

VILLAGE NEWS SEPTEMBER 2010

LABOUR DAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Village Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, 2010 in observation of the Labour Day statutory holiday.

LEDUKE HOUSE OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the Leduke House at the Tourist Info and Museum site will be on Saturday, September 18th at 12 noon. The building, constructed in 1906-07, was the home of Dominion Telegraph Company employee Harry Leduke and his bride, Louisa Leduke. Louisa was the first white woman to spend a winter in the Fraser Lake area. The building has been furnished in the manner of a typical pioneer home with a number of personal effects provided by the Leduke family.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Fraser Lake and District Historical Society. Come out and view a bit of history!!

AIRSTREAM VISITORS MADE WELCOME

The airstream travellers arrived in Fraser Lake on Friday, August 20th to a hub of activity with the Forestry camp set up for the firefighters, evacuees registering in the arena, the MARS water bomber on the lake, and a great deal of

smoke in the air. Despite all of this activity, there was a few minutes to make them welcome. Mayor Lindstrom and his wife welcomed them to our community and presented them with some Fraser Lake mementoes (pins, pens, post cards). Our Rec Director invited them to a "fish painting" session and had about 45 of them attend to leave their legacy in Fraser Lake.

The Airstream caravan made a \$500 donation to the Fraser Lake Library for the use of our facilities and donated a number of tubs of ice-cream to the forest fire fighters in camp.

FORESTRY FIRE FIGHTER CAMP

Forestry is leasing a portion of the fields behind the arena for their fire fighters camp. There are about 400 personnel calling that field home as they go about their work fighting the Binta Lake forest fire and keeping us safe. We thank them for their service and dedication putting themselves on the line for us.

Kudos to Super Valu for donating a number of tubs of ice-cream to the fire fighters - I'm sure they appreciated your generosity.

NOTES ON THE BINTA LAKE FIREAS OF AUGUST 24, 2010

The fire is currently estimated to be about 40,000 ha with approximately 35% containment. Despite the efforts of the Forestry Service to date the fire is still active with an abundance of dry fuel that will burn even under high humidity and rain. This particular fire was caused by lightning.

There are now 359 firefighters including helicopter pilots, equipment operators, and staff as well as 56 overhead personnel. 5 helicopters and air tankers and 97 pieces of heavy equipment are being employed to contain this fire.

As of 1:00 pm on Tuesday, August 24th, the Evacuation Order area from Binta Lake to the eastern boundary of Rural Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), including the south shore of Francois Lake, Dahlgren Road, Nithi Road south of the Dahlgren Road junction, and Nithi Pitt Road, and Lily Lake Road south of 13500 Lily Lake Road and all other roads south of Lily Lake Road, south along the eastern boundary of Rural Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) to where it meets the Kluskus Forest Service Road west to north western shore of Knewstubb Lake north to the Holy Cross Forest Service Road and west to the south shore of Cheslatta Lake, west to Sather Lake is rescinded.

It has been downgraded to an Evacuation Alert.

The Evacuation Alert issued August 19th covering the following areas: South shore of Uncha Lake south to the north shore of Ootsa Lake east of Square Lake and along the north shore of Ootsa Lake to the south and west shore of Knewstubb Lake; and north of the Dahlgren Road and Nithi Road junction along the south side of Francois Lake Road to Highway 16; and east on Highway 16 to Turner Frontage Road; and south along the Kluskul Forest Service Road to the Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) boundary has now been rescinded.

THANK YOU TO FIRE CHIEF
PACHECO, RCMP AND
VOLUNTEERS

A great number of people have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of the residents of the area during this fire event. Fire Chief Pacheco, Fraser Lake RCMP, and Sheryl Perren have been on the job both day and night since evacuations began on August 19th. In addition Mayor Lindstrom and Councillor Jantz have spent considerable hours ensuring that evacuees are taken care of. A number of the public including Rhonda Henry, Bryan Henry, Melissa Meikle, Betty Peters, Martin Perren, Elaine Storey, Sarah Storey, Bob Storey, Christie Amasen, Kyle Henry and two volunteers from Prince George, Janice Metcalfe and

Sharon Black have spent many hours assisting at the evacuee sign in centre. We owe these people a great deal of thanks for their generosity during these trying times.

SOME FACTS ON THE
COULSON FLYING TANKERS
JRM-3 MARS

The Martin Mars was built as a long range US Navy Troop and Freight transport aircraft to fly from the continental US to the Hawaiian Islands. There were originally 6 built of which Coulson Flying Tankers owns the last 2 remaining. Between these two they have flown over 8000 fire missions throughout BC dropping 182 million litres of water/gel/foam.

The Mars is the largest seaplane in the world with a tank capacity of 27,200 litres. The aircraft needs approximately 3 miles of water to operate from and scoops a full load in 35 seconds. The Martin Mars is the only fixed wing platform in the world that has an onboard gel injection system. It has onboard storage for 3100 litres of Gel which gives the Mars the ability to drop approx. 20 loads of Gel before reloading. The gel gets mixed in with the water as it enters the tank at 760 litres/second. The injection system can mix up to 3% gel.

Length: 120 ft; Wingspan: 200 ft; Height: 38 ft; Wing area: 3,686 sq ft; Engines: 4 Wright Cyclone R3350

producing 2500 hp each;
Range with Maximum Fuel:
5,000 km; Water Tank
capacity 27,200 litres;

PAVING PREPARATION

Please be patient with us as we prepare the streets for patching. Depending on availability of the paving company some of the patching areas will be completed this year and others may be prepared but receive actual patching next year. We are working with the paving company to complete as many as possible this year.

KIDS RETURNING TO
SCHOOL

Please be extra careful after the long weekend as school season begins again Sept 7th. School kids, especially the younger ones, are excited about going back to school and are not always as careful as they should be walking on or crossing the streets. Please look out for them - they are very precious.

TIME RUSHES BY

In case you haven't gotten your notice in the mail - the Christmas catalogue is out!! It seems to get earlier and earlier each year. Just thought I would add this bit of info in case you thought summer was going to last forever.