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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday January 27th - Interior Savings  
Community Room 6pm  
Everyone Welcome**

Join us for our 2026 Soccer Season. We are looking for new members to volunteer, various positions include: Board of Directors, Head & Assistant Coaches, Division Reps, Referees, and Registrar.

For more information email us: [info@merrityouthsoccer.com](mailto:info@merrityouthsoccer.com)  
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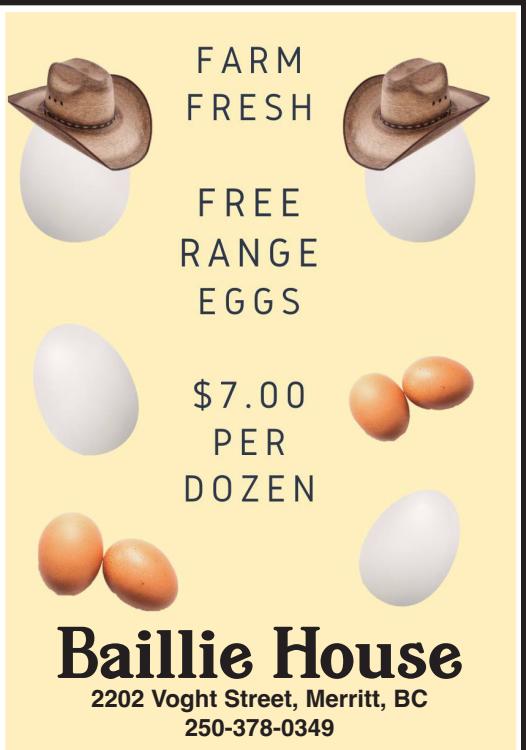


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**WEEKEND EDITION - JANUARY 16, 2026 #4185**  
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## 20+ dogs removed from Merritt property

More than two dozen dogs have been removed from appalling conditions at a property in Merritt, in what rescuers called a serious case of animal neglect.

"Apparently, neighbours had been calling bylaw, saying something is not right over there," [said] Judanna Dawn with Angel's Animal Rescue.

Dawn and her rescue organization, along with the BC SPCA, took part in the rescue recently, taking in 20 dogs that she said were living all together in their own feces.

"I think the situation was ignored. That is why I am so frustrated," Dawn said. She took to social media after the rescue to shame the City of Merritt, accusing it of ignoring its own animal control bylaw, which prevents more than two dogs at any residence.

The mayor of Merritt, however, maintains that those allegations are categorically untrue.

Dawn said she would like to see the city take more responsibility when it comes to dog control in the future.

"This was in the middle of the city and Merritt should have, could have, known about (it) and we shouldn't have had to go there and pick up 20 dogs," she added.

"The SPCA took seven. We have a bylaw. Why did it happen?" [cjftoday.com/2026/01/15/more-than-20-dogs-removed-from-merritt-property-as-rescuer-criticizes-city-officials/](http://cjftoday.com/2026/01/15/more-than-20-dogs-removed-from-merritt-property-as-rescuer-criticizes-city-officials/)

## Patti's Party Photobooths & The Caring Cutter Setting down stakes

Not quite a year since Patti Martin moved to Merritt and she's building herself a place in the community — two small businesses that she can ramp up over time and mould into the lifestyle she wants.

The Caring Cutter, aka Patti, has worked for 35 years as a stylist/barber. Now, she brings her skills to a chair at Sinfully Sugar'd, 1922 Voght St., walk-ins welcome! Temporary hours while she builds her clientele are Mon 11-3pm; Tues & Wed 4-8pm & Friday 10:30-3:30pm. Patti also offers companionship to seniors which includes a home haircut and light housekeeping. Call her to set something up at 778-865-0533, [www.vagaro.com/thecaringcutter](http://www.vagaro.com/thecaringcutter)

And when she's not the Caring Cutter, she runs Patti's Party Photobooths, a brand new exciting business for a fun, creative, and memorable experience for your next event.

Patti's photobooths are available for reunions, weddings, grads, corporate parties and house parties — any event to add an extra element of fun!

Check out Patti's website: [www.pattispartyphotobooths.com](http://www.pattispartyphotobooths.com) or call her at 778-865-0533.

Book Drive. More favourites: *Come Read With Me* at the elementary schools; *Explore Art Literacy* at the art gallery; the *Community Playground* at the NVIT gym; and *Active Stories* at the dance studio. Many of these and other literacy links and resources will be posted online. For more details, visit [literacymerritt.com](http://literacymerritt.com) or [facebook.com/LMNVS](http://facebook.com/LMNVS).

