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Denman Sings

By Kathy Rieder

What Is Denman Sings Aug12-16 2024?
For all you newer folks here on Denman, here is the scoop.

Denman Sings is a musical holiday that allows you to sleep in your own bed and keep your garden watered. This 5 day, 4 part choir workshop takes place at the Denman Community Hall. We sing with joy at a relaxed pace and break for ginger tea. We sing from 9:30-12 and from 1-3. As well as our local choir community, you will meet some very lovely people who come from far and wide for this week of singing. On Friday night we share our songs with a concert for the Denman Community. Our repertoire this summer will be "The Greatest Hits of Denman Sings", drawing from all the songs we have sung in our 7 previous "Denman Sings", plus a new Beatles song, that we have never sung before. Victoria's Denis Donnelly is back to lead us on this rich musical journey.

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Shucking Oysters: Your Call Is Not Really That Important

By Alex Allen

All our agents are currently busy with other calls. Please stay on the line." "All our agents are still busy, please continue to hold for the next available agent." "We are currently experiencing a high volume of calls..."

I have spent the last week trying to speak to a Canada Revenue agent, and I am now at that borderline level of customer service rage. All because I filed my income tax differently from previous years, I can't register on line and have to speak to a CRA representative. I dutifully call Revenue Canada and I am greeted in French to press *deux* (2) to have a French-speaking agent. That's it. C'est ça. So, logically I assume that by pressing 1, I will have the

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Green Wizardries: Cherries

By Maxine Rogers

I pray to powerful Gods such as Priapus, Saturn, Ceres and Jupiter for protection of my farm and livestock. It seems to be working quite well. This spring, we got overwhelmed with project work and we had a hard time getting everything done. We staggered from job to job. We kept looking at the cherry trees and saying things such as, "Tomorrow, we must net the cherries. We didn't get them netted!"

About six weeks ago, during morning prayers, I thought to ask the Gods to send me band-tailed pigeons. These are stately, native pigeons that were nearly wiped out by the settlers with their shotguns in pursuit of pigeon pie and similar. We have seen a few around the edge of our farm over the years but none had ever come to our feeder. I was just hoping a few might come and coo at us from the edge of the forest.

I went downstairs after prayers and was making the morning coffee when I hear my husband shout, "Look at the bird feeder now!" There were five band-tailed pigeons jostling on our small feeding table and they were soon joined by another pair. We have had them every day since and I adore them. They are very pretty, large birds and their coo is very soothing. A friend who grew up here told me they are terrible cherry thieves which may have been one reason the settlers shot them.

Due to what I can only suppose was divine intervention, none of the pigeons or other birds got into our cherries. We were able to go picking every day for a week and collect only the ripest cherries. We did one huge pick of most of the crop and after that, a few birds came in to dine on the remaining few fruit but it was by no means a massacre.



An orchardist came over to help us with a technical issue and he was amazed to see our cherry trees standing, laden with fruit and untouched by birds. He said that if he tried that at his place, there would not be a single cherry left.

We stone and freeze a lot of the cherries on trays and then load them into freezer bags as we love to have them in fruit salads in the winter. They also make great ice cream. We put a can of coconut milk in the blender and drop the frozen fruit in one by one, add a little sweetener and have really nutritious ice cream.

We also like to make Rumtopf. This is an excellent way to preserve fruit and I have this recipe from a woman who made some and gave it to Peter Karsten to try. He said it was just like what his Mom used to make in Germany, so the recipe is really good.

You need a big crock or large glass jar in which you layer fruit as it comes ripe. You put in a layer of fruit and cover it with white sugar and then cover that all with dark rum. The next fruit to come ripe goes in on top with more sugar and rum to cover. Do not stir! You make this in the summer to serve in the winter.

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23:17	4.6 15.1

2024-07-13 (Sat)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
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16:42	2.7 9
23:39	4.5 14.7

2024-07-14 (Sun)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
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17:25	3.2 10.4

2024-07-15 (Mon)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
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18:48	3.6 11.6

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23:08	3.8 12.6

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I was told the Germans like to put it on cakes or ice cream which sounds jolly good. I use the resulting drunken fruit to make Christmas cakes and there is really nothing better. I also make my own candied peel from organically-produced citrus fruit for those cakes and it is very easy to make candied peel. I will put a recipe in a future article as the citrus is only good in the winter.

