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LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

Are you sick of turkey yet? Our volunteers hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving weekend and thank you for your patience on this week's issue. (We all happen to LOVE turkey.)

The season is once again changing and winter is fast approaching, with some communities already seeing snow hit the ground. When you are on the roads, remember to be cautious and plan for extra time on your journey. You may be confident in your driving skills, however someone else may not be so confident in theirs.

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VACCINE REGISTRATIONS INCREASE

AS THE REACH OF THE VACCINATION MANDATES WIDEN, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE REGISTERING FOR THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS.

Travelers who are looking to venture across Canada this winter will be required to have both COVID-19 vaccinations by October 31st. This includes anyone over the age of 12 who is traveling across Canada by air, rail, or sea and vaccination status will need to be provided before boarding any federally regulated method of transportation. All federal public employees who work in core public services are also required to be fully vaccinated by October 29th. Those who refuse or are not fully vaccinated by this date will be placed on administrative leave without pay come mid-November.

This mandate comes with a ten-week grace period where both travelers and employees will be able to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. However, by November 30th anyone who wishes to travel across Canada will be required to show proof of full vaccination. This does not include those who travel on ferries as they are not a federally regulated vessel.



This new mandate does not apply to Crown Corporations or agencies such as Canada Post, however the federal government is urging those areas to develop a similar vaccine mandate to continue keeping people safe. Public service employees in core government ministries within the B.C. government are required to provide their proof of vaccination.

We may start seeing more mandatory vaccinations appear for municipalities across the region as Canal Flats adopts a COVID-19 vaccination policy, making it the first and only municipality doing so in the Columbia Valley. While this policy does not mandate Canal Flats Village employees to be fully vaccinated, it's strongly recommended that those who are medically able to receive the vaccine do so. The policy was adopted by council members during their September 27th meeting following an extensive discussion at the council's September 13th meeting.

As reported in the [Columbia Valley Pioneer](#), the policy states "COVID-19 vaccinations are not a requirement for working at the village of Canal Flats, but receiving a vaccination is strongly recommended for village of Canal Flats employees who are medically able to do so.". The policy adds employees are able to take time away from work, including up to three paid hours, for vaccination appointments.

Provincial health officials are also preparing for COVID-19 vaccinations for those five years old and up. Pre-registration is now available for vaccination appointments for children five and older. At this time, masks are also mandatory when children five and older are visiting indoor public spaces. The vaccines are awaiting approval and arrival of supplies. Once these are available, appointment notifications will be sent out to those who are eligible from the pre-registration.

In a statement reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](#), Dr. Bonnie Henry had the following comments on vaccination for children five and older,

"The preliminary data package has been submitted to Health Canada, and we may see that important vaccine available to us as soon as early November. We continue to talk with school communities, families and parents to ensure the process is as seamless as possible for everyone. There are about 340,000 children between five and 11 across British Columbia, so yes, we'll be highlighting communities where transmission risk is highest. We're trying to do a broad-based approach across the province to make sure access is there for everybody when the vaccine becomes available."

The vaccine plan is still under development however there is no plan to roll-out the vaccination in age groups similar to the process for older patients.



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CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL FLATS CHILD-CARE CENTRE IS ON ICE.

The Village of Canal Flats has been constructing a child-care centre which has been stalled for the past few months.

Despite the lack of optimism from community residents, village council remain optimistic the child-care facility will open as early as this winter.

Council members of the Village of Canal Flats were updated at a recent council meeting on the project, which is expected to hold preschool space for up to 40 kids in the community. The development of a child-care centre has been going on for the past couple of years due to the number of families with infants and toddlers needing to drive as far as Windermere or Invermere for child-care. That can equate to 2+ hours of driving a day which takes not only time but financial resources for the gas you're spending.

In a statement reported by [The Columbia Valley Pioneer](#), Village of Canal Flats Chief Administrative Officer, Adrian Bergles, provide comments on what is preventing the centre from resuming construction. These comments are in reference to a roofing system which is considered a critical part of the centre and required to be imported.

