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The Voices of the Columbia Valley

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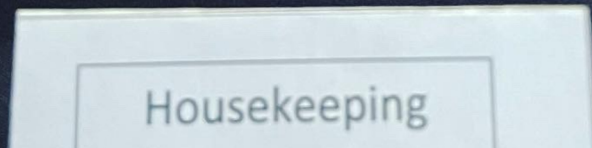
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2021 CPR Halloween Pumpkin Carving Champions

"This years 2021 CPR Halloween Pumpkin Carving Champions is our Housekeeping Team! Lots of votes all around, but the housekeeping team will receive a team pizza party as their award."

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LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween this past weekend. We would LOVE to see your costumes and all the fun you had during Halloween, if you have any photos you'd like included in next weeks issue send them over to us!

As we head into November and the winter season is upon us, we need to continue being considerate to each other and give a helping hand where needed. The Christmas season is not far away and our communities need to band together to support one another now more than ever. In today's world where everyone has their own opinions, thoughts, and challenges, it's important to be respectful and considerate of each other.

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MASK MANDATE EXTENDED

**THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED
THE MASK MANDATE INDEFINITELY.**

The province has been under a mask mandate in response to the increase of COVID-19 cases which was set to expire on October 31st, 2021. The mandate requires masks to be worn in all indoor public spaces through British Columbia. The order has now been extended with no end date provided to continue to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

In a statement released by the B.C. Government in a [news release](#), the provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry had the following comments,

“The requirement to wear masks in indoor public spaces is being extended during this time of higher transmission of COVID-19 in communities. This important layer of protection will help make all of us safer, along with practicing hand hygiene regularly, staying away if sick and, most importantly, getting fully vaccinated.”

The indoor mask mandate applies to people five years of age and older, regardless of your vaccination status. The types of settings included in this mandate are:

malls, shopping centres, coffee shops and retail and grocery stores;

liquor and drug stores;

airports, city halls, libraries, community and recreation centres;

restaurants, pubs and bars (unless seated);

on public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle;

areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided;

common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity;

common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations; and

inside schools for all K-12 staff, visitors and students.

Masks may be removed temporarily in certain situations when within indoor public places such as identifying an individual, consuming food or beverage, participating in a sport or fitness activity, or while receiving personal or healthcare services that require the mask to be removed. Those who are unable to wear a mask or cannot apply one without assistance are exempt from this mandate.

The extension of the indoor mask mandate coincides with the release of the Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination which is required for anyone traveling by air, rail, or cruise ship. Fully vaccinated is defined by having both federally approved doses of the COVID-19 vaccine with the second dose administered 14 days prior to travel. Travelers who are not vaccinated will be subject to testing requirements and mandatory quarantine when returning to the country.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Minister of Health Adrian Dix had the following comments on the rollout of the new mandate,

“The federal government is launching a proof of vaccination card to ensure that people who want to travel have what they need to do so. The federal card can be accessed in the same way as the BC Vaccine Card, which 3.7 million British Columbians have downloaded to enjoy non-essential activities throughout our province, such as dining in restaurants or attending a sporting event. By ensuring all of us are fully vaccinated, we can do more with the people we love, safely.”

The British Columbia Vaccine Card will still be utilized for non-essential settings across the province including restaurants and indoor/outdoor events. You can learn more about attaining the federal proof of vaccination [HERE](#).





TUES.
3:00PM TO 8:00PM

WED.
3:00PM TO 8:00PM

THUR.
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FRI.
1:00PM TO 8:00PM

FREE FOOD

Upstairs Hang Out

Outdoor Chill Zone

Friday Skate Night



Virtual Reality

Music Room

Gaming Computers

STRICTLY ENFORCED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE
****MASKS MANDATORY****



ARTS AND SPORTS FUNDING COMING

THE PROVINCE WILL DISTRIBUTE FUNDING TO OVER 1,300 ORGANIZATIONS.

The provincial government has announced it will be providing \$18.2 million towards the arts and \$24.9 million towards sports to allow those in the province to be more active and creative.

