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The Voices of the Columbia Valley

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A HELICOPTER FLIES PAST A WILDFIRE BURNING IN LYTTON.
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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!

Send us a note on Facebook or Instagram @thevoicecv

OR

by email to news@thevoiceca.ca



LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

Staying cool? This weather has been something else. From record-breaking heat temperatures, to hailstorms, wildfires, and more! It's definitely been an interesting time and we hope everyone is staying cool and safe.

If you've been reading us for awhile, you know our jam. We're a group of volunteers wanting to make our communities a better place by offering a platform for your voice to be heard. Well, people are hearing it!

Do you want to help make a difference in your community? Be a part of the Valley Voice. We're looking for people who are willing to be our "front-facing" reps to visit locations and provide feature articles on them! There are tons of businesses and stories in the valley to be told, are you going to be the one to tell it?

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WALKING THE SPIRITS HOME

ON JULY 3RD, SASHA EUGENE STARTED A WALK WITH OTHER MEMBERS FROM ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES TO WALK THE SPIRITS OF THE CHILDREN FOUND BURIED AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SITES.

The walk began from St. Eugene and ended in Invermere on July 5th. Throughout the walk, videos and images flooded social media of people joining in on the walk from local communities.

With the horrifying discoveries being uncovered of children being buried in unmarked graves of residential schools, these local communities banded together to walk the souls of their children home. Sasha began this walk to set the spirits of the 182 children found in unmarked residential school graves. With these chapters of our history exposed, it's important now more than ever for our country to support the Indigenous community. There is generation-level trauma that was never asked for and is now passed down through generations of Indigenous families.

Only once we as a country can recognize the atrocities committed towards the Indigenous Nations can we begin to heal, together. This is not a "it's in the past" problem, this is happening now and needs attention from our country and communities.

July 2nd at 9:00am, Sasha began her walk by singing the recorded songs of her ancestors wearing her regalia and dancing proud.





Before her walk, Sasha shared these powerful words on social media:

“To All of my fellow Youth and anyone else willing to read:

Today is the day that I wanted to begin walking the spirits home from the St. Eugene Mission. I am Hoping to begin the walk on July Saturday the 3rd. , I would be starting from the St. Eugene Mission and walking back here to Windermere and Invermere. These 182 unmarked graves have names they have souls and spirits that need to be set free. It is time that these innocent children's spirits get to come home, all of them even the undiscovered. It's high time that these ceremonies are done. They have waited too long, the survivors, elders, mothers, fathers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins have waited too long, we the youth have waited too long. Our Indigenous Nation in this Valley, British Columbia, Canada, and the United States have waited too long . . . [A]s an Indigenous youth of the Shuswap Nation in Invermere B.C and an Adopted member of Siksika Nation., I will be taking this day to mass mourn and process my feelings, as many others across not just Canada and the United States, but the whole world are doing. We are not saying we hate Canada, because there are still so many things to love.

I am proud that I got to grow up in such a safe country compared to others, and my safety only came because our ancestors and survivors fought for that. I got to go to a safe school and return to my family because my ancestors and survivors fought for that. Only when we recognize the wrong that has been committed towards the Indigenous Nations and continues to can, we begin to heal. We as the Youth of All Nations of the world must face the inhumanity that has been committed towards the Indigenous Nations head on, and promise to educate. To promise to make those changes that should have been made years ago. To help get the truth out there, because only after the truth is discovered may we finally consider this “history” and begin the reconciliation.

Tomorrow July 2nd,2021 at 9:00am for one or two songs I will dance. Tomorrow feels like a dang good day to feel Indigenous, the world's eyes are finally opening and the truth is starting to be set free. I won't have drummers or anything fancy but that's not what matters. I will have a good speaker that will sing me the recorded songs of our ancestors. I will put on my regalia and dance and be proud to be Indigenous, because we didn't have that right very long ago. I invite any youth to come out and dance with me does not matter where you are or what you have, all that matters is you dance on mother earth. I will be dancing for the healing that I finally am beginning to see take place. As I dance, I will be praying for further eyes to open, for the promises of truth and education to be withheld, for the anger we all feel as one nation to subdue. Tomorrow I will be dancing with love, because I know that all the strings that I have to the other side are pointing me in that direction. Anger, hurt, sorrow, pain that is not what we are supposed to carry around in our hearts. Tomorrow I will begin filling my heart with love and appreciation for those that fought to survive so I can be here practicing whom I am today. Tomorrow I will dance in appreciation for those from other Nations who have opened their minds and hearts. Tomorrow I will fill my heart with hope and pray for a better future for our children. For that is the same prayer my ancestors used to achieve this future for us, where all of this is finally possible. Tomorrow I will dance for my grandma, and great grandparents, aunts, uncles, for they are survivors and any other survivors they deserve to see just how far their prayers have gotten us.”

