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# The Valley Voice

*The Voices of the Columbia Valley*

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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)

## LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

Our country and province are going through a lot right now, as we know you're aware. We're still in the middle of a pandemic, with cases increasing in the East Kootenays and across province, mandatory vaccination requirements have come into effect to enter certain settings/events, and a federal election coming up on Monday.

Not to mention, we all have our regular lives to contend with. No doubt, this is a lot for most people to deal with. It's apparent with the amount of emotion, anger, frustration, and lack of compassion some people in our communities choose to share.

Just remember, everyone is going through it with you. You're not the only one who has to deal with mandatory vaccination requirements, everyone does. This isn't the servers fault at the restaurant or the business owner for enforcing the rules, they simply want to remain in business and feed their families.

Let compassion guide your actions, think with your heart and show kindness to others. The only way we get through this is if we do it together.

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# PROOF OF VACCINATION IN EFFECT

**THE B.C. GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED THE VACCINE CARD WHICH WILL IDENTIFY THE VACCINATION STAGE CARDHOLDERS ARE AT IN THE COVID-19 VACCINE PROCESS.**

The card is meant to be shown at higher risk events and settings in the province as of today. Those who are attending events and settings that require you to show proof of the first vaccination and you will be required to have both doses by October 24th. Provincial officials are hoping this will help increase the number of vaccinations and protecting the people of the province.

In a statement reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](https://myeastkootenaynow.com), British Columbia Premier John Horgan had the following comments on the BC Vaccine Card,

“Getting vaccinated means we can bring people back together and do more, safely, and with confidence that we’re not putting those who aren’t fully vaccinated at risk. We have made the BC Vaccine Card easy for people to get, and easy for businesses to check at a glance. The card is a significant step in getting our economy running on all cylinders, and returning to social events safely with the confidence that those around us are also fully vaccinated.”

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE B.C. VACCINATION CARD, OR TO OBTAIN YOURS, VISIT THE [PROOF OF VACCINATION AND THE BC VACCINE CARD LANDING PAGE](#)**



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Vaccine cards can be saved as a digital copy or printed as a hard copy at [gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard](https://gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard). To verify you are the person who is assigned to the vaccine card, those who are aged 19 or older are also required to present government-issued photo ID. For B.C. residents who do not have access to a computer, you can call 1-833838-2323 which is the Get Vaccinated call centre or visit a Service BC Centre for assistance. Businesses will be able to utilize a QR code reader app to confirm the validity of the vaccine card.

Types of events and settings that will require you to show proof of vaccination are indoor events, dine-in restaurants and pubs, bars and lounges, movie theatres, casinos, gyms, fitness centres, and indoor group activities. Those who are visiting from outside of the province will also be required to show proof of vaccination to attend these events/settings. Provincial officials have also advised they will issue tickets to individuals, owners and operators of businesses and event organizers who choose to violate the Provincial Health Office orders.

Despite the updated regulations and increase in vaccinations across the East Kootenays, we continue to see outbreaks and new cases. Interior Health reported a COVID-19 outbreak at the Joseph Creek Village in Cranbrook which reported eight confirmed COVID-19 cases at the facility. Four residents and four staff members at Joseph Creek Village are reported to have been infected with COVID-19. Canadians who are more at-risk to being infected with COVID-19 are now being provided the option of receiving a third booster shot of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Released last Friday, the new guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization provides availability of the booster shot to those who are moderately to severely immuno-compromised.

Across the Interior Health region, there are currently 1,714 active COVID-19 cases and 168 new infections were reported last week. 61 of these patients are being treated for COVID-19 in the hospital while 43 of them are in intensive care. Cranbrook continues to be the highest reported area for cases in the region with 68 new cases followed by 30 in Elk Valley. 28 new COVID-19 cases were reported in Golden, 24 confirmed in Creston, and 9 new cases confirmed in both Windermere and Kimberley areas.

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# VALLEY PROMOTIONS



# B.C. HEALTH CARE WORKERS MANDATORY VACCINATION

The provincial government is requiring all health care workers to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 26, 2021.

