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## Decommissioning of the KVR Rail Trail near Princeton

On Friday, the prov govt announced that a damaged section of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail, which has been closed since the November 2021 flood, will soon be decommissioned for reasons of public safety. Work is to begin this spring and is expected to take 2-3 years.

The 67-km section of recreational rail trail between Princeton and the Coquihalla Highway was damaged in Nov 2021. Entire sections of the trail bed were washed away, and in some places, the course of the river was changed so it now flows where the trail once was.

Repairing and maintaining the aging infrastructure along the Province's network of rail trails is complex and costly, often crossing remote and rugged terrain. Repairing the extensive damage and maintaining existing infrastructure along the Princeton section would cost an estimated \$60 million. The \$20 million cost of decommissioning the closed trail section will be covered by federal disaster relief funds.

The Town of Princeton responded with an open letter from Mayor Spencer Coyne, saying it "is deeply disappointed by the Province of British Columbia's decision to deactivate the Princeton-Coldwater River section of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail." And the Mayor argues the \$20 million could have been better spent.

Princeton claims that the KVR is in fact critical infrastructure for it and neighbouring communities of Coalmont and Tulameen. "The trail is not only a recreational asset but a vital economic and cultural corridor that supports local businesses, regional tourism, and community well-being." And Mayor Coyne is concerned that the decision was made without meaningful consultation with the municipality, local residents or neighbouring communities.

They ask that the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport & Minister of Environment and Parks meet with community & regional partners to discuss the impacts of the decision and potential solutions that would allow the preservation of the recreational, heritage and economic benefits that the KVR provides.

and belonging for people with intellectual disabilities. Show your community pride [plunge4specialolympics.crowdchange.ca/127708](http://plunge4specialolympics.crowdchange.ca/127708)

If laziness was an Olympic sport.. I'd come in fourth so I wouldn't have to walk up to the podium.

Bigfoot is sometimes confused with Sasquatch... Yeti never complains.

How many South Americans does it take to screw a lightbulb? A Brazilian

I get plenty of exercise - jumping to conclusions, pushing my luck, and dodging deadlines.

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



**Aries**  
March 21 - April 19



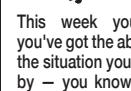
**Taurus**  
April 20 - May 20



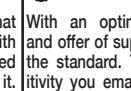
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May 21 - June 20



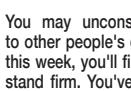
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June 21 - July 22



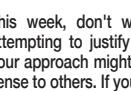
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July 23 - Aug 22



**Virgo**  
Aug 23 - Sept 22



**Libra**  
Sept 23 - Oct 22



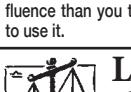
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Oct 23 - Nov 21



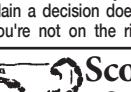
**Sagittarius**  
Nov 22 - Dec 21



**Capricorn**  
Dec 22 - Jan 19



**Aquarius**  
Jan 20 - Feb 18



**Pisces**  
Feb 19 - Mar 20

This week brings a different approach that can make a significant impact to your attitude. You can fix something that feels wrong - which frees you for the adventure you're longing for.

This week, tap into your creativity. By thinking outside-the-box you summon your inner artist. If you focus on the positive you can transform this situation into a brighter one.

Don't write your dream off as being 'impossible'. The challenge is that we struggle to make the right wish, often we have a wishlist of things we don't need. Be careful what you wish for!

This week, with intuition and an incisive approach, you can tactfully and patiently influence the people involved in a situation so that it works better for them, and for you.

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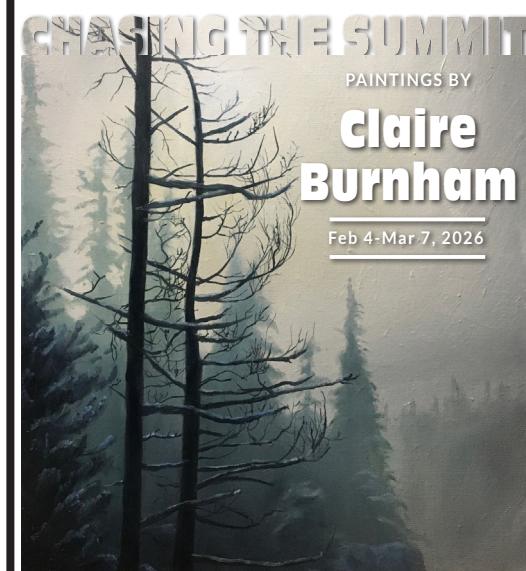
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 25, 2026 | 3:30PM

1899 Quilchena Ave. Merritt B.C.



All are welcome to join  
We are currently looking for more  
members

Snacks and beverages will be provided

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CNA - Special Projects Lead  
CNA - Territorial Stewardship Assistant - Interim Leave Coverage  
CNA - Youth Coordinator

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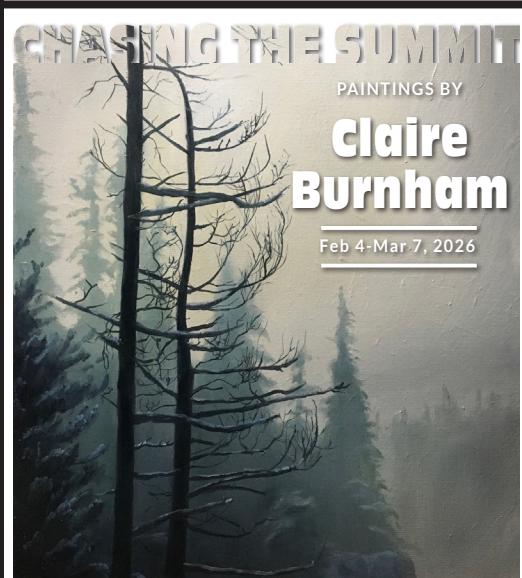
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**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**, Civic Centre, SAT, MARCH 21, 8am-2pm. To register as a vendor, [recreation@merritt.ca](mailto:recreation@merritt.ca) 250-315-1050, \$5/table max 3 tables

**PERSONAL**

**LOST:** Chain w/ medallion 315-7771

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

**TIRES:** Five 185/65R15 snowflake. Two 215/65 17" wtrn snowflake. M/S. 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 glass, vry gd cond, vry reliable, lots work done, 220,000km, \$8000obo, Greg 315-7525

**95 CHEVROLET** Crew Cab Pickup Truck \$1500obo 315-0011 Aspen Grove **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 \$700 Tex 250-936-8982

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**6-8 PIGEONS** with a good metal roost for them, to give away. 378-4947

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

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