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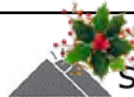


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## GETTING TO HARDWARE

**SPECIAL INTEREST**

By Anthony Gregson

Sam Walton, who founded Walmart, used to fly over the countryside and look for nexus points where a big box store could serve (or feed on) a lot of communities. He'd have had trouble with Denman or Hornby. "It's the ferry, stupid," to paraphrase Bill Clinton. Even with the development of big box chains, the local hardware continues to be at the heart one of the essential services required by small, particularly rural, communities.

It's always tense when a much-needed local business is put up for sale on Denman. Who's going to buy? They may not be wildly profitable, yet everyone depends on local shops to some extent – even more so in moated markets (I think it was super investor Warren Buffet who said that he liked to buy companies that were moated against competition). No wonder an estimated 250 people turned up for free hot dogs and popcorn when the Denman Hardware reopened under the new ownership of Graeme and Verna Isbister, and Stirling and Noni Fraser on October 27th.



Clark Siferd

Denman's always had a hardware of sorts, at least since the General Store opened in 1913. But it wasn't until Clark and his wife Gloria Michin came along in 1993 that hardware on Denman really got serious. Before that it was make do or make not, with trips to Courtenay in the hopes that you returned with everything you needed. According to Clark, the General Store, under Mike Comeaux, had lots of rubber boots but not much else apart from a few fittings like hinges, and spar packs of screws.

Clark had no experience whatsoever in hardware. A geologist by profession, he worked in Alberta, mainly as an independent consultant in the oil industry, spending his winters in the north when freeze-up made it possible to drill in the muskeg. He began coming out to the Coast for summers, and eventually bought land in 1981 on Denman Island from CP Logging and

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## HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE ANYONE?

**COMM  
INFO**

By Sean Nordell

The Denman and Hornby Island Community Paramedic (CP) team is holding a free clinic on December 14th at 10:00am. This event will be held at the Ambulance Station. The same event will be held on Hornby Island at the Fire Hall at 2:00pm on the 19th of December.

The clinic will include a short presentation on the complications associated with hypertension (high blood pressure) and some specifics about diet.

Learn about hypertension and its asso-

ciated complications, as well as participate in a discussion on how to lower your blood pressure. The clinic is also an opportunity to learn about community paramedic referrals.

For anyone who would like to participate, the CP team will be available at the clinic to check your vitals.

This event is open to everyone. Please come with your questions or health concerns for the local community paramedics.



## CRAFT FAIR 2018: BETTER THAN EVER

By Autumn White

**COMM  
NOTES**

Denman Island, you've done it again! After 37 years, our annual Craft Fair is still pulling in crowds and making them happy, while showcasing our amazing local artisans, cooks, organizers and volunteers, and supporting a local, sustainable economy.

The 2018 fair yet again broke all previous sales records, bringing in a total of \$109,207.00, up slightly from last year's record-breaking \$107,389.95.

All this money goes directly into the local economy, most of it to the artisans, and also to pay the fair's organizing team as well as bussers, shuttle drivers, cleaners, etc. Approximately \$8000 went to Denman non-profit community groups. As well, \$850 was raised by the choir for Kaydence, a Denman child who's been battling cancer. As well, the fair provides a big boost for local stores and cafes.

### Huge thank yous go to:

- First and foremost, the hard-working and talented artisans—this fair Depends on you
- All the farmers, cooks and food servers, who add culinary flair to the event

*The fair's many volunteers:*

- Roxanna Mandryk
- Jackie Hipwel


- Larry Janes
- Robert Fox
- Tony Gregson
- Herman deVries
- Ann Paisley
- Rick Paisley
- Ian Lack
- Doug Bell
- Michael Rapati
- Margie Gang
- Yves
- Jessica Hicks
- Val Hammell
- Colby Rex O'Neill
- The fair's staff, especially the bussers, who were really hustling!
- BC Ferries staff, who were so accommodating with the huge volume of people and the overloaded parking
- The choir, not just for raising funds but also adding ambience
- All the Denman Islanders who not only showed up, but brought friends and helped to promote the event via word of mouth

"The vendors make the fair what it is," says Autumn White, Craft Fair Coordinator. "I love seeing all the newbies and also am so grateful to the vendors who come from off island."

