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William "Bill" Benz
Jan. 7, 1934 - Feb. 21, 2018

William "Bill" Benz of Merritt, BC born January 7, 1934 in Murrayville, B.C. passed away February 21, 2018 at the Kamloops Royal Inland Hospital at 84 years of age.

He is survived by his loving wife Eleanor, of 58 years of marriage, and his two sons Timothy (Collette) Benz and Daniel Benz; grandchildren Mathew, Joshua, Rebecca, Mercedes and great grandchild Scarlett. Bill is also survived by his sister June Noble and many nieces, nephews and caring friends and relatives.

Bill was predeceased by his brother Russel Benz, and sisters Shirley Johnson and Patti Loosley.

Bill was always busy building things and farming. He had a work career beginning at the age of 14. He had experience working with; sheet metal and plumbing; general stores even weighing gold, underground mining becoming a blaster, steel foundry, sawmill work, logger, BC Hydro & Power Authority (gas), Truck Driver, Canada Post (Mission BC), Public Works Canada (Mission Post Office BC) and Public Works Canada (Osoyoos Border Crossing). He was truly amazing and will be missed by us all.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Any memorial donations, if so desired, can be made to the "Nicola Valley Hospital Endowment Foundation" with reference to the Emergency Room and memory of Bill Benz or any health charity of your choice.

Coquihalla stats

In the winter of 2015-16, the Coquihalla Highway saw 80 serious accidents between Hope and Merritt. Last winter, there were 67.

The highway has been closed 20 times since January 2018.

BC Lung Assoc.'s Tobacco Free Tuesday challenge

Held on the first Tuesday of every month, the Tobacco-Free Tuesdays contest provides aspiring quitters the incentive to quit smoking for 24 hours for their chance to win \$250 cash – about the equivalent a pack-a-day smoker will save after a month of being smoke-free. The contest is open to all British Columbians 19 year or older who are current smokers as well as those who have recently quit within the last three months.

The next Tobacco Free Tuesday contest is March 6. Visit TobaccoFreeTuesday.com before midnight March 5, 2018 to enter.

Bob: "Holy schmoozes, I just fell off a 30 ft ladder." Jim: "No way man, are you okay?" Bob: "Yeah, luckily I was just on the first step."

Tax Collector Tax collector: It is your duty as a citizen to pay taxes, and we expect you to pay them with a smile. Taxpayer (grinning widely): Wonderful! I thought you expected me to pay them with cash!

I was thinking of running a marathon, but I think it might be too difficult... getting all the roads closed and providing enough water for everyone...

Home Routes concert
Rugged Little Thing

As part of the next *Home Routes* concert, Saskatoon's Rugged Little Thing will put on a show next week on Tuesday March 6th! They are changing things up a bit: their performance will not be taking place in a house (as is usual) but at the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Nicola Valley Community Arts Council is graciously sponsoring the event. Please come out to show support for the Arts, meet the artists and most especially to enjoy a great musical treat!

"*Rugged Little Thing* (husband & wife Ryan and Jille Shotton) blends together a perfect cocktail of old time, bluegrass, and folk music that feels like home. Born out of kitchen jams and late nights by campfires in Canada's north, these two have fallen into sweet harmonies and catchy rhythms that are sure to get your toes tapping."
—Eleni Armenakis
Graypoint Owl

Doors open at 6:30pm, show at 7pm.
\$20 at the door (all the money goes to the artists).

Community
St. Patrick's Day tea and luncheon

The Catholic Womens League will host their annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Wed., March 14, 11am-2pm at the Catholic Church Hall. Cost \$7, everyone is welcome. Tickets available at the door.

Community income tax service

Need help filing your income taxes? We will be at Crossroads Community Church 9am-noon every Tues. morning from Mar 6-Apr 24. Drop off your paper work one Tues. and pick it up the following week. FMI 378-6283.

Community Gardens AGM & seed swap

The Nicola Valley Community Gardens Annual General Meeting and Second annual Seed swap will be held on March 21, 6pm at the Merritt library.

Spring Dance Camp For Little Movers

For ages 3-6 years, Mar 26-30, every morning 9am-12noon. Dance movement, crafts, costumes. \$20 per day or \$75 for 5 days. FMI dance@telus.net or 378-9898 or Love To Dance studios in Old Courthouse.

Budget deliberations & public input

Provide your input at the budget meetings or by email to sthiesen@merritt.ca
Tues Mar 6: Budget Discussion 4:30-6:30pm. Tues Mar 20: Budget Wrap Up 4:30-6:30pm, in Council Chambers.

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Applications are invited for the position of a Computer Technician I or Computer Technician II, depending on experience, with School District No. 58, (Nicola-Similkameen) in Merritt.

This is a 12-month per year, 7.5 hours per day position. Salary and benefits will be in accordance with the C.U.P.E. Local 847 Collective Agreement.

For a complete listing of the job description and qualifications please visit the district's website at www.sd58.bc.ca click on Employment/Job Positions (Job Code 2503187). Applications, including a detailed resume with a minimum of three references, will be accepted until **March 2, 2018**. Please forward to:

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