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## On Top of Mt. Murray

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**-Limerick Corner-**

A thrifty young fellow of Shoreham  
 Made brown paper trousers and woreham;  
 He looked nice and neat  
 Till he bent in the street  
 To pick up a pin; then he toreham.

Courtesy  
 Reader's  
 Digest  
 1988



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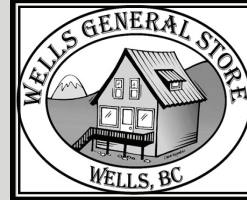
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**Rocks in your socks!**

⇒ To those Lowhee Dyke night time partiers:  
 Pick up your broken bottles, empty beer cans  
 and other garbage. Take it with you when you  
 leave. On behalf of our community — AW

THE WELLS CHRONICLE invites submissions on issues and events in the Wells, Barkerville, Bowron Lake area, including: letters, poems, stories, club news, and anything else that will benefit and inform our community.

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the electors of the **District of Wells** that an election by voting is necessary to elect four (4) Councillors for a three-year term commencing December 2008 and terminating December 2011, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

## ***COUNCILLOR: Four (4) to be elected***

<b><u>Surname</u></b>	<b><u>Usual Names</u></b>	<b><u>Jurisdiction of Residence</u></b>
Campbell	Judy	Gardner Avenue, Wells, BC
Danby	Sarai	Margaret Avenue, Wells, BC
Pinette	Dan	Pooley Street, Wells, BC
Schmode	Barb	Jones Avenue, Wells, BC
Wallace	Aleta	Mildred Avenue, Wells, BC
Wilkins	Virginia	Bowman Crescent, Wells, BC
Wright	Richard	Barkerville Highway, Wells, BC

## ***MAYOR: One (1) to be elected***

<b><u>Surname</u></b>	<b><u>Usual Names</u></b>	<b><u>Jurisdiction of Residence</u></b>
Hohn	Neva	Dawson St., Wells, BC
Vermette	Jay	Barkerville Highway, Wells, BC

**GENERAL VOTING DAY** will be open to qualified electors of the District of Wells on **Saturday, November 15, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM** at the following location:

**The Wells Community School, 4386 Mildred Avenue, Wells, BC.**

Registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting.

### **Resident Electors**

Provincial Legislation requires that you present TWO PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION, one with a signature. If none of your ID shows your address, you will still be required to show TWO PIECES of ID AND ALSO sign a solemn declaration as to your place of residence.

You will also be required to sign a declaration in writing that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day;
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the District of Wells for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day; and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

### **Non-Resident Property Electors**

You must fill out a non-resident property election application before voting. These forms are available at the polling station. You must bring 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove your identity.

## **ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

An advance voting opportunity will be provided at the Wells Community School, 4386 Mildred Avenue, Wells, BC on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Voters are no longer required to have a specific reason to vote at an advance voting opportunity. All electors are eligible to participate in the advance voting.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (QUESNEL)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

## NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING and NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given to the electors of the Quesnel School District (School District No. 28), that an Election by Voting is necessary to elect seven (7) Trustees to fill the offices of Trustees of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 28 (Quesnel) for a three (3) year term commencing on the first Monday after December 1, 2008 and terminating immediately before the first Monday after December 1, 2011.

The persons **NOMINATED AS CANDIDATES** at the Election by Voting are listed below (in the order that they will appear on the ballot):

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES—Seven(7) persons to be elected:**

<u>SURNAME:</u>	<u>GIVEN NAMES:</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:</u>	
MITCHELL	Caroline	256 Flamingo Street,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 1M3
LECLERC	Robert	511 Dixon Street,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 5T5
JACKSON	Gloria	8541 West Fraser Road,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 6K2
CHAPMAN	David	106 Lowe Street,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 5T4
CASKEY	Ron	2243 Ash Avenue,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 3X6
GOULET	Tony	962 Peterbrook Road,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 6H4
NIELSEN	Caroline	801 Reynard Street,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 3M4
NATALIZIO	George	1812 Marble Road,	QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 4M4

General Voting Day is **Saturday, the FIFTEENTH (15<sup>th</sup>) day of November 2008**, between the hours of **EIGHT (8:00) o'clock a.m. and EIGHT (8:00) o'clock p.m.** **QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE QUESNEL SCHOOL DISTRICT** may vote during those hours at any one of the following voting places:

- Correlieu Secondary School , 850 Anderson Drive
- or → Bouchie Lake Elementary School, 2074 Blackwater Road 7
- or → Quesnel Municipal Hall, 410 Kinchant Street
- or → Dragon Lake Elementary School, 2655 Quesnel Hydraulic Road
- or → Nazko Elementary School, 9560 Nazko Road
- or → Parkland Elementary School, 5016 Bjornson Road
- or → Wells/Barkerville Community School, 4386 Mildred Avenue, WELLS

**TAKE NOTICE THAT AN ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITY** will be held between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of November 2008 at the following places:**