Locally, we will be seeing some of that funding with the Columbia Valley Arts Council receiving \$29,000 of funding to put towards their programs and initiatives. Cranbrook and District Arts Council will be receiving \$16,500 in funding, Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation will receive \$43,900 in funding, Cranbrook Community Theatre Society will be receiving \$10,000 in funding and Symphony of the Kootenays Association is set to receive \$19,200 in funding.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Minister of Municipal Affairs Josie Osborne shared the following comments on the funding,

“Activities that engage people of all ages to play sports, enjoy arts programs and celebrate cultural festivities are at the heart of B.C.’s thriving and resilient communities. Community Gaming Grants continue to provide critical funding for these community-based programs that support British Columbians and help them make strong community connections.”

Other organizations included in receiving funding are the Nelson and District Arts Council, Cranbrook Minor Hockey Association, Selkirk Challengers Gymnastics Club, and Fernie Alpine Ski Team.

Journey



Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

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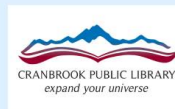
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Join us, and the amazing lineup of speakers, as we embark on a road of Growth, Evolution, and Healing. If you are interested in finding out more about this event check us out on Facebook at [Igniteyourlifebc](https://www.facebook.com/igniteyourlifebc) or contact us at (250) 341-1118.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards a bursary at David Thompson High School entitled the Rise & Shine Bursary, which will support young women who have shown strength and resilience in the face of adversity.



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DECRIMINALIZING ILLICIT DRUGS

BC IS THE FIRST PROVINCE IN CANADA TO SEEK AN EXEMPTION FROM HEALTH CANADA.

The provincial government is looking at removing criminal penalties for people who possess small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use. The B.C. government is calling on federal officials as the first province in Canada to seek this exemption. The goal is to reduce the fear and shame associated with substance use which in turn prevents people from getting the proper care they need.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, B.C. chief coroner Lisa Lapointe had the following comments,

“Criminalizing members of our communities who use drugs has resulted in decades of causing further harms to many who are already suffering from mental or physical health challenges and/or the effects of emotional or physical trauma. Decriminalization will help shift our focus from punishment, which has resulted in social isolation, stigma and fear, toward a medical model that recognizes substance use as a health issue. This is an important step that, combined with increased access to safe supply and implementation of an evidence-based model of treatment and recovery, will help to save lives.”

In developing the application to the federal government, the provincial government worked with health and social service providers, Indigenous partners, those impacted by substance abuse, municipalities, law enforcement, and clinical experts.

WANT A SHOT WITH THAT?

SINGLE-SERVE LIQUOR NOW AVAILABLE WITH TAKEOUT AND DELIVERY.

Have you ever just wanted one drink with your meal instead of buying an entire bottle? Well, now you can! As of October 29th, 2021, the liquor and food-primary liquor licensees in the province are permitted to package and sell unmixed drinks for takeout and delivery with the purchase of a meal. Meaning, you can receive a shot of alcohol with a can of pop or just a single glass of wine with your meal.

[In a statement released by the provincial government](#), the Public Safety and Solicitor General had the following comments,

“This additional choice for consumers builds on other measures government has approved in recent months to benefit approximately 2,000 liquor-primary and 6,000 food-primary licensees in B.C. Notably, they can already sell full bottles of wine and spirits as well as mixed drinks packaged in single servings for takeout and delivery with the purchase of a meal.”

This change came in response to feedback from the Business Technical Advisory Panel and received support from manufacturers in the industry after extensive consultation. This builds on the governments promise to the industry with recent changes allowing many in the food and beverage industry to remain open during lockdown restrictions. It's also hoped this change will limit the health impacts associated with alcohol consumption.



"LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS" DECORATING CONTEST & TOUR

All District of Invermere residents, businesses & organizations are invited to participate and light up the town in anticipation of the Holiday season. Join us decking your homes and businesses with lights and holiday decor. Then take the Light up the Holidays Decorating Tour to view displays!

