

#16 ISSUE

# The Valley Voice

*The Voices of the Columbia Valley*

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## COVID-19 SICK LEAVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM COMMENCES

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## HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Volunteers of the Columbia Valley Voices Online Magazine are dedicated to providing content that is generated and supported by our valley residents.

We welcome and encourage all communication - we want to know how we're doing!

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by email to [news@thevoiceca.ca](mailto:news@thevoiceca.ca)



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## LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

WAAAHOOO!! Did you know, this is issue #16?! Can you believe it? That's 4 months of awesome content straight out of the Columbia Valley.

Pretty epic, right?

You know what else is epic? How many people we've reached and in how many places!

We've had over 1,500 unique visitors to the website, with visitors from Canada, the US, Ireland, Sweden and France! More and more folks come back each week to catch up on the latest, and we couldn't be prouder.

We want to keep reaching as far as we can and want to bring you the best content we can dig up. For those who have contributed - thank you! Your work is being seen all over the world! For those that haven't, it's never too late!!

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# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

**WHILE THE 25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY TOOK PLACE FORMALLY ON JUNE 21, 2021 - THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES ALL MONTH LONG. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO CELEBRATE THE HERITAGE, DIVERSE CULTURES AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF FIRST NATIONS, INUIT AND MÉTIS PEOPLES!**

If you haven't taken the time to visit [indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca](http://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca) we suggest making the time. There is so much knowledge and power behind the history. One article, by Karyn Pugliese, calls for reconciliation in media. She states "journalism is not a reconciliation-free zone" and we agree.

Karyn states "Today we debate whether Indigenous history should be mandatory. What happened to Indigenous Peoples impacted all of Canada: treaties, residential schools, water, environment and economic development. Do we believe history slices cleanly into two isolated halves? How would Canada be different if we equally valued both?"

Journalism is the first draft of history. Indigenous journalists do not want a seat at the old table. We have broken your table and built our own. We've invited all Canadians to sit with us. Our journalism made Indigenous people the subject of the verb, not the object."

Take the time to educate yourselves - be part of the new, healthy conversation. Walk up to the new table to play a part as an equal. In fact, we even have some great resources to point you in the right direction.



The Government of Canada website has an entire section dedicated to commemorating and educating. Not sure what a residential school is? Don't understand reconciliation? Want to know more about the various nations and their history? You can find it all here -> [rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](http://rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca)

Interested in the boundaries of Indigenous land? There's a map for that! Take the time to get in the know wherever you go -> [Native-Land.ca](http://Native-Land.ca)

Ignorance is an excuse when information is so freely accessed. 215 may have reminded many of us of what the Indigenous have always known - there is still a lot of work to get to where we need to be. Now is the best time to start.



# KTUNAXA NATION FLAG TO BE RAISED IN CRANBROOK

The City of Cranbrook affirmed their commitment towards building partnership and community with the Ktunaxa Nation.



On National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Ktunaxa Nation flag was raised and will remain a part of the arches welcoming people to Cranbrook.

Ktunaxa Nation Council Chair, Kathryn Teneese, had this to say:

“Recently, the tragic news out of Kamloops has underscored why reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in this country must be a priority for everyone. Today’s raising of the Ktunaxa Nation flag alongside the City of Cranbrook’s flag is one step on our journey as we walk the path to reconciliation.”

Mayor Lee Pratt of the City of Cranbrook was also in attendance.

“This is an important step forward in our effort to strengthen and grow the relationship between the Ktunaxa Nation and the City of Cranbrook,” said Mayor Lee Pratt. “The path to reconciliation is not one we take alone, but one we take together. It is our desire and commitment to work together with the Ktunaxa Nation for the betterment of our region, our community and our people.”

The raising of the flag is part of the government’s commitment towards the path to reconciliation and a future where we support each other to achieve our goals.

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# SILVER LININGS - RESTAURANT PATIOS MAY BE HERE TO STAY

The restrictions laid down by the Provincial Government in response to COVID-19 put many businesses in a tough situation.

Many restaurants had to shut down temporarily and some permanently. Some of those who were able to stay afloat made a swift pivot towards outdoor patios at their location. This allowed them to continue business while staying in line with the provincial restrictions.

Now, with the help of the B.C. Government, restaurant patios can now become a permanent fixture for these businesses. The B.C. Government is taking strides towards these patios becoming permanent fixtures of restaurants. Provincial regulations have been adjusted to allowed businesses to sell alcohol on temporary patios. Meaning over 2,000 businesses can apply to be allowed to sell alcohol under these new regulations.

