

# THE WELLS CHRONICLE

PUBLISHED IN THE HEART OF THE CARIBOO GOLD BELT

Vol. 1—No. 7

Wells, BC, Thursday, May 1, 2008

\$2.00 at the stand

Serving the communities of Wells, Barkerville & Bowron Lake



## WANT TO HELP CREATE A COMMUNITY GARDEN ?



THINK GLOBALLY - GROW LOCALLY

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.

THE WELLS CHRONICLE is edited and published by Aleta Wallace. **Contact Information:**

Wells Chronicle  
Aleta Wallace, Editor  
Box 174, Wells, BC V0K 2R0  
Phone/Fax: (250) 994-3454  
Email: [wceditor@wellschronicle.ca](mailto:wceditor@wellschronicle.ca)  
[wcsales@wellschronicle.ca](mailto:wcsales@wellschronicle.ca)  
Web: <http://wellschronicle.ca>

## Another Opinion

Our quest for life is asking:  
what, why, who, where, when, how,  
and knowing we can't get all the answers,  
have a better understanding of our lives, we will!  
Scion of Cyador—L.E. Modesitt Jr.

We never direct our courses solely,  
not even the highest do.  
We like to think the person makes the times,  
not that the time makes them. Yet much of what  
we think, is illusion, grasped for comfort. *RAB*

Submitted by Roy A. Boyetchko

THE WELLS CHRONICLE is sold at the following locations in **Wells, BC:**

- ⇒ Wells Service Station
- ⇒ Northwoods Restaurant
- ⇒ Wells General Store

THE WELLS CHRONICLE is sold at the following locations in **Quesnel, BC:**

- ⇒ 4-Mile Store & Coffee Shop
- ⇒ Big Country Printers
- ⇒ River Valley Health Products Ltd.
- ⇒ Caryall Books
- ⇒ One World Treasures (Baha'i Store)
- ⇒ Cariboo Keepsakes

**Want to carry this paper in your store?**

Contact the Editor via phone, email, Canada Post.

## Affordable Rates

Wells Chronicle ad rates are affordable! \$12.00 puts your business in the Business & Services listings for one calendar year. \$15.00 per issue buys a **business card** size ad (1 3/4" x 2 3/4") or \$90.00 for 6 months. \$1.00 buys a **line** of type (Times New Roman 10pt for 2 3/4") More sizes & rates: <http://wellschronicle.ca>  
Wells Chronicle: retail outlet price \$2.00 - Canadian subscriptions \$48.00 per calendar year - International subscription rates to be determined. For more info: Rates & Policy page at <http://wellschronicle.ca>

Wells, BC  
2326 Pooley Street  
EST 2002

# ART RUSH GALLERY

Open for the Season  
May 16th - 10 AM 'til 6 PM  
Thursday to Tuesday - closed Wednesday

Ting Yuen 2008 Collection of Works  
See our new line of products!

Phone: (250) 994-3468 [www.artrushgallery.com](http://www.artrushgallery.com)

Below: Wells' Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Auxiliary President, Patrick Benoit presents Mayor Jay Vermette with a cheque for \$200.00. The funds will help the District of Wells purchase baseball equipment for the new ballpark. "It's always for the kids!" says Patrick. AW



Sundance Topham Photo



Dawn Fitzgerald and Phil Leroy were married, March 26th on Sunset Beach in Phuket Thailand.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Congratulations & Best Wishes from us all! AW*



HEARTY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
ROOF TOP HOT TUB  
PUB

FAMILY DINING IN OUR "POOLEY ST. CAFÉ"

ASK ABOUT GROUP RATES

RESERVATIONS (250) 994-3427 OR 1-800-860-2299

[www.wellshotel.com](http://www.wellshotel.com) Email: [whotel@goldcity.net](mailto:whotel@goldcity.net)

## Wells Curling Club News

submitted by Greg Trainor

The Wells Recreation Society (a.k.a. The Curling Club) has elected new executive officers and directors for the 2008/2009 season. The following are the elected officials and respective positions.

- President: Greg Trainor
- Vice-President: Mike Wallace
- Secretary: Leah Merrick
- Treasurer: Rick Galbraith
- Draw Master: Heather Pottage
- Ice Maker: Carrie Johnston
- Past President: Robin Sharpe
- Director At Large: Aleta Wallace
- Director At Large: Ron Dunn

The Society is facing a current deficit and is actively seeking fund raising opportunities to keep the Curling Club a functioning part of the community. The executive and club representatives welcome any suggestions and ask for support for fundraising initiatives. With this in mind we want to announce our plans to hold the first annual... ***Welcome to Wells Spring Fling***

This will occur in mid to late May to welcome back the seasonal workers and residents and kick off the tourism season. Watch for posters around town.

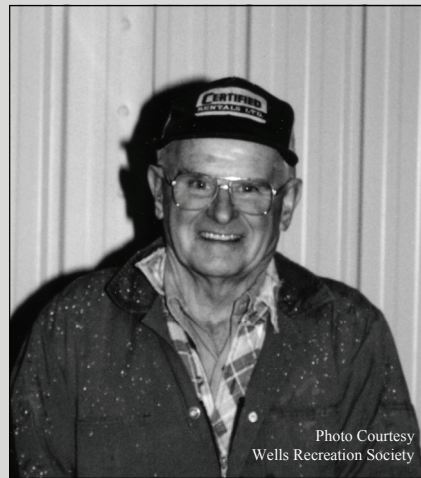


Photo Courtesy  
Wells Recreation Society

Dave Williams along with many dedicated and long-time Wells residents helped to make the 1991 Curling Rink building a reality.

Seventeen years have passed and the building needs new decking around the sheets and the ice plant needs a major overhaul. As a result Hydro used to produce ice for the events held in February & March cost more than the proceeds could cover.

How about donating \$25.00 to the Wells Recreation Society in memory of Dave Williams' lifetime contribution to the quality of life he helped provide for his communities. Between Wee Gilbert, Mike and myself we have \$75.00 in donations already.