A lovely friend also taught me to make maraschino cherries and cherry brandy. For this, we use sour cherries, also called pie cherries, and they grow very well here. For the Rumtopf, I use both sour and sweet cherries but for the maraschino cherries, only sour cherries will do.

We bought most of our cherry trees from Beulah Creek Nursery on Hornby and have always found them to be excellent. Our sour cherries do very well here and of the sweet cherries, Bing seems to do the best for us. Your results may vary.

The recipe for the maraschino cherries is three cups of sour cherries covered by two cups of white sugar and two cups of vodka. Keep adding more fruit and so on as people really love these cherries and they make great gifts. Shake the jar every couple of days and leave in a cool dark place for a couple of months. You will have a lot of syrup from this and I bottle it and serve it as cherry brandy. I have had people say it is the best thing they have ever tasted. 

ICJ & ICC: What's the difference?

OPINION

Both of our World Courts have been in the press lately with respect to Israel's ongoing war against Gazans; it's very easy to confuse them. A few similarities are that they were both established by the UN and both are based in The Hague, Netherlands. In most respects, they are quite different. Much is written about

these courts and I have no expertise in International Law. This and my next week's article constitute a very surface-level overview, offering a snapshot of each court through the lens of its actions re Israel, Gaza and their leaders.

International Court of Justice

The first truly World Court is the *International Court of Justice* (ICJ), established in 1945 by the UN Charter, for the settlement of disputes between States. All 193 UN members are automatically parties to the Court's Statute, by reason of having joined the UN. Submission to the jurisdiction of the ICJ though, is not compulsory for UN member States. The US withdrew from compulsory jurisdiction of the Court in 1986. Other countries who have not signed the declaration recognizing the jurisdiction of the Court include: China, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Qatar and Yemen.

Focus of the ICJ is on the international obligations and responsibilities of *States*.

In January, 2024, The ICJ heard South Africa's preliminary case against Israel for genocide. The ICJ determined it had jurisdiction to hear the case - a necessary first step. If the Court has jurisdiction, the Petitioners in the case must then meet a threshold with their evidence to have the case go forward. That is, they have to convince the Court that they have a "*plausible case*" that the State in question, in this case, Israel, committed or is committing the offense claimed, in this case, genocide, before the Court can continue. This threshold, the Court determined, was met by South Africa. Now the Court will accept briefs (arguments) from any and all countries who are parties to the ICJ, who apply to join the case. A number of States have already applied to join this legal action. Individual State's briefs can be either for or against the claim of genocide. So far all the countries joining the action will be arguing on the side of South Africa.

You can go online to hear the arguments made by South Africa's legal team before the ICJ in January. They are powerful and compelling. The Irish lawyer on the South Africa team, Blinne Ni Granleigh, indicated in her argument that Gaza is the scene of "the highest levels of

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English-speaking option. And down the rabbit hole we go. An automated voice tells me to press 1 for something, press 2 for another, 3, 4, 5 options. After pressing one of the five options, I am given three more options. I have to play them all, because none quite explain my situation. Not once do any of the options let me speak to an agent. So, after going through the option tree, I get directed back to the main menu and have a brilliant moment. Don't press 1 or deux, wait and see. Sure enough, I can speak to a real agent through this loop, but of course, the obligatory "we are experiencing a high volume of calls please call back" is played. So, I try again another day, this time I get in the queue and the wait time is more than three hours. The next day, the queue is full, so I'm told to call back or visit the website. I even tried the number for Yukon, Northwest Territories, thinking that maybe I could interact with a real person. Not. At this point, I am no longer calm nor rational. If I owed them money, it would be a different story — they would be calling me every day. It's not just the government, every corporation seems to grow more inhuman and unhelpful with every phone call we make.

Whether it's the relentless hold times, the outsourced agents who can't speak English, or the multitude of buttons to press and automated voices to listen to before reaching a real live human being — who hasn't felt exasperated at the abuse, neglect, and wasted time we experience when all we want is help, and maybe a little human tenderness? As someone cautioned, with AI there will be "very little room for the mellowing intervention of a human supervisor."