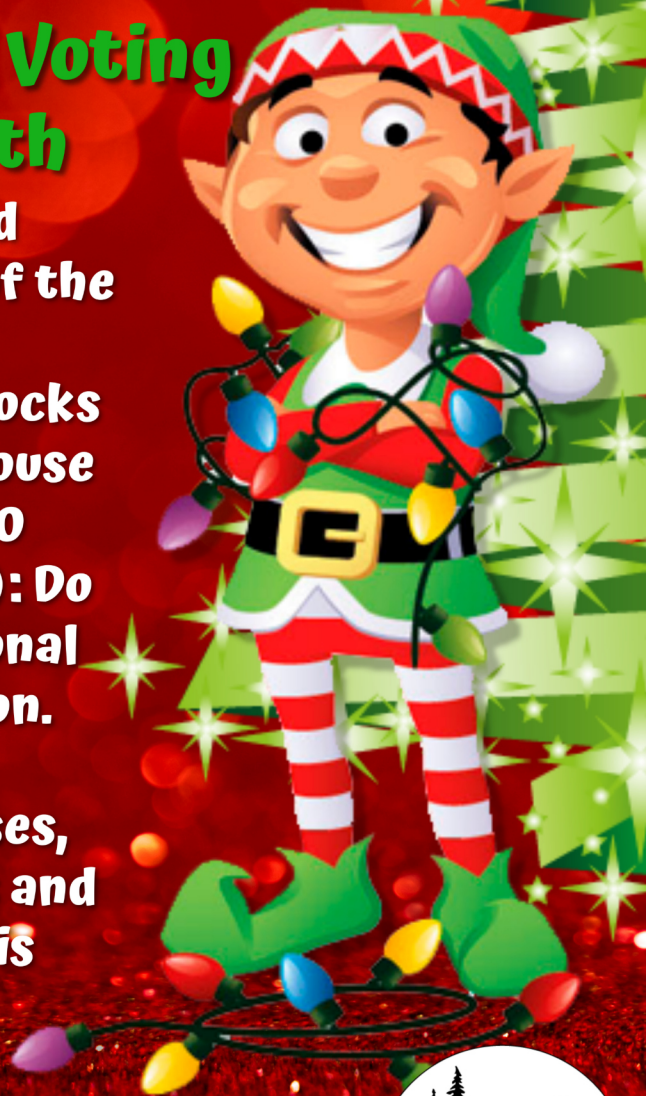
Tour & General Public Voting December 6th-20th

A winner will be chosen and awarded cash prizes for each of the following categories:

- 1. Best Decorated: Knock our socks off with the best decorated house in Invermere. Top prize \$100**
- 2. Clark Griswold (Most lights): Do your best impression of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Prize \$75**
- 3. Best Commercial: Businesses, organizations, churches, clubs and school groups may enter this category. Prize \$50**

\$10 Entry.

**Register on [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) until Nov 25th!
Visit Invermere BC Events on Facebook
for full details!**



"LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS"

CONTINUED:

This is the time of year when residents, businesses and organizations would be registering and preparing floats for the Light Up Santa Claus Parade held the 3rd week in November. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Invermere Light Up activities & Santa Claus Parade will again be postponed to 2022 ☹️.

This difficult decision comes after discussions with Interior Health and considerations related to pandemic measures which would include proof of vaccine requirements (Proof of full vaccination would be required for participants to attend), plus the volatility of rules around public gatherings.

Instead, the Light Up the Holidays Decorating Contest and Tour will be taking place.

The event welcomes District of Invermere community members to sign up their houses, organizations or businesses by November 25th and then decorate with holiday lights and other decorations by December 6th. The public can then take a self-guided tour of mapped locations across the District of Invermere until December 20th and help determine the winners by public voting.

See full details and sign up on Eventbrite.ca now until November 25th: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/light-up-the-holidays-decorating-contest-tour-registration-page-tickets-196080009587>

Businesses are encouraged to decorate storefronts after Remembrance Day and be decorated by November 20th for when the town lights get turned on as a kickoff to the holiday season and local shopping! However, you have until December 6th to decorate for this contest.