The beginnings of a work crew have volunteered time and tools and are ready to start repairs. Donations for the materials and parts needed are being sought. Your support for the ***Welcome to Wells Spring Fling*** will make this a successful project. AW

**Wells Recreation Society  
Box 126, Wells, BC V0K 2R0**



Mike Wallace Photo April 26, 2008

**DAVID WILLIAMS**

Born October 2, 1921 in Shellmouth, Manitoba. Died at home in Quesnel April 18, 2008 at the age of 86 years. He didn't wake up in the morning as he wanted it to be.

Survived by his wife of 62 years, Mildred Elizabeth and four children, Kathleen, Ronald (Mary-Sue), Darrel, and Alan (Kymm) and one sister - Patricia. Nine Grandchildren - Laurie, Jody, Michael, Dawn, Tammy, Marlo-Ann, Christine, Alyssa and Phillip. Also survived by thirteen great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by four brothers and three sisters.

Dave grew up on the family farm in Shellmouth, joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1940 and served until the war ended in 1947. He then moved to Barkerville and to Wells in 1951. Retired in 1982 and moved to Quesnel in 1992.

He was a Chief Petty Officer and worked as a stoker in the engine rooms in the Royal Canadian Navy Corvettes. He worked for both Cariboo Gold Quartz (BC Shaft) and Island Mountain Mines in Wells as well as placer mining on Nelson Creek with Bill Hong. In 1954, he went to work with Joe Berlin as a mechanic for many years and built and operated Dave's Esso Service (the Wells Service Station) from 1962 until 1982. He was active as a volunteer with many organizations in the many years spent in the area and was honoured along with his wife with a Canada 125 medal. (The only people across the nation to be honoured as a couple).

Both Dave and Mid continued to be active after moving to Quesnel with their many friends made through the years.

His life was touched by so many people throughout the years and his greatest pleasure was in the companionship of family and friends.

A Memorial was held in Quesnel on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your charity or organization of choice.

***In Loving Memory***

***David Williams***  
***October 2, 1921 ~ April 18, 2008***

### 2008 Fiscal Prudence Reinstated in Record Time

The Wells & District Chamber of Commerce finished 2007 with an unexpected deficit. Through the diligent effort of our Treasurer Karen Jeffery, our bookkeeper Wanda Dyck, and with the support and attention of our Directors and Members we are entering the 2008 summer season having established a new measure of fiscal prudence.

Our financial house is in order.

Karen & Wanda, please accept our thanks for your excellent work!

Wells & District Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Aleta Wallace



### Snowy Glass Marimba for CBC Orchestra

Bill Horne & Claire Kujundzic are the marimbistas in this 'still' from the video that Sundance and Megan Topham filmed. The video clip supports the protest against losing the CBC Radio Orchestra.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXc6Ffilx08>

### ~WELLS HISTORICAL TOWN TOUR MAP PROGRAM~

Local businesses and the District of Wells have integrated past and present initiatives to develop the Wells Historical Town Tour Map Program.

The District of Wells and the Wells Historical Society have provided initial funding for printing the Town Tour Brochure.

If your building in Wells has historical significance, you are invited to participate in this program. The sign templates approved by counsel are available at The Sign Stop in Quesnel. There are two different styles, one for attaching to a structure, the other for attaching to a post. Owners pay the very reasonable signage costs.

## Homespun Gallery



This building was originally constructed in 1935 across the street beside the Wells Hotel. It was owned and operated by Wing, a descendant of a Caribou Miner, as The Deluxe Boarding House and Cafe.

It was bought by W.M. Hong in 1952 and turned into The Deluxe General Store until 1973 when it once again became a boarding house. It was moved to its present location in 1996 while owned by The Well's Hotel. Past uses also include Men's Wear, Liquor Store, Pool Hall, Barber and Beauty Salon and Dry Cleaner.

**Our captivating new walking tour is sure to please not only our visitors, but our area residents as well.**

The historical plaques and coinciding map present a self guided town tour that everyone can enjoy. It offers our larger community a chance to rediscover the stories of the buildings found in Wells today and encourages our guests to discover our unique community and all that we have to offer.

To be included on the map please contact Paul or Ting at the Art Rush Gallery by May 15th, 2008.

For information and program guidelines contact: Paul Morel or Ting Yuen at Art Rush Gallery - 2326 Pooley St./Box #139, Wells, B.C. V0K 2R0 Tel: (250) 994-3468 Fax: (250) 994-3469 Email: [info@artrushgallery.com](mailto:info@artrushgallery.com) [www.artrushgallery.com](http://www.artrushgallery.com)

## IMA Grows It's Endowment Fund to Over \$50,000 in First Year!



After a successful summer fundraiser, where thanks to over thirty artists who donated works to Island Mountain Arts for a 30th Anniversary Exhibition and Auction, and thanks to Levis Online Auctions in Calgary, the organization was able to invest \$10,000 in an endowment fund. The fund was established in order to provide ongoing scholarships for programs at the IMA School of the Arts including the Toni Onley Artists' Project for Professional and Emerging Artists.

"Our goal was to raise at least \$10,000 so that we could apply to the Vancouver Foundation's BC Renaissance Fund, which matches monies raised to start endowments," said Dennis Bogle, President of IMA. But thanks to the Quesnel Community Foundation, which also matched the Island Mountain Arts \$10,000 investment, the organization was able to approach the Vancouver Foundation with a \$20,000 endowment.

"We are very excited about the potential to grow our endowment fund after seeing what our first \$10,000 could do," said IMA's Artistic Director/Curator, Julie Fowler. "We hope it will help Island Mountain Arts to be sustainable for another thirty years."

Fowler went on to say, that in addition to the BC Renaissance Fund, Island Mountain Arts also ap-

plied to an endowment-matching program through Heritage Canada that fetched the organization a further \$10,535, bringing the total fund to \$50,535.

