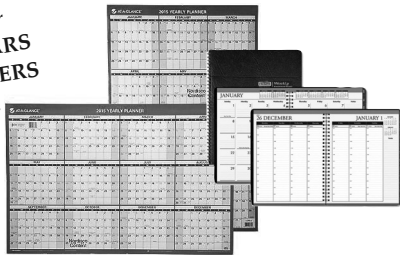


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Tracks on Nicola River.

Photo: Deb Gott

Winter solstice

Winter solstice will occur on December 21, at 23:03 UTC. In Canada & other areas in the northern hemisphere, winter solstice marks the first day of winter.

Many cultures celebrate the winter solstice, which has led to various holidays arising around the time of year: Christmas being the most popular, but also Yalda, Saturnalia, Karachun, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Yule.

December 25 is the start of the Christmas celebration, and the day the Sun begins to return to the Northern Hemisphere.

Merritt receives age-friendly grant

Merritt has been awarded a \$20,000 age-friendly community planning and project grant to help support local strategies to help seniors stay mobile, physically active, socially connected & healthy.

Merritt will use the funding to create an age-friendly action and implementation plan to improve the quality of life for seniors living in Merritt.

"This funding will go a long way to help Merritt implement a plan to make the community even more age-friendly," said Jackie Tegart, MLA for Fraser-Nicola.

Local governments were encouraged to consider projects that complement *Accessibility 2024* and other provincial priorities for seniors such as dementia, elder abuse prevention and non-medical home supports. *Accessibility 2024* is government's 10-year plan to make BC the most progressive place for people with disabilities in Canada. Of the 28 funded projects, 12 projects include a focus on accessibility. Other successful applicants will specifically address issues facing seniors in rural communities.

Grant for Nicola R. spawning habitat

The federal Min. of Fisheries & Oceans is teaming up with the BC Conservation Foundation to improve rearing and spawning habitat in the Nicola River, which flows through agricultural pastures and range land.

The \$61,650 project will stabilize eroding stream banks and plant riparian vegetation to provide shade and other habitat benefits for coho, chinook and pink salmon, as well as steelhead, kokanee and rainbow trout.

"The Nicola River experiences high use by local residents and visitors, such as anglers, year-round. Improvements to freshwater habitat, particularly those that will enhance recreational fisheries in the area, will be well-received by local residents and visitors alike. Key partners in the project include the Steelhead Society and River Ranch," says the BC Conservation Foundation's Barb Waters.

Christmas cracker jokes •What is orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot

•What do you get if you eat all the Christmas decorations? Tinseltits

•How do you make a sausage roll? Push it down a hill

•What do you call someone who is afraid of Santa? A Clausterphobic

•How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas? Deep pan, crisp and even.



Community Celebrate-a-Life tree

Merritt Hospice offers an opportunity to remember and acknowledge your loved one by gifting a tag on the *Celebrate-a-Life Tree* at Extra Foods. Volunteers will be at the tree on the last two Fridays and Saturdays before Christmas. There will also be a sampling of some of the pamphlets and books available from the Hospice Library. Dec. 19 & 20. 10am-6pm. FMI, call Jill 378-4577.

Swingin' Fiddles tickets make great last minute Christmas gifts

If you missed them a few years ago (or loved them!) *Swingin' Fiddles* are coming back to town. They feature fiddling, step dancing, vocals, acrobatics & humor — great family entertainment. Scott Woods' 2015 tour *Fiddling in the key of...eh?* explores some of the great Canadian fiddling styles and influences from Cape Breton tunes to Acadian and Irish to French Canadian and Metis. The concert is set for Sunday May 31, 2015, 7pm at the Civic Centre sponsored by Trinity United Church. Adults \$25, Children 12 & under \$10, tickets available now from Gloria, 378-4153. FMI www.scottwoods.ca

Cowboy Christmas celebration

Join Pastor Brad Miller & Grasslands Cowboy Church for an evening of Christmas praise & worship, including Dawn Chyppha & friends. The service will take place Saturday, Dec 20, 7pm at the Douglas Lake Ranch Church. Everyone welcome. FMI call Brad 378-7991.

