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# MARKET MORNING

GROUNDHOG DAY EDITION - FEBRUARY 2, 2026 #4192

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## Linda Suzuki, artist in residence

The NV Community Arts Council has launched their first-ever Artist in Residence program, with artist Linda Suzuki. Linda will be working at the Arts Centre three times a week, and you can watch, take pictures, and chat with her during her breaks about her art and process.

Linda will be working at the Arts Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm and Sundays from noon to 2 pm.

## Clean power for AI & data centres

BC's AI sector is growing and there is growing recognition of the importance of data centres to protect and secure Canadian data. At the same time, to responsibly manage the growth of AI and data centres, and balance critical energy needs, the Province has made changes that will prioritize electricity service to projects in these emerging sectors that provide the greatest benefits and jobs for people in British Columbia, and do so at an appropriate pace.

Through Bill 31, the Energy Statutes Amendment Act, and a new regulation, there is now a requirement for prospective AI and data-centre projects to take part in a competitive selection process to access clean electricity.

BC Hydro will implement this legislation through the 2026 call for demand for emerging industries. The process provides a clear and predictable path, from application and screening to feasibility studies and final bids. Projects will be assessed based on price and their economic, community, data sovereignty and environmental benefits.

The allocation targets for these projects are for as much as 400 megawatts for the first two years.

Projects that are well advanced in BC Hydro's interconnection queue will continue under the existing process if required agreements or deposits are in place. To learn more about how B.C. is powering growth with clean energy, visit: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/strong-economy#clean-energy](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/strong-economy#clean-energy)

## Community SD58 'Potential School Closure' mtgs

The final Potential School Closure meeting will be held for the Coldwater Indian Band, Feb 2 5pm, Coldwater School Gym. FMI [www.nssd.ca/school-closure-process](http://www.nssd.ca/school-closure-process)

## Tobogganing Races

Feb. 7th, 2026. Registration forms can be found the Merritt Library & Breathe Bikes or register online @ eventbrite. (\$12 per entry). Early registration includes free lunch. FMI, text Cecilia 250-315-0022 or email [gcdyck@hotmail.com](mailto:gcdyck@hotmail.com)

## Local Int'l Women's Day nominations

If you have any amazing women in your life that you would like to recognize, please let the NV Int'l Women's Day committee know! Every year on March 8, they celebrate the women in our community who are working hard to create and support positive changes, and a healthy community. Please nominate those women who have positively influenced your life, the lives around you, or the community. The deadline for nominations is February 13, 12noon, email: [nvwomeninaction@gmail.com](mailto:nvwomeninaction@gmail.com). Include contact info for you and your nominee and the reasons for nominating, 1 per person.

## BC Family Day weekend events

On Saturday, Feb 14, bring the family to celebrate BC Family Day weekend, and take part in the City of Merritt's free activities. **Free family party & games activities:** Soccer, floor hockey, facepainting, ski ball, air hockey, face painting, crafts, and other games. Concession, cash only. Civic Centre East & West Auditorium, 10:30am-12:30pm **Free family swim:** concession cash only, by the Girl Guides. Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre, 1-5pm.

## Heritage Week open house

The Nicola Valley Museum and Archives is hosting Heritage Week at the museum, with an open house on Thursday, February 19th from 4pm-7pm. This year's theme is 'Stir The Pot' and it is about celebrating food as a means of culture. There will be displays, refreshments, and old recipes available!

### 'Shoes wisely' — John Fluevog

**The boss looks over the gentleman's resume** and says "Wow, I'm impressed. It seems like you've got everything needed for the job. But there's a 4 year gap in here. What happened there?" The gentleman responds "Oh, that's when I went to Yale." The boss is now super impressed and hires the man on the spot . The man immediately calls his wife. "Hey honey, I got the job!"