"I would certainly encourage other arts organizations, or any non-profit organizations to consider starting an endowment fund. It has been a great experience to work with the Quesnel Community Foundation and there is so much potential to make your investment grow," said Fowler.

Island Mountain Arts is already planning for another big online auction in 2009, and this summer is running a raffle with numerous prizes including an original work by artist David T. Alexander, who is also one of the senior artist mentors at this summer's Toni Onley Artists' Project.

For more information about the Island Mountain Arts School of the Arts, Public Gallery or the Arts-Wells Festival visit [www.imarts.com](http://www.imarts.com).

Article from IMA's website – AW

Stay at the

# Hubs Motel

... on the highway next to the service station

~ Great Rates ~

~ Great Rooms ~

in room Coffee, Phone, TV  
Kitchenettes

**Spring Hiking & Biking!**

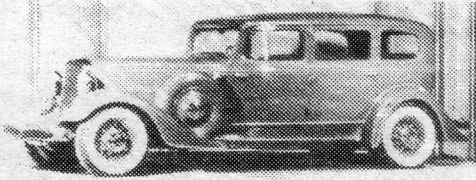
With your hosts

**Bill and Lois Herrick**

**12438 Barkerville Hwy, Wells, BC**

**1-866-994-3313**

**hubs@goldcity.net**



*The Hudson Super-Six Sedan, 1933*

### **Wells Service Station**

As of April 16, 2008 the Wells Service Station no longer offers vehicle fuel for sale. Over the past two years the fluctuating prices have made it a struggled for the station to continue supplying fuel for our community.

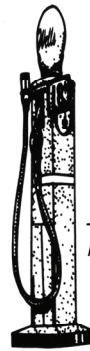
In 2007 underground storage tank regulations were updated to include enhanced monitoring requirements. In 2008 WCB introduced "Grants Law", which requires the customer to pay before pumping. Both of these regulations require the station to finance a substantial investment in order to comply and be able to sell vehicle fuel.

**The owners understand the inconvenience and impact this circumstance brings to our area. They are working to accomplish the required upgrades but do not foresee a speedy resolution to this situation.**

Please store any extra gasoline that you may purchase in the correct containers for fuel. Remember the potential danger stored petroleum products inherently produce. Protect children and pets from easy access and protect your home and vehicle by ensuring that your containers can adjust to varying temperatures and do not leak.

Our community sits on top of a protected aquifer. Spilled fuel percolates through the soil quickly and can potentially pollute our streams and lakes. Remember the consequences of the Pine River Oil Spill and other accidents that involved community water sources and wildlife habitat.

*This article is paraphrased from the Wells Service Station bulletin of April 16, 2008 with additional commentary from the Editor of the Wells Chronicle.*  
AW



**Jay and Donna Vermette**

Phone (250) 994-3224

Fax (250) 994-3353

*Wells Service Station*

ATM • Postal Outlet • Groceries • Liquor Agency

P.O. Box 130, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

Jay's friendly and knowledgeable staff are there to help you in a truly Superhost way. The Wells Service Station has an excellent selection of last minute camping supplies, rental videos, groceries, personal grooming products, selected automotive supplies, tools and sundries. The store is a licensed Liquor Agency and has an ATM.

They have a full-service Canada Post outlet.

\*\*\*\*\*



Mike Wallace Photo

Early April was warm enough to offer this white swan a nice spot for a swim in the Willow River. However, two days after this photo was taken, the temperatures dipped down to mid-winter levels for nearly two weeks. April 26th brought a renewed promise of spring with warm sunlight melting what snow it touched and warming the air in the shadows. AW

\*\*\*\*\*

**Gratitude is a lively sense of future favours.**

**- Sir Robert Walpole**

**Bear's Paw Café Wins Innovation Award**

The Bear's Paw Café in Wells, was awarded the "Outside The Box" award for it's innovative marketing strategies. The Cariboo Coast Chilcotin Tourism Association hands out this award annually to the organization that shows creative initiative in promoting tourism and travel to their destination. The enormous region stretches from Bella Coola, to Bridge Lake and Lillooet nearly to Prince George.

This year, the award recognized the variety of promotional activities that the Bear's Paw engages in, from supporting other businesses and promoting regional events, to hosting concerts and adventure events. Particular mention was made, this year, of their annual "Day of the Daves" event.



This celebration started 8 years ago, when owners Cheryl Macarthy and Dave Jorgenson noticed that their town of only 300 people had a plethora of Daves. *Café Owner Dave Jorgenson notes*, "We had at the time: Mayor Dave as Mayor, Super Dave as Superintendent of public works, Banker Dave, retired bank manager, Camel Dave as a real Camel wrangler working in Wells! Miner Dave as gold prospecting actor in Barkerville Historic town, Canoë Dave as Cafe owner and outdoor adventure guide, Piano Dave as Pianist at the Jack O Clubs Casino, Cameron Dave acting as Cariboo Cameron in Barkerville." [In 2007] nearly 5% of the population of Wells was named Dave.

Owner Cheryl Macarthy says, "To honour the normal, once a year we offer free dinner to anyone named Dave and free dessert to anyone who brings a Dave with them! Special menus include Dave's favourite foods, and we even have a line of Davewear T-shirts to honour the event!"

What started as a simple spoof has garnered the attention of media across the province, inspired songs, impersonations, and brought international attention to the community of Wells. The 8th annual "Day of the Daves" will be held on August 14th, 2008. Info: <http://thebearspaw.ca/specialevents.html>

Wells has been the recipient of a number of marketing awards in previous years, including Island Mountain Arts for the Artswells music festival, and the entire Community of Wells for their 99 cent gas campaign in 2006. Submitted by Dave Jorgenson

New Seating, New Cool Gift Selections  
Wi-Fi Hot Spot!

