veggies.

There was so much to see I can't recall all the artists' names! There was Judith Elkin's photography, indigo prints by Tina Wei, books on display by Cornelia Hoogland and Wendy Burton, gorgeous encaustics, collages, cards and more. All my senses were satisfied! And just as I was leaving, Elaine mentioned video. Video?

I went back, put on headphones and was lost in a large screen video poem with sensual images, shifting layered views, soft squelchy splashes. I could have spend an hour replaying, but I had other studios to explore so moved on. Sarah Vipond's work is immersive and glorious; I'd love to know where to see more!

Robin de Lavis was next. Working in various media, one of the most versatile artists on the island, Robin has a show with her daughter Cimarron Knight at the hall immediately after the tour. The show ends at 4pm on the day the Grapevine is published, so if you read this article on publication day, it won't too late. I am not sure if Robin is at the Market this year.

Next, I landed in Tessa Mythos' wonderland of stunning fae visions. I could happily live in these gorgeously detailed, mythically realist canvases. Her paintings evoke mythic wonders and ancient, universal themes. If you are a fan of the art in the We'Moon or New Age calendars, you will love Tessa's work. I soaked in those visions and chatted with the artist about her muse and her work. Fascinating and inspiring.

Ekta Nadeau's pottery studio was charming, with pet chickens. If you've seen a piece by Ekta, you will recognize her work anywhere. New to me were what looked to me like cast-bronze sculptures, but turned out to be a special glaze that looks just like cast bronze. Her husband Peter Huron's artwork is raw and fun, you can find it on t-shirts and cups at the Market along with Ekta's work.

Rae Maté's quirky cat and crocodile-headed people came next, along with her lush floral still lifes and portraits. Rae is known for her children's books about crocodiles who play and work in their crocodile way. I loved the antique photos she retouched with cat and crocodile faces. They were very believable (if you believe in magic). Rae's work and books are available at the Farmer's Market.

I ended up at Rachel Goldman's studio, where I was offered a glass of wine and friendly chat. Rachel works in landscapes, her style energetic and dreamy, evoking stormy days on the beach, wild weather and natural cycles.

Monday was my Sandpiper day. I started with my neighbour, Alpen Kelly, a jeweller and fine artist who is now busily creating new pieces for her upcoming show at the hall. You can also find her at the Market. Alpen's paintings are large and powerful, even when she paints on a small canvas.

After Alpen's, I rode to Rochelle Chinnery's porcelain studio. Rochelle's esthetic is ethereal and precise, her carved porcelain and gold-leafed bees and dragonflies are exquisite. Her macro photographs are glorious, her eye captures the beauty of the small. Rochelle's work is available at the Market.

Next I went to Cindy Anderson's. Cindy sells her perfect porcelain pots next to me at the Market. Her style is clean and spare; she is a perfectionist. Many of her pieces feature pure translucent colour inside and dark glaze on the outside; the combination works. At her studio you'll find a variety of sculpture and pottery, and

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.ec.ca •

2022-07-21 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
07:28	1.7	5.6
14:22	3.6	11.8
18:25	3.2	10.5

2022-07-22 (Fri)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
08:22	1.4	4.6
16:08	3.9	12.8
19:47	3.6	11.8

2022-07-23 (Sat)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:01	4.3	14.1
09:14	1.3	4.3
17:21	4.2	13.8
21:28	3.8	12.5

2022-07-24 (Sun)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:38	4.1	13.5
10:02	1.1	3.6
18:12	4.4	14.4
23:01	3.8	12.5

2022-07-25 (Mon)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:21	4	13.1
10:46	1	3.3
18:51	4.5	14.8

2022-07-26 (Tue)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:05	3.8	12.5
03:12	3.9	12.8
11:26	0.9	3
19:22	4.6	15.1

2022-07-27 (Wed)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:42	3.7	12.1
04:03	3.9	12.8
12:02	0.9	3
19:50	4.6	15.1

2022-07-28 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:09	3.7	12.1
04:49	4	13.1
12:35	0.8	2.6
20:15	4.6	15.1



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...continued from P.3 the mosaic sidewalk is a must-see!

At quarter to four I made it to Karen Elder's Bent Tree Studio. Karen's paintings are vivid and energetic, hitting you in the face with power and energy. She does some nature abstracts, with forms that swirl and move, but mostly she works with brilliantly coloured landscapes and flowers.

I ran out of time--I wanted to see them all! Did you do the tour? What did I miss?

That's what I think! What do you think? Email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com 🍷

Green Wizardries, Summer Colds

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

I meant to have a big birthday party this month as I am turning 58. I just wrote around to cancel the party and to invite my friends to an unbirthday party at a later date. In fact, I plan to have several such parties as I prefer a smaller group for supper parties as everyone can engage in the same conversation and it is much more relaxing than being caught in the whirlpools and eddies of a large supper party where I never feel I get to have a proper visit with my guests.

