

IT'S MOVIE TIME.....

**The First Showing of the
Fort St. John Hospital FILM**

This 10 minute promotional film was commissioned by the NHA and arranged by the Hospital Foundation for the 75th Anniversary Hospital Celebration and for recruitment and promotion after that.

YOU ARE THE FIRST TO SEE IT

This Thursday, July 20
Cafeteria Conference Room

VIEWING TIMES

10:15 and 1030 during coffee break
12:15 and 12:30 during lunch
2:15 and 2:30 during coffee break





Saturday, July 22, 2006

July 11, 2006

To: All Babies Born on July 22 of any year at the Fort St. John Hospital

From: Sue Popesku Fort St. John Hospital Foundation

Congratulation for being one of 25,000 babies born in the Fort St. John Hospital in the past 75 years when the Providence Hospital opened in September of 1931.

Since the celebration is on your birthday, we want you to have a special day too. You are invited to join the first three babies born in the hospital on stage at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Building of the Hospital to Celebrate the Birthday Party.

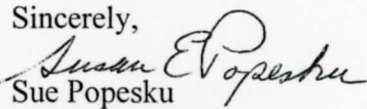
Help us Cut the BIG Birthday Cake
at the Entertainment Stage for 1 pm on July 22
Please Report to the Stage Manager by 12:45 noon.

You will be among others born on this day. You will not have any speaking role.

The Hospital Auxiliary is providing a huge birthday cake for the celebrations. The doctors of the Fort St. John Hospital will be singing Happy Birthday to everyone.

We look forward to seeing you on July 22. Please bring your family, renew old acquaintances and enjoy the BBQ and entertainment from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, July 22 on the Hospital grounds.

Sincerely,


Sue Popesku
Executive Director

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FORT ST. JOHN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



75th Anniversary of the Building of the Fort St. John Hospital

Only 2 weeks before the Celebration Day of the Building of the Hospital when we will honour all the 25,000 babies born in the Fort St. John Hospital in the past 75 years. Saturday July 22 will begin at 10 am with non-stop entertainment and run until 4 pm. The Fort St. John hospital grounds are open to everyone, whether born in the Fort St. John Hospital or not. Visitors and residents are all welcome.

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THE BIG EVENT ON JULY 22, 2006

ENTERTAINMENT

Start off the day with a participation class in Taekwondo taught by Master Darrell Marsh of the Red Dragon Taekwondo. at 10am.

Dancers from The Move Dance Studio, the Dancing Grannies, The Community Choir, Singer Brad Langerud, and Band Train Wreck will fill the day with fun and entertainment. Master of Ceremonies Count Floyd will keep a fast pace throughout the day.

BBQ

Six huge BBQ's donated by Brian Stewart, Pimm's Production, Moose FM, Darrell Barker, Rhyason Contracting with chefs from Cascade Steaming and the City of Fort St. John will fire up by 10:30am for juicy hamburgers. Pop and cake go along with that for only \$5. Sobey's Ready to Serve and Safeway will be providing the hamburger fixin's. Dozens of individual, homemade cakes donated for the event will provide a great variety of choices for a yummy dessert.

ACTIVITIES and EXHIBITS

Heritage Wagons will give rides from the Hospital Grounds throughout the northeast of Fort St. John for only \$1. Beautiful, well trained horses pulling various colourful wagons, plus a doctor's buggy, will be busy providing a rare riding treats to those who attend the event.

Hospital Tours will take you behind the scenes at the very busy Fort St. John Hospital. You will see the newly renovated operating rooms and ambulatory care, state of the art digital xray equipment and the brand new Endoscopy Procedure room. The old and the new will be demonstrated in some departments. A newly commissioned film of the Fort St. John Hospital will start off the tours every 30 minutes.

The Decontamination Unit will be on site for your investigation. A video about the Emergency Hospital will be shown and experts will be on hand to explain the equipment.

Exhibits and displays will be shown by the Peace Valley Environmental Association. Welcome Wagon, North Peace Historical Society, Hospital Foundation, Hospital Auxiliary, City of Fort St. John and Bowes and Herron. The Horticultural Society will be handing out over 2000 trees donated by Canfor. Plant a tree for a baby born in the Fort St. John Hospital.

BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY AT 1pm

The three first babies born in the Providence Hospital in 1931 will be on hand to help cut the huge birthday cake. All babies born on July 22 in the Fort St. John Hospital of any year will invited on stage also. The doctors at the hospital are rehearsing their finest "Happy Birthday Song" to sing at 1pm. The Big Birthday Cake has been donated by the Hospital Auxiliary.

