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# **Dr. Robert Gerald Holmes**

Aug 4, 1935 - Sept 20, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce that Dr. Robert Gerald Holmes died peacefully at home on Saturday morning, 20 September, 2025 at the age

He was born in London, England on August 4th, 1935 and graduated from University of London's St Mary's Hospital Medical School in 1959. He practiced medicine in Uganda, England, Prince Rupert BC, White Rock BC and finally settled in Merritt BC in 1975. In Merritt, he was a partner in the Merritt Medical Clinic where he was a General Practitioner and practiced General Surgery at the Nicola Valley Hospital. He was always proud to say that he delivered over 2000 babies. He retired in 1997 following an illness and remained in the Nicola Valley until his death.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen Holmes, children, and grandchildren.

will He be buried in Merritt and has requested a private service.



**Neighbourhood Small Grants Girl Guides participate** in Int'l Overdose **Awareness Day** 

My name is Meredith McLeod and I am one of the members that applied for a grant and received \$500 for our project in Merritt. I am member of the Guides within the Merritt Girl Guides group and I wanted to focus on a service project to support those in need in my community.

I found out a about a upcoming International Overdose Awareness Day hosted in Merritt on August 29th, 2025, and asked if we could join in with a table at the event. I explained our plan and before the event took place and I talked with one of my Guide leaders that works with unhoused people to get an idea of supplies we needed to provide. After we made a list together a few of my fellow unit members, Fionna and Emma, and I shopped around town looking for essentials such as bus tickets, socks, deodorant, wet wipes, sandals, hats, snacks and toothbrushes to support this event. Ever since I joined Girl Guides I have been interested in helping the unhoused in my community and your community funds helped me get this done! In the past I have collected winter clothing and donated it to our local foodbank and shelter and thought this would be another good time to provide some much needed items too.

On August 29th, 2025, we set up a table at Merritt's community event, laid out all our items and allowed those in need to help themselves. It went fabulously! We got to talk to people and support them with getting some supplies and we almost ran out of everything! The left over supplies were dropped off at ASK Wellness, a society who helps those in need and they were very grateful. Thank you very much for helping us do this, it's been something I've been wanting to do for a very long time!

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# Merritt High School rodeo

This weekend in Merritt, come out and watch some very talented kids. No

admission fee, starts at 10am Saturday morning, 9am Sunday. Concession will be open at 9am, come grab an egg sandwich for breakfast or later in the day some lunch, reasonable prices at the concession. All proceeds from concession go towards the Merritt High School Rodeo Club.

Farmers Market closed for Garlic Fest The Farmers Market will be closed this coming weekend as most vendors will be at Lower Nicola Garlic Festival. They will be back for the final 2 dates of the season on October 4 and 11. The 11th is the 'Haunted Harvest' event and patrons are encouraged to come in costume.

Artist reception at new gallery exhibition Join photographer Bree Patterson & Friends on Friday, Sept 26 4-7pm for a chance to check out the art & meet the artists - at the NV Community Art Gallery, next to Kekuli.

**NV Community Band** The Nicola Valley Community Band is looking for new members. If you have ever played an instrument, please dust it off and come join us. Call Nancy 250-315-9199. Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm at the MSS Band Room. Check out Facebook: Nicola Valley Community Band.

Like to sing? Check out Merritt Community Choir. Merritt Community Choir meets Monday evenings at Trinity United Church, corner of Quilchena & Chapman, from 7 - 8:45. New members welcome! FMI contact Glenda, gottens@telus.net

**Oktoberfest 2025** Bring friends and family for an evening of live music, great food and games for all ages. Sat Sept 27, doors open 4:30pm at the Civic Ctre. Proceeds to Citizens on Patrol Merritt. Support them, by buying tickets for an evening of great food, beer, music & dancing.  $\hat{\text{FMI}}$  (250)378-4259 or (250) 378-7226.