The order was handed down by the provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry at a press conference on September 13th, 2021. This announcement comes after a mandate was issued against workers at long-term care and assisted living facilities. Workers within these specific settings are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 12th, 2021. The expansion of this mandate is meant to make it clear to health care workers who wish not to be immunized that they will not be able to work in other health care related facilities. Health care workers who are a part of a private practice and do not have privileges available to them at a health care facility are not required to be immunized under this mandate.

The provincial health office will be developing a centralized process to seek medical and religious exemptions for those wishing not to be immunized for these reasons. This could include frequent COVID-19 testing and/or being reassigned to a less at risk position. Health care workers who choose not to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will not be able to return to work and will be placed on unpaid leave.

In a statement reported by [Cranbrook Daily Townsman](#), Dr. Bonnie Henry had the following comments regarding the updated mandate for health care workers,

“This includes all people, all workers, students, physicians, residents, contractors and volunteers who work in a healthcare facility including contracted facilities, which are accessible to patients and where they receive services. This is not going to adversely affect the vast majority of health care workers.”

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It's been noted that the province, along with the entire country, is facing a shortage of health care workers and the worry is this could lead to more shortages. However, the province believes this measure will be popular amongst health care workers and will not lead to a mass exodus.

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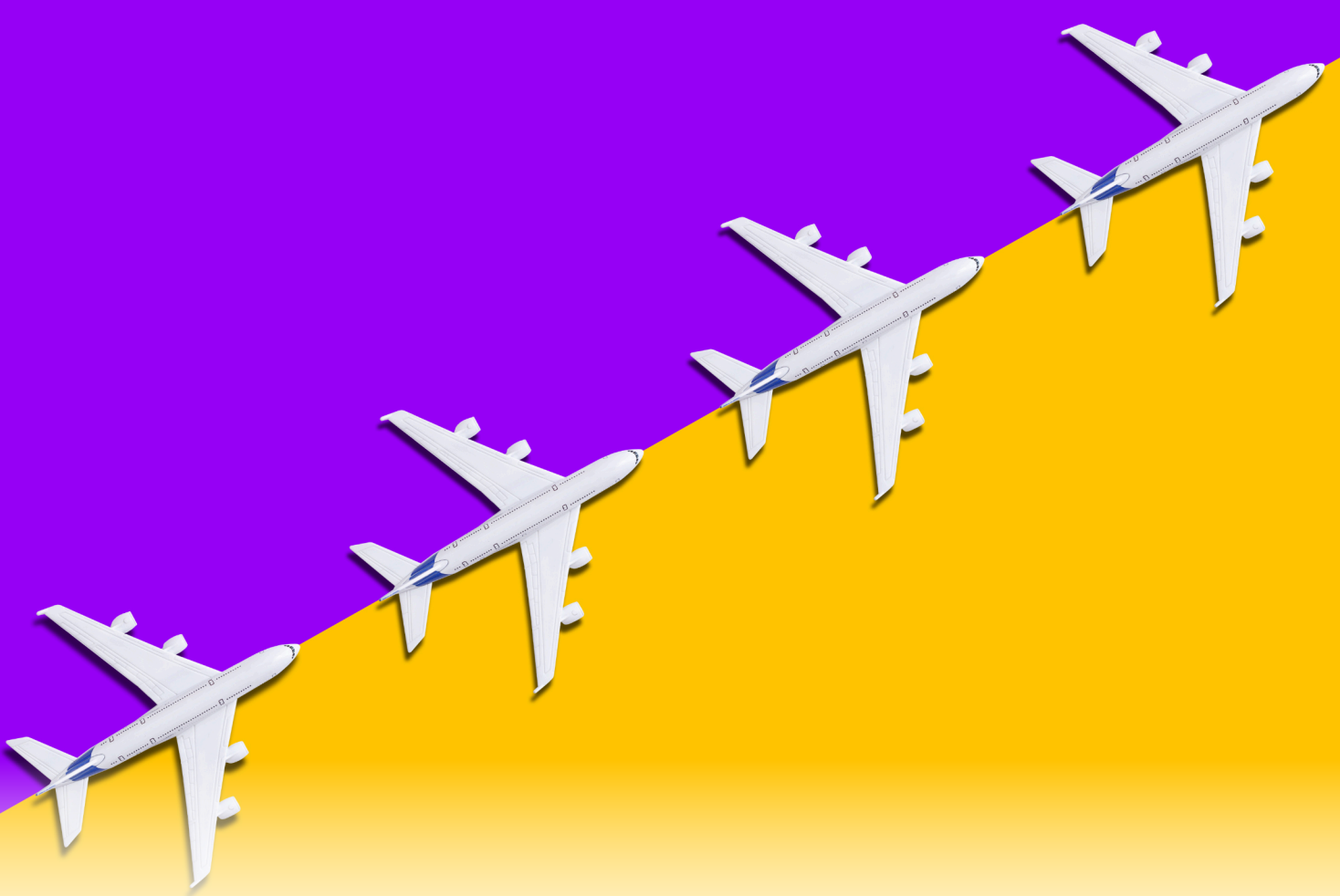
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# TRAVEL CRANBROOK

