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**BLACK MOON WEEKEND ED. - AUG 22, 2025 #4136**

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## Toxic drug alert

Interior Health is warning that brown granules being sold as Down or Fentanyl in the Kamloops area, contain Carfentanil (1%) and Fluorofentanyl (less than 1%)

They say it poses extreme risk of overdose and fatal overdose. Smoking is not safer than injecting. They urge anyone in possession of such substances to get them tested before using.

Fluorofentanyl is a fentanyl analogue that can be up to 2x stronger than fentanyl. Carfentanil is a fentanyl analogue that is 50-100x stronger than fentanyl. The amount of carfentanil in this sample is roughly equivalent to 50-100% of fentanyl per point (100 mg).

## Shout-out to LNIB from Brent Butt

A video by comedian Brent Butt, best known for CTV's long-running sitcom *Corner Gas*, circulated the fb pages last week.

Brent gave a shout-out to LNIB for all the work they do for their community. He says he caught wind about it from Lloyd, who is part of his "wide network of operatives".

He went on to say that the Nicola Valley is a "beautiful neck of the woods", and he hopes to come again for a visit.

Check it out, go to [www.facebook.com/andsearch/BrentButt](http://www.facebook.com/andsearch/BrentButt)



## Black moon

Star clusters will be visible in the glowing Milky Way, around midnight these next few nights.

The lunar phase this weekend will be almost invisible, occurring when the Moon aligns with the Sun. With its illuminated side hidden, the sky will grow darker than usual, perfect for stargazing, astrophotography, and cosmic reflection.

Black Moons appear only once every 32-33 months, making them far rarer than supermoons. And with no moonlight to wash out the stars, the Milky Way and countless constellations will shine brighter and clearer than ever.

The 'Black Moon' is the second new moon in a single calendar month or the third new moon in a season of four new moons.

Merritt Fire Rescue, Merritt RCMP & NV Search and Rescue have organized a four-team "Heroes in the Park" charity softball tournament with additional members from the BC Ambulance Service and Nicola Valley Hospital — August 24, starting 10am at Central Park. This event will raise funds to help improve Fairley Park at 1788 Quilchena Ave., upgrades to add more child-friendly equipment. Thanks to donations from business and community members, prizes will be raffled out at the event to raise money for the park.

Everyone is invited to join this family-friendly event. Come out and cheer on your favour emergency services team!

### Chili Cook-Off

Nana's Hitch'n Post will be hosting their 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday September 13th! Defending your title? or are you ready to topple the Chili Queen? Samples are only \$1, most votes win. Prizes, live music, all proceeds to charity! Vendors welcome, book your space now as space is limited! Call Barb 250-378-4579.

## Celebration of life Gordon Grams

Celebration of Life at his childhood home, 2675 Garcia Street, Saturday August 23, 2025 at 11am.

## Community

### End of Summer concert in Spirit Square

End of Summer Family Night in Spirit Square, hosted by Tourism Nicola Valley & Rotary Club, August 22, 5-9pm, the *Topaz Rock Band* will bring rock & country riffs. Bring your chair, arrive early for the best spot.

### Dance Party in the Park

The 4th annual event will take place August 23, 10am-2pm at Rotary Park. It's a community event to celebrate the resiliency and strength of this community when faced with adversity, bringing people together for a day filled with fun and sun — dance & music, face painting, active stories, and more!

Organizers would love to showcase as many local organizations/groups at this event, so if you are interested in participating email [kia.ltdadance@gmail.com](mailto:kia.ltdadance@gmail.com) or call 780-573-0861.

## NV Ranch Rodeo

Organizers have changed the day back to Saturday, so the event takes place Saturday August 23 at the NV Rodeo Grounds. 8:30am - ranch horse competition; 11:00 - ranch rodeo - order of events: sorting, branding, doctoring, cow milking & horse race.

### Clean water & regenerative agriculture for the Nicola valley

LNIB Dev. Corp., SFU & CZRO Bio will hold an info session Wed Aug 27, 6-7pm at NVIT. The topic is practical solutions for algae blooms, soil health, and farm productivity. LNIB has been working with CZRO Bio to purify water and help address algae blooms locally. They'll present the products that have been developed and outline the potential community impact — jobs, training & longterm opportunities aligned with LNIB values. Speakers include Dr. Laila Benkrama of SFU, Genio Pugliese of CZRO Bio & Don Gosso of LNIB Dev Corp.

## Labour Day Rodeo, Fall Fair & Parade

Again this year there will be a parade on the Friday evening of Labour Day weekend , and organizers are gearing up now! Parade float applications are available from Copper Valley Mechanical.

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## Why Didn't You Take A Bus?

Judge asks the defendant, "Why did you steal that car, Mr. Jones?" Mr. Jones looks down, "I just had to get to work for an important meeting." The judge keeps asking, "Well why didn't you take a bus?" Mr. Jones looks up, surprised, "Don't you need a special license to drive the bus?"

At a job interview, the company director asks the candidate, 'Why are you asking for such a high salary when you have no experience in this field?' The candidate replies, 'Well, the job is much harder when you don't know what you're doing.'

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