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

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LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

Remember last week, when we asked for photos? Well thank you SO MUCH to anyone who sent theirs in. We strive to include community photos and content as much as possible, you know, given this is a community-driven publication.

HOWEVER - we still need more. We ALWAYS need more.

ESPECIALLY if you are at a popular event, you know, like a certain boat ball that happened recently, please please send them in. We don't get them, we can't always include them. (ONE of the reasons you don't see an article or photos from the event. For the others, check back next week.)

Send us your photos to news@thevoicecv.ca or visit our website thevoicecv.ca to send us over your content and photos. We want to feature everybody we can and show our communities and beyond what we have to offer.

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PS: REMINDER, businesses, you know what this means? If you send us photos of YOUR TEAM doing awesome things in and around the Columbia Valley, we'll run them with your business deets. Another awesome way to increase your visibility for free!



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B.C. SUMMER AND WINTER GAMES Hosts ANNOUNCED

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE CITY OF KELOWNA WILL HOST THE 2026 BC SUMMER GAMES FROM JULY 23RD-JULY 26TH, 2026 AND QUESNEL WILL BE THE HOST FOR THE 2024 BC WINTER GAMERS FROM FEBRUARY 22ND-25TH, 2024.

“Congratulations to the host cities for the 2024 and 2026 BC Winter and Summer Games. This is a wonderful opportunity for these cities to showcase their ‘A games’ as a sports event-hosting destination and to support B.C.’s young athletes,” said Melanie Mark, Minister for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

The BC Games are organized and staged by a community Board of Directors with up to 3,000 volunteers supporting this year. The games are considered to be a stepping stone for many athletes on their journey towards the Olympic Games. Kelowna is certainly no stranger to hosting major sporting events, as the community has hosted three BC Summer Games in 1980, 1994, and 2008. They also hosted the 2019 55+ BC Games and Skate Canada International.