Cranbrook will be developing a Tourism Master Plan for the community with the help of three grants.

Cranbrook municipal officials will be using \$50,000 from the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior, \$20,000 from Columbia Basin Trust, and \$5,000 from the Regional District of East Kootenay to fund the development of Cranbrook's Tourism Master Plan. The City of Cranbrook will also be investing \$18,500 into the plan which brings the project to a total budget of \$93,500.

In a statement reported on [myeastkootenaynow.com](http://myeastkootenaynow.com), Regional District of East Kootenay Board Chair, Rob Gay had the following comments on the Tourism Master Plan,

"We are witnessing an increase in active transportation within our region as our trails and recreational opportunities gain local, provincial, national and international awareness. There are tremendous health and economic benefits that go along with the implementation of a well-designed tourism strategy, and we are proud to support the City of Cranbrook in the development of its Tourism Master Plan."

The City of Cranbrook will be partnering with the Ktunaxa Nation Council, Cranbrook Tourism, and the Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce to develop the plan. This will help guide City Council in their decision-making surrounding tourism initiatives while providing a clear vision on how to bolster tourism in the region.

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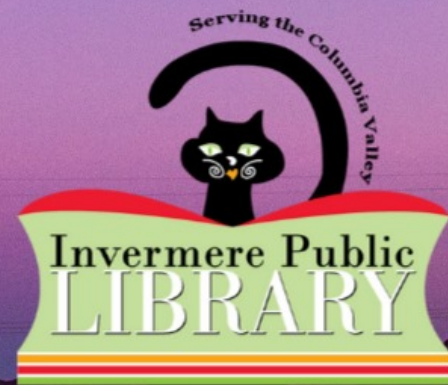
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# BOO GOES VIRAL

A feeding video of Boo the bear being fed from the gondola at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort recently went viral on TikTok with hundreds of thousands of views.

Boo is helping biologists understand the ecological impact that bears can have on their own habitat. Since arriving at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Boo has created many micro-ecosystems around his enclosure. Until 2008, research on Boo was contributed to helping grizzly bears get into rehabilitation programs with Northern Lights Wildlife Society. This is the only program setup to rehabilitate brown bears back into the wild instead of euthanasia or captivity.

Boo and his brother Carl were found together in the Cariboo mountains ten years ago after their mother was killed by a poacher. Unfortunately, Boo's brother Carl did not survive his first winter. However, Boo remains a fan favourite for travelers and locals. Boo is 19 years old and eats anywhere between 45,000 to 50,000 calories a day to prepare for the winter season. Boo's diet consists of nuts, plants, and meats that he gets to eat in many creative ways like dropping from the gondola or hanging the food pinata style. The creative ways in which Boo is fed helps enrich his life and foster natural hunting and scavenging skills.



In a statement reported by [Cranbrook Daily Townsman](#), the manager of the Grizzly Bear Refuge at Kicking Horse Catherine Cowan had the following comments regarding Boo becoming a viral sensation,

"It's pretty strange to see recent videos going viral for all of us, since we have been doing this for quite some time, so these are day to day routine tasks for us. However it is great that people are paying attention and asking more questions about Boo and which in turns open up a narrative about conservation issues with bears, ecological importance of bears on a landscape, and day to day human-wildlife co-existence."