SPECIAL FOR ALL BABIES ARE THE WELCOMING TENTS

Those born in the Hospital will go to the tents to register or check if their previous registration is correct. They will receive a ribbon with the year they were born and a commemorative 75th anniversary pin along with a fun keepsake to take home. The 1930/40's tent was sponsored by Bowes and Herron, 1950/60's tent by V.E. Brandl, 1970/80 tent by Duke Energy and the 1990/2000 tent by the Peace Valley OSB.

PLEASE TURN
OVER

PARKING

Free parking is available on the grounds of the Church of the Resurrection and the previous Immaculate School (now the new medical clinic under renovation). The volunteers of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand to direct parking. Follow the signs and directions for safe and easy parking within a block of the event.

Seniors and handicapped may be dropped off on site by entering the Exit for the main parking at the front of the Hospital. Travel along 100 Avenue going West toward the centre of town in order to turn right into the Exit outlet. After dropping off passengers, the cars must be moved off site for parking.

AN INVITATION TO ALL

Everyone in the region and all visitors are welcome to join the festivities from 10am to 4pm on Saturday July 22. Over 4600 people have registered as being born in the Fort St. John Hospital since 1931. Many are coming back to celebrate and see how much Fort St. John has changed through the years. There will be plenty of people who will want to renew old acquaintances. Come to the Hospital grounds to enjoy a day of sunshine and friendship.

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1931 to 2006 75 Years of Growth

The plans for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Building of the Hospital

In 2006- the Fort St. John Hospital will celebrate 75 years. The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation, the Hospital, and the City of Fort St. John invite you to join us in inviting back the 25,000 babies born in the FSJ Hospital for the largest picnic ever in the Peace Country on July 22, 2006.

ABOUT THE PAST

1931 Hospital was officially opened in September, 1931, by the Sisters of Providence on land donated by CM Finch. An initial grant was given from the government of \$1500 plus \$500 on a regular schedule for operating the hospital. Dr. Hubert Brown was the first resident doctor. Newspaper accounts show that Mrs. Leo Pickel and Mrs. Carl Donis were the first patients to receive operations.

The first three babies have been located already. Rose (Dart) now Goodfellow was the first baby born on September 6, 1931. She still lives in Fort St. John. The second baby- a girl- Francis Shortt (now Hodgkinson) lives in North Vancouver and the third baby-the first boy- Benjamin Anderson lives in Dawson Creek, BC. They have indicated that they will try their best to attend the July 22, '06 celebrations.

- 1932 The Hospital Women's Auxiliary was established in 1932 and is still serving patients at the hospital. They are also part of the planning organization for the 75th Celebration.
- 1935 Dr. Garnet Kearney replaced Dr. Brown
- 1942 Significant changes took place in FSJ and the hospital during the Construction of the Alaska Highway during WWII.
- 1948 On Jan 1, Fort St. John was incorporated into a village with a population of about 1,000.
- 1948 The polio epidemic hit the area in 1948. Of the 50 patients with polio at the hospital, only 1 was lost.

The plans for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Building of the Hospital

Continued...

In preparation for the 75th Celebration we will publish a history of the hospital with significant milestones in the development of Fort St. John. Chandra Wong, a writer and journalist, has been researching the history of the Hospital since March. She is working with Cliffside Printing on a the publication searching for new material and photographs that have not previously been published. The publication will be sold for \$5 each.

ON July 22, 2006

- On this historic day, the grounds of the hospital will host several thousand visitors.
- Those people born at the Fort St. John will be the focus of the day. Tents will be set up for the 30/40's, 50/60's, 70/80's and 90/00's to welcome babies born in those years and provide special memories of those decades.
- An Old Fashioned Cake Social and BBQ along with entertainment and hospital tours will be part of the day's events.
- All organizations that provide some kind of help for this event have the opportunity to display their history and post the year they were established in the North Peace.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Decade displays are being developed to be featured throughout FSJ connected by a walking tour. The 30's, 40's, 50's and so on-7 displays in all- will showcase Fort St. John and some medical equipment in each decade
- We are encouraging all families in the Peace Country to have family reunions and all high school reunions to schedule during this weekend.
- An entertainment stage and hospital tours are scheduled for the day.
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THE SEARCH FOR BABIES

The search for babies born in the Fort St. John Hospital has already put close to 3000 in the registry at the Hospital Foundation office. Any names and addresses given to us before January 1 '06 will receive invitations to return to FSJ for the 75th Celebrations.

What can you do to help?

Groups and individuals are needed to provide...

Security Friday night and Saturday (July 21/22, 2006)

Traffic control and parking.

Greet visitors, register babies born, and hand out memory items in each tent.

Help gather the sponsorships for the memory items to be given to each "born here".

Organize the BBQ and serve on that day.

Locate cake donors and serve cakes.

Arrange entertainment and provide smooth presentations.

Organize hospital tours.