We just had two lovely guests here, both vaxxed and boosted and even preparing to get a fourth shot when such is available. But, one of them came down with an ordinary cold and felt recovered but while travelling around, her symptoms came back. She was brave enough to give herself a nasal swab to test for Covid 19 and the test came back negative so please don't worry about an outbreak of the dread lurgy here on Denman. At least not from my place.

Two mornings ago, my husband and I both came down with a summer cold. I had been giving our poor, sick guest drinks of hot lemon and ginger. I chop up several pieces of fresh ginger. I keep a glass quart jar of cut up ginger in the freezer to have it fresh as both a seasoning and a medicine. Two to three tablespoons of finely chopped ginger go in another glass jar along with a teaspoon of ground, dried ginger and honey to taste. I fill the jar nearly to the top with boiling water and I wrap the jar in swaddling clothes (a fluffy kitchen towel) and pop a tea cozy over it. After a minimum of 45 minutes, I open the jar and top it up with some fresh lemon juice if I have fresh lemons or some ghastly bottled lemon juice if I don't. This tea is easy to get people to drink as it is very tasty.

Another tea I make to fight colds is yarrow tea. The yarrow is in bloom right now and I have gone out with a friend to a wild place and we harvested lots for the winter. We use the blooms and leaves to make a supremely vile-tasting tea that is very effective at stopping a cold in its tracks. We soon learned to add a lot of mint to the brew as yarrow tea by itself is so bitter, no one will drink it, be they ever so desperate to get over their cold. The procedure is the same as with the ginger tea. You can drink this hot or cold. Mint is added to a lot of herbal tea blends to make medicinal teas more palatable.

Our visitors explained that a person can obtain a free Covid 19

test at any pharmacy and I plan to get one next time I am in town. I have heard people have given this test to various types of soft fruit and obtained positive results. Odd if that is true. Perhaps soft fruit has become a carrier?

Today, after a couple of days of yarrow tea, we woke up feeling recovered, nearly fully which is nice as this is such a busy season in the garden. I got the recipe for yarrow tea from Rosemary Gladstar's, "Medicinal Herbs A Beginner's Guide." This little book has served me well. It teaches how to make a tea, a herbal oil, a healing syrup, a salve, tinctures and many other preparations.

I find the herbal products I have learned to make from her book to be exceptionally effective. I had a sting from an insect the other day. Normally, I swell up from any sting as my immune system just reacts that way. I dabbed on a little plantain salve and the sting died away and there was no swelling. I also had a cold sore and the prescription ointment was not slowing it down at all so I tried lemon balm tincture instead. It worked wonderfully well, stopping the cold sore in its tracks. I wonder if it would be helpful to people suffering from shingles?

To get back to the yarrow, its primary use in herbal medicine is as an astringent; it stops bleeding. It also reduces bruising. I gave some comfrey and yarrow salve to a nurse friend who had wrenched her shoulder. She said it worked like magic, making the bruises fade away quickly. I have also seen a tea of yarrow used as a foot bath for a person with bed sores from being in a Care Home. They were using the most modern antibiotics on the sores to no avail and the yarrow foot baths healed the deep sores back to healthy skin.



Pre-Covid, I was singing with a lovely woman and she kept coughing. She said she had tried everything and couldn't shake the cough. I offered to make her a thyme and honey syrup which just calls for simmering a large quantity of thyme in a quart of water. The tea is simmered gently until around two cups of liquid are left. This is strained and added to an equal amount of honey. I gave it to her and she said it worked like magic, curing her persistent cough.

One of my lovely nieces came down with Covid 19 a few months ago. Her vaxxed and boosted father, who she lives with, came down with the infection first and we surmise she caught the infection from him. She is young, healthy, slim and strong and the virus didn't have much effect on her except to leave her with a cough deep in her chest. She came to visit and I gave her a syrup I had made from elecampane root. The cough was gone within five days. I have to find a few minutes to go dig up some more elecampane roots and make a syrup for another person I know who also has a deep cough left from her case of Covid 19.

I made a Saint John's wort salve for a friend who suffers from nerve pain and handed it to her. She asked me how much money I was going to charge her. I explained that the tradition I follow does not allow us to charge money for the little comforts we are able to provide for people. We Druids do such things to make the world a better place.

I explained that once money enters into the picture, it corrupts the hearts of healers and you are left with big American Pharma. She laughed at that and said that where she is from in Europe, it is also the tradition to never charge money for such comforts and for the same reasons. I feel well compensated as she knit me a couple of pairs of lovely wool slippers without being asked to. That too is traditional.

What I am doing is not medicine at all but simply a form of cooking and the making of cosmetics. All women and a lot of men in recent history knew several recipes to comfort the sick and injured. Everyone used to be able to take care of their family by cooking up a soothing syrup or eye bath in the kitchen. Indeed, some people prefer my chickweed eye bath to the expensive eye drops they get on prescription. One friend became such a firm adherent of chickweed eye bath that he now cultivates chickweed in his garden.