Getting caught in a tech support loop, Kate Murphy wrote, "is a peculiar kind of aggravation that mental health experts say can provoke rage in even the most mild-mannered person." When things don't make sense and feel out of control, humans instinctively feel threatened. Though you would like to think you can employ reason in this situation, Murphy writes, you're really just "a mass of neural impulses and primal reactions." Indeed.

Once on hold, we all know what will come next: "Your call is very important to us." Of course, after being on hold for a 10 minutes and having heard that message three or four times, you can't help but think that your call is obviously not important at all. North Americans spend, on average, 13 hours per year waiting in a calling queue. According to a study in the journal *Cost Management*, a third of complaining customers must make more than two calls to resolve their complaint. And who knows how many who simply give up out of exasperation after the first call.

In the *Harvard Business Review*, research suggests that some companies actually find it profitable to create hassles for complaining customers. How many products have you tried to return or get fixed to no avail? Since 2015, the study examined the incentive structures within customer service departments at over a dozen companies in finance, technology, and travel to understand why customers perpetually experience hassles. For one, all these companies screen complaining callers using a "hierarchical organizational structure." Companies deliberately employ this inefficient, multi-step process hoping that you will give up so they can avoid giving you a replacement or refund. Not surprisingly, by forcing customers to jump through a marathon of hoops, the organizations win. They profit from our frustrations. They know that if they ignore us long enough, we will give up and go away.

Even finding the 'Contact Us' page on most websites takes five to 10 clicks before you even get close. Every business has reduced its capacity for email contact. Even if a company emails you, it will come from an address that doesn't accept replies. Of course, emailing complaints would be more convenient and efficient for the customer, but less so for the business that has to read, reply and, dear god, fix the problem.

Plan G. Canada Revenue opens at 6:30 am weekdays and I'm going to put my phone on redial at 5:45 am every morning until I get through. In the meantime, please hold for the next available instalment. 🍷

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food insecurity ever recorded. Famine is around the corner”. She was not exaggerating; this was in January and the situation has only deteriorated since then. Both the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* reported on June 19th that as many as 500,000 *Gazan residents* are facing “imminent starvation because of a lack of food”. (Seymour Hersh, 26 June, 2024.) Starvation as a weapon of war is a form of genocide, and we are seeing it before our very eyes in Gaza.

It may be several years before the case is actually ready to be tried by the Court. That’s why it has issued two sets of *Provisional Measures Orders*, which are orders that can be made to prevent “serious and irreversible damage” from being done before a case actually gets to trial. So far, these measures have been ignored by Israel. (I outlined the terms of the 1st Provisional Measures Order in *Respecting International Law, Grapevine*, 1st Feb.2024.)

The ICJ can also issue *Advisory Opinions* if requested by the UN General Assembly or Security Council. In 2004, for example, the ICJ ruled that the Israeli Separation (Apartheid) Wall in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territories, violated international law and should be dismantled. Nonetheless, Israel’s construction of the Wall continued unabated and its dark presence in the West Bank remains, snaking its way through Palestinian lands, dividing orchards, villages, families.

We as Canadians can let our leaders know we respect our World Court, its Advisory Opinions and its Orders. In its most recent (24th May) *2nd Provisional Measures Order in South Africa vs Israel*, the Court *unanimously* ordered “unhindered access at scale by all concerned of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance, including food, water, electricity, fuel, shelter, clothing, hygiene and sanitation requirements, as well as medical supplies and medical care to Palestinians throughout Gaza, including by increasing the capacity and number of land crossing points and maintaining them open for as long as necessary”. UN-OCHA reports that the number of aid trucks Israel allowed into Gaza actually *decreased* in June, to an average of 71/day (from 500 / day before this onslaught began 9 months ago.)

If billions of people worldwide have called for a ceasefire in Gaza (*World Beyond War* Peacewave panel June 22, 2024), why are our leaders not listening? We need to speak more clearly and firmly to them, to make our demands heard, and hold them to account. We need to step up our engagement. We are all diminished if we look away from this immense human tragedy, where ample food waits at border crossings in trucks being attacked by Israeli civilians, who are utterly trapped in a vengeance mindset. The psychic burden and trauma of this ongoing violence is unimaginable for Palestinians; for Israelis it is soul-destroying; we who help arm and support Israel are complicit. We have the power to stop this genocidal violence. Let’s use it.

