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Police seize stolen loaded, sawed-off shotgun, one of the stolen firearms from the Canadian Tire B&E

In the early morning hours of September 4, Merritt RCMP officers observed a man riding a bicycle down the sidewalk without a helmet in the area of Nicola Ave & Margaret St. Officers stopped the individual and identified him as Aaron England, a well-known high-risk offender. During the interaction officers conducted a cursory search of England for safety and located a loaded sawed-off shotgun along with suspected illicit drugs on his person.

England was arrested and transported to the Detachment where he was held in custody pending a court appearance. He was subsequently charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a loaded firearm without a license. Following his court appearance, England was released on conditions — a curfew and not to possess weapons or illicit drugs.

"This case highlights the ongoing challenges police officers face when dealing with repeat and high-risk offenders," says S/Sgt. Joshua Roda. "...incidents like this demonstrate the reality that individuals charged with serious offences are often release back into the community on court-imposed conditions."

Investigators have confirmed the shotgun was one of the stolen firearms from the Merritt Canadian Tire B&E which occurred in June 2026.

Anyone with info regarding the whereabouts of any of the remaining stolen firearms is asked to call Merritt RCMP, 250-378-4262 or Crimestoppers.

Community

NNS members' photo night & AGM

Nicola Naturalist Society present Members' Photo Night & AGM. Enjoy quality photos & information - local wildlife, wildflowers & scenery. The business meeting will be kept short. 7PM, Sept 10, NVIT Lecture Theatre. All welcome - membership or donation.

Music in the Square

An additional concert will be held Friday, September 11, 5-7pm in Spirit Square — with *The Out Seer*, a Canadian alt-rock indie band comprised of Ashley Pearce (vocals/guitar), Amanda Chan (vocals/keys), Lachlan Tocher (bass), Aybars Savat (drums), and Davis Yates (session guitar). Their sound has been compared to The Cranberries — original music & cover material.

Kamloops Immigrant Services Community Connections & Wellness

This event brings together local service providers, municipal representatives, community organizations, temporary foreign workers, and newcomers and immigrants in Merritt. The goal is to create an accessible space where residents can discover vital local services, build supportive networks, and connect directly with organizations like yours that contribute to our community's growth and well-being. The event will be held September 11, 4-8pm in Rotary Park. FMI kate@kcris.ca

Last evacuation alert downgraded to 'all clear'

The last Evacuation Alert issued by the TNRD due to the Ainslie Creek Wildfire was downgraded to 'All Clear,' effective yesterday at 12 noon.

The all-clear affects approx. 248 addressed properties in Electoral Areas "I", "M" and "N", along Hwy 8, Sunshine Valley, Petit Creek, Patchett Rd., and Upper Coldwater Rd.

Should conditions change, an Evacuation Alert and/ or an Evacuation Order will be reinstated as necessary.

Rear View MMirror, Jan 29, 1997 #273

Thar's GOLD in the thar jar!

Prediction: *this one*, they're gonna solve. It's gotta be a hill-topper, and likely someone known to the owner of missing *Cont'd, over*

A police officer stopped a man carrying a penguin. "You need to take that penguin to the zoo." The man agreed. The next day the officer saw him again, still carrying the penguin. "I thought I told you to take that penguin to the zoo!" The man said, "I did. He loved it!" "Today we're going to the movies."

Teacher: Use the word "fortify" in a sentence. Me: I would make my grandchildren a fortify had cardboard boxes and blankets.

