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## 11th Annual Military Police National Motorcycle Relay 2019

British Columbia National Motorcycle Relay

Victoria to Squamish: 28 Jul  
Squamish to Kamloops: 29 Jul  
Kamloops to Golden: 30 Jul  
Golden to Jasper: 31 Jul  
Jasper Rest Day: 1 Aug

Hand Off National Riders to Team AB

Jasper to Barriere: 2 Aug  
Barriere to Victoria: 3 Aug  
The Merritt Legion: 3 Aug, 10:30am

BC Rep: Kyle Steel  
navysteel@hotmail.com

National Chair: Dale Troia  
national.mp.relay@gmail.com

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## ROYAL LEPAGE

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- 3 BDRM townhouse . . . . . \$1300 plus utilities
- 2 BDRM house . . . . . \$800 plus utilities
- 4 BDRM house . . . . . \$1800 plus utilities

Please feel free to stay in touch as inventory may change very quickly.

3499 Voght St. Merritt  
(250) 378-1996 direct line to the  
**Property management department**  
Call for all your residential or commercial property management needs!

### COURTHOUSE ARTS GALLERY EXHIBITION

Friday June 28 to August 3, 2019  
Opening Reception Friday, June 28, 4-7pm  
Regular hours: Thurs - Sat, 12 - 6pm

CHECK IT OUT! LAST WEEKEND

## Murray Church Show



1840 Nicola Ave., Merritt, BC (250)378-6515 www.nicolavalleyartsociety.com nicolavalleyartsgallery@gmail.com



## Sharon Sue Boyes

Jan. 12, 1943 - July 29, 2019

A funeral service will be held at the Nicola Valley Evangelical Free Church on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 11:00 am.

## Invasive Japanese knotweed

The Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee is asking the public to be on alert for invasive Japanese knotweed and report sightings in the TNRD.

Japanese knotweed are one of the 100 worst invasive species as identified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The invasive perennial plant is native to eastern Asia and was introduced to North America in the 1800's as an ornamental plant. It's widely spread throughout the coastal regions of BC and several infestations are known within the TNRD.

Japanese knotweed is often mistaken for bamboo; however, it is easily distinguished by the zigzag pattern in which its broad leaves are arranged along the plant's arching stems. They are often found growing next to homes, within ornamental gardens. Its highly aggressive root system can extend 20m across and 3m deep, and can penetrate septic beds, home foundations, retaining walls, asphalt and other critical structures.

Digging and cutting plants is not recommended and could make the infestation worse. FMI www.tnipc.com

## Thinking outside the box Escape from Nimh

Answer me this—Are we on this earth to live pay-cheque-to-pay-cheque while balancing a credit debt, to give forty years to a mortgaged existence, to sweat for the system when the financial chains will remain regardless, and to thirst strictly for the weekends?

Answer me this—Are we on this earth to have our minds bombarded by the agenda of big corporations, to continually have our subconscious and our decision-making process influenced by engineered information, to have our awareness placed within a box so we'll stay as screws for the system, and to constantly want an escape from Nimh?

Please, fill me in. Is this some sort of punishment? How much of the system is God-sent? And if you or I make a break as the rats did, will there be divine consequence?

A question for the ears of the Universe—Without a million dollars buried in the backyard, isn't it cruel to birth a child? I only ask this because, at times, it seems as if life is given to a servant, born to suffer and struggle. All in the name of satisfying the system. Born to parents without large amounts of cash, a child only grows to repeat the same cycle that chains most parents—to work until grey and weak, to be told what to do and think, to sacrifice the spirit for material things, and to bear the title "debt-slave".

It would appear, at times, the only thing given life to is a screw for the system, destined to endure, and this in so-called developed nations. The right to raise a child correctly is stolen by our artificial and destitute eco-political conditions. Escape I want from this experiment. Escape I desire for myself and those yet to receive a body dependent. Is it possible to rewrite our social contract or are these truly the best gifts we can leave tomorrow's children?

—Mike Bhangu, Amazon best-selling author

**Wanted:** Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.

**Wanted:** Hair-cutter. Excellent growth potential.

**Get The Job Done** "This little computer," said the sales clerk, "will do half of your job for you." Studying the machine, the senior VP said, "Fine. I'll take two."

## Motorcyclists support blind children

Saturday morning, come out & support a group of motorcyclists travelling through town on their way across the province to raise money for blind children. Merritt RCMP will escort the riders from Quilchena into town. Then riders will meet the community at the Legion.

This is the 11th anniversary of the Military Police National Motorcycle Relay, and the first time that they'll stop in Merritt.

## Community ASK Wellness open house

ASK Wellness will host an open house July 31, 4-6pm. at 2196 Quilchena Ave. It is an opportunity for the public to learn about the organization and what it does in the community.

## Call to Artists! Upcycle Show at the Courthouse Gallery

Craftspeople! Furniture fixers! Upcyclers! We are looking for useful, artistic, fun pieces... small wood & metal furniture: end tables, stools, chairs, coat racks, small shelves, bird cage, altered book sets, etc. for a show starting Aug 9. FMI contact Jano at nicolavalleyartsgallery@gmail.com or Michelle at nvcac.vicupes@gmail.com if you are interested in submitting.

## Merritt Summer Nights Market

Summer Nights Market are held very Friday night, 6-9pm, downtown, 2000 blk of Quilchena. FMI Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce 378-5634.

## Farmer's Market

Every Saturday, 'til Oct 12, 9:30am-1pm, beside the Baillie House. FM www.nicolavalleyfarmersmarket.com

## Mountain bike group rides

Dust off yer mtn bike and bring your helmet to Breathe Bikes on Wednesday nights at 6pm and join in a fun 2-hour intermediate ride. Rides will be most appreciated if you're in decent physical shape as some climbing is involved. Descents are not life threatening; objective is FUN--and improving biking skills. No-one will be left behind, and don't fret about being 'last', I'll be there! Come join the rides every Wednesday. FMI bikegeektrav@gmail.com

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## MERRITT PICKLEBALL CLUB

Playing M/W/F: 8:00-11:00am, Central Park Sport Box (2975 Voght St) T/TH: 6:30-9:00pm, Merritt Civic Ctr (1950 Mamette Ave). Come for fun and exercise, drop-ins welcome. Demo paddles and instruction available. FMI call Gary (250) 280-0105 or Ayton (250) 378-5691

## MERRITT MORNING MARKET

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## Mayor's Gala for the Arts 2019

Building Community through the Arts



### Coming Soon:

**CHAIR WALK 2019**

July 10<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

Show & Silent Auction  
Come see 15 unique chairs by 17 local artists

PARTICIPATE  
Pick up your entry form which will include a map and business hours for participating businesses at any of the 15 locations listed below.

DRAW PRIZES  
Visit all 15 business venues to receive stamps to enter the draw.

BID  
Bid on a chair to adorn your home.

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All proceeds split between Nicola Valley Community Arts Council & Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society.

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## Chair Walk Jeopardy

What 14 questions  
Where near the chairs on the Chair Walk  
When Friday, August 2nd

How does it work?  
Get an instruction sheet and questionnaire at Niaka/Pamux Creations 2051 Voght St follow the instructions and be the first person to return your questionnaire to Niaka/Pamux

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Questionnaires available Friday August 2nd near any chair on the Chair Walk.