# THE BEAR'S PAW CAFE

\* Re-opens May 12  
\* New - Daytime Hours!  
Opening Concert - Joshua Gropp  
performs May 24 - 7pm

Dave and Cheryl at 994-2345  
cell #983-1238 (just kidding!)  
[www.thebearspaw.ca](http://www.thebearspaw.ca)

# FROG ON THE BOG

Toadily Unique Gifts!  
Expanded Selection!

Really great coffee, porch to lounge on, Wi-Fi  
New - Working Gold Mine Tours  
Weekly Gold Bar Pouring Demos  
We Buy and Sell Gold

Frog Opens Evenings and Weekends in May  
[www.frogonthebog.ca](http://www.frogonthebog.ca) 994-2345

**-Announcements-**

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Until Further Notice the Wells Service Station**  
**\*\* IS UNABLE TO OFFER GASOLINE FOR SALE \*\***  
 \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Barkerville Rush Relay** takes place the weekend  
 of May 17th & 18th 2008  
 \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*  
Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 7:30 pm **Joshua Gropp**  
 appears at the Bear's Paw for their season opening  
 concert. Joshua Gropp is an instrumental guitar-  
 ist with haunting vocals, whose intriguing guitar-  
 neck picking style makes for great visual enter-  
 tainment, while his blazing musical compositions  
 are sure to entertain the ear. You can find out  
 more about Joshua, and link to his music at:  
<http://thebears paw.ca/specialevents.html>  
 \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*  
 On Thursday, May 8, 2008, from 8:30 am to 3:30  
 pm **Staying Safe in Bear Country** takes place in  
 the Wells Community Hall Banquet Room. Register  
 with Dianne Nysven at 994-3302 Ext. 27.  
 \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*  
 On Friday, May 9, 2008 at 1:00 pm,  
**Recognizing Counterfeit Bills & Robbery Procedures**  
 will be held in the Visitor Reception Centre  
 (upstairs) at Barkerville Historic Town. Register  
 with Dianne Nysven at 994-3302 Ext. 27.  
 \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Community Potluck Dinners resume in the Fall.  
 How about a Block-Party BBQ during Summer??  
 \*\*\*\*\*

**==Happy Birthday==**

To all May Babies everywhere!

**==Congratulations==**

To Candice and Joe who announced their engage-  
 ment on February 17, 2008 in Salmon Arm, BC!

**==Passings==**

Several of our community's residents have had  
 family members die recently. All of us offer our  
 heartfelt condolences to those dealing with loss.

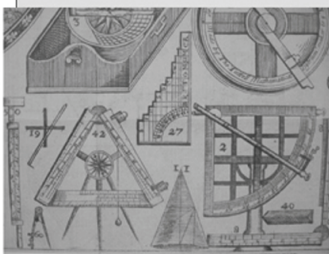
❖ **Number 3 in the 2008 Heritage Speaker Series** ❖

**Richard Wright**  
**A Slice of Time**



**Williams Creek  
 Before 1863**

**Wednesday, May 14  
 2008 - 7:00 pm**



**NOTE NEW LOCATION:  
 QUESNEL CITY HALL  
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

*THERE IS NO CHARGE  
 for this entertaining and interesting  
 illustrated talk, the third in the  
 2008 HERITAGE SPEAKER SERIES  
 presented by the Quesnel &  
 District Museum and Archives*

**Richard Wright** is an accomplished writer and presenter,  
 and is also well-known locally as the producer of the  
 popular Theatre Royal variety shows in Barkerville.  
 In this presentation he will focus on an early map of  
 Williams Creek, which when compared with later  
 versions, offers some fascinating insights into the history  
 and the personalities of Barkerville and the rest of the  
 Cariboo Gold Fields.



*Join us for what promises to be an outstanding evening  
 for anyone interested in local history.*

On May 14th, 2008, the Quesnel Museum will be offering  
 the third in its 2008 Heritage Lecture Series. Well known  
 historian, author and Theatre Royal host Richard Wright  
 will be presenting a fascinating lecture called A Slice In  
 Time. Based on Richard's original research, this illustrated  
 presentation will look at a long-forgotten map of Williams  
 Creek that pre-dates 1863 and demonstrate how this map  
 reveals fascinating information about the history and the  
 evolution of the mining claims and the personalities asso-  
 ciated with the Cariboo Gold Fields, particularly in the  
 Barkerville area. Richard's presentation style is both enter-  
 taining and captivating. There is no charge for this event  
 which will take place in a new location, the City Council  
 Chambers at Quesnel City Hall, beginning at 7:00 pm

Wells RCMP Report  
by Cst. Greg Trainor

By the time this article makes it to the news stand Jodie, the Boys, and I will have likely celebrated our 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary as Wells residents and it has been a great year. We are thankful to the warm welcome we have received and look forward to the rest of our time here. I know Jodie is already planning how to keep in touch with some of her new friends.

I sometimes fear making statements about what has not happened for fear that it will be followed but that exact type of event but I am glad to say that we have made it this far through the winter and early spring without any major motor vehicle incidents (i.e. crashes or collisions).

These events are a part of the job that no police officer, ambulance attendant, or fireman/rescue worker enjoy.

More people are seriously injured in motor vehicle crashes than in any other area of police investigation.

This is why police officers and Highway Safety Officials enforce the Motor vehicle Act and applicable sections of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Lets stay safe on the roads.

There have been ongoing complaints to both the RCMP and the

district office regarding dogs running loose as well as dogs that bark and howl to the point that the neighbors peace and enjoyment of their property is affected.

The District of Wells does have an Animal Control Bylaw which can be viewed at the District web



site [www.district.wells.bc.ca](http://www.district.wells.bc.ca).

The bylaw allows for the impounding of animals as well as the issuance of fines to the owner for such violations as having an animal running freely or permitting an animal to cry, bark, howl, etc which disturbs another person.

For exact wording refer to the web site and the bylaw section (bylaw #44).

Does this mean that the District or the RCMP are going to start issuing fines left and right and/or

impounding loose animals?

No, it does not. But, this serves to educate animal owners that in certain cases these measures can be enacted and that formal individual warnings may be necessary.

