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is inviting friends and members to a
SOCIAL EVENING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm
at the Canadian Country Music Hall of Honour,
2025B Quilchena Avenue
Join us for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments & music.

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COME VISIT THE GALLERY AT THE NICOLA VALLEY ARTS CENTRE

SHOW: March 11 - April 4, 2026
RECEPTION: March 12, 4-7pm

HOURS: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday 12-4pm
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the Arts Council
Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

No Fixed Address: The White Cart Memorial

Film Screening & Panel Discussion

a powerful and intimate documentary that sheds light on a deeply overlooked aspect of the homelessness crisis: people's grief following the death of someone they care about.

Date: Tuesday, March 31st
Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: NVIT, 4155 Belshaw St, Merritt, BC- Lecture Theatre

Sign up by scanning the QR code or visit the Front Desk at the NVIT who can assist you with registration. Seats are limited, be sure to grab your spot early. Tickets are FREE.

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SD58 school closure decision tonight

The SD58 Board will make a decision during this evening's 6pm meeting, to pass a motion on closing a school or not, or which. They have 4 options: 1) No school closure 2) Close Merritt Central Elementary School; Merritt Central students transfer to Collettville Elementary; French Immersion program moves to Diamond Vale Elementary (dual track) 3) Close Collettville Elementary; French Immersion program moves to Diamond Vale Elementary (dual track) 4) Close Collettville Elementary; French Immersion program moves to Merritt Central Elementary (dual track).

Parents have been vocal and engaged in the process during the 16 individual public consultation meetings that have been held through the fall & winter.

An adhoc group of concerned parents & community members of Nicola-Similkameen School District has submitted a letter making the case for a one-year delay in any closure decision. Their letter is accompanied by a 600-name petition that was held online.

The meeting will be live-streamed and recorded on YouTube (search "SD58 Board Meeting Zoom Meeting") or through our Facebook page "Nicola-Similkameen School District - No. 58". (www.facebook.com/SchoolDistrictNo58/).

Community NV Rodeo Assoc AGM

The NV Rodeo Association will host a social evening & annual general meeting on March 12, 6pm at the Canadian Country Music Hall of Honour, 2025B Quilchena Ave. Memberships will be available.

30th Annual Kamloops Film Festival

The 30th annual Kamloops Film Festival runs until March 14. There's still a big lineup of award-winning films from around the world; including documentaries, comedies, dramas, and Canadian films. Check out the movie line-up and remaining events, including the wrap party, at their website: https://theKfs.ca/kff/

Empower, protect and connect

The province of BC is sponsoring their Empower, Protect + Connect program right here in Merritt, each Wednesday evening beginning March 18 to June 10, 6-8pm (12 sessions), at the Civic Centre — registration is free! The 12-week program offers weekly 2-hour sessions that include: 1 hour Self-Defence Training, taught by certified instructors, with a focus on real-life scenarios and practical safety techniques. And 1 hour Counselling & Empowerment Workshop, facilitated by a Registered Clinical Counsellor and local organizations, offering trauma-informed support, strategies for personal growth, and community connection.

The program is for anyone aged 15 + affected by or at risk of gender-based violence. It is free to attend, but registration is required as participants are expected to attend most/all sessions. Register by calling 250-315-1050, stopping by the Civic Centre, or online from the link at: www.merritt.ca/empower/

Letter to the editor

Smoke from burning

I read your reports on prescribed burns but nobody is talking about the health consequences of all that toxic smoke over our communities. Smoke cover our elementary schools, homes and businesses against our will we are forced to breathe it everyday, for indefinitely. That's not fair or right.

The children's learning capabilities are affected by smoke from backyard burns, cultural and prescribed burns and nobody wants to talk about that.

We would like to move but this is happening all over the place in our province, there is no safe place to live without smoke at any time of year these days.

Thank you, D.D., Lower Nicola
www.dsawsp.org/personal-stories

Community yard sale

Bring all your "treasures" to the Civic Centre and join others, at one location on Saturday, March 21, for the City of Merritt'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).

2026 Spring marketplace

At the Civic Ctr, March 14 & 15. Handcrafted decor, artwork, jewelry, body care products, unique seasonal pieces.

Late winter storm continues across region

Environment Canada again issued highway warnings for the Coquihalla, the Connector, and Hope to Penticton, yesterday: heavy snowfall up to 60cm by Thursday morning, near zero visibility in blowing snow, and strong southwest wind gusts to 100 km/h.

A low pressure system crossing the southwest interior last evening was to start to bring another round of heavy flurries and strong winds to the Coquihalla Highway. Snow will begin in earnest late Wednesday afternoon as the low approaches the highway. As a sharp cold front associated with this low passes over the area Wednesday night, snowfall will intensify and winds will rise with strong wind gusts up to 100 km/h resulting in near zero visibility in blowing snow. The snow level will also fluctuate depending on the rate of snowfall and strength of the southwest winds.

Conditions will slightly improve Thursday morning but gusty winds and flurries will continue to give periods of blowing snow.

This is on the heels of heavy snowfall, multiple vehicle accidents & a long Coq closure between Merritt & Kamloops on Sunday.

The first French Fries weren't cooked in France. They were cooked in Greece.

On the first day of college the dean is making his initial address to the incoming student body, and is going over some of the rules. "The female dormitory will be out-of-bounds for all male students, and the male dormitory is out-of-bounds for all female students. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time. Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$60. Being caught a third time will cost you \$180. Are there any questions?" "Yeah," says a guy in the back. "How much for a season pass?"

What's the difference between a dog leash and the French Revolution? One is a reign of terror, the other is a rein of terrier.

A man walks into a bar & leaves behind his portable cassette player. A Walkman's into a bar.

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 - CNA - Engagement Specialist
 - CNA - Human Resources Support Clerk
 - CNA - nie?k?pmx Land Guardian (Canyon - Multiple Positions Available)
 - CNA - Youth Coordinator
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Email: HR@cna-trust.ca
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SALES

COMMUNITY YARD SALE, Civic Centre, SAT, MARCH 21, 8am-2pm. To register as a vendor, recreation@merritt.ca 250-315-1050, \$5/table max 3 tables

PERSONAL

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP MOVE STUFF TO DUMP. Have truck & man-power? call us 378-2047

POTTERY BY DIANE. One of a kind hand crafted pottery on sale at Creative Co., starting Mar 2. Some commissions possible email diane.wandler@yahoo.ca Next firing in of May, so send me your special ideas. What would u like me to make? Meet the potter Thurs Mar 5, 12, 19 & Sat Mar 28

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

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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.

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DEEP FRYER still in box \$25 378-5008
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

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ARCTIC AIR a/c 5000btu 18.5wx-15.5dx12"h \$225. 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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4 cork boards, 4x6", exc cond. 280-0543
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