The above post has been abbreviated. Please feel free to read the post in it's entirely on [Sasha's Facebook page.](#)

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July 8th 2021

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VALLEY PROMOTIONS



THIS IS A CULTURAL GENOCIDE

"Weyt-kp/Oki/Hello,

I'm Sasha Eugene a blood member of the Shuswap Nation and an Adopted member of Siksika Nation as that is where my father is from.

In the Governments of Canada's eyes, I belong to Registry group 605 (SHUSWAP) and my number is 605*****2. I am an F2/[6(2)] Indian in the eyes of the governments blood quantum, meaning I am only half Indian, even though I have been born and raised on two different nations and this is where my beliefs are.

My blood line comes from Chief Pierre Kinbasket, I have held the Secwepemc princess title and I have carried the Olympic torch in my regalia as princess. The images of the walk with the torch were not allowed to be on the news/papers because I was in my native regalia and not the Olympic outfit, and that is why you never saw me representing my culture when the Olympic's were in Vancouver 10 yrs ago.

I have to carry around this card to prove that I am who I am. That I passed certain qualifications to be an Indian within the meaning of the Indian Act, chapter 27. Yes the government still tracks how many First Nations are left and how much native they are with the blood quantum and Indian status cards. The government gets to approve who gets to be "indian" and who doesn't.

Even though my son will be raised as a proud Secwepemc and Siksika first nation member, he is not qualified to gain status because I am an F2 and cannot put my fathers and grandfather on the according certificates to prove I am who I am because they have passed. Indian Affairs makes it nearly impossible to get status once you have been deemed unqualified, because we need to prove who we are, unlike everyone else. It does not matter what is in our blood like it does not matter for those who practice and believe in other religions. What matters is that we are here still fighting to preserve what little is left of our culture, ceremonies, and language. We are the survivors and warriors that would not back down.

How people are saying that we need to let this go because it is in the past is mind boggling. The last Residential School to close was in Saskatchewan, Canada in 1996, that is two years after I was born! To think there are brothers and sisters in my age group (26) that could have been forced to go to those schools. My Great grandparents, grandparents, father, aunts, uncles, and many cousins were forced to attend these schools. They are still living and breathing today.

Everyone says they were lucky enough to get out alive, but many of them haven't had the chance to live yet, because they are still trying to discover whom they are all over again. Still trying to figure out why they were abused and taken away from home as innocent children. Still trying to figure out that it is okay to speak our language, it is okay to preform that ceremony without looking over your shoulder, it is okay to wear your traditional clothing everyday again.

They are still learning its okay not to hoard food. They are still learning that it is okay to trust again and to believe in whom we are and to practice it. They are now only getting to mourn and start to receive closure. Those are my nations grandparents, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, relatives that never got to make it home. Those are my ancestors who have never seen justice, who should have been brought home, who should have been alive today. Those children that survived these schools are now our elders today, and they are now having to relive this as the nation and world is awakening to the truth of these Residential schools.

We are fighting to learn how to be unashamed of our skin colour, blood, and beliefs in times where we are still being openly discriminated for it. Stop using “native stereotypes” even within our own people I see it all the time, this needs to stop! Stop getting angry when we peacefully protect our land/burial sites that you continually bully from us, help us bring the rest of our brothers and sisters home from these sites and previous sites that have been dug up.(This isn't the first Residential school site dug up.) Keep finding ways to help our communities as we have never stopped, this is nothing new to us but our everyday reality. Come and sit with our elders, hear our stories and learn our ways, that is all we ever wanted from the start when the first settlers came to our lands. We just wanted to share what was given to us by tqeltkukwpi7/apistotoke/creator, and to hopefully learn in return.

