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COMM INFO

Report from the DIRA Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)

By Peter Karsten • Co-Chair

First of all a heartfelt thank you to Chris Danks who has co-chaired the WAC with the specific task to attend to lost and stray dogs for decades. Chris is stepping back from her position which she has filled with great competence and effectiveness. We will miss her leadership but she will still help us with lost dogs etc. Edi Johnston who assisted her is stepping up to the co-chair position. Thank you, Edi! We are looking for at least one more person to help for this valuable community service. Please contact me 250 335 1640; pekarsten@telus.net or Edi. Phone 250 335 2689; edijohnston@gmail.com.

This “Dog Team” of the WAC receives and follows up on calls to reunite lost and stray dogs with their owners. It also addresses reports on dogs harassing wildlife. In that case an attempt is made to find the owner to remind him/her that the harassment of wildlife by uncontrolled dogs is illegal under the Wildlife Act and to try to resolve the issue. Over the many years (since 1996) I recall only two cases where lack of cooperation made it necessary to engage the Conservation Officer (CO). Wildlife harassment can be subject to fines and even removal of the dog. Dog owners have been very supportive and we thank them for working with us so well.



The other role of the WAC is the response to injured wildlife. WAC “Deer Response Team” members are designated by the CO and are permitted to dispatch injured wildlife when the animal is suffering and unlikely to survive and to transport the dead animal. Usually, these catastrophic injuries are due to vehicle impact. The animal is euthanized and transported to a raptor feeding station. Besides presenting a bad image for the community, dead animals left at the road side attract eagles, vultures and ravens to feed on them which puts them in danger as well. Dead animals are also removed by the WAC for that reason including from private properties. This community service has worked very well. To date no complaints about the work have been recorded. The Provincial Wildlife department is highly supportive and grateful, as they do not have the resources to respond to these incidents in a short time frame.

The onset of Facebook has however disrupted the effective and timely response for emergency call-outs. The only practical and responsible way to deal with an injured animal is to call the members of the WAC listed on the inside cover of the Denman Phone Book for immediate action. Lately people have posted deer injuries on Facebook and left it at that. Eventually someone reading it calls the WAC. By that time the animal has suffered unnecessarily for a period of time. This is about as effective as posting someone with a heart attack on Facebook rather than calling 911. Furthermore, by the time a WAC member is alerted the animal may have crawled into cover, no witness is available to give first-hand information. The animal may have been removed without authorization (which is technically illegal). If one was removed in this way it would likely not be posted on Facebook. I was called out Dec 16th at midnight to attend to an injured deer at the Denman/East Road corner. I searched the area from the Orkney Farm to Schmid Road for one hour but no sign of it. This is something we like to avoid. The best way is to stay with the injured animal until a WAC volunteer arrives or if that is not possible to place good handful of vegetation or a piece of paper weighted down with a rock at the curb of the road.

This helps us immensely, especially at night.

This is our message: **call the WAC immediately for injured deer or other wildlife issues but not try to contact us by Facebook.** Instead of alarming helpless community members you can post the incident on Facebook after matters are taken care of. This also goes for cougar and bear sighting or dogs harassing wildlife etc. WAC volunteers do not monitor Facebook to deal with injured wildlife.

We like to reiterate that high speed especially at nights is the major cause for deer/vehicle impact. Lack of awareness that one is travelling in deer habitat is another. However, since we placed the blue “BE PREPAIRED!” alert signs along the roads the incidents have been significantly less.

If you do not have a Denman Island Phone Directory with the list of WAC Volunteers on the inside cover in your vehicle you can copy the contact phone numbers (below) and place it there and on your fridge door.

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To close we wish all a happy Holiday season and safe, wonderful New Year! 🍷

Living Well • Week 38 • 12 Days of Christmas

By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

The popular song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, has an interesting if not controversial history. It was first published in 1780 but many versions and lyrics have been sung over the years. There are many references to a Christmas memory game, where the party-goers had to memorize the list of gifts. Penalties were handed out to people who had memory lapses from money payments to giving up an item of clothing. An interesting adaptation to strip poker!

