



The River Round Up

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Mountain Star Resort



Mountain Star Resort is a fairly new venture in River Bourgeois, located on the Thibeuville Road. In 1998, Peter Bardenz bought the property from Else and Clarence LeBlanc who had lived there for many years. Peter renovated the house and turned it into a restaurant and ice cream parlour. The existing barn was torn down and a new one was built which now hosts 8 horses. The horses are available for trail rides as well as lessons in the outdoor riding ring. A fishpond was dug and is frequently stocked with speckled and rainbow trout to provide hours of outdoor relaxation.

The property is one of the oldest in River Bourgeois and was once part of the community of Thibeuville. According to Clarence LeBlanc, the original building was erected to provide a rest place for people travelling with the old post carriages before the railway was built. Once again, the building has been converted back from a home to a restaurant.

The restaurant first opened in July 1999, and was meant to be an ice cream parlour and café only - one that served home baked pastries

according to international recipes. It turned out that people were looking for full meals, so, in 2000, the decision was made not only to serve full meals, but to also get a liqueur license.



This summer, Mountain Star Restaurant will again enlarge the menu card and will offer a vast variety of healthy cooked meals in all price categories. Food is broiled, baked or pan fried in butter and always made "from scratch". Visitors will still find the pastries and ice cream creations available as in previous years. The kitchen is open Mon. to Thurs. 12 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fri., Sat. and Sun. from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Riding lessons are available Mondays to Thursdays starting at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Trail rides are available all week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Full day rides are available with lunch and dinner included in the price. See www.mountainstarrestaurant.com for menu.

Spring is Coming George!

George DeRoach sits on his lawnmower awaiting spring. George is well known in the River as being the first to mow his well-kept lawn and he keeps both his neighbours on their toes to

maintain the same level of excellence. At ninety years of age, George has no plans of slowing down and very much enjoys sitting on his lawnmower tooting the horn to all who walk or drive by.



On his days off from mowing, George loves to sit in the sun with his cup of tea and talk of the old days with his friends and neighbours. George still plays a mean game of cribbage and will challenge anyone. When asked if he found the winter long, he replied: "At my age, the days are never long enough". Hopefully, George, you will never lose your sense of humour or your quick wit that make you so special. *Sharon Chilvers*

Richmond Honors Volunteers



A few of our local volunteers from left to right are Tasha Lynn Burke, Anne Sampson, Monica Stone, and Mary Cosman.

Richmond County honored 142 community volunteers at a banquet at the St. Louis Parish Hall on Friday, April 27, 2001. The volunteers were served a delicious meal and were presented with Volunteer certificates.

Tasha Lynn Burke (River Bourgeois Community Services), Anne Sampson (River Bourgeois Seniors 50+), Mary Cosman (St. John

The Baptist CWL), Monica Stone (Richmond County Senior's Council), Cletus Touesnard (St. John the Baptist Parish Council), Claudette King (River Bourgeois 4-H Club), and Josephine Burke (St. Peter's & Area Block Parent's Association) were all honored with recognition certificates for their volunteer efforts.

Youth Report

Now that the month of April is behind us there is hope that soon there will be some mayflowers. The ice was officially gone from the river on April 24th and all the snow is melted. There is only two short months left of school until summer vacation. Everyone make the best of it. A long-time tradition continued this year when the high school students of River Bourgeois took part in the Good Friday services at St. John the Baptist Parish Church. They offered their services as readers, greeters, and ushers. We wish to thank Theresa Burke from the Southside for help in the organising of this service.

April was cancer awareness month, and the youth were out selling daffodils just in time for Easter. A special thanks goes out to TJ Burke whom co-ordinated this campaign and all the other youth that helped him. Tasha Lynn Burke was recently recognised as volunteer of the year for River Bourgeois Community Services Society at the Richmond County volunteer banquet held on April 27. Congratulations! The River Bourgeois 4-H Club will be holding their Achievement Day on Tuesday May 29. I hope everyone has his or her projects ready on time! Good Luck!

