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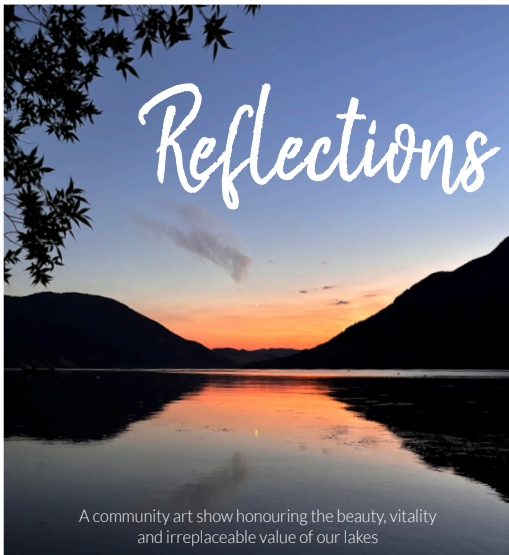


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**'Week in Weed'**  
StratCann.com is a Canada-wide cannabis industry source for news, industry evolution, and events about the legal cannabis sector. This item popped up on their *Week in Weed - May 30*: "Following a mandatory reconsideration, Merritt, BC, has rejected the application to open a fourth cannabis store", including the link to the *Herald's* report about City Council's mandatory reconsideration & rejection of the application for a 4th cannabis store earlier this Spring.

**May 30 - June 5, 2026 GoByBike week**  
The Spring Go By Bike started Saturday in Merritt & the rest of the province. Stop by the Civic Centre to grab a KM tracker or log online at logmyride.gobybikebc.ca/  
Walk, bike, rollerblade, or use any wheeled item to log kilometers. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or enjoy a leisurely stroll, every kilometer counts towards your journey: Track your kilometers: May 30-June 5. Submit your kilometers log by June 6. Maybe win a prize! The winner will be announced on June 8. There are 3 prize packages featuring gift cards. The winner will be announced on June 8. FMI gobybikebc.ca/




**Community Merritt & District Hospice Society**  
The Merritt & District Hospice Society will be available at the Merritt Library on Thursday mornings 10am-12 noon for the month of June. Come in, say hello, and Borrow a book from our hospice library, Learn about our Living With Loss sessions, Ask questions about services and support, Find out how to volunteer. FMI call the office at 250-280-1701 or email merrithospice@shaw.ca.

**Rear View MMirror, June 21, 1995 Colletville Band shuts down traffic**  
Vive Colletville libre! - Angry Colletville dissidents, unhappy over what they call 'a Merritt land-grab' took matters into their own hands, Monday, by shutting down the 1-lane Colletville bridge.  
Traffic was backed up clear to Lloyd Charney's house as members of the Colletville Band began ripping up the bridge.


"This whole boundary-expansion thing is a thinly-veiled attempt to infringe upon our traditional way of life," said a spokesman, the lower half of his face concealed behind a leather carpenter's apron. With every impassioned word the handle of the hammer in the apron bounced off the spokesman's chin, adding an ominous drumbeat accompaniment to his plaint. *Continued, over*

"Watermelon -- it's a good fruit. You eat, you drink, you wash your face." - Enrico Caruso  
"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." - Robert Orben  
"I've been on a constant diet for the last two decades. I've lost a total of 789 pounds. By all accounts, I should be hanging from a charm bracelet." - Erma Bombeck  
"This recipe is certainly silly. It says to separate two eggs, but it doesn't say how far to separate them." - Gracie Allen