Comments from Facebook describe the fair as "the opposite of Black Friday," "the best fair on the planet," "delightful," "fun," and "heartwarming." And it will all happen again in one year's time.

## TIDE TABLE

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started building his house. That's how he learned hardware – by doing as much as he could himself. It wasn't just trial and error. A thorough sort of guy, Clark bought the manuals and took it all on – plumbing, electrical, heating.

He also had other traits that marked him out as a hardware natural. For one, he didn't like buying in drips and drabs. He bought nails and screws by the box, and he also liked to have a complete set, so he would buy all the different sizes and

types. Pretty soon, long before he opened Denman Hardware, people began to seek him out and buy from

his garage. That's been one of the benefits of retirement, "Finally I can park my car in the garage."

Clark was also a student of thrift, saving his money. That's very important, he says, for getting a busi-

ness going, especially on Denman. When people have come to him for advice, some of them starry-eyed with the prospect of profits, he tells

them they need enough money to go for three years without pay. Then there's the flea market syndrome. It's essential to be something of a serious hoarder, not helplessly compulsive, but judiciously rapacious if you are not going to be totally beholden to distributors. Boxes of assorted plumbing fittings, overstocks of gloves – whatever could be had at the right bargain price found its way into inventory. As hardware shows ended, Clark would offer to buy up whole promotional booth displays of tools

and materials which might be available at a very favourable discount. To some, there was no telling how far he was prepared to go. Mike Lindsay recalls that Clark once came back from a hardware show with a few boxes of big containers of line chalk. He wondered how Clark would ever get rid of them. Contractors eventually bought everything.

All this points to an underlying passion for hardware. Clark went to shows across Canada and constantly researched products, attending trade shows in February in Saskatchewan – hardcore – though it was also, Clark recalls, one of the best. Las



Graeme Isbister & Stirling Fraser  
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Vegas was a show of unimaginable proportions, but very useful for seeing where the market was headed.

The web, he says, may be seen in some ways as a death threat to many small businesses through such predatory behemoths like Amazon, but he feels the web also made it possible for Denman Hardware to survive by putting an entire world of product information at his disposal that he would otherwise be at the mercy of distributors to obtain. The web fostered his ability to compete – and ultimately, retain the agility of business independence.

Underlying that curiosity is yet another essential quality of the small hardware store: never to take no for an answer, a.k.a. good old Persistence. Clark tells the story of a high-quality sandpaper made by an Ontario firm named Carborundum. They were bought out by a US manufacturer who said the Carborundum product was no longer available. The equivalent that they shipped was nowhere up to snuff. Finally, he got through to the shop floor at Carborundum where he was told that they were just preparing to run, right then and there, the very product he sought. And the distributor turned out to be a supplier in Nanaimo.

The hardware world is comprised of thousands of manufacturers who specialize in a myriad of different products. These aggregate up to wholesalers and ultimately, to retail chains, some of which, like Lowe's, are the biggest in the world, with various degrees of retail affiliation ranging from the full-blown chain

store franchise (for example, Home Hardware), to the purchasing co-op (such as Ace Hardware). Independents are scarce. Clark resisted business affiliation with distributors for several reasons. One of the problems was that you become obligated to them for supply, and they might ship you a whole lot of stock for seasonal sales, insensitive to local conditions, like a load of snow shovels, that he couldn't sell locally. Maintaining this sort of independence also entailed a lot more work seeking out and creating relationships with many different distributors. But the flexibility was especially important in a rural environment where so many people did things for themselves and had a much broader range of needs than the city dweller where more services were available.

That brings us to most critical element of all. To turn a profit, the small independent must really know their customer. Flashlights, for example. At Christmas he would stock up on lots of different kinds because he knew people who seemed to practically collect them, and they'd get a phone call. You also had to be generous with your time. Clark was well known for time he would spend with customers who might walk out spending a nickel where they thought they had to spend fifty dollars.