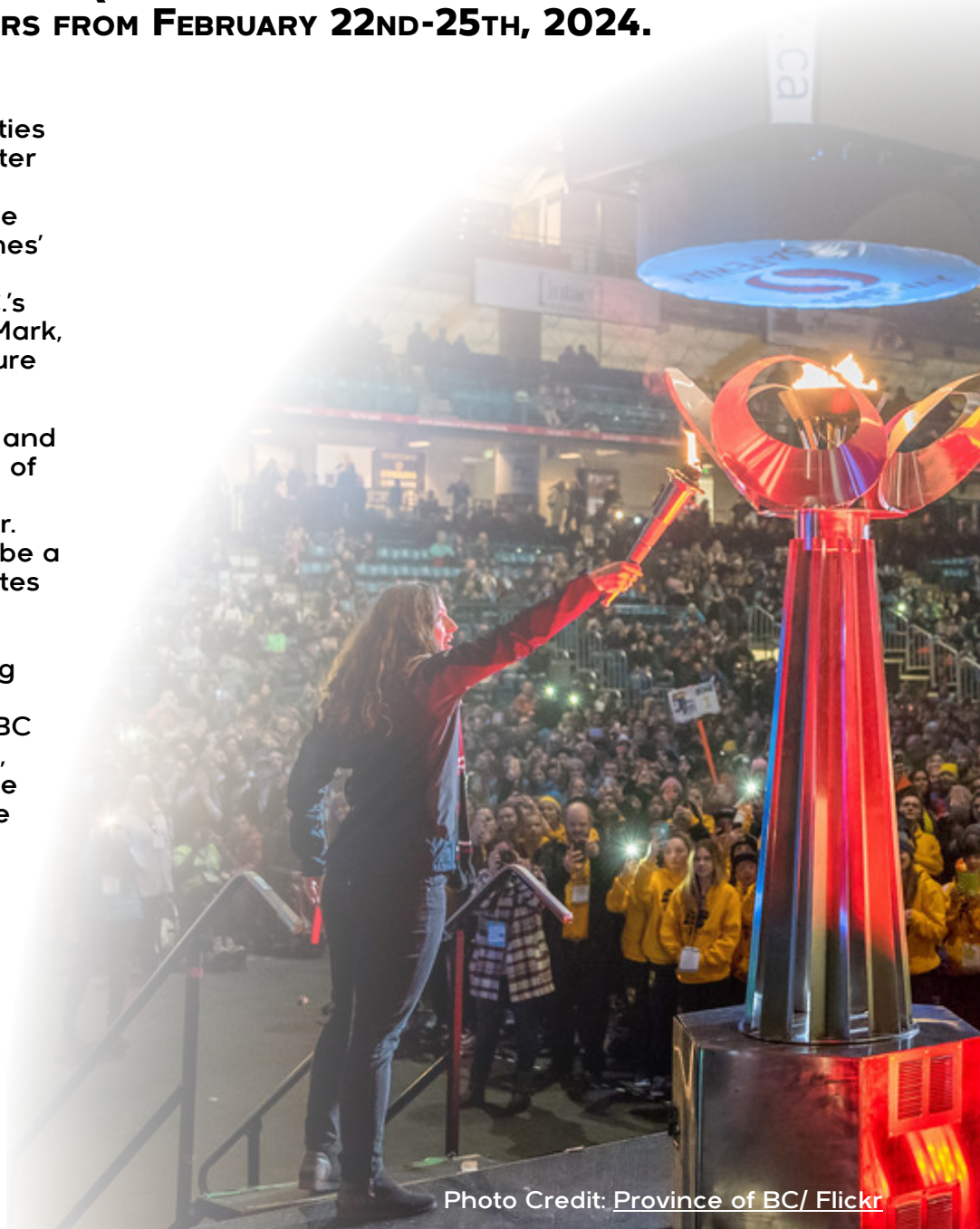


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Mayor Colin Basran, City of Kelowna shared “With five Kelowna athletes competing at the Olympics right now, we understand the value of these events to growing athletes. These Games give the best emerging high-performance athletes a chance to show their skills in serious competition and we are thrilled to be able to host these games here in Kelowna.”

The BC Summer Games have shown to be a crucial developmental milestone for many of the province’s up and coming high-performance athletes. With over 3,700 participants between athletes, coaches, managers, and officials over 18 sports, many athletes see this as a first step towards success at the Olympic Games. Megan Osland (Golf) and Malindi Elmore (Athletics) competed at the BC Summer Games as a first step towards success at the Olympic Games.

“I know personally the power sport has had in my life, and I am proud to continue to shine a light on B.C.’s top athletic talent. Our government’s continued support to the BC Games Society enables them to deliver these games and ensures our athletes can reach their dreams.”

The age range of athletes can be anywhere from 9 years old to 19 years old. Certain sports can only be entered by certain age groups, the average age of athletes being 14 years old. The games also have a huge impact both on the community and economy. The games require over 3,000 volunteers in order to host which is a great opportunity for those looking to help and be a part of the BC Games. It’s also expected that the games will bring in over \$2 million for the economy.

“The 2024 and 2026 BC Games will bring new opportunities for sport and community development, but it is the collective hosting expertise, skills and qualities of community volunteers that will make each game a unique and memorable experience for participants. We look forward to working with the communities of Quesnel, Maple Ridge and Kelowna.”

Sources: bcgames.org /
globalnews.ca / iheartradio.ca

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Do you want to win a paddleboard, made right here in the Columbia Valley? What about a rafting tour for 2 on the Kootenay River? Draw is Aug. 14!

Enter the Lake Windermere Ambassadors' Summer Raffle for a chance to win these awesome prizes! Huge thanks to Syndicate Boardshop (the exclusive supplier of Purcell Paddle Co. SUPs and Invermere's one-stop shop for all things board) and Kootenay River Runners (the gnarliest paddlers in the Valley) for their support!