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

 <b>Aries</b> March 21 - April 19 If you've felt low on optimism, prepare to be uplifted. This week, you'll have conversations which open the door to meaningful connections. You'll find yourself dreaming again.	 <b>Taurus</b> April 20 - May 20 This week, connections can grow stronger and conversations about commitment arise. Even small exchanges can help build trust, warmth, and a sense of emotional security.	 <b>Gemini</b> May 21 - June 20 This week you'll find it easy to share your hopes and fears with people who respond with sensitivity. By speaking from your heart, you'll gain clarity about your plans for the future.	 <b>Cancer</b> June 21 - July 22 This week, you can reflect on what you truly want from your relationships. Conversations will become more personal & honest. The potential for an upturn is real, the onus is on you.
 <b>Leo</b> July 23 - Aug 22 This week, you can see a shifting dynamic from a broader more understanding perspective. You'll find it easier to express your feelings vis-a-vis a recent change in a friendship.	 <b>Virgo</b> Aug 23 - Sept 22 This week, you're invited to slow the pace & reconnect with what's important in your relationships. By choosing words with care, you can strengthen a bond or clear the air.	 <b>Libra</b> Sept 23 - Oct 22 This week offers a reset, a chance to step back and see a relationship situation with greater clarity. Choose the path that brings you closer to the connection that makes your heart sing.	 <b>Scorpio</b> Oct 23 - Nov 21 This week, shift from planning to action. You to assimilate the hard work you've done, so that you're confident about the next step to take. You're ready. So, trust your instincts.
 <b>Sagittarius</b> Nov 22 - Dec 21 This week, connect with what lights you up, especially in regard to matters of the heart. When you trust what feels right, you'll move closer to a dream that's ready to become real.	 <b>Capricorn</b> Dec 22 - Jan 19 This week, notice the qualities of comfort, closeness, and emotional ease in your relationships. You'll identify what other people need and realize what's lacking in your life.	 <b>Aquarius</b> Jan 20 - Feb 18 This week, you can see things differently & recognize the value of something you've been taking for granted. Find small ways to show appreciation, and you'll deepen this bond.	 <b>Pisces</b> Feb 19 - Mar 20 This week, reconsider the pattern guiding a connection in your world, & you'll see where old expectations are holding you back. You'll see where to let go of what no longer fits.

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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.

**Lilac Festivals in Merritt**  
The first lilac festival was held in 2004, in mid-May when the lilacs were bursting with colour & fragrance in Merritt. It was an art & music event in a heritage warehouse in the downtown area - a huge success with a Bohemian style. The event appealed to those who love the flowers & enjoy art. Festivals were held each year until 2008, but 'lilac awareness' has continued to be promoted through art posters during lilac time.

**The Merritt Lilac Project**  
The Merritt Lilac Project began in 2005 with Bill Vander Zalm donating well-started 4'-5' lilac trees to the citizens of Merritt. Since that time, more than 5,000 lilacs have been planted in our community, thanks to his generosity. With this gift, the variety of lilac trees is greatly enhanced, extending the blooming season by at least 2 weeks. The bushes are young still, but continue thrive in our climate. They are an investment that will mature in the years to come!

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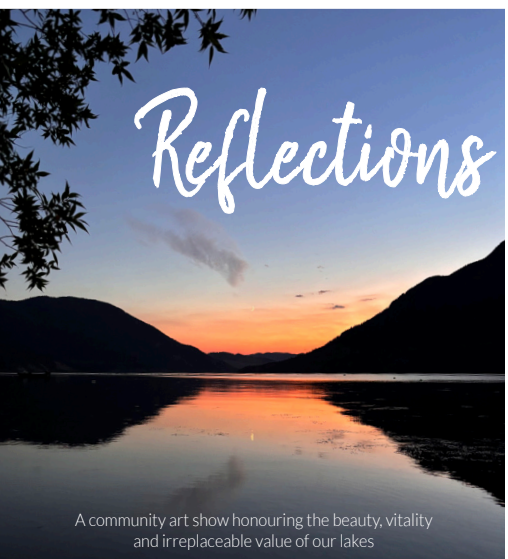
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**Colletville bridge blockade** *continued*

"They'll have to build a new bridge if they want to cross into Colletville," he warned.

City officials say that's exactly what they will do: "We will start erecting a new bridge before the old one is down," said a determined spokesman — "We will not bow to blackmail."