The actual store emerged only after some hesitation. The owners of the Kaleidoscope Market across from the Denman Community Hall certainly had space for a hardware store in the basement. They told Clark they might put in a hardware and feed section but never made any commitment. Instead, they began competing with other businesses,

notably the General Store by stocking groceries, and renting videos.

Where is now the Denman Craft Shop, was Denman Business Services, owned by Jim Matthews, where Clark's wife Gloria Michin worked. By this time, Jim and Mike were wondering what to do about the Kaleidoscope situation. It was Gloria who suggested Clark might think of opening beside Denman Business Services. Eventually, the hardware moved down to the Emporium, where the stockroom came to occupy almost the whole back of the building down to Abraxas Books. Kaleidoscope eventually went out of business.

People who knew the old Denman Hardware were amazed at the sheer amount of goods on offer, so crowded that the insurance company periodically ordered Clark to clear the aisles. Yet, to some extent, clutter sells. By all reports, those aisles most definitely invited exploration.

The newest owners are starting out with about as much experience of the hardware business as Clark had when he began, but they have the benefit of a seasoned hand who developed a viable approach over two decades. And if anyone knows Denman, it is the Isbisters and the Frasers.





**dancing in the light**  
**Solstice Celebration**

**Everyone Welcome!**  
**Dec 21st @ 7pm. DI United Church**

Come together to move our bodies and celebrate the return of the light!  
Nothing fancy, just bring your body and spirit and enjoy being together. This is not a religious event.  
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## THE MUMMERS MUSIC

By Sheldon Rempel

Also known as mumming or janney-ing, it typically involves a group of friends or family who dress in disguise and visit homes within their community or neighbouring communities during the twelve days of Christmas. If the mummers are welcomed into a house, they often do a variety of informal performances that may include dance, music, jokes, or recitations. The hosts must guess the mummers' identities before offering them food or drink. They may poke and prod the mummers or ask them questions. To make this a challenge for the hosts, the mummers may stuff their costumes, cross-dress, or speak while inhaling (ingressive speech).[1] Once the mummers have been identified, they remove their disguises, spend some social time with the hosts, and then travel as a group to the next home.



## DCLTA THANKS THE COMMUNITY

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INFO

By Nancy Hoyano

Denman Community Land Trust Association (DCLTA) would like to thank its supporters. The Christmas Craft Fair donations from the raffle, cookies, memberships and donations broke all previous Christmas craft fair records. Kate Pierce won the raffle draw for the beautiful felted wall hanging made by Fern Niedermoser.

DCLTA began ten years ago when there was much talk about the demand for affordable housing and in the intervening decade has continued to work toward meeting this need. The current project will address an acute need for affordable housing for seniors. The community has now helped raise nearly 75% toward the land purchase for the project in the village area.

DCLTA seeks land donations and bequests in order to continue to meet the broad range of affordable housing needs which originally inspired its creation.

Thank you all.

### An Invitation From Sandra Martindale.

To support DCLTA, Sandra has offered to donate \$500 to the Seniors' Affordable Housing Project. If another islander matches this amount, then she will double her donation. (She will never be told who matched the funds.)

She wants to encourage Denman Islanders to help DCLTA meet its current goal to raise \$100,000 for the land purchase and she knows that just a few more donations like hers will make this possible.

Make your cheque payable to "DCLTA", include the word "invitation" in the memo line and mail it to DCLTA, 3900 Lacon Rd., Denman Island, BC V0R 1T0. (Tax receipts will be issued in early 2019.)

## HEY EVERYONE! GREAT NEWS!

COMM  
NOTES

By Cumberland Ready Mix

The Cumberland Ready Mix lighted mixer truck is coming to the Island on Friday, December 21!

After arriving on the 5:00 sailing, it will do a big 'island loop' - cruising down Lacon Road to MacFarlene Road to East Road to Denman Road, and ending at the General Store. After finishing the 'loop' the truck will be on display at the store for everyone to see.

Watch for it on route, or come to the store and see it close up! You won't want to miss it!



The Cumberland Ready Mix truck in its full glory.