"Apparently, it is at the (Canada-U.S.) border, in customs. Everybody's anxious for that building to go forward and for that programming to begin."

Bergles also commented in the same report that despite the project being stalled, there has been "behind the scenes" work being completed to ensure appropriate permits are secured into the fall. He does not believe there to be any further problems or delays in construction once the roofing system has arrived. While it was not guaranteed, Bergles remains optimistic the centre will be operational sometime around Christmas or New Year.

On top of the construction needing completion, there is still the question of staff and leadership for the facility. Village of Canal Flats councilor, Marie Delorme, inquired on when leadership would be in place along with the necessary staff. With the shortages of early childhood educators in child-care centres across the Columbia Valley, Mayor Karl Sterzer stressed the "sense of urgency" with recruiting enough qualified staff to run the facility.





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FUNDING FOR FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES

TWO LOCAL FIRST NATION BANDS WILL RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IN PROVINCIAL FUNDING.

Funding is being received for ʔaq'am (St. Mary's Indian Band) and Yaq'it ʔa-knuq'i'l (Tobacco Plains Indian Band) to support community projects geared towards community well-being and poverty-reduction. The funding being received is part of a grant program from the First Nations Well Being Fund, administered by the First Nations Public Service Secretariat, in partnership with the First Nations Leadership Council.

In a statement reported by The [Cranbrook Townsman](#), Cheryl Casimer, political executive with First Nations Summit, had the following comments on the poverty stricken First Nation communities.

"Numerous studies have shown that Indigenous people experience the highest levels of poverty, with a shocking 25 per cent of Indigenous people in Canada living in poverty. This poverty reduction initiative was created to assist B.C. First Nations to increase well-being within their communities and membership. This welcome program is a modest step toward addressing the disproportionately high rates of poverty for First Nations citizens in B.C. The program was very oversubscribed, which clearly shows there is a high demand for much-needed funding for these types of important community projects. We hope that the success of this initiative will lead to greater poverty reduction funding opportunities for our communities in the future."

ʔaq'am (St. Mary's Indian Band) will receive \$34,452 to put towards delivering land-based training trips and teaching traditional hunting, harvesting, fishing, and canning methods. The funds will also be utilized to update the Strategic Plan of the community.

Yaq'it ʔa-knuq'i'l (Tobacco Plains Indian Band) will receive \$60,000 of funding to put towards two separate projects. \$35,000 will be put towards initiatives that support food security including a communal meat freezer, community kitchen, and a hide-preparation area. \$25,000 is set to support workshops on active living, conduction of surveys, and developing a community-wide well-being plan.

Over \$2 million has been provided to 62 First Nation communities from this grant program with The First Nations Well Being Fund containing two streams available for community projects and/or planning.





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B.C. LEADS CANADA IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The province of British Columbia is leading Canada in economic recovery, adding a total of 12,300 jobs alone in the month of September. The Kootenay region saw the fifth-best recovery since the pandemic began with 102.3% which was slightly behind the Prince George, Thompson-Okanagan, Cariboo and Vancouver Island regions.

Women have led the provincial increase in employment with a job recovery rate of 101.7% in September. It was also noted there were job recovery increases among Indigenous peoples as the rate rose to 107.8% which is also the highest since the start of the pandemic.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation has the following comments on the province's drive towards economic recovery,

"While we're not there yet and many people and businesses are still struggling with the impacts of the pandemic, our economic success so far is due largely to the 81% of eligible British Columbians' who have received the vaccine and done their part to keep our province safe and our economy moving forward. Our record investments in skills training, child care and affordable housing will help ensure more British Columbians have the opportunity to succeed and build long-lasting careers while ensuring businesses have the workers they need now and in the future. We will continue to do what's necessary to help build a stronger B.C. We all continue to recognize that a healthy B.C. and a healthy economy go hand in hand," said Kahlon. "And I urge everyone to get vaccinated, which is the best way to put the pandemic behind us and ensure we can come together safely once again."

It was also noted that more than 34,000 people have relocated to the province which has supported the increase within the labour market.

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MAKING HELP MORE ACCESSIBLE

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES.

