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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ArtsWell Tickets on sale starting today Pancake Breakfast at the School: 8-9am Bingo at the Community Hall Senior's Room: 7pm	2 Family Christmas Photos at the Legion: 11am-3pm	3
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25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Celebration at the Wells Community Hall: 7:30pm

DISTRICT NEWS

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

Wells would like to say thank you.

Please join us 4:30 to 6:30 pm on **Monday, December 5** at the Banquet Room in the Community Hall and join us for a Volunteer Appreciation event.

Great appetizers, great door prizes and a great big thank you from us to you!

WELLS is lighting it up and on **Monday, December 5** we are going to start the holidays off right by lighting up our tree in Fred Wells Park. From 7:00 - 7:30 pm there will be free hot chocolate, the tree will be lit up and fireworks set off.

So make sure you are at the Fred Wells Park on Monday, December 5 from 7 - 7:30 pm

THE NURSE IS IN! 3rd Tuesday of the month
December 20 January 17 February 21

UPCOMING BY-ELECTION

Richard Wright, long-time member of the District of Wells Council, resigned his seat on Council at the end of September 2016. A by-election to fill the vacant seat on Council has been scheduled for **March 4, 2017**. Additional details regarding the upcoming by-election will come in the near future.

MEET AND GREET

Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Corporation
 The new Board members of the WBCFC will be available at the Wells Legion Hall on Friday, **December 9, 2016** between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM to meet with Wells residents and business owners. If you would like to meet the new Board members please drop by.

FREE ENERGY SAVING KITS

The District of Wells in partnership with Community Energy Association and with BC Hydro has a number of Free Energy Saving Kits to give to low-income Wells residents/ individuals and families.

Each kit contains:

- > LED bulbs
- > Weatherstripping to reduce drafts around windows and doors
- > High efficiency showerhead
- > Water-saving tap aerators
- > LED night light
- > Fridge and freezer thermometer
- > Step-by-step instruction guide [PDF, 3.0 MB] to help you install each product

How to apply:

Phone 250-994-3330 or come by the District office (4243 Sanders Ave.) and we'll be happy to help you apply.

When you apply, you'll be asked to provide:

- > Your name and BC Hydro account number (found on the top right corner of your bill)
- > The number of people in your household and your total household income
- > We will fill out an on-line form together.
- > These kits will be distributed on a first-come/first served basis, so apply early!

DEPUTY CLERK

The District of Wells seeks an individual with excellent public relations and interpersonal skill for the position of District Clerk. This position is well suited for an individual who enjoys working with the public. The selected candidate must be able to exercise courtesy, diplomacy, and tact in dealing with elected officials, business and government representatives, the general public, and District staff. The ideal candidate for this position will be able to work individually and as a member of a team on a number of projects simultaneously, establish priorities, and meet deadlines.

For additional information on duties, responsibilities and qualifications please contact the District office for a complete advertisement or see the District of Wells website - www.wells.ca/employment

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm, December 21, 2016.

Ode to a Hippie Town

With your glistening lakes,
Surrounding mountains,
Roaming wildlife,
You make me feel alive

Full of the smells of wine,
Pine trees and wood stove smoke,
Home cooked meals and potlucks,
You make me feel safe

Warm summer breeze,
Loud eclectic bands,
Dancing hippies in tie-dye,
You make me feel free

Mosquitos and noseums
Leeches, horse flies and moths,
The dreaded spruce beetle,
You make me crazy

Guitars around campfires,
Drinks among friends,
Memories that last forever,
You keep me sane

Sledding up to Groundhog,
Showshoeing up Murray,
A late night gathering at Wendle,
You make me adventurous

Cold dark winters,
Foot upon foot of snow,
Hockey played on frozen lakes,
You make me tough

A dip in the river,
A hike in the meadow,
A day out in Barkerville,
You keep me entertained

Art at every corner,
Rainbow houses left and right,
Cool musician vibes,
You make me creative

Take care of the young,
Respecting the old,
Teaching many life lessons,
You make me better

Two hundred smiling faces,
Two hundred helping hands,
Two hundred friendly neighbours,
You make me feel loved

A small hippie town
Strong sense of community,
Every member a family,
You make me, me.

