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**Saw Creek wildfire**

The human-caused Saw Creek wildfire, discovered on Friday just south of Lytton, has grown over the weekend to 704 hectares, and become a "fire of note".

Late Friday evening, TNRD issued an evacuation order for 47 addressed properties in the Village of Lytton, with 168 other addresses also under evacuation alerts. Alerts have also been issued by Siska Indian Band, Lytton First Nation, and Skuppah Indian Band. But last evening at 7pm, the order for the 47 addresses was downgraded to an alert. The fire has closed Hwy 1 between Boston Bar and Cache Creek, for 117km.

As of yesterday, BC Wildfire Service crews prioritized the protection and defense of structure in the fire area. An Incident Management Team has been assigned, along with 135 BCWS firefighting personnel, 9 helicopters and 47 structure protection personnel.

The fire remains out of control, and the next update for the Hwy 1 closure will be today.

**École Élémentaire Colletville Closing ceremony**

Thursday, June 25, students, staff, families, alumni, and community members are welcome to the closing ceremony for Colletville School. There is a Subway luncheon 11:30am-12noon; 1-1:30 pm is the Closing Assembly — a celebration of Colletville's history, memories, and impact on our community. Outdoor Games & Activities will take place 2-3pm, and then a rooftop photo for all those who wish to participate.

**Community Music in the Square with MSS students**

Today, June 22, 5-7pm, come out and show your support for the talented students of MSS as they wrap up their Visual Art Show with a special community performance at Spirit Square. Join them on the final day to celebrate their artistic achievements with an evening of live entertainment, community spirit, and student talent.

**Girl Guides wrap up**

As the Girl Guiding year wraps up until fall, the Merritt Girl Guide Leaders would like to congratulate Olivia S, Emma D, Fionna C-W, Lilly W, on earning the Lady Baden-Powell Award—the highest award a Guide can achieve. This honour recognizes outstanding leadership, meaningful community service, and a strong understanding of the Guiding sisterhood.

We also congratulate Emma D, Fionna C-W, Lilly W, and Meredith M on receiving a Teamwork Award for their dedication in volunteering on

**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

**Don't hate yourself in the morning, sleep til noon.**

Today is the last day of your life, so far.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

I have a financial plan called... hoping a random long-lost relative leaves me a fortune in their will.

There's a new dating app for folks my age. It's called "Carbon Dating".

What do you call it when two letters make a wager? An alphabet.

**THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE**

<p><b>Aries</b> March 21 - April 19</p> <p>This week, you feel hopeful but cautious about your future. You've been carrying more pressure/responsibility than people realize. Yet you don't need to expect to struggle at every turn.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> April 20 - May 20</p> <p>This week, you realize that certain worries or obligations no longer deserve the energy you're giving them. Quietly, subtly, things have improved more than you expected.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> May 21 - June 20</p> <p>The harder you push, the less effective everything becomes. This problem can't be solved through increased effort. Step back &amp; breathe. What currently feels chaotic will resolve itself.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> June 21 - July 22</p> <p>This week, there's a turning point and the start of a fresh cycle of energy &amp; confidence. Something in you is strengthening and less willing to settle for what no longer feels right.</p>
<p><b>Leo</b> July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>This week, if you stay open-minded about the unexpected intel that comes your way, you'll find important clues that help you make sense of a confusion.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>This week an insight helps you untangle a situation that's felt frustratingly complicated. With that breakthrough comes something equally meaningful: genuine appreciation.</p>	<p><b>Libra</b> Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>This week opens a door you thought had permanently closed, but it isn't as locked as you think. With a positive attitude &amp; open mind, you can begin rebuilding trust, hope, &amp; enthusiasm.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>This week don't lose hope or confidence. Not every successful outcome arrives instantly. Sometimes clarity emerges gradually and reveals a smarter, more effective approach.</p>
<p><b>Sagittarius</b> Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>This week, unexpected support arrives. And you're beginning to realize that rescuing everyone isn't your only role. By looking after your wellbeing, you'll be more effective &amp; happier.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn</b> Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>This week part of you wants to commit to the possibilities, but another part remains wary. No more standing on the sidelines. Something important is moving forwards now.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>This week brings a surprising shift. Once you stop over-managing a persistent concern, you'll find many more interesting situations to get involved in. One in particular, looks fun.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>Step back this week. Once you allow yourself breathing room, the insight and understanding you've been searching for will emerge naturally and unmistakably.</p>

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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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**Girl Guides** *continued*

multiple projects throughout the Nicola Valley over the past year. In addition, Guide leader Alycia F and Meredith M were honoured with gold Thank You pins in recognition of their continued commitment & service.

Congratulations to all our members for another successful year and for your hard work and achievements. We also extend our sincere thanks to the Nicola Valley community for your ongoing support of our organization. Registration for the fall is open now: [www.girlguides.ca/web/MerrittGuidingTeamRearViewMMMirror](http://www.girlguides.ca/web/MerrittGuidingTeamRearViewMMMirror), **Sept 11, 1995**

**MSS blaze - Control of high school fire**

A multiple intrusion alarm went off at MSS around midnight Saturday. Police responded immediately and discovered the temporary office at the Chapman school entrance ablaze. The flames had already moved upwards and spread along the false floor in the cafeteria and library area when firefighters arrived.

"They were very professional," said a woman who watched the action from her home near the school. "Everyone seemed to know just what to do, and they did it, fast!"

The Mirror arrived 20 mins after the Fire Dept: the fire was still blazing in the temp. office area, but already under control. Interviewing Chief Finley, Sunday morning, the Chief couldn't say enough about his team's effort. "Everyone on board last night did an exemplary job," said Finley. The Chief singled out the Finnegan boys, Dean & Daryl, for special mention, saying they provided "the eyes and ears" that helped so much to coordinate firefighting strategy.

An unconfirmed report indicates two 13 year olds and a 16 year old have been picked up for questioning. — G. Cockle, Merritt Morning Mirror #70, Sept 11, 1995

**Community** *continued*

12-2pm. There will be human fooseball, zorb balls, 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, 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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