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**No City fireworks for Halloween**

The City's regular certified pyrotechnic technician is no longer available to work the Halloween fireworks display put on by the City, in the past. Any fireworks conducted on City property must be supervised by a licensed fireworks operator, and Merritt Fire Rescue must also be available to monitor the event.

On top of that, the City is unable to provide the funding this year, though the recreation department continues to search for funding options and service providers for next year.

Also fireworks set off by private individuals must only be ignited on your own private property, not on public property, ie roadways and parking lots. The City recommends that you get permission from the owner of the private property before lighting any fireworks.

**Congrats, Buzz**

Congratulations to Buzz Manuel, who was awarded the 2025 National Indigenous Coaching Award — for being a "remarkable mentor, coach, and cultural leader".

"Buzz's impact stretches from his home community of Spaxmn (Upper Nicola Band) to the international stage. A lifelong athlete and advocate, he has spent decades using sport as a vehicle for Indigenous wellness, identity, and empowerment. Known for his culturally grounded approach, Buzz uplifts youth, builds community, and honours tradition. In 2024, he helped coach Team Indigenous Lacrosse at the World Super Sixes, opening the tournament with the *Okanagan Song*, blending culture with competition on a global stage. He was also recognized with the Circle of Courage Award at the Masters Alberta Indigenous Games for creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all competitors."

**Photovoice Project wraps up soon**

The Photovoice Project is wrapping up soon, and there's still time for the chance to take part. If you or someone you know — clients, participants, friends, or family— would like to submit they can be dropped off directly at the Arts Gallery, 2051 Voght St, Merritt – next to Kekuli Café. Mischelle will be available to offer support, answer questions, or help with submissions tomorrow Tuesday, Oct 28, from 1-3pm; and Tuesday, Nov 4, 1-3pm (that will be the final day for submissions). A \$40 cash honorarium will be given for each accepted submission.

The *Photovoice Project* is an initiative launched by Merritt's Community Access Table and led by the Nicola Valley Arts Council. Its purpose is to gather and amplify the voices of individuals and families with lived or living experience of substance use. Through photographs and personal stories, it aims to challenge stigma, foster understanding, and honour the resilience of those affected.

The collected stories & images will be featured in a public art exhibit next month, during Na'l Addictions Awareness Week (Nov 16-22). This exhibit will serve as a space for reflection, connection, and remembrance. After the show, participants will have the opportunity to either collect their photo prints or donate them to the project for future advocacy, awareness efforts and display. (opening and closing event details to come). FMI [www.nicolavalleyarts.com/photovoice](http://www.nicolavalleyarts.com/photovoice)

**Two monsters went to a Halloween party.** Suddenly one said to the other, "A lady just rolled her eyes at me. What should I do?" "Be a gentleman and roll them back to her."

**What did the alien say to the flower bed ?** Take me to your weeder.

**I told my wife: There's only one thing** that scares me during Halloween... My wife: "Which is?" Me: "Exactly"

**THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE**



**Aries**  
March 21 - April 19

You've been focused and done what you could in the time you had. This week brings evidence of your effectiveness. Which means you'll have time to enjoy what's coming up next.



**Taurus**  
April 20 - May 20

If you trust that a long-term goal is truly your destiny, the distance which seems so large won't be as long as you fear. This week brings a surprising, re-motivating development.



**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 20

This week, get ready to be inspired, encouraged, and surprised! If you've been desperate for a change, here it comes. Enjoy the ride!



**Cancer**  
June 21 - July 22

This week, you'll have the confidence to trust your hunches. Regardless of what anyone else thinks, they will lead to success.



**Leo**  
July 23 - Aug 22

This week, not only will you find the energy you need, the difficulties you're anticipating will be much less troublesome than you think. They might even be fun!



**Virgo**  
Aug 23 - Sept 22

Just because you're not making progress as fast as you'd hoped doesn't mean you need to change tactics. Since this is taking longer, it's worth bearing this saying in mind.



**Libra**  
Sept 23 - Oct 22

Although you're anticipating an action-packed week, feeling stressed isn't going to help. Allow your mind to slow down, it will surprise you with ideas that enable you to sort things out.



**Scorpio**  
Oct 23 - Nov 21

Delve into your deepest dreams, and take steps towards them. If you can make space to listen to your intuition, and follow your hunches, the transformation will begin.



**Sagittarius**  
Nov 22 - Dec 21

This week, when you find yourself dealing with a delicate situation, trust your sense of timing. Take your time to process what's happening. Then you'll know how to respond.



**Capricorn**  
Dec 22 - Jan 19

This week, quash your sense of obligation. It is admirable, but putting other people's needs above your own isn't healthy... or fun. And you deserve more of the latter in your life.



**Aquarius**  
Jan 20 - Feb 18

This week, you can prove how smart you really are. If you listen to what other people are saying, you can combine your ideas in a way that affirms everyone.



**Pisces**  
Feb 19 - Mar 20

If you feel out of control this week, know that you are headed in a new, exciting direction. Trust, and you'll enjoy what unfolds. There is a different way to travel.

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**Nicola Valley Museum and Archives**

**Annual General Meeting**

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• Annual Review

• Voting on Bylaw Changes

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**Guest Speaker:**  
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