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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice 7pm at the Fire Hall	2 Wells Community Bus Bingo at the Community Hall Senior's Room: 7pm Pancake Breakfast 8–9am	3	4 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
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DISTRICT NEWS

CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2017

AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP SEEKS CRD SUPPORT

Nicole Pressey, Regional Agrologist from the Ministry of Agriculture, and members of the North Cariboo Agriculture Working Group delivered a presentation to the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Board to discuss the formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee. Their group is taking action following the North Cariboo Community Opportunities session hosted by MLA Oakes in September 2016. The Board discussed how the group can become involved in Cariboo Strong, an economic development initiative being undertaken by the CRD and the Community Development Institute of the University of Northern British Columbia.

CONCERN RAISED WITH ROAD DEACTIVATIONS

The CRD Directors will be sending a letter to local MLAs requesting a meeting to discuss forest service road deactivations in the Cariboo.

SUPPORT GIVEN TO FEDERAL HERITAGE TAX CREDIT

The Cariboo Regional District will be writing a letter to local Members of Parliament and the federal Minister of Environment urging them to support Bill C-323, a federal Heritage Tax Credit Bill. The Bill would create a 20% tax credit for rehabilitation of recognized historic places. The Board agrees this effort would be significant to

encourage the preservation of culturally significant buildings in Canada.

NEW DISTRICT PAGE ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

The District of Wells has started a new page on Facebook. You can find us as the "District of Wells" or @DistrictWells.

We'll be using the page to promote news, information and pictures that is relevant to the District. Connect with us on our page—like us and tell your friends!

We also have a new Instagram site — you can find us at "districtofwells". Follow us to see the most amazing pictures as we promote everything that Wells has to offer.

BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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

Applications will be posted on the District of Wells website. **Final Deadline for applications is May 1, 2017.**

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

program is to encourage owners of buildings to invest in upgrades that create a more appealing streetscape and an environment that attracts new visitors and businesses and renews interest of residents and returning visitors.

The goals of this program are to:

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

GRANT AMOUNTS

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

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

ELIGIBLE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Eligible improvements may consist of but are not limited to:

- > Exterior lighting (new but not replacement);
- > Exterior architectural features;

- > Exterior surfaces and details (decorative details, moldings, trims etc.);
- > Windows (only if part of larger enhancements, no stand-alone window replacement);
- > New siding;
- > Façade Painting;
- > Awnings;
- > Entrances and doorways (only if part of larger enhancements, no stand-alone entrance/doorway replacement);
- > Signage (affixed to the building); and
- > Way finding signage (sign located on the business property i.e. at the bottom of a driveway) Signs are eligible for a 50% grant to a maximum of \$500 and must adhere to any signage bylaws and regulations.

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

CALL FOR 2017 BC CULTURE DAYS AMBASSADORS

Deadline: March 31, 2017

BC Culture Days invites all BC artists to apply to be a 2017 Culture Days Ambassador in their community. Winners will receive \$1,000 towards community activation and production of a Culture Days activity!

The Culture Days Ambassador acts as a spokesperson for BC Culture Days and as

a community mobilizer throughout the summer leading up to the Culture Days weekend (September 29–October 1, 2017).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must be:

- > An individual artist (amateur or professional) residing in BC (Applications from organizations, businesses or groups are not eligible);
- > Active in their arts, culture, or heritage community;
- > Present and available to act as a spokesperson in their community during the months of August and September 2017; and

> Registered at BC.CultureDays.ca to present an activity in BC during the 2017 Culture Days weekend (September 29 – October 1, 2017).

AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Networking and mobilizing — Reaching out to community members such as individual artists, arts organizations, cultural organizations, heritage organizations, and businesses encouraging them to offer activities during the Culture Days weekend.

Promoting — Encouraging public participation and discussion about Culture Days through in-person interviews with commu-

nity members, blog posts, and social media, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

Organizing — Registering, coordinating, and presenting a free Culture Days activity for the public.

Representing — Acting as a spokesperson and media contact during the Culture Days publicity campaign. The ambassador may be called upon for TV, radio, and newspaper interviews to speak on behalf of BC Culture Days and their local arts and cultural community.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please visit BC.CultureDays.ca to complete the online application form.

Submissions will be juried by members of the BC Culture Days Steering Committee and finalists will be called for an interview. Winners will be awarded \$1,000 (includes ambassador honorarium + activity budget).

Winners will be required to submit a final report in October.

For more info, please contact Nazanin Shoja at nazanin.shoja@culturedays.ca or 604-681-3535 ext. 214.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 128

WHAT RCL Branch 128 Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Night

WHEN Thursday, March 16th 7PM to 9:30 PM

WHERE At The Northwoods Restaurant

WELLS AND AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) is pleased to announce that we have received funding from the Provincial Government through the Job Creation Partnership (JCP) in order to create two temporary positions within the organization which will run from May 1 to October 31, 2017. The objective of the positions will be to investigate and create a feasibility study around the concept of creating an Outdoor Nature/Art Themed High School in Wells. WAACA will be seeking two EI eligible (either currently collecting EI benefits, have collected EI benefits in the past two years or maternity benefits in the past five years) individuals to participate in the program. This is an excellent opportunity to learn essential work skills and experience. For more information or to apply, please contact Lindsay Read (wellsareacommunity@gmail.com or 250-994-6804) or Bill Roach (billroach@quesnelemployment-services.com).