The BC Addiction Recovery Association will be receiving \$50,000.00 from the province to support making recovery more accessible for those living with substance-abuse issues. The funds are being provided to the BCARA so more staff can be brought on across the province and improve treatment practices. The province is committed towards continuing to improve the safety and quality of treatment and recovery services across British Columbia.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions had the following to comment,

“We want people facing addictions to get services when they need them. I’m grateful for BCARA’s work to offer quality care for everyone, so people are supported when ready to begin their healing journey.”

In the same report, BCARA board chair, Brenda Plant had the following comments on the province’s support of the organization,

“We are grateful for the support of this important resource for our sector, particularly when we are in the midst of a dual health crisis. Our vision is to provide leadership to our members, to ensure enhanced recovery-oriented and research-informed addiction services are readily available and to work with government in the development of sector-focused policies, standards and regulations.”

Up until now, the province has worked on developing regulations and standards that will create consistency across the province for recovery centres. This new funding is set to make recovery centres more accessible for British Columbia residents.



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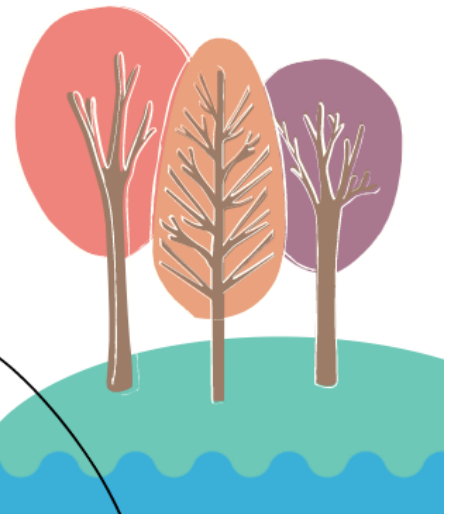
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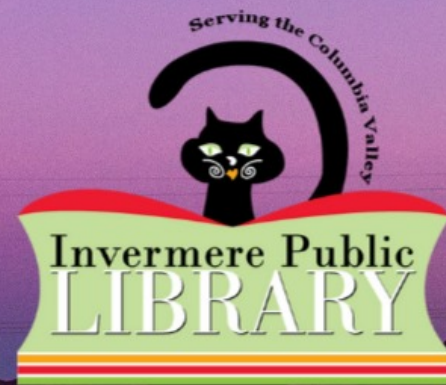
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WATCH FOR SCAMMERS

A rise in phone and social media scams has been reported across Columbia Valley.

Kimberley RCMP is urging caution following reports of multiple scams in the area, specifically scams that are targeting the emotions of their victim.

You may be familiar with the “family in trouble” scam where a potential victim is contacted by a supposed family member and requested to send money. This scam has become prevalent in Kimberley and police officials are warning the public to be cautious with these types of phone calls.

The RCMP is asking residents if anyone contacts you by phone, email, or social media asking for money, do not provide any funds without confirming the person’s identity. Local Facebook groups have also seen an uptick of scams being posted in the communities. These scams include offering Duct Cleaning Services where the victim is asked to pay a deposit on the service before work is done. When the scheduled appointment comes due, no one shows up to complete the work.

There also have been reports of scams on Facebook targeting the emotions of community residents including cries for help to leave a toxic situation or provide support for families in need. The general rule of thumb is to be cautious when giving money to people you don’t know.



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The Columbia Valley Centre <small>(COM)</small>	646 4th Street	N/A
Invermere Public Library <small>(COM)</small>	646 4th Street	6
CV Search & Rescue <small>(COM)</small>	4th/7th Street	7
Windermere Valley Child Care Society <small>(COM)</small>	3rd Street	8
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The province of B.C. had its skies filled on October 11, 2021 with a dazzling show of the northern lights, a perfect way to end Thanksgiving long weekend. These lights were visible over much of the province beginning around 9:30pm. Photos of the spectacular view of the northern lights were seen across social media from all corners of the province, even as far as Vancouver and Grande Prairie!