~ Sophie Fourchalk
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In Loving Memory of



Virginia Barredo Pilgrim

Sept 8, 1946 – Nov 21, 2016

*God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change; courage
to change the things I can; and
wisdom to know the difference.*

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

GRANTS-IN-AID

Non-Profit groups operating in Wells are reminded that they need to apply each year to the municipality in order to receive grant-in-aid funding from the District. It is now time for non-profit groups to submit their grant-in-aid requests to the District for Council to consider in 2017. **Deadline is December 21, 2016.**

Council carefully considers providing funding assistance to non-profit groups that operate in Wells which provide valuable social and community services in the municipality.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WELLS AND AREA COMMUNITY ASSOC.

Holding a General Meeting on **December 8th at 6:00 pm** at the Huckleberry Daycare. Stop by and meet the Board, ask questions and find out what we are up to, including our exciting **Wells Outdoor High School Project!** Refreshments and snacks will be served.

CFRD – 92.5 FM

CFred still broadcasts on **92.5 FM**, and in addition to our variety of regular programming and podcasts we'll be introducing a few periods of Christmas Music throughout the day. We've got everything from Frank Sinatra's White Christmas to Jethro Tull's Christmas Album, and we try to sprinkle in enough music to keep you in the mood without overwhelming the airwaves. Have you ever heard Cheryl's favourite program? From 5 to 7 daily, we play only music from the 1930's and 40's in honour of the heyday of Wells.

BINGO!!

Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Ray Davis (Seniors') Room

Everyone 19 & older welcome.

Doors open at 6:30pm.

ENTER VIA BACK DOOR OF COMMUNITY HALL

Wells Best Seniors Association Box 49

Phone: 250-994-3488 Licence # 72103

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #128 – WELLS

Family Christmas Photos

\$30.00 for 5–8 Digital Photos

December 2 & 4 11 am – 3 pm by Appointment

Sign up sheet is located in the Legion—drop by to make an appointment or call 250-994-3208 from 4–10 pm

AGM and Executive Election

Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm

2016 or 2017 Membership Card required as proof to be eligible to vote

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Hamper Kick-Off

By donation at the Wells Legion

December 9th at 6:30 pm

A Winters' Evening

Saturday, December 17

Doors Open 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Entertainment 7:30 pm

Hosted at the Jack O' Clubs Pub

Entertainment provided by: After Eight

Silent Auction Fundraiser, Door Prize and Karaoke

TICKETS available at the Legion

\$35 – in Advance

OR

\$40 – at the Door

\$30 – Legion Members in Good Standing

(2016 or 2017 Membership Card required as proof)

In considering grant-in-aid applications, Council may:

- > allocate funds in response to requests received during the calendar year; and/or
- > reserve funds for unplanned events in order to provide support to groups and organizations during the operating year.

District staff will review each grant-in-aid request and provide a recommendation to Council to consider. All requests for grants-in-aid must be approved by Council.

WELLS-BARKERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

In December the Wells-Barkerville School will be selling bags of delicious BC apples as well as apple pies (and possibly other delectable apple products!) Pies are at the scrumptious price of \$7/pie. Please contact Lindsay for more info or to place an order.

Christmas Play

December 15 at 6:00pm The play, *Cariboo Princess*, is written and directed again this year by our own fabulous playwright, Danette Bouchir and it's going to be fabulous!

Pancake Breakfast

The Wells-Barkerville Community School would like to invite the community to participate in a pancake breakfast **from 8–9 a.m.** on the following dates:

December 1	January TBA	February 2
March 2	April 6	
May 4	June 1	

4TH ANNUAL X'MAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Saturday, 10th and Sunday, 11th December 2016
9am–5pm at the Jack O' Clubs

ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS

Gift Shop

2323 Pooley Street, 250-994-3466

Will be open the first 3 weekends in December AND December 22–23 for last minute shoppers

Gift Shop & Gallery Hours: 11:00am to 6:00pm.

