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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm	<b>2</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm	<b>3</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice 7pm at the Fire Hall	<b>4</b> Wells Community Bus Bingo at the Community Hall Senior's Room: 7pm Pancake Breakfast 8–9am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
<b>7</b> Recycling Open 11 – 2pm	<b>8</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm District Council Mtg 7pm	<b>9</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm BC Elections	<b>10</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice 7pm at the Fire Hall	<b>11</b> Wells Community Bus	<b>12</b> ZarYevka Ballet 8pm at the Sunset Theatre	<b>13</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
<b>14</b> Recycling Open 11 – 2pm IMA AGM 12pm at the IMA Gallery	<b>15</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm	<b>16</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm NURSE IS IN 9:30 – 2:30	<b>17</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice 7pm at the Fire Hall	<b>18</b> Wells Community Bus	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
<b>21</b> Recycling Open 11 – 2pm	<b>22</b> VICTORIA DAY	<b>23</b> Library 6:30 – 9pm	<b>24</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice 7pm at the Fire Hall	<b>25</b> Wells Community Bus	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COUNCILLOR VIRGINIA WILKINS

Virginia Katherine Wilkins was born April 13, 1938 in Wainwright, Alberta. Virginia is survived by sister Patricia and partner Bill from Quesnel, BC; daughter Brenda and partner Brian from Courtney, BC; son Ray from Edmonton, Alberta; grandson Jeremy and partner Vanessa from Quesnel, BC; nephew John and partner Barbara from Quesnel, BC.

Virginia had many friends, but among her closest were her adopted family of Sandra, Patrick, Candida and Scott.

The following was read by Jay Vermette at her Celebration of Life:

*Life is but a stopping place  
A pause of what's to be  
A resting place along the road  
To sweet eternity  
We all have different journeys  
Different paths along the way  
We are all meant to stay  
Our destination is a place  
Far greater than we know  
For some the journey's quicker  
For some the journey's slow  
And when the journey finally ends  
We'll make a great step forward  
And find an everlasting peace  
As our special reward*

I (Jay) first met Virginia in the early 70's when she moved to Wells and I served on council with her for 6

years from 2005-2011. She was always willing to take on any issue and she had no fear of going face to face with premiers, MLA's or anyone else from the political landscape. Virginia was also an active member of the Legion organization, Wells Historical Society, and the Evan Williams Foundation to name just a few.

*Remember me in your heart  
Your thoughts and your memories  
Of the times we loved  
The times we cried  
The times we fought  
The times we laughed  
For if you always think of me, I never will be gone.*



### WELLS PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

#### Spring and Summer Hours

May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15  
September 19

Walk in visits between 9:30 and 12:00

Booked appointments from 12:30 – 2:30

Call 250-992-8321 to book an appointment

### ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS

2017 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS  
Putting Life into Your Painting with Gesture  
Saturday, May 20 – Monday, May 22, 2017

### IMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & 40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Sunday, May 14

Please join us at the Island Mountain Arts Gallery at 12pm on May 14 (Mother's Day) for the IMA Annual General Meeting. Later that evening join us at the Sunset Theatre at 6pm for a complimentary BBQ and cake to celebrate the 40th Anniversary season of Island Mountain Arts, then enjoy a concert with IMA Artists-in-Residence, Tiger Moon.

Get your tickets now for the 14th Annual ArtsWells Festival Of All Things Art, August 4 - 7, 2017. The Early

Bird Passes are available until May 30th! Things are gearing up for another beautiful weekend of music, art and good times. Don't forget to bring your mug! We want to cut down on all the waste at the festival.

### BARBARA WILSON PAINTING WORKSHOP

We are pleased to present a new gestural painting workshop led by Barbara Wilson, May 20 - 22.

This is a workshop for artists who have some basic experience with painting fundamentals and composition, but for whom "loosening up" or getting beyond tried and true recipes and thinking about painting in a new way.

Barbara is a western Canadian who's gestural style developed over years of painting and drawing in many genres including landscape, buildings and figure. Pure abstraction has now become her main focus and it is this process of gestural expression moving towards pure abstraction that Barbara brings to IMA this year.

Barbara is also having an exhibition, "Coming from Nowhere: Thoughts Beyond Reality" at the IMA Gallery, opening the night before the workshop starts on Friday, May 19 at 7pm.