With Doctors so busy with too many patients, (Doctors in BC commonly work 80 hours a week) it is only sensible to take care of the common little ailments that we can manage on our own and leave seeing Doctors for the big, important medical issues. I haven't had to go to the clinic or hospital for about two years now.

You can order a copy of Rosemary Gladstar's Medicinal Herbs from Francesca at Abraxas Books on Denman. 🍷

SAD NEWS

Sheila Carrick, of Hornby Island, has become seriously ill. Six weeks ago she felt numbness in her left foot and a few days later it spread right up her left leg. Weakness set in and she had to use a walker. Soon after the same thing occurred with her right leg and she had to use a wheel chair.

After much examination at the Courtenay Hospital, she was transferred to the Vancouver General Hospital. On the day after her 90th birthday, July 5, it was diagnosed that a fast-moving cancer had permeated her spine - beyond any chance of recovery.

It has been a terrible shock to her; it came so suddenly. In the days before this, she was mowing lawns and had walked the 5 kilometre loop around Helliwell Park - and her mind is as clear as ever. Sheila is bravely dealing with this dreadful outcome as best as possible considering the circumstances.

She has been transferred to a highly-regarded hospice in Vancouver, near her two wonderful daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She has received cards already. Nothing cheers Sheila more than knowing she is not alone at this sad moment.

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Billy-Bob January 21st, 2007

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

SITTING here in Cell#LD12 with Billy-Bob (William McPherson) listening to some of his experiences as an advocate for the homeless. Suffice to say that he is nothing short of a front-line warrior. Countless confrontations with an unrelenting police force, sit-ins and incarcerations. Truly committed is he. Tomorrow morning he is to be released, whereupon he is slated to go to Vancouver to be part of a protest with the 'Coalition Against Poverty.' According to Billy-Bob, over 20 protesters from the U.S. who are trained in riot police confrontation will be attending. The building in which they'll be squatting remains a secret, but once convened I'm told that the carpenters among them will be making a few choice alterations to the structure in the interest of creating havoc. Billy-Bob has gone on record as stating that there will be physical confrontation. People will get hurt. This is an organized, professional movement. I'm told that if I Google up 'Billy-Bob Homeless/Poverty,' I'll find numerous articles in the 'Times Colonist' and 'Monday Magazine' about the plight of the homeless. It should be interesting to follow the newsprint media regarding their progress. Go Billy-Bob, Go!

I wrote of all the scheduled lock-downs that occur daily here at Wilky, but last night in the midst of making myself some toast an announcement came over the P.A., "Code Yellow Lock-down, Code Yellow Lock-down." Suffice to say that the cold toast that awaited me upon the end of the lock-down left my taste buds wanting. Also left wanting was my understanding of what 'Code Yellow' meant. Posing the question to the guard on duty, I was informed that a Code Yellow meant an assault had taken place. Somewhere within this facility of 350 inmates a fight must've broken out and for that, every inmate is ushered to their respective cell until things get sorted out. While my experience thus far in Delta Block has yet to offer up such excitement thankfully, I'm told that Code Yellows are a reasonably frequent occurrence. Ya know, someone uses another's peanut butter, soya sauce, bread... or etiquette in some way, shape or form is transgressed, and the gloves could be off! I did allude to the territorial nature of life in jail, did I not? Code Yellows are an every other day happening here. The On-Duty-Guard goes further in explaining that a 'Code Blue' refers to the call for medical attention, which of course can often be the result of a 'Code Yellow' altercation. And then there is a 'Code Red.' 'Code Red' is called when someone scales the wall. Judging from the razor-wire topped 15' high fencing that circumferences this facility, one would have to hit a level of desperation I'd find unimaginable. It is not to say that others haven't conjured such a desperation, but it's a rarity. The last 'Code Red' here at Wilkenson Road was in 1994... or was it 1984. It was so long ago, the guard had trouble saying for sure. 🍷

Seatrials

ARTS&LIT

By Tessie Wenner

I could see her in the tall grass at the edge of Wes Piercy's turnip patch. It looked bad, definitely a broken back. I turned away to admire the turnips and was called back by my mate, beckoning, come help!! We went into Triple A first aid mode and packaged her for transport. Bringing her home, we built a crazy infinitely adjustable cradle and set to work bringing this remnant of a 15 foot Chestnut canoe back to life. We turned her into her own steam cabinet using hot rocks and plastic sheeting and slowly winched her into a semblance of her former self. With improvements! The flat bottom of a river canoe tweaked toward a hull worthy of sea travel. A keel. New thwarts. Sistered ribs. Gunnels replaced. Prow, stern and seats rebuilt. A step for the mast. Leeboards to attach. The beginnings of a sail.

Once she was patent and painted we dashed off in our IH SUV to Nitnat Lake for a sea trial.

