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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday January 27th – Interior Savings
Community Room 6pm
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Join us for our 2026 Soccer Season. We are looking for new members to volunteer, various positions include: Board of Directors, Head & Assistant Coaches, Division Reps, Referees, and Registrar.

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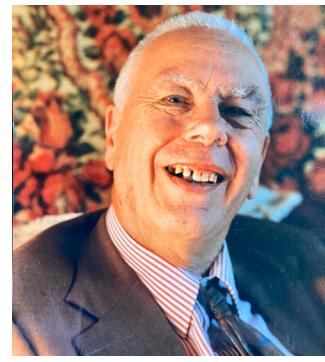
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Harold Fox

1933 - 2026

Long-time Merritt resident Harold Fox passed away as peacefully and as gently as he lived. Many will remember him from his years working with his friends at Ska-Lu-La. He loved nature, music, laughing and above all, his creator. All those whose lives were touched by Harold are invited to join in remembering him together at 1:00 pm, Jan. 24, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1505 Sunset St., followed by a tea.

Unplug & play

Family Literacy Week is January 24-31 and focuses on raising awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. It's also a great opportunity to take a break from devices and enjoy many health benefits, which inspired the Beem Credit Union *Unplug and Play* Family Literacy Week.

It starts with the January 24th & 25th Merritt Centennials home games sponsored by Beem Credit Union and Literacy Merritt & Nicola Valley Society. Bring a book to donate to the Bright Red Bookshelves Book Drive.

More favourites: *Come Read With Me* at the elementary schools; *Explore Art Literacy* at the art gallery; the *Community Playground*; and *Active Stories* at the dance studio.

Many of these and other literacy links and resources will be posted online. For more details, visit literacymerritt.com or facebook.com/LMNVS.

Merritt project featured in national report

Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction

Merritt's STUWI(x) Naturalization Project is featured in the *Cities Adapt with Nature-Based Solutions* national report by the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction.

Merritt is among the 20 case studies of local leadership across Canada that address the growing opportunities for nature-based solutions. The case studies show a cross-section of the types of nature-based solutions implemented and their alignment with the Sendai Framework's four priority principles: (1) Understanding disaster risk, (2) Strengthening disaster risk governance, (3) Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience, and (4) Enhancing disaster risk reduction for resilience.

FMI www.iclr.org/citiesadapt/ You can also download the Merritt chapter and the full report from the Merritt Flood Mitigation's facebook page.

Budget open house

The City of Merritt will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, Jan 29 — in the afternoon 12noon-2pm (presentation at 12:30pm) and in the evening 6-8pm (presentation at 6:30pm).

The idea is to learn about the proposed changes to the municipal budget for the coming 5 years. It's an opportunity to get informed, ask questions, and provide feedback on how public funds are allocated to services and projects that impact the community. Whether you have specific concerns or just want to stay informed, they want your input.

Visit various tables and talk directly with City management. Have a beverage, a snack, and a meaningful conversation with your City Council.

Community

Indigenous knowledge, Ki?lawa?
(Grizzly Bear), seeing the landscape differently

Nicola Naturalist Society presents Ellen Simmons on this fascinating topic. Ellen is an instructor at NVIT in Merritt and is completing her doctorate degree at UBC Okanagan on this topic. She has extensive experience combining Indigenous knowledge and values with western science in a wide range of landscape-management contexts. Thursday Jan 15, 7pm, NVIT lecture Theatre. All welcome, membership or donation.

Grant-in-aid deadline

Grants-in-Aid are provided to non-profit and community groups that provide valuable programs to the community and are unable to raise all their required funding without the City's assistance. They are intended to encourage innovation that supports or contributes to the community and the goals of Council. You can request financial assistance or in-kind use of a City-owned facility. The deadline to submit an application is January 15, and info about how to apply is at: www.merritt.ca/grants-in-aid/

2026 Thunderbird Rally

The Thunderbird is a winter driving adventure, round 1 of the 2026 BC TSD Rally Championship. The rally will be about 850km long, Merritt to Vernon. Roads will be about 40% clear pavement, 60% snow-covered pavement and gravel. Registration starts Friday Jan 20, 7-9pm at Best Western Plus Hotel, rally HQ. First car out is at 10:31am on Saturday, Jan 31. End of day 1, Dinner & Scoring, Vernon at 8:00pm. First car out Sunday at 8:30am, back in Merritt for dinner, scoring & awards presentation. For good observation spots, go to rallybc.ca/archives/2026

Tobogganing Races

This is the 2nd year for this family friendly event — Feb. 7th, 2026. Registration Forms can be found the Merritt Library & Breathebikes MerrittBC or register online @ eventbrite. (\$12 per entry). Early registration includes free lunch. FMI, text Cecilia 250-315-0022 or email gcdyck@hotmail.com

preparedness for effective response and to "Build Back Better". The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) is a pioneer



Life before computers...

An application was for employment

Memory was something that you lost with age

Hard drive was a long trip on the road

A program was a TV show

And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy, you hoped nobody found out!