If you want to help don't just offer money, or wear orange and change your profile picture for a week. Take the time to gain the proper information to share about what has happened, so you can help stop the spread of misinformation for the weeks and years to come. Help stop this from continuing to happen, because it still is happening! Promise to help by sharing the right information. Promise to help to educate. Promise you won't stop talking about it. Because I promise our generation will be the ones who will fight for our missing women, our missing children, our abused ancestors, our broken elders, our lost ways. I promise we will be the ones to help our survivors stand strong with courage again, to help find and bring home the murdered and missing. I promise we will never stop fighting to learn our ways or for our voice to be heard, so that we may continue to pass our ways down. Even if the government doesn't recognize my son as Indian, he will be one through and through. He will know our ways, stories, and history. He will pick our medicines and berries. He will hunt the same grounds our ancestors did. He will know more than I do as he will continue to learn long after I am gone. I legally only get to be Shuswap in the governments eyes, but we will continue to be Proud Secwepemc and Siksika members, as I promise Jaxx will pass our teachings down to his children and so forth. The Indian will not be murdered/beaten/bred out of us, as I promise not to be ashamed of whom I am and neither will my son. This isn't in the past this is still the here and now. This is a cultural genocide that you have lived through and continue to live through.

Sincerely,

605*****2

(Edit: I only use the term "Indian" as that is what the government still refers to us as)"

Content was taken directly from a Facebook post shared by Sasha Eugene. She has not given direct permission, however the post was shareable and we, the volunteers, believe that it deserves to be seen and understood. That's why we have published it.

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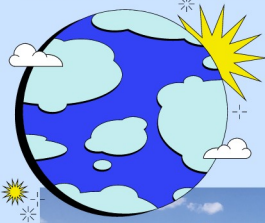
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WITH THE RISE OF TEMPERATURES HITTING OUR COMMUNITIES, WATER CONSUMPTION IS BECOMING A HUGE PROBLEM.



Residents in the East Side Water Service Area are being asked to refrain from watering their lawns for the next 7-10 days. With the heatwave hitting the province not showing signs of slowing down, RDEK officials are looking to the public to help reduce their water consumption. Water demand has skyrocketed over the last week with the increasing temperatures impacting the province.

RDEK officials are advising more restrictions could be added after the 10 days depending on how hot and dry of a summer is approaching. The East Side Water Service Area is inclusive of Akiskinook, Baltac, Calberley Beach, East Side, Pedley Heights, Swansea, Timber Heights, Timber Ridge, and Windermere.

Please also take note of any local restrictions you may have in your own community. Some municipal governments will enact their own water restrictions. Whether it be during certain parts of the day or for certain activities. It's important to ensure you stay informed to avoid fines.

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July 14 to 19

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Ullr Bar

Don't forget to get out to each of these businesses and try their Sip & Splash beverages!

Courtesy of the [Lake Windermere Ambassadors Summer Newsletter](#).
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Although previous library experience is valuable, we encourage anyone who is enthusiastic, organised and enjoys working with people to apply.

ABOUT US

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Thursday, July 8
2:00-3:30 pm
INVERMERE Library yard
for ages 9-12

Wednesday, **July 14**
11:15 am-12:30 pm
EDGEWATER Community Park
for ages 5-12

Friday, July 9
2:00-3:30 pm
INVERMERE Library yard
for ages 5-8

A TOWN IN FLAMES

On June 30th, tragedy struck Lytton, B.C. as the entire town was engulfed in flames.

After enduring the hottest temperature ever recorded in Canada, Mayor Jan Polderman called for an evacuation of the town at 6:00pm PT on June 30th. The fire swept so rapidly it took approximately 15 minutes for the fire to engulf the town from the time smoke was seen.

More than 1,000 people living in and around Lytton were forced to leave their homes with little to no belongings. The damage has been reported to have taken out most of these peoples homes and the structures of the village. A local member of the municipal government advises 90% of their village has been destroyed.

Lytton RCMP are advising it is currently unsafe for anyone to enter the town and investigation efforts are underway. A bus shuttle will be provided soon for residents to review the scene. The community of Lillooet, which is north of Lytton, was home for dozens of evacuees during the fire. Others sought refuge in the nearby community Boston Bar while others went to the reception centre in Merritt.