4 days paddling hard into the prevailing wind and waves, no way we could get over the bar, so we camped and finished up the sail construction. Voila! We sailed back in 4 hours. We were hooked. Drove over to Egmont picking up a chart and The BC Pilot on the way. We launched and headed up Jervis Inlet. Lovely sailing. We approached Malibu Inlet very distracted by the edifice perched above the entrance. Holy giant remote resort! Reading the chart and the pilot, "rapids, enter at slack tide" as we were sucked in on the flood tide, leeboards up, sails down, suddenly on a wild river. Dumped

into a serene and precious fiord with high waterfalls and at the terminus, Chatterbox falls. Lots of chatter. Settling in for some rainy spell camping, we met a work crew there and we were offered an upcoming night ride out from a tug pulling a cabin and backhoe. Woke up tied to a wharf at the mouth of Jervis. Finding a place to camp difficult, we finally found a sketchy circular bay with a steep shore and pulled the boat out up the slope. Barely a level place for the tent. Woken in the morning by the most humungous barge I have seen, tipping itself over to dump a huge load of logs into the bay. Packed up and stood by while the bow wave of this load climbed and scoured the nearby slopes. Skedaddled out of there and managed to reach Egmont on the next stretch of the journey. Back home to plan our next trip. Maybe I will share what that trip through the Cordero Channel and up Bute Inlet was like because I obviously lived to tell the tale.



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Ho'oponopono

ARTS&LIT

By Angelika Capaldo

WE are all facets of the same diamond, dancing within our own reflections.

We believe we are separate, but when the moment comes that we leave our body we remember we are all and everything.

We merge with the light of consciousness, the matrix of love again.

The importance of our ideas, beliefs fades away.

We become the eternal truth.

That there is no difference between you and I.

We are all brothers and sisters.

We are one, even if we may have forgotten.

In traditional Hawaiian societies there is a practice that is done when there has been a wrong or division in the community. It helps to heal the community and bring them back together once again. The practice is Ho'oponopono.

Ho'oponopono helps to close the wound of pain that can seep and cause other infections in one's life. It helps to sooth the heart, it creates understanding and it helps to illuminate the lesson and take self responsibility.

We are all a small part of the infinite having our own experience. We can forget, especially when we get caught up in our little 'I' and our stories. Which in fact are just stories. We can disconnect from our hearts, from each other and hold on to pain thinking it will keep us safe. The truth is, it is an illusion. What will in fact bring safety and healing is dropping the pain, the hate, the anger and coming back to our innocent loving heart.

Ho'oponopono can be practiced alone or with another. If alone, it can be helpful to visualize the person in front of you. It can be for forgiving another and for forgiving yourself. It is good to do one round for forgiving the other and then another round forgiving yourself because we always play a role.

Place your hands on your heart and speak aloud.

Say the person's name and tell them everything you are sorry for. It can be anything. 'Sorry for not being able to forgive'. 'Sorry for being upset'. Sorry for something they did or you did.' Sorry that this harm has happened' etc. Speak until you feel complete.

Next say 'please forgive me'. Say all the things you need to forgive them for and what you need to forgive yourself for. For example, 'please forgive me for not being there when you needed me'. 'Please forgive me for saying those things about you'. 'Please forgive me for shutting you out'. 'Forgive me for being so angry with you' etc.

Then express what you are grateful for. Express your thanks. For example, 'thank you for giving me space when I needed it'. 'Thank you for being my friend'. 'Thank you for trying to help'.

Lastly, say 'I love you'. Say what you love or like about them. What you admire and wish them well. Wish yourself well. Express love to yourself.

To summarize:

Say their name

I am sorry

Please forgive me/ I forgive you

Thank you

I love you

Repeat this daily for a couple weeks. When you feel complete with someone, move to another relationship. Continue until you feel peace in your heart with all of your relations.

