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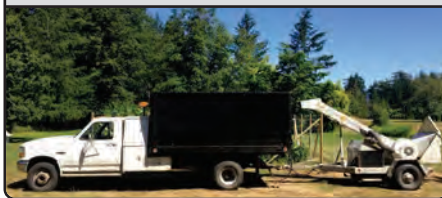
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Newcomers or Old Timers

By Naomi Elliot

COMM INFO

St. Saviour's Anglican Church welcomes you (back).

What is left of church when you can't hug, you can't sing, you can't drink wine and there is no coffee and cake afterwards? What is left, is a welcoming community, gathering together in a beautiful, historic, wooden church, praying, giving thanks, and being comforted, fed and watered with food and drink of a different kind - God's Word and Spirit.

So, yes our Sunday services are returning, as usual on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10.30 am, but with Covid protocols in place. One will need to register with Ian Elliot in the week beforehand at ianelliott0@gmail.com so that we can make sure we fit in as many people as we can, while maintaining social distancing and safety. Masks will be required in the church for everyone 11 years old and up. As uncomfortable as all this will feel at first, we hope you will come and join us for this new season of fellowship together, Pastor Jim will continue to lead us in the communion services.

Unfortunately our welcome table at the 'Apple Unfest' Farmers market (as mentioned in The Flagstone) has been cancelled. Naomi Elliot (250 335 1663).

Living Well • Week 27 • Bringing in the Sheaves

By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

It seems that all cultures, from ancient to present and from all regions and cultures of the globe, have celebrated festivals that express gratitude for the harvest. What a wonderful attribute that humankind recognizes and expresses thankfulness for the bounty from the Earth.

The Egyptians celebrated their harvest season with parades, dancing, sports and corn festivals. Greek and Roman mythologies are filled with stories of sowing and reaping. Ancient Chinese legends celebrated the full moon with moon-cakes and the Jewish Succoth has been celebrated for over three thousand years. Canada's indigenous, First Peoples, had "ceremonies connected with food: when the first roots were ready for digging, when berries were ripe and when salmon came up the river ..." (Ella E. Clark).

Crops from different regions are celebrated with festivities and ceremonies. For example, in Bali, the rice festival, in Italy, the olive festival, in Argentina, the grape festival and in Britain, a celebration of the bread. Denman Island used to have a famous or shall we say infamous, Oyster Festival that featured an oyster shucking contest. Unfortunately, it was cancelled after it became a destination for those who were very thankful for beer!

When Graeme and I first arrived in the Nigerian village of Pankshin, we attended the harvest celebration. The local farmers gathered crops from the dry, red soil that depended on the rains arriving on time. We visited stalls and blankets on the dusty ground that displayed cassava, yams, maize, millet and groundnuts. It was a happy day with dancing and yes, the drinking of homemade fermented beer.



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On our gardening Island, we are thankful for the Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance whose mission is to “develop, promote and support island growers and producers.” This weekend enjoy the last official Farmer’s Market and Apple Fest on Saturday. Enjoy a piece of delicious pie and buy a pie for your Thanksgiving dinner. We’re thankful for the faithful organizers and vendors who have shared their harvest and talents with us this season. Our Island, once exported fruit to most of B.C. before the Okanagan became the big supplier. There are over ninety varieties of apples grown on this Island. Do a Forest Gump and try listing all of the things that you can make with apples: apple pie, apple sauce, apple crumble, apple ...

As you prepare your festivities, enjoy a dance around the kitchen to Neil Young singing, Harvest Moon: “Because I’m still in love with you, On this harvest moon.”

Let’s enjoy a weekend of thanks-giving celebrations as we bring in the sheaves:

*Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

*Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter’s chilling breeze.
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Knowles Shaw



Activity Centre AGM by Zoom

By Margie Gang • DSMS

COMM INFO

Monday November 16th

The board of the Denman Seniors and Museum Society (DSMS) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Zoom in November 2019. More details to follow as our plans develop. We hope for good community representation at the meeting, despite – or maybe because of – this challenging year.