- the Wells/Barkerville Community School at 4386 Mildred Avenue
- the Quesnel Municipal Hall at 410 Kinchant Street

**AN ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITY** will be held at the Quesnel Municipal Hall at 410 Kinchant Street between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of November 2008.**

**NOTE THAT Trustees are now elected at large and no longer represent individual trustee electoral areas.**

Residents and non-resident property owners in the entire School District (those who reside, or do not reside but own property, in either the municipal or rural areas of School District No. 28) are eligible to vote once, either on general voting day at any of the voting places listed above for general voting day or on any day specified for an advance voting opportunity at any voting place listed above for a specific day, subject to the following qualifications and requirements for registration as an elector:

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To register as an elector at the time of voting you must complete the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following requirements:

- a. On General Voting Day (November 15, 2008), you must be **eighteen (18) years of age or older**;
- b. you must be a **Canadian citizen**;
- c. you must have resided in British Columbia for **at least six months** (since May 15, 2008) immediately preceding November 15, 2008;
- d. you must have resided in School District No. 28 or have been the registered owner of real property in the School District, for **at least 30 days** (since October 15, 2008) immediately preceding the day of voting (November 15, 2008); and
- e. you must not be disqualified by the School Act or any other enactment from voting in the election or be otherwise disqualified by law;

**Resident Electors:**

Resident electors must produce two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) at the time of voting. The identification must prove both identity and residency. Picture identification is not necessary.

**Document identifying electors**

(1) The classes of documents that may be accepted as evidence for the purposes of section 57 or 57.1 of the *Local Government Act*, or for the purposes of sections 30 or 30.1 of the *Vancouver Charter* are

- a. a British Columbia Driver's License,
- b. a British Columbia Identification Card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch,
- c. an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle License issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia,
- d. a British Columbia CareCard or British Columbia Gold CareCard,
- e. a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8,
- f. a Social Insurance Card issued by Human Resources Development Canada,
- g. a Citizenship Card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada,
- h. a real property tax notice issued under section 369 of the *Local Government Act* or section 21 of the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act*,
- i. a credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution as defined in section 29 of the *Interpretation Act*, or
- j. a utility bill issued for the supply of electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services or coaxial cable services by
  - i. a public utility as defined in section 1 of the *Utilities Commission Act*,
  - ii. a gas utility as defined in section 1 of the *Gas Utility Act*,
  - iii. a water utility as defined in section 1 of the *Water Act*,
  - iv. the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, or
  - v. a corporation licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission for the purposes of that supply.

**Non-Resident Property Owners:**

Non-resident property electors must be prepared to produce two pieces of identification at the time of voting (at least one with a signature), proof that they are entitled to register in relation to that property, and if applicable, written consent from all of the individuals *who, together with the individual registering, are a majority of the individual owners of that property*. Further information about the requirements for registering as a non-resident property elector is available through the office of the Secretary-Treasurer during regular business hours.

Given under my hand at Quesnel, B.C. on October 20, 2008.

Darlene Gobbi, Chief Election Officer

**Summer in Wells BC** by Gord Brooks - June 7, 2006

Two weeks after school, gold miners are coming from everywhere: Vans and campers are drawn up on the flats, some with families fair. "Hey Mister," said one, "you've got a lucky look about your face."

"And you want some luck," I thought, "like where is the Golden place and can you tell us where to dig?"

"Have you the trust to give a stake to a hardworking family like us?"

"Actually, I was about to suggest that you make a move to higher ground, as this river rises after every heavy rain and you're there."

"Then just a pouch of tobacco, pipe tobacco, if you have it to spare?"

I had it to give, so she laughed and danced off back to share her prize with content.

In just about all the camping spots, the aura was that of a fair or celebration and went on all about the area, for all intents and purposes like a celebration of life I must join willingly, and was about to do what I could to aid whenever I could without any coin. In gratitude of her bounce and joyful attention, I decided that I had paid nothing

then, for her brother's music, as I pay nothing now, with the dipping of my pen.

He drummed on the homemade drum which he played well, of a barrel and deer skin, he stamped his feet in time, which made the whole group respond with a wide grin.

She joined in on her Harmonica, changing it to a blaring Bacchanal dance right out of an old Gypsy era with all the life and twirling that brought my glance back to rivet on her dancing twirling graceful lithe body, reminding me of a deer, bounding over the thickets and gamboling with nary a thought of anything like fear!

Pork, grouse, duck and venison, fare for the summer, in the city, a gourmet on demand! Not even the richest restaurant can compare with what they will prepare from the land.

That night, they filled the local beach and any other spot that was available to camp. As the dark arrived it started dark and wild like the storm was blowing on their lamps.

Just like Casper the friendly ghost, out of the dark came the strains of a country tune "They call the wind Mariah! played beautifully to an emerging crescent moon.

**BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN**

6-7 lb. chicken

1 cup melted butter

1 cup stuffing

1 cup uncooked popcorn

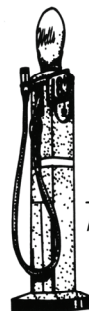
Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brush chicken well with melted butter, salt, and pepper. Fill cavity with stuffing and popcorn. Place in baking pan with the neck end toward the back of the oven. Listen for the popping sounds. When the chicken's rear-end blows the oven door open and the chicken flies across the room, it's done. And, you thought you couldn't cook.....

Submitted by [www.cjedwardsdesign.com](http://www.cjedwardsdesign.com)

**24K Nuggets In Your Pockets:**

To everyone who has stepped up to the challenge of public service for our community by running for council seats and mayor in this municipal election... and to everyone who has provided support for those who are willing to take on the public responsibility involved. AW

**Jay and Donna Vermette**

Phone (250) 994-3224

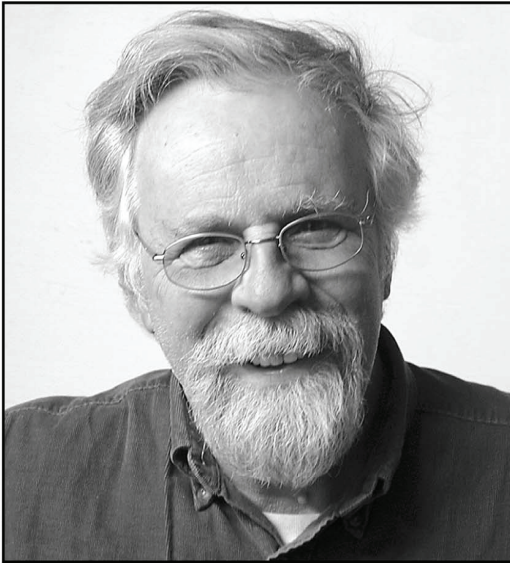
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## Richard Wright *for* Council



**Proven Leadership  
Business Experience  
Council Track Record**

I wish to continue  
serving our community.

*On November 15, re-elect  
Richard Wright.*



**David Chapman** works  
for your children...  
with proven experience.  
Elected in 2002  
Returned in 2005

**“It’s all about student achievement.”**

A SD28 Trustee for the past six years,  
David Chapman works toward  
effective education for all students.

**On November 15th  
Re-Elect  
David Chapman  
Quesnel School District 28 Trustee**

### Events at the Wells Curling Club

There will be a **Halloween Fun House** at the  
curling rink **Friday, October 31st, from 12 to 3pm.**

Details will be forth-coming via posters... This  
will be an all-ages event. Need more info? Contact:  
Dawn at 250-994-3212 or Norma at 250-994-3296

Plans are in the works for the second annual  
**Christmas Craft Fair** at the curling rink. This year  
it will be held on **two weekends:**

**Saturday & Sunday — December 6th & 7th**

**Saturday, Sunday & Monday —**

**December 20th, 21st & 22nd**

For more info or to book a table(s)  
Contact Norma at 250-994-3296



Judy Campbell

I am seeking re-election for my 5<sup>th</sup> term as Councillor because I am committed to making Wells a great place to live.

After 35 years, I still find that Wells is exciting and creative and I feel privileged to contribute to such a fantastic community. I enjoy working with people to solve problems on a community level and want to help Wells become economically successful while maintaining the community spirit that we all value.



Sarai Danby

My heart is in Wells, I am raising my daughter & completing my Masters degree while living here.

I bring to the table a diverse background rooted in forestry, financial services, business management and tourism; some of the key elements of our local economy. I would like the opportunity to serve our community as we move forward together, to encourage wise and balanced decision making regarding our local economy, infrastructure, environment & quality of life.

As a public service the Wells Chronicle asked the District of Wells Municipal Election Candidates, "Why do you want to hold a Wells & District Council seat?" The Editor, being one of the candidates, submitted her 75 word statement to the other eight candidates prior to their writing their own 75 word statements. Here are the '75 words or less' responses from council seat candidates, presented from the top in alphabetical order by last name and continued on page 9. AW



Dan Pinette

By "putting my money where my mouth is" and running for Council I am proving that I am not just willing to sit back and criticize.

I would like to serve our community by representing them on Council. I believe increasing our Emergency Awareness and Preparedness, the promotion of new businesses in our Community and having better and more representation of Wells throughout our Province should be priority goals for our Town Council.



Barb Schmode

When I originally ran for council I could not find out if anyone was running... and I thought people should have choices. I have the time and energy to do a good job...

I would like to see the Hall more user-friendly [with dinner service available for rent]... the kitchen upgraded.

I would... like to work on getting the lots from the CRD... we don't get any revenue from CRD lots unless they are sold.



Aleta Wallace

Serving our community interests me. I am available to do the work involved in local governance and will follow through on the three-year obligation to the citizens of Wells. I look for effective solutions to issues, work toward understanding and concurrence when opinions are far apart on a topic, and always try to keep "the good of the many" as my primary focus. If this works for you, then vote for me.