“Northern Lights over the Valley”
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WINTER IS COMING

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING THIS SEASON?

October 1st was the deadline for ensuring your vehicle has the appropriate winter tires to be traveling across the province during the winter season. Knowing how to drive for winter roads is crucial to your safety and those around you. Winter driving doubles your risk of being in a motor vehicle accident due to the conditions of not only the roads but the environment around you.

Here are some ways you can remain safe while traveling through the province this winter:

- Take your vehicle in for a pre-winter maintenance check-up. Make sure everything is working effectively so you have no surprises and be left out in the cold.
- Make sure your vehicle is equipped with a winter driving emergency kit. Blankets, non-perishable food, water, etc.
- Road conditions can be checked before you head out on your journey by visiting DriveBC.ca
- When conditions on the road are wet and slippery, drive slowly and keep at least 3 car lengths between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Knowing how to properly brake and to do so safely can make the difference between a motor vehicle accident and not. When roads are slippery, drive slowly and accelerate gradually so you don't lose traction and avoid spinning your wheels. When you need to stop the vehicle, plan well ahead and apply your breaks gently. Do not break suddenly unless necessary.

Because of the snow, ice, rain, and fog conditions the winter seasons brings, roads are much more dangerous, and your visibility is decreased. Hydroplaning and black ice become more prevalent during these conditions. Hydroplaning happens due to your tires losing contact with the ground and float on top of the water on the road. If you find yourself in a situation where your vehicle is hydroplaning, ease off accelerating the vehicle and steer towards the direction you want to go. Avoid braking if possible.

Temperatures change fairly quickly during the winter months, and this contributes to unpredictable road conditions such as black ice. The road may look the same, however black ice forms unexpectedly and can be invisible to drivers on the road. You will commonly find black ice in shaded areas, bridges, overpasses, and intersections where snow is packed quickly. If you find yourself in a situation where you encounter black ice, slowly stop accelerating and steer smoothly in the direction you want the vehicle to go. Braking will make the situation much worse.

Make sure you are prepared and always adjusting for the conditions of the road. The rule of thumb when it comes to winter hazards is to reduce your speed and increase your following distance. The more time you have to react to hazards the better the end result will be.

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TOXICITY NEEDS TO END

THE GAMING COMMUNITY IS BECOMING A SOURCE OF HATE AND KEYBOARD WARRIORS.

The first video game I ever played was the Super Mario Bros./Duck Hunt mashup on the original NES. Playing with both a controller and a toy gun was mind-blowing as a child. I must've played that game for days upon days and continued to do so even into my teenage years. Although, Super Mario Bros. can only hold up for so long as you're growing up.

Eventually, I made my way to becoming a Playstation gamer. Enjoying classics like Dino Crisis, Final Fantasy VII and VIII, Spyro, Crash Bandicoot, Resident Evil, so many games that remain classics to this very day. Now, I'm 32 years old and still play video games. No shame. Although, I've levelled up from Playstation and play exclusively on the Xbox series of consoles. I play single-player games for the most part but sometimes dive into the realm of multiplayer-gaming like many other gamers have.

What I'm about to say won't be a shock to gamers, yet it should be, the online gaming community is toxic. Between hackers, bots, keyboard warriors, and those who believe their opinions should be held higher than others, the online gaming community has become a toxic environment for anyone who plays online. I remember playing Goldeneye on the Nintendo64 with my friends, side by side, two controllers. That was a multiplayer experience, actually being able to experience a game together. Doing so online, and with people you don't know and will never meet, adds a level of anonymity that enables the toxicity we're seeing in the gaming community.

A wonderful example of this is the ever-popular Xbox title, Halo. The first Xbox exclusive game that took over the industry when it first released and continues to be the company's dominant franchise to this day. However, the online multiplayer community is also filled with people who bully and hate on other players. The reasons can vary, perhaps they were displeased with how you played a round or were jealous you took their kill. Whatever the reason is, if someone wants to be negative or toxic towards you, they absolutely will be.

