



# The River Round Up

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## Victor and Evelyn's Store



Victor and Evelyn Burke in their store in 1948

I am remembering the years of 1943-1947 when we used to play cards at Victor and Evelyn Burke's store where goods from the store were the prizes and of all the laughs we had. The first years Henry and Nita Landry joined the gang, him with his sayings to tell us and sometimes he sang short ditties he had learned as a child. There were the Richard boys who would walk down from the pond about every evening, Isiac who could whistle beautiful tunes. Murdock, Joseph, Mabie and Tony Richard who all had their jokes and then Victor went in the army. After Evelyn had surgery on her foot she had a cast so she had Laura Landry to do the work and Joe Richard was courting. Laura became Laura Richard.

So many card games we had there, I was Theresa Burke then. Lorraine Landry, Ernest and John would be there as well as Philomen and Minnie Laneville. Evelyn tells me that she remembers Julia Cordeau and her sister Genevieve LeBlanc crossing on the ice some fine nights to be in the game. Leo came back from sailing in 1945 and was part of the games as was Gervase Landry who on leave from the army etc.

We had many laughs at the house in those years; everyone called Evelyn their Aunt Ebby. She had so much patience to put up with our noisy gang. We all have good memories of the games. *Theresa Landry*

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## Youth Report

The past month was a very busy month for the youth in River Bourgeois. March Break is over for another year, but was an enjoyable and relaxing break for the students.

The 824 Silver Dart Air Cadet Squadron went to the Drill Competitions Provincial on March 24 in Halifax. They took home 4<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations!

In other provincial competitions the Richmond Academy Boys Hockey Team captured the gold medal. They beat the Central Kings Gators in the final game with a 5-4 score. Great job!

Leia Fougere and Joseph Doary were lucky enough to get to attend an "Encounters with Canada" at the Terry Fox Center in Ottawa. This is a very good opportunity for students as they can choose their own electives. Leia picked "Law & The Government" and Joseph picked "RCMP Forum". At this event you attend government, cultural and social events such as sitting in the Senate. Also there is a "Cultural Night" where you can attend the theatre, a mime, ballet, play, musical, or opera for examples. For anyone entering Grade 12 next year that is interested, there is more information at the Richmond Academy Guidance Center. *Michelle Sampson*

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## 1871 Census

The 1871 census of River Bourgeois lists the family of Walter Bisett as Family #58 residing in Dwelling #57. Walter, age 40, resides with his unnamed wife. At the time they had two sons,

Alfred, age 8, and William, age 3 as well as a daughter, Mary, age 7.

A second Bisit family resided in Dwelling #165 as Family #172. This was the family of George Bisit, age 44, and his unnamed wife of 39 years. They had the following children: M. Martina, age 16, Henry, age 13, James, age 11, George, age 10, Alfred, age 8, William, age 7, Charles, age 5, William and Claurence, age 3, and Ernest listed under 1 year of age.

The third family resided in the same dwelling as the above George as Family #171 and was listed as Mr. & Mrs. George Bisit.

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## THE WAVE

Maurice Landry knows too well the danger of being on thin ice. Peter LeBlanc had set smelt nets on the ice across from Dave Touesnard homestead and because he was away on weekdays he asked cousin Maurice to tend them. One fine morning Maurice headed across the ice to tend to his anticipated catch but as he got closer to the nets he realized that the ice was breaking up behind him. He stood on the stronger spot where the ice had been piled up near the entrance to the nets praying for his life. Cars passed on the lower road and being the friendly place the River is, people kept waving back unaware of his dilemma. Two and a half hours later when all hopes of a rescue had seized, Maurice noticed his guardian angel outside. Basil Bourque realized the danger and quickly ran to the shore carrying large planks and rescued a grateful Maurice. Nets are still in the ice and Peter expects to recover them in the spring. Moral of this story never wave to anyone standing on the ice. GET HELP! *Sharon Chilvers*

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## CWL News



*Pictured above are Germaine Mombourquette, Peter LeBlanc, Alice Sampson and Mary Pettigrew enjoying a solemn moment at the CWL annual dinner.*

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**CWL Lenten project:** SCAW (Sleeping Children Around The World). We will be purchasing "Bed Kits", costing \$30.00 each, which will be sent to children in Peru enabling them to enjoy nights of warm and comfortable sleep. Each kit contains: a foam mattress, fitted sheet, top sheet, pillow, hand towel, socks, underwear, T-shirt, cap, pyjamas and sandals. Anyone interested can send or bring \$5.00 to the next CWL meeting or call Therese Digout (2738), Monica MacPhee (2743) or Germaine Mombourquette (2734).

