



The River Round Up

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Riverview Senior Citizen Apartments



Standing-left to right-Joe Boudreau, Marie Boucher, Francis Pottie, Lionel Pottie, Whitney Sampson, Jean Pottie. Sitting-Mildred Burke, Emily Kendall, George Pottie. Missing is John Dawson.

River Bourgeois's home for seniors was completed in May of 1987 and its official opening was held in June. Three of its original residents still reside there. **Marie Boucher** is a member of this elite group. Marie lived on the Church Point with husband Clarence until his death in 1983. Marie has two daughters Lucille who resides in St. John, NB and Sylvia in River Bourgeois. Son Earl passed away in 1974. Marie has 14 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Marie's favourite pastime is still hand quilting. **Jean Pottie** is also a member of this elite group. Jean was born on the Southside and lived in Cannes with husband Raymond until his death in 1985. Jean has two daughters, Kathleen in Lake Echo and Estelle in Long Lac, ON. Jean also has 4 sons, Anthony in Elmsdale, Vincent in Hamilton, ON and Leslie and Leonard both reside in River Bourgeois. Jean's family has expanded to 14 grand children and five great grand children. Jean's pastime is knitting and

visiting Emily. **Mildred (Den Den) Burke** is also one of the original members. Mildred is the daughter of John L and Mary Burke and she and sister Alma are the last remaining members of that family. Mildred was a very active member of this community and loved her bingo and card games. Mildred spends her days watching television.

George Pottie joined these ladies in the fall of 1987. George lived in Hawker and was married to wife Lillian for fifty-nine years. Lillian died in May 1989. George's son Lawrence lives in River Bourgeois, Terry in Sudbury, ON while, his son Wallace passed away in 1933 and son Alexander passed away in 1941. He also has two grandsons. George has the distinction of being River Bourgeois oldest resident.

Emily Kendall became a resident in July of 1989. Emily has three children; daughter Louise is in Louisdale, son William is in the army stationed in Halifax and son Vincent lives at the River. Emily has six grandchildren and when she is not knitting she's out with her friend Jean visiting relatives.

Whitney Sampson became a resident in 1995. Whitney is the son of the late Charlie J and Mini Sampson of the Church Point. Whitney is a World War 11 veteran along with three of his brothers Mark, Gilbert and Simon.

Joe Boudreau joined the gang in Oct. 1997. Joe was born in Petit de Grat; married in River Bourgeois but spent most of his life in L'Ardoise. Joe's wife Mary Blanche passed away in Aug. 1996. Joe has seven children Paula, Wanda, Paul, Wade, Gary, Joey and Amanda all residing in Dartmouth. Joe's pastime is rabbit and deer hunting.

John Dawson moved into the senior's building in September 1999. John is formerly from Grand River but chose to make River Bourgeois his home. John has a son John Junior who resides in Halifax.

Lionel and Francois Pottie are the newest residents having moved in this past August. Lionel and Francois are the sons of Cornelius and Irene

Pottie and both spent their lives in Cannes. Lionel and Francois enjoy their days on the swing waving to all the drivers going by as they did in their old homestead. Brother Fabian is among the many visitors that they welcome daily. *Sharon Chilvers*

Remembrance Day 2001

Last year we pictured our local monument in memory of those who had "made the extreme sacrifice". We have been asked to list all names on the monument. They are: Douglas Bourque, Herman Mac Neil, Joseph Samson, Augustine Bourque, Abraham Bourque, Edmund Samson, Mark Samson, Samuel Pate, Martin Samson and Frederick Boucher.

Please take the time to attend the laying of the wreaths in their memory at 11:30 on Nov. 11th.

The Fire Bug

On October 2nd Claire MacPhee chose to burn garbage in her back yard and was quite pleased with herself for having saved Gary some garbage pickup time. She alleged that the fire was fully extinguished; however two days later noticed the grass on fire in her back yard. The normally calm Claire called 911. In the meantime Mimi Fougere who happened to be gazing out her front window saw the smoke and telephoned her brother Jerry to go rescue poor Claire. Superman Jerry rushed over with a snow shovel and gave his best efforts but thanks to the fire department they were able to douse the now spreading fire. Claire promises not to burn garbage until January or until we have several feet of snow. *Sharon Chilvers*