Now this isn't a PSA to not play games online, it's quite the opposite. Continue to play multiplayer games online but be the change. Be the force that may someday remove toxicity from the gaming community. Show positivity to someone who may be playing the game for the first time and words of encouragement will prevent them from stopping. If I was a kid and told how much I sucked when I first started playing Final Fantasy VII, I never would've beat all 4 discs of that game, guaranteed.

Words hurt, but even more, words can make all the difference in someone's day. Remember that the next time you want to troll in a multiplayer lobby.

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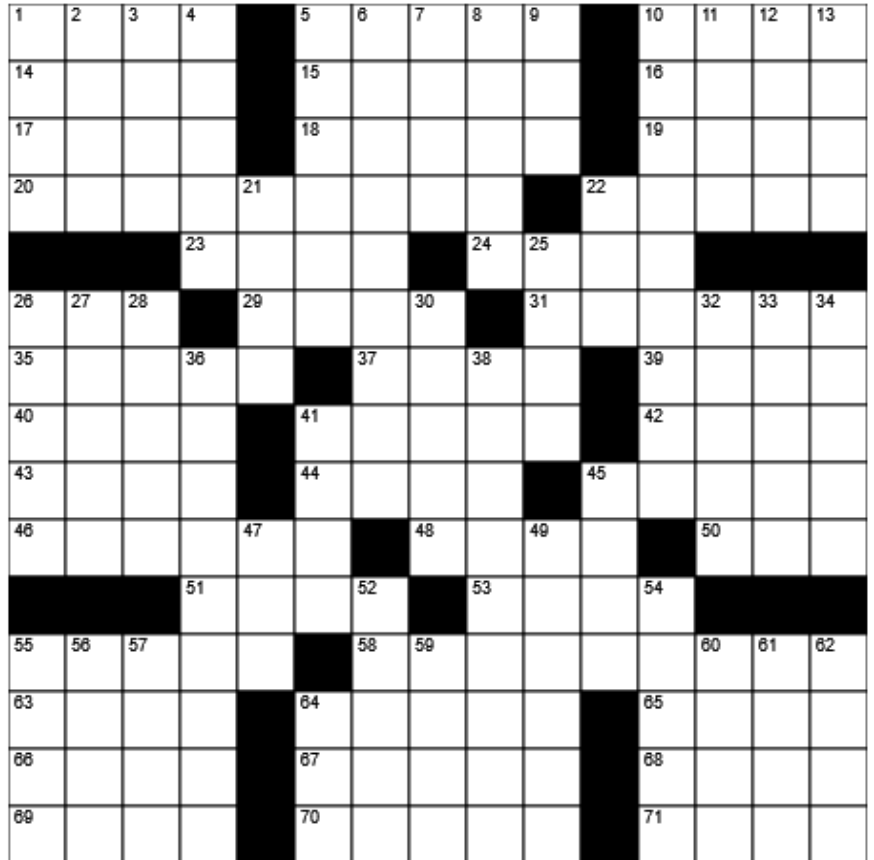
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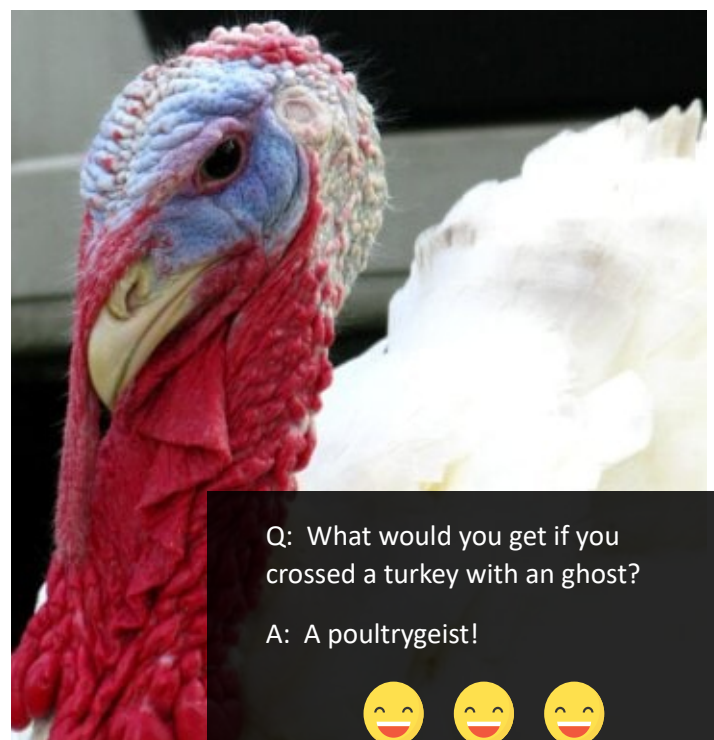
1- P.M. times; 5- On top of the standings; 10- Pet plant; 14- Gimlet garnish; 15- Old French expression meaning "goodbye"; 16- Contact, e.g.; 17- Steinbeck: East of _____; 18- Noted Civil War biography; 19- Actor Estrada; 20- Declared unfit for use; 22- Trunk line; 23- Editorial notation; 24- Quick sharp bark; 26- Barracks bed; 29- Barbershop request; 31- In seventh heaven; 35- "_____ by any other name..."; 37- Lumpy fuel; 39- Sped; 40- Campus mil. group; 41- Loiter; 42- Undoing; 43- Doozy; 44- Scoria; 45- Satisfies; 46- A wineshop; 48- Delineate; 50- Compass dir.; 51- Mystique; 53- Extol; 55- Weaving machines; 58- Highly pleased; 63- Old Dodge model; 64- Bring up the rear; 65- About; 66- Observed; 67- Poker Flat chronicler; 68- Period; 69- Hang-up; 70- Proprietor; 71- Wife of Osiris;