## SAUDI GAME OF THRONES

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Published December 9, 2018

**N**ow is the moment of maximum danger for Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman (MbS).

He has weathered the immediate storm over the murder of Jamal Khashoggi two months ago. He even went to the G20 summit in Buenos Aires a week ago and persuaded several other national leaders to stand beside him for photographs. But the real threat to his power (and maybe his life) is at home.

It's not the Saudi public he must fear. He's quite popular with young Saudis, who are a large majority of the population. He's relatively young himself (33). He has loosened some of the tight social and religious controls (women can drive now, and you can even go to see a movie). And most of them don't even believe that he is responsible for the killing.

MbS's problem is his family, who know perfectly well that he ordered the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, and understand what that crime means for the kingdom's standing in the world. They also realise that his foreign policy has been an unmitigated disaster, from the futile war in Yemen to the blockade of Qatar, and that his economic policy hasn't been much better.

Many prominent Saudis also have personal reasons to hate him. Some were pushed roughly aside in order to facilitate his rapid rise to supreme power. Others were kidnapped, jailed and even tortured in order to extort billions of dollars from them, on the often shaky pretext that their money was the fruit of corruption. If you held a secret ballot among the ten thousand most influential Saudis, MbS would be gone in a flash.

It doesn't work like that, of course. This is still an absolute monarchy, and so long as MbS has the support of his elderly father, King Salman, he has absolute power – in theory. In practice, he must also have at least the grudging support of the royal family, which sees the Saudi state as a family business in which they all have a stake.

It is a remarkable family, if only for its sheer size: an estimated 15,000 members, many of whom are direct descendants of the kingdom's founder, King Abdul-Aziz Ibn Saud. When he died in 1953 he left 36 sons, and there are literally hundreds of grandsons.

All these men, their spouses and their children and grandchildren are supported (quite lavishly) by the family business, but there are only a few hundred people who really matter. They matter a great deal, however, and by now they would be close to unanimous in seeing Muhammad bin Salman as a wrecker who is endangering their own futures.

So how to get rid of him? In the past, the family's rule has survived the abrupt removal of kings: one king was forced to abdicate in 1964, another was assassinated by his own nephew in 1975. The princes closed ranks, and the dynasty carried on with a new king. In theory, it should be even easier when you are only trying to remove the crown prince.

Why not just work through his father, King Salman? After all, the king has already appointed and then dismissed two other crown princes; maybe he could be persuaded to do it again. The problem with this approach is that MbS zealously controls access to the 82-year-old king, who is believed to be suffering from mild dementia (Alzheimer's).

An alternative would be for the Allegiance Committee, a family-run institution created in 2006 which adjudicates on succession issues, to declare King Salman

incompetent because of illness, dismiss the Crown Prince, and appoint someone else as his successor. In the absence of more formal rules, any prince descended from Abdul-Aziz would be eligible.

Plotters hoping to use this device would be risking their lives, of course, for MbS is a ruthless man who would strike first if he got wind of the plan. However, they may be emboldened by the fact that he has now arrested his own chief enforcers in an attempt to shift the blame for Khashoggi's murder. This betrayal will certainly have shaken the loyalty of their colleagues who still serve the crown prince.

But there is one further consideration that is bound to give even the boldest plotters pause. If MbS concludes that he has decisively lost the support of the royal family, he still has a last card to play: war with Iran.

It's what he wants in the long term anyway, but his preferred option has been to get the United States and Israel to do the actual fighting for him. If he



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman adjusts his robe as leaders gather for the group at the G20 Leader's Summit at the Costa Salguero Center in Buenos Aires on Nov. 30, 2018. - Associated Press

had no other way of heading off a family-backed coup against him, however, he might take Saudi Arabia into such a war unilaterally, counting on the US and/or Israel to bail the country out. In the midst of a war, nobody at home would dare attack him.

So on balance, MbS is likely to stay in power, perhaps to the ultimate ruin of the country he rules. 🍷

# BOMBED AT CHRISTMAS

ARTS&LIT

By Bill Engleson

"It's very well wrapped, Officer. Red ribbons and all. The courier knocked on the door at about 8:00 p.m. I'm thinking, geez guy, it's Christmas Eve. Get a life. I barely heard him...light-tap kind of guy, I guess. Didn't actually see him. Just left it on the stoop and vamoosed. Oh, do you need to know that the bell is on the fritz-has been since summer but we don't get that many visitors so I hadn't wanted to shell out unnecessary dollars for an electrician? Is this too much detail?"