Each participating house, organization and business will be listed on a map. Winners will be chosen based on the highest number of votes received by members of the public.

Stay tuned on how to vote and more upcoming holiday announcements!

Be sure to register by November 25th and help Light Up Invermere!

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PLANNED POWER OUTAGE - SPARWOOD

On Friday, November 5th between 12:00am and 4:00am BC Hydro will be conducting a planned power outage in the District of Sparwood. The outage is expected to have an impact on customers located on Highway 43 north to Busato Road including Lower Elk Valley Road, Highway 3 east to Michel Creek Road and west to Douglas Fir Road. Customers who will be impacted by the planned power outage have been notified directly as per the District of Sparwood staff.

LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT ROLLOVER

A transport truck travelling down Highway 93 rolled over on October 31st around 6:00pm. RCMP responded to the call from bystanders who were needed to help the driver out of the truck. Parks Canada employees, a local towing company, local ranchers, and police officers did all they could to assist and contain the livestock. Injured hogs on the scene were treated by a local veterinarian with some unfortunately succumbing to their injuries.

BCADVENTURESMART SERIES

Over two weeks, our upcoming events will welcome 12 special guests who will share their outdoor passions, mountain knowledge and have stories to tell that will help you learn, laugh and get informed.

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- Snowmobiler Ambassadors
- Outdoor Safety Specialists
- Emergency and Rural / Remote Physician
- Association of Canadian Mountain Guides

You're invited to our virtual table to "get informed before you go outdoors" as we focus on safety for snowmobiling, backcountry ski touring and snowshoeing. Winter 2021-22 starts here @BCAdvSmart!

Sign-up required.

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BC ADVENTURESMART SAFETY SERIES: WINTER

Snowmobiling	- Nov 30
Backcountry Touring	- Dec 2
Snowshoeing	- Dec 7
Snowmobiling	- Dec 9

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Webinar Series

GET INFORMED & GO OUTDOORS

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ANNEX PARK PAVILION CONSTRUCTION STARTS

The City of Fernie received funding from the Resort Municipality Initiative which is being put forth towards the development of the Annex Park Pavilion. Construction is expected to start this week and city officials expect it to be an exciting addition to their tourism and gathering spaces.

BINGO HELPING YOUTH

SPARK Youth Centre has received a \$5,000 donation from The Rotary Club of Kimberley with funds raised through the Rotary On-line Bingo. The donation comes at the right time for the youth centre as they support more youth ages eight to eighteen.

WINDERMERE VALLEY SKI CLUB FUNDRAISER

The WVSC ski, snowboard and winter gear swap is a fundraiser for the Windermere Valley Ski Club and proceeds help keep ski programs affordable for youth in our community.

Gear Drop Fri Nov 5, 5-7 pm AND Sat Nov 6, 9-11 am.
Gear Swap Sat Nov 6, 12-3pm

We encourage folks to gear drop Friday to reduce crowding. Please help us speed up the drop process by printing our gear form at home and filling it out in advance. \$1 fee per item, 20% commission (15% on items over \$500).

The sale opens to the public at 12:00 pm sharp and it will be busy! Pick up unsold gear after 3pm.

As per restrictions made by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and Interior Health Medical Health Officers under the Public Health Act everyone dropping gear or visiting the sale will need to wear a mask and those age 12+ will be required to show proof of vaccination.





VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR CANADIAN ROCKIES RESORTS

PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR MOST SETTINGS IN THE PROVINCE.

