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The Library is cool

TNRD Emergency Operations Centre and the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library are advising residents to visit their local library if they need access to a cooler public space during this current stretch of hotter-than-normal weather.

The Merritt Library and the other 11 community libraries in the Thompson-Nicola region are equipped with air conditioning and free Wi-Fi.

While our libraries allow residents to find a reprieve from hot weather, they are also community spaces which spark creativity, engagement, and community connections. The TNRL has been dedicated to lifelong learning for residents for 49 years, celebrating literacy & transforming lives through knowledge & information.

The heat wave is expected to last through Thursday, then return to seasonal daytime temperatures by Friday.

Monday's Hamilton Hill grass fire

Just before 7pm on Monday, a grass fire started on Hamilton Hill adjacent to the highway, human-caused according to BC Wildfire Service.

It grew to 4 hectares before it was deemed under control. Merritt Fire Rescue attended, along with a 'full' response from BCWS. The fuel was primarily grass, and a few trees at the perimeter of the burned area were singed.

www.theglobeandmail.com, July 28

Boom time for ranch properties

LandQuest's Rudy Nielsen, a former rancher, at one time the largest individual property owner in BC, continues to sell ranch land and run a real estate analysis company after five decades in the business. The world's wealthy are driving the market for ranches, and as a consequence, he's never seen so much demand for ranch land in B.C. They're motivated by escalating values, and also by the *Yellowstone* TV show phenomenon, about rich guys and their cattle.

"There are countries where you can't buy that much land, but that's why they are all buying here," says Mr. Nielsen. He bought his first ranch in 1972 and has personally owned 6 more working ranches.

"The prices ranches are going for are nuts - the highest I've seen in 50 years."

A major driver, he says is global water shortages, and major amounts of water are needed to grow hay and alfalfa to feed cattle. He says it takes two tons of hay to feed a cow throughout the winter, which requires considerable land and water.

"The big boys with all that money, I think they see somewhere down the road, 20 or 30 years from now, we are going to have food shortages and we won't have enough water to feed everybody.

And even if the buyer turns out to be a lousy rancher, the land appreciates, so it's a sound long-term investment. A billionaire can pick up a deal in B.C.

Unlike Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, B.C. doesn't limit what foreigners can purchase, which makes B.C. a draw. Some come looking for water to grow hay and alfalfa. Others are looking to cosplay the ranch lifestyle, even if it's only for a couple months of the year.

He estimates about one-third of buyers are looking for a bolthole, something self-sustaining with water rights, such as creeks, lakes and ponds.

- Excerpt from: *Kerry Gold, www.theglobeandmail.com/real-estate/vancouver/article-boom-time-for-ranch-properties/*

I'm looking at the periodic table and there is no element of surprise.
If Bill Gates had a penny for every time I had to reboot my computer... Oh wait, he does.
What kind of music is best for a fishing trip? Something catchy.
What did crows do before the crowbar? They drank alone.
I now know how it will end for me... One of my kid's will unplug my life support to charge their phone.
Bucket Case Joe: "I still remember what my grandpa said when he kicked the bucket." Moe: "What did he say?" Joe: "He said, 'How far do you think I can kick this bucket?'"

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2037 Quilchena Avenue, Merritt BC 250-378-2155

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Aug 26 10am-2pm
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SATURDAYS - 10 to 11AM - Love to Dance Studio, June, July & August.
(No class July 8th, 15th or Aug 26th)
Pre-register: literacy@merritt@gmail.com

Books will be read. Art will be created

EXPLORE ART LITERACY
Ages 4 to 6
Try it Out!

