



# The River Round Up

---

Volume 1

Number 3

November 2000

---

-----\$1.00-----

## Our War Memorial

To end our series on why the River Round Up



originated we will quote from the September 1, 1958 issue.

“On August 15<sup>th</sup>, thirteen years ago people rejoiced when news was received of the end of World War 2. On the same day 13 years later at approximately 8:30 p.m. a time switch automatically illuminated the war memorial on which the names of our dead heroes are engraved. This floodlight will be a reminder to the citizens of this community as well as others passing through our beautiful village of the sacrifice made by these courageous men for our country. Each evening at the time mentioned above this light will go on and at 1 a.m. it will go off accordingly. We had this job in mind for quite some time. It is a permanent job. The system is connected to the parish hall by means of an underground leaded cable. The cost of installation was \$77.50.” (Is it still on this time sequence?)

---

## Remembrance Day Services 2000

The Remembrance Day Services will be held at the St. Peter's Lions Hall on Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The laying of wreaths at our monument will be at 11:30 a.m. Cenotaph ceremonies are in Louisdale at 1:30 p.m., Whiteside at 2:30 p.m. and West Bay at 3:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath please call 345-2610 from Tuesday to Saturday after 4:00 p.m. to do so.

A lunch for legion members will be served at noon and a supper will follow the ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. at Branch 47 Hall in Grand Anse.

Please observe the 2-minute wave of silence on November 11 at 11 a.m.

---

## Old Cannes Post Office

The old Cannes Post Office opened on November 1, 1884 and closed on April 4, 1893 with John A. Fortune as Postmaster. It reopened on March 1, 1894 with Tranquil Digout as Postmaster and closed again on October 23, 1926. From November 30, 1926 until October 23, 1954 Mrs. Susan Landry was Postmistress. Mrs Eileen Landry served as Postmistress from December 8, 1954 until the beginning of rural delivery on August 20, 1970.

---

## Nature Notes

This past year we have had some unusual bird sightings in River Bourgeois. For approximately one month there was a Yellow-Crowned Night Heron in the inlet below Ernest & Joe P's. Bob Yuille had an Upland Sandpiper visit in June. These birds are rare in Nova Scotia and especially in Cape Breton. In the past two years we have had a Snowy Egret at Joe's Brook, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Yellow-billed and a Scissor-tailed Fly Catcher. Edward Touesnard had 13 Cattle Egrets visit his farm. These are shown on the Cape Breton Birds Website We have had members of



the Nova Scotia Society up for a look through their binoculars at all of these. If anyone sees anything unusual, call George 535-3516. Maybe we could get a reputation as a birder's paradise.

---

## Technology & Training Centre

Our official opening on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> was well attended. All government officials and local residents expressed their enthusiasm for our achievements to date. The addition of the CAP Site to our Community Centre is proving to be a useful asset. The Technology and Science Secretariat funded a summer student, purchased computer equipment and furniture (\$14,605.58), and paid for repairs to the basement's electrical system (\$1,322.35). The CAP site has also provided two additional phone lines for the building and due to the efforts of the CAP committee we received a reduction of our hall and funeral home phone rates. The CAP site has received a HST rebate of \$988.28 on its equipment purchases and user fees to October 24, 2000 stand at \$224.02. The CAP site was also invaluable during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual River Bourgeois Festival and in the production of the River Round Up.

---

## Summer Activities 2000

During the months of July and August Ann Burke and Chantal Landry worked on many projects for the River Bourgeois Community Services Society as part of a project they submitted for summer work. They worked as janitors for the summer months at the Tara Lynne Community Centre, took bookings for the hall, mowed the complex's grassed areas and the

softball field, painted the bleachers and painted signs for the Economic Development Committee, cleaned carpets, etc. They put on activities for the community including a great Canada Day program with a grant of \$1,000.00 from the Municipality of Richmond.

The students helped pay their wages by hosting a brunch, holding ticket sales, selling recyclables, holding a Kids Day celebration, and holding a musical matinee. The students earned \$5,315.51, which included their janitorial wages with the total cost of their wages being \$4,152.00. Expenses were \$1,163.20. A complete financial statement will be presented to the November regular meeting of the Society and a review of the statement can be obtained from Monica McPhee or Sherry Baccardax. Our hats go off to Ann and Chantal for their hard work.

---

### Bits & Bites!

Charlotte LeBlanc welcomes three new great grandchildren in eight weeks. Sydney Isabel Coughlin born to Sherri & Paul (First grandchild for Kenneth & Gloria), Joshua Lucas Ross, born to Melinda & Robert, (First grandchild for Stella Doutaz), Melissa Catherine Poirier (birthday present for her Mommy) born to Donald and Melanie Poirier, (8<sup>th</sup> grandchild for Helen & Bernie Poirier). Congratulations!

George Fox Concert will be held on Monday, November 27 at SAERC Auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 Tickets available from Edward at 535-2625 or Debbie at 535-2593. All proceeds to Camp Rankin.

Community Services Society will meet at the Tara Lynne Community Centre on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Meals On Wheels are delivered each Tuesday in River Bourgeois. Cost is \$4.50. Seniors or shut-ins interested please call Janelle Fougere at Richmond Villa 535-3030.

Community Services Society will hold a New Years Eve Ball at the Tara Lynne Community Centre. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. followed by a dance. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple. Tickets available from Ed Pottie, Howard's Grocery, Joe MacPhee, Donna Landry, & Rose Merrick. Music by Jerry Webb.

Christmas Party will be held for children of River Bourgeois (to age 12) on December 17 from 1-4 p.m. A concert will be held at 7 p.m. the same evening.

Regular Sunday Concert at Tara Lynne Community Centre on Sunday, November 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Local talent and admission is \$3.00.

This issue is available at Howard's Grocery, the CAP site or by subscription 535-3516.