Down

1- One of the Baldwins; 2- Pet name; 3- Revenuers, for short; 4- Transmits; 5- Dell dweller, traditionally; 6- Alike in every way; 7- Make angry; 8- Squalid; 9- Calendar col.; 10- Queen of Egypt; 11- German Mister; 12- Monogram ltr.; 13- ___ silly question...; 21- Kitchen addition; 22- Entirely; 25- Hard to hold; 26- Chocolate substitute; 27- Home of the Black Bears; 28- Schlepiped; 30- Fable finale; 32- Track tipsters; 33- Great Lakes tribesmen; 34- Compact; 36- Yelling; 38- Clay stone; 41- Nicholas II was the last Russian one; 45- Cozy; 47- Astronaut Grissom; 49- Protective envelope; 52- End in ___; 54- Abu ___; 55- A pitcher may take one; 56- Foreboding; 57- Fit for service; 59- Pull down; 60- General ___ chicken; 61- Sewing case; 62- Periods; 64- Howe'er;



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Q: What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost?

A: A poultrygeist!





Education Starts with M

During a science lesson, my sister-in-law picked up a magnet and said to her second-grade class, "My name begins with the letter M, and I pick things up. What am I?"

A little boy answered, "You're a mommy."



Genetics

The topic for my third-grade class was genetics. Smiling broadly, I pointed to my dimples and asked,

"What trait do you think I passed on to my children?" One student called out, "Wrinkles!"



Exchanging Gifts

My friend reviewed her young son's fill-in-the-blank homework. One line: "At Christmas, we exchange gifts with ____."

His response: "Receipts."



Organizing

I always thought my friend was disorganized, but after helping her move, I stand corrected.

The label on a box I carried read "Stuff off the floor."

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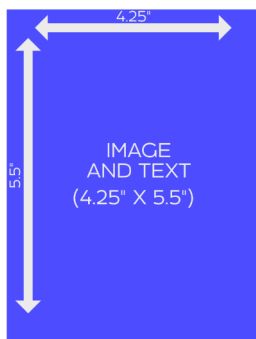
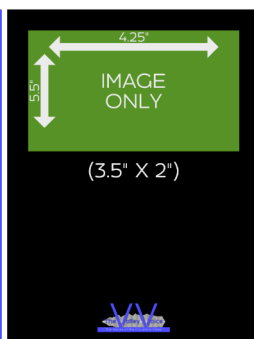


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