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**Public book of
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Tumbler Ridge**

Following the tragic events in Tumbler Ridge on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, an online book of condolence is available for British Columbians to express their sympathies and messages of support.

It is the easiest and most convenient way for people to pay their respects. It is near the end of its access, and will remain open until end of day today Feb 20.

Go to: submit.digital.gov.bc.ca/app/form/submit?f=5aadf492-bbc0-4685-b9ec-c7fdca617f97

**Cultural burning &
prescribed fire**

Fire is a natural, normal process for many ecosystems in BC and is necessary to maintain a healthy forest and the diversity of plant and animal life.

The history of aggressive and highly effective wildfire suppression in the Province has resulted in: Build-up of forest fuels; Greater tree encroachment on grasslands; 'In-filling' of once open, dry forests. This has both increased the risk of devastating wildfires and negatively impacted biodiversity and forest health.

Cultural burning

Indigenous cultural burning has existed since time immemorial, with traditional knowledge passed down from generation to generation. The term *cultural burning* refers to the intentional use of fire at a broad scale on the land that is led by First Nations or is based in First Nations' distinct cultural values, perspectives or practices.

While the Province does not undertake cultural burning, it has a responsibility to address some of the barriers to cultural burning that exist. To achieve that, in line with its commitments in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, the Province is working in partnership with Indigenous peoples to co-develop a policy and program framework for cultural and prescribed fire that aligns with the UN Declaration and provides the foundation for a sustainable, long-term and co-managed approach.

Prescribed fire

Prescribed fire is the planned and intentional use of fire on a specific land area. It is one of the most ecologically appropriate and relatively efficient means for achieving a range of objectives. These objectives can include habitat enhancement, preparation for tree planting or disease eradication.

Prescribed fire can also contribute to achieving air quality and climate action targets by preventing large, intense wildfires and replacing them with more frequent, well-timed and well-planned low-intensity fires.

These fires can take many months to plan and are managed to minimize the chance of escape and smoke impacts while maximizing the benefits to the site.

Local cultural burning projects

BC Wildfire Service has announced 2 more cultural burns besides the first one announced for Nicola Mameet IR #1 starting March 2. They will be supporting Coldwater Indian Band for the remaining 35 hectares of an ongoing project, approx. 10 km southwest of Merritt on Coldwater IR #1, starting early next month. And they will be supporting the Upper Nicola Band for a 90-hectare burn project, spread out between multiple treatment units on the Douglas Lake IR #3, about 40 km northeast of town, also starting next month.

Smoke will be visible in local communities and from along area highways.

I have a bed but I don't sleep. I have a bank but no money. I have a mouth but can't speak. What am I? A river.

Archeologists are holding a party to celebrate unearthing the largest dinosaur tibia ever... It's going to be quite the shindig!

I once had a hen that could count her own eggs... She was a mathemachicken
I once asked a monkey how he handles the chaos of modern life: Deadlines. Social pressure. Climate change. He looked at me very seriously and said, "You think it's chaos. But for me?" He peeled one slowly. "Life can just be bananas sometimes."

If a hexagon has 6 sides and a pentagon 5 sides what has no sides? A carport.

My friend had been engaged over 5 times but never married. That's a lot of near misses.

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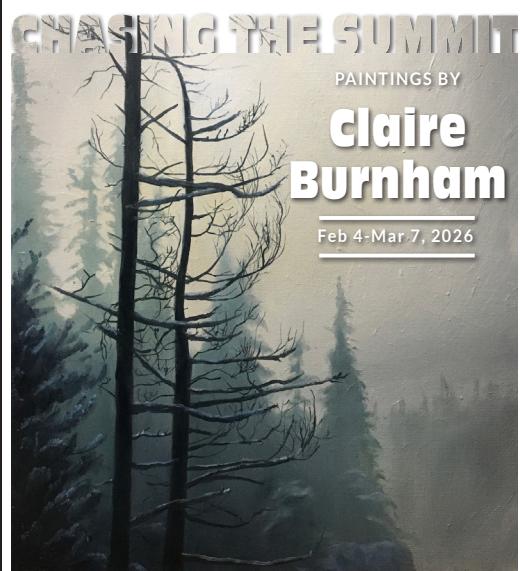
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SALES

COMMUNITY YARD SALE, Civic Centre, SAT, MARCH 21, 8am-2pm. To register as a vendor, 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

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 250-828-0582

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.

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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

ARCTIC AIR a/c 5000btu 18.5wx-15.5dx12'h \$25. Kenmore a/c 12,000btu 18wx15dx22 \$100. Wshrdryer \$300/

pr. Elect. fireplace w/ remote \$100. Gas stove, dbl oven, Americana \$150. Ingls fridge \$75 315-0415

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

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

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