CBC – STILL STANDING

Still Standing follows Canadian comedian Jonny Harris as he sets off across the

country once more, veering off the main highway to discover the hidden comedy in Canada's far-flung small towns. Each week, Jonny takes a hilarious and heart-warming journey to find humour in the unlikeliest of places — small towns on the ropes. After immersing himself in the lives of local characters and unearthing the tall tales in these tiny towns, Jonny delivers a rousing original stand-up comedy routine — a toast, not a roast — for the whole community.

From coast to coast to coast, Still Standing showcases Canada's vast beauty and highlights the country's unique and diverse characters. Viewers ride shotgun with Jonny on the ultimate cross-country road trip.

Many community members have been engaging with the preproduction staff of this show and we are happy to host Amelia in our community in early March as she prepares material for filming later in March. Keep watch for more updates on the District of Wells facebook page and website!!

WELLS AND AREA TRAIL SOCIETY

SKIING AND EATING PARADISE IN WELLS

Cross-country skiers at the sold-out 11th Annual Wells International Gourmet Ski gloried in perfect winter weather to tour beautifully groomed trails and enjoy samplings of unique treats at food stations along the way.

More than 100 participants from 14 cities, across British Columbia journeyed to Wells to take part in the event, including veterans from past events and newcomers. Some parents brought youngsters for the first time

and ages 2 to 80 were represented. Many skiers dressed up in creative costumes with movie themes such as Frozen, Star Wars, and Pirates of the Cariboo-an were featured. Food groups (bananas, mustard and ketchup), as well as a skier wearing a full Tibetan outfit, were also included, amongst many others.

With many ski areas plagued by uneven snow conditions this year, the snowy trails typical of Wells were a welcome sight to participants. This Annual limited-entry event includes skiing across the Wells meadow and Cornish Mountain trail network in Wells, while partaking of international cuisine at food stops along the way. Adventurous skiers also trekked to 'booty baskets' a few kilometres away for a chance to win prizes.

The Gourmet ski starts behind the Bear's Paw Cafe in Wells, and ends at the Jack O' Clubs General Store, where skiers were rewarded with prizes for best costumes in a variety of fun categories. In between food was sampled from the Ukraine, the Basque region, Portugal, India, with handmade South American Chocolate to cap it off.

After the Gourmet ski, participants had an opportunity to book a congratulatory dinner at the Bear's Paw before heading to the Sunset Theatre for a unique Mountain Film Festival of select films on outdoor adventure and mountain culture themes.

The Wells International Gourmet Ski is held annually the 3rd weekend of February so mark your calendar for 2018. The event is run completely by volunteers, and is the primary fundraiser for the Wells and Area Trails Society, which maintains and grooms an extensive trail network. The money

raised goes for maintenance of the picturesque Wells and Area trail system.

Registration begins each December. For more information, find the event at www.wells.ca, contact the Wells and Area Trails Society at wellstrails@gmail.com or call 1-866-994-2345.

ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS

FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR THE ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS NEST ARTIST RESIDENCY

Island Mountain Art is grateful to the Province of BC's Collaborative Spaces Program which just announced \$40,000 in funding to support our renovation project at the Nest. Alongside this support Community Futures North Cariboo, Integris Credit Union, Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Quesnel Community Foundation are important funding partners for the project. The project will help us improve and maximize accommodations and space for artists. Island Mountain Arts purchased this property in December 2014 after a successful crowd funding campaign and with integral support from Integris Credit Union. A huge thanks to our partners!

WINTER GUIDED RESIDENCY with Peter Corbett

March 18 – 23, 2017

Spaces are still available for a mentored studio residency lead by Peter Corbett, one of BC's premier plein air oil painters! This week-long guided residency is designed to help emerging and professional visual artists explore their studio practice, all the while being immersed in the beautiful and historic backdrop of Wells in the Winter.

CELEBRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Wells Barkerville Community School

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 12:00 noon

This will be a potluck brunch in the school kitchen.

Everyone is welcome!!



REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

RENTALS

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

RESIDENTIAL

4387 Mildred Avenue
\$125,000
250-981-1416

4236 Jones Avenue
\$250,000
250-994-2361 (Barb)
Rental income in Apt of \$750/month

4281 Sanders
\$119,000
250-962-6366

4215 Margaret Avenue
\$25,000 (open to offers)
778-885-7856 (Sheree)
canadianwest@shaw.ca

4224 Blair
\$26,000
250-994-3384

2325 Bowman Crescent
\$191,000
250-994-3328

2335 Bowman Crescent
\$77,000
250-596-8018

3933 Solibakke Street
Two bedroom, partially furnished
\$79,000
250-994-3449

Lot on Blair behind Wells Hotel
\$20,000
250-994-3427

Timber Frame Home for Sale
4275 Blair Avenue
\$230,000
250-994-3323 or
shaz_brown@yahoo.ca

Various Crown Lots
(Mildred and Solibakke)
250-398-4259

3771 Reduction Road
2bdrm house on 6 lots
\$265,000
250-994-3245

Undeveloped view lots
2 to 3 lots for sale between 4390 and 4275 Blair Avenue
Most of the property has had the willows removed
\$30,000 for each lot
250-994-3323 (Sharon)

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL

4299 Burnett Avenue
\$249,000
Box 96, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

COMMERCIAL

2338 Bowman Crescent
3700 sq.ft. renovated live-work-retail space
\$298,000
amazingspacestudio.com

Willow River
\$125,000
250-994-3245

"The Good Eats"
4214 Blair Avenue
Unique heritage building
3 x Self Contained Units + Full Basement/Workshop
\$215,000
604-817-1996 (Dave)