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WEEKEND EDITION - JUNE 11, 2021 #3573

News, opinion, community events since 1996! Box 2199, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8

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IIO seeking witnesses

The IIO is asking any witnesses who may have observed the white Ford F-350 (which police attempted to stop on Sunday) as it travelled on the route described below, to please contact the IIO.

The first interaction occurred at approximately 3:50pm near Saddlemans Road and Highway 5A in Quilchena, BC. Later, between approximately 5:10pm and 5:45pm, the truck was observed near Quilchena and Highway 5A, on Highway 5A between Quilchena and Nicola Avenue, on Highway 5 at Nicola Avenue in Merritt, and lastly at the junction of Highways 8 and 97C, near Snake Road.

The IIO is asking any person with relevant information or dashcam footage of the incident to please contact the Witness Line toll-free at 1-855-446-8477 or via the contact form on the iio.bc.ca website.

Merritt fire danger high-to-extreme

Merritt's fire danger rating has wavered this past week between 5 (extreme danger) and 4 (high danger), and is forecast to remain that way through the weekend.

May was significantly drier than normal for the southern half of British Columbia, according to the BC Wildfire Service's seasonal outlook update. Many southern regions received less than 40% of their normal precipitation. Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops are of particular concern, receiving 20% or less of their normal rainfall.

Since April 1st, BC has detected 284 wildfires resulting in 2,198 hectares burned, which is slightly above average in terms of numbers of fires but below average in terms of area burned. Over 90% of wildfires this season have been attributed to human activity. If current trends continue, BC can expect an above average fire season in the southern part of the province.

The amount of precipitation received in June typically determines the severity of the fire season. If the current weather trends continue, both the frequency and size of fires are expected to increase as grass and other fine fuels start to dry out. As we move into July, the probability of lightning tends to increase, thereby increasing the chances of natural fire starts.

(you can also access through the breezeway next to Mandolin's in the Railyard Mall), 378-4145, nicolavalleymuseum.org, or on Facebook.

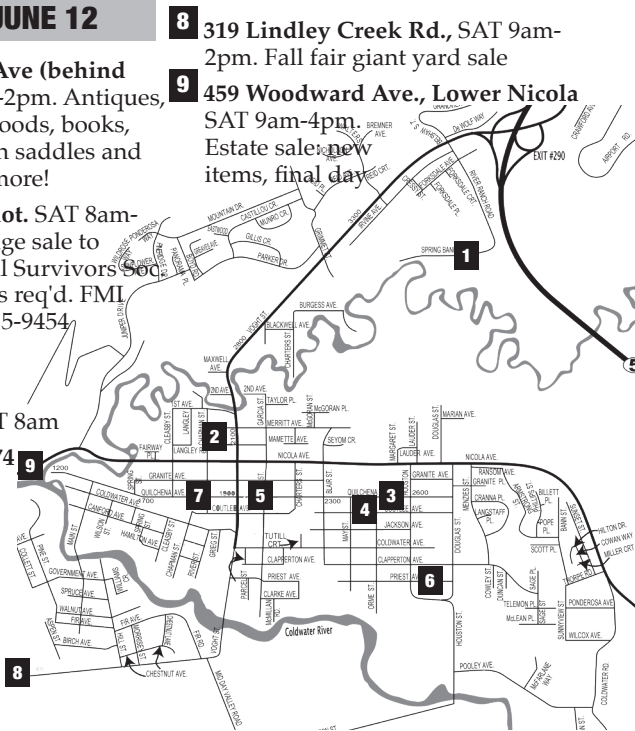
What's the difference between a mirror and a chatterbox? One reflects without talking, the other talks without reflecting.

Best Month To Study Teacher: "Which is the best month to study?" Student: "Octembruary." Teacher: "Don't be silly. There's no month like that." Student: "Exactly..."

Buy a man a fish, and feed him for a day, but teach a man to fish... And he has to buy a fishing pole, tackle, fishing line, and acquire a fishing licence.

GARAGE SALES - JUNE 12

- #3-2502 Spring Bank Ave (behind Extra Foods) SAT 8am-2pm. Antiques, furniture, household goods, books, picture frames, western saddles and tack and much much more!
- Civic Center parking lot. SAT 8am-2pm. Community garage sale to benefit Indian Res. Schl Survivors Soc. Covid protocols, masks req'd. FMI donations Madeline 315-9454
- 2556 Quilchena Ave. SAT 9am-2pm
- 2402 Coutlee Ave., SAT 8am
- CreativeCompany, 2074 Quilchena Ave in back parking lot. SAT 9am-1pm. Annual sale
- 2626 Priest Ave., SAT-8am-3pm. MF
- 1767 Quilchena Ave., SAT 9am-1pm. Huge selection of treasures.



8 319 Lindley Creek Rd., SAT 9am-2pm. Fall fair giant yard sale

9 459 Woodward Ave., Lower Nicola SAT 9am-4pm. Estate sale: new items, final day

'Dose One' drop-in clinics

Interior Health immunization clinics across the region are adding and extending hours for drop-in vaccinations.

Drop-in access is for people who are 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) who have not received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. People can arrive, register on the spot, and receive their vaccine. No advance appointments are needed.

In Merritt, drop-ins are available 4-6pm each Tuesday & Thursday for the rest of the month.

Drop-in clinics are for first dose only; second dose notifications are sent by email, phone, or text when it is time to book an appointment.

Community

Body Art show at the gallery

The NV Arts Gallery is excited to present *Body Art*, a new exhibition coming June 30-July 2021.

They are looking for makeup and nail artists, henna artists, and avant garde hair stylists to get in touch. And inviting photography, drawings, paintings, and 3D work depicting *Body Art*, — tattoo work & makeup, hair & body artistry. The collection for the show is June 28, at the Nicola Valley Arts Centre. A reception is planned for Friday, July 2. FMI Jano nicolavalleyartsgallery@gmail.com

City hall hours extended

City Hall is open extended hours for in-person payments only until Fri, July 2, 10am-noon & 1:30-3:30pm. Payments accepted at City Hall are cheque, cash or debit. Payments can also be made at www.merritt.ca

Merritt Crown Bike Race

The 4h annual Merritt Crown mountain bike race is going virtual in this year. Riders in our health region may choose to come to Merritt on June 19 to ride the course. Racers will have a 10-day period to complete the 120km, 3000m epic at courses set up in Kelowna, N. Van., Victoria, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Fernie to accommodate racers from those areas. Check it out at <https://www.trailforks.com/event/4898/>

Museum & Archives reopened

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Library Page at the Merritt Library

The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library is seeking a part-time Page for the Merritt Library with a keen attention to detail and a strong customer service orientation.

Duties include accurately re-shelving library materials and checking in materials, moving bins, boxes and carts, providing directional assistance, and supporting staff with projects and programs, paging and other basic library functions.

The position is subject to the provisions of the Collective Agreement with the BC Government and Service Employees' Union, Local 705. The position is Grid 3, which pays \$16.69 - \$18.54 per hour.

Complete details of the position and required qualifications are available on the Thompson-Nicola

Regional Library website: tnrl.ca/jobs. Posting closes June 22, 2021 @ 16:00.



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Nicola Valley Arts Council - Community Engagement in the Arts

• Join Soul Circle Mandalas for Monday Mandalas on ZOOM

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*Four Elements

*Ancient Signs and Symbols

*The Lotus Flower

*Natures Delight

Just before each session a zoom link will be sent to you with details of what research and material you will need to have ready. Also sent to you will be a link to resources to guide you along and prepare you for each session.

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deadline to sign up

June 9, 2021.

to register email or call for more details

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Monday evenings

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