"Never can have too much information, Mr. Ganopoly. So where is the ticking package now?"

"Well, we put it under the tree. Where else, eh!"

"Right. First thing, you should get your family out of the house."

"It's bloody cold out there."

"Go to the neighbours..."

"We don't speak to our neighbours..."

"I'm sure this is the kind of special circumstance that brings folks together..."

"Not in this neighbourhood. When will your Bomb Squad get here?"

"It'll be a spell. You are our fourth call tonight."

"Kind of cutting into our festivities. Can't we just wait in the house, not jiggle the darn thing, have some eggnog, sing a few carols...you know, Christmas stuff."

"My advice, and I'm here at the station so I'm safe, my advice is to step outside."

"What else can you suggest?"

"You could try and open it."

"Really?"

"NO! Get out of the house and wait for the Bomb Squad. NOW!"

# JAPAN: FALL, STINKBUGS & COFFEE

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Lucy Dabbs

**A** leaf. Dead, dry, and detached from its tree the leaf lies on the road of United World College ISAK's campus, lonely in the presence of sleeping student residences. A gust of chilly November air sends it flying down the deserted road, like an autumn tumbleweed.

My alarm. I quickly turn it off, trying not to wake my three sleeping roommates. I check my watch; it's 6:05AM. I throw off my covers and hop out of bed, already dressed in my running clothes (sleeping in your clothes is a tactic that I assure you makes mornings much nicer). I jog down the stairs of my residence and run down the main campus road, sending a random stray leaf flying with my foot. I arrive at the KAC building where four other students wait for Mr. Lacoste, our teacher who also coaches cross country running club. Originally from Quebec, Mr. Lacoste is a physics and math teacher as well as the deputy head of our school. He also wakes up every morning at 5:30 and runs more kilometres than I give time to count. Every Tuesday and Thursday he takes us with him, showing us new routes. Today, however, is the last day of Cross Country Running club, due to the cold weather.

Fall is in the air. A cool breeze stings the inside of our noses, and we huddle in our shorts as we wait for the other members to arrive. Normally, I would be wishing I could return to my warm, heated room and sink back under the covers of my duvet. But our room is no safe haven, it's soothing heat emanating from the heater is only an enemy! Something else seeks the bright lights and warm temperature of our room: the stink bugs. I shudder, and not because of the cold.

Yesterday my roommates and I got back from Tokyo, and opened our room to discover not home sweet

## Public Notice of Alternative Approval Process

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) is considering an amendment to the Denman Island Community Hall Service to provide funding for the Community Hall and Denman Activities Centre. Expanding the service to include both facilities also requires an increase to the maximum requisition.

Elector approval for this proposal is being sought through an Alternative Approval Process (AAP). During an AAP, electors that oppose this proposal must indicate their opposition by submitting an Elector Response Form, which may be obtained in person or online from the CVRD.

The deadline for delivering the signed Elector Response Forms to the CVRD is 4:30 pm on January 17, 2019.

For more information, visit:  
[comoxvalleyrd.ca/aap](http://comoxvalleyrd.ca/aap)  
or call 250-334-6000.



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home, but home stinky home. Stinkbugs, hence their name, are very stinky when squished or disturbed in any way, and thousands of them were crawling around our room. They covered the roof, the doorway, the blinds, the floor, and our desks. Even the toilet was no escape from these tiny little monsters. I had gotten out my reserve of duct tape and sealed every crack possible, making our room extremely stuffy and hot. Though it helped, about twenty or so stinkbugs find their way in every day, so my only hope to escape them is by leaving our room as early as possible and only returning to sleep. Hence my happiness to be out here at 6AM.