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RECORD BREAKING TEMPERATURES BRING WARNINGS TO THE VALLEY

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A heat warning and air quality statement has been issued by Environment Canada with the heat warning in effect for the Columbia Valley, Kimberley, and Cranbrook communities. A special air quality statement has been issued for Cranbrook, Kimberley, Elk Valley and Kootenay National Park areas.

The risks of high temperatures impact children, those who are pregnant, older adults, those with chronic illnesses, and anyone working or exerting activity outside. Be aware of the symptoms of heat related illnesses such as swelling, rash, cramps, fainting, heat exhaustion, and/or heat stroke. Keep yourself hydrated by drinking plenty of water and staying as cool as you can. Try going outside during the coolest parts of the day and shade yourself with an umbrella or hat.

The wildfire smoke has also done nothing to help matters. Increased smoke in the air can cause coughing, throat irritation, headaches, or shortness of breath. Take extra precautions to reduce your exposure to Wildfire smoke. The smoke that is released from wildfire is always changing the particles, gases, and chemicals it includes, many of which can be harmful for your health.

"A strengthening ridge of high pressure will lead to rising temperatures across interior B.C. Daytime highs near 35 degrees Celsius combined with overnight lows near 18 degrees are forecast for today and Saturday," Environment Canada stated.

"The risks are greater for young children, pregnant women, older adults, people with chronic illnesses and people working or exercising outdoors," said Environment Canada. "Check on older family, friends and neighbours. Schedule outdoor activities during the coolest parts of the day. Seek a cool place such as a tree-shaded area, swimming pool, shower or bath, or air-conditioned spot like a public building."



IF YOU'RE IN THE SKY...



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When you fly a UAV or drone near or over a **#BCwildfire**, you're breaking the law and endangering firefighting personnel.

The restricted airspace includes a radius of five nautical miles around the fire and to an altitude of 3,000 feet above ground level. Transport Canada and the BC Wildfire Service explicitly prohibit the use of UAVs or drones of any size near a wildfire.



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>





Lake Windermere Ambassadors to Develop Sustainable Funding with CVCF

July 20, 2021

If you're out on the waters of Lake Windermere on a Tuesday morning, you may see a team of volunteers getting water quality samples from the lake. These are the Lake Windermere Ambassadors (LWA), a group of concerned citizens, from diverse backgrounds, interested in directing water monitoring and stewardship of Lake Windermere. The Ambassadors conduct water monitoring and community outreach to realize their vision of *Healthy Waters for Healthy Communities*.

The work of the Ambassadors builds on the successes of the Lake Windermere Project, which took place from 2005 to 2009. The Lake Windermere Project accumulated water monitoring equipment, an extensive library, and knowledge on lake monitoring protocols. These resources are now available to the community through the Lake Windermere Ambassadors.

As a non-profit and charitable organization, reliable and consistent funding is often a challenge. In seeking such incomes, the LWA approached the Columbia Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) to set up a designated Endowment Fund. This type of fund invests all principal donations through specialized and advantageous investment streams. The annual interest income from this investment provides reliable and consistent funding to the organization.

In the next five years, the LWA aim to build this endowment fund to \$10,000. To support the Lake Windermere Ambassadors fundraising goal, donations can be made to the *Lake Ambassadors Endowment Fund* on the CVCF website at www.valleyfoundation.ca/donate-now.

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) is celebrating its 20th year as the connection between donors and community needs. Through community granting and student scholarships/bursaries the CVCF exists to enrich lives in the Columbia Valley.

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DR. BONNIE HENRY RECEIVES PROVINCE'S HIGHEST HONOUR

Dr. Bonnie Henry has played a pivotal role in the province's ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response and is now one of 16 people being appointed to receive the Order of British Columbia.

She is joined by others such as Indigenous leaders, philanthropists, artists and business and community trailblazers. Other appointees named are: Chief Joe Alphonse of the Tsilhqot'in Nation, Vancouver artist Joe Average, Lawyer Marvin Storrow and finance industry leader Debra Doucette.