The Minister of Jobs, Ravi Kahlon, had this to say:

“We have seen the hospitality industry pivot and open patios as a way to continue to welcome their customers and operate safely during the pandemic. As we move forward with BC’s Restart, we remain committed to working with businesses to find innovative ways to help them thrive and grow.” These changes are supporting businesses in the restaurant industry and our communities while the restrictions were in place.

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# WOULD YOU LIKE A BUD WITH THAT?

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Their goal is to support the industry while shrinking the illicit market to keep drugs out of the hands of children and youth. The provincial government is taking another step forward in its support of the cannabis industry.

Effective July 15th, the delivery of non-medical cannabis will be legalized in British Columbia. Licensed cannabis retailers will be able to provide delivery services to their customers. You can purchase cannabis online through a licensed retailer and have it delivered to the comfort of your own home. (Munchies not included)

Of course, only those of legal age will be allowed to accept non-medical cannabis deliveries and will be asked to present two forms of ID should they look under 19. The person who is accepting the delivery also does not need to be the same person who ordered it. However, a signature and name is required to accept the cannabis delivery.





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# COVID-19 Sick Leave Reimbursement Program Commences

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This program is retroactive to May 20th when the legislation was passed to ensure workers impacted by COVID-19 could stay home for up to three days without losing wages. The adjustment that was made to the Employment Standards Act requires employers to pay workers needing sick leave related to COVID-19 their regular wages. The employer can then apply to be reimbursed to a maximum of \$200 per day for a maximum of three days per worker.

In order to be eligible, the worker needed to stay home because they:

- Had been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Needed to quarantine to await COVID-19 test results
- Needing to self-isolate/monitor in accordance to public health regulations
- Been advised to stay home by employer due to exposure risk

The program is being administered by WorkSafeBC with government funding. The program will be available to employers until December 31st.

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# KEEPING A GENERATION ALIVE

**JOSH GRIEVE**

**RECENT MOVES BY MICROSOFT SUGGEST THEY DON'T WANT PLAYERS TO UPGRADE IF THEY DON'T WANT TO.**



Technology is constantly updating and that's no different for gaming consoles. Their lifespan is finite and generally start to fade out once the next generation of gaming consoles hits the market. However, Microsoft is trying to stop this with it's new Cloud Gaming technology and backwards compatibility of the Xbox Series X|S.

The Xbox Series X|S is cross compatible with every Xbox game before it. It's the best console for long-time Xbox veterans like myself who are dying to get back into this Xbox360 digital downloads. Microsoft is taking it one step further with the Xbox One by implementing cloud gaming services on the consoles. Through this service, you'll be able to play Xbox Series X|S games right through your Xbox One.

This means you could continue playing your Xbox One right up until it dies on you! No need to upgrade to a better console when you can link right in through the cloud gaming services. There has not yet been any word as to when this service will be available on Xbox One consoles. However, it's something to keep in mind if you were planning on upgrading.

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**Alternate Teachings**

After leaving the Army, I applied for a hunting permit but was told I would first need to take a hunter's safety course.  
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The clerk replied, "Because we teach you not to shoot people."



**Standing Violation**

Sign above the toilet in a women's latrine at Camp Ripley in Minnesota:  
"If you are reading this sign while using this latrine, you are in the wrong one."



**Frozen Capital**

My cousin always "borrows" money from her older brother's piggy bank, which drives him crazy.  
One day, she found the piggy in, of all places, the freezer. Inside was this note: "Dear sister, I hope you'll understand, but my capital has been frozen."



**Ship Hits The Fan**

My father-in-law asked his wife what he should name his new boat.  
She said, "Name it after me." The next time she saw the boat, it had After Me on the back of it.