Special Christmas Concert

Delphine Kinvig will present a Special Christmas Concert in the Merritt Baptist Church on Sat., Dec. 20, 7pm, doors open at 6:30. Bring your family and friends. Donations to the church are optional. The purpose is to try to raise some money to install a security system in the church so it isn't broken into again. This is Delphine's Christmas present to the church and the community. She is hoping everyone will come & share their joy of Christmas.

Seventh Day Adv. Christmas service

Special Christmas service at the Seventh Day Adventist Church 2190 Granite Ave, Sat., Dec. 20, 11am. Potluck style meal provided for those who attend. Please disregard previous announcement that listed the service at 7pm.

Biosolids public mtg

A biosolids public meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 26, 2015. There will be a variety of presenters & speakers. Watch for more details after the holidays.

Shelter recruiting volunteers

The Nicola Valley Shelter and Support Society is seeking volunteers to fill shifts at the Shelter from 5- 9pm and 9pm-midnight daily. Application packages are available at the Community Policing Office or by calling 378-3955.

'Big Brothers Big Sisters' in Merritt

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for volunteer mentors to get involved in their programs in Merritt. To become a volunteer mentor, please contact Brittney, Mentoring Coordinator for Merritt, 280-2327, brittney.parks@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca, or in person at 2013 Quilchena Ave., Community Policing Office.

Merritt, BC Homeschoolers

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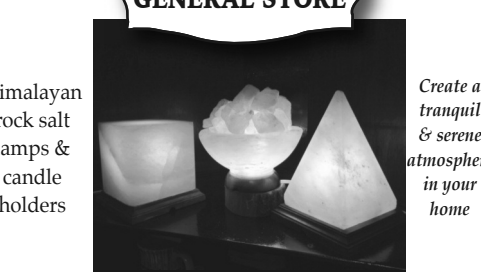
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2-BDRM bsmt ste, n/p, n/s \$700, Jan 1 378-0490
NW 1-BDRM & dn bsmt ste, \$750 incl ht/cbl/intrnt 315-4477
ATT. ROKSTAD & FLATIRON wrks: avail. nun, furn'd cottage coldwater rd, hrwd flrs, wd f/p, vaulted ceilings, w/d, incl hydro/sat. ssh \$800 378-7435, 315-0099
3-BDRM house, nice view/quiet area, fls/w/d, n/p, n/s \$800 w/ util & dam dep. 378-1537
3-BDRM trlr, Riverside TP \$750, or rent-to-own \$800 378-2370
5-BDRM hse, Jan 1 2802 Cranna 378-7122
2-BDRM bsmt \$700 378-0490, 525-0350
UNFURN'D 1-bdrm apt nr Elks Hall, middle-aged & oldr prsn prefer, fls/ht incl, Jan 1 \$530 378-4976
BSMT ste, immed., bright/spacious 1100 sq ft., 2-bdrm & den, all util. incl. w/wifi/sat. tv/Netflix \$900. Julie 378-2364, jawiebc@telus.net
2-BDRM ground lvl bsmt, quiet area, n/s, n/p 378-6054
2-BDRM bsmt grnd lvl ste, util incl., n/p, laundry hk-up, Dec 15 1601 Bann St 378-2047
3-BDRM hse, ctn, nw pnt, immed. 378-4392
LRG 2-BDRM bsmt ste on 2 ac, edge of town, wd stove, open for plan, fls/w/d, Jan 1 \$1000 incl util 378-7337
1-BDRM bsmt ste, on Bnch, \$600 + util. 315-3491
BRND nw bsmt ste, Gmdview Hts, 2 bdms, lndry \$1000 incl. Mike 315-9643
2-BDRM bsmt ste Dec 1 \$700 378-0490
PRIV. self-cont'd rm, Low Nic., priv. entr/cov'd dck, sat/wi-fi incl., suit. for 1 prsn, stndt/senior, on bus route. \$450 + 1/3 hydro (778) 639-0050
3-BDRM ste, w/d/hydro incl., 2640 Granite 378-6788 mornings
1-BDRM apt, Jan 1, n/s, n/p, refs req'd \$600 378-5773, 378-5677
4-BDRM house, grt location \$1400 378-9660
3-BDRM top dplx w/ open bsmt, 5 appl. 1-yr old 1/2 dplx, lndry incl 525-0326
3-BDRM flm w/ hydro \$975 378-3488
ROOMS: Shared accommodation in 4-bdrm home on Armstrong St, for kitch./bthrms, bbq, wi-fi & sat. tv. n/s, n/p, n/drugs or parties. \$500 mo.or \$125 wkly. & \$400 mo, or \$100 wk for wknd commuters. Len 315-9974.
FURN RM for rent \$415 incl util/ex-tenre intrnt, n/alc., n/drugs, suit. for wrking prsn/stndt 378-5128
LOGAN Lk, 5+ bdms, 2.5 bths, 2-storey fum'd hse, lrg fncd bck yrd, 5 bleks from hi-schl, lots of stn prking, hot tub off stndck, incl. fls/dw/w/d, gas f/p upstairs, wd-burning f/p in bsmt, Refs & sec. dep. req'd 378-5004
SECLEUDED, nvr 3-bdrm mchr & lrg heated 2-bay shop, spectacular view of Spius Crk, room for horses, refs a must, n/s, appl. incl \$1475 378-4887
2-BDRM 1-bth bsmt ste, Dec 1, recently updated, priv. entr. & sep. lndry, intrnt incl., n/s, n/p \$700 378-9432
BACHELOR ste, fully fum'd \$550 immed. 378-6899
NICE, bright 2-bdrm ste, w/d, util incl., n/s, n/p \$700 378-9432
2-BDRM above grnd bsmt ste, small outdr area, util/cbl incl. n/p, n/s, n/parties. \$800 315-9027

