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## Brunswick Crk wildfire near Boston Bar

The out-of-control Brunswick Creek wildfire near Chaumox Rd, north of North Bend, grew to 1230 hectares over the weekend. It is now a 'wildfire of note'. 2 evacuation orders

Local Fire Departments, 3 initial attack crews, 2 Unit Crews, and 2 response officers are responding, supported by aviation, heavy equipment, structure protection, and two groups of helicopters equipped with night vision.

Fraser Valley Regional District and Boothroyd Indian Band have issued alerts and orders for the North Bend community and adjacent properties on the west side of the Fraser River. Into the evening on Saturday, BCWS crews, RCMP and local authority conducted a tactical evacuation for properties in this area.

After strong downslope winds gusting 40-50km/hr on Saturday afternoon, there was more extreme fire behaviour, and a significant increase in size. Smoke was highly visible in Merritt & the Nicola Valley, and as far away as Vernon & area. And high winds continue to pose a risk for responder safety.

## Grass fire at the landfill

The Lower Nicola landfill & eco-depot was evacuated & closed temporarily on Friday morning, after a grass fire sparked on Woodward Road, just before 11am. Merritt Fire Rescue crews attended & remained on site to attend to any flare ups. The facility was not impacted.

## Truck fire on the Coquihalla

A burning semi truck caused delays on the Coquihalla High- *Cont'd, over*

**A postman's wife asks him** why he works so hard for such dirt pay. He says "It's not about the money. It's about sending a message."

**I told the doctor** that I'd like to do my own stitches. He said, Suture self.

**I told my surgeon** that I wanted to do my own anesthesia. He said, "Go ahead, knock yourself out."

**My anesthesiologist told me** I had a choice. He could knock me out with gas, or he could whack me over the head with a canoe paddle. It was an ether/oar situation.

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

<p><b>Aries</b> March 21 - April 19</p> <p>This week brings exciting developments and unexpected momentum. You'll finally know now what to do to start fulfilling a long-held dream. Your timing matters.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Although it's difficult to feel thankful for challenges you'd rather avoid, this week brings an opportunity to recognize how much support surrounds you.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> May 21 - June 20</p> <p>This week, unexpected insights are in store. You'll be surprised by the clarity they bring. There will be a change of plan, but you're creating space for more meaningful discoveries.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> June 21 - July 21</p> <p>This week brings the kind of insight that changes your thinking. You'll get a deeper understanding of the situation you're trying to change. Pay attention to unexpected ideas.</p>
<p><b>Leo</b> July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>This week, you become aware of how much warmth and encouragement surrounds you. You that you don't always have to carry everything alone. Understand yourself properly.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>This week enhances your instinctive awareness. Pay attention to dreams &amp; daydreams. Blend your imagination with reality, and a distant possibility can develop in a tangible way.</p>	<p><b>Libra</b> Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>This week highlights energy surrounding your relationships. Support comes in the form of practical kindness &amp; sincerity. A new opportunity, conversation, or social doorway is opening.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>This week, your emotional insight deepens and you become aware of the invisible connections linking people together. You can guide, or uplift someone who's struggling.</p>
<p><b>Sagittarius</b> Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>This week brings reassurance about an issue that's occupied more mental space than you'd like. A renewed sense of direction returns. Movement is happening.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn</b> Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>Questions around your expectations come into focus. You're starting to recognize where wishful thinking, old assumptions, or incomplete information have shaped your perspective.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>This week brings the confidence to approach a challenge from a radically different angle. Don't underestimate your ability to change the emotional atmosphere surrounding a tricky situation.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>This week, utilize your talents. Vague ideas &amp; half-formed instincts will sharpen into something usable &amp; practical. An inspired solution could arrive through a conversation.</p>

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Over the years, the Lilac Conspiracy has provided lilac slips from heritage plants, by donation, as an incentive to propagate them & continue the old stocks in the community.

**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.

**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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**Truck fire** *cont'd*

way south of town, around 2pm on Friday. A truck hauling a Nicola Valley Custom Lumber (NVCL) shipment of lumber caught fire in the southbound lanes, about 30m south of Merritt.

The southbound lanes between the Larson Hill exit and Coldwater Rd were closed. Northbound traffic was not impacted. One lane reopened around 7pm; the other will remain closed for clean up & pavement repairs due to the intensity of the fire, likely until Tuesday.



Top & middle photo: Sheila Hansen, fb



Bottom photo: Anson Alvares, fb

**Community** *continued*

branches and prunings (spruce, fir, pine) that are cut & ready for pick-up, contact firesmart@merritt.ca or 250-378-5626 to get on their list. Check out the other requirements online at: www.merritt.ca/chipping/ The next pick-up day will be September 14.

**Counselling for Merritt residents**

The Canadian Mental Health Assoc. - Kamloops, in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, is helping connect Merritt residents with qualified counsellors for support related to the 2021 floods. Up to 5 counselling sessions are available at no cost to eligible clients. Sessions must be completed before Sept. 30. FMI kamloops.cmha.bc.ca/our-services/merritt/

**Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo**

The Nicola Valley Rodeo celebrates their 66th annual event this year. It's not too early to start thinking about entering a float in the Rodeo Parade on Friday, September 4, at 6:30pm, starting from Voght Park. Free live music Friday, September 4, 8pm at the Rodeo Grounds. Rodeo main event September 4-6, 2026, 1-3pm (gates open at 11 AM) at the Rodeo Grounds, tickets will be available at Purity Feeds or nicolavalleyrodeo.com. Rodeo Weekend Street Market 10am Saturday, 11am Sunday. Rodeo Dance featuring Coquihalla Coyotes, Saturday 7pm-midnight, over 19, ticket required. FMI www.nicolavalleyrodeo.com

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**PERSONAL**

**IN NEED OF** reliable, caring & dependable plus experienced pet sitter? What about someone to house sit while you're away? I and my teenager are available for pet and house sitting throughout the summer. We both love animals and can possibly help out with that! Please email or call 250-280-6096 between 830am and 630pm 7 days a week FMI.

**NEED INDIVIDUAL** with truck & dolly to remove fridge, wood, etc for dump run. carolbignell9@gmail.com

**WTD:** someone to mow lawn on reg. basis, must have lwn lawnmower 378-7435

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

**ALANON** (for friends & families of alcoholics) every Monday @ 6pm Trinity United Church Hall

**ELKS EVENTS:** Wed afternoon doors open 10:30am, games start 12noon Sunday afternoon/evening doors open 12pm, games start 2pm, 1701 Coldwater Ave.

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**ENERGUIDE** freezer, approx 70cf \$50 315-5115

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**2005 FORD F150 4x4** crew cab w/ canopy 5.4 V8 Triton 173000km good condition \$6000obo Gary 280-0105

**FOUR 17"** tires w/ rims & hubcaps \$200obo 378-0838

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3	LAWN WATERING 2 TIMES PER WEEK	GARDEN SPRINKLERS 2 TIMES PER WEEK	HANDWATERING ANYTIME	WASHING ANYTIME
4	LAWN WATERING 1 TIME PER WEEK	GARDEN SPRINKLERS 1 TIME PER WEEK	HANDWATERING ANYTIME	WASHING ANYTIME
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