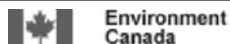


Weather Report



Wednesday
June 20



HIGH 22°C LOW 6°

Thursday
June 21



HIGH 18°C LOW 9°C

Friday
June 22



HIGH 18°C LOW 8°C

Saturday
June 23



HIGH 17°C LOW 8°C

Sunday
June 24



HIGH 16°C LOW 7°C

Monday
June 25



HIGH 19°C LOW 1°C

Pioneer Log Homes is regional ambassador

By Ernie Engemoen

Bryan Reid Sr. is one of the three brothers behind Pioneer Logs Homes, and their land development company of similar name. He's a busy, hard-working man, but last week was a purely recreational, fun time to meet and greet some new buddies. Bryan is the roadman, promoting many Cariboo produced log homes around the world, especially in the USA.

He's made many friends in America, and decided to invite some of them to visit the Cariboo Chilcotin, and bring along some of their associates so the entire group could enjoy the area together. They toured the three Pioneer Log Homes construction sites near the Williams Lake Indian Band, up the Horsefly Road and at Soda Creek, as well their main Pioneer Family Land Partnership office and display space on the south side of the City. After marvelling at the new Tourism Discovery Centre, they had a family-like dinner at

Trattoria's on First Avenue. Laughter and hugs were the order of the day, as they discussed their weekend trip to Bella Coola and Chilco Lake, including some fishing from Bryan's boat, the Silver Grizzly!

For these people, finding something to laugh about can pose a difficult problem at times. They are all American veterans who served their tour of duty in the Middle East, including Afghanistan. All of them have been badly injured by warfare, and are now on the road to recovery. Don't believe that the term "veteran" means there was any grey hair on this troop. The average age of this group of visitors was estimated to be 23 years, with one fellow only 19 years old.

"I was very happy to connect with an organisation geared to helping these veterans through Phil Huston and Operation Comfort," stated Bryan. "It is an honour to play a small part in their healing process. It was the best week in my life."



Phil Huston photo

BRYAN REID JR. DEMONSTRATES the fine art of shaping square timbers into fancy "bear paws" to some of the Operation Comfort visitors touring the Pioneer Log Homes 153 Mile Site on Horsefly Road. Bryan Jr. learned these skills from his father, and this second-generation craftsman manages the construction site.

Bryan feels that it is time to get beyond the somewhat different politics of our two countries. He stated we are made up of the same people, doing most of the same things, and in the same manner.

"These young guys are

just good people who've done their jobs," added Bryan. "I was so happy to see them laughing, joking and saying how much they enjoyed Canada."

Between now and the autumn, 40 to 50 of these special veterans will be visiting our region, along with their support personnel. Bryan is very pleased so many people will be returning to diverse areas of the United States of America

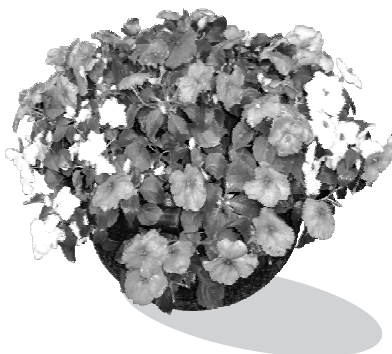
filled with good stories to share about the Cariboo, Chilcotin, and Coastal areas of BC.

Both Phil Huston and Bryan Reid believe there is more to life for these veterans than recovering from their physical injuries.

"They have to heal in their hearts and minds, and I can't think of a better place than beautiful British Columbia to continue that process," concluded Bryan.

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