As of October 24th, 2021 it is required to have both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in order to be permitted to attend certain events and settings. This has permitted event restrictions to be eased as full capacity for indoor events is now allowed, the previous mandate allowed for 50% of the venue capacity. This does not impact capacity limits in place for certain regions where regional health orders are in place. The change to capacity for indoor events applies to indoor sporting events, concerts, theatre, movie theatres, dance and symphony events, organized events, weddings, and funerals.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Dr. Bonnie Henry hopes this is the first step to removing additional restrictions,

“We’re hoping to leverage the benefits of the vaccine card, and this is an important first step of that. We’ll be monitoring carefully and looking at whether we can take away additional restrictions, depending on how things evolve in the next few weeks,”

The federal government has also announced they are working on a standardized proof of vaccination system on a national level. This is to allow for international travel from anywhere in the country. The federal vaccine certificate has been introduced to eight provinces who have adapted the system with the remaining provinces expected to come on board by November 30th. The certificate is expected to include a QR code with minimal personal information.

Travelers will be required to provide proof of vaccination anytime they are traveling through the country by air, rail, or ship as of October 30th with a short transition period where travellers can provide a negative COVID-19 test within 72-hours of travel.

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EXTREME SUMMER HEAT OF 2021

At least 595 people in the province died this summer due to extreme heat.

Between June 25th, 2021 and July 1st, 2021, the province saw the most deaths due to extreme heat as a heat dome weather event resulted in multiple instances of record-setting temperatures. 526 people died during this even with several others following in the days and weeks to follow.

Throughout the province, the death rate averaged 10.1 per 100,000 residents with 69% of those deaths occurring in people 70 years of age and older. The Fraser and Vancouver Coastal health authority regions contained 75% of the deaths recorded between June 25th and July 1st. There were no reported deaths among children or youth.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner from BC Coroners Service, had the following comments,

“The BC Coroners Service is committed to gathering as much information as possible about each of these deaths to inform future, evidence-based prevention efforts. I extend my sincere condolences to all of those who lost a loved one as a result of last summer’s unprecedented heat dome. By identifying patterns and factors in the tragic deaths that occurred unexpectedly last summer, our province will be in a better position to prevent future similar tragedies.”

Individual investigation will be occurring on the 595 heat-related deaths by early 2022 by the BC Coroners Service. Upon completion, a review panel is expected to create recommendations geared towards preventing similar deaths from re-occurring.





NOVEMBER GAMES WITH GOLD

XBOX GAMES WITH GOLD LINEUP IS HERE!

The Games With Gold program gives Xbox gamers free games to play for as long as they have an Xbox Live Gold Membership. For the month of November, Xbox has announced the games that will be released and we have some well-known titles!

Moving Out, the wacky co-op game that is similar to the game Overcooked, however you're moving furniture out of homes instead of cooking weird, crazy dishes. I've personally played a little bit of this game and while the graphics and gameplay were humorous and entertaining, the controls were quite clunky and made it borderline frustrating to play.

Rocket Knight, originally an Xbox 360 title available through backwards compatibility, is coming to Games with Gold. Play with the hero from Sega's franchise Sparkster series for a retro action game experience to take you back to your childhood. Another game being released with a similar pixel art aesthetic is Kingdom Two Crowns which is a side scrolling strategy/resource management game.

The last game coming out on Games With Gold for November is one I am super excited for, Lego Batman 2. I've played all three of the Lego Batman games in the franchise and absolutely love all of them, I even have the first game free from another Games With Gold month! Lego Batman 2 is by far the best in the series, has great character selection, and is a pinnacle in the Lego game franchise.

Moving Out will be available for download the entire month while Rocket Knight will be available for download between November 1st and the 15th. The other two games will be hitting Games With Gold for download between November 16th to 30th.