Virginia Wilkins

I have been a councillor for 10 yrs. We have achieved quite alot for our community... a few pet projects I would like to see done in Wells: 1. A new fire hall [and] 2. The quality of the water seems to be an issue and try to fix it

some way with out costing our tax payers an arm and a leg... "It's not what you can do for me, it's what I can do for you." I enjoy working for our community and seeing the results come forward.



**District of Wells Elections**  
**All Candidates Forum**  
**Monday, November 3**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Community Hall Banquet Room**  
**(Use Rear Entrance)**

**Come and listen to the people who want to make the decisions that will affect the operations of Wells for the next three years. Be involved!**

If you have questions you would like asked of the candidates, please email them to Kathy Landry at [kslandry@goldcity.net](mailto:kslandry@goldcity.net), give them to me when you see me, or bring your questions to the forum..



**Richard Wright**  
 I wish to continue serving the community, working toward keeping resident taxes low while improving our infrastructure, emergency capacities and community assets. I will keep working toward a new, improved water system, an increase in our population, more businesses, development of our wood lot and increased year-round tourism for the area. We are a small town and need all voters to cast ballots. Please vote and return Richard Wright.



**Neva Hohn**

- ◆ Makes her home in Wells
- ◆ Developed the original scope of the Town Clerk position through her years in that role
- ◆ Worked with a series of Wells Mayors while Town Clerk
- ◆ Volunteered for many organizations in Wells over her years of residence
- ◆ Is interested in 'community sustainability'

*- These are the facts that I know about Neva. -*  
*- I was advised to leave this space blank. Aleta Wallace -*

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	**As a public service** the Wells Chronicle asked the	
	District of Wells Municipal Election Candidates	
	for Mayor:	
	"Why do you want to hold a Wells & District	
	Council seat as Mayor?"	
	The Editor submitted her 75 word statement to	
	the two mayoral candidates prior to their writing	
	their own statements.	
	Here below is the '75 words or less' response	
	from our incumbent mayoral candidate. ***Sadly,***	
	***the Wells Chronicle cannot reach Neva at this***	
	***time and fills her space with known facts. AW***	

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**Jay Vermette**  
 Small community governance is very unique and over the past three years I have experienced this aspect completely. As Mayor one must be able to bring forth the wishes of the community, look and understand all sides of the issues and keep the council focused. Over the past three years Wells has progressed greatly under the direction of Council and Community and I wish to continue the forward motion over the next three years.

## -Announcements-

**A Memorial Tea** is being held for **Gordon Brooks** and **Maureen Dorval** - Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #128 located at 3948 Goldquartz Drive, Wells, BC.

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**Remembrance Day Ceremonies** on November 11, 2008 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #128 3948 Goldquartz Drive, Wells BC at 11:00 AM.  
**Lest We Forget**

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**Branch #128 Legion Auxiliary Raffle** coming up with 1st Prize a portable generator. The \$5.00 tickets will be on sale before the end of November. Watch for them at the Legion. Proceeds from this raffle go to the Wells Curling Club.

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### *Notes from the Wells-Barkerville School*

Monday, November 24th at 7:00PM - IMA Gallery presents *Wells Writes*. Come see and hear the amazing scope of our students' skills.

Monday, December 8th at 7:00 PM - Wells School **PAC Baking Bingo** — See you there!

Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM attend the **Wells-Barkerville School Christmas Concert**

**FREE computer monitors** donated by the Quesnel School District. All are in good condition. See Beth at the school. First come, first served.

Contact: Beth Collingwood (250) 994-3216

### ==Newest Baby ==

Luwena & Tom are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Kristina Charlotte Hatton, Sunday, October 19, 2008. She weighed 7lb 3oz.

### ==Happy Birthday==

On November 19th to Beth Bowles Hayes with love and fond memories of the early years - from your first daughter-in-law.

### ==A Great Big Thank You==

To EVERYONE for coming over and helping us warm up our house on Saturday, October 25th. The

wonderful food and gifts and friendship made the evening great.

Thank you! Deb & Bob

### ==Passings==

Maureen Dorval lived in Wells from 1991 for more than ten years. Born in Alberta on August 15, 1942, she died in Kamloops during the first week of October 2008. Maureen was said to be the best breakfast cook that ever hit Wells BC. She worked for the Northwoods Restaurant, the Jack of Clubs Hotel, and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #128. She was a very sweet lady with a beautiful singing voice and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Submitted by Doug Merrick

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### Passing of Gordon Ray Brooks

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008, Gordon Brooks passed away at GR Baker Memorial Hospital at 11:30 am. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 19 years, Chris Brooks of Wells BC, his son Howard Brooks of Chilliwack, and his daughter Patricia Brooks of Chilliwack and numerous grandchildren.