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Letter to the Editor

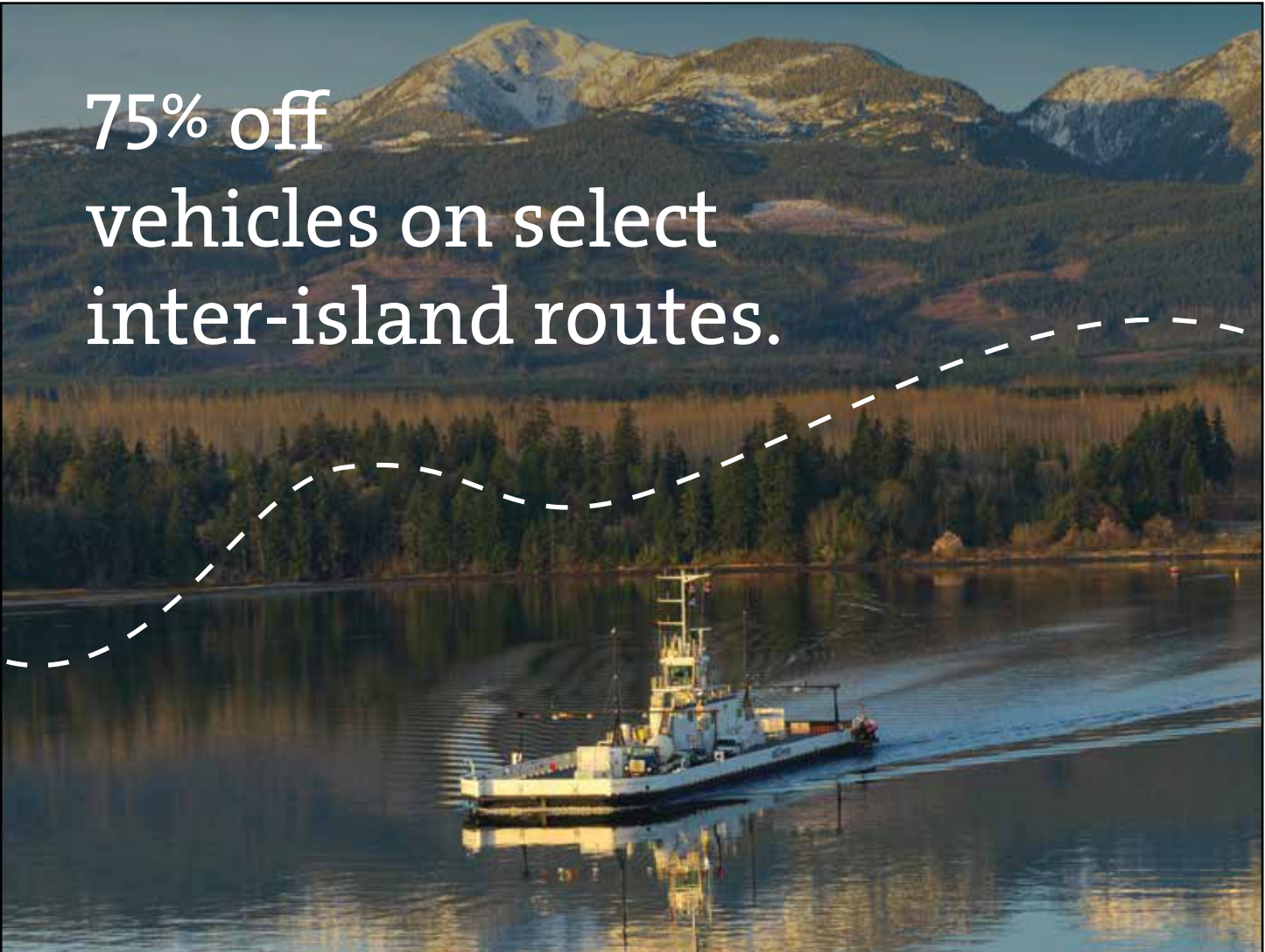
If I came across the insert in the July 14 Grapevine at, say, the General Store or anywhere on the island, I wouldn't pick it up or read it. So I really object to having it delivered to my mailbox inside my community paper where I have no choice in the matter.

In spite of the misappropriation of quotations from accredited writers and thinkers, the insert isn't thought-provoking, it isn't funny, and I find one of the images gratuitously mean. Words like "dominate" or "rule" or "humiliate" in the lurid comic, are diluted with "poetry" and "imagination" and a mishmash of silly (but meaningful?) things, but they words are there and I'm assuming the writers or purveyors think they have some bearing on Denman life.

I've lived in a number of places and of those, Denman Island is one of the most egalitarian. Yes, there are income disparities, and many residents have been more fortunate than others in their accumulation of economic and cultural capital; but I see more generosity per square kilometre here than almost anywhere else: material generosity as well as generosity of spirit. People are recognized for their achievements and contributions, however big or small these may be, and NO one looks down on anyone else.

Apart from the insert, our community paper seems to have become a vehicle for those who have an axe to grind, a grudge, a gripe, a score to settle. They have co-opted the discussion of serious issues and made them a pretext for personal attacks. No matter the issue "du jour", it is the "leaders" who are the target.

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...continued from P.7 Not only do I find Denman to be one of the most egalitarian places I've lived, it's also the most accepting. If you want to lead you can: you just have to show up.

I find it upsetting to read what I have described, and equally upsetting to push back as I am doing here. So it is with great regret - for what it once was and could have been - that I am cancelling the Grapevine and will pick up the Flagstone at Abraxas.

Christine Stewart 

Shortages in the Land of Plenty

OPINIONS

By Helen Grond

If a country can't feed itself, it's pretty much hooped!

THE news is awash with reports of farmer protests that started in The Netherlands a couple of weeks ago and are spreading across Europe like wildfire. If you don't know about it, you are clearly watching the government sanctioned "misinformation" stations. This is really big and these folks are not backing down. They say their country will head into a civil war if this isn't resolved. Apparently, they have the support of 80% of the Dutch public. Their Prime Minister – Mark Rutte, is determined to shut down the countries' farming sector because he claims their world class farming operations are in contravention to the new "Green" policies being dictated by the WEF (World Economic Forum). Virtually all farms in The Netherlands are long standing family farms and the tiny country is the #2 exporter of agricultural products in the world.