The actual twelve days of Christmas refer to the days from Dec. 25 to January 5. This period has also been called Christmastide and Twelvetide. William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night was written at the request of Queen Elizabeth I as entertainment for the Twelfth Night celebrations and portrayed the festivities, role-reversals and merriment of this season.

Over time, some of the lyrics have been changed. Four “calling” birds may originally have meant “colly” meaning coal black or from the French word “collet” meaning “ruff” as in ruff-pidgeon. There are many bird references. The five gold rings may have been referring to the gold collars of pheasants or gold finches. This is a song that calls out for new versions.

Let’s take a look at two, closer to home, renditions. Do you recall Bob and Doug McKenzie’s (Canada’s Great White North) rendition of this song?

“On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

- A beer (in a tree)
- 2 turtle-necks
- 3 French toasts
- 4 pounds of bacon
- 5 golden toques
- 6 packs of two-four (24 beer)

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TIDE TABLE		
Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove Source: tides.gc.ca		
2020-12-31 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:16	0.7	2.3
07:56	4.9	16.1
13:01	3.8	12.5
17:07	4.3	14.1
2021-01-01 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:52	0.7	2.3
08:31	4.9	16.1
13:46	3.7	12.1
17:53	4.2	13.8
2021-01-02 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:30	0.8	2.6
09:05	4.9	16.1
14:36	3.6	11.8
18:46	4.1	13.5
2021-01-03 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:09	1	3.3
09:38	4.9	16.1
15:32	3.4	11.2
19:49	3.9	12.8
2021-01-04 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:51	1.3	4.3
10:10	4.9	16.1
16:32	3.1	10.2
21:05	3.7	12.1
2021-01-05 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:37	1.8	5.9
10:43	4.9	16.1
17:33	2.7	8.9
22:37	3.6	11.8
2021-01-06 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
04:29	2.3	7.5
11:17	4.8	15.7
18:31	2.2	7.2
2021-01-07 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:29	3.6	11.8
05:30	2.8	9.2
11:54	4.8	15.7
19:24	1.7	5.6



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7 packs of smokes
 8 comic books ..."
 (by now the beer had been drunk and the song had degenerated)
 "12-Good day and welcome to day 12."
 Here's my contribution:
 On the first day of Christmas, Denman Island gave to me,
 An eagle in a fir tree
 2 garden gloves
 3 cheers for Lukas (our postal delivery genius)
 4 calling birders
 5 waves a crashing
 6 orcas playing

7 nudists swimming
 8 herring spawning
 9 ferries loading
 10 deer a leaping
 11 tomatoes ripening
 12 ukeles strumming: Auld Land
 Syne!

If you had 12 gifts to offer in our New Year, I wonder what they might be?



Cosmic Bowling: Cornelia Hoogland & Ted Goodden

ARS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

The best poetry makes us feel more alive. I first encountered Cornelia Hoogland's poetry as one of the highlights of Ocean Day in 2019. Now, with three of her volumes on my shelf, I think its fair to say that she has a gift for sharpening our awareness of personal experience.

Humans draw 14,000 breaths
 a day. What is spoken
 is spoken on the exiting
 breath. Our meanings,
 an entire life's meaning,
 Thank you,
 Can ride the exhale.

She writes from tangible personal life. Woods Wolf Girl uses the story of Red Riding Hood to explore the experience of puberty between a girl, the mother, and the wolf, the Red, an inexorable sexual destiny. It is grittily rooted in personal experiences and the history of the family, fraught with a sense of danger that leaves you the wiser, if not better.

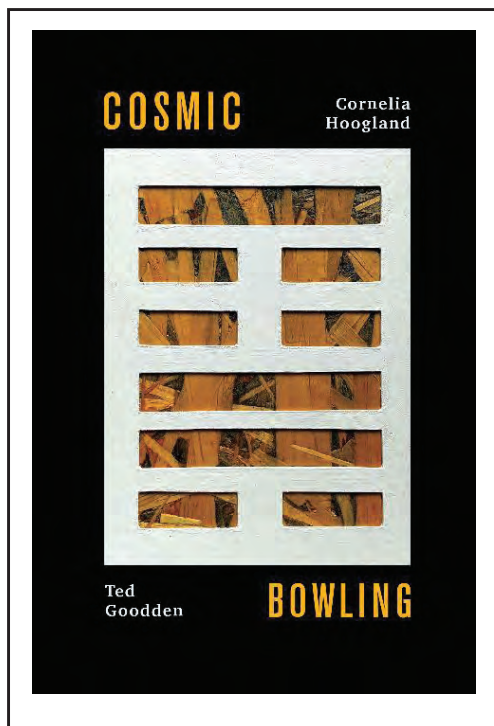
Trailer Park Elegy opens up Hoogland's grief for a beloved brother in all the ways that death can rob us of meaning, disorient our sense of self, and haunt us with pain as we struggle to come to terms.