The premier of British Columbia, John Horgan, released a statement congratulating the 16 appointees for their contributions to their communities, their leadership, and dedication. Since the inception of this honour, 475 people have been appointed to the Order of B.C.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation released a statement celebrating the appointment of Chief Alphonse, who helped lead the nation's Supreme Court of Canada land title victory in 2014.

"Chief Alphonse has inspired and empowered Indigenous peoples around the world, and today, the Tsilhqot'in Nation celebrates and thanks him for his many contributions," says the nation.

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\$30 million has been dedicated by the Province of B.C. towards Indigenous communities, local governments, and heritage organizations.

"It has been 150 years since B.C. joined confederation, but the history of this place stretches back to time immemorial," said Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

"To heal and move forward together, it is important that everyone sees themselves reflected in B.C.'s heritage and cultural programs. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about B.C.'s colonial past and to honour the resilience both Indigenous and non-Indigenous marginalized communities have shown. Let's reflect on our whole story and what we can do together to make B.C. an even better place for generations to come."

This funding is being provided to help educate people on the colonial past of our province and move towards reconciliation while promoting inclusivity and diversity.

"The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation and the First Peoples' Cultural Council work in tandem on the revitalization of Indigenous languages," said Lorna Wánosts'a7 Williams, chair, First Peoples' Cultural Foundation.

"We turn now to revitalizing our cultural heritage by focusing on the documentation, archiving and sharing the precious stories, knowledge and wisdom of the Elders and Knowledge Keepers for future generations to come."

COLUMBIA BASIN TOUR; A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON LOCAL ARTS AND HERITAGE

The Columbia Basin Culture Tour is going on it's 13th year and is a cultural experience one should not miss.

The tour brings you to visit artists' studios, museums, art galleries, heritage sites, and more. There's something new to experience every year between exhibitions, artwork, cultural performances, it's a great weekend that's even FREE!

The tour runs from August 7th-8th from 10:00am-5:00pm. Below you can find the stops to check out on the tour!

Radium Hot Springs

Cecilia Lea will be in Radium Hot Springs sharing her stunningly beautiful and very colourful landscape paintings, oils, and acrylics. She will also have work available for purchase.

Elkford/Fernie/Cranbrook/Kimberley

There's eight stops for you to check out here! Make sure to visit Katherine Russell Glass Art, Eye of the Needle Studio, Fernie Visual Arts Guild, Kathy Stead Fine Art, Cranbrook Arts Council has two locations, Cranbrook Community Theatre Society and Kimberley Arts at Centre 64.

Rossland/Trail/Erie/Castlegar/Robson/Bonnington/Blewett/Nelson/Harrop/Procter/Balfour/Queens Bay/Gray Creek/Creston

There are a total of 36 venues to check out here, that's a lot! There's so many new artists in the region and some returning favourites as well. Visit www.cbculturetour.com for a full list of venues in these communities.

Winlaw/New Denver/Nakusp/Revelstoke/Mirror Lake/Kaslo

The Vallican Whole Community Centre is a new addition to the Cultural Basin Tour this year alongside many annual favourite who are returning. Make sure to check out Robin Dupont Ceramics, Rabi'a Art, Studio Connexion Art Gallery and Barbara Maye.

You can visit the CBCT website for a full listing of each artist and venue.

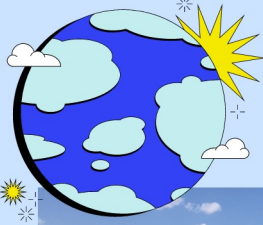
For more information, visit the website at www.cbculturetour.com or call 1-250-505-5505, toll free 1-877-505-7355.

