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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday January 27th – Interior Savings
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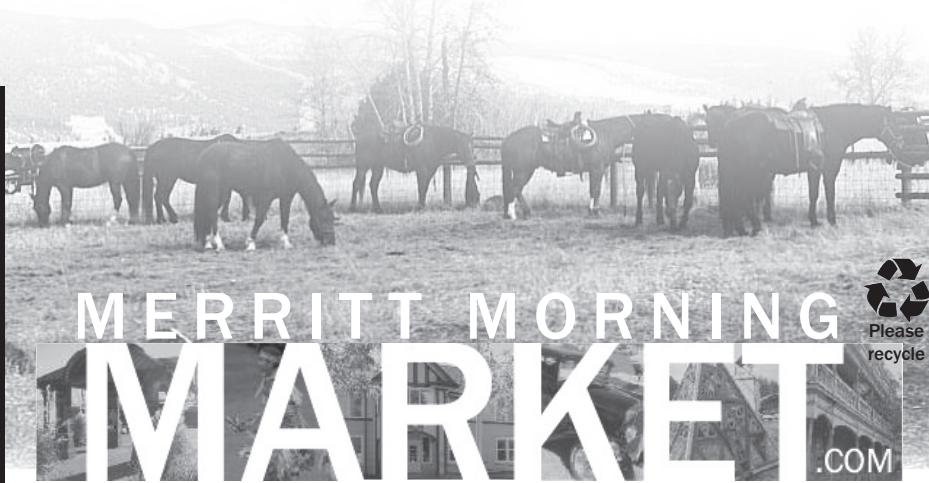
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Merritt 2026 property assessments down an average of 2%

Updated 2026 property values are now available at bcassessment.ca in addition to 2026 Property Assessment Notices being mailed to each property owner.

"For 2026, most homeowners can expect generally modest property assessment value changes in the -5% to +5% range for many Thompson Okanagan communities," said BC Assessment Deputy Assessor Boris Warkentin. "Lytton remains an exception as that community continues to rapidly add value through its recovery and rebuilding efforts."

In Merritt, a median value single family dwelling that was worth \$458,000 on last year's assessment has gone down to \$450,000 — a decrease of 2%.

The newly released 2026 property assessment details can be searched and accessed any time at bcassessment.ca. The website also provides self-service access to a free, online property assessment search service that allows anyone to search, check and compare 2026 property assessments for anywhere in the province.

Assessment review

"Property owners can find valuable information on our website including answers to many assessment-related questions, but those who feel that their property assessment does not reflect market value as of July 1, 2025 or see incorrect information on their notice, should contact BC Assessment as indicated on their notice as soon as possible in January," says Warkentin.

"If a property owner is still concerned about their assessment after speaking to one of our appraisers, they may submit a Notice of Complaint (Appeal) by January 31st, for an independent review by a Property Assessment Review Panel," adds Warkentin.

The Property Assessment Review Panels, independent of BC Assessment, are appointed annually by the provincial government, and typically meet from early February to mid-March to hear formal complaints.

Arrested in Merritt for Courtenay home invasion & attack

Twenty-five year old Courtenay-area resident Matthew Russell McCharles-Carter was arrested on New Year's Eve in Merritt, and remained in custody as of yesterday.

Comox Valley RCMP received information on December 31st that the person they believed was responsible for committing a home invasion involving an 83-year-old woman who was attacked in the break-in at about 7:30am on Dec. 28 — was on warrants outstanding in Merritt.

The investigation involved extensive, around-the-clock work by the Comox Valley RCMP Major Crime Unit, frontline members, and assistance from the Integrated Forensic Identification Section.

A special RCMP unit from Kamloops swept in and arrested McCharles-Carter on the outstanding warrants for breach of conditions and failure to register as a sex offender. He was then re-arrested for the crime in Courtenay.

He is facing multiple charges, including sexual assault, break and enter, unlawful confinement, assault, uttering threats, theft over \$5,000, possession/use stolen credit card, possession of property obtained by crime, and disguising his face with intent to commit an offence.

Source: vancouversun.com/ rcmp.ca/en/bc/comox-valley

Plane Crash A man and his wife were watching the news when a story came on about a plane crash. The news anchor said that six Brazilian soccer players were on the plane and none of them survived. The wife started crying uncontrollably. The man was very concerned and asked his wife why she was so upset. She replied, "I don't know how many a brazillion is, but it sure sounds like a lot!"

I can always tell when someone is lying. I can also tell if they're sitting or standing.

A scientist combined the DNA of a cheetah with the DNA of a crab. Things went sideways real fast!

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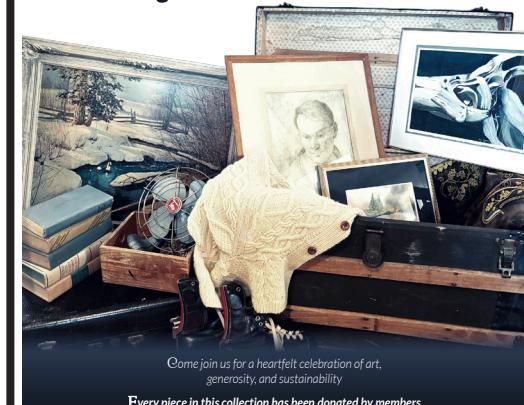
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Rediscovered Treasures

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CNA - Community Lead - Special Projects
CNA - Elders Coordinator
CNA - ?eskntwexw General Clerk
CNA - Harvesting Coordinator
CNA - Human Resources Support Clerk
CNA - Youth Coordinator

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

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

Email: HR@cna-trust.ca

In-Person: 2025 Granite Ave, Merritt, BC

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TUESDAYS 1:30-3:30 PM

Beginning January 6th

At The Nicola Valley Community Arts Centre

Join us for some fun & creative art-making with Jennifer & Mischelle!