Mr. Rutte chose an interesting time to lower the boom on his countries' farmers. The world is currently facing unprecedented food shortages, thanks to decades long anti-farming policies intersecting with geopolitical strife and crappy growing weather in many food-growing areas. It's a mess and the WEF servant, Mark Rutte, is taking advantage of the chaos to take out his farming sector. According to the farmers, he wants their land and he makes it clear he will take it if they don't capitulate. This approach is what one would expect from the Davos Cult to advance their globalist agenda which will result in their much heralded adverts of "you will own nothing and be happy" (They apparently mean what they say).

Sri Lanka is the story you need to watch if you want to know what Green policies can do to an economy. They were implemented there three years ago to test the waters on the planned WEF/UN's agenda. Food production has since plummeted and now mass shortages have led to widespread rioting and the government has collapsed. Sri Lanka has to contend with massive food shortages, no money and no energy. If it's not rescued soon, a manufactured humanitarian catastrophe will play out on the world stage and The Davos Cult doesn't give a damn.

As well as having nothing (of course they will own everything), the Cult doesn't want you eating meat, cheese or milk, which the Dutch farmers produce plenty of (mainly pasture raised). They won't have a market for Bill Gates' fake food industrial products if people can still get the real thing!

Oh my, how did we land in this pickle? It didn't happen overnight and the cultists behind the plan have the long game in mind. It seems they are trying to close the deal a little earlier than 2030 after which they named their UN plan - Agenda

30. Too many regular folks have begun to take notice and that's one thing these megalomaniacs can't abide. There's a lot more of us and very few of them. Even though they control 90% of the worlds' wealth and an impressive list of the world's leaders through their membership - they still need our compliance. They've gotten 50 years of compliance out of us already though, so why would they worry now?

There are all kinds of discussions happening about Justin Trudeau's plans to place Canadian farmers in the same boat. The Canadian farmers are gearing up for a fight and the whole thing could go global very quickly. This kind of food war would have devastating effects on many nations who rely on world food markets to set the table. We would struggle too as so much of our food is imported.

The WEF is obviously fully aware that if you control the food supply, you control the people. This is age-old wisdom that we used to learn in school. I guess they don't teach that anymore or Canadians would be in an uproar. I doubt if very many have a clear idea about where their food comes from other than which isle in the grocery store to navigate to.

The solution is obviously to just say no. No to the astronomically wealthy and powerful Davos Cult that is hell bent on having us all lined up in a neat formation and doing what we're told. It will be interesting to see what happens when the majority catches on. 

What's Wrong with Islands Trust?

OPINIONS

By Keith Porteous

THE Province of BC created Islands Trust, and as far as I can discern there is no other Crown created governance body like it in Canada. It is unique. It has jurisdiction in creating land use zoning and bylaws, but not really more, unlike municipalities, town and city councils, or the Regional Districts that have much broader powers to create bylaws. The Denman Local Trust Committee (LTC) has worked with residents over the years to create, amend, and update the Official Community Plan, an evolving document. But land use planning and the related

bylaws are ratified by the Islands Trust Council to ensure that local bylaws and zoning align and conform to the “preserve and protect” mandate for the entire Trust Area. While this can serve our communities, it is also justifiably ripe for criticism.

There is a tension in perceptions held by residents and others, between what Islands Trust can and cannot do. Sometimes, people would like LTC to regulate or advocate more, and sometimes they wish that the LTC would regulate less, often depending on a resident's personal interests. And even while those can be fair criticisms, the LTC cannot do more or less in relation to land use than what has been legislated by the Province in the Islands Trust Act. Both Forestry and the Agricultural Land Reserve come directly under Provincial jurisdiction, so any Trust Area bylaws must conform to the relevant Provincial ministries as well. The assumption that this tension would not exist if our local governance was not included in the Trust Area, but rather a municipal government or town council, is not supported by evidence based inquiry.

Short of the Province abolishing the Islands Trust, or a successful campaign to have our community removed from the Trust Area, distant and tall orders, we are stuck with the current regime, like it or not. In the meantime what can be done, and how can the Islands Trust fulfill its mandate while evolving into a more responsive representation of resident's needs and desires in the most fair and democratic way? Their mandate states that Islands Trust is responsible not only to local residents, but all residents of British Columbia, an even taller order. But there should be no doubt that Islands Trust and our LTC could do more, and do it better. Residents need access to a better understanding of the functions and the limitations of Islands Trust jurisdiction on land use and the marine foreshore.

The way in which public consultation and outreach is accomplished has been insufficient, and not nearly inclusive enough. LTC meeting times are not scheduled to be the most accessible times for many residents, especially for younger working singles and families. The off island Chair's scheduling needs are often cited as the reason for this. The scheduling of LTC meetings should be most favourable to residents' needs, not the needs of the LTC Chair, regardless of the inconvenience. More recently, and in relation to the proposed Islands Trust policy changes and consultation and input, the LTC has done a much better job on more informal outreach, but this should be baked into the LTC process and continue as a best practice. The limited time for questions and public input at LTC business meetings is not nearly enough, and more informal Q&A gatherings at accessible times would help alleviate this tension, and create deeper understanding of the issues at hand.