Choose from two sessions at the NVCAC Clubhouse - June, July & August.
THURSDAYS 11AM-Noon or FRIDAYS 10-11AM
Pre-register: literacy@merritt@gmail.com

LITERACY MERRITT & NICOLA VALLEY

THURSDAY 6-8PM
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June 29 to September 10, 2023
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the Arts Council
Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

HOURS: Wed to Sat 10am-5pm Sunday 12-4pm
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WEDNESDAY EDITION — AUGUST 16, 2023 #3860

Box 2199, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8 T: (250) 378-5717 F: (250) 378-2025 E: market@uniserve.com

PERSONAL

WTD: handyman or carpenter to install baseboard & finishing work in cabin call/text 315-9789

ELDERLY PERSON looking for a mature person to cut lawn, do the edges and pick up the weeds about 2 times per month. Please text me if you are interested. \$20 hr. Usually takes about two hours. 236-852-0871

LOOKING FOR fem. mature masseuse, personal/confidential. Text 936-8474

LOST: VW car keys, not sure where. If found please call 378-3721

FOUND: lrg table umbrella 378-6776

GET READY FOR SUMMER. Need someone to take care of your home or pets? Honest, reliable. Bill 315-3621

SEEKING DONATIONS of bottles or monetary for local dog rescue. Marvellous Mutts. 250-315-5030

ELKS EVENTS: Every Wednesday Bingo, doors open 11am, ends 3pm. Every Friday Nite Bingo, doors open 4pm, ends 10pm. 1701 Coldwater Ave.

COLLECTING pop bottles & cans, for pick-up. Mike 525-0471

NA MEETINGS are held each Tues, Thurs & Sun 7pm at the United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

AA MEETINGS Wed., Fri., Sat. At 7pm, Mon. Noon at Trinity United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

SERVICES

CARPENTER/HANDYMAN Repairs, new construction, lots of experience 705-679-3054

TRIPLE H Concrete, for all aspects of concrete, 30+ yrs exper. Free quotes 315-7604

DJ FLOORING for all interior flooring needs 315-7604

JPV ENTERPRISES: Landscaping, lawn care, pruning, hedging, gardening. Lic'd, equipped. On Facebook. 280-7077

ELECTRICAL, plumbing, renovations, nw to twm 604-819-8948

RUDY WORKS - Home & Office Maintenance & Repair - home & office tech, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, concrete. 315-6689 or contact@rudyworks.co

SCRAP FOR CASH. I'll come to you. Batteries, brass copper, aluminum, stainless, wire. Call or msg 604-618-8710, or the middleman@shaw.ca Fast service.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly weight loss support group. Meet Tuesday mornings. FMI Iris (250)378-8182

WOODY'S tree service & more: Landscaping, fncng, handyman wrk, etc. 315-8087

ONE WOMAN AND A BRUSH. Painter, available, only diff. is the price. 15 years experience. Ann 378-5377

DRYWALL, textured ceiling, painting. Call Jeff (250)378-3709, (250)315-2066

CERTIFIED TREE FALLER, w/ wd chipper, sml truck & trailer, will do residential, fruit trees, etc. 378-6431

EAGER, RELIABLE man w/ 4x4 truck & trailer, avail. Dump runs, deliveries, plywood, sand, gravel, appl., housewares Greg 315-7525, (250)320-2054 Fast, courteous service

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SHORT ORDER COOK full/part time wanted in Merritt, Canadian/Malaysian types of foods. api788@gmail.com

WTD: YARD MAINT.: 1 day/week, riding lawnmower, weed eating, yard work. April to September. Resume to info@nicolavalleyhoney.com or 378-5208

FULL-TIME CLERK/CASHIER req'd for new home brew business, downtown. Wage dependent on experience. Drop off resume in person at Nicola Valley Wine and Beer Supplies, unit 1-2152 Quilchena Ave., Mon-Fri 10-11am.

DR. SAINI'S DENTAL OFFICE (2199 Quilchena Ave) is seeking a friendly, outgoing, motivated F/T chairside dental assistant. Experience an asset but will train the right individual for our team.

