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Cultural burn at Nicola Mameet IR #1

The BC Wildfire Service will be supporting Lower Nicola Indian Band in conducting a cultural burn that is part of a three-year project that started in 2024. The total size of this project is 249 hectares, and the goal for this spring is to burn the remaining 50 hectares, which will complete the project. This burn is located about 6 km west of Merritt, adjacent to Highway 8 and 97C.

Smoke may be visible from the Lower Nicola Community, City of Merritt, Nicola Mameet IR #1 and surrounding areas, and to motorists travelling along Highway 8, 97C, and 5.

The exact timing of this burn will depend on weather and site conditions, but it could begin as early as Monday, March 2. Burning will proceed if conditions are suitable and allow for smoke dispersal during burn operations, though smoke may also linger in the following days.

The goals are to: reduce fuel loading in urban interface areas & protect the community; reduce cured grass to allow for traditional foods and plants to re-establish; improve ungulate grazing; provide a cross training opportunity with the LNIB Fire Dept; and provide an opportunity for the NVIT Fire Ecology Department to see live fire for educational purposes.

Last chance to comment on the budget & 5-year financial plan

Anyone still interested in commenting on the City's 5-year financial plan, the last opportunity is an online survey — the deadline is Feb 28, at midnight.

Go to www.merritt.ca/budget/ or the draft financial plan, an overview summary, the link to the survey, answers to frequently asked questions, and recordings of past meetings.

The financial plan bylaw, utility rates bylaw and the property tax bylaw will need to be adopted by mid May.

mitt's official Community Yard Sale. Open to the public from 8am-2pm. To be a seller, call the Civic Centre to register. (\$5/ table, max 3 tables).

I confided with my best friend that my girlfriend broke up with me. "Oh no! What happened?" he asked. "I don't know. I asked her what she wanted for a Valentine's Day gift. She said nothing is better than a diamond necklace." "So what did you get her?" "Nothing."

A crafty young bard named McMahon, Whose poetry never would scan, Once said, with a pause, "It's probably because, I'm always trying to cram as many extra syllables into the last line as I possibly can."

Clock. Best time on a clock ? 6.30 . Hands down. Why do armed robbers always strike at midnight? Hands up!

CHINESE HOROSCOPES

Horse 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014 - Financially, caution is essential. Avoid impulsive spending and risky investments; long-term planning and expert advice will provide stability. Stay calm, listen, and nurture communication. Friends will be a source of support.

Dog 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018 - This year you may feel overwhelmed by affection, but instead of overanalyzing, embrace love with gratitude. Long-term investments will be fruitful. Impulsive spending & risky ventures should be avoided. Prioritize saving and clearing debts.

Tiger 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022 - Tigers will undergo a transformative year filled with clarity in love, career, and personal growth. New friendships, particularly across cultural lines, will bring fresh insight. Just remember to set healthy boundaries.

Goat 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015 - Sheep will excel in creative, empathetic, and team-oriented roles. Family duties may feel overwhelming, but clear communication and patience will ease the tension. To maintain health and resilience, Sheep should stay active.

Pig 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019 - In 2026, Pigs will observe both excitement and challenges. Monitor spending, avoid impulsive purchases, and seek professional advice when needed. Family life will improve when Pigs release the need for control.

Rabbit 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023 - 2026 brings passion, momentum, and transformation to the Rabbit's life. It's a vibrant year for emotional growth. You thrive by stepping out of your comfort zones, exploring fresh opportunities. Taking initiatives will be rewarded.

Monkey 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016 - In 2026, Monkeys will enjoy a vibrant love life. Sudden expenses may come up. At home, emotional maturity is essential. Take responsibilities seriously, offer support, and maintain honest communication to strengthen family bonds.

Rat 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020 - 2026 is a great year for resolving conflicts and planning family life through open communication. Emotional distance may arise, but respecting space & bonding will bring support. Health improves with an active lifestyle.

Dragon 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024 - In 2026, Dragons will shine but in love, sincerity and emotional maturity are essential. Avoid manipulation or unrealistic expectations—genuine relationships will flourish with honesty. Flexibility not control, will help create harmony.