### BIDS, BREWS & A BBQ

Join Us Again in Quesnel  
**Saturday, June 3rd**

IMA is excited to again partner with Integris Credit Union, Savalas Steak House, Barkerville Brewing and Bench 1775 to present a live Auction Fundraiser and Dinner in Quesnel at the College of New Caledonia.

This fundraiser will help support all the programs that IMA delivers including the Toni Onley Artists' Project, the International Harp School, the ArtsWells Festival of All Things Art, the exhibitions at the IMA Gallery and the new Artist-in-Residence program.

With your support we can ensure that Island Mountain Arts continues to support artists and deliver quality arts experiences in the Cariboo for at least another forty years. We hope you can join us in Quesnel for this fun event, which will feature an incredible selection of artworks, experiential packages and unique items up for bid. Many thanks to all who supported this event last year.

We are still soliciting for donations, please contact IMA if you are able to donate.

### WELLS CHAMBER AGM

The Wells Chamber of Commerce AGM will be held June 1st at 7pm at the Wells Community Hall – Banquet Room!

We need a board of talented, committed and energetic people to take our Chamber to the next level. The Visitor Information Centre was first on the list and it is really happening, but that is just the beginning. There are great ideas on how we can promote the business community in Wells, but we need people of action to grow it. Since 1936 our Chamber has been driven by strong community members, you can be a part of it too!

If you haven't got time to be on the board, join and vote for the people who can really make a difference.

Please email [admin@wellschamber.ca](mailto:admin@wellschamber.ca) if you have any questions.

Join the Chamber! Price is \$135 for the year, please pay Norma at the BNC Mercantile by cheque or cash, we'd be happy to have you.

### GOLD RUSH TRAIL SLED DOG ASSOC.

For the past 25 years the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Association has produced 'Carried by Dog Sled' envelopes. Each one features high quality artwork depicting Sled Dog activities. These envelopes have been used to transport official Canada Post mail from Quesnel, British Columbia to Wells and Barkerville, British Columbia over the Gold Rush Trail by sled dog teams and specially sworn in Letter Carriers – Mushers. These envelopes have then subsequently been delivered all over the world by regular postal services.

The Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Association is asking artists for submissions of artwork to be used on the 2018 'Carried by Dog Sled' envelopes. It is anticipated that the 2018 Carried by Sled Dog Mail Run will be held on the 4th weekend of January 25-28, 2018.

Submissions of artwork should be approximately 10" x 14" in size and may be submitted in a multi-colour format. However, the artwork should be suitable for reproduction in one (1) or two (2) colours. The artwork should depict the Sled Dogs in action or some activity associated with the Carried by Dog Sled Mail Run that includes Sled Dogs. The final version

of the artwork will be reproduced on a 9 1/2 x 4 1/4 envelope. The design should lend itself to a layout that will allow for addressing and stamping-cancellation of the envelope. White space should be available in areas where the mailing address, return address, postage and logos will be located. Please see our website [www.dogsledmailrun.ca](http://www.dogsledmailrun.ca) and click the link Mail Run Envelopes for previous year's envelopes to get an idea of where these areas are located.

Organizers will choose from submissions and are offering an honorarium of \$250 to the artist submitting the chosen artwork. The successful artist would agree that the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Association organizers will use the artwork on the 2018 envelopes, for advertising purposes associated with the 2018 Dog Sled Mail Run and for reproduction on limited number of souvenir items to be distributed among Mail Run participants or for souvenir sales. A printed insert will be placed in each Dog Sled Mail Run envelope that will give recognition, identification and contact information of the successful artist.

The artist will retain the rights to the artwork including the right to produce prints and other items that could be for sale during the Dog Sled Mail Run event. Sharing of profits between the Dog Sled Mail Run organizers and the artist would be for those prints sold up to the end of the Mail Run Event only unless expressly agreed to by the artist and organizers for later print sales.

For those submissions that are not successful, and if the artist desires, organizers would arrange for the framing and matting of their submission with the intent of offering the artwork for sale at the annual Dog Sled Mail Run Banquet and Auction with the proceeds going to the artist. Alternatively, the artwork will be returned to the artist at their request when first submitted.