LABOURERS WANTED- Nicola Post & Rail. Positions available - full time (mon - fri), part time, evening shifts, weekend shifts, and seasonal. Wage \$22 per hour. Please apply if you are willing to work in an outside environment and have strong work ethic. No mill experience necessary. Call Tony 250-319-9891

FOR SALE - APPLIANCES

26 CU. FT. chest freezer, grt shape/works exc. \$150. 280-0543

DISHWASHER & elect. stove, both work gd/we just upgraded, both white 280-4531

LG TOP LOAD washer, 5.8 cu.ft., HE, wif. \$450. Older Maytag dryer \$50. 936-8424

10,000 BTU A/C, 24" wide X 20" deep, 220 volt 20 amp w/ wif remote, gd working cond. \$150 oba 378-8802

AREOPOD w/ pump \$10. 280-4565

LITTLE CHIEF fish smoker with chips \$45 378-6915

TRUENORTH electric smoker \$25. lepark1751@gmail.com 778-834-3148

WHIRLPOOL french door fridge, 30", 1 yr old/as new, everything cln/works lk nw, pd \$2200 + tax, sell \$1200. 378-2458

PORTABLE SPIN washer, newer model \$800bo 280-0857

FRIDGE \$100 378-5087

FOR SALE - AUTOMOTIVE

4 PONTIAC RIMS - 4 bolt 185/65R15. Tires are run outs, 315-7669

2004 MERCURY Grand Marquis, 4-dr, 2nd owner \$15000. 11 trim lights \$100 Joe 378-5100

4 MULTI-FIT 5- bolt rims 215/70R15. tires are run outs. 315-7669

2015 NISSAN Altima SL 3.5L. Fully loaded leather inter. Red ext. & black inter. Nw rotters & pads. 163k \$14,900 \$600 winter tires on rims. 705-529-6105.

4 DODGE rims off 2019 1/2-tn pck-up, exc shape, 30S tread, pinhome on 18600obo 315-7119

2010 EXT CAB Mazda truck, 5-spd, 2.3L mtr 280-6207, 315-1690

FOUR 8-bolt 16" steel rims for Ford/GM \$50/all obo 315-0074

1995 FORD Explorer XL SUV, Dark Blue Manual, New battery, sparkplugs, spark plug cables, head gasket, brake shoes, CD player, fresh oil and filter. Runs good. 2.5" lift kit on rear. All paperwork. \$1500 315-5812

TJ 4000 JEEP, offers 378-2136

2015 DODGE 1/2-tn pck-up, lw km, exc cond \$24,000 378-6915

FORD hidden trailer hitch \$175. Ford tail gate new condition \$250obo. Auto paint sprayer \$40 378-6027

NR NW 15" Blizzak w/ rim, 205/75R15 \$110 378-4572

92 CHEV S-10 4x4 for parts. \$300 378-6692

2007 DODGE 1/2 ton crew cab, hemi eng., compl. Truck, no keys or papers \$1000obo 280-0358

MERCEDES rims & tires, 255/55R18, used 1/2 seas., w/ lugs, fancy rims, off Mercedes SUV. 378-7995

PARTS FOR 06 Chev Uplander: nw inside door handle passenger sliding dr, nw electronic parts, nw windshld wshr mtr for back & more. Lorna 936-8556

4 STUCK rims for 2005 Toyota Camry, 16" \$100315-9221

FOUR 70s mag wheels 15", 5-1/4 on 5, \$500/all 378-6421

FOR SALE - PETS / LIVESTOCK

NIGERIAN HERD. Great starting package. Looking to start your very own Lawnmowers for pastures? These guys and gals are looking for new pastures, 6 in all: 2 wethers, 3 females & 1 buck. All respectable of fences. Would like all to go together. Babies born Jan 2023. Clean heard. Also c/w rest of hay bale & 2 700LB round bales, also feeder 11"Long x 11" wide x 3 1/2" Tall. Located in Merritt and open to offers to only caring home. \$2000 obo 378-4887

BOUGHT 2 MYSTERY snails not knowing they would lay eggs. Now have lots of snails to get rid of. Free for outdoor ponds or fish tanks 936-8533 ann-boy100@gmail.com

DOWNSIZING FLOCK. 1 purebred barrock rooster, 1 heritage cross rooster, and a handful of heritage hens 2-4yrs, laying daily still. roosters 10\$, hens 20\$ obo 378-4990

MINI SCHNAUZER puppies born May 1st. Ready for adoption June 26. Vet check, first immunization & deworming upon adoption. \$1500. Text/call 525-1189 For pictures or viewing.

