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Sagebrush 6th in top 59 Canadian golf courses

ScoreGolf magazine lists the top 59 public courses in the country, and 17 BC courses are on that list.

Of those, 6 are in the Southern Interior. Sagebrush at Quilchena ranked 6th nationally again this year, and is the top-rated public course in the province.

“That such a brilliant golf course could be built on a steep, hillside site like that of Sagebrush is mindboggling,” according to ScoreGolf.

Emancipation Day

On March 24, 2021, the Canadian House of Commons voted unanimously to officially designate August 1 Emancipation Day. It marks the actual day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 came into effect across the British Empire.

Canadians are not always aware that Black and Indigenous Peoples were once enslaved on the land that is now Canada. Those who fought enslavement were pivotal in shaping our society to be as diverse as it is today.

The Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 laid a pathway to freeing over 800,000 enslaved Africans and their descendants in parts of the Caribbean, Africa, South America as well as Canada.

For most enslaved people in British North America, the Act resulted only in partial liberation. It only freed children under the age of six. Others were to continue serving their former owners for 4-6 years as apprentices.

The Act did however confirm Canada as a free territory for enslaved African Americans. Thousands of African Americans subsequently arrived on Canadian soil between 1834 and the early 1860s.

The enslavement of Indigenous Peoples is a dark chapter in Canada’s history. European explorers in the 1400s & 1500s were notorious for kidnapping Indigenous Peoples and taking them back to Europe to be enslaved or exhibited. Between the mid-17th century and 1834, it was recorded that there were 4,185 enslaved people. Of that number, 2,683 were enslaved Indigenous Peoples. It was not until after 1750 that the number of Indigenous Peoples transported into French Canada started to decline.

Indigenous Peoples were not granted basic human rights, and were treated as property, as they were continuously bought and sold for the primary purpose of manual and domestic labor. The majority of those enslaved were young women, with the average age being as young as 14 years old. It is reported that 57% of enslaved Indigenous peoples were girls or young women.

campsite. The event is organized in conjunction with Scw'exmx Comm. Health, Upper Nicola Band, Lower Nicola Band, Coldwater Band, Nooaitch, Shackan, Scw'exmx Child & Family, Nlaka'pamux Health & School Distric 58.

FMI, to participate or to help out, contact Cpl Olney, Cst Denning, Cst Versteeg or Cst Ryan at the Merritt Detachment 270-378-4262.

Community Airport Day Community Airport Day, Saturday, September 20, 9am-3pm brings pilots and planes from all around the province, onsite will be helicopter rides (\$50), classic car show, food vendors, history exhibit, paper airplane contest, Radio Control Aircraft Club, City Service Clubs. The event is supported by Experience Nicola Valley, Nicola Valley Arts Council, and City of Merritt.

Billy Crystal Quotes

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

It's money. I remember it from when I was single.

At 60, I could do the same things I could do at 30, if I could only remember what those things are.

SALES - AUGUST 2 & 3

I'm married - I've caught my limit.

1 2481 Chapman St., by the Temple, SAT & SUN 8am – 3pm. Estate sale, everything must go, furniture, housewares, tools, equipment, antiques/collectables and more

UPCOMING AUG 9 & 10

319 Lindley Creek Rd, Fall Fair Bldg. SAT 9am-2pm, SUN 10am-2pm. FINAL Fall Fair Giant Yard Sales.

Open house Water meters

The City of Merritt is implementing a grant-funded water meter program, as authorized by the Province of BC. They will host an open house so residents can find out more info & ask questions — on Thursday, August 7, 4-8pm at the Civic Centre.

Water meters are proven to promote water conservation, help make utility bills more equitable, and help identify and address leaks in the system.

The water meters are free of charge to homeowners; there is no charge for the basic installation, and the City will be responsible for maintaining the systems. This is a mandatory program for all homes in Merritt.

Community

What If (formerly Burn in the Forest)

What If, the event formerly known as Burn in the Forest (BitF) will be held Thursday, July 31 to Monday, August 4, at the music festival site. Interactive art installations, mind-expanding workshops, sunrise dancefloors, dusty costumes, fire sculptures, spontaneous performances. FMI whatif.now/

Shulus farmers' market

Every Sunday 8am-12noon, 7am set-up. Shulus Arena parking lot. FMI 250-936-8805, gylan.bose@lnib.net

Music in the Park

Join Music in the Park every Thursday evening 6-8pm at the Rotary Park Bandshell. Outlaws & Lace play Aug 7. Check the schedule: www.merritt.ca/music/ Bring a picnic & chairs.

2025 NV Ranch Rodeo

Organizers are welcoming outfits to enter a team/teams in the upcoming ranch rodeo. Registration will be open to the first 14 teams (first come first serve-\$200/team).The event takes place Sunday August 24 — note the change of day — at the NV Rodeo Grounds.

Come out & cheer on your favourite BC ranch as they complete in events: 8:30am - ranch horse competition; 11:00 - ranch rodeo - order of events: sorting, branding, doctoring, cow milking, and-horse race.

Labour Day Rodeo, Fall Fair & Parade

Like every Labour Day weekend, it's the Pro Rodeo & Fall Fair. Again this year there will be a parade on the Friday evening, and organizers are gearing up now!

Parade float applications are available from Copper Valley Mechanical.

Nicola canoe pull 2025

Merritt First Nations Policing Section (RCMP) is planning its annual canoe journey, to be held August 19-21. The event is for youth between the ages of 10 & 18 years. Tuesday arrival time 2pm with dinner served, youth will camp Tues & Wed night at the Douglas Lake

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