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MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS WEEK

NOVEMBER 21-27, 2016

Monday, November 21
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP
Q101 TEDDY BEAR SALE FOR TEDDY BEAR TOSS
HOT CHOCOLATE served by Crimestoppers 6:00pm, Spirit Square

Tues Nov 22-Thurs Nov 24
FESTIVAL OF TREES DECORATING Call Merritt Chamber of Commerce 250.378.5634 to make arrangements
..... Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame

Wednesday, November 23
DANCE RECITAL MATINEE Doors 12:00pm, Show 1:00pm
HOT CHOCOLATE Please attend one show only

DANCE RECITAL EVENING Doors 6:00pm, Show 7:00pm
Both dance recitals at the Civic Centre, donations welcome

Thursday, November 24
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT
..... Doors open at 6:00pm, Show starts at 7:00pm
..... Donations welcome, Civic Centre

Friday, November 25
CRAFT FAIR 2:00 - 10:00pm, Civic Centre
SANTA PARADE Assemble at the Fire Hall 6:00pm
..... Parade starts 7:00pm
BAILLIE HOUSE Free cocoa after parade, Bake Sale
MERRITT COMMUNITY BAND after the parade
..... Foyer at the Civic Centre
SANTA LAND opens after the parade
..... Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame
FESTIVAL OF TREES after the parade
..... Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame
HOT CHOCOLATE sponsored by MLA Jackie Tegart
..... after the parade, Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
after the parade, throughout Merritt

Saturday, November 26
CRAFT FAIR 9:00am - 4:00pm, Civic Centre
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKING
..... 11:00am-2:00pm, Civic Centre
SANTA LAND
..... 10:00am - 4:00pm Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame
FESTIVAL OF TREES Winners announced
..... 10:00am - 4:00pm Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame
BAKE SALE 10:00am - 4:00pm, Baillie House

Sunday, November 27
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
..... 9:00 - 11:00am, Civic Centre



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Last evening's Christmas Concert

Grand marshal

Watch for Merritt's famous BC Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Brian Barrett at the head of the parade, this evening. He'll be clearing the way for the others — on the zamboni.

FAGTCJ Country Christmas

I don't think I have to tell you that it's Country Christmas week AND weekend! So many marvellous events! What to do? What to do?

On Friday, if you begin at the Craft Fair at the Civic Centre in the afternoon and work your way over to Quilchena, you'll find lots happening along the way, and it's such a treat to walk Quilchena with all its "pity" lights" and "dickera-tions", as my son used to call them.

"Friends" are Popping up with a new festive look at the Country Music Hall of Fame, where you'll find plenty of action. Free hot chocolate is in the offing, so make sure to get your cup before freezing off your fannies, watching the parade at 7. According to EC, we could be blessed with a few festive flakes. Post-parade, be sure to wander back to the Baillie House to score your Christmas baking and more hot cocoa! Then shop 'til you drop with late night shopping everywhere!

In case you haven't figured it out, this week is all about giving you a warning that Christmas is only one month away, so NO EXCUSES for leaving your shopping 'til Christmas Eve!

Saturday, more great fun all over town, and Saturday night, on tour and stopping at Cactus Annie's, *Me and Mae* from Vancouver, playing upbeat country and other tunes on guitar, banjo, fiddle and drums with fine vocals by Ashley Weir. See their Facebook page to learn more and to download free MP3's, and check out their videos on YouTube for a taste - sounds super danceable to me! Howie and his harem will have a hoot! Tix \$15.

Sunday, Breakfast with Santa: 9-11:00 am at the Civic Centre.
Whееe! The Season of Love and Light is upon us!

Daily Planet

Due to budget constraints, the Board of the *Daily Planet* advised Perry White that he had to let one of his star reporters go. He was really overwhelmed about the magnitude of the decision. "Who should go, Clark or Lois?" He prayed: "Please. Show me a sign." That afternoon he was doing some shopping at Walmart, and when he went to his car he suddenly saw the answer.

The next day he called Clark and Lois into the office and said, "I'm sorry, Lois, but you have to go." After Lois collected her things and left, Clark took Perry aside and asked, "Chief - how did you know which one of us should go?" Perry said, "Well, that turned out to be easier than I thought. While I was parking at Walmart, I looked up and there was the sign: FIRE LANE."

Hands of Hope food drive

Royal Lepage's 4th annual *Hands of Hope* food drive will be held on Sunday, starting at 2pm. 12 teams of 10 volunteers will fan out across town, collecting donations of non-perishable food & new toys for the Nicola Valley Food Bank's Christmas hamper program. Organizers are hoping this year will top last year's more than 6000 lbs of food, and 100 volunteers.

Community Legion happenings

This evening, after the Parade, hamburgers & chicken burgers. Saturday Nov 26 Meat Draw end of month draw 2:30pm, music with Randy Chillihitza after meat draw, baron of beef 5pm, \$12.50.

Need last-minute float decorations?

...or for home or office? Check out the wide selection at Baillie House, all by donation. Lots of inflatables. Open 10am-4pm, Tues-Sat.

Fresh Paint

Bold beautiful paintings by Joel Reid. The exhibition is held over until 6pm Saturday, Nov. 26. Courthouse Art Gallery is open Thurs., Fri & Sat. 12noon-6pm.

Follow-up for Paint-In participants

Paint-in participants from both the May & October events are invited to come to the Library on Tuesdays this month, 10am-3pm to continue working on their piece. If you don't want to keep it, you can drop off the canvas to be reused in other art programs in the community.

Baptist Church movie night

Merritt Baptist Church, 2499 Coutlee Ave., Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30pm, *God's not dead, part 2* (122 mins). Free admission. FMI 378-2464, merrittbaptist@gmail.com

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Christmas Wreath Sale

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