He served in the armed forces and was well retired when he met his current wife that he enjoyed for the 23 years that they were together. Gord worked in radio for several years and did a bit of mining, but mainly tried to enjoy life to the fullest. He was an artist which included sketching and scroll saw work as well as some writing. He will be greatly missed for the enjoyment of life and fullness of heart that he tried to give to his wife and to his children and friends. May he rest in total peace. Chris Brooks

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Ken McGowan passed away in Quesnel on October 19, 2008. He was a miner in the Cariboo for the 20 years spanning the 1980's & 90's. - Doug Merrick

## RCMP Report

**3 Hunters Face Numerous Charges Under the Wildlife Act and Criminal Code of Canada**

On Sunday October 19th Wells RCMP and Prince George Conservation Officer Service conducted checks on hunters in the Hixon and Wells Area.

2 male hunters from the Lower Mainland have been charged with Unlawful Possession of Dead Wildlife and a third male hunter, also from the Lower Mainland, faces charges for Hunting without LEH Permission.

The RCMP also arrested and charged one male under the Criminal Code for Possession of a Firearm Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized.

The RCMP and Conservation Officer Service would like to remind all hunters that, by law, you are required to carry your Possession and Acquisition License and Proof of Registration for all firearms. First Nations people must carry their Status Card and their Possession and Acquisition License and Proof of Registration for all firearms. Although First Nations do not require a hunting license they can only hunt wildlife that is in season. Hunters who fail to follow these laws could have their firearms seized and be charged under the Criminal Code.

For more information please contact your local RCMP or BC Conservation Officers Service.

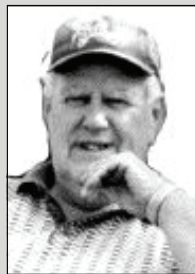
Wells RCMP would like to remind drivers that winter is now upon us and the road conditions can change suddenly. Please adjust your speed to the road conditions so we can avoid any further motor vehicle accidents. Good snow and ice tires are highly recommended from now until April of 2009. Drivers that have an accident and the cause is speed relative to road conditions could face charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.

With Halloween approaching the RCMP would also like to remind parents to ensure their young children are well supervised during the tricking and treating, wear bright coloured reflective clothing when walking on the roads, and to ensure fireworks are handled only by a responsible adult.

Happy Halloween....When you see the Police Truck on Halloween night please come by and pick up some treats with the children!!

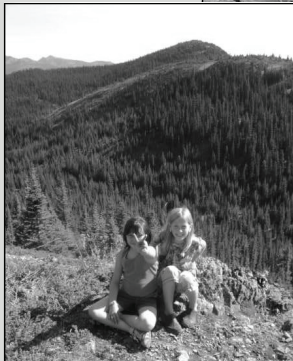
Submitted by Constable Douglas J ERICKSON

FERRIER - George James Ferrier passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on October 18, 2008 in his 79th year. George will be lovingly remembered by his wife Cherry; children, Catherine Berry, of Perth, Ont., Marie Anne (Mario) Brazeau, of Aylmer, Quebec, Abram Ross (Perla) of Prince George, Robert Roy (Donna) of Perth, William Isaac James (Patsy) of Perth, Gordon James (Mary Jane) of Carlton Place, Ont., Neil Virne (Evangeline) Ferrier of Wells, B.C., Nestor Barredo Ferrier of Vancouver, James Andreas (Leslie) of Vancouver, and Jennifer Josefina Ferrier of Prince George, brother John Ferrier of Perth, and sisters; Anne Thomas of Kingston, Ont. and Ethel Neadow, of Perth, He was predeceased by his parents Isaac Roy and Elsie Irene Ferrier, sister Amy, and brother Stuart. George came to Vancouver, B.C., from Perth in 1974, settled in the Quesnel and Wells area in 1975 and was active in logging. In 1980 he



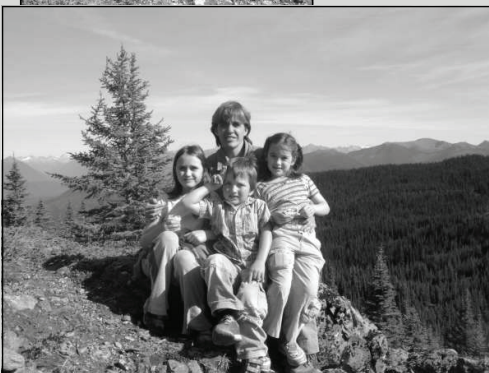
ran the Northwoods Restaurant in Wells, B.C. until 1993 when he moved to Prince George, and ran the Grand Trunk Restaurant with his son and daughter-in-law, Ross and Perla. George lived courageously with cancer and was actively seen around town on his scooter on the week before his death. A service of remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's United Church, 3555-5th Avenue with Rev. David Wood officiating. An interment of ashes will follow in Perth, Ontario. Donations to charity of choice appreciated. Cherry would like to thank the Doctors and Home Care nurses, Susan and Val for their special care that allowed George to be home till the last. [reprinted from the Prince George Citizen]

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Photos & Words  
submitted by Kara Haack



**Welcome to My World.....** ~ by Gord Brooks ~

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke  
To you, that may seem funny.  
But, to me, that is no joke.

For, when I'm "here" I'm wondering  
If I really should be "there"  
And, when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!!!!

Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say, "What am I here for?"  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!!!  
A zero, is my score.

At times, I put something away  
Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is generally, me!!

When shopping, I may see someone,  
Say "Hi" and have a chat,  
Then when the person walks away  
I ask myself, "who was that??"

Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
While my rememberer is broke,  
And it's driving me plumb crazy  
And it isn't any joke.

I keep hitting 'escape', but I'm still here!!

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Oct 31

- Last day to purchase IMA raffle tickets ~
- Deadline for Gallery Submissions ~

Nov 15

- Deadline for Gift Shop Submissions ~
- Deadline for Wells Works Submissions ~

Dec 20/22

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**A practical joke to enjoy ~ by Dahn Batchelor ~**

When the town of Wells in British Columbia decided to hold its fiftieth anniversary in 1984, seven hundred former Wellsians from around the world returned to that small town for the celebration that many had earlier referred to as the place on earth that was closest to heaven.

My mother, Ruth Batchelor, and my brother Dale returned to Wells for the Anniversary along with Althea Fullerton (my aunt) who was the wife of Harold Fullerton. He was the school principal in Wells during the war years. Althea's daughter, Sharon, the older of her two children also came. I brought my wife, Ayako and our two daughters and Dale brought his wife, Ruth.

You will note that my mother's name and my brother's wife's name are the same; Ruth Batchelor. And this is where the fun began.

The Anniversary was a three-day celebration and on the last day of the celebration, we all gathered at the Wells Community Hall to meet one another. Now as you can appreciate, many years had gone by since many of us that were living in Wells during the war years had obviously grown older.

My mother was 33 years of age when we moved from Wells and when she returned in 1984, she was 39 years older. Anyone who knew her in Wells between 1941 and 1945 would hardly recognize her in 1984, especially since she was by then, 72 years old. That of course went for all of us. For example, I was eleven years of age when I left Wells and was 51 years of age when I returned for the visit in 1984.

Now comes the fun part. The only way we might remember who was who in Wells during the war years was by our name tags since there was a good chance that we would remember the names of our friends.

Ruth Batchelor, my brother's wife entered the hall approximately fifteen minutes before my mother did. As the women who remembered my mother began searching for the names of women they knew, they spotted my sister-in-law's name tag. You can't imagine the shock that showed on their faces when they looked at a woman who was only 48 years of age instead of a woman that would be 72 years of age in 1984.

One of the women took a close look at my sister-in-law

and exclaimed, "My God, Ruth! You have hardly aged at all." Then she turned to a crowd of other women close by and said, "Come here, everybody. Ruth Batchelor is here and you aren't going to believe what you are going to see."

About ten women approached my sister-in-law and they too expressed surprise and shock. One of the women asked, "How is it that you have managed to remain so young looking for so many years?"

Now my sister-in-law was no slouch when it came to having some fun at someone else's expense, so she smiled and replied, "Oh. It's living in Hawaii that did it. Everyone in Hawaii ages very slowly. It's something to do with the water."

I honestly believe that many of the women surrounding my sister-in-law believed her. After all, she was the living proof of that statement.

Unfortunately, their belief came crashing to the floor, shattered into little pieces when my mother arrived at that very moment and cried out, "Hi, everybody. I'm Ruth Batchelor!"

Almost every face was turned towards her as she and my aunt and my cousin entered the front door of the hall. One of the women next to my sister-in-law replied, "That's not possible. Here is Ruth Batchelor."

As my mother approached them and they saw her name tag with her name on it, I saw what had been happy faces earlier, turn rather gloomy. Now they suddenly realized that going to Hawaii would not make them appear younger. Some of their faces had dropped even more when my mother said with a big smile, "Oh, I see that you have already met my daughter-in-law.

Perhaps there is some truth in my sister-in-law's statement about going to Hawaii so that one could age slower. My mother lived in Hawaii for 40 years and she really did look younger than she really was.

Alas, my father, Louis and my uncle, Harold were not able to come to Wells for the fiftieth anniversary as they had died years earlier and years later after 1984, my mother, my aunt and my sister-in-law also passed away.

Everyone has cherished moments in their lives and that moment when the two Ruth Batchelors entered the hall minutes apart was one I shall remember with great glee, for I too enjoy a good practical joke.

## The Wells Seniors Association

### November Schedule

Tuesdays - 'stitching'  
 Wednesdays - 'bingo'  
 Thursdays - 'drop in'  
**for cards, coffee, puzzles, etc.**  
 Fridays -  
 The first 2 will be 'computer assistance'  
 & the last 2 will be 'drop in' for cards,  
**coffee, etc.**

Of course, all the days are open for just a drop in for coffee and visiting. The hours remain the same: **1:00 - 4:00 pm.**

Kathy will **not** be doing her Monday quilting - she will be doing it at home until further notice.