We decide to celebrate our last day of Cross Country Running by running to a coffee shop 7km away. It's a new route that passes through traditional Japanese

neighbourhoods and old forest. As I run my thoughts drift away, engulfed by the bright sunlight. We run past a waterfall, cross a bridge, and soon arrive at a quaint coffee shop on the side of the road. Consuming caffeine will probably be a grave mistake that I regret for the rest of the day, but for now I enjoy the warm beverage and savour it during the van ride back to school.

Upon our return to campus I go back to my room to grab my backpack, avoiding dead stink bug carcasses on the floor, and then I head to the cafeteria for breakfast. It's Thursday, which means French toast for breakfast. Life is going great and I'm feeling so good that I don't even complain about the "syrup" that is not maple. I'm standing in the buffet line waiting to get some apple juice. Suddenly, I feel a tickle on my neck. Uh-oh. I think of my backpack, which was laying on the floor of my room. The floor covered in stink bugs...

that were dead, right? This wouldn't be the first time a stinkbug were to crawl on me. With one nervous slip of my hand I flick at my neck, and chance a glance at the floor to see not a stinkbug, but something much worse: a jumping spider cricket.

I scream.

Dear readers - I have been working on weekly vlogs from UWC ISAK Japan which are available on the Lucy's Travels Facebook page (link in DIBB or at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lucys-Travels-448129719008809> ). If you would like to know more or help support me on this adventure, visit my GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/lucy039s-uwc-dream> P.S. the "jumping spider cricket" is of the orthopteran family Rhabdophoridae of the suborder Ensifera and are also called camel crickets. They are completely harmless but utterly terrifying. Especially when they jump.



### Lamentation for the Mad/Bad Machines

By Celeste

Web of life- collapsing;  
intricate, forest cathedrals, teeming with intelligence-  
lost to raw log exports, deserts and greed, never to be seen again.  
Us Co-Creators must listen to the wild animals;  
wrenched away from ancestral homes;  
"You and we, made from the same  
green galaxies and glacial geologies, we all need a place to live."

Richard Wagamese: "There was a time,  
when the animals prepared to abandon humans...  
when their role as teachers was being ignored...  
being held in disregard caused them anguish."  
Eco-cide will be our pride.

Wolverines went extinct on Vancouver Island in 1982.  
Oh Orca, Grizzly, Owl, Salmon and Elk,  
frozen in fright, some still listen, bowing down to your undying beauty;  
"We cannot live without your wisdom."  
If we are as brave as you are, we will shout out loud 7 times "  
Extinction is forever, extinction is forever. I vow to stop the madness."

Have you ever seen modern logging up close?  
In the Elaho Valley I was part of the resistance to  
a war zone filled with screaming,  
massive, masochistic, mad and efficient,  
very, very efficient, machines of mass destruction.  
No human beings in sight.

Is it our denial of the wild animals that we actually are  
which allows us to collude in the murder of the biosphere? Too far a leap?  
Chief Dan George: "What one fears, one destroys."  
Run outside, listen to the wind, feel the earth pulsing;  
shed your fears through your tears of terror and then join hands,  
sing loudly your lamentations and dance wildly  
in the face of the mad, bad machines of mass destruction.