I have a dog, her name is Casey, and since we have a short fence and over 4 feet of snow in our yard she does make trips to the neighbors but generally sticks close to our yard.

If there are any problems with her or with any other dog I would suggest that you bring it to the attention of the owner if you are comfortable doing so.

If there is no resolution after speaking to the owner then talk to the District or the RCMP and we can hopefully assist in working out a resolution.

Cst ERICKSON asked that I mention that ice bridges in the meadow and other areas have become unsafe due to the warm weather and ask that snowmobilers, skiers, and hikers be very careful when crossing creeks.

There have been black bears spotted closer to Quesnel so let's start thinking about being "Bear Aware" and feel free to pass along any sightings to the RCMP so that we can pass that info along to the rest of the public.

Until next time....

**ROCKS IN YOUR SOCKS!**

⇒ To the Wells Chronicle Editor for letting her dog outside unattended. Laziness is no excuse. I have been supervising her at all times since the middle of April. Sorry, she may howl when tied up or when left in the yard during the day after the fence is back up. Please forgive me. "Bad Dog Aleta"

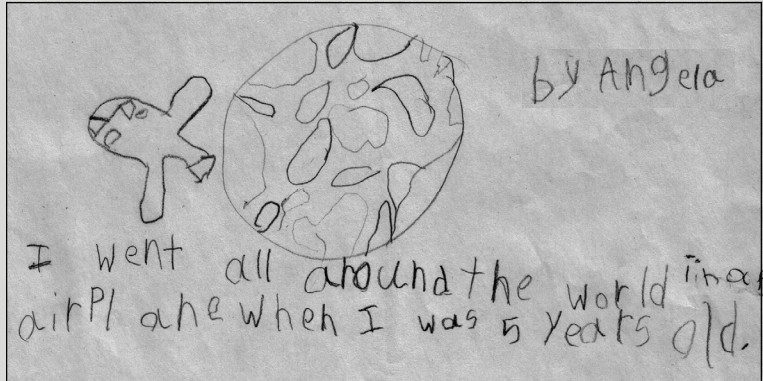
# The Dragon

by Devon MacDonald

It was 1999 Sunday May 7th in the Woods of Phong. It was very sunny there. Me, Water, and my friends, Star, Snow and Wind were walking to coconut cove when a Dragon walked out of the woods. We stopped dead in our tracks. We waited for about an hour until the Dragon disappeared into the woods. I made sure the coast was clear. When we finally got to coconut cove we saw the Dragon again. We walked past the Dragon and into the water. We were swimming for an hour then we had to go home. That night we saw that Dragon again. Star burst out crying and said, "I want my teddy bear." The next day we were walking in the woods when a little two year old named Cassidy came. She was dressed as a cowgirl. She said, "Get 'em boys." The whole woods started to pour out babies. They roped us. We finally got out of that mess. Wind and Snow were so relieved but Star wasn't. She was wondering where the Dragon was, when the Dragon popped out of the woods, started to sing, "I like to move it, move it. I like to move it, move it" and we all started to party.

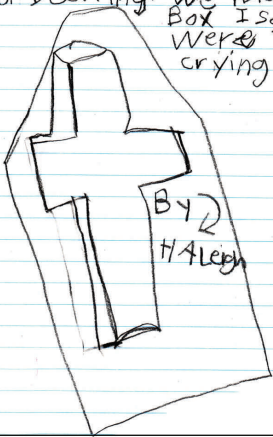
The Wells-Barkerville School students offer their unfettered perspective on animal tracks, paper puffballs, death by window pane, and the relative size of an airplane as compared to the world.

Devon MacDonald used pencil to print the story (found opposite) on 8.5"x 14" lined paper. It is copied here using the utmost accuracy and the font that matched most closely. AW, Editor



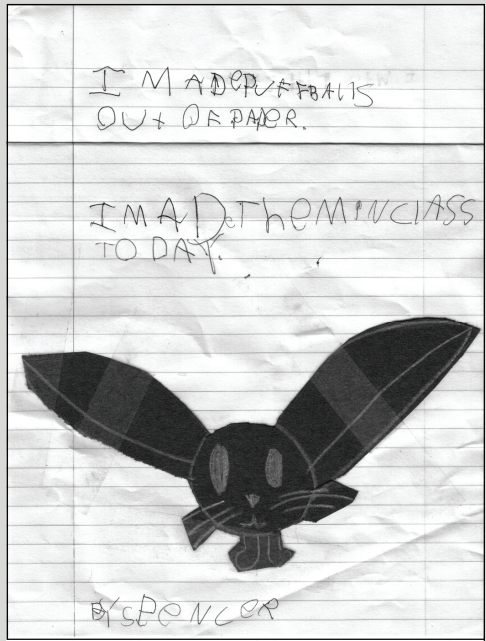
# Death Bird

Yesterday Isabelle and Rowena came over. When my Mom was on the phone a Bird hit the window. When we got out there we felt it's heart it was not beating. We made a special box Isabelle and I were half way crying. The end.



**Devon  
Angela  
Haleigh  
Spencer  
Caitlin**

Thank you very much for your stories and pictures. The five of you did a great job on your articles for the May issue of the Wells Chronicle.