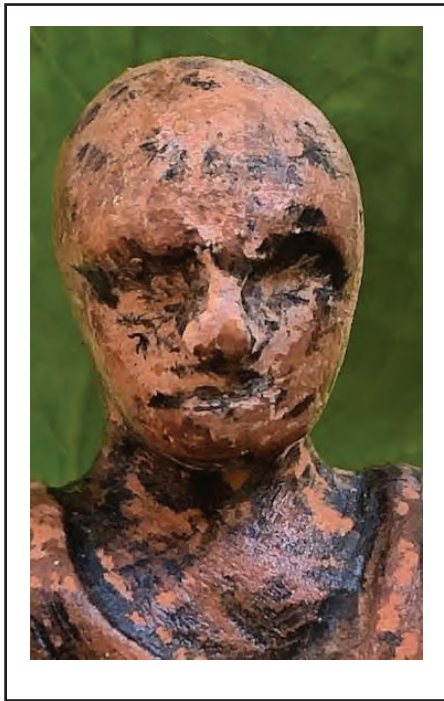
In a flash of lighting, the far end
 of the bay switches on like streetlights.
 Roiling amber-green waves frozen
 at breakpoint. As suddenly
 switches off. Black again. Nothing.

Indirect, but telling. There is no expiation or search for comfort but her darting sensibility, contextual awareness, and the way thoughts are cadenced by the lines, slows things down, so that the focus shifts from pain to perception.

Her work is shot through with a subtle otherness, so that you may be sitting on a beach looking out to sea and note all the details of dress and activities around, yet there is the inference of something more, sometimes blasted into view by a startle of paradox or an unexpected twist.

By her own telling, Trailer Park was the hardest book she had ever written. In contrast, Cosmic Bowling, her latest, "was a complete joy". Cosmic is a collaboration with artist Ted Goodden. It is a rather unique take on the I Ching, the Book of Changes. For one, the traditional hexagrams of different combinations of barred lines are replaced by six-line verses. Three is one poem for each of the 64 tradition hexagrams each with its own name (for example, the Army, Taming Power of the Small, or Treading). For another, each hexagram is accompanied by





a small clay figurine of a man with a ball in various postures. The figures, Goodden says, are gestural interpretations of each hexagram and they are effective. Each figure is the same, strong man in a unique pose suggested by the hexagram. Perhaps most important, the figures have a rhythmic fluidity that combines both effort and harmony. Their faces, when viewed closely, have a suggestion of character. As illustrations in the book, they work perfectly with the open character of the verse, while also providing a humanizing unity.

Fanciful, orientalisng illustrations of sages, generals and kings have sometimes accompanied Western editions, but this is perhaps the first association of sculpture. Stripped of all the traditional interpretations and commentary of Lao Tzu and Confucius, not to mention the arcane comments of Duke Chou that make up the accepted traditional text, Cosmic is a contemporary artistic riff on the basic idea of the I Ching. It is always

interesting when something transcends its traditional culture and is taken up by the world.

Not that Cosmic is divorced from the I Ching. Goodden, who has studied the I Ching for nigh on five decades, provided an informative appendix on the original. But he believes their approach is inherent in the I Ching itself. "Openness and otherness are the two essential qualities of the I Ching," he says. "In the spirit of things, the hexagrams were always open to interpretation. "You carry a certain amount of wisdom, but you don't always act on it. You become fearful and forget what you know. For instance, you listen to the news too long, and become anxious and lose your native intelligence. But if you put yourself in a place of listening, then that wisdom can manifest itself through this text. We tried to create a space for readers to enter the poems and sculptures. Lao Tse and Confucius were not in any way harmonious. We are not going for a common vision but are in continual conversation." By that light, "Each hexagram is an adventure, to see what happens."

