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ALERT THE DRUMMER
AND THE STRUMMER CUZ IT'S
**THE END OF
SUMMER.....**
PARKING LOT SALE!



15% OFF

EVERYTHING IN THE
FRONT OF THE
STORE PARKING LOT!!!!!!

Well, **ALMOST** everything - Only
exclusions are gas and grass seed
YEP THAT'S IT!!!

COME ON IN AND STOCK UP ON ALL THE THINGS TO GET
YOU GOING FOR NEXT YEAR!!!!

**GREAT NEWS FOR ALL YOU
ISLAND HARDWARE
COFFEE LOVERS**

WE ARE NOW SELLING THE 3# GROUND
COFFEE TINS FOR YOUR HOME COFFEE USE!

DON'T GET US WRONG, YOU CAN STILL COME GET
YOUR FREE COFFEE AT YOUR FAVORITE
HARDWARE SHACK....

JUST A NEAT LITTLE THING WE DECIDED TO DO!



**WEEKEND
WARRIOR
HAND TOOLS
SECTION**

CAN YOU FIND THEM IN THE STORE?

Come in and find them for **25% OFF**
Now through the end of the year!

CHOICES



I was feeling so good about myself. You see, I finally decided to take control of my weight. I have lost 37 pounds over the summer so far. This is the lightest that I have been in almost fifty years!

Over the summer, Mila and I also purchased a thing called a Park Model in an RV village in Arizona. It is a 400 sq ft tiny home built long before they became the rage. We purchased it from an older lady who had just lost her husband.

I did something that would normally be foreign to me and offered her full asking price for her tiny home. It turned out that she used almost all of the cash from the sale of her only asset to pay her late husband's medical bills, sign a year's lease on a modest apartment, and make a down payment on a terrible used car purchased from an unscrupulous dealer.

When I say how much interest (over 15%) the dealer expected to get on the overpriced, worn out wreck, I just about lost it. If it were me, I would have returned it to the dealer, but she said she signed the paper and kept the thing. Because of my life's good fortune, I decided to help her. I should say WE (you and me) decided. The people of Orcas who have supported me and the 13 families of Island Hardware over the past 30 years made it possible for Mila and I to finance a deserving widow's car interest free.

I thought our new friend was finally doing well since the car payments arrived each month. Then I received a call from her in tears. She said that her car payment would have to be a little late this month. I had just bragged about my 37 lb weight loss when she informed me that she had lost 40 lbs! I ask her how. She replied that she had to pay her rent, utilities and car payment. She goes without much food to be able to pay for her medicine. I told her to hold off on the car payments for a couple of months and eat healthy.

When I choose to help someone monetarily, I must remember that the funds came from maybe the best hardware store patrons in the world.