### December Recipe: Acupressure for Sciatica Pain

1 Point each week = 1 Recipe for the month



#### 1/2 - Bladder 54

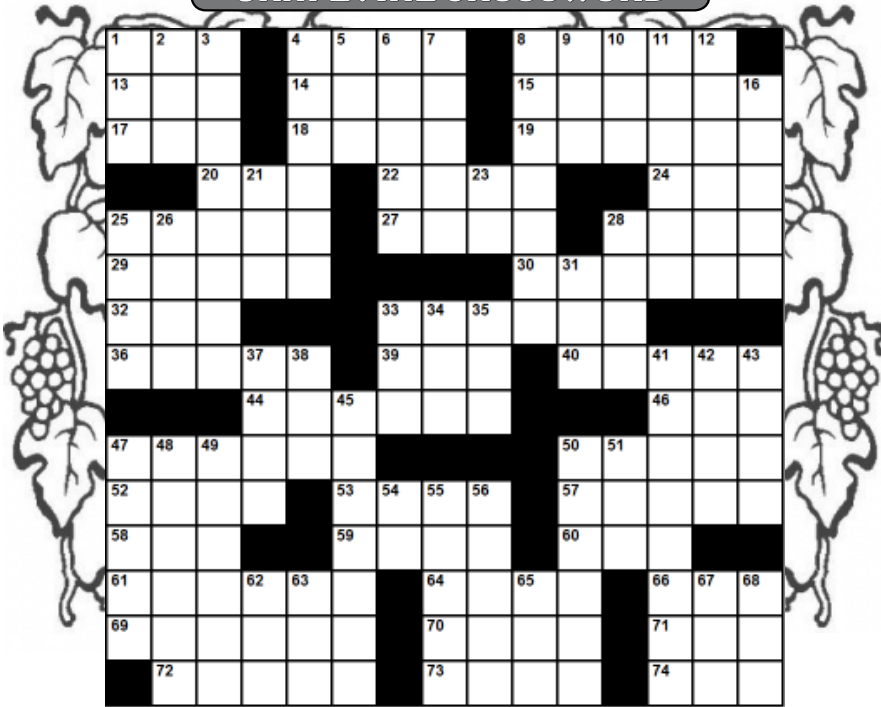
This Pressure Point is found right underneath the knee, right on the centre crease. Some people find this spot ticklish - that can be a sign that there's blocked 'Qi' there.

FIND: In the fold behind the knee, in the centre.

HOW: Press toward the front of the knee.

Hold for 3 LONG & SLOW deep breaths, release gently.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •




- ACROSS •
- 1. Chip contents, perhaps
  - 4. 19th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
  - 8. First and reverse, etc
  - 13. A notorious Peron
  - 14. Fertilizer compound
  - 15. Apportions
  - 17. Cal. page
  - 18. Abbr. after a list
  - 19. Adulterated
  - 20. 1773 jetsam
  - 22. Invent a word
  - 24. Bearing pivot
  - 25. Ballet bends
  - 27. Brings to a close
  - 28. Canasta play
  - 29. Breast pocket insert
  - 30. Sourly
  - 32. Common contraction
  - 33. Depend confidently
  - 36. Potter's wheel
  - 39. Low islet
  - 40. Woman soothsayer
  - 44. Big home
  - 46. August one
  - 47. Elk
  - 50. Long oar
  - 52. 2001, e.g.
  - 53. Corncob, for one
  - 57. Pacify
  - 58. Abby's sister
  - 59. A feature of Old Glory
  - 61. Serving item
  - 64. Aspen, for one
  - 66. "A Chorus Line" finale
  - 69. Hacienda hot meal
  - 70. Greek letter
  - 71. Bara film
  - 72. A butterfly
  - 73. Dental exam
  - 74. Antiquity
- DOWN •
- 1. Dreamer's letters
  - 2. Aves, once
  - 3. Strict disciplinarian
  - 4. Nauseated
  - 5. Alley cat's scrap
  - 6. Armistice objective
  - 7. Fire extinguishing agent
  - 8. Deny
  - 9. Blighted tree
  - 10. Bavarian peak
  - 11. Directed
  - 12. Walk unhurriedly
  - 16. Down at the heels
  - 21. Cry over a mouse
  - 23. Over 18 proof
  - 25. An Everly brother
  - 26. Fuji flow
  - 28. Brief skirt
  - 31. Type of lettuce
  - 33. Broadcast letters of old
  - 34. Absorb, as costs
  - 35. Cleansing agent
  - 37. Estate recipient
  - 38. Approx.
  - 41. Puritan
  - 42. Cry out
  - 43. Hang laxly
  - 45. Aqueduct adviser
  - 47. Earp brother
  - 48. Trojan hero
  - 49. Columbia neighbor
  - 50. Sound of delight
  - 51. Cowardly person
  - 54. Sex appeal
  - 55. Barbeque spot
  - 56. Baseball flub
  - 62. Fri. follower
  - 63. Actor Ron
  - 65. Airport info
  - 67. Love, in a sense
  - 68. Author's last word