In the June youth report there will be a special spotlight on the grads from River Bourgeois. That's all for this month. *Michelle Sampson*

Seniors Report

Senior's 50+ annual meeting was held on April 3rd. President Anne Sampson read her report and thanked all those who assisted her in completing another successful year. Merchandise bingo's were held to raise funds for the cardio-monitoring unit at the Strait Hospital and to assist families in the community. A \$1000.00 grant was received to cover repairs to the roof.

Executive elections were held and the following officers were elected: President-Anne Sampson; Treasurer-Mary Ellen Pentecost; Secretary-Sharon Chilvers; 1st Vice-Bob Pettigrew; 2nd Vice-Mary Touesnard; Membership-Leda Konning; Building-Joe Boucher. A potluck supper was held

following the meeting and then everyone enjoyed a game of cards.

A member from Human Resources will be coming to our club on May 1st at 1:30 p.m. to discuss guaranteed income supplements. All senior's welcome.

All members requested to support the working group from the Villa.

Tickets are now on sale on a "Tub of Goodies". Draw to take place June 15th.

The Senior's 50+ club have: card games every Sunday at 7 p.m., mini bingo's on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., and cribbage games on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and all are welcome to join. Remember you only have to be 50! *Sharon Chilvers*

Legion News

At the annual Branch 47 meeting, many of our community members were honoured with awards. Bob Pettigrew received the Palm Leaf, a meritorious medal and the highest legion award that can be given to life, ordinary or associate members. Bob also received his 55-year pin. Cletus Landry was chosen Legionnaire of the Year. Lucille Landry and Gervase Landry received their Life Membership Medal. Bill Tanner was awarded a Peacekeeping Medal and auxiliary members Eileen Yuille and Susan Stone received Life Membership Awards. *Ann Clow*

CWL NEWS

The CWL wishes to thank all that donated to the fund "Sleeping Children Around the World". Total amount collected was \$630. The winner of the Easter goody basket donated by Alice Sampson and Mary Pettigrew was Marjorie Digout and \$400. was raised. Donnie Fougere was the winner of the other Easter basket, which raised \$250. towards books and supplies for religious education services in the Parish.

Next Sunday, May 5th, there will be the monthly birthday party held at Richmond Villa from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. hosted by our council. Sweets and sandwiches would greatly be appreciated. Music and entertainment will be provided. Please come and celebrate with our seniors.

The Shrine of Guadalupe

Madeline Cook recently returned home after a pilgrimage to the shrine of Guadalupe in Mexico.

Her daughters Carol Beamer of Sherbrooke and Beverly Carmichael of Dartmouth travelled along with 11 others including Donal Twomey of Hawker on the trip which was organised by Fr. Dan Doucet of Sydney and formerly of our St. John the Baptist Parish. The miracle of the shrine is the cloak of Juan Diego imprinted with the picture of the blessed virgin. The virgin appeared to this Aztec Indian 500 years ago and the cloak has never deteriorated. After four days at the shrine, the group moved to Merida, which is the capital of Yucatan. Madeline says Merida was warmer, cleaner and less crowded. Local priests taking part included Fr. Duncan MacLeod, Fr. J.J. MacDonald, Fr. Greg MacLeod and Fr. David Morley. The group returned after ten great days. Madeline also tells me that she is off to Hawaii shortly for a week's holiday.



On March 24th, 2001, this picture was taken of Raymond Doary and his cadets' clamping on the ice just below Cletus Touesnard's house. Just like the old days!

Deaths

MacNeil-Our sympathy to Ann Mac Neil-Landry and Eddie Landry on the death of Ann's brother, Ronald Mac Neil of Creignish.

McNamara-Our sympathy to George and Yvonne McNamara and family on the death of George's father, Otto James of Whiteside.

Murphy-Our sympathy to the family of the late Bernice M. (Landry) who passed away in Halifax on April 28th. Edgar LeBlanc was Bernice's former husband.