**CWL BAKE SALE:** Easter Saturday, April 14 at 2pm, at the Tara Lynne Center. Monies will be used to buy books etc for religious education classes.

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## Funeral Home

This year we are going to try and to do some improvements to the grounds surrounding our funeral home. We have a beautiful building however it looks very bare with no shrubs or bushes. We would like to start landscaping by putting some shrubbery around the building.

As this is a community building, we are asking individuals or families if they wish to donate a shrub or tree in memory of a family member who has passed away. The plant will be designated as being planted in memory of that person. We hope to get started with this project this coming growing season and are asking anyone who is interested in donating to contact Adrian @ 535-2373 as I am trying to get this project started. A list of the number of shrubs and trees required as well as the varieties to choose from will be available soon.

Donations can be made either in the form of the actual plant or as monies and the planting can be done by the family if they so choose. We have a beautiful building and think by landscaping it in memory of our loved ones it will become even more beautiful. *Adrian Touesnard*

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## Nature Notes

Spring is here although it is still hard to imagine. The robins, grackles (Deirdre Boyd loves them) and fox sparrows are back and the Coltsfoot is starting to bloom. It is therefore time for the North American Migratory Bird Count (NAMC). This count takes place on the second Saturday every May and we are looking for people to count birds whether at feeders or while driving around. As co-ordinator for the Richmond County Area, I am looking for people to count and then report back. We have had a good number of local participants over the last few years so hope they will take part again this year and that we can get some more people interested. Call me at 535-

3516 if you're willing to help. It's fun, free and you don't have to be an expert. *George Digout*

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## Hair Kare'n Salon

Located at the upper end of River Bourgeois (8074) Hair Kare'n is a family hair care center that does many different hair styling techniques for women, children and men both in the salon and in client's home if people are unable to get out.



For my training, I completed a two-year cosmetology course and worked under a local hairdresser for 8 months and weekends. After I graduated from the N.S. Community College in Port Hawkesbury in 1988, I became an entrepreneur with the opening of my salon. At that time there were no other salons in RB. The name Hair Kare'n came about because one night while talking at my grandmothers. The idea of using my name was mentioned so I changed a few of the letters around in Hair Care and we decided to use Hair Kare'N.

Over the last 12 years my clientele has increased coming from all over Richmond County as well as Port Hawkesbury. I enjoy meeting and talking with people. My definition of a good salon is a place that makes everyone, no matter the age or gender, feel special. I have learned that any service a salon offers can make one feel good about themselves and lifts the spirit. *Karen Fougere*

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## Deaths

**Fougere**-Our sympathy to family and friends of Adeline who passed away March 10 in Halifax. Adeline, the wife of Wilfred (Ginger) Fougere, lived in River Bourgeois for many years.

**Briand**-Our sympathy to Beatrice and Anthony Landry on the death of her brother Francis of L'Ardoise who died March 14.

**Landry**-Our sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy, wife of Alcantra, of Church Point who died March 28.

**Doary**-Our sympathy to Barry Doary & family of the Southside on the death of his mother Patsy of Lower River Inhabitants on March 28.

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## Births

Linaya Rachel, daughter of Sean and Holly Roberts of Duncan, BC. First grandchild of Doug and Dolores Roberts formerly of River Bourgeois and first great grandchild of Vincent and Vivian Sampson.

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## BITS & BITES!