Our amazing gift shop carries such items as:

- > **Fox & Hare Soap & Salve** from Smithers, BC and 30% off;
- > **Marie Nestle's Pottery** from Quesnel, BC
- > **Coral Keehn Art Cards & Spice Packages** from Williams Lake, BC
- > **Trapline Treasures Handmade Jewelry** from Hazelton, BC

Wells Works

Friday, December 9th our annual exhibition featuring our local artists. The exhibition itself will begin on December 9th, with an opening reception at 8 PM that night. Everyone is invited! Contact David to be part of Wells Works.

ArtsWells "Early Crow" tickets on sale December 1st.

WELLS NEW YEAR

The New Year's Eve celebration in Wells has become a tradition now, with arts and culture lovers from around Interior BC coming to our town for an evening of music, dancing and good company. The celebration takes place on New Year's Eve (obviously) in the Wells Community Hall, featuring live music and dancing (announcements coming soon!). Before or after the celebrations, you can explore Wells in the winter—a unique experience and one entirely different from the town in the summer time. There is skiing, snowshoeing, skating and sledding! More information will be available shortly, but for now—mark New Year's on your calendar as an event not to be missed.

AMAZING SPACES STUDIO AND GALLERY

2338 Bowman Cres, Wells, BC | 250-994-2332

Apparel & Accessories

Arts & Hand Crafts

Espresso machine will be ON!

December 10 – 12, 2016 | 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

MOUNTAIN THYME GETAWAY

We're open all winter for any winter activities.

Mountain Thyme Getaway has a really reasonable winter rate of only \$35/person, plus a one-time flat winter house-keeping fee. And we also offer Accommodation specials through HelloBC including mid-week specials, weekend offers, and tie-ins to Whitegold Adventure Day tours. They can be found at our website at www.stayinwells.ca

BEAR'S PAW CAFE

Victorian Christmas:

Open Friday night for dinner

Open Saturday and Sunday 5 pm by reservation only.

If you're local, we recommend a Sunday night reservation.

Other times:

The Bear's Paw is always available for group dinners or special occasions. We have catered snowmobile groups for years, and can provide skiers, sledgers or any group breakfast, lunch and dinner options during their stay in Wells. Contact us to discuss your group's needs.

dinner@thebearspaw.ca

FROG ON THE BOG GIFTS

The Frog on the Bog is open every weekend in December, and Victorian Christmas Weekend from 9 till 9.

This year we're offering FREE SHIPPING. Drop in, shop, pay, ask us to Christmas wrap it, and we're offering free shipping to anywhere in continental Wells, when we're finished wrapping.

The Frog is always available for shopping by appointment, and we're happy to open for people in the evenings, if your days are tied up playing or working in the snow. Feel free to call us on short notice for Birthday parties, last minute Christmas shopping, or just to show a friend around.

We just got a lot of really great new stuff, including lumber-jack underwear for kids, Christmas bobbles, and some funky men's pajamas, besides new variations on our trademark Society of Dead Gold Miners wear.

We're really proud of our support for local artists and merchants:

A quick survey of our inventory showed us how far we have come in our commitment to local goods. Currently we buy directly from 31 independent BC artists and artisans, including 19 from our local region! On top of that we buy books from 13 independently published authors, CD's from 20 BC musicians, and purchase from 8 family run independent Canadian suppliers. Of course, that includes (6 Wells authors) (10 local artists, jewellers and clothing manufacturers) and (6 local musicians)

WHITEGOLD ADVENTURES

We offer low and mid elevation day tours to really unique locations, skiing and snowshoeing, throughout the winter. We'll suit a trip to your, or your guests capability, and we even have snow-shoes and nordic and backcountry-nordic skis for rent. We also rent Avalanche Beacons, shovels and probes, and SPOT, to high country adventurers (ask for rates).