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY
DOLL clothes 280-1576
USED treadmill, approx \$125 315-0133, 936-8387
TREADMILL for walking 378-4778
DON'T ND your canister-style vac, gd wrking order? can't afford to buy, donation would be much appreciated 936-8630
CARPETS/scatter rugs 378-8326
ANGLICAN priest & wife looking for 2 bdrm w/ quality rental, longterm, n/s, n/p, refs, view or nr prk pref'd. Priest will be new rector at St. Michael's in Merritt. Manitoba (204)523-8964 or revpetervanderleeie@gmail.com
SECLEUDED land to rnt-to-own, or caretaking position, hard-working, honest, can provide refs 315-5276
3/4 OR DBL bd. Bijon or west high-land puppy (250)900-9964
OLDR console computer to be donated, for business purposes 378-3537
USED backhoe for farm 315-9789
OLD-FASH. spinning whl for senior woman in home, will refurbish, willing to pay \$50 (250)434-2615

FOR SALE HOME/PROPERTY
DBL lot, cul-de-sac, afford. area, grasslnd setting, ready to bid 280-1017
HOME on 150'x130' lot, 2502 Clapperton Ave. \$213,000
40 AC. for Lease/Sale on Tunkwa Lk Rd, Pasture Field w/ yr round water in creek 315-2258
SELL OR TRADE: Prop., must have trees, lrg gar/shp, 4-bdrm w/ lvngrm/diningrm, anywhere out of town. Have 4-bdrm, lrg & xml shop, treed yrd, priv., much more. equal trade. 378-8326, 315-6391
RENT OPTION TO BUY: own your own manufactured home 2 bdrm + 1 bth, on lrg lots in mbl home prk fully set up, req'd refs & dwn payment, 315-1000, 1-800-361-8111 www.buyandsellmobilehomes.com
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