Boo also hunts wildlife that make their way into his enclosure, once famously hunting down a moose that had hopped the fence into his territory in the middle of the night.

You can see Boo and more of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort's videos on their TikTok profile [here](#).

# BC is Wildlife Country



## Stay safe and help keep wildlife wild.



**Avoid surprise encounters.** Make noise by clapping your hands and using your voice. Watch for scat and other signs of wildlife. Avoid walking alone, carry bear spray and know how to use it.



**Keep pets on a leash in wildlife country.** Not only can dogs displace wildlife, dogs that chase after bears can bring them back to their owners or be killed. Wolves and coyotes can perceive dogs as a potential threat or prey.



**Keep a safe distance.** View and photograph wildlife from a safe and respectful distance of at least 100m for bears and at least 30m for other large non-predatory animals. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close.



**Respect wild animals.** Never feed wildlife and always keep attractants secure and out of reach. Feeding wildlife can lead to conflicts and tragic consequences.

### If you encounter a bear:



Stay calm, do not yell or run. Speak in a low voice. If you have bear spray, pull it out and remove the safety.



Move away slowly. If the bear charges, stand your ground and discharge the bear spray.



Leave the area slowly and report the encounter.



Bear attacks are rare but be prepared. Learn more about bears, bear spray and other wildlife safety at [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)



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# 6th Annual BC Goes Wild September 2021



**What:** BC Goes Wild

**Where:** Radius - Radium, BC

**When:** September 26th 2021

**Who:** Everyone - Family Friendly

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11:00am Open / 14:00pm End of day

11:30am Scavenger Hunt

12:30pm Picnic, snacks and questions

13.15pm WildSafe Ranger Presentation (Kids)

13:15pm Bear Spray Clinic (Adults)

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# RECOVERY FUNDS FOR B.C. RANCHERS AND FARMERS

**RANCHERS IN THE PROVINCE CAN NOW ACCESS UP TO \$20 MILLION TO HELP SUBSIDE THE IMPACTS OF THIS YEAR'S WILDFIRES AND DROUGHT.**

Many ranchers across the province have been hit with extraordinary expenses for animal feed, shelter, health, safety, and the transportation of livestock. Farmers are also eligible to receive funding through the 2021 Canada-British Columbia Wildfire and Drought AgriRecovery Initiative. This funding is inclusive to reseeding forage or replace critical infrastructure items that were not insurable and damaged/destroyed in the wildfires. Beekeepers may also received funding to replace colonies or apiary equipment lost in the destruction of the wildfires.

As reported on [e-know.ca](https://www.e-know.ca), The 2021 Canada-British Columbia Wildfire and Drought AgriRecovery Initiative provides assistance for the following:

Wildfire and drought support:

- extraordinary expenses caused by the wildfires and drought related to ensuring livestock feeding needs are not impacted due to feed loss or decreased availability;
- extraordinary expenses caused by the wildfires and drought related to ensuring animal health and safety;
- transportation costs to move impacted animals to a safe feeding location;
- feed for breeding livestock, including cattle, sheep and horses, based on a feed need requirement;
- contributions toward the re-establishment of tame perennial forage damaged by the fires; and
- where breeding herds are reduced due to lack of forage, support for the herd management costs associated with replacement breeding animals.

Wildfire damages:

- costs to replace apiaries, bee colonies and beekeeping equipment lost in the wildfires; and
- costs to repair or replace critical infrastructure damaged by wildfire, not covered by insurance.

Access information and applications for funding through the program are available online for ranchers and farmers across the province.



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# GAMING HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE

**IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, EPIC GAMES AND APPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A MASSIVE LAWSUIT, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN IOS USERS NOT BEING ABLE TO PLAY THE POPULAR GAME FORTNITE ON THEIR DEVICES.**

Now a judge has ruled in the lawsuit and issued an injunction in favour of Epic Games which now forces Apple to permit developers to link to outside payment options within their apps. Currently, any purchases you make in apps on your iOS device go through the Apple Store for payment processing. Now, developers can utilize outside payment options of their own design, effectively cutting Apple out as the middle man.