Submissions must be received by June 15, 2017. The intent is to have enough time for organizers to review each submission and make their selection in time for envelope printing and souvenir ordering.

#### Submissions can be mailed to:

Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Association  
C/O Kerry Onanski  
PO Box 4175  
Quesnel, BC V2J 3J3

## DISTRICT NEWS

### CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT UPDATE

#### Canada 150 Events Supported

CRD Directors allocated up to \$25,000 from the Electoral Area Administration budget to support requests for funding of Canada 150 celebrations with a maximum of \$1,500 available per event.

At the Board meeting on April 13, the Electoral Area Directors approved a contribution of \$1,500 for the Horsefly District Board of Trade's Canada 150 celebration in July and \$1,500 for the 2017 Quesnel Skyfest Canada 150 event.

The Cariboo Regional District encourages community groups to submit requests for funding if they are hosting Canada 150 events. Help us celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary throughout the Cariboo Region.

### WI-FI AT HIGHWAY REST AREAS

The CRD Board will be writing a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure urging them to consider expanding the initiative announced last fall to install free, public Wi-Fi at provincial rest areas. The Board will be lobbying to have free Wi-Fi services at rest areas within the Cariboo.

### DISTRICT OF WELLS POSTSECONDARY BURSARY

The District of Wells with the Wells Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Poppy Fund and the Evan Williams Foundation provides an annual bursary of \$1,000 to a resident of Wells that is pursuing post-secondary education.

The application deadline is 5:00 pm May 31, 2017 and applications are available at the District office and on our website. Enquiries can be directed to the District at 250-994-3330.

### CARIBOO STRONG UPDATE

Since the beginning of 2017, the Cariboo Strong program has begun to expand from the South Cariboo to the entire region. Throughout the winter, Cariboo Strong Advisory Tables were set up in each sub-region with a mandate to help inform, advise and provide capacity for the work taking place. The Advisory Tables first met the week of January 23, 2017. Meetings were held two weeks later with elected officials in the three sub-regions.

#### SOUTH CARIBOO:

- > Approximately 50 interviews have taken place in the South Cariboo area to date with individuals representing a variety of sectors including industry, business, tourism, community services, agriculture and non-profit.
- > In March, the Senior Facilitator spent two days in the South Cariboo meeting with individuals interested in joining the program. Meetings took place in Clinton (4 meetings) and in the Lone Butte and Interlakes area (3 meetings). A key discussion that has emerged so far is the development of an Antique Cluster. Further community engagement will take place throughout the spring in the South Cariboo.

> Since the beginning of 2017, the Senior Facilitator has been establishing action groups in the housing and tourism sectors to capitalize on identified opportunities. The Housing Action Group has formally met three times to date with informal and small group meetings happening regularly. The Tourism Action Group met for the first time at the end of March. These groups continue to grow and new members are welcome.

> Through the Cariboo Strong program, the South Cariboo Housing Action Group continues to offer support to the 55+ Housing Survey and Report in the South Cariboo. This survey

and report are informing future opportunities for housing in the region and forming a path to actions that need to take place.

#### CENTRAL CARIBOO/CHILCOTIN:

- > To date, approximately 40 individuals have been interviewed in the Central Cariboo.
- > In March, the Senior Facilitator spent two days in Williams Lake meeting various individuals and businesses. This spring, the Senior Facilitator will begin public engagement with individuals identified in the pocket communities and Chilcotin region.
- > Many opportunities have been identified and actions are currently being examined in the agriculture sector and arts and culture sectors.

#### NORTH CARIBOO:

- > Community engagement started in the North Cariboo in March 2017 with 15 interviews conducted in both the Quesnel and Wells areas.
- > During this time, the Senior Facilitator met with the Agriculture Working Group comprised of many local producers and professionals within the Agriculture Sector in the region. At this meeting, discussion started to take place on how Cariboo Strong and the Working Group can collaborate on identified initiatives.

### BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The District of Wells has once more been successful in accessing \$20,000 from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for a Business Façade Improvement Grant program. Applications will be posted on the District of Wells website.

#### Final Deadline has been extended to May 31, 2017.

The purpose of this program is to help property and business owners renovate, restore and repair retail or commercial building façades in the "1930's Mining

Town Development Permit Area." The goal of the program is to encourage owners of buildings to invest in upgrades that create a more appealing streetscape and an environment that attracts new visitors and businesses and renews interest of residents and returning visitors.

