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To order contact Rusty, 250-315-9085

Deadline to order is April 23, delivery May 7

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WEEKEND EDITION - APRIL 10, 2026 #4218  
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**Grass fire near Quilchena Creek**

A grass fire 15km southeast of town started at approx. 4pm Wednesday, and was still listed as 'out of control' on the BC Wildfire Service website last evening. Thursday morning it was estimated to be 150 hectares, and by evening, had grown to 550 hectares.

"The south flank of the fire displayed minimal activity today and along the west flank, the fire is burning up slope in steep terrain. The fire continues to be largely burning in an open grassy fuel type and displaying Rank 2 and Rank 3 fire behaviour, low to moderately vigorous surface fire during peak burning time in the afternoon, which is the hottest and driest part of the day."

The fire is listed as human-caused, and is being actioned by 18 BCWS staff and the Lower Nicola Indian Band Fire Department.

**Community Teck Community Rugby Days - Merritt**

Teck is an official partner of Rugby Canada, and collaboratively they are bringing Rugby Community Days to communities where Teck operates.

Rugby Community Days are an opportunity to bring family and friends to get outside and discover the game of rugby. This event welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels (from never tried the game to being in a league) - free to attend. In Merritt, Rugby Days is Apr 11, in Voght Park, 12:30-3pm. In Kamloops, it's Apr 12, 12:30-3pm at the Kamloops Rugby Club. The event includes Skills & Drills led by Rugby Canada/BC coaches, and an interactive mini game for participants. Check out the QR codes on poster, below, to register.

**Employment & education fair**

CNA presents their annual employment & education fair April 14, 11am-6pm at the Civic Centre. No registration, free for all to attend, dinner & refreshments provided. FMI (250) 378-1864, administration@cna-trust.ca

**Call for performers: Music in the Park**

Would you like to showcase your talents at one of our 2026 Music in the Park events? Applications are now being accepted for the Thursday evening event throughout the summer at the Rotary Park Bandshell. Vocal or instrumental, the City of Merritt welcomes all to apply. Application deadline: April 17, 2026.

**Skalula flower fundraiser**

Skalula is holding their spring bloom flower fundraiser again. Deadline to order is April 23 and delivery May 7. To order, contact Rusty, 250-315-9085.

**TNRD FireSmart Program**

The TNRD FireSmart™ homeowner rebate program is now available for his year. Property owners in Electoral Areas will be eligible for a rebate of up to 50% to a maximum of \$1000 for doing fire mitigation work within 30m of their home. The program is available on a first-come, first-serve basis Apr1-Sept 30, open for TNRD Electoral Area properties only. FMI www.tnrd.ca/services/firesmart/

**Purple Cap Awards Credit Union's \$1M Bursary Program**

Beem Credit Union has unveiled a new bursary program aimed at expanding access to education and empowering the next generation of learners across BC.

The new bursaries are part of one of the largest, most accessible, credit union led education investment programs in Canada. With up to \$1 million available annually, individual awards of up to \$25,000, and eligibility designed to support learners at every stage of life.

The three new awards align with Beem's broader commitment to financial wellbeing for all by celebrating diverse journeys and a wider range of education and training aspirations, from universities to colleges to trade schools. The three different levels are: Transformation Award - \$25,000 Award; Momentum Award - \$5,000 Award; Opportunity Award - \$2,500 Award

Applications are now open for the Beem Purple Cap Awards at beemcreditunion.ca/bursary.

**TNRD areas M&N OCP**

Public consultation for the Area M&N's Official Community Plan will continue through the spring, and residents are encouraged to review the draft and provide comments. Early April, a new video will be released highlighting key OCP changes. Access the draft: www.tnrd.ca/planning-development/planning/official-community-plans-electoral-areas-m-and-n-official-community-plan-2024/

**Call for submissions for May community art show - Reflection**

Artists are invited to participate in *Reflection*, a collaborative art show to honour the beauty, vitality, and irreplaceable value of our lakes—and to elevate awareness of the urgent need to protect them for future generations. To contribute artwork, visit www.nicolavalleyarts.com/ Application. Artwork must be dropped off at the NVCAC Gallery Apr 29-May 2.

I finally got my life together. Then I forgot where I put it.  
Climbing one step is easy, but a whole flight of stairs is a different storey.  
Safer planes Why not make the entire plane out of the same material used for the indestructible black box?  
I bought a pen that can write under water... it can also write other words and phrases.  
What should you do if you're addicted to seaweed? Sea Kelp

**SALES - APRIL 11 & 12**

- 1641 Armstrong St., SAT & SUN 8am-2pm. Multi-Family yard sale women's/kids clothes, ride on lawn mower, tires, recreational items, misc. house items, etc
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APRIL 12, 2026 12:30 - 3:00 PM  
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- CNA - Human Resources Support Clerk
- CNA - Property Caretaker (Live-In)
- CNA - Youth Coordinator

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**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.  
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**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.

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**LOOKING** for someone who collects hockey cards. Have card from 1969 worth \$2000, would like to sell. Barb 280-3917  
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### Lilac Festivals in Merritt

The first lilac festival was held in 2004, in mid-May when the lilacs were bursting with colour & fragrance in Merritt. It was an art & music event in a heritage warehouse in the downtown area — a huge success with a Bohemian style. The event appealed to those who love the flowers & enjoy art. Festivals were held each year until 2008, but 'lilac awareness' has continued to be promoted through art posters during lilac time, and more recently at the Baillie House Garden Fest.

**The Merritt Lilac Project**  
The Merritt Lilac Project began in 2005 with Bill Vander Zalm donating well-started 4'-5' lilac trees to the citizens of Merritt. Since that time, more than 5,000 lilacs have been planted in our community, thanks to his generosity. With this gift, the variety of lilac trees is greatly enhanced, extending the blooming season by at least 2 weeks. The bushes are young still, but continue thrive in our climate. They are an investment that will mature in the years to come!

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