10 BABY piglets, born May 9 378-1961

7 WEEK OLD kittens. One male one female. Adorable and cuddly. Free and Ready to go to new home. 315-8259

WTD: good watch dog. Mike 525-0471

LITTER-TRAINED dwarf rabbits \$20 ea obo, to gd homes. Too young to be exact on sex: brown poss. male, black poss. male, tuxedo poss. female 378-4887

FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

ASSORTED ladies clothing, many nw \$5-\$25 315-1655

FREE: 3 - Clean bed pillows 378-2874

OUTSIDE yard light mounts on post \$30. Joe 378-5100

VOLCANIC rocks for sale, ready for tumbler, crystals, jasper, etc 280-3917

SUMMER APPLES, not sprayed, wind-fall, great for juice, cider, appeasauce. Not for storage. Bring a box or bags. \$1/lb you pick. 378-2410

OAK wood \$150/all: 3 12"x2"x6", 1 11"x3"x4", 1 6"x2"x6", various smaller pieces. 1 sheet plywood 4x8x3/4 \$15. 1 sheet OSB 4x8x1/2 \$10. 280-4565

FLUEVOG "Paul" boots unisex, as new sz 7, \$150 378-2410

GYROCOPTERS Flash 3.0 Portable Electric Scooter with Seat (350W Motor / 28km Range / 25km/h Top Speed). Like new. Seat makes easy scootering. Walmart sale price \$449, asking \$300obo 778-242-4823

UNOPENED BOTTLE of Armstrong Shinekeeper, plus some in another bottle. \$ 15 378-2458

PAIR OF vintage snowshoes w/ sinew, leather harness \$150 378-3554

LOG ROCKING HORSE, 39" Long top of head 31", top of riding seat 21" width on floor 14" \$200 378-6787

6' SLIDING patio door, 6'x4' sealed wndw, two 3'x4' sealed wndws 378-2832

19 ELVIS plates w/ rngs & boxes, offers. 2 leather jckts: Boulevard Club men's sz 40, lk nw worn 3x, sequence w/ hood women's sz L, lk nw \$50/both obo. 315-0074

ASHTRAY collection for 50 years, offers 315-0074

WALKER, 125lb capacity \$125 Dawn 378-6576

MEN'S black leather jacket sz L. \$50. Ironing board \$15. Sewing bench or stool \$10. Tall plant stand \$15. Large size camp cot \$75 378-6027

PLANTS: 75 cents and up. Tomato plants \$1.50 each or 6/\$7. Zucchini, squash, cucumber, basil 280-0779

GARDEN boxes, var. sizes 378-4619

WALKER, Evolution, 275lb capacity, exc shape \$150. Portable infrared PTC heater, Classic, gd work. cnd. \$25 378-6576

BROWN, UPRIGHT PIANO to good home, tuned 6 years ago, kids played but have now gone to university. Good shape 280-8264

UNPASTEURIZED raw honey: \$40 for 8 cups, \$20 for 4 cups, \$10 for 2 cups, \$5 for 1 cup. 378-4947

GRANNY'S House Quilting & Retreat has sewing notions from Pat's Patches 378-3734

FOR SALE - FURNITURE

SOLID WOOD table & 6 chairs, beaut. cond, 70"x41" w/ 18" insert, seats 8. 250-718-3740

UPRIGHT leather chair \$35 378-6915

SOLID wood bookcases, 4'widex6'tall \$100/pr 280-4565

ANTIQU oak dresser, exc cond, 4 drwrs, mirr. tilts \$275. Antique oak rocking chair, exc cond. \$50obo. Antique side armchair \$45 280-4565

FOR SALE - ELECTRONICS/SOFTWARE

FREE: Officejet 4500 HP printer & connecting cables, plus two 901 cartridges, 1 blk, 1 tri-col. 378-6356

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FOR SALE - RECREATIONAL

ATV loading ramp \$125 Joe 378-5100

8' MERCURY inflatable boat and electric motor, used very little. \$1200obo 378-9849