(Next week: *International Criminal Court*) 

Climate Fear and Loathing and the Rise of Conservative Populism

By Keith Porteous

Let’s assume, as I do, that the climate science is accurate, or perhaps even worse than we know. It’s an existential crisis that needs a radical response if we are going to mitigate its devastating effects. Surely, we should all be committed to taking dramatic actions toward real solutions.

What we know in reading the literature from the economic planners of Western democracies, is that a crisis provides the opportunity to do things that the general population would otherwise vehemently oppose. But what are the proposed climate solutions being pushed by the state sponsored economic planners?

While governments subsidize the massive energy extraction corporations to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars, the working classes are served an ever increasing amount of taxation on their carbon footprint, with the costs of living for working class individuals and families being stressed to its limits. In turn, this has an associated political backlash that is exploited by conservative

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The effects of policies that are perceived as unfair or disproportionately burdensome on the general population create an incentive to support conservative populists who oppose these same policies. Meanwhile, people who have more economic security and identify as liberals or leftists are shocked by the rise of conservative populism in Europe and North America. It's time for those who oppose the right wing populist threat to see their own part in its manifestation.

While wages have stagnated and fallen in relation to inflation, large corporations have enjoyed record profits. We experience vast attempts at greenwashing by corporate capitalists and the centrist governments they support. Trust in governments and corporate media are at an all-time low. And once again, the public mood is exploited by conservative populists. Political centrists and leftists are fearful of this trend, but unwilling to accept their own part in creating it.

We have far to go in moving toward a more just society, and in securing social and environmental justice, but economic justice seems to have been pushed dramatically downward on the list of priorities, and the top priority of liberals and leftists is perceived to be a kind of identitarian moralism. Identitarian moralism is adjacent to what some people call "wokeism", which is a misnomer and is appropriative of a term that came from African American culture.

The chilling effect of the politics of identity has trended as censorship, cancel culture, and support for the worst aspects of state controlled institutions by liberals and leftists. The anti-establishment lane has been ceded to conservative populists who oppose war, censorship, and the surveillance state that intrudes into our private lives, at least in their performative rhetoric. This used to be the boilerplate foundation of liberal and left ideologies. The partisan world has now been turned upside down.

The largest carbon polluter on planet earth is the US Pentagon. And worse, many of these endless wars involve a conflict to control fossil fuel energy extraction that powers their industrial and military operations. Whoever blew up the Nordstream pipeline (nod, nod, wink, wink), was responsible for the single largest release of greenhouse gas into our atmosphere in human history. We are being gaslit into supporting ineffective climate change policies, while sociopaths are pushing us closer to an omnicidal apocalypse.

We fetishize electric vehicles, mostly purchased by people with above average incomes, and with government sponsored rebates, and claim that they are "zero emission" vehicles. While EV owners pay no gas taxes that support transit initiatives and road maintenance, much of the North American electric grid is fueled by coal and carbon fired electric generating plants. Even hydro-electric generation can have devastating environmental effects.

And further, the impact on the environment from mining the necessary elements to manufacture the batteries that support these vehicles are surely not zero emission, even when it comes from exploited child labour in far away places. This is not an indictment of EVs more than any other type of vehicle, but let's not pretend these are rational solutions to a climate catastrophe, while the worst industrial offenders of releasing greenhouse gases into our atmosphere remain unabated in endless growth and war.

We've been successfully atomized, divided by identity, shamed, greenwashed, and gaslit into believing in climate solutions that are substantially corrupt, when we know a real climate crisis is increasingly urgent. Corporate grifters and the partisan politicians they own are not interested in real solutions to the climate crisis or the plight of the working classes. As Chuck D from rap legends Public Enemy said, "Don't believe the hype." 🍷



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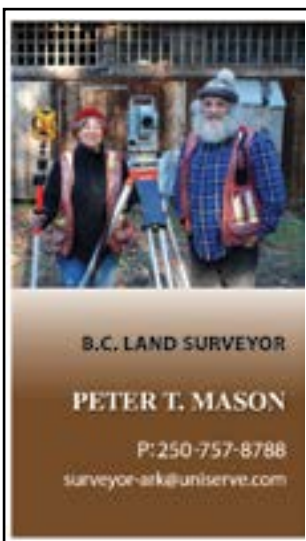
By Alan Black



CORRECTION

We neglected to credit
the author of Last week's
Letter to the Editor
(Issue #1640).

