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Snow survey & water supply

According to the Min. of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship's *Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin*, the Nicola basin received 51% of normal snowpack this winter. That's down 29% from last year, when we were at 80% of normal.

Areas with below normal snowpack, particularly in the southern Interior and coastal regions, show early concerns for drought conditions potentially amplifying into spring and summer.

The other driest areas in the province include the Okanagan with 58% of normal snowpack, the South Coast with 57%, Vancouver Island with 44%, and Skagit with 26%. The Nechako and Peace are at 136%. For the rest, the snowpack has near normal provincial conditions.

April 1 represents the benchmark survey for assessing seasonal hazards, as appro. 97% of the annual snowpack has typically accumulated.

Below normal runoff is forecast for several southern Interior systems, including Nicola Lake (41-62%), and Nicola River (54-58%) — well below normal snowpack and antecedent conditions. These basins are expected to have reduced seasonal water supply and increased susceptibility to drought conditions through the spring and summer.

Quilchena Crk fire

The Quilchena Creek grass wildfire is now under control, with 808 hectares burned, the majority within the boundaries of LNIB's Hamilton Creek IR #7.

The additional growth that occurred on this incident since it was originally considered Being Held at 150 hectares is not due to increased or aggressive fire behaviour, suppression efforts or challenges to suppression efforts, but due to traditional cultural burning practices being conducted adjacent to the incident.

Congrats, JJ Holmes

... for being named an Assistant Coach with Team BC for the 2026 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships Female Team. The 23rd National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) will be held May 3-9, in Regina, SK.

Shipping containers

The City of Merritt is now reviewing their shipping container bylaw and exploring how they are used on private property. The idea is to preserve neighbourhood character, balance the needs of the property-owner, and maintain building safety. Part of this process involves public input to help shape future regulations — and they want to hear your views on temporary and/or long-term usage of shipping containers on residential land within the City. The deadline to complete the survey is May 31, available at www.merritt.ca/containers/ or FMI contact planning@merritt.ca

Community

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/

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. Access the draft: www.tnrd.ca/planning-development/planning/official-community-plans-electoral-areas-m-amp-n-official-community-plan-2024/

I don't lose motivation. I just temporarily misplace it indefinitely.

In the kitchen there has to be teamwork. You cook and I eat.

Waiter! There's a funny film on this soup! What did you expect for 4.99? *Citizen Kane*?

A woman sees that her friend is upset, and says, "Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I get myself a new hat." And her friend says, "Oh, so that's where you get them."

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

Aries March 21 - April 19
You've taken a calculated risk recently and so far, it's working. The pace is about to go up a notch and you don't want things to get out of control. Have a Plan B - flexibility is power.

Taurus April 20 - May 20
This week, conversations will flow more easily & goodwill will be reciprocal. If you just respond to what feels constructive, doors will open naturally and progress will seem smooth.

Gemini May 21 - June 20
This week, a fresh perspective cuts through frustration. Instead of pushing harder, try pivoting. If you reset your expectations, you'll find communicating your ideas becomes much easier.

Cancer June 21 - July 22
This week, your world is shifting from cautious to courageous. Progress is stirring in steady, visible steps. Tangible signs will show that recent efforts have been effective.

Leo July 23 - Aug 22
This week allows you the courage to slow down. Instead of cramming more in, you can choose what truly belongs. When you clear a small opening, fresh energy will rush in.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
This week, a fresh insight reframes something you've been carrying. You'll have courage to act on that new understanding. An honest conversation with yourself brings release.

Libra Sept 23 - Oct 22
Expect warm conversations and doors to open. The tide is turning. And your task is to trust the shift and lean into opportunities. When you believe in progress, you will align with it.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
This week, the pressure comes off. You don't need to carry every weight or take responsibility for everybody's problems. Choose your involvements wisely. Trust your perception.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
This week, the impact of your efforts becomes visible to others. It's OK to feel proud - satisfaction in work well done is appropriate. So, accept the appreciation gracefully.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
A situation has tested your self-belief, and you wonder about the wisdom of a recent decision. This week brings an unexpected positive development.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18
This week brings a noticeable change in the way others respond to you. Being clear and measured, gentleness with firmness, respect follows. The change will shift the balance.

Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20
This week, engage thoughtfully rather than theatrically, events will settle more smoothly. And calmer and more relaxed, you'll be able to see the bigger picture.

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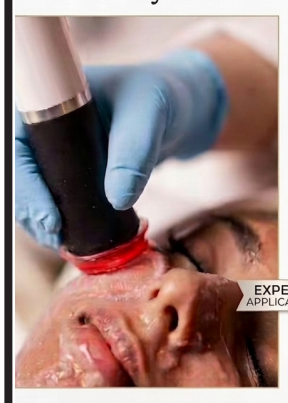

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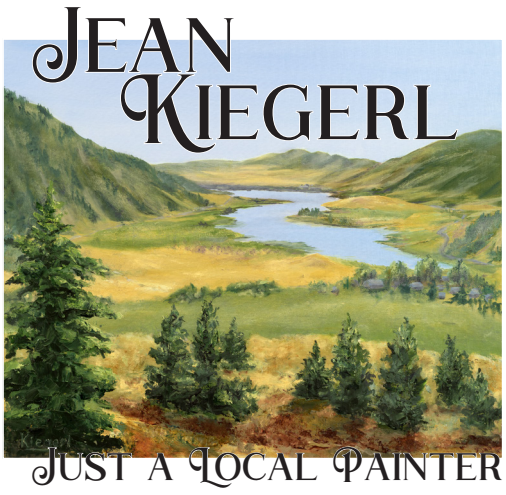

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