The Activity Centre has hosted – and will in time again be hosting - many activities of value to the community. Physical activities (pickleball, table tennis, tai chi, yoga, NIA dance, Belly Fit); mental ones (the museum, Denman WORKS!, training programs, elections, LTC and other meetings, poker); social ones (seniors’ lunches, knitters, church socials, weddings, memorials); and festivals (Readers’ and Writers’ Festival, Christmas Faire, Remembrance Day, Halloween pumpkin pies) depend on this space.

The Denman Seniors and Museum Society, owner of the Activity Centre, is well into the second year of its reincarnation as manager of a publicly funded facility. There are numerous important aspects of maintaining the building and the Society; our board has been an active one. The Activity Centre has had many up-grades over the past year – you’ll hear about them if you attend our AGM.

Community members are welcome to attend any board meeting to see what we do, and we welcome applications for board membership. This could be YOUR chance to have a voice

TIDE TABLE

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

2020-10-08 (Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:11	1.5	4.9
11:56	4.3	14.1
17:05	3.6	11.8
21:01	3.9	12.8

2020-10-09 (Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:02	1.5	4.9
13:12	4.3	14.1
18:59	3.7	12.1
21:43	3.8	12.5

2020-10-10 (Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:06	1.5	4.9
14:21	4.4	14.4
20:34	3.5	11.5
23:14	3.6	11.8

2020-10-11 (Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
07:19	1.5	4.9
15:15	4.5	14.8
21:24	3.3	10.8

2020-10-12 (Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:14	3.6	11.8
08:27	1.5	4.9
15:57	4.5	14.8
22:02	3	9.8

2020-10-13 (Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:43	3.8	12.5
09:28	1.4	4.6
16:31	4.6	15.1
22:39	2.7	8.9

2020-10-14 (Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:53	4	13.1
10:22	1.5	4.9
17:02	4.7	15.4
23:18	2.2	7.2

2020-10-15 (Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:56	4.2	13.8
11:11	1.6	5.2
17:32	4.7	15.4
23:59	1.8	5.9



From the Crow's Nest: Sailors on Horseback

ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

"As between people, there is chemistry, good and bad, between the horse and its rider." • Some Horses by Thomas McGuane

Glassing a half-dozen folds in Ua Huka's spray-shrouded cliffs, I see how Vaipae got its name. One downwind opening leads into this paradisiacal "Invisible Bay". The other identical indentations likely dead-end in disaster. As we pass the next keyhole entrance, a glimpse of swaying palms and curving sand induces me to play, "You Bet Your Boat."

Thea is silent as *Celerity* surfs the deep ocean swell into a narrow, steep-walled canyon. With white horses bursting on rocks close aboard, astonished *wild horses* toss their manes on the bluffs high above.

The roar of the seabreak abruptly switches off. Startled by our spaceship's arrival, a small boy neglects his fishing to watch us anchor off his postcard beach. Local response is immediate.

"*Bonjour!* My name, Nikola!"

Bumping his battered *vaka* alongside, the town greeter shows off rain-bow-hued reef fish sloshing in the dugout's bilge. Handing up several, the big Polynesian follows over our rail, squeezes below, and proves no mean hand in the galley.

Word spreads fast. Commandeering outrigger *vakas*, swimming or floating out on logs, Marquesans swarm off the beach to share popcorn and artist Herb Kāne's lavishly illustrated, *Voyage*.

Crowding *Celerity's* saloon, with still more faces tiered in the companion-way and pressed to the cabin windows, rapt islanders look on as their children turn pages on history their French indoctrinators never mention: the discovery of Hawai'i by Marquesan voyagers 1,700 years before.

On Sunday, Thea and I attend two otherworldly hours of Polynesian call-and-response in the local church. Rumbling like surf, the men's low refrains are answered by the women's strong lilting choruses giving the Tradewinds voice.

Transported by this harmonious homage to the ocean in us all, we meet Nikola on the beach holding two saddled ponies. Our host explains his own religious predilection – "Go church meet ladies" – as I try to recall how to board a quadruped.

Showing uncertainty around a horse you intend to ride is never smart.

Nikola insists Thea accompany him, leaving the captain solo. Memories of overnight trail rides and a mass morning charge through someone's tall corn prompt me to sidle up inside kicking range and place a palm on a warm rump. As its owner turns to regard me with the hostile indifference displayed only by horses and cats, I realize that "nice horsey" isn't going to cut it.



Celerity's subsequent visitors at Ua Huka
• Will Thomas photo

Our mounts are of Iberian stock, descendants of stallions and mares brought out by the Spaniard, Mendana. Left to roam feral for nearly 400 years, inbreeding has diluted hot Arabian blood into less noble but more tractable strains – part mustang, part mule – better suited to the tropics and the climb we commence.

Following my pony's lead along a barely discernable track, I sway up precipitous switchbacks toward the rim of a long-extinct volcano. Tangled undergrowth snags bare feet and hooves as dislodged stones clatter and bounce into empty space below my left stirrup.

Complimenting my steed's surefootedness, I release my deathgrip on the pommel as we break out onto a lushly verdant plateau. In all directions, deeply eroded slopes, serried by gullies, overlook an ocean boundlessly blue as the sky.

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in shaping the future of Denman Island and the role of the Activity Centre.

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Farmers Market Feasts: Celebrating Apples at Final Market of the Year

By Laura Busheikin

COMM INFO

This Saturday, October 10, the Denman Farmers Market will be especially festive. As well as being the final market of the season, it's also Apple UnFest, a mini-version of the event that usually takes place this time of year. The annual festival has been scaled down to ensure safety during COVID, but still offers lots of apple-deliciousness and appreciation.

As always, the market vendors will be offering fresh produce, preserves, artisanal bread, baked treats, cooked food to eat on-site or take home, and arts and crafts. And maybe chanterelle mushrooms!

Also, the Apple UnFest will be on site with an apple display, apple ID service, apple cider, apples (of course), and home-made apple pies for sale. The pies come frozen, unbaked, ready to pop into the oven and help make your home smell amazing. Also, there'll be fresh-baked pie for sale by the slice.

The apple ID service, featuring Apple Detective Shelagh Horner, is a way for anyone with mystery trees to find out just what's growing in their garden. "That's easy to do while socially distanced," says Apple UnFest organizer Kate Janeway. "Folks can drop off their apple samples to the Apple UnFest table at the market. We need four apples, labelled with name and email address."

The apple display is a place to learn about, and simply marvel over, the diversity of the apple world. Some years there have been over 80 varieties on hand, all grown on Denman Island.

The pies are made with local heritage apples, mainly Bramley, King and Gravenstein, picked by the gleaning program. Local pie-makers have been following COVID-careful guidelines.

The pie sale is a fundraiser for Denman's Growers' and Producers' Alliance (GPA), a grassroots initiative of Denman's agricultural sector and its

offshoots. The GPA produces Apple Fest and the farmers market, runs workshops, provides a scholarship for agricultural education, operates a tool sharing program, and runs a gleaning program, among other projects.

Find more information about the GPA at denmangpa.ca. The gleaning program is ongoing and folks with questions can reach out to islandagriculture@gmail.com. Stay up to date with Denman

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... continued from Page 4 ... Through the heat of midday, we pick their way along rough tracks hacked from the encroaching jungle. Passing a mounted family leading fruit-laden pack-horses, we water at small ranchos tenanted by smiling, gap-toothed men. For lunch, I am invited to reach up, pluck a passing mango, and slobber in the saddle.

Further on, our guide drops Thea before pursuing a herd of mustangs over broken ground. "Chowboy!" Nikola shouts, whipping his lariat into a blur.

Continuing down through terraced valleys, we pass tin-roofed houses clustered in clearings, where women wearing colorful *pareus* and lacy French brassieres in modern missionary fashion come out to greet us.

Sulking all day, my home-sensing critter decides to jettison the tenderfoot on his back. Eyeballs rattling, mane and t-shirt flying, we descend on the village like a South Seas Cossack – much to the children's delight.

But despite firm back-pressure on the reins, the brakes don't seem to be working.

Rocketing past an expectant graveyard in a timpani of hooves, my horsey swerves to scrape me off on a low-hanging limb. Barely dropping onto his outstretched neck, I loudly expostulate as we charge through flesh-ripping brambles back onto the beach – where the runaway stops instantly, a picture of equine innocence as Thea and Nikola hove more sedately into view.

"Bastard," I hiss.

Out in the cove, Celerity whickers.

Scans by King Anderson

Denman WORKS!

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, Oct 15 at 7:00 PM

Due to COVID19, the annual general meeting will be held online using ZOOM. Please contact us by email at the following address if you plan to attend:
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Note From the Publisher

Since March 28th of last year Grapevine readers have enjoyed following the sea-faring adventures of Will, Thea and Celerity in 'From the crow's Nest.'

At ~550 words each installment, the Grapevine has come to enjoy Will's discipline with the pen come time for layout each week.

At 78 instalments and counting, we've also had the pleasure of steady content to share with our readers.

That said, the Grapevine's longest running serial will soon be coming in to home port.

To return from an 8 year voyage covering 40,000 sea-miles...only to shackle himself to weekly Grapevine deadlines? Let it never be said that Will shies from a challenge!

While 550 words has been optimal for the Grape, Will's upcoming book recounting the voyage will see chapters of 750 words as standard. "Writing for the Grapevine, much was left on the cutting room floor," according to Will. "In book form there exists opportunities to flesh out each chapter in greater detail."

Crow's Nest fans have much to look forward to!



*The author on horseback exploring Ua Hukas plateau
• Thea Mortell photo*



Letter on Homegrown Housing

OPI/ED

By Leslie Gillett

First of all thanks to David, the LTC chair and the planner for not recommending the Denman Green application go forward at this time. It is a well intentioned but seriously flawed project. My objections are not to the idea of affordable housing but to this particular configuration. Besides the obvious problems of water, septic etc, it is the predicated use of a non-rural, governmental agency in its eventual operation to which I am completely opposed.

Rural lifestyles are not to be managed by bureaucrats. That seldom ends well. We are innovative and independent people and can come up with a homegrown version which will suit everyone much better.

I have no objection to density transfer, rezoning, spot zoning etc. If that gives the community 20 acres of land or more, great, whether in the current location or elsewhere.



Here is a scenario I would support, or at least the beginning of an idea to be massaged by the community. If some land could be spot zoned for affordable housing, this I would support. Then it could be held in trust until a Denman group came forward who wanted to access use of the land. The group would be comprised only of people who want to live on the land as lease-holders, somewhat akin to other co-op land groups. The significant difference here is there would be no up-front ownership costs.

The land could be designated for a number of people depending on the size. For example, the current land could be zoned to house up to 20 households. The structure would be such that each household would apply for a long-term lease of a plot of say 1 acre with the rest held as common space. Each household could have a dwelling be it house, yurt, tiny home on wheels, bus etc. Each household would be responsible for their own water and septic; simple rainwater collection and composting toilets could be mandated if deemed necessary. No outside agency would operate the co-op, the members would be responsible for their own individual and collective affairs. This would allow for creativity and community, a reflection of who and where we are.

Since hydro power is a must and expensive, I would be willing to help fundraise for hydro to be brought to a central location on the property, some kind of power hut which would then allow individual connections if so desired. Any other common needs deemed desirable by the co-op members - laundry, common house, garden etc - would be at their expense and discretion. Perhaps a nominal yearly lease payment would confer a feeling of security and allow for a co-op community fund.

The need for secure, affordable rentals is real and pressing which is one reason I am very supportive of the proposed seniors housing. This is a similar scenario but also gives younger community members the opportunity to be as creative in their own housing as their peers who own land.

Obviously this is simply a bare bones idea by which I wish to communicate my support for community-based housing of all kinds; no outside agency could be as responsive to both Denman needs and changing global scenarios. 🍷



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The Mysterious Allure of Being French

By Gwynne Dyer • OP October 5th, 2020

OP/ED

On Sunday New Caledonia voted to remain French by a majority of 53.3% to 46.%. That's hardly an overwhelming majority, but it was the second referendum in two years to reject independence in the South Pacific archipelago, so we may take it as a done deal.

The odd thing about that outcome is that almost three-quarters of the islands' 270,000 people are not of European descent. They are 'Kanak' (descended from the original Melanesian inhabitants), other Pacific islanders, or Asians, but a substantial proportion of them want to remain citizens of a European country more than 16,000 km away.

Yet it's not unique. While the other powers of Western Europe gave all their colonies independence more than a generation ago, France stays on not only in the South Pacific (New Caledonia and French Polynesia) but in Africa (Mayotte and Réunion), in the Caribbean (Martinique and Guadeloupe) and in South America (French Guiana).

Moreover, it does so with the approval of the local inhabitants, although nowhere are ethnic French people a majority. What is the mysterious allure of being French that persuades so many non-European people to vote in favour of living in 'overseas departments' of France itself?

A large part of the allure is spelled M-O-N-E-Y. If you live in an overseas department of France, then you get a good, free education and a French level of public and social services. Per capita income in New Caledonia is ten times that in other nearby island nations like Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands.

It's the same in the Caribbean. Guadeloupe and Martinique, each with around 400,000 people, have GDPs per capita of \$25-27,000; the two nearest ex-British islands, Dominica and St. Lucia, are in the \$7-10,000 range. And French Guiana has the highest per capita income in all of South America (though that is largely due to the fact that it hosts the European Union's main spaceport).

Most startling of all is the Comoro Islands, north of Madagascar. Three of the four main islands voted for independence in a 1974 referendum. The fourth island, Mayotte, voted to stay with France then, and chose full 'overseas department' status by a 95.5% majority in another referendum in 2009.

The proudly independent 'Union of the Comoros', one million people strong, has a GDP per capita of \$1,400. Mayotte's is ten times as high, and half of its quarter-million people are illegal immigrants from the other islands.

It makes perfectly good sense for a New Caledonian or a Réunionnais to trade in the doubtful blessings of impoverished small-state nationhood for the citizenship of a First-World country and access to all its benefits, without even having to leave home.

And if you do want to leave home, you can move to France (as many do) or anywhere else in the European Union, for that matter. The real puzzle is: what's in it for the French?

It's certainly not economic gain: the subsidies France pays far outweigh any profits it might get from privileged access to the limited resources of these small territories. The benefits for France are almost all psychological.

France had a bigger emotional investment in empire than its colonial rivals, probably because it was in steady decline from being the greatest European power in the 18th century to a much humbler status today. So it's willing to pay for the privilege of having small bits of France in other continents.

Who could criticise the residents of those places for taking advantage of this foible?



New Caledonians voted against independence from France in a referendum on Oct. 4. Screen capture via France24



Desire by Thomas Provençal

*If your desire can integrate
with natural creation,
it will surely manifest
to fill you with elation.
There are beings in the world
that want to feel you smile.
They can help you realize
the wishes that you dial.
The universe is hungry
for happy human hearts.
With humanity in harmony
Nature plays her parts.*

*Do steer clear of bombs my dear,
destruction's not the path.
Dark forces like explosions
and express an angry wrath.
Their temptation for excitement
will only waste your will
along with world resources
till there's nothing left to kill.
People craving energy
like to play with toys.
Stuck inside their vanity,
they remain young girls and boys.*

*The universe is waiting
for mankind to mature,
to realize our destiny,
to grow into our stature.
We were given gifts
to allow us to be leaders.
Our attention gets diverted
by technocratic time bleeders.
Take the gift of understanding
where you listen with your heart
to all of your surroundings.
My dear, that's just the start.*

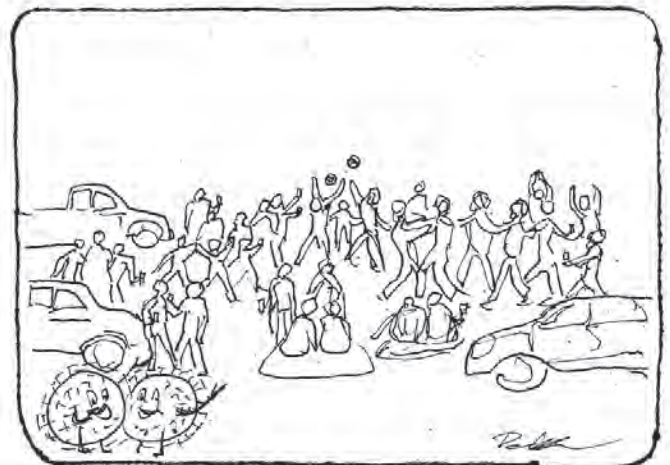
*Empathy develops
as you hear the needs of others.
Mammals, insects, plants and crystals
call out as sisters and brothers.
A leader doesn't dominate
nor limit group expression.
A leader looks for balance
and leaves a good impression.
By including all creation
into human understanding
we integrate our destiny
with love that's all-expanding.*

DOG BLOAT by Alan Black

*Dog bloat under
an ephemeral sun
and I have seen the madness
burn holes thru a soul
while Euro slug antennae quiver
on a misty lawn
with their exoskeleton being ripped
on discarded beer cans,
and I have drunk ten thousand
nights
to have left all misogyny
behind
but it is the behind that forms the
hour glass
that takes up
my mind.*

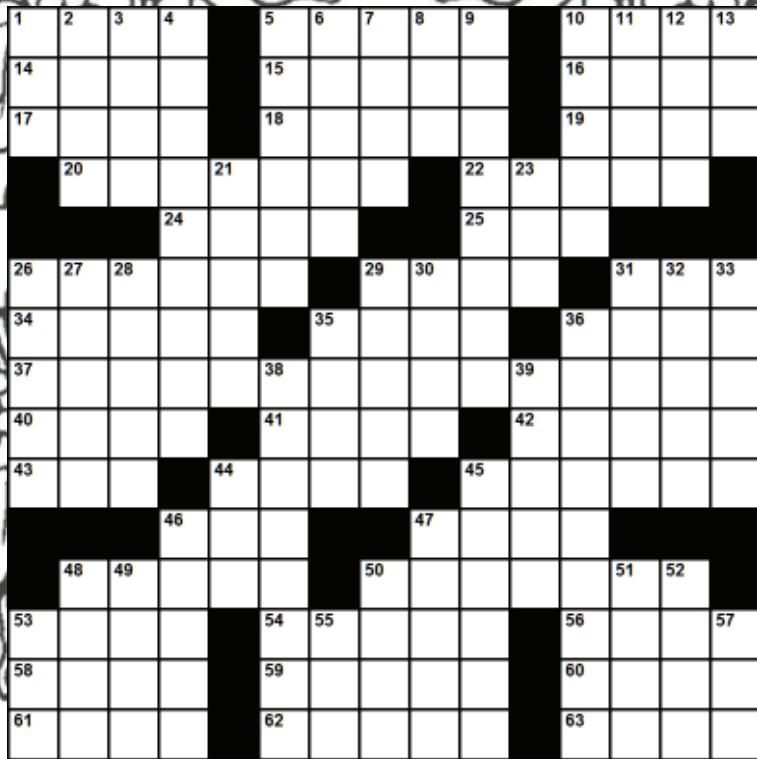


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Dr. Bonnie Henry hates this - but we love it
COVID-19 by Peter Karsten

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. It get into the whey
5. Bad dog
10. Utter foolishly
14. American canal
15. Destined to diet
16. Vega's constellation
17. Ill-gotten gains
18. Mammary gland projections
19. Preposition
20. Outstanding athlete
22. Kind of glue
24. Bit for Fermi
25. Bavarian peak
26. General usage
29. Light on one's feet
31. Automobile
34. During a broadcast
35. Big story
36. Army site
37. Deeds
40. Mountain Lake
41. Drifting
42. In the works
43. Curative water
44. Money of Cambodia

45. Poultry buys
46. Be the victor
47. Came to earth
48. Bungling
50. Spot before the eyes
53. Exam answer
54. Onetime pupa
56. Court pro Lendl
58. Rural area
59. River nymph
60. Actress Foch
61. Exclusively
62. Coils
63. Silver tongued

• DOWN •

1. Edible mushroom
2. Plastic ingredient
3. Lunar valley
4. Economic process
5. Low point
6. Steel support
7. Briny drop
8. Approx.
9. Lab activity
10. Short fly ball
11. Long legged cat
12. Culturally pretentious
13. Ultimate principle of the universe
21. Peril at sea
23. Do business
26. Cloakroom sights
27. Open a bottle
28. Spinal bases
29. Sales pitch
30. City on the Arno
31. Birch bark craft
32. Famed fur tycoon
33. Break times
35. Differently
36. Suing
38. Mona Lisa, e.g.
39. Arnold's love abbr.
44. Boot hill
45. Deluges
46. Rife with dandelions
47. Bane of pool owners
48. Anemic's supplement
49. Declares invalid
50. County carnival
51. Bad deed
52. Agra attire
53. A pair
55. Cape in New Jersey
57. Arrest

Mr. Stofer

www.stofergallery.com



He made his point

THE ISLANDS
Grapevine

NOV CALENDAR

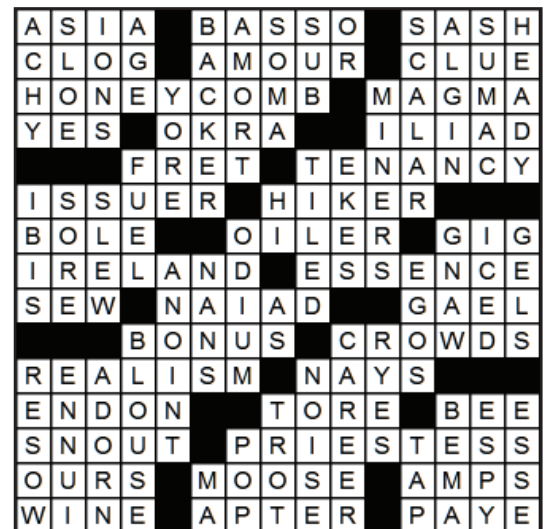
deadline is

FRIDAY OCT 23RD

www.theislandsgrapevine.com

250-335-9143

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •



• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• FOR SALE

EMINENT 2000 GRAND THEATRE ORGAN 1970 \$3K OBO Pickup only, lightly used, clean/smoke free home, numerous/ various sheet music and organ books/ manuals included. 250-335-0347

FRESH MILLED LUMBER for sale Fir/cedar siding and beams Call/text Val 780 832 2727

WAGNER FIREWOOD. FIR FIREWOOD FOR SALE. 2 cords to Denman, \$540 plus GST. Hornby \$560 plus tax. Text or call Scott at 250-334-7323

APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Ranges, washers, dryers, fridges, dishwashers, gas/electric range. All fully restored and come with a full six month warranty. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.

• SERVICES

DENMAN PERSONAL ASSISTANT Skill set involves data entry, administrative tasks, content translation (english, french), property management, scheduling meetings and organizing event/travel. Other services also available. 10 years experience in fast paced industries in Europe and Canada. Charging hourly or per project. Denman resident, Claire Debleu, Denmanpersonalassistant@gmail.com, (236) 380 0726

DB EXCAVATIONS AND CLEARING (Dorian Baker) Equipment: 040 Excavator, 080 Excavator, Skid-Steer Services: Land-clearing, Power Installations, Landscaping, Trenching, Site Prep. Licensed tree faller available. Coming soon if

interest shown a mulching head for clearing, tree trimming and broom removal. Great alternative to burn piles. Call or text 250-465-1889 or email dorianbaker56@gmail.com

YVONNE'S BAKING 335 0460

GUTTERS seamless, supply and install also repairs, for free estimate contact Kevin at 250 335 1986 or cell at 250 667 3233. Serving All Areas.

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@gmail.com

MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & All household major and small appliances. All large and small machinery. Yard machinery, chainsaws, outboards, automotive, sharpening, welding and fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.(HI)

MAGNIFICENT TOPSOIL, Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison compost, Treework, site clean up, fir mill end firewood, roof tear off, demolition. High grade lumber. 30 years local Entpr. Call Dave 218-9667.(DI)

• COMMUNITY NOTICES

HIRRA ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday, Oct 14, 7:30pm. Agenda: Executive, Regional Parks/Trails; Recreation; HIAC; Resiliency Initiative; HICEEC; Town Hall: HIRRA service levels and expenditures. E-mail office@hirra.ca to register. New members welcome!

A BLUE-POINT SIAMESE frequents the 1500 block of Pickles Road. Wanders at all times of day and night. We are concerned about her welfare, as she seems to be growing thinner. Is she yours? 250-609-1493 (leave message)

COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS Projector and screen: Book with Abraxas Books and Gifts 250-335-2731 abraxas9@telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See denman-works.wordpress.com/contact/

• FREEBIES

FREE KINCAID PIANO with stool and sheet music, must pick up Call 250 335 0379

30" COUNTERBALANCE LOOM free for pickup. Needs some TLC. Complete except for reed. Call 2503351033.

WINDOWS free or donate to Food Bank: 12 metal frame slider windows, various sizes from small to large. Please take all away. Call Sandra at 250.898.7791

I NEED SOME KIND SOUL to pick up and bring an order from the Beardsley potters, Scott & Garnet, on Denman Island down here for me please?
I'm 86 and it's a long way for me to drive. I'd have to break my trip and stay in a motel risking COVID and that's not really a great idea.
They are 12 mugs as Christmas gifts for my family so there's time for me to find an angel. dclangmead@shaw.ca



Reginald Magson

On Wednesday September 23 2020, Reginald Magson, loving husband and father, passed away at age 90. Reg was born on 18 November 1929 in Coventry, England to Reginald and Dulcey (Ramsey) Magson.

Apprenticed as a machinist his lifelong love of Spitfire airplanes was born when he worked for Westland Aircraft just after World War II.

Reginald married Margaret in 1954 and together they emigrated to Kitimat, BC in 1956. He went to work for Alcan Aluminum working there for 14 years becoming the Planning Dept. foreman. In Kitimat he passed on his love for the outdoors to his son Ken. He spent much of his spare time fishing, snowshoeing and any other reason to be out in the bush.

Reg and Margaret made a massive life change in 1970 when they moved to Denman Island and became the joint owners of the Denman General Store. They sold the store in 1974 and moved to the home where they have lived since. Reg kept busy though, being instrumental in forming the Denman Island Fire Department and became their first Fire Chief. He was a much loved school bus driver from 1972-1995. To his last days adults whom he had taken to school as children would greet him on the streets. He was an avid gardener, loved the deer on his property, and was also a local small engine mechanic in his spare time for many years. Known for his "can do" attitude Reg could make just about anything work from the parts he could find on his property or make them his self in his small workshop.

Survived by his wife Margaret, his son Ken, daughter in law Patricia, granddaughter Eilisha, and several other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-9177 (D/H)
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

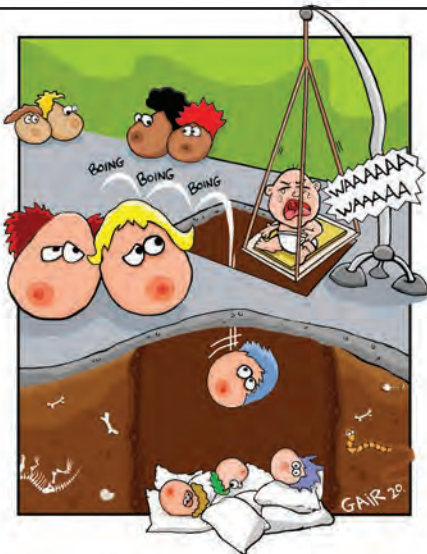
- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoeppner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- Dean's Digger - Mini Excavator & Small Haul 218-4534 (D/H)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Gutters Supply & Install • Kevin 667-3233/335-1986 (All)
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured 335-1741 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Denman Renaissance • tile & stone installation 334-6644 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text
465-1889 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy & Acupuncture • Carmen B-Gautrais RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Trees Service • Chipping • Certified faller • Antoine 207-3884 (D)
- Tree Service - Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker 335-1535 (D/H)



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 08

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

FRIDAY 09

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

SATURDAY 10

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET 9:30-12:30pm • Old School
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- DUO CORDELLA concert Community Hall 7:30pm

SUNDAY 11

- DUO CORDELLA concert Community Hall 2:30pm

MONDAY 12

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

TUESDAY 13

WEDNESDAY 14

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- HIRRA ZOOM MEETING 7:30pm

THURSDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- DENMAN WORKS AGM ZOOM MEETING 7pm
- MINDFULNESS FOR HEALTH 7pm