Apologies to Grapevine
readers and more
specifically,
Oakley Rankin.



all hat, no cattle

conscripted by the tribalists
to lead them into battle
it's ritualistic kayfabe
all hat, and no cattle

central casting faking
a shaking and a rattle
you suspend your disbelief for
all hat, and no cattle

all hat, and no cattle
you project and self own
with your unforced errors
and the policing of our tone

your prattle is a cudgel
instead of kindly words
all hat, and no cattle
is increasingly absurd

by thomas p. hunterson

Letters to the Editor

Caitlin Johnston has apparently been getting her news from Russian internet trolls. Or maybe the dreaded MainStream Media. How else to explain her letter to the editor assuming that U.S. President Joe Biden has dementia?

Experts are in full agreement on one thing about Biden: He is old. Consequently, he has an aging brain, so at times he'll have trouble with word-finding or lose his train of thought. Combine that with jet lag from international travel and a head cold, and you'll get a situation like the debate a few weeks back. It's not pretty—but it's not dementia.

The candidate who has the experts talking about dementia is the other old guy. If you don't trust the experts, just listen to one of Trump's recent speeches. He's showing the classic signs: Making basic errors of fact (confusing World Wars II and III, Biden with Obama), spewing word salad. Or ask the American CEOs who left a recent meeting with him saying he was incoherent, comparing him to the classic "drunken uncle".

Not that it matters. Regardless of his cognitive status, if Trump makes it back into the White House he'll be busy enacting "retribution" against his perceived enemies (and, of course, playing golf). Meanwhile, his aides will be implementing Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation's 887-page plan for the next Republican administration. The goals: Limit women's rights (ban abortion nationally, without exceptions for rape or incest; ban contraceptives; end no-fault divorce), replace civil servants with party loyalists, build mass detention camps and deport immigrants, cut pension and medical programs for the elderly and disabled (Social Security and Medicare), deregulate big business, use the military to break up domestic protests, and on and on. In short: install a white patriarchal Christian autocracy. In shorter: fascism.

John Heinegg 

Editor's note: Apparently Caitlin Johnstone isn't alone in her assessment. The New York Times, The Washington Post, and MSNBC have all opined that President Joseph Biden should resign his Presidency.

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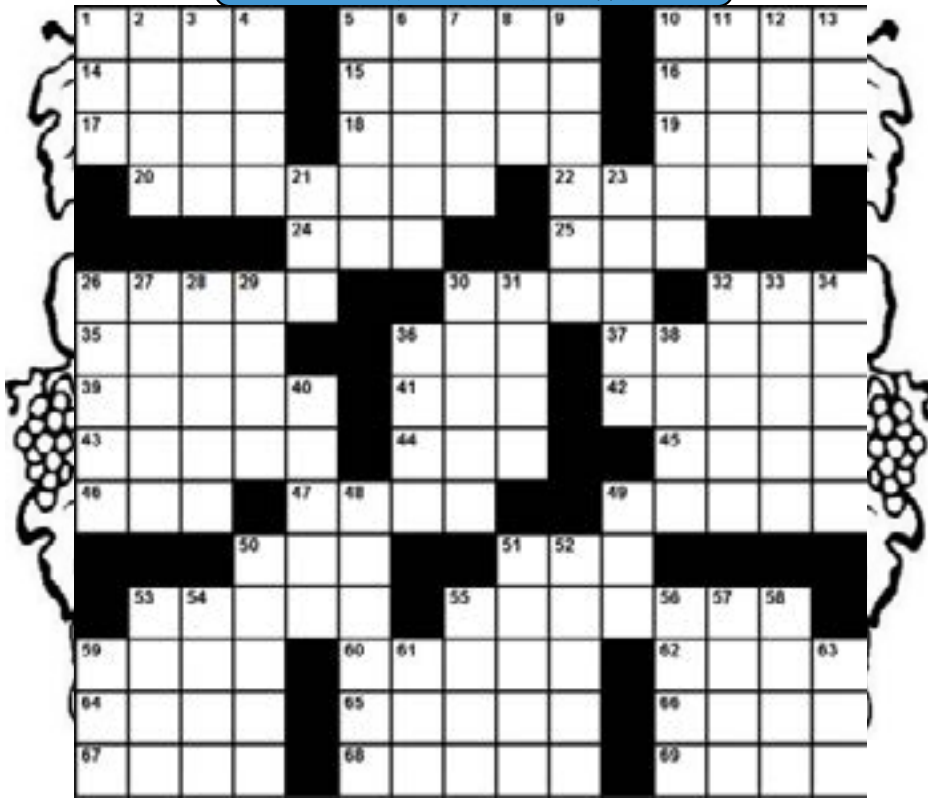
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9. Foreign
10. Become educated
11. Blades
12. Crusty cheese
13. Archaic
21. Ankle site
23. Burglar's crime
26. Monumental stone
27. German pistol
28. Block of metal
29. Ad sign
30. Coming up next ad
31. Hokkaido ancients
32. Cousins of elite
33. Full-length
34. Garden hoppers
36. Cassandra, for one
38. Gigantic
40. Pauperized
48. Milk storage place
49. Attic sight
50. Gumbo vegetable
51. An eastern Christian
52. Asian measures
53. Galactic time period
54. In a vulgar way
55. As a result
56. Fuji flow
57. Bump free
58. Bone dry
59. Avoid the truth
61. Electric fish
63. Damp and cold