See our Day Tour (Winter) Page for some beautiful photos of our trips. www.whitegold.ca

BARKERVILLE

Hosting an Old-Fashioned Victorian Christmas

Saturday, December 10th to Monday, December 12th, 2016 from 10am – 4pm daily. Information can be found at www.barkerville.ca/victorianchristmas.

Open Merchants:

Goldfield Bakery

Cameron & Ames Blacksmith

Mason & Daly General Merchants

C. Strouss & Company Dry Goods

McMahon's Confectionery

A. McPherson Watchmaker & Jeweller

King & Kelly House Bed & Breakfast

St. George Hotel

Activities:

- > Have your photo taken with "Father Christmas" in the Enchanted Forest
- > Take an old fashioned Sleigh Ride through beautiful snowy streets
- > Taste delicious home baking in the Wendle House
- > Enjoy a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol by Barkerville's Mr. Bowron
- > Join in for a history-filled guided tour in the snow-laden main street
- > St. Saviour's Anglican Church Service

ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS

Winter Harp in Wells

with Marilyn Rummel

Join Marilyn **February 23–26, 2017** to explore some wonders of the harp that are accessible to all levels of students. The class will include the technique to make beautiful sounds as well as several pieces to be learned ensemble style, with solo and ensemble versions to take home.

Early Bird: \$265 (until December 15)

Regular: \$295

Harp Rental: \$50

For Registration, schedule and accommodation information please go to imarts.com or contact IMA at info@imarts.com and 250-994-3466 or toll free 1-800-442-2787

Annual Summer Harp School

SAVE THE DATE — August 14 – 18, 2017

Register by **January 31, 2017** for the "Early Crow" rate of \$479 (Regular \$555)



REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

RESIDENTIAL

4281 Sanders

\$119,000

250-962-6366

Various Crown Lots

(Margaret, Pooley, Solibakke)

\$9,900

250-222-7173

3933 Solibakke Street

Two bedroom, partially furnished

\$79,000

250-994-3449

4224 Blair

\$26,000

250-994-3384

2325 Bowman Crescent

\$191,000

250-994-3328

2335 Bowman Crescent

\$77,000

250-596-8018

Lot on Blair behind Wells Hotel

\$20,000

250-994-3427

3771 Reduction Road

Acreage

\$265,000

250-994-3245

Timber Frame Home for Sale

4275 Blair Avenue

\$230,000

250-994-3323 or

shaz_brown@yahoo.ca

4215 Margaret Avenue

\$25,000 (open to offers)

778-885-7856 (Sheree)

canadianwest@shaw.ca

Undeveloped view lots

2 to 3 lots for sale between

4390 and 4275 Blair Avenue

Most of the property has had the willows removed

\$30,000 for each lot

250-994-3323 (Sharon)

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL

4299 Burnett Avenue

\$249,000

Box 96, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

COMMERCIAL

2338 Bowman Crescent

3700 sq.ft. renovated live-work-retail space

\$298,000

amazingspacestudio.com

"The Good Eats"

4214 Blair Avenue

Unique heritage building

3 x Self Contained Units +

Full Basement/Workshop

\$215,000

604-817-1996 (Dave)

Willow River

\$125,000

250-994-3245

St. George Gallery

2303 Bowman Crescent

Established art gallery since 1980

Includes self-contained living space

604-602-0512 (Gary)

gfiegehen@uniserve.com

ADVERTISING

CLAIM FOR LEASE

As an older recreational miner, I would like to lease a claim for 2 or 3 weeks next summer (end of July, early August) in the Wells area. I would plan to highbank and metal detect. Payment could be percentage of found gold (preferred) or perhaps good old cash. Please contact me by email at paulfee6056@gmail.com

AVAILABLE for Snow-shoveling. Please call Glen Travis at 250-994-3268

All of us at the District of Wells Office would like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season!



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