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**Wrong way collision on Coquihalla**

On June 15, at approx. 8:08am, Merritt RCMP received a report of a small car travelling the wrong way on the Coquihalla Hwy near Comstock Rd.

**Wrong way collision on Coquihalla**

A short time later, at approximately 8:13am, police received a second report indicating the car had been involved in a head-on collision with a transport van in the northbound lanes of the highway.

Frontline officers from Merritt RCMP, along with BC Highway Patrol, Emergency Health Services, and local fire crews, responded to the scene.

The driver and sole occupant of the car was pronounced deceased at the scene. The occupants of the transport van sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to hospital for treatment.

Initial witness reports indicate the car was travelling southbound in the northbound lanes at a high rate of speed prior to the collision.

The northbound lanes of the Coquihalla Highway remained closed as investigators continued their work. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was on scene assisting with traffic management. The roadway will reopen once it is safe to do so.

Anyone who may have dash camera footage from the area around the time of the collision is asked to contact the Merritt RCMP at 250-378-4262.

**Kullagh Creek wildfire, north end of Stump Lake**

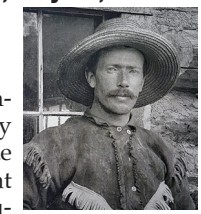
An evacuation alert was issued by TNRD, effective yesterday at 2pm, due to the Kullagh Creek wildfire. It is in effect for approx. 30 addressed properties northeast end of Stump Lake; and Kullagh Lake Rd west of Hwy 5A.

As of 6pm yesterday, the grass fire was listed as out of control, and had grown to 149 Hectares. 71 firefighting personnel responded to the incident, as well as aerial resources & heavy equipment.

**Rear View MMirror, July 31, 1995**

**James Teit**  
Teit Gallery open

The official opening of the Teit Gallery is scheduled to take place this evening at the Nicola Valley Museum on Jackson Ave., starting at 6:30. The community is invited and urged to attend the opening of this important new adjunct to the museum. Officials taking part in the opening include Minister of Small Business, Tour- *Cont'd, over*



**Tree Problem** Last October my wife bought a magnolia tree from the local nursery, but after only a few weeks the leaves shriveled. It appeared to be on its last legs. My wife took some leaf samples and marched into the nursery to demand an explanation. "I know exactly what's wrong with your magnolia," said the manager. "Good," said my wife. "What's it suffering from?" "Autumn," he replied.

**How do you make a waterbed more bouncy?** Fill it with spring water.  
**A young artist** is exhibiting his work for the first time. A well-known art critic approaches, and the artist says, "Can I have your honest opinion of my work?" "It's worthless," says the critic. "I know," says the artist, "but tell me anyway."

**MSS Grad 2026**

The MSS 2026 graduation ceremony and Cap & Gown walk is scheduled for tomorrow, Thurs, June 18 — the procession starts at approx. 6:15pm – 6:20 pm from the high school, and streets will be closed along the 1 km route to the NV Memorial Arena. The commencement ceremony begins right after the walk at 7pm in the arena. MSS Prom is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 20.

**Community**

**NVIT Pow Wow**

NVIT warmly invites you to gather for their inaugural Pow Wow, a time to honour our Indigenous cultures, traditions, and community — Thurs, June 18, 12noon-5pm at the NVIT Gym. Pow Wows are sacred gatherings where songs, dances, and teachings are shared, celebrating identity, resilience, and our relationships to the land and to one another. We invite all relatives and friends to come together in respect, to listen, learn, and witness.

Please come with an open heart and follow Pow Wow protocols, as each song and dance carries deep cultural and spiritual meaning. FMI Lesley Manuel lmanuel@nvit.ca, 250-315-3153.

**Commemorative Colletville School t-shirts & hoodies**

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**Father's Day pancake breakfast**

The Merritt Elks will host a Father's Day pancake breakfast, garage/swap meet. Crafters. June 20, 9am-2pm.

**Indigenous People's Day**

The Citw Nlaka'pamux Assembly welcomes everyone to join them for their annual Indigenous People's Day event! This free, family-friendly celebration is sure to be full of exciting events and delicious food! June 21, 10am-3pm, at 3299 River Ranch Rd, Merritt. FMI 250-378-1864 or programs@cna-trust.ca

**Merritt & District Hospice Society**

The Merritt & District Hospice Society will be available at the Merritt Library on Thurs mornings 10am-12noon for the month of June. Come in, say hello, and borrow a book from our hospice library, learn about living with loss sessions, ask questions about services and support, find out how to volunteer. FMI 250-280-1701, merrithospice@shaw.ca *Cont'd, over*

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EXHIBITION June 10-22, 2026



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**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.

**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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**James Teit** *continued*

ism & Culture, Bill Barlee, MLA Harry Lali, Mayor Clara Norgaard, along with a small group of scholars - Roderick Sprague, University of Idaho; David Scheffel, UCC; Kelowna Museum's Dan Bruce, and a number of other contributors & supporters.

**Who was James Teit**

A Scot from the Shetland Islands, James A. Teit migrated to Spences Bridge in 1884 where he lived for 35 years, working as an orchardist, hunter and guide. From the outset, Teit was interested in native communities, their languages, customs, mythologies and day-to-day pursuits. Nor was his interest that of an arm's length observer;

Teit lived among the natives, learned the languages, respected their customs and, most importantly, recorded his observations and ideas. He wrote extensively on native matters from the time of his arrival to his death in 1922.

**The importance of Teit's work**

Teit's study of native communities provides a valuable *navigational* aid to modern scholars and native historians intent upon presenting an accurate historical account of native culture and, particularly, how that variegated culture was affected by European influences. The native oral tradition suffered a break at the time of European arrival, and later, during the residential school period. Trying to reconstruct a native history from from oral remnants and official governmental proclamations and notations left a lot of blanks. The conscientious & insightful notations of Teit are proving invaluable in filling in the blanks.

— Gordon Cockle, Merritt Morning Mirror #53, July 31, 1995

**Community** *continued*

**Canada Day celebrations**

Wednesday July 1, the City of Merritt will host Canada Day celebrations in Rotary Park, 11am-3pm. Breakfast starts the day at the Civic Centre hosted by the Merritt Basque Society \$10, 7:30-10:30am. Lunch Rotary Park: \$5 12-2pm. There will be human foosball, zorball, tropical bounce & slide, face painting & balloon artists, free photo booth, cookies & donuts fundraiser for Girl Guides, snow cones soccer fundraiser, concession, Love to Dance Academy performance, bike decoration, Art in Motion event trailer, and BreatheBikes. At 12:00 pm (noon) the singing of *O Canada* & flag raising, with a greeting from the Mayor. Live music with *Jackson Hollow* at the Rotary Park Bandshell 11am-3pm, and food trucks.

There will be limited parking at Rotary Park parking lot due to food trucks and entertainment. Overflow parking available at Central Park. Extra designated handicap/elders parking at Rotary Park parking lot. Bike Valet will be onsite.

**Music in the Square & Park 2026**

Every Thursday 6-8pm, 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*, Aug 27 *Outlaws and Lace*.

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