Today my family saw animal tracks. They started at Slide Mountain. It was like they never ended but it ended almost at wells.

by Caitlin

### The Little Gods

We are the little gods of house and hearth  
We speak in human voices and  
Do not fear the dark

We inhabit every cell  
We ride your lightning thoughts

We feel your longing, your censure,  
Your blinding leaps

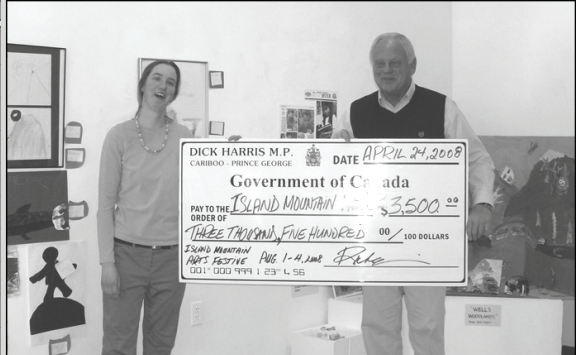
We are grateful for your eyes, your mouths,  
We marvel at your hands  
And we weep that we can only reach out  
To you, and you will not  
*Reach in.*

*Won't you*  
Be greater than the memories that chain you  
*Won't you*  
Speak your name in the voice that was given you

It's between  
The inhale and the exhale you will feel us  
It's within  
The threads that makes this moment you will know us

*We have always loved you*  
*We have never left you*  
*We are here*

Poem submitted by Cass Chowdhury

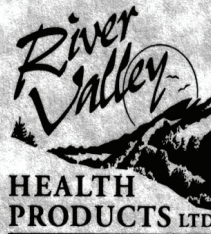


Cariboo-Prince George MP Dick Harris presents Lindsay Read of Island Mountain Arts with a \$3500 cheque. The grant helps fund the 5th Annual Arts-Wells *Festival of All Things Art*, August 1-4, 2008.

Life like a dome of many-coloured glass  
Stains the white radiance of Eternity.

- Shelley, *Adonais*

"WHERE YOUR HEALTH IS THE ONLY WEALTH THAT MATTERS"



JOHN & MARY LOU BRISCO

351 REID STREET,  
QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 2M5

PHONE: 991-0298

TOLL FREE: 1-888-788-8482

FAX: 991-7922

email: [rivalley@loudpipe.ca](mailto:rivalley@loudpipe.ca)

web: [www.johnbrisco.freelife.com](http://www.johnbrisco.freelife.com)

web: [www.mywaiaora.com/938353](http://www.mywaiaora.com/938353)

*The Finest in Vitamins, Supplements, Skin Care and Natural Foods*

### 24K Nuggets In Your Pockets:

- ⇒ To Karen Jeffery and Wanda Dyck for the time and effort they have given to get the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce' financial house in order. On behalf of the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce, Director Bill Horne offers a big **Thank You!**
- ⇒ To Greg Trainor for providing direction and leadership toward renewing the Curling Rink and its associated events in his role as 2008/9 Wells Recreation Society President and to the members of the executive and board who stepped up to the challenge along with him.

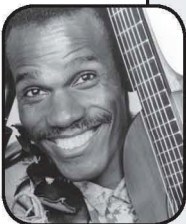


**ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS**  
**32nd Annual Summer School of the Arts**  
**Wells/Barkerville, BC**



**VISUAL ARTS**

- Acrylic Painting: Nature and Self
- Mixed Media Bricolage
- Woven Vessels: Methods in Basketry
- Life Drawing
- Digital Photography
- The Enterprising Artist
- Toni Onley Artists' Project



**PERFORMING ARTS**

- Brazilian Guitar with Celso Machado
- Fingerpicking Guitar with Don Alder
- Songwriting with Linda McRae
- International Celtic Harp School
- Celtic Fiddle

**LITERARY ARTS**

- Writing & Publishing Children's Books
- Writing Well and Making Money in Non-Fiction Book, Magazine & Travel Writing
- Writing Memoir



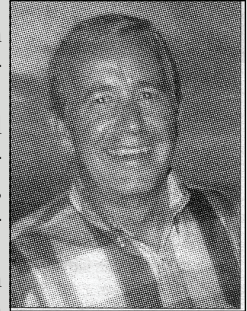
**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

- Video Production for Young People
- Songwriting & Spoken Word for Young People
- Visual Arts and Pottery for Young People

**Call today for a 2008 Course Calendar**  
**Register by June 1st for the 10% off Early Bird Rate!**

**250-994-3466 or 1-800-442-2787**  
**www.imarts.com info@imarts.com**

**NORTH**, William "Lance" passed away on January 22, 2008 in Surrey Memorial Hospital. Lance was born in wells, BC on September 26, 1941, baptized in Barkerville, and spent much of his youth in Quesnel.



A UBC graduate, much of his career was in publishing and sales.

Lance enjoyed travel and spent time in Mexico, also visiting Peru, Costa Rica and the Caribbean.

He put up a sixteen year fight with brain cancer. His family requests donations to the BC Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Lance remains in the hearts and memories of an extensive family, of which his brother and sister-in-law, Roger & Linda North reside in Quesnel.

Submitted by Wee Gilbert

**Barkerville Historic Town is hosting two free courses for residents of the Wells, Barkerville, Bowron Lakes area.**

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm **Staying Safe in Bear Country** with Dan LeGrandeur, Bear Scare Ltd. will take place in the Wells Community Hall Banquet Room.



*Grizzly Bear Wells, B.C.*

On Friday, May 9, 2008 at 1:00 pm, **Recognizing Counterfeit Bills & Robbery Procedures** will be held in the Visitor Reception Centre (upstairs) at Barkerville Historic Town.

To register for either of these courses contact Dianne Nysven at 994-3302 Ext. 27 or send her an email: [dianne.nysven@barkerville.ca](mailto:dianne.nysven@barkerville.ca)

## Wells Seniors Group

### "THE MEETING PLACE" UPDATE

The Wells Seniors group has been working steadily on the new drop-in room, dubbed "The Meeting Place", in the lower level of the community hall.

The furnace ductwork has been moved up and will be covered by the drop ceiling. The initial wiring has been completed and is ready for the lights and baseboard heaters. A new door has been installed and the walls have been finished and painted.

The flooring should be installed by the end of March and possibly the drop ceiling will be ready for the panels as well. We will be planning some activities for seniors as our room nears completion.

If you have any suggestions, please call Linda at 994-3411 or Lois at 994-3313 to have them added to our list.

Membership is free until the end of 2008, and is available to those over age 55, so be sure to attend the various activities coming up!

You are also welcome to attend all meetings and to help us out with work at the center, too!