BLACK 7 foot Arrow truck canopy, great condition, with 4 fasteners. \$250 obo. 12 foot aluminum Smoker Craft canoe, 42" wide base extremely stable, excellent for family outings or fishing, has rod holders and paddles. \$300 obo 525-0361

MARTIAL ARTS Kidkick kicking/punching bag, w/ gloves, headgear, blocker, hand target, etc. all for \$250. Mustang floater coat for boating, sz med \$50. Wilson tennis balls, NIB \$20. Sturdy yet light golf bag, black, \$25. Thule lockable ski racks & bars (fit Sonata) \$250 378-2410

CAMPING gear: sleeping bags, small tent, air mattress \$20/all. Outboard motor, British Seagull, ms well \$250 280-4565

BIKE RACK \$75. Porta tote \$50. Broom for back of truck \$75. 5th Wheel king pin tripod \$75. New propane portable camp fire \$75. New mat for outside trailer \$20. Special collapsible step ladder for RV \$50. New 100 watt solar panel complete \$125. lepark1751@gmail.com 778-834-3148

8 FT. MERCURY inflatable boat and electric motor, like new. \$1500 378-9849

1980 RINELLE 18' boat, Merc cruiser 188, w/ trlr, cheap, offers. Don 315-7820

2008 SIDE-by-side Kawasaki 410 4x4, dump, 5' blade, trailer \$8000 315-7182

WEST MARINE inflatable boat, 5-prsn capacity, 4hp elect mtr \$850obo 378-3496

10' FLAT-bottom boat w/ elect. mtr \$1000 315-7182

STATIONARY exercise bike \$20. 378-6787

2011 U-BILT tent trlr, as is, nds roof crank installed, part incl., nr nw tires, solid frame, camping supplies incl - dishes, bedding, road insurance, my loss is your gain \$750obo 378-5528

14' V-HULL aluminum boat fon trailer. New bearing, good tires with spare. \$700 Steve 315-5909

3 HP JOHNSON Seahorse outboard motor \$500. 378-6027

09/10 POLARIS Ranger, gd cond./well-maint'd \$6800 315-2334

BROWNING AB3 Rifle 243 with Nikon BDC scope, lk nw cond./in box \$1200 525-0109

FOR SALE - TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

CRAFTSMAN table saw, still in box 378-2832

ICE auger, lk nw \$10. Three 1/2 bags mortar/cement, u haul away. 2 axes, gd cond \$15/pr. 3+ boxes assorted handyman tools \$40/all. 280-4565

TORO lawnmower, rear whl drv, 3-spd, rns gd \$50 378-7995

MONARCH machine pump model 6ME-3 type A \$200. Gorman Rupp pump model 02f1-gr \$100. 378-6787

12 IN. tilting band saw w/ many blades som new \$125, Merritt. lepark1751@gmail.com 778 834 3148

TANKS: 20x12x10 small \$40. Tank 24.5x16x18 \$50. L tank 30.5x24x12.5. \$50. Txt 250-936-9380

CRAFTSMAN 10 in radial arm saw with stand , dust collection system \$300 obo 378 6027

8'X5' WOODEN flat deck trailer, great shape! New tires and bearings. Used for hauling moose, sleds & quads. \$450 Steve 315-5909

2 ALUMINUM extension ladders \$175. Mastercraft 7" wet tile saw used 1x \$130 378-5038

CEMENT mixer \$200. Hvy duty truck bx \$300. Hvy duty brick saw \$200 378-5087

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

SECTIONAL couch, gd cond, reas. price 280-0543

RECORDS, hockey cards, hunting knives, Johnny Cash memorabilia. Tom 778-288-4095

WTD TO RENT: semi-retired carpenter looking for shared accommodation. Don 315-7820

12 INCH TILTING Band Saw with many blades som new \$125.00, Merritt

WHEELBARROW, ride-on lawnmower, gd shape 315-5115

TUNING FORK, older 378-2832

BASS guitar, 4-string, 24-fret 315-1350

TEAK OR MAHOGANY wood scraps for marine trim. Don 315-7820

USED computer to play older sim games 936-9208

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