### IMPORTANT:

**The health nurse will be up from Quesnel on Monday, November 17th to give free flu shots to all seniors in the community. The clinic will be held in the seniors' Meeting Place from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.**

News from "The Meeting Place"-Wells Seniors Drop-in Center  
 October has been an exciting month for us, as it is the first month we have been open on a regular basis, from Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The times will remain the same for November and December, so be sure to drop in for a coffee and a visit and see our new room. Some days have scheduled activities, but drop-ins are welcome any day to just visit.

Remember, "seniors" as applied to our room is those of you who are 50 and over. Membership cards for 2009 will be available in December, ...membership is free until the end of 2008, so come in and try out the room!

Seven of our members attended the Beach Boys live concert in Prince George on September 24<sup>th</sup> and had a wonderful time. ...two solid hours of fantastic music... enjoyed after a lovely dinner out.

## WELLS WELLNESS

The District of Wells has hired Kathy Landry to co-ordinate a series of workshops and programs in the areas of health and fitness, seniors issues, and nutrition and community garden issues.

As the co-ordinator, I would like to talk to groups and individuals about any issues and ideas that you may have in any of these topics — and any others you can suggest. Contact me at home (250) 994-3339 on Sundays, Mondays or Tuesdays or email me at [kslandry@goldcity.net](mailto:kslandry@goldcity.net).

Look for information posters on... these topics:

The Care and Feeding of your Cross-Country Skis  
 Home Care & Home Support Services in Wells  
 Walking Programs  
 Growing a Winter Herb Garden  
 An Introduction to Nordic Walking  
 Introductory Tai Chi  
 Living with Chronic Diseases

One of the criteria that I would like to incorporate into programs is leadership training and opportunities so that the programs can carry on after the end of this contract in February. Anyone who is interested in being involved, please contact me.  
 Kathy Landry

Many of our sponsored workshops will be open to the public at large, so watch for posters... Our regular schedule for each month is posted on the bulletin board outside the room door, on the exterior back door of the hall, and in our local paper. If you would like to sponsor a three hour morning, afternoon, or evening event, please contact Linda at 250-994-3411 and we will add it to our schedule.

Our next meeting... December 11<sup>th</sup>- the Meeting Place and will be a potluck dinner at 5:30 with the meeting following. We look forward to seeing you!



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**Pre-Schoolers Busy In Wells**

... Playgroup... hosted by Megan Topham on Mondays from 10 to 12 noon upstairs at the school. The group usually meets on Wednesdays but will be meeting on Mondays for the next six weeks due to school field trips [scheduled] on Wednesday.

Words and photos submitted by Kara Haack



The first Community Pancake Breakfast of the year took place at the school ... Megan Topham helped... Mr. Birch made pancakes... the kids enjoyed the breakfast. Watch for the next one. Have a great breakfast and support the Wells-Barkerville School. AW

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~ **An Appeal for Photographs** ~ I am sure by now you all know of the loss of an exceptional piece of the history of our area, The Bowron Lake Lodge.

Can you all please dig through your albums and find any pictures you have of the McKittrick family and their property? Unfortunately all of the family photo albums were in the Lodge when it burnt down.

If we can help them recover from the loss by replacing some of the pictures with new ones, I am sure it would help them all.

I will thank you all now for passing this along to everyone you know and asking for them to make or send copies of any of the photos they may have as well to the McKittrick family. Carol Pinette

## Report from the Button

### Wells Curling Club News

I am pleased to announce that due to fund raising efforts, donations, and summer rentals, the Wells Recreation Society has managed to maintain a positive balance in the bank and there continues to be interest in keeping curling in Wells.

There still remains a significant concern that the revenues generated from bonspiels held throughout the winter may not be enough to cover the costs of running the ice making plant or to have any funds available for anticipated repairs.

At a meeting held on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a general consensus that in order to maintain curling in Wells that there has to be local participation in curling.

To keep ice in the rink only for the use during a few bonspiels and mainly for out of town curlers is neither financially responsible nor fair to volunteers who donate the countless hours of work required.

The priority is to have the club available for Wells residents and if there is not enough interest by locals in curling, I have to ask if the time, effort, and money is worth it.

Currently the ice surface area needs repairs and we have received donated lumber from Dunkley Lumber which will help but may not be enough to complete the repairs.

If the repairs cannot be completed in the near future there will not be ice this season.

We will make every effort to have the ice available if there is interest.

Therefore, we are asking that there be at least 4 curling teams register to curl in the 2008/2009 league at a cost of \$400 per team.

Your team can consist of as many players as you want in order to split the cost but only four can curl at one time.

If we have at least 4 teams registered we would make every effort to have the ice in for December and keep it in through February/March.

This will provide the teams with 2 evenings of curling per week at a cost of approximately \$5 per person per night.

Sounds like cheap entertainment to me.

The upcoming season is dependant upon the necessary repairs being completed and more importantly **local participation in curling!!**

I ask that all past and future Wells curlers talk to your friends and neighbours and plan a fun winter activity that gets you out of the house during those long winter evenings to get some exercise and have some laughs.

Look for flyers and notices with information on how to register a team and we will take as many teams as want to register as long as we have a minimum of 4 to start.