**My son asked me** what "inexplicable" means. I said, "It's hard to explain."

**Night vs Morning.** At night: I can't sleep. In the morning: I can't wake up.

**HUSBAND: When I get mad at you,** you never fight back. How do you control your anger?  
WIFE: I clean the toilet. **HUSBAND:** How does that help? **WIFE:** I use your toothbrush.

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

 <h3>Aries</h3> <p>March 21 - April 19</p> <p>This week, consider what's on offer with unconditional love, and what you'll gain. A bargain is possible. Monumental cosmic shifts are heading your way!</p>	 <h3>Taurus</h3> <p>April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Make happiness your quest this week. With innovative Uranus turning direct in your sign, you're being gifted with imaginative ways to find pockets of joy.</p>	 <h3>Gemini</h3> <p>May 21 - June 20</p> <p>You may not have chosen this, and you've got an idea about it and someone else has another. Give them the benefit of the doubt. This situation holds exciting potential.</p>	 <h3>Cancer</h3> <p>June 21 - July 22</p> <p>Something big has to happen to make us question bad habits. This week invites you to reconsider a way of being and explore an exciting new development. Go for it.</p>
 <h3>Leo</h3> <p>July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>Much depends on how we choose to see things. And there are always two sides. But there really is only one way to view a situation in your emotional life. This week brings clarity.</p>	 <h3>Virgo</h3> <p>Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>It seems the more you doubt yourself, the more you're going to complicate something simple. Keep going. This week brings evidence that your faith is justified.</p>	 <h3>Libra</h3> <p>Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>This week, your ability to listen to someone's views, which everyone else is dismissing as irrelevant, offers insight that enables you to make a decision. You gain an exciting advantage.</p>	 <h3>Scorpio</h3> <p>Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>Nothing wrong with being ambitious. This week, if you declare an intention, and start moving in a direction that feels right, you'll be delighted by the progress you make.</p>
 <h3>Sagittarius</h3> <p>Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>If you change your approach where you're expecting difficulties, you'll change the dynamic. By shining light onto this, you'll find a way forward that shows sign of real hope.</p>	 <h3>Capricorn</h3> <p>Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>Before you let a wave of change sweep over you, ensure it won't wash away anything you want to keep. If you're anchored in your truth, you'll be supported.</p>	 <h3>Aquarius</h3> <p>Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>This week, your agile, open-minded approach to a confusing situation can open other folks' minds to a more enriched perspective, which leads to a collaborative way forwards.</p>	 <h3>Pisces</h3> <p>Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>We don't always come across the way we think. If you accept that you made the best decision possible in the circumstances, you'll have confidence you did the right thing.</p>

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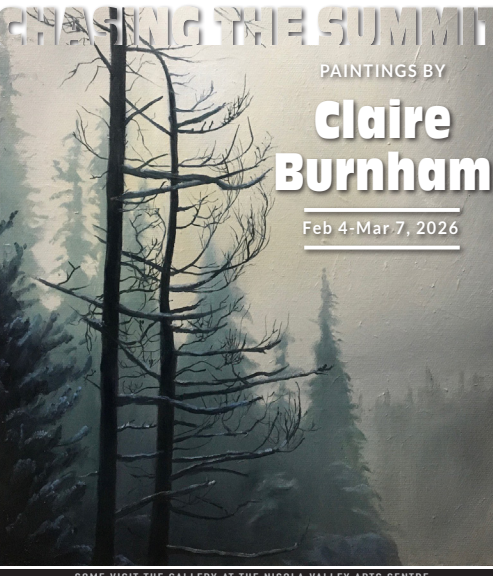
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**VALENTINE CRAFT MARKET & pancake breakfast.** Feb 7, 9am-2:30pm at the Elks Hall 1702 Coldwater Ave. Raffle tables, concession, lots of new vendors  
**CRAFT MARKET & BAKE SALE.** Shulus Hall Feb 7 10am-5pm. Raffle & door prizes, local artisans, handmade products, concession  
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