Sister Helen



Sister Helen is shown with Marlane Burke during a luncheon presentation held in Arichat Convent on Oct 15th by the River Bourgeois CWL. Sister Helen Burke is the daughter of the late Harry and Clara (Fougere) Burke. Helen grew up on the Southside and in 1959 when, she had just turned seventeen

years of age made a conscientious decision to become a nun. She went to the Mother House in Moncton, NB where in May 1962 took her final vows. Sister Helen has worked in many communities in the Maritimes and has been in Arichat for several years. At the Strait Hospital, she not only does pastoral care but also ensures the patients always have good drinking water by transporting some from Arichat daily and also fresh baked goods (she makes herself) for their evening lunches. Sister Helen is known throughout many local communities for her tireless efforts in helping the poor, underprivileged and struggling college students. She can be seen in the early morning along the highway collecting pop cans on the roadside. She then transforms the funds over to her many causes. There are no words that can express our loss in Sister Helen leaving us, however Moncton has gained a wonderful devoted nun. Sister Helen we thank you and next year when you celebrate your forty years as a nun our thoughts will be with you. River Bourgeois is proud to call you one of our own and may God bless you in your new home. *Sharon Chilvers*

God Speed! Ramona



Ramona Lynn Burke, daughter of Roderick and Margaret Burke is currently posted to the HMCS Preserver, one of the Canadian supply ships on its way to the Persian Gulf. Ramona joined the military during university as a MARS officer in 1995. Upon completion of her studies she went to British Columbia for a year of training and was posted back to Halifax on the HMCS Montreal. She has sailed to Australia with the Oriol and has been involved in two Nato missions, one as recently as July.

Ramona has completed her D level training as an above water warfare officer, she is presently holds the rank of lieutenant. Lt (N) RL Burke will participate, as part of Canada's involvement in the attacks on Afghanistan. The principle role of the Preserver is to supply food, fuel and spare for other ships. This mission that they departed for in October

will keep our loved one away for six months or longer.

Ramona's family is very proud of her accomplishments and awaits her safe return home after her completion of duty. *Kara-Leigh Burke*

A Gift from the Heart



The tragedy of the terrorism attacks in the United States has affected everyone in different ways. We are all trying to help in some way either through prayer, donations of blood or by donating to the various funds, which aid the victims and their families.

Dylan Abbott is the six-year-old son of Wendy and Mike Abbott of St. Peters and grandson of Joan and Michael Owens of River Bourgeois. When the local elementary school started a collection to raise such funds Dylan went out of his way to help.

On the day it was announced that a collection was being held Dylan asked his mom for her donation and then told her that he wished to donate his allowance. Wendy asked if he was sure and explained that he wouldn't get any more money for a week. He assured her he was and then proceeded to open his piggy bank and remove more money to donate. Perhaps we could all learn more about the spirit of giving from Dylan.

Youth Report

The colder months are coming quickly, and at Richmond Academy we know what that means! Hockey season! The season started off with a loss, but only by 2 points, the score was 3-1 for Antigonish East. A good effort was put out by Barry Boudreau, Steven Filion, and Peter Tanner of River Bourgeois. Speaking of sports, the R.A. power cheerleading team would like to welcome Heidi Stone into the squad. Mark Digout is a member of the soccer team again this year, along with Joel Burke. Joel is also on the Track and Field team (surprise, surprise, he's running some more).

Alison Boudreau is the co-editor of our yearbook. Alison has been very active in school-oriented

activities and groups over the past few years, and we are sure she'll do a great job.

Congratulations to the members of the RB 4-H club, who participated in the Provincial Show last month. Richmond County 4-H clubs placed 7th out of all 18 Counties in NS.

The 11th is Remembrance Day. This day also marks the two-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the USA and the start of another war: the war of our generation. Because of this, all the youth of River Bourgeois should take a little extra time on this Remembrance Day to pause and reflect, on the past wars, and on this new war against terrorism.

Michelle Sampson

RB Community Services

The Community Services Society has recently accepted with regret the resignations of directors, George Landry and Gerry Fougere who have both tirelessly served the Society. Many thanks for your long and faithful service. The Society welcomes two new directors to the Board. Sharon Chilvers and Rose Merrick have been appointed to the Board effective October. Rose is head of the Youth Development Committee of the Society. The Society has approved the request for the use of the Tara Lynne Center on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon by the Cape Breton Family Resource Center for a Parent-Tot program.

R.B. Technology & Training Centre: The RBTTC was open many hours leading up to and throughout the festival for individuals or festival committee members requiring the use of the computers, fax, phone etc. The cost to RBCCS of employing our four summer students was only \$296. Their wages were paid by grants received through four different government agencies and through ALIN. A photocopier, scanner, printer and a digital camera have just been purchased with funds from the Regional CAP Advisory Council and through user fees. All of this equipment will enhance the services available to our Community.