Coming Soon: An interview with local Trustee Laura Busheikin for publication in The Islands Grapevine in relation to these issues, and the Islands Trust proposed policy changes. 🍷

Dangerous Disasters *By Eartha Muirhead* **H**AVE you ever felt trapped in a nightmare and you try to scream to ward off the danger but no sound comes out of your mouth or you wake up screaming? I have just endured seven months of a dark night of the soul, and like many of us, watching helplessly as the world plummets further into danger. Noam Chomsky, 93 years old this year, stated: "We are approaching the most dangerous point in human history." He is mainly referring to climate change, which is exponentially bombarding the planet with catastrophic chaos. Last week, due to a severe drought, most of Italy declared a state of emergency. Water levels in their biggest freshwater aquifer, decreased by three quarters since the beginning of the summer. Lack of snowfall in the Alps, collapsing glaciers and rising sea levels are contributing factors. This week, heat waves and wildfires all over Europe are expected. Of course, Europe's food production was already compromised by the war in Ukraine and farmers in Italy are panicking. The cost of organic lemon juice I get from Edible Island, shipped from Italy, went up by \$5.00 in one week. Closer to home, the fire on the west side of the Fraser River, across from Lytton, is out of control and of course, can leap over that huge canyon if the winds are high enough. The slugs in the garden, bigger than I have ever seen before, are fat from feasting on the lettuce and beans. And, even closer to home, lurking in the shadows, is a dangerous pandemic.

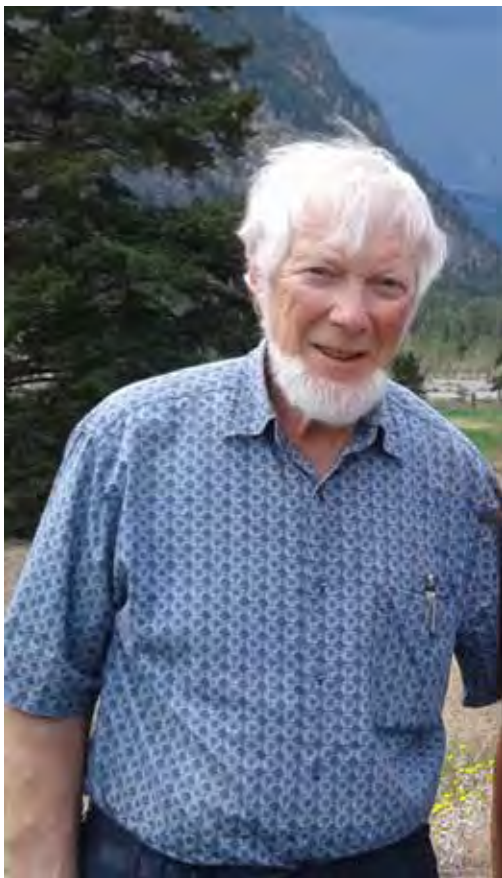
Due to 20 odd years of chronic Lyme Disease, a climate change related disaster, I was told by my naturopath to not get vaccinated. My system would not be able to mount an immune response and so I waited and have worked diligently on staying alive, calm and healthy. I first got Covid in November 2019, again in January

2022, then Omicron in March and 3 weeks ago the new variant. I hear that the new variant is twice as contagious as Omicron, people can get reinfected every 2-3 weeks and that some of us will not build up an immunity and it will evolve into more severe variants. I am isolating as much as I can, only going inside briefly with my kids and grandkids with doors and windows open, but I still keep getting sick. Maybe it was the 3 minutes, 3 weeks ago, that I stepped into the General Store, without a mask on. I never go off island. Omicron manifested as whole body muscle spasms and intense back and hip pain. The variant has brought nausea, exhaustion, gut pain, brain fog and anxiety, on top of all the other bloody symptoms. In immunocompromised people, the virus evolves rapidly; in fact, the entire Omicron dynasty may well have arisen from chronic infections in

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...continued from P.11 the immune-compromised. When I read that last week, I felt dangerously depressed. Trapped in a pandemic, trapped in an aging and defenseless body, trapped in isolation, the only way out is Wise mind over Withering matter. My happiness has always come from good old, old-growth forest activism and being a grandmother. Now, I see that wanting to be happy is fruitless. I am content with breathing, sipping tea, watching my mind spin out of control and then rest awhile in surrender. I am still not content with the few logging deferrals granted for a few years, after the blood, sweat and tears of this country's largest act of civil disobedience at Fairy Creek. As I sleep and listen to the cries of the world and watch the slugs and hear whisperings in the trees, I sense that someone, somewhere, is singing a protest song for me. I smile to think about a beloved Indigenous warrior, Rainbow Eyes, arrested 5 times at the blockades, being appointed the interim leader of the national Green Party. And I recall all the Fairy Creek friends who have come to help me in this time of crisis.