Births

Dakai-Congratulations to Jody and Kevin on the birth of their son, Brett Kevin on April 1st in

Sydney weighting in at 5 lbs. 12 ozs. Brett is a brother for Chelsey.

Burke-Tanna Theresa Mary daughter of Lydia (Kyte) & Blair Burke was born in Winnipeg on April 27th weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Proud grandparents are Mary & Leonard Burke and Theresa & Robert Kyte. This is a new niece for Jerry Burke.

Sampson-Yasmine Dorothy Emma, daughter of Kim Burke and Louis Sampson was born April 30th in Antigonish and weighed in at 6lbs. 7ozs. Yasmine is a sister for Zachary. Proud grandparents are Emma & Gary Burke and Margaret Sampson and great grandfather Alcantra Landry.

History

River Round Up May 23rd, 1962: “Several new buildings have been built or are in the process of being built at River Bourgeois. Cletus Landry has moved into his new store built on the foundation of the one formerly owned and operated by the late Capt. Simon F. Burke. Ernest Burke and Sam Burke, local carpenters, are putting up a house for Tony Konning while Peter Burke and George DeRoach, also local carpenters, are putting up a store for Anthony Landry quite near his present store. Miss Mary Sampson has purchased the house formerly owned by Mrs. Charlie Burke, has had it hauled to the Highway on her own property and is in the process of having it fixed up for occupancy.

1871 Census: The 1871 Census of Richmond County has one Bona Family listed in River Bourgeois. This family consisted of Justice Bona, age 50 and his wife (unnamed), age 40. They had a daughter Mary, age 22, a daughter Amelia, age 11, and two sons Albert, age 9 and Simon, who was 22. They resided in dwelling #152 as family #155.

There is one family with the spelling Bouche in dwelling 78 with a Mrs. Bouche, age 43, Elijah 15, Mary age 20, Peter age 19 and Placid age 18.

Richmond Record Nov.17, 1917: County News-“Captain Andrew Fougere, River Bourgeois, has sold his schooner ATHELING to Captain Alcide Quadet of the Magdalen Islands for \$6500. Capt. Fougere has just loaded his vessel at Bissett’s wharf, Halifax with a general cargo for River Bourgeois and from there is to take the vessel to Port Hawkesbury for delivery to the new owner. The Atheling was built at Jeddore and registers 63 tons.”

Bits and Bites!

- Reminder for anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Community Centre to call Jr. Boucher at 535-2594. Anyone needing use of the Funeral Home contact Adrian Touesnard at 535-2373.
 - If you are renting the Tara Lynne Center for a function which requires a liquor license remember to call Eddie Pottie @ 535-2515 or it could be a dry function.
 - Next CWL meeting is May the 14th.
 - Community Services Meeting on May 16th at 7 p.m. at the Tara Lynne Centre.
 - There are note cards and bookmarks available at the [C@P](#) site. Cost is \$5.00 per package of 10 cards & envelopes and \$1.00 for bookmarks. These have beautiful scenes of River Bourgeois on the front with the inside blank.
 - Phone # for [C@P](#) site is 535-3251 and we can be reached from 2-4 in afternoons or 6-9 most evenings. Thanks to Lynn Boudreau for making the River Round Up available online. Web site is <http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/rbcap/>
 - [C@P](#) site meeting May 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
 - A seniors exercise program begins at the Seniors Club on Monday April 30. Fee is \$10.00 for 8 sessions. Instructor is Helen Slade.
 - A booklet entitled “Poems and Lyrics by a Centenarian” is available from Cassilda Richard at 271 Church Point Rd. This booklet was compiled by Garvie Samson on the life of Sr. Cecile-Marie (Annie Adele Samson). She was born in River Bourgeois on February 5, 1892 and lived to see the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. She composed poetry both in French and English.
 - Birders still wanted for Migratory Bird Count on May 12th. Call George @ 535-3516.
 - 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 or call Sharon at 535-3516 or Joe at 535-2677.
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