Thanks again to the volunteers, executive members, and several people who generously provided donations to keep us going this far.

Greg Trainor  
Wells Recreation Society President

## BOWRON LAKE LODGE BURNS TO THE GROUND

On a quiet Saturday morning, Oct 4th 2008, while many Bowron locals were away, or out cutting firewood, or searching the bush for their elusive winters meat, the main building of the Bowron Lake Lodge, owned by the McKittrick family burnt to the ground. Around 10am, lodge employee, Christine, spotted fire licking up the back wall of the historic log building. Within 30 minutes, owner Jim McKittrick along with 6 locals and 4 visitors were involved in trying to contain the fire. A water pump and fire hose arrived on scene and hope arose that we might actually have a chance at saving the front rooms of the building. But a short time later, just as eve-

rything was set up and water charged down the fire hose, sheets of flames started roiling out of the front of the building. Even though we sadly realized that there was probably nothing we could do for the building, we still made an attempt at dousing the flames before admitting defeat and concentrated our efforts towards saving the surrounding structures. By the time more help arrived the old wooden structure was completely engulfed. Although it seemed an eternity as we helplessly watched, in actuality it took only a mere 2 ½ hours for the fire to completely consume the lodge. Luckily no pets or persons were in the building when it caught on fire and no injuries were sustained during the fight.

### Third Fire on Old Wendle Property

Joseph Wendle first made application to purchase

land at Bear (Bowron) Lake around 1910, shortly after bringing his new bride Elizabeth home to Barkerville. By November of 1918 Joe and Betty had built a 1½-story log home consisting of 8 rooms on a small bluff overlooking the lake. Although they had a home in Barkerville, the Wendles spent a lot of their time at their Bowron Lake home. Unfortunately the house was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1921 while the Wendles

were away in Barkerville. This fire seemed very disheartening to Betty as the house contained many of her original oil paintings and it is rumored that she never painted again because of her loss.

Undeterred, by Aug 1922, Joe began construction on a new 1½ story, 28' x 32' cabin on

the same bluff and by January 1923 the Wendles were again moving into a new lakeside home. In 1927 Joe started a second building, which would serve as a Stopping House for the many tourists that were beginning to visit the area. This Stopping House was later to become the Bowron Lake Lodge. In 1934, the Wendles sold their Bowron Lake land and buildings to the McKittrick family. Over the years the McKittrick family developed the land and buildings into the Bowron Lake Lodge which has catered to visitors for over 50 years.

Sometime in the 1950s the second Wendle house burnt to the ground, leaving an empty knoll overlooking the lake. Joseph Wendle's Stopping House (the Bowron Lake Lodge) graced the shore of Bowron Lake for over 80 years before it too was reduced to charred logs and ash by yet another fire on Saturday morning Oct 4th, 2008.



Photo & Story submitted by Sandy Phillips

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THE **WELLS FLU CLINIC** WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17** FROM **12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM** IN THE SENIOR'S CENTRE AT THE WELLS COMMUNITY HALL.

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm  <b>All-Candidates</b> Hall Banquet Rm <b>7 PM</b>	<b>4</b> Seniors-Stitching  Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm  Council Mtg. Town Hall 7pm	<b>5</b> Seniors-Bingo  Fire Practice 7pm  Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Seniors-Drop In	<b>7</b> Seniors-computer  Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm	<b>8</b> <b>Lodge</b> 6 pm Barkerville Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm
<b>9</b> <b>Memorial Tea</b> Wells Legion for Gord Brooks and Maureen Dorval <b>1:00-3:00 PM</b>	<b>10</b> Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm	<b>11</b> Seniors-Stitching Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm  <b>Remembrance</b> <u>Day</u> <b>Legion</b> <b>Ceremonies</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>12</b> Seniors-Bingo  Fire Practice 7pm  Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm	<b>13</b> Seniors-Drop In  Council agenda items in today	<b>14</b> Seniors-computer  Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm	<b>15</b> IMA deadlines for Wells Works & Gift Shop  Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm  <b>Municipal</b> <b>Elections</b> Vote at the Wells- Barkerville School
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Legion Aux Mtg. 10 AM—Legion <b>Flu Clinic 12-1</b> <b>Seniors Room</b> Community Hall Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm	<b>18</b> Seniors-Stitching  Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm  Council Mtg. Town Hall 7 pm	<b>19</b> Seniors-Bingo  Fire Practice 7pm  Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm	<b>20</b> Seniors-Drop In  <b>Community</b> <b>Potluck</b> 6:00 pm Check for place.	<b>21</b> Seniors-Drop In  Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm  <u>Chronicle Deadline</u>	<b>22</b> Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm  =Wells Writes= IMA Gallery <b>7 PM</b>	<b>25</b> Seniors-Stitching  Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm	<b>26</b> Seniors-Bingo  Fire Practice 7pm  Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm	<b>27</b> Seniors-Drop In  Council agenda items in today	<b>28</b> Seniors-Drop In  Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm	<b>29</b> Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm
<b>30</b>	<h1>Community Calendar</h1>					