Story by Linda Davis reprinted with permission from Sundance Topham.



Sadly, another early Wellsite leaves us.

John Norman SING died on April 1, 2008 at the age of 81. Predeceased by his wife, Margaret and brother, Dan, he is survived by his sons, Trace and Dale, granddaughter Jamie, three sisters: Laura, Jane and Elsie, and companion Diane.

John valued his many customers at Lakeview Cleaners in New Westminster. He will be remembered for his compassion and generosity to everyone. Memorial Service at Forest Lawn Chapel, Burnaby was April 10. Donations to Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation.

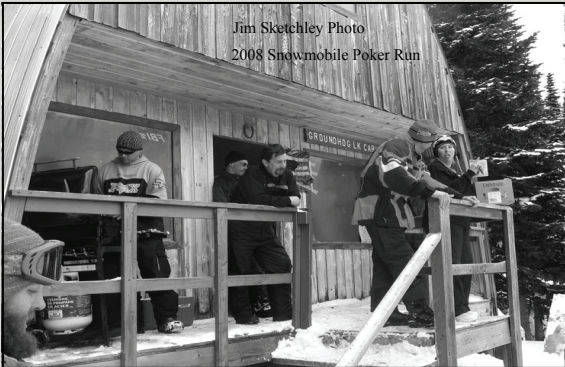
John was an avid softball and basketball player, a hard worker, and always found time to lend a hand wherever needed. John's father, K. H. Sing, started the first store in Wells in 1934. It was situated where the [Jack o' Clubs] Casino now stands. They sold Shell gas. It grew to be a fine large general store serving the community to about 1950. The family moved to Burnaby where Mr. Sing developed another store.

Submitted by Wee Gilbert

The names printed on the back of this photo dated **July - 1950** are:

- Bonehead
- Pudd
- Johnny
- Gunn
- George
- Souse-(Nort)
- Abe
- Maisie
- Beer
- Ruth

If you know any of these people, tell me a story. I'll print it. AW



Jim Sketchley Photo  
2008 Snowmobile Poker Run

**Upstairs at Wah Lee's**  
Portraits from the C.S. Wing Studio  
Curated by Faith Moosang  
on display at the  
Quesnel & District Museum & Archives  
**April 10 - September 6, 2008**

**WELLS WATER REPORT**

On April 17th following the last community potluck until Fall, District of Wells Chief Administrative Officer Gary Champagne and Deputy Clerk Sundance Topham presented a researched review of the history of Wells potable water supply from 1978 to 2008. The net result leaves two choices:

1. Find a surface water source that will be reliable year-round every year. Then pipe the selected surface water source to a chlorination plant before distribution. -or-
2. Keep the deep well source that supplies our community now. Access the grant available for building the filtration plant that will eliminate the iron content in the water thereby removing the odor and rust residue found in our current water supply and, as a side benefit, have the equipment in place to chlorinate Wells' water supply when that becomes mandatory.

The District of Wells expects legislation requiring potable water supply chlorination will be coming. What is your choice? Let the District know. AW

*✂*

**Lazy Daisy Cake** (Myrtle H.)  
*From Edna Gilbert's hand-written cookbook to her daughter Joan*

*1 cup sugar*  
*2 eggs beaten good*  
*1 tsp baking powder*  
*1 cup of flour*  
*1/4 tsp salt*  
*mix together then add*  
*3/4 cup milk and 1 tbsp butter*  
*Bring to a boil*  
*Add vanilla—mix good*  
*Pour in pan and bake 'till done*  
*25 minutes or so [medium oven]*  
*Then spread on following icing*  
*and return to oven 'til brown*  
*(icing) melt altogether*  
*5 tbsp brown sugar*  
*3 tbsp butter*  
*2 tbsp cream or canned milk*  
*1/2 cup cocoanut*

*✂*

Event Name: Barkerville Rush Relay  
Date: 5/18/2008 Time: 7:00AM - 9:00PM  
Details: 100 km comprised of 8 running relay legs of varying length and terrain starting at the junction of Highway 97 and the Barkerville Highway and finishing at the Historic Wells Community Hall.  
Contact Info.: Dianne Dagneau 250.992.7783  
Email Address: ddagneau@telus.net

**Groceries ~ 2340 Pooley Street ~ Hardware**

~ Internet ~  
C.A.P. Site  
Fax Service

~ Local Art ~  
Handcrafted  
Items & Gifts

~ Cariboo ~  
Raw Gold  
Proserpine  
Conklin Gulch  
Gold

~ Nuggets ~

**Grizz & Carol Pinette, Owner/Operators**  
Box 259, Wells, BC V0K-2R0 Phone (250) 994-3301  
Email: welstore@goldcity.net Fax (250) 994-3341

### Barkerville Historic Town—Heritage Trust Policy

Barkerville Heritage Trust Director Neil Vant reminds us that residents of Wells, Bowron Lake, and New Barkerville can receive a free pass to Barkerville by going to the Administration Building. Director Vant purchases a membership to the Friends of Barkerville each year in order to support the overall enterprise and enable others in our community to enjoy their world-class vacation destination even if that would not normally be within their budget. So bring a lunch, catch a ride, and enjoy the show. See you there. AW

### From a CTV News broadcast in March 2008

Warning: supplemental health products, especially from India and China may contain a high content of lead and other metals. Submitted by Wee Gilbert

### Photo Below submitted by Art Gilbert:

This picture shows the Island Mountain ore car tressel in the background and float planes moored at the roadside. Note the dumped ore at the base of the tressel on the shore of the Jack of Clubs Lake. The road went under the tressel at the far left skirting the shore of the lake to the bottom of the Pooley Street hill. The current lane between the ball diamond and the hill is what remains of the road shown here. The inscription reads: 10/10/37. Planes on Jack of Clubs Lake, Wells, B.C.

### The Season Begins:

April 22nd the Wells Detachment of the RCMP held a community informational session on policing strategy for 2008.