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July 2-Kimberley-Rotary Park-10-430

July 21-Invermere-Rotary Park-10-430

July 22-Radium-Library-11-3

July 23-Golden-Kinsmen/Clown Park-10-430

July 24-Invermere-Library-10-2

July 26-Kimberley-Rotary Park-10-430

August 4-Invermere Pothole Park-10-430

August 5-Golden Spray Park-10-430

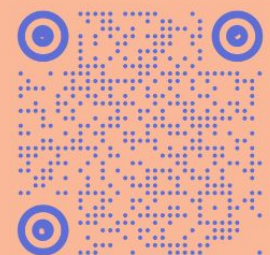
August 13-Kimberley-Rotary Park-10-430

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DRAGON AGE SERIES REPORTEDLY IN ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT

BIOWARE'S POPULAR ACTION RPG GAME SERIES TAKES PLACE ON THE FICTIONAL CONTINENT OF THEDAS AND FOLLOWS THE EXPERIENCES OF THE FANTASY CREW THAT INHABIT THE VAST MYSTICAL WORLD.

Looks like Netflix is looking to capitalize on it's video game series success that it saw from The Witcher series. They are reportedly working on a Dragon Age series which showcases the epic fantasy universe of the BioWare game franchise. Although neither Netflix or Bioware have officially confirmed the report, word has come from a proven and trust-worthy source that the series is currently in active development at Netflix.

Very little is known about the adaptation at this point. Will it be an original story set in the fantasy universe of the acclaimed video game series? Or will they utilize some of the existing story? There's also no confirmation on whether the series will be live-action or animated, which will play a big part in how the show is received. In my opinion, this needs to be a re-telling of the fabled story of the Darkspawn War. Where the Grey Wardens fought in battle and the story of the universe can really be told and then expanded on for years to come. Also allowing for more original ideas to come out of the content that already exists.

Word of the series has allegedly come from a "trusted and proven" source, however, very little is known about the adaptation at this point – particularly in regards to whether the show would take an animated approach, much like Castlevania, or whether it would be a live-action affair, similar to The Witcher, though the report seems to indicate that it could be the latter.

The franchise has spawned numerous spin-off games alongside its main series titles, including Dragon Age 4, which is currently in development.