Early reports from the investigation of the fire advise it was human-caused. However, the exact cause of the blaze still remains unknown and is begin investigated by authorities. Firefighters were already battling two other wildfires in the area when the tragedy struck Lytton as wildfires continue to rage through the province.



Photo Credit: Global News

WILDFIRES RAGING THROUGHOUT BC

As of July 4th, there were nine reported active wildfires across East Kootenay.

With the amount of smoke blowing through the air, we will likely be experiencing a low quality of air over the next few days.

Environment Canada officials are urging residents to take extra care if needing to leave their homes to reduce exposure to wildfire smoke. Symptoms such as throat irritation, coughing, headaches, or shortness of breath can be caused from inhaling smoke. There are currently close to 200 wildfires burning across the province of British Columbia.

As reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, here are the active wildfires as of July 4th.

The largest fire was discovered on Saturday, and is burning in Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park. The lightning-caused fire is about 40 hectares in size as of Sunday afternoon. The next largest is a 19-hectare out-of-control fire burning along Moyie River, about 17 kilometres west of Lumberton. The cause of the fire is still unknown after it was discovered on Friday.

A small wildfire was sparked by a lightning strike near Fairmont Hot Springs. While the fire is close to the community, it is 0.01 hectares in size as of Sunday afternoon after its discovery the day before.

East of Fairmont, another fire is burning on the east side of Fairmont Mountain. It was discovered on Saturday and is about 0.01 hectare as of Sunday afternoon. North of Canal Flats, a five-hectare blaze caused by a lightning strike is burning in the Dry Creek North area. It is considered out of control at the time of writing.

North of there, a lightning-caused wildfire is out of control in the Bear Creek area, west of the Kootenay River. The fire is 1.2 hectares in size after it was discovered on Friday. A wildfire in the Bootleg area west of Kimberley is now under control. The fire grew to 0.36 hectares before it was contained by firefighters. The fire was caused by a lightning strike and was discovered on Thursday.

Two fires are active close to one another along Redding Creek approximately 23 kilometres southeast of Crawford Bay. Both fires were caused by lightning and were discovered on Friday. They are considered out of control and are 0.8 and 0.04 hectares in size.





MOBILE VACCINATION CLINICS TO CONTINUE THROUGH JULY

AFTER THE LAUNCH OF INTERIOR HEALTH'S MOBILE VACCINATION CLINICS LAST MONTH, THEY'VE ALREADY DELIVERED OVER 8,100 DOSES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO THROUGH THE MONTH OF JULY.

The BCAA partnered with Interior Health to provide these temporary structures to house the mobile clinics. They've already made over 40 stops throughout communities in the region to date. There's no advanced appointment booking necessary for the mobile clinics. If you live or work in the community, you can simply walk-up and register to receive your first COVID-19 vaccination.

"As our teams travelled across the region, we heard these clinics are a fast, efficient and convenient way to provide access to immunizations in smaller and rural communities," said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. "Their journey continues as we extend through July. They will return to many communities and also visit new communities to ensure everyone has convenient access to a COVID-19 vaccine."

East Kootenay Housing Needs Assessment **SURVEY NOW OPEN**

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RURAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY (RDEK) NEEDS YOU!

RDEK is completing a Housing Needs Assessment to better understand housing challenges across Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, and G. That's why they are hosting this survey. Your participation will help them create a more complete picture of the housing situation in our communities.

As we grow and change, the data and information you provide today will help address the housing needs and demands across the East Kootenay.

The survey is open until July 23rd and you can take it here: <http://ow.ly/gLCG50For1A>

For more info, visit <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/housing>

ELK VALLEY REGIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESIDENT FEEDBACK NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The RDEK adopts park management plans to establish objectives and strategies for the long-term management of our parks. They are currently working on a management plan for the Elk Valley Regional Park, which is intended to provide strategic direction and guidance for the RDEK, community associations and stewards of the park for the next 15-20 years.

Your vision for the future operations of the park is an important piece of the puzzle.

To help gather resident feedback, comments are being taken on the draft Management Plan until 4:30pm on August 9.