Jennifer has a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Major in Visual Arts & a Minor in Psychology. She also has a diploma in Art Therapy & is a certified Art Therapist. Jennifer will be on hand to provide guidance for those who wish.



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SALES

INDOOR MOVING SALE 4-4101
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PERSONAL

FOUND CAT, Appeared at Sunshine Valley address: Shorthair tortoiseshell young female cat. 378-6540

DISABLED PERSON NEEDS OCCASIONAL HELP for odd jobs around the house (house cleaning, shoveling, etc). You should be strong, thinking and energetic with a good outlook on life. Please text 250-378-7938

GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAYS? Nd someone to care for your home or sml farm? call Bill, reliable, honest 315-3621

LOST: keychain with change purse. Navy blue arrowhead beadwork w/ lanyard, Ford key & PO key, ID in change purse (status card & care card), between Post office & Black's on Nov 24. Please, just need ID back. 525-0406

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

MISSING: 2 sets of 2 silver matching keys & 1 single key w/ blank photo tag attached. Call/text Gilbert 250-828-0582

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

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.

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

SERVICES

NEED CORPORATE planning, business wealth account, collateral loans, key person insurance, etc 778-630-0323

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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HEAD mount cougar rug, offrs. 378-5038

4 cork boards, 4"x6", exc cond. 280-0543

PR LADIES Hunter boots, mudder purple, sz 7, gd cond \$50. 378-1843 aft 5pm

100s PAPERBACK books to give away free, for whoever will come to get them 315-9803, diananorgaard63@gmail.com

FREE FIREWOOD: willow not the best firewood, fine once dry, about 1/2 to 2/3 of a cord, 1475 Clebsy St help yourself.

FREE 4 burner propane range w/ large oven. Free wht dbl porcelain kitchen sink. Free wht bthrm sink - 4". Kane Valley Area but can drop off 604-312-1954

WINDOWS, aluminum frames, various sizes. Plywood 3/4" tongue & groove. Regular plywood, 1/2" Aldo 378-2832

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 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

LIST YOUR JOB. List your employment opportunity here, no charge. 250-378-5717, market@uniserve.com

FOR SALE - APPLIANCES

FRIGIDAIR stove, 2 yrs old \$250obo. Vitara **fridge**, 10 mos. old \$400obo. Amana **washer & dryer**, 4 yrs old \$300/pr obo 280-0543

FREEZER, smaller approx. 2'x4'. Calvin 778-586-8362

COUNTERTOP dishwasher, hardly used, 3 yrs old \$300 250-289-4759

FREE: 4-brm prop. range (604)312-1954

APT-SZ washer & dryer (not stacking) primo condition \$260 280-0543

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

FOR SALE - AUTOMOTIVE

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FOR SALE - ELECTRONICS/ SOFTWARE

95 CHEVROLET Crew Cab Pickup Truck \$1500obo 315-0011 Aspen Grove

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ALUM. dry box combination tonneau cover for full size pickup truck with 6 ft. box. \$450obo. 315-2080

4 SALIUN tires 205/55/R16 M+S, used for 5 months \$225 378-2226 after 5pm

PARTING OUT: 2010 Ford F150, Lots of good stuff, Various prices or take truck for \$700 Text 250-936-8982

TIRES: Five 185/65R17 snowflake. Two 215/65 17" wtr snowflake M&S. Two 215/55R17 winter snowflake. Four 195/65 16" snowflake. Four 185/65R15 winter studded, brnd nw. Rick 936-8885

2005 DODGE 1500 4x4 SLT, auto, quad cab, 4 tires w/ snowflake last yr, gd glass, vry gd cond, vry reliable, lots work done, 220,000km, \$800obo. Greg 315-7525

FOR SALE - RECREATIONAL

SAUER 3000 Carl Gustaff 6.5x55 with 6-24x50 scope. Very nice condition, silky smooth, very accurate \$800 hlangeloo46@gmail.com

MUECCI pool cue w/ case, brnd nw. value \$800+, sell \$600 hlangeloo46@gmail.com

6" & 8" manual ice augers \$50 for both 378-5038

SHAKESPEAR Wondertrol. 606 electric outboard motor with 12v battery and battery box \$75 378-6787

WINCHESTER 3" mag Mdl 12 shotgun, rarely used/lk nw \$850. Earl 378-5038

AIRSTREAM Trailer, 24 ft, 1971. Electrical works, tires are good. Small dent in outside roof, but nice little retro trailer \$8500. e-mail wyndburr@outlook.com

ARCTIC CAT 500 ATV, 4wd, rmp & cvr, hnd wrmr \$3700obo Brian 280-2744

3-WHL e-bike, 90km total pd \$3450, sell \$2700. 378-4572, smith11@outlook.com

1987 TRALEIRA 16ft Recreation Trailer \$4000. 2012 flatdeck utility trailer \$1500. **2012 Haulrite** 5/10ft utility trailer w/ ramp & boat rack \$2500. 2003 **utility trailer** offrs. **Utility trailer & camper** \$1000. Flat bottom **boat** \$500. 2 electric **motors** \$85. 315-0011 Aspen Grove

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