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## Order of British Columbia Congratulations to... Grand Chief Percy Joe

Shackan's Grand Chief Percy Joe is a hereditary and elected chief of the Scw'ezem, serving his nation for 47 years until his recent retirement.

He is one of the founders of NVIT — one of only two schools of its kind in the country governed by Indigenous peoples. A champion of rights and title, he created unique reconciliation partnerships and approaches grounded in traditional knowledge and Indigenous wisdom and governance.

Chief Percy Joe will be awarded the Order of BC, along with the other 13 recipients, at a special celebration on Sept. 20 at Government House in Victoria.

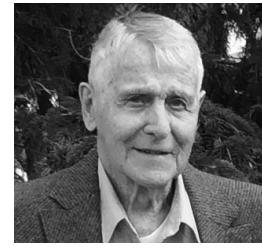
### Thoughts from Outside the Box

#### The New World Chinese

British Researcher Gavin Menzies, in his book, *1421: The Year China Discovered America*, presents the case for a Chinese visit to America in the year 1421, 71 years before Columbus. The voyage was led by Zheng He. Yet, author and researcher John Ruskamp speculates that the Chinese people were present in America long before 1421, and prior to the end of the Shang Dynasty in 221 BC. In his paper, *Ancient Chinese Rock Writing Confirms Early Trans-Pacific Interaction*, he suggests that the Chinese people left behind several symbols on rocks. The rock carvings show an ancient Chinese writing system. Ruskamp discovered over 80 such carvings—in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oklahoma, and Ontario.

In 1972, Dr. Harris discovered an ancient map in South Korea. This map, now called the Harris Map, shows the location of a mythical land the Chinese people named "Fu Sang". To Dr. Harris' amazement, on this map, "Fu Sang" rests exactly where North America should be. Hui Shen, a Chinese monk, in 499 AD, claimed that he spent many decades in the land of "Fu Sang".

The *Shan Hai Jing* (the Legends of Mountains and Seas), compiled over 4000 years ago, discusses a landmass a distance of 10 000 miles from the East of China, believed to be America. The collection of writings continues to describe what researchers believe is the Grand Canyon. Moreover, the *Shan Hai Jing* describes flora, minerals, and fauna characteristic of the Americas.



## Dr. Jim Steffens

A Celebration of Life for Dr. Jim Steffens will be hosted by his daughters, Patti & Margie, on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Comfort Inn from 1 to 4pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

## Community

### Miracle Treat Day at Dairy Queen

For the 16th year in a row, Aug. 9, proceeds from all Blizzards sold at Merritt's Dairy Queen will be donated to BC Children's Hospital. Customers can pre-order their Blizzards online to beat the rush.

### Music in the Square

Next Music in the Square is Aug 9 with Jackson Hollow. Then Aug 16 is Swing Cat Bounce, Aug 23 Fin de Fiesta Flamenco, and Aug 30 Robert Bertrand, and Dawn Marie & Tonya Chypyha. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets. FMI Civic Centre 315-1050.

### Summer Nights Market

Check out the Friday evening summer night markets, 6-9pm on the 2000 block of Quilchena Ave.

### Spences Bridge farmer's flea market

Every Sunday at the old school yard, 10am-3pm. For a table, Terry 250-458-2314.

### Active outdoor play

The WeCare Crew and Smart Step program are asking Merrittians for donations of their no-longer-being-used and/or unwanted sporting equipment to fill utility boxes that will be placed around the community for use by anyone. If you have equipment to donate please contact Olivia Schmid 936-8314, [snp1@shaw.ca](mailto:snp1@shaw.ca)

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—Mike Bhangu, Amazon best-selling author



**Merritt Pride** Merritt Pride Club members bumped into Prime Minister Justin Trudeau this weekend, who was also in Vancouver to march in the Pride Parade. They posed for a photo and gave Trudeau a Merritt Pride sticker.

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### PERSONAL

**NEEDED:** Faller to knock down large cottonwoods. Message 378-5826

**WTD:** person with car trailer will pay \$100 to move vehicle. Tom 778-288-4095

**ORCHID RESCUE:** Is your orchid dead or dying? Instead of just throwing it out, give it to me so I can learn their care & how to trouble shoot. I'm trying to learn how to save them. 378-6289

**MERRITT** Red Cross is looking for volunteers for 2hrs, on Thursdays, to loan out health equip from the hospital. Will be working with another volunteer. If you can help, pls call 378-5276. Students for summer months very welcome.

**THIRSTY** summer guests? Lots of empty bottles and cans but no time to wait in line at the bottle depot? Let Scooter Mike help you out. He'll take them away so you can get on with your day! 525-0471

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**GE MICROWAVE**, wht, 14.5x21 11.75 \$35. 250-572-3329 Pics on Craig's List

**KENMORE** dryer \$150 Dave 280-8444

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**01 GMC** Tradesman van, vry gd cond., nw pt & wrk ordrs avail., ready for wrk at grt price \$1595 315-2373

**09 CHEV** HHR, 150k, winter/summer tires, sunroof, a/c, p/w etc. \$3500 525-1234

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