To review the plan and leave your comments, visit: <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/elkvalleypark>

Elk Valley Regional Park Draft Management Plan **COMMENT PERIOD OPEN**

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GET YOUR LIQUOR EVEN LATER

How often have you looked at the clock and noticed it was 9:00pm and you forgot to pick up your beer?

Well, you've got some extra time to make sure you're prepared for your night.

In response to the pandemic, the British Columbia government extended liquor store hours from 7:00am to 11:00pm in April 2020. This was implemented to help make it safer and more convenient for residents to purchase liquor during the pandemic. This change was set to expire on June 30th, 2021 but has now become permanent after feedback received from B.C. businesses.

Now, you can purchase liquor anytime between 7:00am-11:00pm in British Columbia. The extension of hours is meant to help support customers, including seniors and people residing in rural areas. This change impact in-store sales only, liquor delivery is allowed after 9:00am.



A GLITCH TO MAKE YOU RICH

JOSH GRIEVE



Achievement Unlocked Stole \$10 million

IMAGINE FINDING A BUG IN CODE THAT CHANGES YOUR LIFE.

In case you haven't heard yet, Microsoft was recently part of a digital heist in which an employee was able to steal \$10 Million in Xbox gift cards. Volodymyr Kvashuk was a former software engineer at Microsoft who was testing the company's e-commerce infrastructure. As such, he would make purchases using fake accounts to test for any bugs and glitches in their payment system.

While he was employed in 2016, Kvashuk discovered a glitch that allowed him to generate a redeemable 25-digit code every time he performed a fake transaction for a Microsoft gift card. Because of this glitch, Kvashuk was able to generate an endless amount of these codes to use on the Microsoft store.

Of course, this was the whole purpose of his job, find the glitch! The problem here is Kvashuk failed to report the glitch to anyone at Microsoft and decided to exploit it for his own gain. He generated these codes to sell on third-party websites for a discounted rate. He would utilize a bitcoin mining service when transferring his money to conceal the origin of the funds. Kvashuk transferred nearly \$2.8 Million in bitcoin to his bank and investment accounts within 7 months.

Of course, Microsoft eventually caught wise to what was going on and fire Kvashuk in 2018. In February 2020, Kvashuk was convicted of 18 federal felonies and faces deportation back to Ukraine. He will also have to pay \$8.3 Million in damages plus prison time.

Moral of the story - don't be a bad developer. Use your powers for good.