Hoogland and Goodden have collaborated before but not on a project of this complexity. It started out as an exhibition with shows on Hornby, Denman, and in Comox. Comments indicated that the exhibition was rather a lot to take, and that a book would be a good idea. It is appropriate, given the consultative nature of the text, and the chance to study each figurine at leisure.

In the 1970s Ted served a four-year apprenticeship that eventually enabled him to earn a living doing commissions. But while he has great respect for the craft, clay work offers something different. "Clay", Ted feels, "is three-dimensional, rewarding you at every stage with this tactile plasticity, and a total freedom. You can see what is going to emerge." It complimented the two-dimensional art of stained glass where each piece is predetermined by a map, and precise workmanship is critical. Self taught in ceramics; it has not been an easy go. An understanding of the medium and what forms are possible at a small scale has been a hard, slow process of self education. He started out with non-figurative sculpture and became fascinated with the material but did not take it as seriously as stained glass and rarely showed the work to anybody.

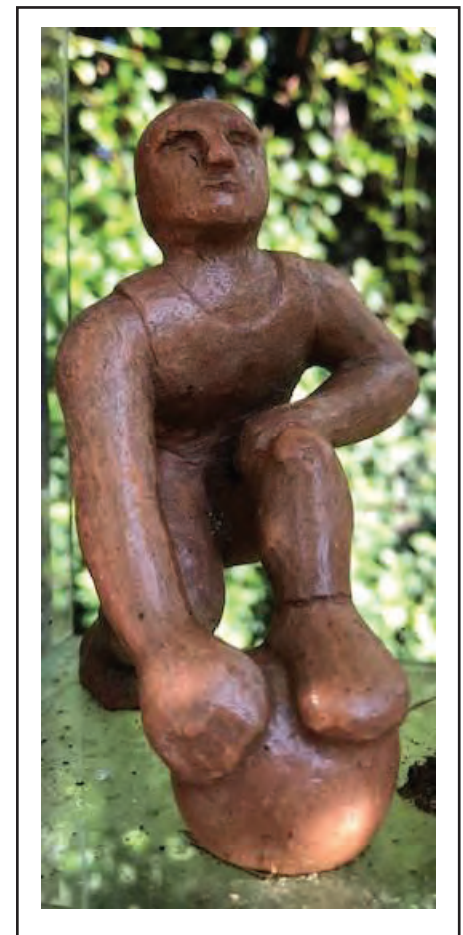
Cornelia thinks that this project caused her to write in a more public voice than in previous books. Influenced by the I Ching, she experienced an altered and diminished sense of the personal "I" while writing these poems.

Hexagram 42. Increase
A kid with a spoon bangs the table.
More! The Tao says
change begins by observing how thunder and wind strengthen
Each other. I've no idea how thunder and wind strengthen

each other. But I know hands, infant skin, the mouth's work
when my baby nursed. Pulled by a celestial tide
my body's need to make milk, my baby's need calling milk forth.

"If there is wisdom in these poems, I learn along with my readers. It is not my wisdom, but the poem's." Whatever the wisdom, Cosmic Bowling has legs. A hexagram is travelling Vancouver buses as part of Poetry in Transit for 2020-21.

Cosmic Bowling is available at Abraxas Books <http://abraxasbooks.ca> as well as at Laughing Oyster Books in Courtenay. See www.corneliahoogland.com for podcasts, reviews and more.



An Unpainted Portrait

By Leo Simmons

ARS&LIT

Athletics. Def: the practice of standing, barely dressed and shivering, on a rain-swept field while heavily-wrapped games masters shout unintelligible instructions. Some running may be involved.

Once the very worst and most miserable months of the year had passed and the sea of mud we called rugby pitches began – incredibly – to sprout with grass once more, the period of ‘summer’ games began. In April. In England. Indeed, the school summer term began after the Easter break, so it was sometimes very early in April that we found ourselves exposed to the summer timetable. Since the cricket pitches were water-logged for at least another month, on days when the rain held off we started out with what today would be called ‘track and field’, but in those days went under the rather dismal title of ‘Athletics’. Unlike rugby, this activity required no travelling to distant fields since the school environs were capable of containing our athletic achievements. Had I been a resident with a garden adjoining the school sports fields however, I think that I’d have been a little wary of sunbathing (HA!) during javelin practice.