JOSH GRIEVE

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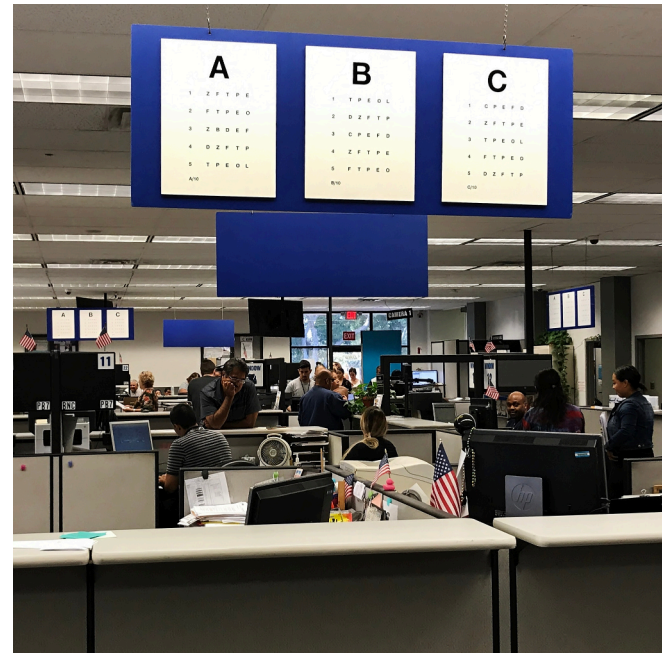


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Scale of the Situation

We were stocking up on green beans at the farmers' market when we asked the young girl helping us for 15 pounds' worth. "I can only sell you ten pounds of beans," she said. "Why?" I asked. "Because my scale only goes up to ten pounds."



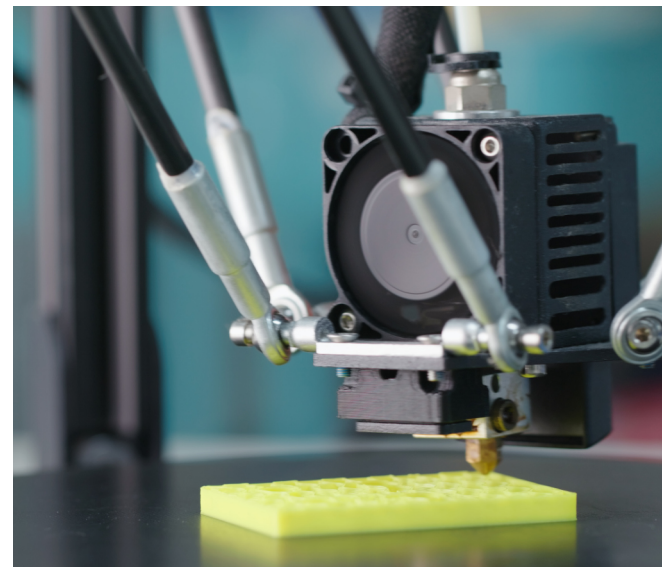
Job Security

The DMV was as crowded and noisy as ever. When I finally got to the window, I asked the clerk, "Does the never-ending line of loud people ever drive you crazy?" She shook her head. "We call it job security."



Selfies

Dad rarely dresses up, so when he left the bedroom decked out in a suit and tie, he wanted to commemorate the moment. Handing me a camera, he asked, "Mind taking a selfie of me?"



3D Copier

Our boss asked the new mail-room guy to make three copies of an office key. The guy returned ten minutes later with the copies ... which he'd made on the Xerox machine.