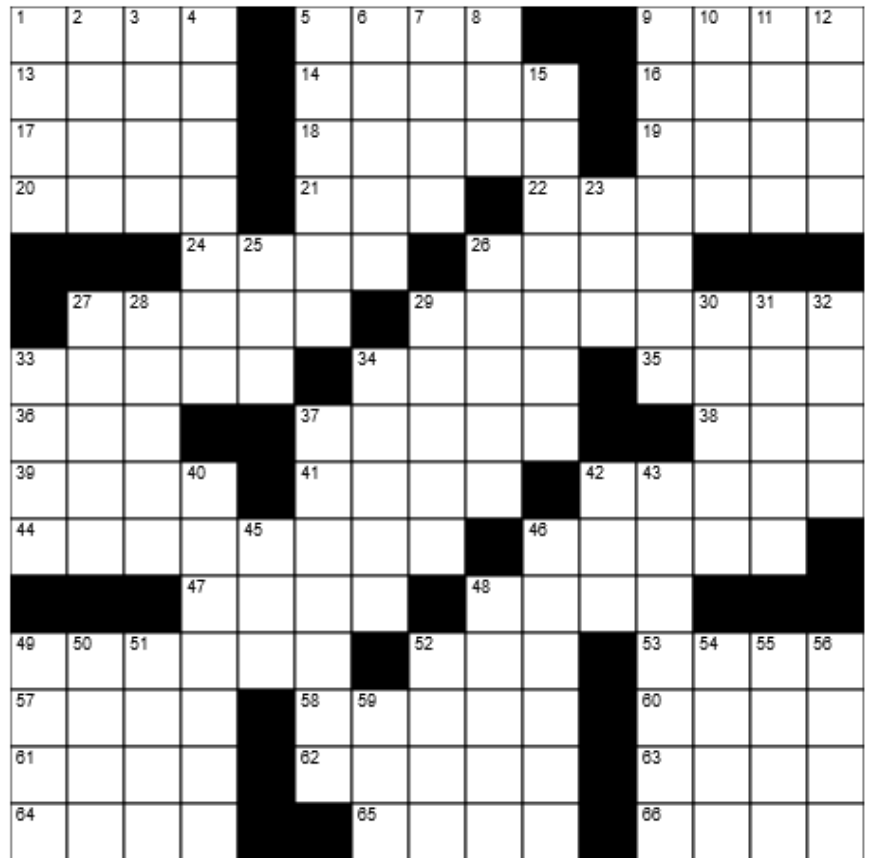
A LITTLE FUN

Across

1- Savvy about; 5- Member of a great Peruvian people; 9- Vittles; 13- Boxer Spinks; 14- Heat home; 16- Singer Laine; 17- Animate existence; 18- Fold; 19- Submarine; 20- Homecoming guest; 21- Dusk, to Donne; 22- Evoke; 24- Probability; 26- Among; 27- Rocky debris; 29- Amicable; 33- Seductively beautiful woman; 34- Folk singer Joan; 35- War god; 36- Driving aid; 37- Lobster state; 38- Shoebox letters; 39- Declare; 41- Gillette brand; 42- Fab Four name; 44- Reassign; 46- Antagonist; 47- One with no capacity for veracity; 48- Molecular component; 49- Italian sausage; 52- Mannerism; 53- Name of 12 popes; 57- ___ the finish; 58- Rustle, as silk; 60- Sicilian volcano; 61- ___-majesté; 62- Specimen of genus Aquila; 63- Potting need; 64- Due; 65- ___-do-well; 66- Carry;

Down

1- Leaf with Sanscrit writing?; 2- Singer Sedaka; 3- Meat substitute; 4- Another; 5- Retard in movement; 6- Frasier's brother; 7- Normandy city; 8- Doc bloc; 9- Spiny anteater; 10- A Baldwin brother; 11- Polo of "Meet the Parents"; 12- Chimney residue; 15- Put into a list or an inventory; 23- Falsehood; 25- Reading room; 26- Sports stadium; 27- Sift; 28- Words to live by; 29- Pixie; 30- Night vision?; 31- Suspicious; 32- North Sea feeder; 33- Toronto paper; 34- Ulan ___; 37- General bodily weakness; 40- Associated; 42- ___-Cat; 43- Storm; 45- Milne's "Mr. ___ Passes By"; 46- One engraving; 48- Brides walk down it; 49- Farm structure; 50- Once more; 51- Emit coherent light; 52- Buster Brown's dog; 54- Langston Hughes poem; 55- Apartment, e.g.; 56- Cut-price retail event; 59- Pallid;



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Language Tapes

I bought one of those tapes to teach you Spanish in your sleep. During the night, the tape skipped. Now I can only stutter in Spanish.



Cross-Country Track

I got excited when my son joined the cross-country team. But then I learned they don't cross the country and are back home in a few hours.



No Emergency Exits

The flight attendant on our trip was handing out plastic pilot wings to some kids. As I stepped forward, she jokingly offered me one, but I passed.

Pointing to the Airborne wings on my Army uniform, I explained, "The last time someone gave me wings, I had to jump out of the airplane."



When I Was A Boy

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around.

But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

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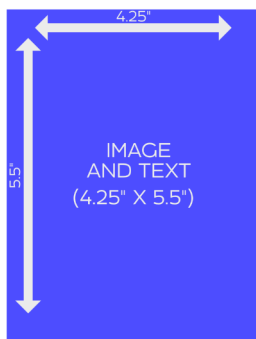
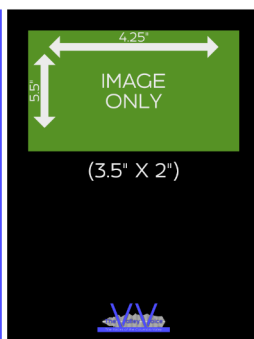


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We will ask you to provide the meal set you want tasted, at no charge, to our public food writer. (One of the front facing volunteer positions through the Valley Voice where anonymity is not always possible.) You will be notified when to expect the critic and they will introduce themselves. Once the meal has been completed, you can expect a full-page review, complete with photography of your food, to appear in a future issue.

TO GET ON THE COVER

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