Mr. Davies, who had been one of our loud, grumpy and abusive rugby instructors, now magically transformed himself – much like a caterpillar becoming a beautiful butterfly – into a loud, grumpy and abusive athletics instructor. My introduction to his athletics persona came one unusually sunny morning, when our class lined up in white shorts, white shirts and white plimsolls – known to us as ‘pumps’ – for inspection. The great man emerged from some invisible doorway in the building behind us, clearly unhappy about the hand that life had dealt him. With a hoarse yell, he announced his presence in our midst. Hobbling around to stand before us, he glared at each one of his charges through improbably thick spectacles, as if challenging our champion to step forward for a good smiting. “Stand still, you useless nematodes!” he snarled. His jab missed its mark; we hadn’t yet covered nematodes in Biology class. Without another word, he began to stagger along the line of boys, staring intently at our feet. As he did so, it dawned on me that the whiteness of our footwear might be a highly important feature of the exercise. Oh dear.

Following family tradition, my parents had furnished me with the cheapest ‘pumps’ available outside of a Bangkok market. Sometimes, I swear, they didn’t realise that the war had ended more than thirty years previously and rationing had been over for twenty or more years. What this meant for me on that particular morning was that, along with my elder brother’s old shorts and shirt, I was wearing a cheap knock-off copy of Dunlop ‘Green Flash’ plimsolls. They smelled as if they’d been made from dried mackerel skins. Regardless of the hard-to-avoid pong, the shoes bore a cheerful dark green stripe and a strange, stylized letter ‘D’ on the heel. It was too much for Mr Davies. Pausing to painfully stoop and stare at my shoes in apparent disbelief, he looked up and at me from a distance of approximately twelve inches.



It was horrible: a little like seeing a famous movie star on HD television for the first time, warts and all. I could see all of the blood vessels in his eyes; all of the blocked pores on his nose.

As I tried not to stare, he gave me the benefit of his opinion vis-à-vis my dodgy shoes. “Doze...” he said, his scouse accent coming to the fore as his emotions got the better of him, “Doze are de werst lookin’ shoos av evva seen! Where d’ya get dem, den? De charity shop?” Splutters along the line indicated that he had activated some of the snobbery glands among my peers, and I felt my face growing hot. Acutely aware that I came from a humble background in comparison to almost all of my classmates, I found the subject of my parent’s financial position excruciatingly embarrassing. I bit down on my tongue. The teacher glared at me, oozing malevolence. “Get doze tings proplee white-unned, or yule be on a deetenshun next time!”

A couple of minutes later, having gratuitously mortified a couple more boys, our unpleasant teacher introduced us to some field athletics equipment. The javelin immediately drew everyone’s attention: we’d never seen one up close before, and several of them thrust into the ground in a line looked promisingly dangerous. Disappointing by comparison, a number of cannon balls lay next to them, along with a collection of battered flying saucer models. Hmmm...



The European Union: Free at Last!

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • OP December 28th, 2020

Blaming the victims is never a good look. As Britain finally leaves the European Union, 1,651 days after the Brexit referendum of 2016, we should try to remember that 48% of the turkeys didn't vote for Christmas.

Brexit was not exactly a national act of self-harm; it was really an attack by the nostalgic and nationalist old on the young. 60% of British over-65s voted to leave the EU, but 61% of the under-35s voted to remain. Having had four years to think it over, most British now think it was a mistake – by a 48-39 majority, according to a YouGov poll in October.

Too late. Boris Johnson is prime minister and he dares not anger the English ultra-nationalists on the right of his own Conservative party. After months of the amateur dramatics that accompany any Johnson decision, on Christmas Day the United Kingdom concluded a pathetically thin 'free trade' deal that reflects the real balance of power between the EU and the UK.