"When one door closes, another one is sure to open" ...my grandfather always used to say. A good man but awful at assembling cupboards. - *old Russian joke*

Community Airport Day

A day for the whole *Cont'd, over*

The NV Community Arts Council has put out a call to artists interested in displaying artwork from mid Oct-mid April at the Nicola Valley Hospital. These pieces may be displayed for sale or not, and artists may submit up to 5 two-dimensional works with a min. size of 12"x12". This will be a juried exhibition, so they are looking for your best work, now until Sept 15. FMI and to submit, go to www.nicolavalleyarts.com/

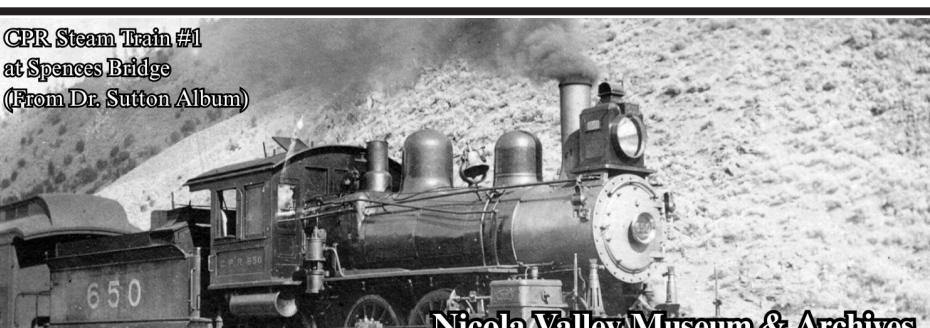
Merritt Centennials home opener

The Cents' home opener is set for September 18, 7pm at the NV Memorial Arena. Wear your Cents gear and cheer on the boys as they face off with the visiting Princeton Posse.

Garlic Festival

The Lower Nicola Garlic Fest will be held Sept 26 & 27 in Smith Pioneer Park. There will be more of what everyone loves & has come to expect: music, crafts, petting zoo, and garlic!

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Thar's GOLD *cont'd*

nuggets, a jar full of them. (Thankyou, Surelock!)

Sometime between 11:30 pm on the 25th (Saturday) and 1:00 am on the 26th (that would be Sunday) someone went through the kitchen window of a residence in the 2500 block Irvine, proceeded to a bedroom and grabbed a jar full of gold nuggets, and departed. The gold was valued at \$4,000. Kamloops I-dent experts swooped into town, dusted the place for lint and prints, and the police investigation is white hot. **To the culprit(s):** Take the smallest nugget from the jar and leave the rest where they can be found and returned. Have the kept nugget mounted on a chain (Ponderosa Jewellery) and wear it always as the physical symbol of imperfection which rests within each of us. Whenever moved to un-virtuous action, take the nugget of guilt in your hand and pray to be delivered from temptation. When Sainthood is reached, return the nugget along with a suitable gift. Otherwise it's -- Go Directly to Jail; Do Not Pass Go; Do Not Collect \$200. You have been warned. Which reminds me of an anecdote ("AN ANECDOTE, AN ANECDOTE -- YEEEE-AAAAA!")

Bill Barlee, right? Provincial politician, writer, historian, gold-panner -- that one. Bill Barlee, George Ryga, and I, are sitting in the Royal Anne in Summerland. having coffee ... maybe (could it be??) 27 years back. Bill, who'd written about Barkerville and all kinds of other old gold sites, was talking about the gold he'd picked up in his travels. I musta guffawed or something, because next thing I know, George is off on his bike, and Bill's hauling me to his place to prove his treasure. Lord love a duck! He had nuggets; he had vials and pouches of dust; he had antique \$20 gold coins, all over the place. Gold, then, had come off the standard, but was still worth only maybe \$55 an oz. Bill musta had 10, 11 grand worth of gold, at those prices. Today it would be a small fortune, and NOT casually spread around his study. He told me he used to get the plans of old town-sites, and screen in front of where the saloons used to be -- that's how he picked up most of the coins and some of the nuggets.

Neat, eh? And doncha just rnarvel how anyone could turn ajar-full of news into a barrel o' news story? Hey! It's either this or I give you a flock of accdents with neither tragedy nor comedy attached, involving people you don't know, who weren't damaged, and who wouldn't even have come to our attention if they'd been paying theirs. Eh?
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