As reported on [ign.com](https://www.ign.com), The injunction states that Apple is "permanently restrained and enjoined from prohibiting developers from (i) including in their apps and their metadata buttons, external links, or other calls to action that direct customers to purchasing mechanisms, in addition to In-App Purchasing and (ii) communicating with customers through points of contact obtained voluntarily from customers through account registration within the app."

The court stated Apple's conduct was "anticompetitive", hence the injunction laid down by the judge. It's believed the injunction will help increase competition, transparency, consumer choice, and information while still preserving the Apple iOS ecosystem.



Both Apple and Epic Games have released statements in response to the judge's ruling as reported by [ign.com](https://www.ign.com);

Statement from Apple:

"Today the Court has affirmed what we've known all along: the App Store is not in violation of antitrust law. As the Court recognized 'success is not illegal.' Apple faces rigorous competition in every segment in which we do business, and we believe customers and developers choose us because our products and services are the best in the world. We remain committed to ensuring the App Store is a safe and trusted marketplace that supports a thriving developer community and more than 2.1 million U.S. jobs, and where the rules apply equally to everyone."

Tim Sweeney released a statement on behalf of Epic Games:

"Today's ruling isn't a win for developers or for consumers. Epic is fighting for fair competition among in-app payment methods and app stores for a billion consumers. Fortnite will return to the iOS App Store when and where Epic can offer in-app payment in fair competition with Apple in-app payment, passing along the savings to consumers. Thanks to everyone who put so much time and effort into the battle over fair competition on digital platforms, and thanks especially to the court for managing a very complex case on a speedy timeline. We will fight on."

**JOSH GRIEVE**

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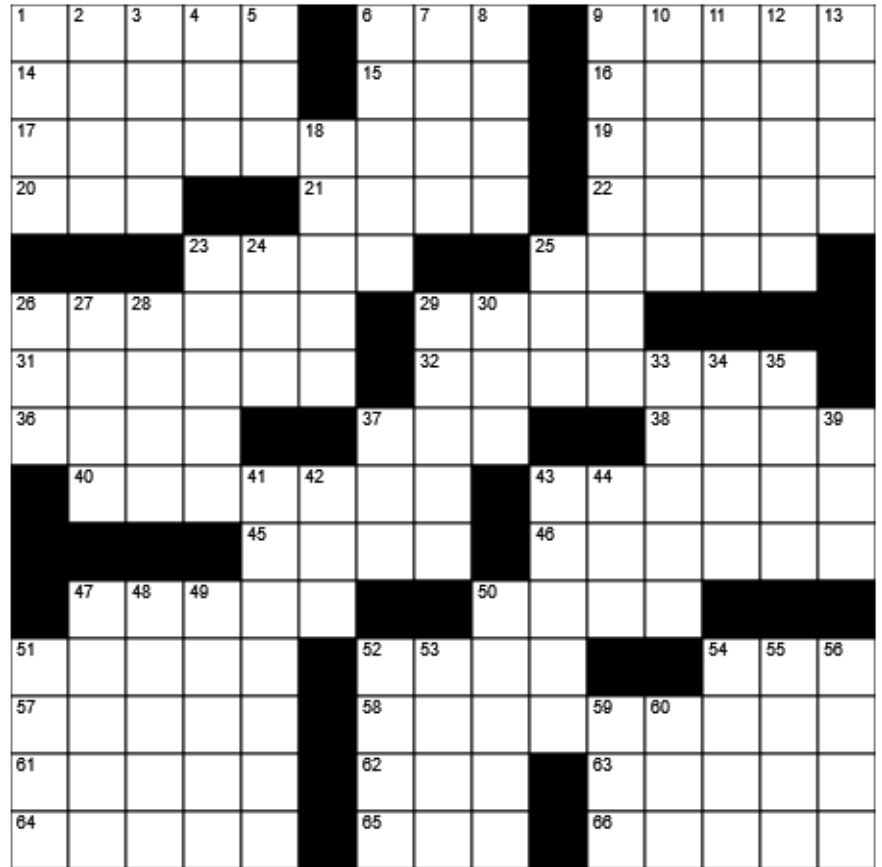
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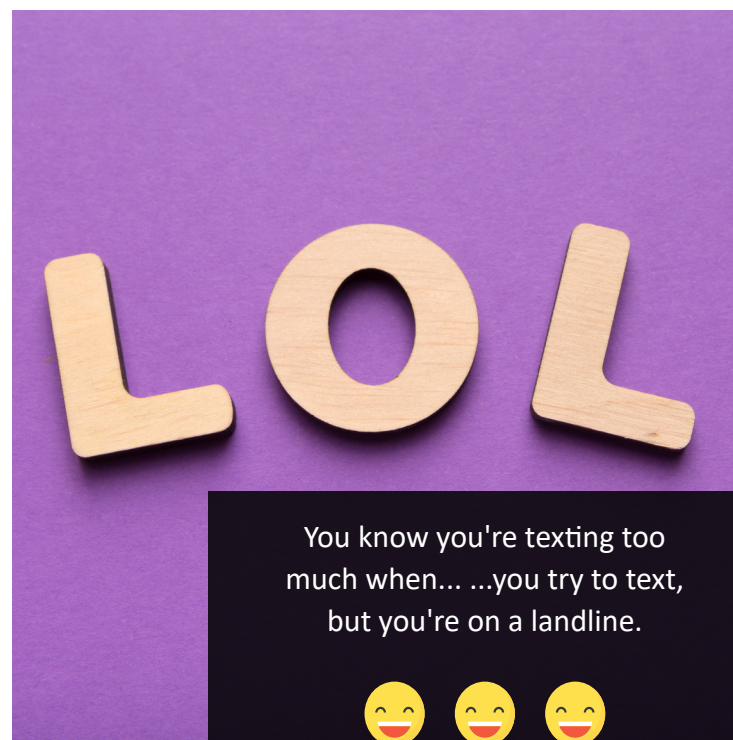
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**Fan Favourite**