It looks pretty good for manufactured goods and commodities, which make up 20% of Britain's GDP: no tariffs, no quotas. But the EU sells far more stuff to the UK than the other way around: it has a \$45 billion trade surplus in goods. Of course it made a deal on that.

By contrast there is no trade deal at all in services, which account for 80% of the UK economy and used to produce a \$112 billion surplus for the UK. The UK is entirely vulnerable to whatever restrictions the EU may choose to apply to its banks, insurance companies and providers of other professional services.

Johnson will smear lipstick all over this pig of a deal and declare it a triumph. Those who want to believe it will do so, and the only early evidence of the huge defeat that it really is will be some delays at the ports as customs officers learn their new jobs. The real bill will come in later and almost invisibly, in lost trade, investment and opportunities.

The last official British government estimate was that fifteen years from now the British economy will be between 5% and 7% smaller than it would have been as an EU member (but still a bit bigger than it is now).

That's not the raw material for a counter-revolution – and besides, any projection about the economic situation in 2035 is really pure guesstimate. One Covid more or less could make just as much difference as Brexit.

All one can say is that the British economy will not "prosper mightily" outside the EU, as Johnson promised, but it won't collapse either. And then, in due course, the younger, pro-EU Brits will become the majority thanks to the magic of generational turnover. But until then, if Britain comes knocking at the EU's door asking to be allowed back in, Brussels should say 'no'.

What really happens on 31 December is that the European Union is finally freed

to develop in the way that its other major members clearly want. The goal of 'ever closer union', anathema to English exceptionalists, is back on the agenda.

There is ambivalence in every member country about the idea of creating a semi-federal European super-state, but in a world where democracy and the rule of law are under siege most peo

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ple can see the need to strengthen the European Union. Last July the EU's leaders took a huge step in that direction: for the first time they agreed to borrow collectively on the financial markets.

France and Germany were all for it, and Italy and Spain needed the money to finance a trillion-euro aid programme to help them through the coronavirus crisis. Those four countries now contain more than half the EU's population, and they outvoted the 'frugal four' (the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden and Denmark) that opposed taking on debt to support 'feckless' Mediterranean members.

If Britain had still been a member, it would have vetoed the measure because it infringed on the UK's sacred 'sovereignty'. French President Charles de Gaulle, who vetoed British membership applications twice in the 1960s, was right: England does not have a 'European vocation', and it should not be allowed in.

The financial precedent that was set in July opens the door to a future EU that acts much more like a state. Even a common defence budget is now within reach – not something vital in military terms, but a European army would be a hugely important symbol of unity.

The United States may be back soon, but the world could certainly use a second powerful advocate for democracy and the rule of law. Brexit may be giving us just that by freeing the EU to move on, and we should be grateful.



New Worlds

by Thomas Provençal

*I live in a dream
and I am the host
of a fabulous party
yet there's no need to boast
for all of the people
that left long ago
carried with them inventions
to help them to grow
a civilization
far off in space,
to plant on a planet,
to continue the race,
having used what they wanted
and wasted the rest
they abandoned their mother,
amputated her breast.*

*The guests at my table
have no need for chairs.
They're what's left of the creatures
that hid in their lairs,
surviving together,
creating a niche,
adapting to weather,
letting go of the leash.
Each one of us offers
the skills of our kind,
harmonizing our motives
with the omniscient mind.*

Hey, 2020...Farewell

by Bill Engleson
www.engleson.ca

*It's the quiet that gets me,
me, not necessarily you,
but here, where I plot
the demise of 2020,
it's the quiet I notice.*

*It's been a sombre year,
amidst the viral tears,
the losses, real or imagined,
differences masked in opinion,
positions staked out like mining
claims.*

*Nashville was not quiet
on Christmas morning,
the slaughter of an RV,
the suicidal withdrawal
from a life lived, forgotten.*

*As 2020 slips from our grasp,
doing a Frank Fry*
off the Statue of Liberty,
there is still the mystery
of time waiting to be.*

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=5MoEsWEcU9c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MoEsWEcU9c)