**2026 Thunderbird Rally** The Thunderbird is a winter driving adventure, round 1 of the 2026 BC TSD Rally Championship, The rally will be about 850km long, Merritt to Vernon. Roads will be about 40% clear pavement, 60% snow-covered pavement and gravel. Registration starts Friday Jan 20, 7-9pm at Best Western Plus Hotel, rally HQ. First car out is at 10:31am on Saturday, Jan 31. End of day 1, Dinner & Scoring, Vernon at 8:00pm. First car out Sunday at 8:30am, back in Merritt for dinner, scoring & awards presentation. For good observation spots, go to [rallybc.ca/archives/2026](http://rallybc.ca/archives/2026)

**Me: You know,** since it doesn't have a tail, I'm pretty sure it is actually a hamster.

Tech support: Okay sir. Please right-click your hamster...

**Did you know that** the Icelandic alphabet does not contain the letter Z... How do they sleep at night?

**I was surprised** to learn I weigh zero milligrams. I was like 0mg!

**I was annoyed** when my wife gave me a coffin for my birthday.

I said, "this is the last thing that I need."

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**Love to Sing? Join the Community Choir!**



*Start your New Year on a high note!*

The Community Choir is officially welcoming new and returning members for our upcoming spring season. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or haven't sung since high school, there is a place for you in our circle. No formal auditions are required — just a love for music and community!

**Monday, January 19, at 7:00 PM**

**Trinity United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.**

**Spring session dues are \$35**

For more information, contact Glenda [gotten1@telus.net]

## Rediscovered Treasures

Exhibition Jan 7-31, 2026  
Bidding opens January 9



*Come join us for a heartfelt celebration of art, generosity, and sustainability*

*Every piece in this collection has been donated by members of our community — each one carrying a story, a memory, and now, a chance for a fresh start*

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**Community Lead - Special Projects**  
**Employment and Training Assistant**  
**Employment and Training Coordinator**  
Junior Kitchen keykix  
nēʔképmx Land Guardian (Canyon - Multiple Positions Available)  
nēʔképmx Land Guardian (Valley - Multiple Positions Available)

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their cover letter and resume to:

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**TUESDAYS 1:30-3:30 PM**

Beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>

**At The Nicola Valley  
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Join us for some fun & creative  
art-making with  
Jennifer & Mischelle!

*Jennifer has a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Major in Visual Arts & a Minor in Psychology. She also has a diploma in Art Therapy & is a certified Art Therapist. Jennifer will be on hand to provide guidance for those who wish.*



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### SALES

**CRAFT MARKET & BAKE SALE**  
Shulus Hall Feb 7 10am-5pm. Raffle & door prizes, local artisans, handmade products, concession

### PERSONAL

**FOUND CAT**, Appeared at Sunshine Valley address: Shorthair tortoiseshell young female cat. 378-6540

**DISABLED PERSON NEEDS OCCASIONAL HELP** for odd jobs around the house (house cleaning, shovelling, etc). You should be strong, thinking and energetic with a good outlook on life. Please text 250-378-7938

**GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAYS?** Nd someone to care for your home or sml farm? call Bill, reliable, honest 315-3621

**LOST**: keychain with change purse. Navy blue arrowhead beadwork w/ lanyard, Ford key & PO key, ID in change purse (status card & care card), between Post office & Black's on Nov 24. Please, just need ID back. 525-0406

**NA MEETINGS** are held each Tues & Thurs 7pm at the United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

**MISSING**: 2 sets of 2 silver matching keys & 1 single key w/ blank photo tag attached. Call/text Gilbert 228-0582

**DO YOU PLAY VIOLIN?** Join our string ensemble group. Practice Wednesdays evenings. Text Cecilia 315-0022

**ALANON** (for friends & families of alcoholics) every Monday @ 6pm Trinity United Church Hall

**ELKS EVENTS**: Every Wednesday Bingo, doors open 11am, ends 3pm. Every Friday Nite Bingo, doors open 4pm, ends 10pm. 1701 Coldwater Ave.

**AA MEETINGS** Wed., Fri., Sat. At 7pm, Mon. Noon at Trinity United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

### SERVICES

**NEED CORPORATE** planning, business wealth account, collateral loans, key person insurance, etc 778-630-0323

**DOG GROOMING** (All Sizes). I have a few openings for new clients, located off Iron Mountain Road.. please text or leave a message 604-220-3753

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**FOR SALE - APPLIANCES**

**MICROWAVE** new 1200W family size Panasonic Genius \$150 378-5394

**FRIGIDAIR** stove, 2 yrs old \$250obo. Vitara **fridge**, 10 mos. old \$400obo. Amana **washer & dryer**, 4 yrs old \$300/pr obo 280-0543