The Colletville Band is also seeking the right to selfgovernment, its own judicial system, and recognition of land claims which include Quilchena Square, Rotary Park, and the rear 30 feet of the old Armstrong's Hardware building.

They are also demanding a full archaeological study of Colletville, claiming that the area is studded with ancient auto burial grounds.

Recently a development was halted when a cat-operator turned up the rusted remains of a 1939 Packard Phaeton.

— Gordon Cockle, Merritt Morning Mirror #36, June 21, 1995

trails in the mountains and grasslands surrounding Merritt, there are a few locations where the race intersects Merritt's road network. FMI [www.headsortrails.ca/merrittcrownxcbike](http://www.headsortrails.ca/merrittcrownxcbike)

**Music in the Square & Park 2026** Every Thursday 6-8pm, bring a picnic & chairs for free live music at Spirit Square or the bandshell in Rotary Park. Spirit Square: Jul 2 *Rule 857*, Jul 9 *Cal Volpe*, July 16 *JS Garcia Band*, Jul 23 *Ross Christopher Fairbairn*, Aug 20 *ZONNIS*. Rotary Park: Aug 6 *The Out Seer*, Aug 13 *Merritt Music Students*, and Aug 27 *Outlaws and Lace*.

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**Community** *continued*

urday, June 6 at MSS, performances at 11am & 4pm. Admission is by donation.

**Nicola Valley Food Bank board mtg**

A motion to replace the bylaws is being proposed at the board meeting to be held June 11, 5:30pm at 1898 Blair St. Acopy of these bylaws can be obtained at the Nicola Valley Food Bank. Everyone welcome.

**Pacific Forest Rally**

Pacific Forest Rally returns to action in Merritt June 5 & 6. Organizers are looking for volunteers to make it happen. FMI contact our volunteer coordinator: [rally.volunteer@rallyinterior.ca](mailto:rally.volunteer@rallyinterior.ca)

**Merritt Crown bike race**

The annual Merritt Crown XC Bike race — to be held June 13 — offers three races on the mountains surrounding Merritt. The full crown is a 120km bike race at 3000m elevation. The half crown is 60km at 1500m elevation. The 2 person or 4 person relay race is 30-40km at 750m elevation. While the majority of the race is along

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

**FOR RENT**

**LOOKING FOR A ROOM,** to be a roommate, will pay my way. Barb 280-3917

**ROOM & BOARD.** Lrg furnished bdrm, quiet neighbrhd, off street prkng avail. Grt cook. kitchn & laundry priv. Dog on site. \$750, refs req'd. 315-9803

**4-BDRM** 3-bth ranch home in rural quiet setting, 25 mins west of Merritt, Propane and wood stove heat, July 1. Looking for reliable Long tenants. References required \$2600 + utilities Call/ text 604-534-1401

**2-BDRM** grnd level, near-nw, util. incl. priv. entrance, own prkng, n/p, 1601 Bann 378-2047

**ROOM** for rent, 1 room, sep. bth, util incl \$700, on Hwy 8 315-0109

**4-BDRM** house, 2-bth, 3-bdrm townhse, 2-bth, immed. 1-bdrm suite, avail. immed. 378-4392

**WTD: RENTAL** Artisan/Gardener (Retiree) & well mannered Bdr Collie ISO tidy, smoke free, peaceable, long term cabin/trailer/suite in or near Merritt. Refs avail. Roslyn skylark island@gmail.com

**WAREHOUSE/SHOP** for lease in Low Nic, 1000 ft² with 500 ft² mezzanine, 12 x 12 overhd dr, radiant heat & bthrm, gated compound. Call /text 604-534-1401

**4000 SQ.FT.** shop / warehouse for lease in Low Nic., 500sqft mezz., 500sqft off., 3-phs electrical, bthrm, gas furn., air compr., 14'x14' dr, 604-534-1401

**FURN'D ROOM** ensuite bthrm, 11km west of Merritt, country setting 378-4476