*The goals of this program are to:*

- > Make the heritage District of Wells a more inviting and interesting place to eat, shop, walk and stay
- > Promote the marketability of retail and commercial businesses
- > Improve the quality of life for residents, workers and visitors to Wells
- > Build civic pride among the business community and citizens.

### GRANT AMOUNTS

The program can provide grants of UP TO 50% of the eligible improvements to a MAXIMUM of \$5,000. Depending on the budget, demand and number of applications that meet the requirements, a portion of the application may be approved.

For home-based way-finding signage, the program can provide UP TO 50% of eligible costs to a MAXIMUM of \$500.

### ELIGIBLE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

*Eligible improvements may consist of but are not limited to:*

- > Exterior lighting (new but not replacement);
- > Exterior architectural features;
- > Exterior surfaces and details (decorative details, moldings, trims etc.);
- > Windows (only if part of larger enhancements, no stand-alone window replacement);
- > New siding;
- > Façade Painting;
- > Awnings;
- > Entrances and doorways (only if part of larger enhancements, no stand-alone entrance/doorway replacement);
- > Signage (affixed to the building); and
- > Way finding signage (sign located on the business property, i.e. at the bottom of a driveway). Signs are eligible for a 50% grant to a maximum of \$500 and must adhere to any signage bylaws and regulations.

If you would like to do something that is not on this list, please contact the District of Wells Office for discussion as this is not a complete list of eligible projects.

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## WELLS-BARKERVILLE COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD

### *Legal Opinion regarding Council appointments to the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board*

In response to recent public statements concerning Council appointments to the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board the District of Wells requested a legal opinion from Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors. At the Council meeting held on April 25, 2017 the District of Wells Council agreed to release the opinion to the public. A copy of the legal opinion can be found on the District of Wells website. [www.wells.ca](http://www.wells.ca) Copies are also available at the District of Wells Municipal Hall at 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC.

## DISTRICT OF WELLS - FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN 2017-2021 (BYLAW NO. 151, 2017)

On **Tuesday, April 25, 2017** the District of Wells Council gave First and Second Readings to Bylaw No. 151, 2017 (District of Wells - Five Year Financial Plan 2017-2021). A process of public consultation is required before Council can adopt the Five Year Financial Plan bylaw. Comments concerning the proposed Five Year Financial Plan can be submitted to the District Clerk by letter or email ([office@wells.ca](mailto:office@wells.ca)) on or before May 4, 2017 (if received by noon), or presented in person at the Special Council meeting scheduled for May 8th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Wells Municipal Hall.

### BACKGROUND

For the past several years, the District of Wells has enjoyed a period of relative financial security resulting from a number of positive contributing factors. During those years, operational and capital costs were normally funded by current year revenues and producing a year-end surplus was the norm. In 2013 it was projected that current spending patterns and revenue projections would result in the District beginning to face a deficit by 2015 that would increase with each passing year thereafter. The District has a financial reserve which could be used to address such emerging contingencies; however, the magnitude of continuous and growing deficits over an extended period of years is not sustainable.

The District has determined that, if nothing changes, in the absence of additional secure sources of revenue after 2017 the current course is sustainable only until 2022. Without a secure source of additional revenues the District will need to begin an orderly shut down of operations commencing in 2021 and terminating at the end of 2022. The handling and management of residual funds and assets would be determined in accordance with Provincial legislation and instructions from the appropriate Provincial Ministries.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT OF WELLS COUNCIL

The District of Wells Council and staff intend to seek solutions to ensure the District does not shut down, including for example by lobbying the Provincial Government for additional financial support through its Small Communities Stabilization Grant (SCSG) program. Other potential sources of municipal revenues could include:

- > Establishing a firm revenue commitment for future years from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest; AND/OR
- > Significantly increasing local property taxes or expanding the tax base (for example, expanding the District of Wells boundaries to include future buildings and ore processing facilities associated with Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM).

It should also be noted that while no decisions have been made (yet) by the District of Wells Council or the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board to provide the District with the additional revenues it needs, such decisions remain an option.

