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SHARING INDIGENOUS IDENTITY**

Experience the art of **Robin Humphrey**, a local Indigenous Markings Practitioner whose work honors **Nlaka'pamux** and **Stuwix** tattoo traditions. Join us to celebrate culture, identity, and timeless artistry!

**MAR 07 - MAR 30**

Follow us for the latest updates on our upcoming workshops and reception!

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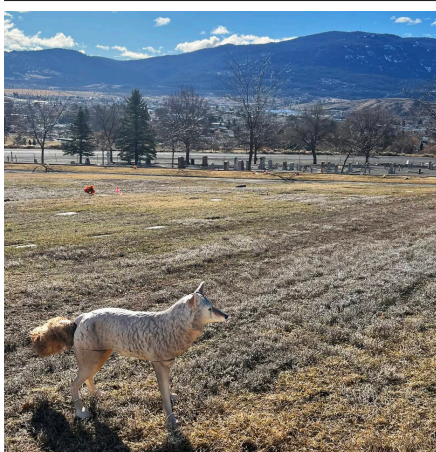
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## Coyote decoys at the cemetery

To help deter marmots from burrowing in Pine Ridge Cemetery, the City has placed coyote decoys at the site.

Marmots are protected under the BC Wildlife Act — and are our new mascot — but these burrowing animals can pose challenges in sensitive areas. The decoys are a humane and acceptable deterrent.

The City asks not to tamper with the decoys, as they are monitoring their effectiveness.

## Live demo of traditional tattooing

As part of the current art exhibit, there will be a live demo today (and next Friday too) 4:30-7:30pm at the art gallery next to Kekuli Cafe.

Artist Robin Humphrey is creating a Nlakapamux & Stuwix tattoo renaissance! The show *Awakening - Sharing Indigenous Identity* presents Robin's traditional markings based on cultural tattooing, also expressed in graffiti-style modern expressions on stickers & hoodies.

And it's catching on. Robin has a following — and the exhibit shows photos of his extensive work on his clients. It makes an amazing art show!

The exhibit runs until March 30, open Mon, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12noon-4pm, closed Tuesdays.

Other chances to meet Robin are coming up, as well: Artist Meet & Greet Sat March 22 10am-5pm; Workshops Wed March 19 & 26; Artist Residencies March 20, 24 & 27 10am 4pm; and Closing Reception Fri March 28.

## Central & Rotary Prk washrooms open

The City opened the washrooms in Central and Rotary Parks yesterday — earlier than other years.

Every spring, park washrooms are de-winterized, cleaned and opened for the season, from about March to November. The washrooms in the remaining parks will be opened next month.

day, March 31, 6:30pm -8:30pm at the Civic Centre. Participants will gain practical tools to enhance their impact and foster allyship in preventing homelessness. The event explores factors contributing to housing instability, barriers individuals face, and how organizations can actively provide meaningful support. Open to community organizations and interested members of the public. To register, email [housing@merritt.ca](mailto:housing@merritt.ca) or complete the form online at [www.merritt.ca/housingevent/](http://www.merritt.ca/housingevent/)

**History of Life on Earth** The Merritt Library presents a series of 5 free illustrated talks by Al Horne on the history of life on Earth — from the big bang to now. Starts Wednesday, April 2, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, for adults.

**Easter Eggstravaganza!** Come celebrate Easter on Saturday, April 19, 10am-12noon. This year, the event will be at Central Park instead of Rotary Park. There will be an egg hunt (b.y.o.basket), bouncy castle, face painting, arts and crafts, and a magic show. FMI [www.merritt.ca/easter/](http://www.merritt.ca/easter/)

**Political Quotes**

"I resent your insinuates."

"If we don't make some changes, the status quo will remain the same."

**SALE - MARCH 15**

**1** 1675 TUTILL CRT, next to the museum. SAT 10am-3pm. Merritt Senior Ctre spring craft sale

"Candidly, I cannot answer that. The question is too suppository."

"Let's jump off that bridge when we come to it."

"I hate to confuse myself with the facts."

## NV Skating Club ice show

A fundraiser ice show event will be held March 15th, starring all of their skaters, along with a guest skater. Funds will support future initiatives and resources for the skaters. Tickets available at the door, adult/seniors \$10, children ages 6+ \$5. Programs available \$2 each.

## Community Bats - out of the darkness

The Nicola Naturalist Society is hosting Liliana Ortega, the BC-Bats Thompson-Nicola regional coordinator. Liliana has worked with bats for many years. She will discuss basic bat biology, why bats are important in our area, why they are under threat and what we can do to help them. It's a chance to learn from an expert about these misunderstood but important critters. Thursday March 20, 7pm at NVIT lecture theatre. All welcome, membership or donation.

### Red Cross support for flood victims

The Canadian Red Cross is launching a new one-time financial assistance program for impacted households, including homeowners, tenants, and community-owned homes, including those in Indigenous communities. Households that registered with the Red Cross during 2021 will be contacted by email or phone shortly. They will be invited to complete a questionnaire to access financial assistance, which aims to help with recovery-related needs and assess ongoing impacts. The deadline to submit the questionnaire is March 21st. FMI call the Canadian Red Cross 1-800-863-6582, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30 pm, [www.redcross.ca/2021BCFloods](http://www.redcross.ca/2021BCFloods).

### Open house, Michelle's Healing Hands Massage

Come celebrate local home based businesses. Come relax with a Chair massage. Michelle's Healing Hands is hosting an Open House at 2225 Merritt Ave., with a few local vendors from the Nicola Valley and surrounding areas.

Come celebrate with food and great friends. On March 22nd, 11am-3pm. Bring your friends. make sure you get your ticket for a door prize.

### Spring dance camp

Love to Dance Academy would like to welcome dancers age 4+ to Spring Dance Camp March 24-27, 2025. Morning for children 4-6 and afternoon 7+ camp, will be full of dance, music, art and more.Day and week prices are available,Contact kia @ [kia.ltdadance@gmail.com](mailto:kia.ltdadance@gmail.com) for more information.

### Poverty & housing insecurity

The City of Merritt with Conayt Friendship Society has retained A Way Home Canada to facilitate a Community Organization Training and Engagement Session, on Monday, March 31, 6:30pm -8:30pm at the Civic Centre. Participants will gain practical tools to enhance their impact and foster allyship in preventing homelessness. The event explores factors contributing to housing instability, barriers individuals face, and how organizations can actively provide meaningful support. Open to community organizations and interested members of the public. To register, email [housing@merritt.ca](mailto:housing@merritt.ca) or complete the form online at [www.merritt.ca/housingevent/](http://www.merritt.ca/housingevent/)



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**Saturday Seniors' Social**

Better at Home Nicola Valley & ICS hosts a Seniors' Social, taking place on the first 3 Saturdays of each month!

This time of connection, with light lunch, is open to all Elders and seniors in community.

**Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm**  
**Location: ICS - 2040 Granite Avenue**

Spaces to visit over a beverage, areas for playing games, resources available.

For information, please contact the  
**Better at Home Nicola Valley Program Coordinator,  
Judy Myram**  
at 250-280-3015 or [jmyram@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca](mailto:jmyram@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca)

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