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RECEPTION: March 12, 4-7pm

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**No Fixed Address: The White Cart Memorial**

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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**6-year-old Merritt boy paralyzed by tick bite**

A father is urging parents to be on the lookout for ticks while the weather warms up, after his 6-year-old son was partially paralyzed by a tick bite last week.

Jamie Stevens said he and his son Milo usually go for small hikes on the bluff where they live. They had their usual hike in the grassy area on March 8.

The following Thursday, Milo woke up with wobbly legs and he was unable to walk. Milo was taken to hospital, but doctors couldn't pin point what the issue was and sent him home.

"My stepdaughter and her boyfriend had suggested that we check for ticks just in case they missed something," Jamie told CBC News.

"And lo and behold, I put my hands through [Milo's] hair and I felt a little bump and looked, and it was a pretty engorged tick. So, it had been there probably since Sunday."

Jamie said he doesn't blame the doctors at the hospital for not finding the tick initially, and it was likely simply because of how Milo was lying on the hospital bed.

"They froze his head, and then they put some sort of topical cream on top of the tick. And then they just detached it from the scalp," the dad said.

"And then it was within two hours, three hours, he was better ... he was walking around pretty much normally."

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/merritt-child-tick-paralysis-9.7131222

**TNRD raises landfill fees as of April 1**

The TNRD Board of Directors has approved changes to Solid Waste Facilities Bylaw 2681, increasing disposal fees to align with operational costs and reduce the amount required from property taxes to fund the Solid Waste and Recycling service.

Effective April 1st bagged garbage fees raised from \$1 to \$2 per bag; concrete disposal fees will go from \$30 per tonne to \$50/t; and a 5% increase to all other disposal fees and standardizing minimum charges.

These changes will help maintain current levels of the Solid Waste and Recycling service without relying on additional funding through property taxes.

It's a great time for increase your recycling. FMI www.tnrd.ca/services/garbage-recycling/what-goes-where/

**Community Art Show Reflection**

Dear Artist, we are delighted to invite you to participate in "Reflection," a collaborative art show dedicated to honoring the beauty, vitality, and irreplaceable value of our lakes—and to elevating awareness around the urgent need to protect them for future generations.

Art has a remarkable ability to evoke emotion, shift perspective, and spark meaningful change. It connects people to ideas, to place, and to one another in ways that words alone often cannot. With this project, we hope to bring together artists and environmental advocates to create powerful works that not only celebrate the natural wonder of our bodies of water but also illuminate the challenges they face.

We believe your artistic voice—whether expressed through visual art, writing, or music—would be an extraordinary addition to this movement. Your creativity can inspire our community to see our lakes with renewed appreciation and motivate meaningful action to preserve their health and beauty.

If you would like to contribute artwork, please visit our website and fill out a Art Gallery: Community Art Show Application. Artwork must be dropped off at the NV-CAC Gallery between April 29 and May 2.

Thank you for considering this invitation. Together—through art—we have the power to make a lasting impact.

Warm regards, Shannon Dunn,  
NVCAC Gallery Curator

**The guy at the furniture store** told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems. Then it occurred to me, I don't think I know 5 people without any problems.

**A man asked me for a dollar.** I told him I only carry big bills. He said give me one of those. I gave him my electric bill.

**Woman to her boss:** "All the other women in the office are suing you for sexual harassment. Since you haven't sexually harassed me, I'm suing you for discrimination."

**If you're 40+** it's time to leave the young girls alone and get a woman who understands the first signs of a stroke.

**Community Empower, protect and connect**

Empower, Protect + Connect program starts this evening Wed March 18 (until June 10, 6-8pm - 12 sessions), at the Civic Centre — registration is free! The 12-wk program offers weekly 2-hour sessions that include: 1 hr self-defence training, and 1 hr counselling & empowerment workshop. 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 (participants are expected to attend most/all sessions. Register 250-315-1050, at the Civic Centre, or www.merritt.ca/empower/

**Spanish Conversation Club**

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

**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. A public hearing will be held Tues March 24, 6pm in Council Chamber. 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. This location would be One Plant's first in BC.

**TNRD areas M&N OCP**

Public consultation for the Beautiful Nicola Valley's Official Community Plan will continue through the spring, 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. You can access the draft online: www.tnrd.ca/planning-development/planning/official-community-plans/electoral-areas-m-amp-n-official-community-plan-2024/

**RCMP Musical Ride tickets**

NV Rodeo Association will host the Musical Ride on Wed. Aug 26 at the Rodeo Grounds. Tickets will be available online at www.nicolavalleyrodeo.com beginning May 1, 2026, and at the gate on August 26 — Adults \$15, children ages 6-15 \$10, Children under 6 free. The performance sold out last time it was here — so get your tickets early.

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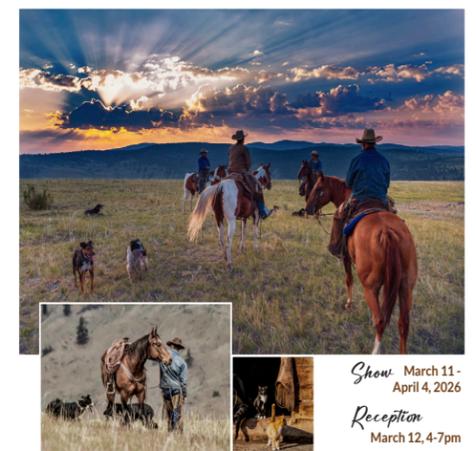


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**The Lilac Conspiracy**  
The Lilac Conspiracy was formed in 2003, in Merritt. The group, primarily resident artists, designers, educators & publishers, wanted to increase the awareness of the heritage lilac bushes which are abundant in the Nicola Valley. These were brought west by settlers, and planted when Europeans first came to the valley, from the mid-1800s to 1911 when Merritt was incorporated as a city. The heritage lilacs consist primarily of the common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*), dark purple, and double white varieties.  
Over the years, the Lilac Conspiracy has provided lilac slips from heritage plants, by donation, as an incentive to propagate them & continue the old stocks in the community.

## Art Therapy in Merritt

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