Set up and take down (City of FSJ will be providing some tents, staging/tables/chairs)

Search for babies born in the hospital by getting friends to provide names/addresses and birth dates.

Help advertise the event and plan how we can manage the largest picnic FSJ has ever seen on the hospital grounds for July 22, 2006

The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation, City of Fort St. John, Hospital Auxiliary, and Northern Health Authority have committed to making this event a day to remember.



**For Immediate Release:
May 29, 2006**

THE CELEBRATION on July 22

Everyone born in the Fort St. John hospital in the past 75 years is invited to join the community-wide celebration this summer. July 22 from 10am to 4pm is the festival day on the grounds of the hospital. Some of the highlights of the day are as follows:

- Six huge BBQ supplied by Pimms Production (with chefs), Moose FM (with chefs), Rhyason (chefs from Cascade Steaming), Brian Stewart, Bayler Hughes, and one more. Foods will be sponsored in part by Safeway and Sobey's. Individual cakes will be provided by CWL, Eastern Star, Welcome Wagon, Historical Society and Hospital Auxiliary.
- A big birthday party will take place on the entertainment stage at 1 pm honouring all 25,000 babies born in the Fort St. John Hospital since 1931. First born Rose (Dart) Goodfellow and any babies born on July 22 of all years in the Hospital will be invited on stage to represent all the babies. The Hospital Auxiliary is providing the gigantic 75th Birthday Cake.
- Four tents welcoming babies born will be as follows:

30/40's	Bowes and Herron Ltd.(1928)
50/60's	Duke Energy
70/80's	VE Brandl
90/00's	Peace Valley OSB
- The entertainment stage will feature local talent and stage managed by Christine Benko.
- The Heritage Wagons organized by Doug Wiles, Tom Jarrett, and Jim Sodergren will provide rides all day.
- The Horticultural Society will give out 2000 trees provided by Canadian Forests Products.
- Hospital tours beginning with a professional film made specifically for the event will begin every 45 minutes throughout the day.
- 2 benches in honour of Dr. Tom Bruce and Dr. Gary Westover will be dedicated and two crabapples tree planted in 1963 by Polly Schlosser will be designated as heritage trees.

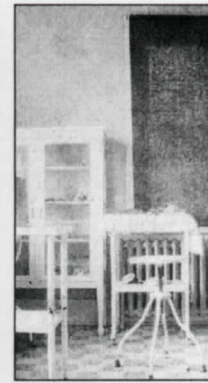
THE PARADE on July 1:

The community is invited to take part in the July 1 Parade in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Hospital.

- Everyone born in the from 1931 to 1940 and everyone who worked in the hospital from 1931 to 1963 is invited to ride on a Heritage Wagon in the parade. Registration is with Doug Wiles 785-4067, Jim Sodergren 785-6548 or Tom Jarrett 787-1282
- Any mother with a baby in a buggy is welcome to join the "Sunflower 75" in the last half of the parade. The Sunflower 75 will meet at the Seniors Care Home to visit with the seniors as the parade makes its way from the arena to the Care Home. The Buggies will join at the Care Home and walk the rest of the parade.

Register by phoning the Hospital Foundation at 262-5299

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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Master of Ceremonies Count Floyd
Stage Manager Christine Benko

- 10:00 Taekwondo Participation Class
by Master Darrell Marsh from
Red Dragon Taekwondo
- 10:30 Simply Music Performers
- 11:00 The Move Centre Dancers
- 11:30 Jason Gill
- 12:00 Line Dancing Grammas
- 12:30 Community Choir
- 1:00 Big Birthday Bash
- 1:30 Brad Langerud Rockin'
The Peace Winner
- 2:00 - 4:00 Train Wreck

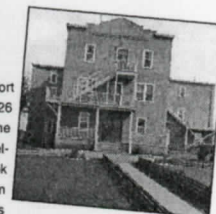
Thanks to the City of Fort St. John for the stage and
Train Wreck for the Sound System

ACTIVITIES & EXHIBITS

- BBQ Starts at 10:30 am
- Heritage Wagon Rides
- Hospital Tours
- Exhibits & Displays
- Free Parking

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Thank You to the following 75th Anniversary Sponsors:

- Alaska Highway News • City of Fort St. John • Duke Energy • Peace Valley OSB • VE Brandt • Bowes and Herron
- Canadian Freightways • Extreme Signs • Northeast News • Energy M/The Bear • Heritage Wagons • Peace Country Rentals
- District of Taylor • Knights of Columbus #4866 • Fort St. John Hospital Auxiliary • Fort St. John Hospital Foundation • Canada Safeway
- Sobey's Ready to Serve • Moose FM Radio • CJDC TV • Canadian Forest Products.