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favorite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."



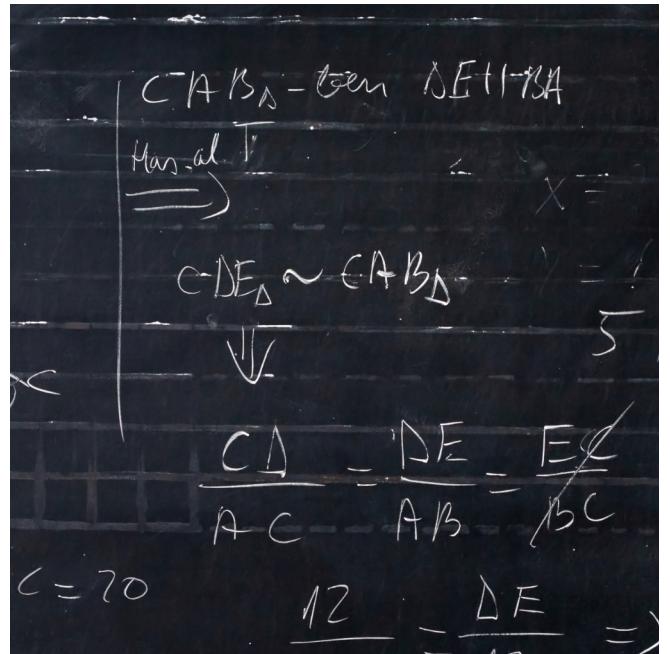
**Train Conductor**

My boss yelled at me the other day, "You've got to be the worst train driver in history. How many trains did you derail last year?" I said, "Can't say for sure, it's so hard to keep track!"



**Waste of Thyme**

I had to clean out my spice rack and found everything was too old and had to be thrown out. What a waste of thyme.



**Negative Numbers**

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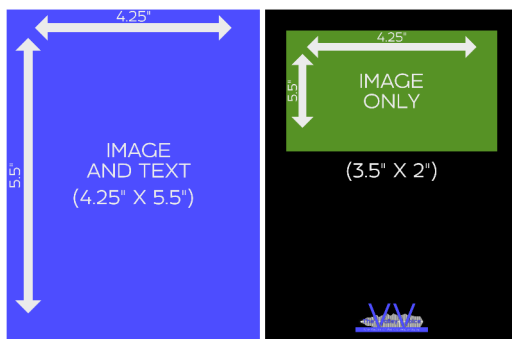
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