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The Francophone Ranchers of the Cariboo & Okanagan, 1860s-70s

Saturday, Apr 26, 2025
Senior's Centre from 1pm-2:30pm



On the L, Ernest Patenaude, at Harper's Camp, today the village of Horsefly, near the present-day city of Williams Lake, in 1896. (Source: Horsefly Museum, colourized)

The SHFCB had conducted research in the Cariboo and Okanagan on the history of Francophones who established ranches in these regions during the 1860s-70s, leading to interviews with descendants of these families and then the creation of a bilingual digital exhibition. The eight families involved are the following: Boucherie, Guichon, Isnardy, Lequime, Minnaberriet, Patenaude, Pigeon and Versepuech/Gaspard. This conference highlights the contributions made by these ranchers' descendants to the development of the province. You will also see how the metis and First Nations descendants of these families found their own historical path.

Given the innovative approach of this research and the timely links with the province's metis and First Nations, Heritage Canada had provided a grant for a provincial tour of this conference. Seven conferences have already been presented in the Lower Mainland and another in Kelowna. Upcoming tours will take place on Vancouver Island and in the Cariboo / Thompson-Nicola. Conferences are freely accessible to all. We look forward to meeting you there.

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Person found dead in burned vehicle

On April 22, Emergency services responded to a single vehicle fire, located along Highway 97C and Mammett Ranch Road, in Merritt BC. The road was closed for several hours.

Upon the fire being extinguished, a single deceased occupant was discovered in the vehicle.

The Southeast District Major Crime Unit has assumed conduct of the investigation and are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

At this time, the cause of the fire and any potential foul play remains under investigation said Staff Sergeant Jason Smart, NCO for the Southeast District MCU.

Community Francophone ranchers of the Cariboo & Okanagan, 1860s-70s

Maurice Guibord from the Franco-phone Society of BC will make a stop here on his conference/tour to speak about the early French settlers of the Interior, including families like the Guichons, and how they helped influence and contribute to the development of BC. The 8 families involved in the study are: Boucherie, Guichon, Isnardy, Lequime, Minnaberriet, Patenaude, Pigeon and Versepuech/Gaspard.

The talk will be at the Senior's Centre on Saturday, April 26, 1pm-2:30pm, free to attend.

Elks' Spring Fling

The Merritt Elks will hold their annual fundraising event on Sat. April 26. Baron of beef dinner, Loonie auction, silent auctions, door prizes, hypnotist & magician. Tickets \$35, available from Elk members, or call 250-378-4656.

Barb's Used Book & Music Sale

Barb's Used Book & Music Sale returns at the Kelson Hall Centre for Arts & Education, 330 St. Paul St., Kamloops from April 12-26, offering gently used books, CDs, vinyl, and more. A semi-annual tradition, Barb's Used Book & Music Sale is a vital fundraiser for the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra & KSO Music School. Every purchase supports music education and live performances. Check opening schedule at: www.KamloopsSymphony.com/BookSale.

Election Day

Election Day is Monday, April 28. The polling stations are Shulus Community Hall, 85 Highway 8, and NVIT, 4155 Belshaw St. But double check your voter info card, or the Elections Canada website: www.elections.ca In our riding of Kamloops-Thompson-Nicola, the candidates are: Frank Caputo for the Conservative Party of Canada; Iain Currie for Liberal Party of Canada; Chris Enns for People's Party of Canada; Miguel Godau for New Democratic Party; and Jenna Lindley for Green Party of Canada.

Labour market study

The City of Merritt is reaching out to local businesses, employers & organizations to encourage them to take the short survey to share hiring needs, job openings and labour gaps, workforce challenges and trends, ideas for local support programs. The survey closes Monday, April 28. www.merritt.ca/labour/

School's Out Merritt

Merritt Youth & Family Resource Society has paired up with the United Way to offer after-school programs 6 weeks long, until June 26. For children aged 6-12 years, max capacity of 12 in each group. It runs Mon & Thurs 3-5pm at the Family Place Early Learning Ctr, 2199 Coutlee Ave. To register your child for the next available session, myfrs1978@gmail.com or phone/text 250-378-4878, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm.

Projects will reduce wildfire risk & make fibre accessible

Across the province communities and workers are benefiting from 64 new Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) supported projects that reduce wildfire risk, enhance forest health and get more fibre into the hands of mills and energy producers.

The projects will remove almost 11,000 truckloads of flammable waste fibre from the forest. In an effort to reduce wildfire risk, this fibre that would have been burned in slash piles will instead support workers and help keep communities safe.

More community meetings for TNRD OCP project

TNRD is inviting residents to take part in the second round of community engagement for the ongoing Electoral Areas "M" and "N" Official Community Plan project.

Open houses to review the draft OCP highlight and provide feedback will be held May 12 at the Merritt Civic Centre & May 13 at the Lower Nicola Community Hall, 6-8pm both evenings. If you can't make a meeting, they will be launching an online survey on April 28, to receive public feedback. Check the website to access the survey: tnr.ca/mn-ocp-2024 or contact the TNRD at 250-377-8673 or ocp@tnrd.ca

More Celebrity Quotes

"Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday." - Dale Carnegie

"Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian." - Dennis Wholey

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." - Abraham Lincoln

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now & then doesn't hurt." - Charles M. Schulz

"Life is hard; it's harder if you're stupid." - John Wayne

SALES - APRIL 26 & 27


- 1586 Douglas St,** SAT & SUN. Estate and garage sale: Camping equipment, gardening tools and equipment. Furniture, Commercial gas rotisserie, various taxidermia and more. (also May 3rd & 4th)
- 2300 block Coldwater Ave.** SAT 10am-2pm. Multiple households including Hot Dog stand, used items and even crafts. Some brand new items, still in original packaging. Under the long carport so weather won't be an issue.
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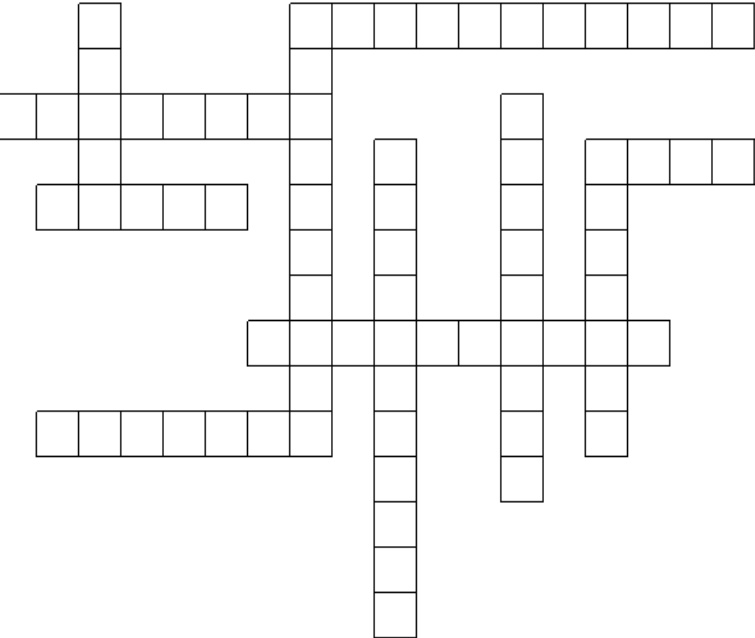


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