Rooster 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017 - In 2026, Roosters will thrive in love. Financially, discipline is key. Budgeting, avoiding risky investments, and building an emergency fund will help navigate potential economic fluctuations. Prioritize exercise, sleep, and nutrition.

Ox 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021 - Ox will enjoy a fulfilling love life, boosted by confidence and admiration. Career opportunities arise in creative and collaborative fields, but success requires adaptability. A cautious approach focused on saving is the key.

Snake 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025 - Overthinking may hinder connection, but confidence & vulnerability will strengthen bonds. Snakes should step into leadership, embrace flexibility, and enhance skills. Challenges may arise, but adaptability will lead to success.

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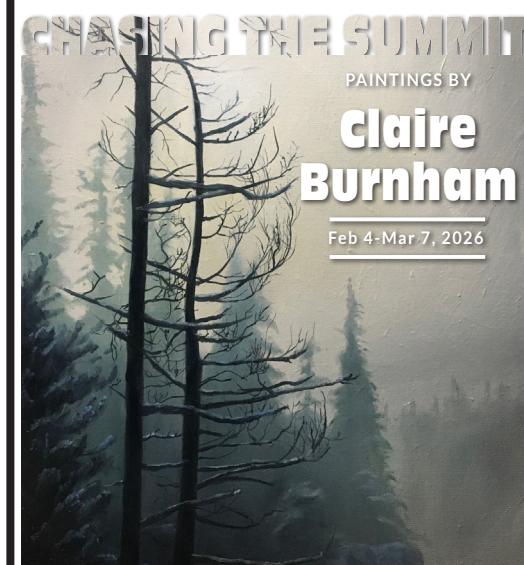
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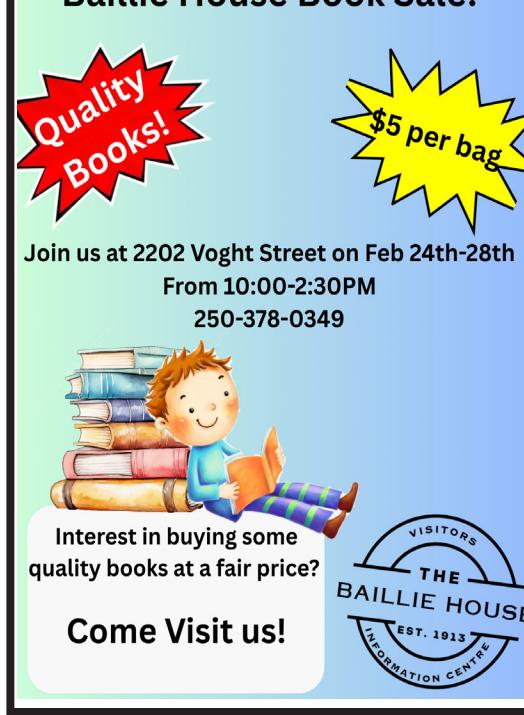
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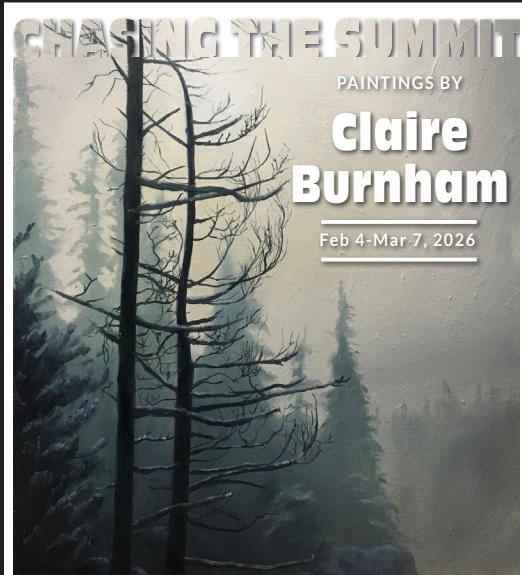
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