Corporal Dave Clare, and Constables Doug Erickson and Greg Trainor presented the current top five policing areas of interest. They discussed the relationship between the Wells and Quesnel Detachments and the policing coverage policy in place. Initiatives for the summer are a Bait Car Program, a (Pit) Party Program, and a student oriented Drug Awareness Recognition Education Program.

Constable Erickson asked that all calls for assistance be routed through dispatch (911) unless there is an extreme emergency.

If you are taking to the trails, drop off your itinerary so Greg and Doug can watch for late returns and initiate Search and Rescue if needed. A GPS locator is good to have if you can afford one. AW

Rick Galbraith reports that ABC is offering more high-speed internet access for Wells customers. AW

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Wells Chronicle is publishing once every month just prior to the 1st of the upcoming month. Your participation makes this paper. Info inside front cover. AW

Photo Courtesy Art Gilbert



### Wells-Barkerville Students

are selling buckets of cookie dough to continue raising money for their World Vision project.

The last day to order your cookie dough is Monday, May 5th.

For more information call Wells-Barkerville School at (250) 994-3216.

## Businesses and Services

### =Wells==

Amazing Space Studio	(250) 994-2332
Art Rush Gallery	(250) 994-3468
District of Wells	(250) 994-3330
Friends of the Wells Community Hall	(250) 994-3223
Frog on the Bog Coffee & Gifts	1-866-994-2345
Homespun Gallery	(250) 994-2327
Island Mountain Arts	(250) 994-3466
Wells and Area Trails Society	(250) 994-3349
Wells Community Library	(250) 994-3324
Wells Chronicle	(250) 994-3454
Wells General Store	(250) 994-3301
Wells Museum & Archives	(250) 994-3422
Wells Service Station	(250) 994-3224
Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade	(250) 994-3330

### ==Accommodations==

Hubs Motel	(250) 994-3313
Jean's B & B	(250) 994-2324
White Cap Motor Inn	(250) 994-3489
Wells Apartments	(250) 994-3296
Wells Hotel	(250) 994-3427

### ==Places to Eat & Drink==

Bear's Paw Café	1-866-994-2345
White Cap Motor Inn	(250) 994-3489
Northwoods Restaurant	(250) 994-3325
Pooley Street Café	(250) 994-3316
Royal Canadian Legion, #128	(250) 994-3208

### ==Area Facilities==

Wells-Barkerville School	(250) 994-3216
Wells Community Hall	(250) 994-3223
Wells Curling Club	(250) 994-3369

### Wells & District Chamber of Commerce

[www.wellsbc.com](http://www.wellsbc.com) [info@wellsbc.com](mailto:info@wellsbc.com)  
 (250) 994-2323 1-877-451-9355

**Wells Emergency: DIAL 911**  
**FIRE – AMBULANCE – POLICE**

Put your listing here for \$1.00 per line per issue.  
 Call: (250) 994-3454 or [wcsales@wellschronicle.ca](mailto:wcsales@wellschronicle.ca)

## Classifieds

Cardboard boxes - bundles of 10 - small assorted free  
 2-cube bundles \$10.00 — 4-cube bundles \$20.00  
 Contact Mike or Aleta at 994-3454

*What have you got for sale? Put it here!*  
*\$1.00 a line - Times New Roman 10pt for 2.75in*

## Real Estate

Family home for sale in Wells (250) 994-2324

**List your real estate here. It gets posted online.**  
<http://wellschronicle.ca>

### District Bursary - APPLY NOW

The District of Wells & the Royal Canadian Legion in Wells are teaming up to give all current and former residents of Wells who are attending or planning to attend post secondary schooling the opportunity to win a \$1000 bursary.

**The deadline for applications is April 30, 2008.**

For an application form please contact Sundance Topham at 250-994-3330, or [wells@goldcity.net](mailto:wells@goldcity.net)

[This unsolicited notice included in Vol. 7 of the Wells Chronicle free of charge for future reference and the *miracle* factor. AW]

### Part-time Paramedic Opportunities

#### INTERESTED ?

For more info or a full application package contact  
 Jody Hunter, 994-3229 or

BCAS Human Resources Division -- Northern BC  
 3732 Opie Cres., Prince George, BC V2N 4P7

Tel: 250-614-9982 Fax: 250-614-9983

Web: <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/bcas/index.html>

### -Limerick Corner-

There was an old dog, name of Jess,  
 Who shed twice a year, what a mess!  
 An unholy din  
 By a vacuum and then,  
 The mess left by Jess was much less.

Submitted by Mike Wallace - Wells, BC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>May 2008</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community Calendar</p>			<p><b>30 April</b></p> <p>Last day to apply for the District Bursary</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Lasagna Dinner -at- Wells / Barkerville School May Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm</p>
			<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Curling Club 7:00 pm mtg</p> <p>FoWCH mtg Dist. Office 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p> <p>Spirit Committee 3:30PM</p> <p>Last day to order cookie dough</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Council Meeting Town Hall 7 pm</p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Fire Practice 7:00 pm</p> <p>Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Mothers Day</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p> <p>Barkerville Opens</p> <p>Theatre Royal Spring Show</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Fire Practice 7:00 pm</p> <p>Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm</p> <p>Slice of Time Quesnel Museum</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Council Agenda Items In Today</p> <p>Historical Map deadline</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Barkerville Rush Relay 7:00 am -to- 9:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p> <p>Victoria Day Afternoon Tea</p> <p>Wakeup Jake</p> <p><b>Victoria Day</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Council Meeting Town Hall 7 pm</p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Fire Practice 7:00 pm</p> <p>Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Chronicle deadline</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm</p> <p>Quilt Retreat</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 1-3:30 pm</p> <p>Quilt Retreat</p> <p>Joshua Gropp Bear's Paw</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Quilt Retreat</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Library Hrs. 6:30-9 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Fire Practice 7:00 pm</p> <p>Library Hrs. 3-5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Council Agenda Items In Today</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Legion Meat Draw 6-9 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Quilt Retreat</p>