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New record high on the heels of record low

A new high temperature of 29.0°C on Saturday in Merritt, beat out the old record of 28.8°C set in 2013. This on the heels of a record overnight low temperature on April 19 of -9.6°C, breaking the previous minimum temperature record by 0.7°C. The records in Merritt date back to 1918.

Two local fires over the weekend

A fire discovered on May 10 near Lauder Creek grew to 14.3 hectares towards Peter Hope Lake, though it is now being held. The suspected cause is human activity.

A fire on Swakum Mountain, north of Zoht, was spotted on Saturday and as of Sunday morning, was listed as under control at a size of 2.5 hectares. A cause has not been identified.

Search for robbery suspect and vehicle

On Friday, at approx. 1:45pm, frontline RCMP officers in Merritt, responded to a robbery which occurred minutes prior at Bob's Mini-Mart, 2801 Claperton Ave.



Officers actively searching for the suspect and the vehicle, says Cpl. James Grandy, BC RCMP spokesperson. Police are releasing footage of both the suspect and the vehicle used, and ask the public to call 911 should they observe either.

The suspect is Caucasian male; 5'8 to 5'9 feet tall; Large tattoo on right arm (possibly a wave pattern); Facial hair. The vehicle is a small 2-door Fiat.

The risk to the public remains unknown at this time, however it appears targeted towards carrying out a robbery.

Frontline officers are actively working at identifying and locating the suspect, and are hoping a member of the public may spot either the vehicle or suspect explains Cpl. Grandy.

Community Living with grief & loss

The Merritt & District Hospice Society will host a *Living with Grief & Loss Group*. The dates are May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12 & 19, 1:30-3pm in the basement of the hospital across from the eleator. Have you lost a loved one? Do you feel alone? Need someone to talk to? FMI 250-280-1701, merrithospice@shaw.ca

The Nicola Valley Beaver Project

The Nicola Naturalists present Tom Willms and the beaver project on May 16th, 6:30pm in the NVIT lecture hall.

NVIT instructor Tom Willms is leading a project to re-introduce beavers to many local areas where they have been extirpated. Beavers are now recognized as a key to water conservation and flood control and are being re-introduced in many areas. Membership or donation.

Quilchena night markets

The Chamber of Commerce will host night markets again, on Friday evenings, starting May 17, 5:30-8pm, with the street closed at 5pm. Dates through the summer are June 7, July 5, August 2 and September 6. They will be held on Quilchena Ave., Voght to Garcia, and Spirit Square.

Take in the live entertainment at Spirit Square and explore the Quilchena Night Market, featuring food & drink trucks, bakers, cooks, crafters, homemade & homegrown items, second-hand items, candy, services, and new product sales. Family fun and activities will abound with games, crafts and face painting.

FMI contact Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce 250-378-5634.

Gillis House family & friends party

A meet & greet open house for Gillis House residents and their family & friends will be held on Friday, May 24, 1-3pm. Light snacks & refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Avinash by May 17: avinash.tanda@interiorhealth.ca

The Opie Show

The NVCAC, in cooperation with David Oppenheim, present a new art exhibit, *The Opie Show: A Tribute to Opie Oppenheim*, May 2-June 2, at the Arts Centre beside Kekuli Cafe. There will be an Open House on Take Down Day, Sun., June 2, 1-4pm.

The boss said: "Have a nice day." So I went home. (Thanks, Ross)

A magician was driving down the road and turned into a shopping mall.

When you say "edited it" you are saying "edit" twice.

Carrot is orange but orange is not carrot.

15+15 is thirty but 16+16 is thirty too.

Exaggerations went up by a million percent last year.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

<p>Aries March 21 - April 19</p> <p>Although this week you are finding strength, you're not a superhero. Be mindful about boundaries and barriers towards others. Invest your energy where it will be most effective.</p>	<p>Taurus April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Your compassionate nature is being enhanced. You're being gifted with the creativity to use kindness and consideration to heal yourself, and others. It will be a good week.</p>	<p>Gemini May 21 - June 20</p> <p>You already know the answer you think you're seeking. It's just you're not trusting yourself enough to act on it. This week, you'll find confidence and clarity to start making real progress.</p>	<p>Cancer June 21 - July 22</p> <p>Your natural compassion doesn't always seem to work in your favour. Sometimes, other people take advantage of your kindness. Forgiveness is key.</p>
<p>Leo July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>You might doubt your ability to influence the outcome of one particular drama. But you're overlooking your natural resources. You can sort it out with style.</p>	<p>Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>This week brings insight and sharpens your intuition. You can use these gifts to apply a clever strategy to a situation that's been draining your enthusiasm.</p>	<p>Libra Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>If you find yourself dealing with a drama, don't berate yourself for putting yourself in this situation. Or worry. It's part of the process. If you relax, you'll find it leads to a great destination.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>Even though the path ahead might not be completely clear, this week brings signs that the seeds you've planted are starting to sprout. A greater sense of certainty is growing.</p>
<p>Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>A situation has slipped out of your control. It's disconcerting. But it's a blessing in disguise. It becomes clear that what's happening is more 'right' than you can imagine.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>This week, don't dismiss an exciting suggestion. It could turn out to be realistic. Sometimes, delightful surprises come into our lives. Something is about to start afresh!</p>	<p>Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>This week brings an inspirational way to redress an imbalance and reclaim an advantage. From your enhanced position you can orchestrate a change that benefits you, and others too.</p>	<p>Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>You can set a wonderful process in motion. And, as it unfolds over time, you'll experience a sense of satisfaction that makes your world a brighter place.</p>

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**Hours will be Tues-Fri 10-4pm
Saturday 11am-3 pm**

The Opie Show:
A Tribute to Artist Opie Oppenheim
Born 1945 - Passed May 15, 2021



May 2 - June 2, 2024

RECEPTION
Friday, May 3, 4-7pm
Kekuli refreshments & live flute music

TAKE DOWN
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, June 2, 1-4pm

BOTTLE DRIVE
9 AM - 1 PM

2 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS!

- Love to Dance Academy 1976 Quilchena Ave
- Lower Nicola Hall 2383 Aberdeen Road

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