- Charity Sampson, daughter of Donna Pottie and James Sampson of River Bourgeois is another graduate from last year's RCMP Training School in Regina. Charity is the granddaughter of Margaret & the late Lorenzo Pottie and Caroline & James Sampson. She is stationed in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.
- Next CWL meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup>
- CAP site meeting April 11 at 7:30pm.
- Community Services meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.
- Please remember to drop off food in back of church for the **food bank** in the glebe. We are getting very low and some of our community members are in need.
- Helena (Fougere) McCay writes to tell us "Your River Round Up is terrific!" Helena has "an interesting & informative web site dealing with information on River Bourgeois. Her site is <http://www.angelfire.com/folk/henrymaryfolks/> Helena has written us with the following request. There were two men from River Bourgeois who served on the Pere Marquette. One lived and one died as a result of the accident encountered by the boat. Helena would love to know whom those two gents were Simon Burke-Wheelsman and Samuel Bouchie-Fireman. Anyone with any information contact Helena at her web site or Sharon or Joe.
- We appreciate all your great comments and suggestions. If we haven't used them yet, they will be coming. Any new ones contact us at [rbcap@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:rbcap@ns.sympatico.ca) or call Sharon at 535-3516 or Joe at 535-2677.
- The Round Up is available at Howard's Grocery or First Richmond Credit Union for \$1.00 and subscriptions are available for \$12.00 per year.

## Community Notes

The Annual Meeting of the River Bourgeois Community Services Society was held on March 21, 2001.

The new re-elected executive for 2001-2002 is as follows:

Wayne Bona – President  
Eddie Pottie – Vice  
Monica McPhee – Treasurer  
Joseph MacPhee – Secretary  
Danny Landry – Immediate Past President

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## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome to River Bourgeois Community Services Society Annual General Meeting.

This report will only provide a capsule of the activities of the Society throughout the past year from January 1 to December 31, 2000. As in past years, we will be receiving annual reports from various committees detailing their accomplishments.

Besides our regular ongoing programming, new initiatives were developed in 2000 including the River Bourgeois Technology and Training Center, the Property Services Committee and the Community Economic Development Committee. The chairs of those committees will provide you with their achievements in their respective reports.

Other new programs in 2000 included the "Summer Activities 2000" project, the Mother's Day Dinner and the Children's Christmas Party. The Summer Activities 2000 project was an innovative venture developed by two students, namely, Ann Burke and Chantal Landry. They were involved with fund-raising activities to support their wages while working for the society during the summer months. It was an excellent program that benefited both the students and our Society.

The Bingo Committee continued to report to the Society board at regular meetings, addressing issues and requesting necessary resources and supports. The Committee has been doing a tremendous job running the weekly and occasional merchandise bingo(s). Thank you all very much for your great effort, and especially to Joan Burke (Chair), Donna Landry, Colleen Boucher and Anne Sampson.

The Festival Committee, under the chair of Joe MacPhee and his many volunteers, once again successfully organized the impressive Annual River Bourgeois festival days. Thank you Joe, and your committee, for the exceptional work.

The Property Services Committee, under the Chair of Eddie Pottie, implemented many modifications to

the facilities including renovations in the hall, improvements to the grounds, installation of various new pieces of equipment and much more. Thank you Eddie and your committee members for the tremendous amount of work that was accomplished for the Society in 2000.

The River Bourgeois Technology and Training Center has become a tremendous asset to our community, not only providing community members with computer access and training, but also linking us to a global information technology communication system. This is certainly one of our major program development highlights for the year 2000. A special thank you is extended to Sherry Baccardax, Glenda Sampson and their committee members for establishing this very worthwhile community access program.

The Community Economic Development Committee (under the Chair of Carl Grimes) has also been working diligently on community projects. The new picturesque signs of River Bourgeois resulted from the workings of this committee. The committee is also much involved with the restorative lighthouse project below the Church. Thank you Carl and your committee members for making a difference in our community.

In closing, I enjoyed the year working as Chairperson for River Bourgeois Community Services Society. I would like to say thank you to Joe MacPhee, for keeping such good minutes and dealing with all the correspondence; Monica McPhee, for doing a tremendous job with the treasury and bookkeeping, and of course, Monica, your diplomatic comments; Eddie Pottie, for always being there to help out, no matter what the job was, and believe me Eddie your work did not go unnoticed by the community or the board of directors. I would also like to thank Adrian Touesnard for a great job looking after the Funeral Home; Kelly Burke for his janitorial services, as well as Gilbert (Junior) Boucher for taking over the position and continuing with the duties. I want to also thank all the board members for attending meetings and providing your input into decisions that helped benefit our community. Lastly, I would like to thank the residents of River Bourgeois for their constructive criticism, guidance, and support for the River Bourgeois Community Services Society.

Wayne Bona, President

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