Detailed information concerning the District's Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 151, 2017 can be found on the District's website: [www.wells.ca](http://www.wells.ca)

Copies of the Bylaw and supporting materials are also available at the District of Wells Municipal Hall at 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC.

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## BUSINESS NEWS



### GRUBSTAKE GOLD ADVENTURES – WELLS' NEWEST BUSINESS

*A gold prospecting experience of a lifetime!*

Owner and miner, Claire Schmidt, tells us that he provides all the tools you will need to prospect for gold, as well as some panning lessons to get you started. Then, one of their guides will take you out on their claims for the day. You will always find gold and you keep what you find!!

They can be contacted at 1-250-994-3558 or [grubstakegoldadventures@godaddy.com](mailto:grubstakegoldadventures@godaddy.com)

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## ZARYEVKA BALLET

### 'The Fish & The Bird: A Fantastic Fable'

Friday May 12th we are doing our new show at the Sunset! *The Fish & The Bird: A Fantastic Fable* is a narrated story-ballet with puppets, a great many costume changes, and a generally unreasonable amount of scenery and props.... (typical Aspe-Wannop overkill!) Suitable for kids, even very small ones, and most especially noisy ones that will boo and hiss at the villain, which is proper ballet etiquette.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Accommodation available for right person

A Part time helper is needed at Cariboo Joy R.V. Park in Wells from May 10th for about 2 months

The helper will be working for about 2 hours each day starting at 11 a.m.

This position is ideal for a retiree who enjoys light cleaning

Please phone Joy at 250 994 3463

### STUDENTS: WORK FOR IMA

Are you a university student? Do you love music and art? We may have a job for you. IMA is seeking creative and motivated individuals to work with us for the summer. Positions include ArtsWells Festival Production Assistant, Summer Program Liaison, Community Outreach Coordinator and Gallery Programming Coordinator. Find more information and apply here: [www.support-imarts.com](http://www.support-imarts.com)

### SUNSET THEATRE

Check out these positions and apply today. All positions are through the CSJ Program and applicants must have just finished a full-time term at a secondary or post-secondary school and returning in the fall as a full-time student.

- > Stage Manager
- > Administrative Assistant
- > Acting Apprentice

## WELLS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Start your career in tourism with us!

The Wells Visitor Information Center is looking for high energy, friendly students who were in school this past year and are enrolled for next year, to run our information centre from May until early September.

Job duties include:

- > Greeting and helping visitors from around the world
- > Promoting Wells, Bowron, Barkerville and the surrounding area
- > Learn about and apply social media skills
- > Help develop and initiate marketing for our visitors centre and area
- > Keep the visitor centre and area looking sharp to give that great first impression
- > Racking brochures and informing visitors of events, warnings and closures
- > Management experience for the right individual
- > Cash and point of sale experience

All applicants must be enrolled students and under 30 years of age. Relevant experience or related course work is an asset. First Nations, persons with disabilities, and visible minorities are considered priority students and are encouraged to apply.

Please submit your resume to [jobs@wellsinfo.ca](mailto:jobs@wellsinfo.ca)



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# REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

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## RESIDENTIAL

### 4387 Mildred Avenue

\$125,000

250-981-1416

### 4281 Sanders

\$119,000

250-962-6366

### 4215 Margaret Avenue

\$25,000 (open to offers)

778-885-7856 (Sheree)

[canadianwest@shaw.ca](mailto:canadianwest@shaw.ca)

### 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

### Various Crown Lots

(Mildred and Solibakke)

250-398-4259

### Timber Frame Home for Sale

4275 Blair Avenue

\$230,000

250-994-3323 or

[shaz\\_brown@yahoo.ca](mailto:shaz_brown@yahoo.ca)

### 3771 Reduction Road

2bdm house on 6 lots

\$265,000

250-994-3245

### 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)

## RENTALS

2x units available for short term from March 1 until June 30 in Good Eats Main Floor. Call Dave at 250-994-2320 for details.

## 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

[www.amazingspacestudio.com](http://www.amazingspacestudio.com)

### Willow River

\$125,000

250-994-3245

### "The Good Eats"

4214 Blair Avenue

Unique heritage building

3 x Self Contained Units +

Full Basement/Workshop

\$215,000

604-817-1996 (Dave)