A mouse pad was where a mouse lived

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And a virus was the flu!

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Love to Sing? Join the Community Choir!



Start your New Year on a high note!

The Community Choir is officially welcoming new and returning members for our upcoming spring season. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or haven't sung since high school, there is a place for you in our circle. No formal auditions are required — just a love for music and community!

Monday, January 19, at 7:00 PM
Trinity United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.
Spring session dues are \$35

For more information, contact Glenda [gotten1@telus.net]

Rediscovered Treasures

Exhibition Jan 7-31, 2026
Bidding opens January 9



COME VISIT THE GALLERY AT THE NICOLA VALLEY ARTS CENTRE

HOURS: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
Sunday 12-4pm
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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:

Boston Bar Community Engagement Coordinator
Community Lead - Special Projects
Employment and Training Assistant
Employment and Training Coordinator
Junior Kitchen keykix
nēʔképmx Land Guardian (Canyon - Multiple Positions Available)
nēʔképmx Land Guardian (Valley - Multiple Positions Available)

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
We offer competitive wages, benefits, pension, internal training, and professional development to support the right candidate. We believe in initiative, respect and community values.

If you have some of these qualities and believe you would be of value to our organization, then we want to hear from you!

Follow the link: https://employment.cna-trust.ca/job-postings_join_our_team.htm



FREE CLASSIFIEDS — Call 250-378-5717

or email market@uniserve.com



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

CRAFT MARKET & BAKE SALE
Shulus Hall Feb 7 10am-5pm. Raffle & door prizes, local artisans, handmade products, concession

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, shovelling, 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

TC PAINTING, licensed, insured. Returning to work, taking small jobs for now. Or if more time, we can discuss. Tina 604-767-4866

NEED HELP AT HOME? I offer professional, flexible, reliable, friendly, and dependable cleaning and caregiving services. Please call or text: 250-879-5383

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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., houseswars Greg 315-7525, (250)320-2054 Fast, courteous service

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

FOR SALE - APPLIANCES

MICROWAVE new 1200W family size Panasonic Genius \$150 378-5394

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-bmr prop. range (604)312-1954

A/C \$100. Calvin 778-586-8362

MICROWAVE \$30 378-0388

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

4 MICHELIN A/T tires 275-65-R18, tires were take offs, lk nw \$400 280-0769

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

1991 FORD F150 4x4 378-7124

SET OF 4 TIRES, good rims, 245-17 w/ tires for Ford \$400. Calvin 778-586-8362

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 \$900 Tex 250-936-8982

TIRES: Five 185/65R15 snowflake.

Two 215/65 17" wtrn 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 - PETS / LIVESTOCK

TWO BEAUTIFUL large Angel Fish \$15/pair. 936-9912

5 HUGE cages - birds, chinchilla. Pigs' food in exchange 936-8371

6-8 PIGEONS with a good metal roost for them, to give away. 378-4947

30-GAL. fish tank, LED lights, 2-in-1

filter pump, bubble pump, gravel, ornaments, fish net, hand-held cleaner for glass \$250 315-3981

6 FT HINGED plastic dog ramp (astro turf lined for traction) \$95. Large well built **dog house** (insulated, aluminum roof, wavey-edged cedar siding) \$150 firm. Large Petmate portable plastic dog kennel \$135. Earl 378-5038

MUSKOVY & Cayuga ducks 378-4476

2 MALE kittens to grt homes 250-682-2012

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

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

FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

C-PAP machine \$200 315-2257

HEAD mount cougar rug, offrs. 378-5038

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

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

100s PAPERBACK books to give away, 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 Cleasby 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 - FURNITURE

VINTAGE Half Canopy single bed, frame \$75 378-6787

SINGLE SIZE solid wood storage bed frame with 3 drawers and a headboard in great condition for \$100obo 315-9713

DOUBLE BED with box spring, frame, stands and set of sheets, gd condition just no room \$125obo. 4 bar stools, like new \$125 all 4 obo. Pedestal sink \$40. Rocking chair \$40. 2 swivel rocking chairs, light rose in colour, very nice looking \$75obo. 378-7333

SOLID WOOD kitchntbl, 2 leaves, 6 chairs \$85 378-1835

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

HARDWOODtbl & chairs \$50obo. Solid hardwood dresser & mirr. \$50obo

DLX high-back leather padded desk/office chair, lk nw \$100 378-9169

FILE CABINET 4 drawer, legal size \$75. Oak queen headboard and bed frame \$25. Matching oak large dresser with mirror \$75. Royal Dalton Country Roses china set \$300. Bob 250-574-3598

HIDE-A-BED \$50obo. Rocking chair \$15. TV stand \$10. 378-8838

FOR RENT

12X60 MBL HOME, must be moved All offers considered. Mess/text 315-7803

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

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

SMALL wood dog house, 315-2249

WTD: CHEAP VEHICLE under \$1000 ASAP 280-3917

45-GAL. barrel, cln plste or stl 378-6421

WANTED:</b