Special Thank you to:

- Canadian Freightways • Investors Group • Eagle Vision Productions • Heritage Wagons • Brian Stewart BBQ
- Darrell Barker BBQ • Code 3 Security • Northern Health Authority • M & M Meats • Quality Inn Northerner Grand
- Count Floyd Productions • Catholic Women's League • Rhyason Contracting BBQ • Pimm's Production BBQ
- North Peace Historical Society • Welcome Wagon

Fort St John Hospital 75th Anniversary Celebration

**Were you born at the
Fort St John Hospital?
Did you work there?**

The Fort St John Hospital Foundation
is inviting anyone who was born in or worked
at the Fort St John Hospital to a
celebration planned for
July 15-22, 2006,
the 75th Anniversary of the
Building of the Fort St. John Hospital (1931).

If you are interested in receiving information
or an invitation please contact:

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Before the end of July 2005.

Please share this notice with
your family and friends.



FORT ST. JOHN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



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1931 - 2006

75 Years of Growth at the Hospital In Fort St. John

The Activities to take place during the 75th anniversary celebration of the building of the hospital in Fort St. John include the following:

DISPLAYS:

Decade displays in businesses and other secure places in Fort St. John for the public to view. 1930's, 40's, 50's, etc. ...seven in displays all with a single feature of the hospital and other important visuals of that decade in Fort St. John. A flyer with some history and a walking tour is planned. To be completed by January 20.

BABIES BORN:

A mural in the hospital featuring quilts on a clothesline will be the focus of a fundraising campaign to have babies born in this hospital on individual plaques with each date of birth. The mural was painted by Peter Vogelaar and is being completed by Margaret May. \$100 donation to the Foundation will have a permanent plaque attached to a quilt. One quilt alone is for the babies born in the Providence Hospital, one for current babies and one for the past babies of the modern hospital.

PUBLICATION:

A publication of the history of the hospital, complete with photos, commentary and original paintings will be written by Chandra Wong. The Hospital Foundation will be searching down funding for the project. The book is to be completed by January 20 for distribution.

OLD FASHIONED CAKE SOCIAL:

On Saturday, ~~July 15~~ or July 22, 2006 the Hospital will have a Pit BBQ buffalo picnic. Families are asked to bring a cake and meat and salads will be provided. Activities, dancing and a tour of the hospital will be staged that day.

Note: The Hospital currently births 550 babies each year. With an average of 200 per year since 1931, we have birthed 15,000 babies at the Hospital. If only 1/4 of those people come back for a reunion and bring a guest, we could have 10,000 people arrive. This would be the largest picnic ever in Northern BC.

WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES LIVING IN FORT ST. JOHN TO HAVE FAMILY REUNIONS THE THIRD WEEK IN JULY 2006.

For further information contact the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation at 262-5299

HERITAGE MURAL

The Fabric of Our Community

"A project for the 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Hospital Celebration in 2006 and beyond."

This mural was designed by Peter Vogelaar in consultation with Viva Swanson and other maternity nurses along with Sue Popesku of the Hospital Foundation.

The Artists:

Peter Vogelaar has turned over the completion of the mural to Margaret May, an artist who lives in Fort St. John. She will lighten up the porch, finish the face of the woman and make the quilts that will be painted on boards and hung on the line. Peter was back in Fort St. John to carve ice at the High On Ice Festival and is now in Charlottetown, PEI, building an ice castle and ice playground for the Jack Frost Festival.

The Project:

The mural, when completed, will have a real clothes line for hanging pre-cut shapes of baby shirts, caps, and diapers immediately upon the birth of a baby. The baby's name and birth date will be on the item hanging from the line and can be taken home when the baby leaves the hospital. The family can have a permanent plaque put on the quilt by donating \$100 to the Hospital Foundation for medical equipment purchases at the Hospital.

The Quilts:

The first quilt will be for current babies born (340 squares); the second quilt for those born in the past in this hospital (600 squares); the third for those born in the Providence Hospital (600 squares). We have the first plaque purchased for the Providence Hospital Quilt by James Little, Born September 17, 1945. When the quilts are filled they will be moved down the hall and a new one will be painted.

2006 Celebration:

We anticipate the return of a number of people to Fort St. John for the 2006 Celebration of the Building of the Hospital (1931). We are collecting names and addresses of the estimated 15,000 babies born in Fort St. John and will be sending out invitations in July 2005 announcing the celebrations for July 15 - 22, 2006. A huge BBQ picnic and Old Fashion Cake Social on the hospital grounds on a Saturday (Jul 15 or 22, 2006) may attract 5000 people or more. Those born in the Fort St. John Hospital will be special quests. We are encouraging every family living in Fort St. John to plan a family reunion for the third week in July 2006.

For further information please talk to Sue Popesku in the Foundation Office