**FREEZER**, smaller approx. 2'x4'. Calvin 778-586-8362

**COUNTERTOP** dishwasher, hardly used, 3 yrs old \$300 250-289-4759

**FREE**: 4-bmr prop. range (604)312-1954

A/C \$100. Calvin 778-586-8362

**MICROWAVE** \$30 378-0838

**ARCTIC AIR** a/c 5000btu 18.5wx-15.5dx12'h \$25. Kenmore a/c 12,000btu 18wx15dx22' \$100. Wshr/dryer \$300/pr. Elect. fireplace w/ remote \$100. Gas stove, dbl oven, Americana \$150. Inglis fridge \$75 315-0415

**FOR SALE - AUTOMOTIVE**

4 **MICHELIN** A/T tires 275-65-R18, tires were take offs, lk nw \$400 280-0769

**95 CHEVROLET** Crew Cab Pickup Truck \$1500obo 315-0011 Aspen Grove

**1991 FORD** F150 4x4 378-7124

**SET OF 4 TIRES**, good rims, 245-17

winters for Ford \$400. Calvin 778-586-8362

**ALUM.** dry box combination tonneau cover for full size pickup truck with 6 ft. box. \$450obo. 315-2080

**4 SALIUN** tires 205/55/R16 M+S, used for 5 months \$225 378-2226 after 5pm

**PARTING OUT**: 2010 Ford F150, Lots of good stuff, Various prices or take truck for \$1000 Tex 250-936-8982

**TIRES**: Five 185/65R15 snowflake.

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Two 215/55R17 winter snowflake. Four 195/65 16" snowflake. Four 185/65R15 winter studded, brnd nw. Rick 936-8885

**2005 DODGE** 1500 4x4 SLT, auto, quad cab, 4 tires w/ snowflake last yr, gd glassy, vry gd cond, vry reliable, lots work done, 220,000km, \$800obo. Greg 315-7525

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**2 MALE** kittens to grt homes 250-682-2012

**PITBULL** puppies born Feb 28, ready now. Andrew 778-538-3682

**FREE**: Lonesome ringneck male dove w/ outdr cage. Hawk got mate 378-3496

**FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS**

**C-PAP** machine \$200 315-2257

**HEAD** mount cougar rug, offrs. 378-5038

4 cork boards, 4x6', exc cond. 280-0543

**PR LADIES** Hunter boots, mudder puzzle, sz 7, gd cond \$50. 378-1843 aft 5pm

**100s PAPERBACK** books to give away free, for whoever will come to get them 315-9803, diananorgaard63@gmail.com

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**FREE** 4 burner propane range w/ large oven. Free wht dble porcelain kitchen sink. Free wht **bthrm sink** 4". Kane 936-8368

**WINDOWS**, aluminum frames, various sizes. Plywood 3/4" tongue & groove. Regular plywood, 1/2" Aldo 378-2832

**UNPASTEURIZED** raw honey: \$40 for 8 cups, \$20 for 4 cups, \$10 for 2 cups, \$5 for 1 cup. 378-4947

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**FOR SALE - FURNITURE**

**VINTAGE** Half Canopy single bed, frame \$75 378-6787

**SINGLE SIZE** solid wood storage bed frame with 3 drawers and a headboard in great condition for \$100obo 315-9713

**DOUBLE BED** with box spring, frame, stands and set of sheets, gd condition just no room \$125obo. 4 **bar stools**, like new \$125 all 4 obo. **Pedestal sink** \$40. **Rocking chair** \$40. 2 **swivel rocking chairs**, light rose in colour, very nice looking \$75obo. 378-7333

**SOLID WOOD** kitchentbl, 2 leaves, 6 chairs \$85 378-1835

**WOOD** table w/ 6 chairs, 2 leafs, exc shape \$300obo. Other furniture: dressers, china cabinet, etc. etc. 280-0543

**HARDWOOD**tbl & chairs \$50obo. Solid hardwood **dresser** & mirr. \$50obo

**DLX** high-back leather padded desk/office chair, lk nw \$100 378-9169

**FILE CABINET** 4 drawer, legal size \$75. Oak queen **headboard** and bed frame \$25. Matching oak large **dresser** with mirror \$75. Royal Dalton Country Roses **china set** \$300. Bob 250-574-3598

**HIDE-A-BED** \$50obo. Rocking chair \$15. TV stand \$10. 378-8838

**FOR SALE - HOUSE/PROPERTY**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** building lot in Collettville (1420 Pine); +12,000 square feet, +9,600 sq. ft. "buildable," \$80,999. FM1 michaelasages@proton.me 604-916-9289

**12X60 MBL HOME**, must be moved All offers considered. Mess./text 315-7803

**FOR RENT**

**4-BDRM** house, 2-bth, immed. 378-4392

**3-BDRM** house, 1-bth, detach. gar. lrg fncd