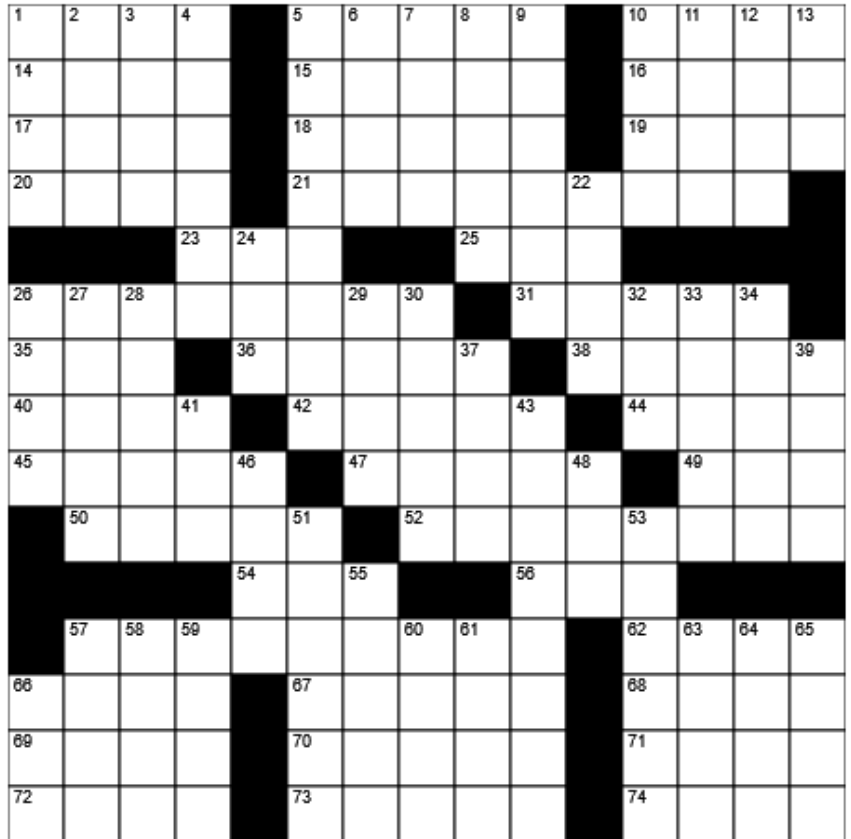
A LITTLE FUN

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1- Catalog; 2- State of midwestern USA; 3- Med school subj.; 4- Comment; 5- Sheriff; 6- Quod ___ demonstrandum; 7- Hokkaido native; 8- Peruses; 9- Respiration disorder; 10- Coal-rich region; 11- Roadside stops; 12- Single; 13- Single unit; 22- "That smarts!"; 24- Long-sleeved linen vestment; 26- Folk singer Joan; 27- Oppositionists; 28- Make watertight; 29- Wet septet; 30- Japanese three-line verse; 32- Chess pieces; 33- Varnish resin; 34- Carousal; 37- 1982 Disney film; 39- Realtor's sign; 41- Henri's here; 43- Deliberate damage; 46- Jealous wife of myth; 48- Destiny; 51- Surrender by deed; 53- Make a contribution; 55- Heavy footwear; 57- Skin; 58- Jason's craft; 59- Harvest; 60- Single entity; 61- Baseball team; 63- Matures; 64- Like a minx; 65- Cleveland's lake; 66- Cal. pages;



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Any and all businesses, organizations and entrepreneurs are welcome to submit a business ad for free. *Ads must be refreshed every 3 months*

FOR A FULL-PAGE PLACEMENT

Donate a product or service for giveaway through the Valley Voice. Help us give back to the readers and we will help place you. Though, we will likely reserve this to one per issue. Businesses can choose to host more than one giveaway through Valley Voices to obtain additional feature pages.

Business Ad Sizing Rules

IMAGE AND TEXT

If you have a completed ad that you are submitting, use the image and text sizing below, 4.25"x5.5"

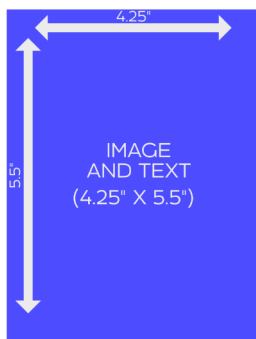
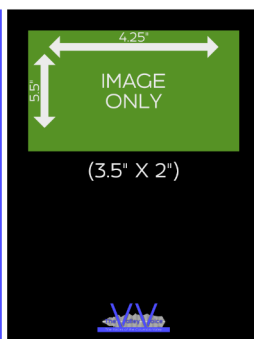


IMAGE ONLY

If you are submitting image with separate word copy, use the image only sizing below, 3.5"x2", with the understanding the copy will be sized to fit the remainder.



FOR A FULL-PAGE FOOD WRITE UP

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

This one is really easy... take the best photo. If the best photo has been submitted by a business, it's the business who will be credited on the front page.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

We are still looking for content curators, front-facing liaisons, photographers, and promoters.

Want to get involved?

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