# A LITTLE FUN

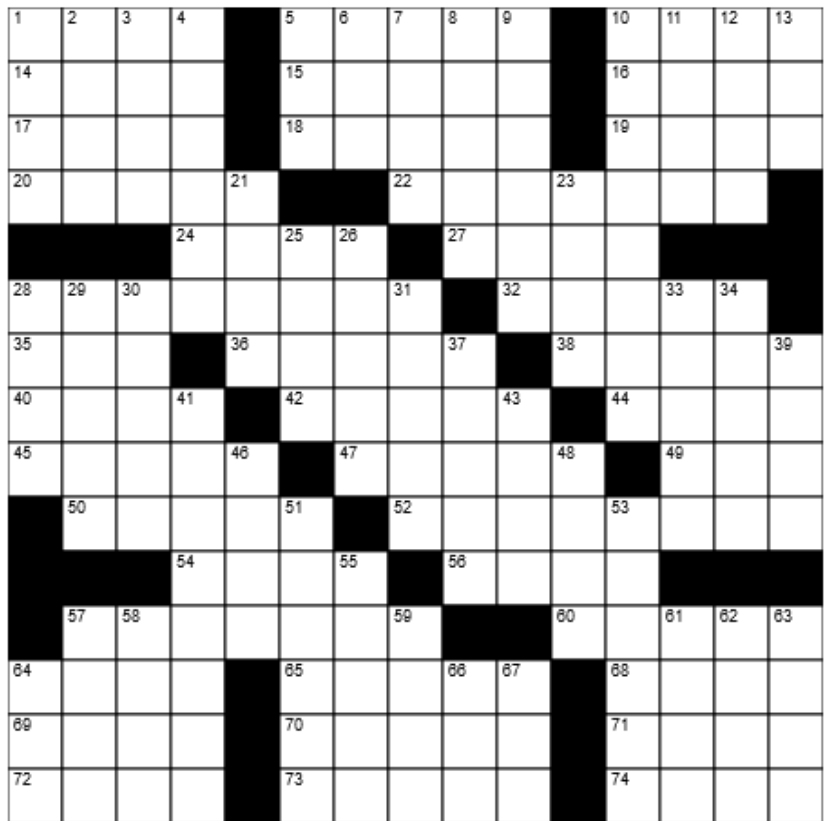
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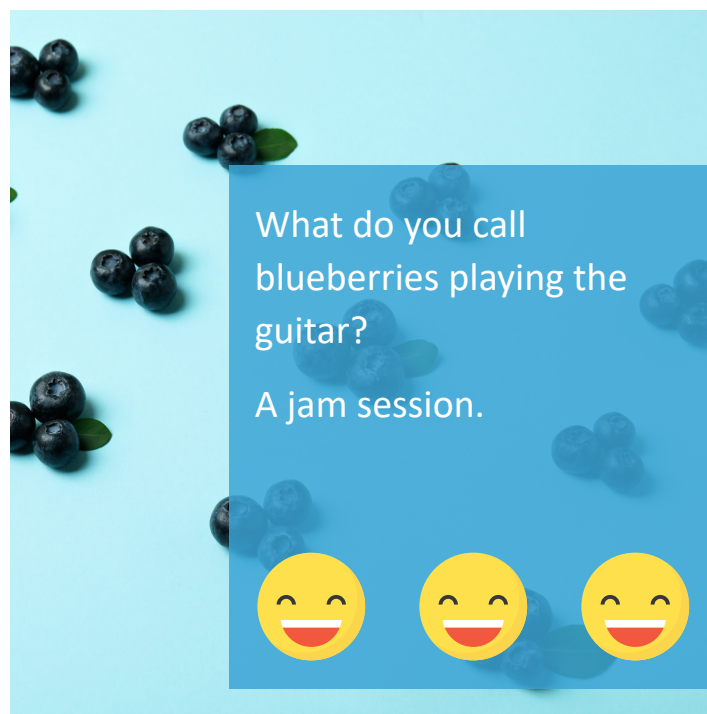
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## Down

1- Beat it!; 2- Cut down; 3- Western Native Americans; 4- Swiss city; 5- Campaigned; 6- Author Umberto; 7- Type of guard; 8- Reddish dye; 9- Boot part; 10- Dead; 11- Asian sea; 12- Chuck; 13- Cornerstone abbr.; 21- Author Morrison; 23- Understood; 25- Graven image; 26- Fabric of jeans; 28- So long!; 29- Church instrument; 30- Guarded; 31- Stair part; 33- Pithy; 34- Extra; 37- Nahuatl speaker; 39- Primordial giant in Norse myth; 41- Something removed; 43- Labor; 46- Blockhead; 48- Responsibility; 51- Nicotinic acid; 53- Judged; 55- Garlic sauce; 57- Fellow; 58- River in central Switzerland; 59- Put down; 61- Cab; 62- Consumer; 63- Attention-getting sound; 64- Ring result; 66- 19th letter of the Greek alphabet; 67- Bartender's requests;



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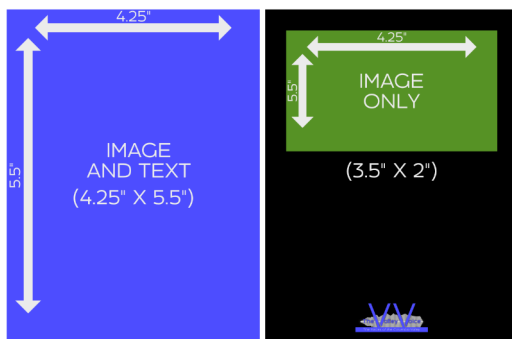
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