**Annual property tax sale** As of now, 6 properties remain on the delinquent tax list for the Annual Property Tax Sale, set for Monday, September 29, 10am in Council Chambers. Parcels of property with unpaid delinquent taxes shall be offered for sale by public auction unless the taxes with interest are paid by the end of day on Friday, September 26. If all delinquent property taxes are fully paid before the tax sale date, this auction will be cancelled. FMI www.merritt.ca/taxsale/

> How do you turn stew into gold? Add 24 carrots Why are bigger balloons more expensive? Inflation. What do you call a well balanced horse? Stable

Where do polar bears keep there money? In a snowbank. How do you make an egg roll? You push it.

Why do cow's wear bells? Because their horns don't work. What did the football coach say to the broken vending machine? Give me my quarterback.

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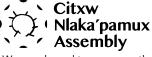
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Send resume to: claudetteedenoste@rovallepage.ca

#### **ROYAL LEPAGE**



We are pleased to announce that we have more job opportunities to join the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly. Please visit our website to view the following job postings available:

CNA - Boston Bar Community Engagement Coordinator - Closing October 15th, 2025 CNA - nłe?képmx Guardian Coordinator -Closing October 15th 2025

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their cover letter and resume to:

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DO YOU PLAY VIOLIN? Join our string ensemble group. Practice Wednesdays evenings. Text Cecilia 315-0022

FOUND: set of keys behind the police station at the ball park 315-7771 ALANON (for friends & families of alcoholics) every Monday @ 6pm Trinity

United Church Hall ELKS EVENTS: Every Wednesday Bingo, doors open 11am, ends 3pm. Every Friday Nite Bingo, doors open 4pm,

ends 10pm, 1701 Coldwater Ave. Thurs & Sun 7pm at the United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

#### SERVICES

DOG GROOMING (All Sizes ). I have a few openings for new clients, located off Iron Mountain Road... please text or leave a message 604-220-7353

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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

VARD MAINTENANCE: 1 day/week wanted/wanted to buy and lawmower, weed eating, yard work. May to September. Resume to rings, lids, waterbath canner, stock pots, wTD: CHEAP VEHICLE under \$1000 info@nicolavalleyhoney.com or phone 250 378-5208

CARETAKER WANTED. Live in mobile home or RV couple pref'd. Plumbing/ contractor background, tractor operation for mobile home park. 40-60 hrs per mo. Send resume to rentals@kleingroup.com FOR SALE - APPLIANCES

FREE: 4-brnr prop. range (604)312-1954 2 GRAVITY Chairs \$50 each 936 8387 APT-SZ washer & dryer (not stacking) CABINETS & cupboards, wood & glass, \$300 280-0543

A/C \$100. Calvin 778-586-8362 WASHER/DRYER \$250, wshr fairly nw. front load 280-0543

MICROWAVE \$30 378-0838

ARCTIC AIR a/c 5000btu 18.5wx-15.5dx12"h \$25. Kenmore a/c 12,000btu 18wx15dx22 \$100. Wshr/dryer \$300/ pr. Elect. fireplace w/ remote \$100. Gas stove, dbl oven, Americana \$150. Inglis fridge \$75 315-0415

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## FOR SALE - AUTOMOTIVE

TIRES: Five 185/65R15 snowflake. Two 215/65 17" wntr snowflake M&S. Two 215/55R17 winter snowflake. Four 195/65 16" snowflake. Four 185/65R15 rinter studded, brnd nw. Rick 936-8885 1969 MALIBU classic car, original owner, grt cond, less than 5000 mi. on rebuilt mtr, mild cam, total miles 65,500, vellow w/ vinyl roof, always garaged \$15,000 378-6260 TRUCK TIRES: Wrangler Dura Trac 245/70R17, 10-ply m&s, brnd nw \$300/ 2 CARVER 1.0t amplifiers, tested &

cab, 4 tires w/ snowflake last yr, gd glass, \$100 378-9169 working shape, Comes with binder of 220,000km, \$8000obo. Greg 315-7525 working shape, Comes with binder of 3 **NORDMAN** Solstice all weather tires games \$150.10 inch **tablet** used a week 205/70 R15 \$80 or \$30 ea 250-434-8378 Factory reset \$150. 315-5542 working shape working shape working shape.

