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Film Screening & Panel Discussion

a powerful and intimate documentary that sheds light on a deeply overlooked aspect of the homelessness crisis: people's grief following the death of someone they care about.

Date: Tuesday, March 31st
Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: NVIT, 4155 Belshaw St, Merritt, BC- Lecture Theatre

Sign up by scanning the QR code or visit the Front Desk at the NVIT who can assist you with registration. Seats are limited, be sure to grab your spot early. Tickets are FREE.

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DAY BEFORE 'PI DAY' - MARCH 13, 2026 #4207

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Colletville School will close June 30th

At Wednesday's Board meeting, School District Trustees voted 4 - 2 to close Colletville School and move the French Immersion program into Central School.

Mayor Goetz & parents who presented a 600-name petition had asked the Board to delay the decision. But Trustees decided they couldn't wait — closing the school will save them \$400,000-\$600,000. SD58's projections for the next 5 years forecasts a decline of 227 students in Merritt and 20 students in Princeton. And they say the School District is down by more than 500 students over the past 20 years.

Public hearing for new cannabis store

One Plant has applied to the City of Merritt to open a retail cannabis store in #108 in the Railyard Mall, already zoned a permitted Principal Use in C6 Zone.

BC's Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's requirements are that before issuing retail store licence, proponents receive a positive recommendation regarding the licence application from the local government or Indigenous nation.

A public hearing will be held on Tues March 24, 6pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Speak in person by signing up at the meeting, or by providing a written submission to the Corporate Officer at info@merritt.ca prior to noon, March 20, or by mail to the Corporate Officer, City of Merritt, PO Box 189, Merritt, BC, V1K 1B8, to be received before the conclusion of the meeting.

TNRD areas M&N OCP

The Beautiful Nicola Valley Official Community Plan received first reading on March 5, from the TNRD Board of Directors. Public consultation will continue through the spring of 2026, and residents are encouraged to review the draft OCP and provide comments. By early April, a new video highlighting key OCP changes will be available for review as a form of online engagement.

Electoral Area "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - North) include Douglas Lake, Glimpse Lake, Lower Nicola, Mamit Lake, Miller Estates, Peter Hope Lake, Quilchena, Stump Lake, and more. Electoral Area "N" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - South) includes Aspen Grove, Brookmere, Canford, Coldwater Road Area (south of Merritt city boundary), Iron Mountain, Sunshine Valley, and more.

You can access the draft online: www.tnrd.ca/planning-development/planning/official-community-plans/electoral-areas-m-and-n-official-community-plan-2024/

Trucks tipped onto their sides by gale force winds

Trucks travelling on the Coquihalla Highway Wednesday, near the Othello Road exit, were the first few were blown onto their sides. Other trucks waiting in the traffic, as the vehicle queue backed up, were also blown over — about 14 semis, all together. The highway was closed overnight while crews cleared the vehicles.

Peak wind gusts overnight reached 139 km/h in Hope, the same as category 1 hurricane-strength winds. The Coquihalla Summit recorded 87 km/h winds.

How Old Are You? My youngest son asked me how old I was. I answered, "39 and holding." He thought for a moment and then asked, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

A patient complains about left leg pain. The doctor says, "It's just old age." The patient replies, "Nonsense! My right leg is the same age and it feels fine!"

A hippie tourist flies to Australia for a holiday. Immigration officer looks at him and asks "Have you ever been convicted of a crime?" Hippy tourist replies: Is that still a requirement to enter Australia?

German tourist arrives at Paris airport. "Occupation?" asks custom official. "No, just visiting."

I went to the orchestra to hear Beethoven. He wasn't even there. Turns out it was just some sort of Beethoven cover band.

Go Cents Go!

The Merritt Centennials survived elimination from the playoffs with a 3 - 0 win against Revelstoke on Wednesday. The series continues today Friday March 13 in Revelstoke for game 5. If needed, game 6 will be played tomorrow back home at NV Memorial Arena, 7pm.

Community St. Patrick's Day luncheon

A St Patrick's Day luncheon will be held tomorrow, Saturday March 14, 11am-2pm at the Catholic Church Hall. Lunch is \$10, soup, sandwich, dessert & coffee or tea.

30th Annual Kamloops Film Festival

The 30th annual Kamloops Film Festival runs until March 14. There's still a big lineup of award-winning films from around the world; including documentaries, comedies, dramas, and Canadian films. Check out the movie line-up and remaining events, including the wrap party, at their website: <https://thekfs.ca/kff/>

Empower, protect and connect

The province of BC is sponsoring their Empower, Protect + Connect program right here in Merritt, each Wednesday evening beginning March 18 to June 10, 6-8pm (12 sessions), at the Civic Centre — registration is free! The 12-week program offers weekly 2-hour sessions that include: 1 hour Self-Defence Training, taught by certified instructors, with a focus on real-life scenarios and practical safety techniques. And 1 hour Counselling & Empowerment Workshop, facilitated by a Registered Clinical Counsellor and local organizations, offering trauma-informed support, strategies for personal growth, and community connection.

The program is for anyone aged 15 + affected by or at risk of gender-based violence. It is free to attend, but registration is required as participants are expected to attend most/all sessions. Register by calling 250-315-1050, stopping by the Civic Centre, or online from the link at: www.merritt.ca/empower/

Spanish Conversation Club

Looking to practice your Spanish in a relaxed and friendly environment? Join the Spanish Conversation Club and connect with others who want to improve their speaking skills. Practice real conversations, meet new people in the community. At the Merritt Library, Friday March 20, 12noon-1:30pm, free though limited seating available. FMI or to reserve a spot, email spanishmeetandgreet@gmail.com

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 - CNA - Human Resources Support Clerk
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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

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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

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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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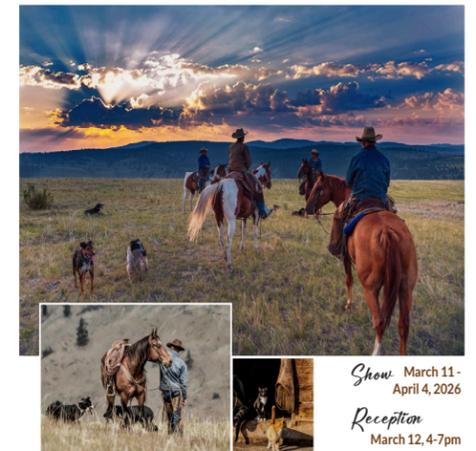


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