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Smoky skies bulletin

Several regions in the BC Interior — including Nicola which includes Merritt, Strump Lake, Pennask Lake, and Brookmere — are being impacted or are likely to be impacted by wildfire smoke over the next 24-48 hours. Smoke may be widespread in some regions due to many active fires.

Individuals may experience symptoms such as increased coughing, throat irritation, headaches or shortness of breath. Children, seniors, and those with cardiovascular or lung disease, such as asthma, are especially at risk.

If you or those in your care are exposed to wildfire smoke, consider taking extra precautions to reduce your exposure. Wildfire smoke is a constantly-changing mixture of particles and gasses which includes many chemicals that can harm your health. For more details, please consult www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index/wildfire-smoke.html

Firefighter in ICU after suffering serious burns in wildfire

A firefighter based in Merritt, is in the intensive care unit at a Vancouver hospital after battling a wildfire that caused him to sustain major injuries.



On July 7th, while tending to the active wildfire at Sparks Lake in Kamloops, Dylan, suffered burns to his chest, neck, arm, and face. This was his 10th season as a firefighter.

Dylan will be undergoing rehab for the next few months, and the donations will be going towards his treatment. The fundraiser has generated \$32,515 for Dylans' recovery, far exceeding its goal of \$15,000. FMI <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dylans-journey-to-recovery>

Support for evacuees extended to 30 days

Evacuees currently finding shelter in Merritt are now able to receive support for up to 30 days. When the EOC in Merritt first opened on June 30, evacuees from Lytton were being given 72 hours of support, then 7 days.

"At the moment we are processing the renewals of those who have come through town and are still staying here. They're still getting accommodation, food vouchers, etc," said Merritt EOC Communications Manager Greg Lowis. "We're taking this one day at a time. We're not getting many new evacuees at this point."

The City is still not accepting donations for the evacuees. To donate, the Canadian Red Cross is accepting monetary donations, which will be matched by the BC & Canadian govts.

The Nicola Valley Food Bank is also accepting donations.

City's ESS facility back on Coldwater Ave.

The City's ESS office — reception for evacuees registering and getting lodging/food support — has moved back to its location of 1721 Coldwater Ave., and is open 10am to 7pm.

The Civic Centre will no longer be used for this, and is not required for group lodging.

Nicola Mining now producing gold-silver

Nicola Mining announced last week that it has commenced processing of gold and silver mill feed at its Craigmont mine mill, from its Dome Mountain mine.

The company has completed approx. \$2.0M in upgrades at its \$30.0M facility, which is permitted to process 200 tonnes per day (up to 70,000 tonnes per year).

Community TNRL Mobile Library

The TNRL Mobile Library will be in Lower Nicola beside Shah's Courtesy Corner Store this Thursday, July 15, 2 pm until 3 pm. Re Covid-19 protocols: Stay home if unwell, maintain careful social distancing, facemasks recommended. Library Takeout only. Books on hold are bagged and ready for pickup. Requests at the door filled on the spot if available, time permitting. FMI tnrl.ca. Next visit by the Mobile Library will be in 3 weeks, on August 5, 2021.

Music in the park

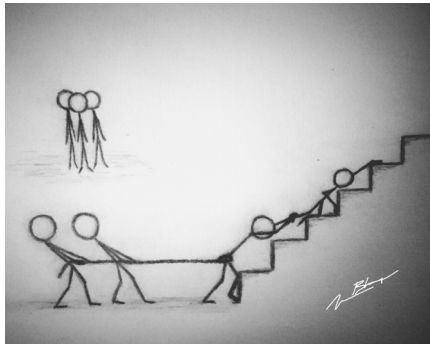
Thursdays 6pm at Rotary Park Bandshell, through Sept 2, except July 1. Bring your own lawn chair, blankets & bug spray. Next show July 15: Coquihalla Coyotes — Attendance is by reservation only, call 315-1050 to secure your spot.

3350 Voght St. public hearing

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 27, regarding the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment of 3350 Voght St, the site of old Grasslands Hotel. The hearing will be livestreamed at www.merritt.ca, and in-person attendance is permitted. Written or electronic submissions can be made by prior to July 23rd at 12 noon. In-person submissions can be made at the hearing.

Centennials Golf Tournament

The Merritt Centennials are holding another Golf Tournament at the Merritt Golf and Country Club on Saturday July 24. Reserve your tee time starting from 11am by emailing registration & e-transfer payment to – info@merrittcentennials.com FMI call or text 250-378-3604.



Stairway to Heaven — Mike Bhangu

I'm In A Hurry Customer: Waiter, I'm in a hurry! Will the pancakes be long?

Waiter: No sir, round.

A man takes his obese cat to the vet. A man takes his cat to the vet. "My cat is very fat so I am worried about his health." "Okay," says the vet. "Let's have a look at him." So she picks the cat up, and examines its teeth. Then she looks at its eyes and into its ears. At the end of the exam the vet states, "I'm going to have to put your cat down now." "What? Because he's too fat?" Says the man in disbelief. "Yes. He's very heavy. And my arms are getting tired."

Smart Son Father: Remember son, a smart person always has doubts about something. Only a total idiot can be 100% sure about everything. Son: Dad, are you sure? Father: Absolutely!

What do you call a penny floating upwards? A cent...

Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog? He wanted to get a long little doggie.

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey!" The horse replies, "Sure."

What do you call a cow with a twitch? Beef jerky.

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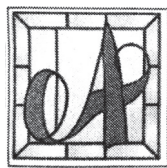
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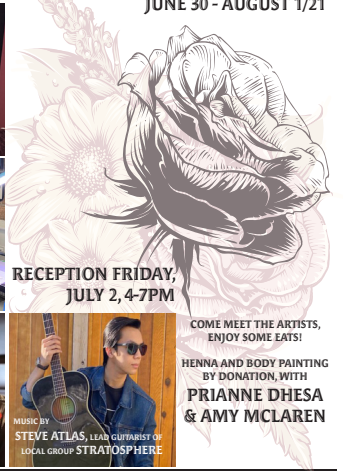
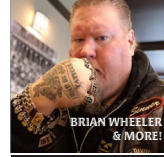
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