Puzzle #1

bars, complete. Will trade for lighter set. I am too old, these are too heavy, They are overkill for my trailer \$150 936-8387 SET OF TIRES, good rims \$400. Calvin

for 5 months \$225 378-2226 after 5pm 4 MOTOMASTER 185-65R-14 86T M&S, like new \$225. 2 Hankook 185-65R-14 studded winters gd cond. \$100. hlangeloo46@gmail.com

#### FOR SALE - PETS / LIVESTOCK

NA MEETINGS are held each Tues, MUSKOVY & Cayuga ducks for sale

2 MALE kittens to great homes 250-

CAT CARRIER 11"widex10"highx 18" FLY Fishing rod, reel & case. \$25 378-9694 long \$30. Cat Carrier collapsible unused ARCTIC CAT 500 ATV, 4wd, ramp & quality 178 cm tall \$150 250-434-8378

DOGGY DUPLEX, plywood with metal \$3800. \$2500 for just boat with the Merc roof, 55"Wx37"Dx39"H, with two doors and trailer with papers 604-818-0191 17"x17" each. \$50 378-2410

**PITBULL** puppies born Feb 28, ready now. Andrew 778-538-3682

FREE: Lonesome ringneck male dove w/ outdr cage. Hawk got his mate 378-3496

#### FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

sink. Free: Single white porcelain bathroom sink. (604)312-1954

WINDOWS, aluminum frames, various sizes. Plywood 3/4" tongue & groove. Aldo 378-2832

KID'S kitchen, old-fash. handmade sink/ Cowboy/western stuff: furs, hides, tack, clothes. Vintage luggage, handbags & kit, like new condition \$450. 378-678 jewelry. Bookshelves, fancy, antique, ROTOTILLER 5.5hp \$300 315-0097 small 378-9645

WALKER, lk nw, height adjusts, seat VALKER, IK nw, height adjusts, seat deck, tandem 14,000lb axles, exc shape tor., folds for portability \$100 378-0093 \$7500 315-3071 2 DBL-PANED patio doors & 5 other single paned wndws to give away, grt for a greenhouse project. Sherry 315-7534 GREGG cold compression pad. Knee reent polar care wave. \$250 378-5691 MOBILITY scooter, pd \$3000, sell \$2000obo Lorne 280-5932

steam juicer & pressure cooker 378-3496 UNPASTEURIZED raw honey: \$40 for TENT TRLR for camping 315-7771 8 cups, \$20 for 4 cups, \$10 for 2 cups, \$5 for 1 cup. 378-4947

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

# FOR SALE - FURNITURE

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 Collections, furniture & oil lamps, various. 378-9645

WOOD table w/ 6 chairs, 2 leafs, exc hape \$300obo. Other furniture: dressers, china cabinet, etc. etc. 280-0543

\$15. TV stand \$10, 378-8838 HARDWOOD tbl & chairs \$50obo.

fridge \$75 315-0415 Solid hardwood dresser & mirr. \$50obo

2-GAL. deep fry cooker, used 2x, offers
378,7460 DLX high-back leather padded desk/of-

> \$75. Oak queen **headboard** and bed Suitable for 1 or a couple, Looking for frame \$25. Matching oak large **dresser** long term lease \$1100/mo + util. N/S, with mirror \$75. Royal Dalton Country Roses china set \$300. Bob 250-574-3598 RECLINER \$300 378-4619

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cupboard/crnr shlf, food & access. incl. LIVE Animal Trap. 36" x 10" x 12" groundhogs/racoons. \$30 378-9694 oxcart wagon. Patterns, nw for old-style DELTA 10" table saw with roll around

2021 EQUIPT TRLR bumper pull, 20ft

225V MILLER welder and cables. Oxy and Act gauges, 4 small tanks, hoses, bottle cart \$200. 378-6787

2021 DBL B equipment trlr, 8.5' axle, 20' dck, 6700lb axle, low mil., exc shape \$7500 firm 315-3071

# ASAP 280-3917

45-GAL. barrel, cln plstc or stl 378-6421 WANTED: free fixer upper bikes (Adult), free working dryer, clean smoke free hide-a-bed for spare room. 315-5437 OLD PRE-1980S boys type toys 250-808-3579, totallytuned@iCloud.com

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

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