For Madeline (or anyone who has lost a beloved pet)

by Rick Middleton

*When in some troubled state,
I turn away
In hope that I might change
my present view
I find this pain, or ache has
come to stay
And old wounds wake to
cause me pain anew
Some lesson taught, that I had
failed to heed
Or through inaction, had not
fed some need
Past teaching, yet the lesson
must be learned
No matter what my heart may
feel it's earned
The pain within, that needs
must venture out
Beyond the shores of my hurt
and self doubt
No compass, star, or map to
guide my way
I live inside your shadow, each
new day,*

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HORNBY JANUARY 2021

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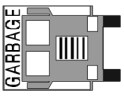
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DI Natural Burial AGM
Zoom meeting 7pm

CAP SITE 4-7pm


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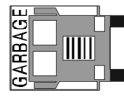
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RECYCLING CENTRE

Wednesdays 2-6pm
Thursdays 2-6pm
Saturdays 9-5pm



Garbage Collector:
250-337-1734

BOTTLE DEPOT
Wednesdays 2-6pm
Thursdays 2-6pm
Saturdays 9-5pm



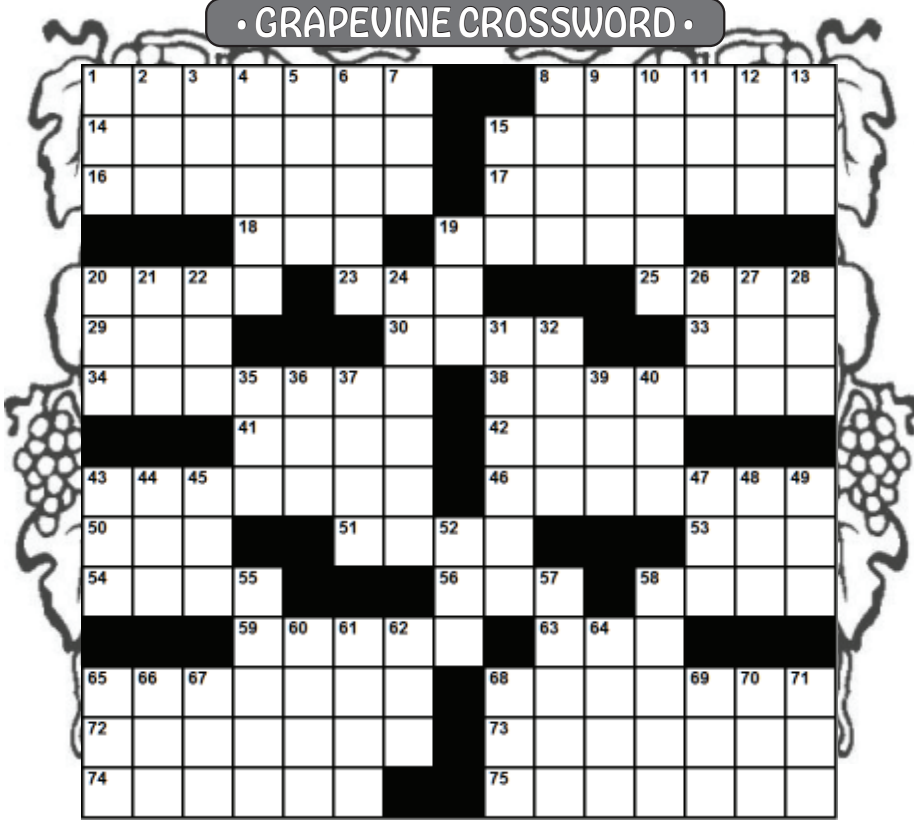
**Denman Island
General Store**

STORE HOURS:

- **Mon-Thurs:** 8am-6:30pm •
- **Fri:** 8am-7pm • **Sat:** 9am-7pm •
- Sun:** Noon-4pm
250-335-2293

Nervous about COVID shopping. Let us shop for you. We are taking telephone (250 335 2293) and email: denmanislandgeneralstore@gmail.com grocery orders. We can put the groceries on the porch or arrange for free delivery to your residence.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