The cost of publishing and mailing out the River Round Up was discussed and it was voted to raise the price to \$15 for those mailed in Canada and \$16.50 for international copies. Local price to remain at \$12.

Items available through the CAP site are note cards, bookmarks, Heritage Walk Brochures, new and back issues of the River Round Up, and Festival T-shirts & sweatshirts in both adult and child sizes.

Drop in any time during our regular CAP hours to see and/or use our equipment (including fax and/or photocopier) or to view/purchase items available through the site.

RB Youth Committee: The Youth Committee has purchased a DJ Music Machine. Preteen and Teen dances were held on Oct 20th and were enjoyed by all. Door Prizes and other goodies were given out. Halloween Party for ages 7 and under is to be held Oct 31st 4:30-6:30 at the Tara Lynne Center. Thank you from the committee to everyone who supported our turkey pie fund raiser. \$943 was raised towards the purchase of our Music Machine.

CWL NEWS

Christmas Bazaar-Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1-3 PM at the Tara Lynne Center. Bake, craft, knitting, new to you tables and lots of great gifts. Second Annual Children's Craft and cookie decorating table. Tea, Coffee and Cake will be served. Penny Bingo: 2 PM Downstairs: All proceeds going to Breast Cancer Research

Operation Christmas Child-It is time again to fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and other goodies for the children of the third world. Boxes and instructions in back of church. Boxes should be delivered to Eileen Yuille or Maureen Cosman-Burke by Nov.15th.

Senior's 50 +

- Cribbage game November 19th at 7p.m.
 - 45 Card games Sunday's at 7:30 p.m.
 - Senior's Christmas dinner will be held Nov 25th. All members will be called and advised of time and location.
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Births

Goria-Justin Bruce was born Oct 15th to Michelle and Paul. Congratulations to grandparents Marie & Bruce Mombourquette on first grandchild.

Deaths

Boudreau-Catherine, daughter of the late Mary and Remi Fougere who passed away Oct 21st in Ajax, ON at 95 years of age. Our sympathy to her sister, Jean Pottie and sister-in-law Emily Fougere.

Daly-Our sympathy to the family of Jack Daly who died in Florida. He was the husband of Casilda Boyd who is a sister to Blaise and Peter.

History:

Torpedo of S.S. Caribou: The late Aloysius Burke of River Bourgeois in an interview given to the Cape Breton's Magazine #46 recalled his adventures after the torpedo of the SS. Caribou on October 14, 1942.

Aloysius recalled being home on leave from the Military and after missing his boat to Newfoundland being sent down on the SS Caribou from Halifax. Aloysius was in the second class sleeping quarters at the rear of the ship when he heard fellows hollering "Get up! Come on! They got us!" As Aloysius recalled in his interview he was dressed in pants and shirt and took his lifejacket that he was using as a pillow when he raced for the deck. Amidst the water gushing down the stairs and complete darkness Aloysius made it to deck to see the ship standing at an angle. He realized the lifeboats had been smashed and made the decision to jump overboard into the frigid waters. He swam for a while and came to an upturned lifeboat cut in two. As the night wore on he helped to pull 11 others onto the lifeboat. When he was finally picked up there were only four others with him as the others were unable to hang on in the rough seas. That upturned lifeboat allowed Aloysius, two women, a navy man and a soldier to be rescue by the Minesweeper Grandmere.

Bits and Bites:

- CAP Site meeting November 14th at 7:30p.m.
 - CAP Site hours are 2-4 and 6-9 Mon to Thurs, 2-4 on Friday and 1-4 on Saturday or by appointment.
 - Next Community Services Society Meeting- Nov. 21th. Everyone welcome!
 - Next CWL meeting is Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.
 - Happy October Birthdays to Abe Burke, Raymond Robertson, François Pottie, Carrie Trueman, Louis Landry, Fabian Pottie, Peter Boyd, Mary B. Burke and John Fougere on the big 50.
 - Gerarda Pettipas sends early Birthday wishes to her sister Emma and brothers, Peter & Bussy who all celebrate on Nov.10th also brother Michael on the 12th.
 - We would appreciate anyone that has any of the earlier River Round ups (1940's +) willing to let us get a copy, please call Sharon at 535-3516 or Joe at 535-2677 or contact us at rbcap@ns.sympatico.ca
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