Mr. Stofer



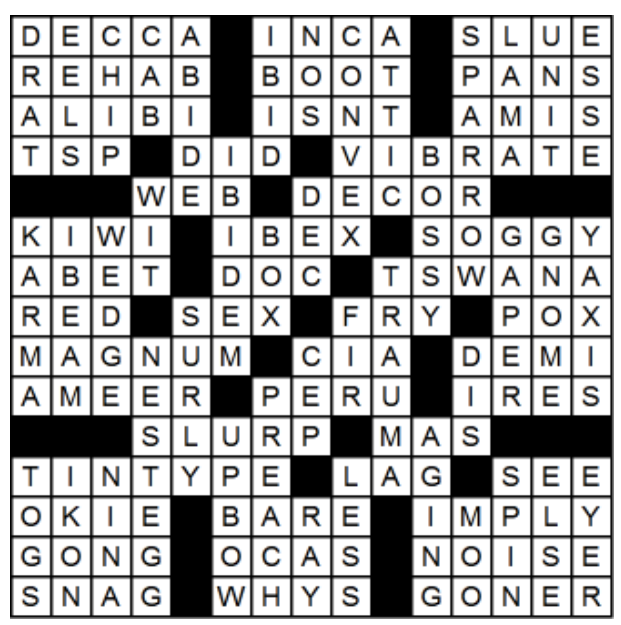
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**OBITUARY NOTICES**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mike Comeau on Dec 9th 2018. Mike past away peacefully at his home last Sunday. He is survived by his wife Diana, daughters Teresa and Virginia. We would like to say heartfelt thank you to all who have helped our family in the past, present and future and know that Mike truly loved this community. We will be having a Celebration of Life for Mike on a future date still yet to be determined.

**THE ISLANDS Grapevine**  
Just a friendly reminder from the Islands Grapevine to encourage our readers to support those who advertise in our pages . . . without them the Grapevine could not deliver community-minded articles to the mailboxes of islanders for free!

**JANUARY CALENDAR**  
DEADLINE IS  
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**250-335-1794**

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- Profiles of individuals, history, reviews and op ed are published free of charge.
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- Promotional content for products, services, programs, and events will be published at going advertising rates.
- Public service announcements, notices of meetings, and news releases will be published for a fee. Exceptions will be made for emergencies where the public is immediately endangered.
- With regret, no exceptions can be made for non-profit status.

Please keep in mind that Hornby and Denman are a very small market for newspaper publication. We do our best to provide quality content at no cost to our readers but we ask you to understand that this depends on financial viability. Paper, ink, postage, equipment, and rent all add up. As it is, the Grapevine can only be brought to you with considerable subsidy of time and energy by our team which is very willingly given. The Grapevine would like to accept more content free of charge, particularly around community news, and is working on plans to expand its reach and revenue base to move towards that goal.

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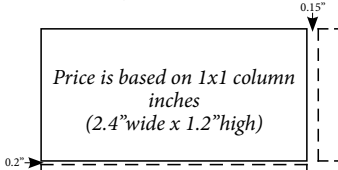
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**DENMAN ISLAND (D) HORNBY ISLAND (HI)**

**THURSDAY 13**

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT 6:30 pm • Community Hall(DI)
- DENMAN JAZZ 5 pm • Earth Club Factory(DI)

**FRIDAY 14**

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- NIA CLASSES 10:30-2 pm • (DI)
- MOONLIGHT MADNESS 5-9 pm • Downtown Denman(DI)
- FREE BEER TASTING 5-7 pm • General Store(DI)
- FAMILY DANCE • The Hall(HI)

**SATURDAY 15**

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- THE MUMMERS 5 pm band @ 7 pm • Earth Club Factory(DI)
- CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER 5 pm • New Horizons(HI)
- MOVIE NIGHT • The Hall(HI)

**SUNDAY 16**

- DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)
- OLD TYME CHRISTMAS DINNER 5 & 6 pm • Community Hall(DI)

**MONDAY 17**

- QUILTER'S GUILD 9:30-3 pm • United Church Hall(DI)

**TUESDAY 18**

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)

**WEDNESDAY 19**

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2 pm • United Church Hall(DI)

**THURSDAY 20**

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
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- DAAC OPEN STAGE 7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)