JOSH GRIEVE

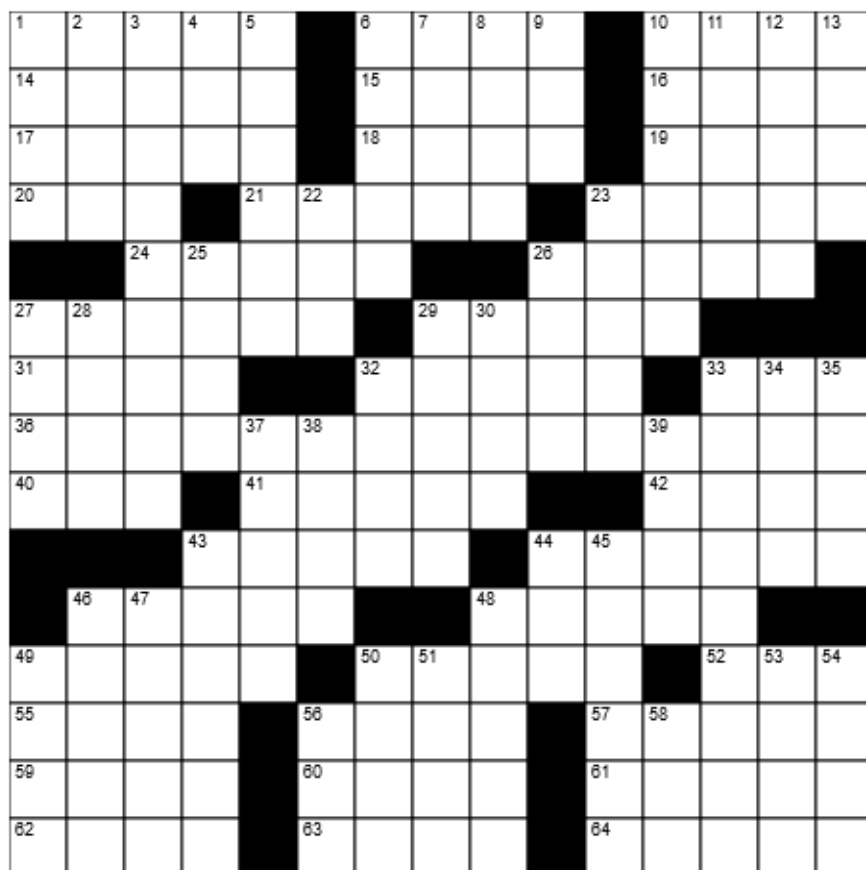
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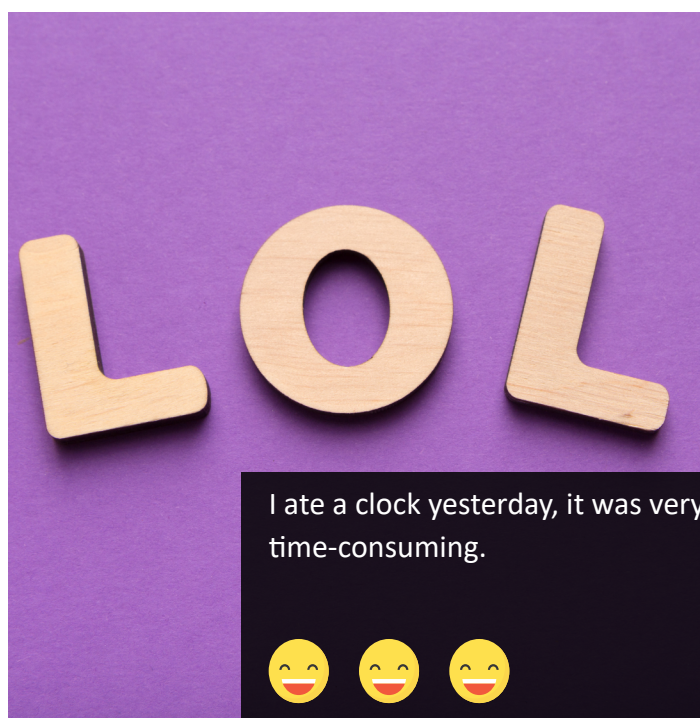
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Q-Tip Reception

On our commute to work, my husband stopped at a convenience store for coffee. As he got back into the car, I noticed something odd.

"Turn your head and look at me," I said. "You have a Q-tip sticking out of your ear."

As he pulled it out, he replied, "No wonder the guy in there asked me if I was getting good reception."



Umm, What?

My wife and her friend were out to lunch when the temperature drastically dropped.

They stood by her friend's truck, shivering, while the friend searched for a key to unlock the door.

My wife asked, "Can't we sit in the truck while you find your keys?"



Time Zone Struggles

While I was out to lunch, my coworker answered my phone and told the caller that I would be back in 20 minutes.

The woman asked, "Is that 20 minutes Central Standard Time?"



Before Google

Before google, there were librarians. Here are some queries posed to the poor, suffering staff of public libraries: "Who built the English Channel?"

"Is there a full moon every night in Acapulco?"

"Can the New York Public Library recommend a good forger?"

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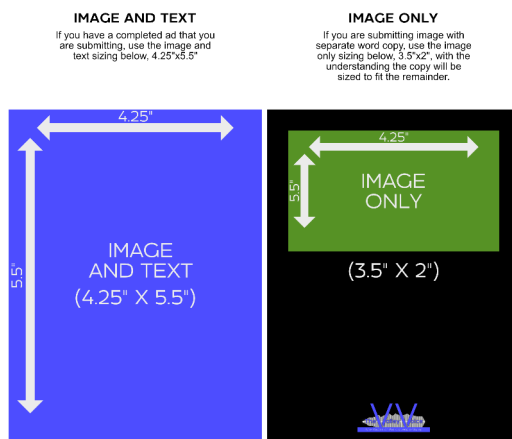
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