And I think of Rachel Carson, who in her 1962 book, *Silent Spring*, prophesied: "We stand now where two roads diverge. But unlike the roads in Robert Frost's familiar poem, they are not equally fair. The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but, at it's end lies disaster. The other fork of the road-the one less traveled-offers our last chance to reach a destination that assures the preservation of the earth." 🍷



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Service will be at 2:30 followed
by a sharing of memories and
short stories about Orla. Tea and
coffee to follow.*

Thought Control

by Thomas Provençal

*Thought police
are up in arms.
Someone dared
express their charms
by imagining original ideas.
It goes against the protocol!
Promote an individual?
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Cops read the chip,
at birth installed
computers analyze,
they're called
to answer indiscretions
that they've made.
Official thoughts
put back in place,
unique arrangements
they erase,
released back in the stream,
a duller shade.*



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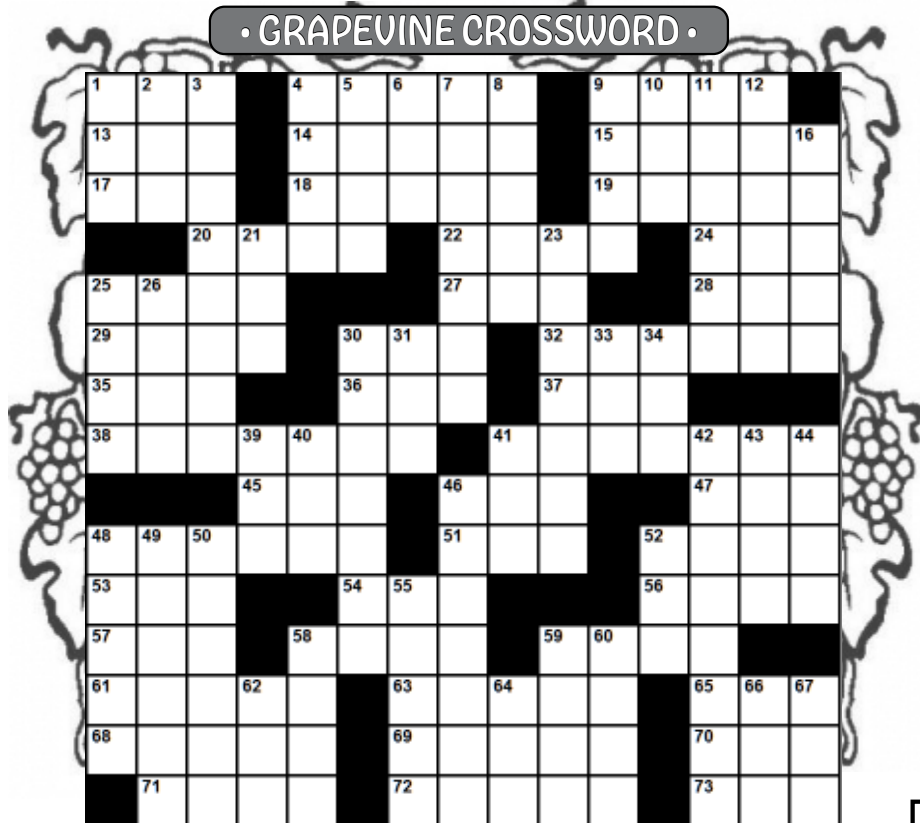
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32. A whole lot
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38. Novelist Hesse
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45. Aves, once
46. John's Yoko
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48. Destroyer
51. Do voodoo
52. Deeds
53. Ball perch

54. Mountain basin
56. Be overly enthusiastic
57. Crest
58. Not that
59. Grungy one
61. Salmonella cousin
63. Mickey's mutt
65. Be unoriginal
68. Pine sap product
69. Believe without question
70. Asphalt
71. Avian retreat
72. Ingrid Bergman, for one
73. Cote cutie

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9. Berserk
10. Dinner roll
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21. Enrage
23. Footwear container
25. Indian maid
26. Aussie's friend
30. Beautiful butterfly
31. Be master of
33. Bauxite bonanza
34. 24 hours
39. Barn sound
40. 5th or Park
41. Ace, when not eleven
42. Brood
43. Catches cod
44. Gee's kin
46. Electrical principle
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49. Former liberal
50. Give testimony
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Grumpism



“I told my friend I saw a deer on the way to work. The friend asked, “How did you know it was on it’s way to work?””
(thank you Noel Villard)

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm



FRIDAY 22

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SATURDAY 23

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 24

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm
- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

MONDAY 25

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 26

- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6:30pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DI LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
Farming Regs Rev. Zoom meeting 2pm

THURSDAY 28

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm



FRIDAY 29

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SATURDAY 30

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 31

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 1

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 2

- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6:30pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 3

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 4

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5pm-7pm



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