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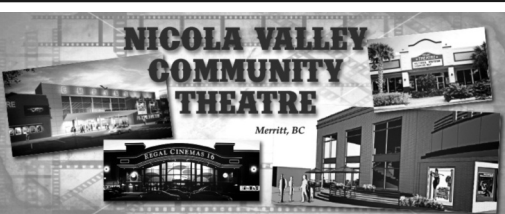
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Chemo caps

Members of the NV Quilters Guild, as well as others, continue their efforts to support cancer treatment survivors with hand-made chemo caps. Granny's House Quilting Retreat is the local outlet for these, and recently hand-knitted caps have been added to the fabric ones the quilters have been supplying. The caps are free to anyone who needs them. For info & to make an appointment, contact Eleanor Ware at 378-4947.

Liberal red

Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola Liberal candidate Karley Scott attended a one-on-one with supporters & those interested in talking with her, at Brambles last week. She also met with Rotary and Friends of the Nicola Valley.



Photo: M. Shevchuk

Biosolids protest goes to UBCM

The latest round in the battle between the provincial govt and Nicola Valley residents over the dumping of biosolids here will take place today in front of the Trade and Convention Centre in Vancouver, during UBCM.

From noon 'til 2pm, members of the five Nicola Valley First Nations bands and Friends of the Nicola Valley will hit the bricks in support of Resolution B-59, a piece of interior municipal legislation authored by TNRD Director Randy Murray. His resolution is designed to curtail the wholesale importation and processing of biosolids into the Nicola Valley and southern BC generally.

First Nations and Friends of NV will be joined by supporters from Greater Vancouver, as well as residents of neighbourhoods in Kamloops.

Under the current provincial Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR), no local notification need be given, and no consultation is required for biosolids companies. Nor is any government inspection or oversight mandated. Residents, whose quality of life and property values have been damaged, have virtually no recourse. Except to protest.

His "Biosolids Bylaw", says Murray, is "intended to stop the ...industrialization of farm land for the express purpose of laundering multiple thousands of tonnes of biosolids " that, despite composting, "release dangerous toxins that spread into and contaminate our environment..."

"B-59 will set the stage for a framework...to change the legislation and manage the (biosolids) problem in an environmentally sustainable way that will protect property owners, the environment, and our right to fresh air, healthy food, and clean water."

The demonstrators demand that the government launch an immediate overhaul of the OMRR based on current, objective science, and aggressively seek environmentally-sustainable alternatives to the land application of sewage sludge as a means of disposing of human and industrial waste.

Dog Hotel A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me." He is well groomed and very well behaved. "Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?" An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

Who Shot Abraham Lincoln Mr. Smith and his son Rick were called to Mrs. Liventhal's classroom. "Mr. Smith," said the teacher, "I asked Rick 'Who shot Abraham Lincoln?' and he said that he didn't do it!" "Well teacher" said Smith, "if my kid said he didn't do it -- he didn't do it!" Father and son left the school, and on their way home, Smith turned to the boy and asked, "Tell me son, did you do it?"

Sports box modifications

The public is advised that the multi-use sports box at Central Park will be undergoing some minor modifications to the dasher board system, and will be out of commission from today to October 1st.

The work is being performed under warranty by the supplier of the dasher board system – Athletica Sport Systems. There are no costs to the City for this work.

The rest of Central Park will remain open and be available for use as usual during this time. FMI contact Larry Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager 378-8618 or lplotnikoff@merritt.ca

Community

Baillie House Fall Garage Sale

Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-4pm. Everything you might need including the kitchen sink! FMI 378-0349.

Garlic Fest & Antique Tractor Show

Next weekend, Sept 26 & 27, 9am-4pm both days, at Smith Pioneer Park, Lower Nicola. Concession, Lower Nicola Flea Market, tractor pull, garlic & other vendors, antique tractors, vintage cars, great local music.

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts registration

Registration night is Monday, Sept. 28, 6:30-7:30pm at Diamondvale Elementary Gym. They will run their first Beaver meeting of the year that night, so come out and see what it's all about. Scouting is open to boys & girls: Beavers (5-7), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (10-12), cost \$190 for the year. They are still hoping for adults who can step forward to help out, male & female (the leader training is FREE). FMI contact Karen Pare 378-2706.

We make - you bake pastry

Merritt Chapter #14, Order of Eastern Star Annual fundraiser. These pastry rounds may be frozen until needed as they are separated by paper. Deadline to order is Sept 30, pick-up Oct. 5-8. Contact Amber Bjorkman 315-0028 gbjorkman@telus.net or Lynne Marsh 378-2004 lnmarsh@telus.net Pkg of 10 9" round \$14, pkg of 10 6" rounds \$10.50. Proceeds go to local charities, cancer and a high school bursary.

NV Community Band

The Nicola Valley Community Band has begun its fall season of practices. They invite new members with a couple of years of high school band experience, even if it was years ago! They meet in the music room of Merritt Secondary School, Tuesday nights 7-9pm. FMI James 378-9894 or Steve 378-5031.

Blessing of the Animals service

Sunday, Oct. 4, 10am at St. Michael's Anglican Church, 1990 Chapman. All pets are welcome and cameras too. Service commemorates St. Frances of Assisi, known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Oct 4 is his feast day. Frances was also known for his love of Holy Communion and was the creator of the Christmas creche better known as the Nativity Scene. Frances was a great poet and was credited with the poem, (now also a hymns) *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of your Peace.*

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