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Chamber biz awards

The Chamber of Commerce's 25th annual awards were held at the Florentine last Saturday evening, a black tie gala affair — with a delicious Italian dinner prepared and served by the Florentine staff. And the winners are...

Employer of the Year: Dana Egan

Employee of the Year: Dea Raymond (Home Hardware). Special recognition to Brian Kroaker (Canadian Tire)

Rick Isbister Memorial Award for Community Development: Jerry Sanders

Community Booster Award: Shaw TV

Tourism: Adventure Management

Non Profit Business of the Year: Merritt Country Run

Home-Based Business of the Year Award of Excellence: Grandma's Kitchen - Millie Mitchell

Harry Sanders Memorial Award: Home Hardware

Sustainable Community: Food Bank

Business of the Year: shared by Home Hardware & Cooper's.

Congratulations to all!

Library syst. increases French collection

The TNRD Library System has recently increased its French collection, with the financial support of the Province of BC through the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Canada-British Columbia Cooperation Agreement on Official Languages for the additional purchase of French material.

The new books are primarily focused on children's and youth material which will better meet the needs of the local Francophone community as well as students enrolled in French Immersion.

The new French titles will be housed at the North Kamloops and Kamloops libraries, but will be available at any of the Library System's branches.

Plum dumplings

25 Italian prune plums
3 tablespoons sugar
2 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
Dough:
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 egg yolks
2 tbsp shortening or butter, softened
Sauce:
1/2 cup butter
1-1/2 cups dark brown sugar
1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs



mashed potatoes, egg yolks & shortening into the well, and work in until the dough is pliable and smooth. 4) When dough is thoroughly kneaded, roll it out onto a floured board to a thickness of about 1/4". Cut into roughly 4" rounds with a biscuit cutter. Holding one piece of dough in your hand, place a whole pitted plum in the center. Place another piece of dough on top, and press to seal the edges of the dough together. Make sure there are no leaks, or the plum will come out during cooking. 5) To cook, bring a deep pot of salted water to boil. Place dumplings in water, and boil gently for about 10 mins. 6) Meanwhile, to make the sauce, melt butter in a large frying pan over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar. (If you like, stir in some of the juice that collects in the bowl of pitted plums.) Stir in a small amount of bread crumbs to slightly thicken the sauce. 7) When dumplings are done, remove them from boiling water, and place them in the frying pan, and turn to coat the dumplings. Serve hot with extra sauce poured over them.

The City That Never Sleeps Our family was dazzled by the sights and the bustling crowds during a visit to Manhattan. "This is the city that never sleeps," I told my eleven-year-old daughter. "That's probably because there's a Starbucks on every corner," she observed.

Good news/Bad news Wife: Honey I have good news and bad news about the car. Husband: Give me the good news first. Wife: The airbags work!

Rabies My neighbor was bitten by a stray, rabid dog. I went to see how he was and found him writing frantically on a piece of paper. I told him rabies could be treated, and he didn't have to worry about a will. He said, "Will? What will? I'm making a list of the people I want to bite."

Community

Community Band new season

The Nicola Valley Community Band has begun their fall season of practices on Tuesdays at 7pm in the music room at MSS. FMI, contact James at 378-9894.

NV Indian Services Society AGM

Saturday September 27, at the Merritt Civic Centre West Auditorium, 9am-3pm. Members of the Lower Nicola Band, Coldwater Band, Shackan Band, Nooaitch Band & Upper Nicola Band are welcome to attend and vote on two special resolutions. FMI, contact Donna Robins 378-2292, nvisa.adm@gmail.com or spayum.dev@gmail.com

Community Choir

The choir starts its new season, Mondays 7pm. at Collettville School. New members are very welcome. FMI Ellen 378-9899 or Barb 389-2678.

Rebekahs bake & craft sale

Patricia Rebekah Lodge will hold their annual tea, bake sale & crafts, on November 8 in the Senior Citizens' Hall, 11am-2pm. Soup, sandwich & sweets are \$6.

Seed Saving Workshop

Merritt Seed Savers and Monkey in the Garden are offering a second one on Sunday Oct 5th, 10:30am. \$40, limit of 15, secure your spot by registering early with Eleanor 378-4947, deadline Sept 29th.

Willa Brooks Power Plus Skating

Sept 29-Nov10 (Mon., excl. Oct 13, - Thanksgiving). Midget/Bantam: 3:30pm - 5:00pm, to be held at the Shulus Arena. Skaters \$142 for 6 sessions, goalies \$71 for 6 sessions. Register by calling (250)315-5851 or robyn@rbrandproductions.ca

Merritt Senior Centre Open House

There will be an Open House at the Merritt Senior Centre on Saturday, October 4th, 1-3:30pm. If you are 40 years old or older, Come check it out and try the different activities offered. There is carpet bowling, pool, floor curling, yoga, cards (crib and bridge), court whist and rummoli. Keep fit by keeping active! 1675 Tutill Court, across from Coquilhalla-Gillis House.

Literacy classes at NVIT

Literacy Merritt & NVIT Computer Studies Fundamental Level, Fundamental Mathematics II, Fundamental English Writing this fall. Classes are FREE and schedule to start September 29th! In the spring, they'll offer Intro to Computers, Basic Math Skills & Reading Comprehension. FMI Amanda 378-3300 or 378-3394.

Directions

1) To pit the plums, slice them almost in half, open, and remove pit. Place about 1/3 tsp of sugar in the hollow of each

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