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

			3	2		4		
				5	7		6	3
7	3		4		1			
5						6		7
				8				
4		1						5
			6		5		9	8
3	9		1	4				
		5		7	8			

• Last Week's Answers •

5	6	7	9	1	2	4	8	3
1	4	3	6	7	8	5	9	2
9	8	2	5	3	4	1	7	6
4	2	1	7	8	3	6	5	9
7	9	8	2	6	5	3	1	4
3	5	6	4	9	1	8	2	7
2	3	5	1	4	7	9	6	8
6	7	4	8	5	9	2	3	1
8	1	9	3	2	6	7	4	5

GRUMPISM

“A tombstone with a typo? Well, that is a grave mistake.”



Thank you
Noel Villard

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

R	A	G	A	S		J	I	B	E		S	W	A	P		
A	R	U	B	A		O	V	E	N		P	H	I	L		
Z	I	L	C	H		H	E	L	D		R	I	D	E		
Z	A	P			I	O	N			I	O	N	I	Z	E	D
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B	U	L	D	O	G			O	D	E		A	P	E		
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Y	A	R	D			S	A	N	S		E	R	A	S	E	

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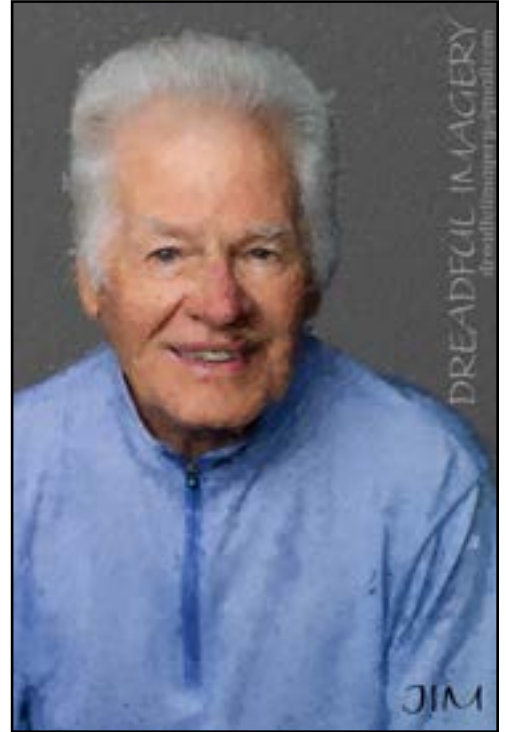
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THURSDAY 11

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm



FRIDAY 12

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

SATURDAY 13

• RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
• FREE STORE 9-Noon
• FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 14

MONDAY 15

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

TUESDAY 16

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

WEDNESDAY 17

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

THURSDAY 18

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 4:30-6pm



FRIDAY 19

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

SATURDAY 20

• RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
• FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
• FREE STORE 9-Noon
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 21

MONDAY 22

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

TUESDAY 23

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

WEDNESDAY 24

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

THURSDAY 25

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
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