Mr. Stofer

www.stofergallery.com



He felt the grip of nostalgia

• ACROSS •

- 1. Game starter
- 8. Admirer of Betty Grable
- 14. Took a breather
- 15. Mexican snack
- 16. Bygone empress
- 17. Steel helmet
- 18. Assoc.
- 19. Certain angle
- 20. Matting fiber
- 23. Batter ingredient
- 25. Author Greene
- 29. Adorer's writing
- 30. Bumbler's word
- 33. Angry state
- 34. Largest living bird
- 38. Scared
- 41. Sandwich treat
- 42. Nosegay
- 43. Ulna location
- 46. Failure to appear
- 50. 5th or Park
- 51. Inducing gooseflesh
- 53. Be unoriginal
- 54. Church part
- 56. Actor McKellen
- 58. College bigwig

- 59. Covering up the truth
- 63. Dismissing comment
- 65. Tranquil
- 68. Copied illegally
- 72. Robbed a dwelling
- 73. Tarred nautical rope
- 74. Followed the rules
- 75. Ancient epic

• DOWN •

- 1. Assembly of parts
- 2. Asst. prof.
- 3. Half a dance
- 4. Limestone region
- 5. Musical medley
- 6. Build a barrier
- 7. Drug testing grp.
- 8. Feast on Oahu
- 9. Formerly, once
- 10. Composer Edvard
- 11. 60 sec.
- 12. Breakfasted
- 13. Anything but that
- 15. Eng. channel
- 19. Antiquity
- 20. Catcall's kin
- 21. Billboards
- 22. Arrange type
- 24. Leave work
- 26. Pick a car
- 27. Bard's before
- 28. Blazed a trail
- 31. Tropical treat
- 32. Grungy one
- 35. Baby fish
- 36. Alternative to 401
- 37. Cover with wax

- 39. Ninny
- 40. Bread or booze
- 43. Ardent follower
- 44. Aves, once
- 45. Auto gear, abbr.
- 47. Denial in Glasgow
- 48. Acct., often
- 49. Still, in verse
- 52. 18-wheeler
- 55. Song of sorrow
- 57. River nymph
- 58. Tropical woody herbs
- 60. Connecticut campus
- 61. Hit a puck too far
- 62. Actor Beatty
- 64. Culturally pretentious
- 65. Blood system group
- 66. Bath feature
- 67. Before beginning
- 68. Old hand
- 69. Deck the Halls word
- 70. Away from WSW
- 71. Susan of L.A. Law

THE ISLANDS
Grapevine
 FEB CALENDAR
 deadline is
 FRIDAY JAN 22ND
 theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• FOR SALE

GREAT STOCKING STUFFER! Olson Face Masks with: filter pocket, nose wire, custom fit to you. Masks \$15 each *Optional N95 filter \$5 each Contact: Sally Dyck (250)335-2099 e-mail: denmansr@gmail.com <https://gourmetbysallyrae.blogspot.com/>

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 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

AVAILABLE FOR REPAIR, renovations, ground up construction, welding. Specialize in concrete. The Sober Cowboy Construction. Give a call to 2507025117.

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

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)

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.



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 Entrp. Call Dave 218-9667.(DI)

• COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/

• EMPLOYMENT

ARE YOU LOOKING for a bitter-sweet job? Come join our production team and make deliciousness happen. Email dichoc@telus.net

Willo Walker passed away at Victoria Hospital on Christmas night from complications following recent emergency heart surgery. For his wife Fiona "Willo was and is the Love of my life." For many of us on Denman and all over the world who have been deeply touched by Our Beloved Willo's generosity, his skill as a TCM healer, and his loyalty as a unique and special friend his loss leaves a painful void. He will be missed.

Margot Boothroyd died quietly after a short illness on December 9. She was 93. She loved her time on Denman Island, and her friends here. She will be missed. As Mum would say: "I had a good innings"

• 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)
- Katarina Mezlic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Bobcat & Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (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 Hodeins • 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)
- Water Tanks & Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac 778-992-0165 (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)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 514-605-9398 (D/H)
- Mandala Massage • Lisa Larkin • CHMP • text 871-8701 call 335-2836 (D)
- 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)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Piano Tuning & Repair • Greg Joly 250-475-1106 (D/H)



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 31

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

FRIDAY 1

- AA Meeting 7-8:15pm Old School
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

SATURDAY 2

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm

SUNDAY 3

MONDAY 4

TUESDAY 5

WEDNESDAY 6

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 7

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm