



The River Round Up

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Valerie Boyd



Valerie Boyd is the daughter of the late Susan (Susie) and George Landry of Cannes. At the tender age of eleven her father passed away and Valerie and her four younger brothers and sisters went to live with their grandmother until her mother Susie acquired the post office. Susie now was earning twenty-five dollars every three months to support her growing family. In 1933 Valerie captured the eye of young local gentleman named Jim Boyd who was employed as an engineer by Northern Affairs & National Resources, building the Cabot Trail over the Mackenzie and French Mountains. Jim would return to the river during the winter months to court Valerie and in 1939 she became his bride.

In 1940 as war broke out in Europe Jim was called to the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa where he remained until the end of the war. During this time Valerie herself worked for the Naval Headquarters in Ottawa. Daughter Ann was born in 1943 and Valerie's sister Bernadette came to Hull to take care of her while Valerie went back to work. While living in their apartment in Hull the Boyd family shared the bathroom facilities with their landlord and a "raccoon". Everyone scheduled their

baths around the raccoon's timetable and they also took turns taking it for a walk.

Valerie told us a story but she doesn't want Gerry Fougere or Fr. Sandy to hear about the time she smuggled a bottle of wine, for Christmas dinner, in a muff on the streetcar from Ottawa across the border into Hull. Her excuse was that the stores had closed in Hull. She states that it was absolutely the only time she ever did anything like that.

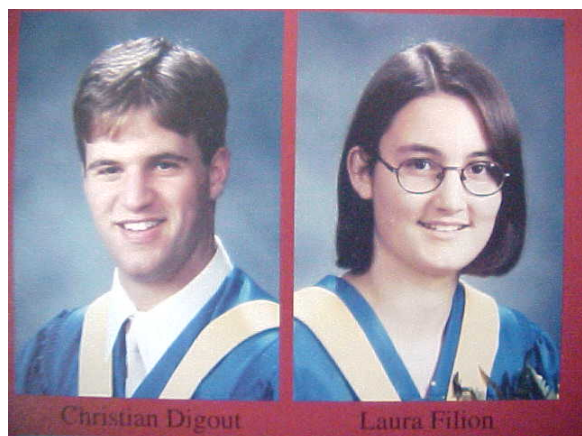
In 1945 as war ended Jim, Valerie and baby Ann retreated back to Nova Scotia and Jim returned to his previous employment on the Cabot Trail. New daughter Susan was born in 1946 and the family moved to Ingonish. The first years were spent in a home with no running water and an outside toilet (At this point they would have gladly shared a washroom with a raccoon). Winters were particularly harsh as the roads had such an abundance of snow that horse and sled could not always pass and emergency food and medicine were air dropped. Sometimes mail was only delivered ten days in a month and since Cameron Boyd would ship them some of his canned deer meat, there was much anticipation for the postman to arrive. Summers living on the beach made up for those long winters.

After twenty-two years in Ingonish Jim & Valerie returned to their birthplace in River Bourgeois where sadly Jim passed away in 1978. Valerie now has five grandchildren and two very special great grandsons James and Peter. Valerie still enjoys walking (not jogging) and driving her new car (not speeding) on a daily basis. She still plays a mean game of forty-five and loves to beat Joe Bouchard for quarters. Valerie also loves a good game of auction, is an avid reader and loves to knit. We wish you many more years of good health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Academic Achievers

Two of our university students have recently received large scholarships from the National

Sciences and Engineering Council (NSERC) towards graduate work.



Laura Filion daughter of Rocky and the late Myra Filion will be graduating from St.F.X. in May with an Honours degree in Math and Physics. She has been awarded an NSERC grant valued at \$34,600 for her next two years of graduate studies in Physics at McMaster University in Hamilton, ON. Laura has been actively involved in Biophysics research at St.F.X. She won top prize at the Atlantic Undergraduate Physics and Astronomy Conference in Halifax in February. Her work involves the study of how antibiotics and other antimicrobial molecules act on bacteria. She travelled to Germany and Italy in March to present her research at scientific meetings.

Christian Digout, son of Debbie and David Digout is also graduating from St.F.X in May with an honours degree in Computer Science. He received the same award from NSERC, which also gives him \$34,600 per year over his next two years. Christian has been accepted at the University of Alberta in Edmonton and they have offered him an additional \$16,000 a year for two years with an added \$2000 for living expenses per year. Debbie says he will be making more than her.

Last year, Louis Gerard son of Mary and Louis Digout was offered an identical NSERC award to pursue post grad studies in chemistry. Louis did not accept the award as he wishes to study medicine. During his undergrad days he received two summers studentships from NSERC and co-authored three papers on Micro Emulsions that were published in Chemistry Journals.

Only eight students at St.F.X received this prestigious NSERC award this year.

On the High School front, Michelle Sampson sends us news that four students from RB made the Richmond Academy Honor Roll for semester one. They were Alison Boudreau (Lynn & Wayne) in grade 12, TJ Burke (Theresa & Larry) and Michelle

Sampson (Glenda & David) in grade 11, and Lauren Pottie (Glen & Dawn) in grade 9.

Good luck to all these students as they continue their studies. The people of River Bourgeois are very proud of all your accomplishments.

A Family Business

Michael Joseph Fougere was born in Montreal, the son of Helen and the late Joseph Fougere (formerly of the River). Mike lived most of his life in Montreal but spent his summer vacations as a child in RB with his aunt, Angeline Burke. Mike has many fond memories of those days including no running water or electricity and even the wee-wee pot under the bed. In 1971 as a teenager Mike met a beautiful young lady named Valerie Sharpe (born in England) at a youth centre outside Montreal. Mike, a debonair himself, became quite infatuated with the elegant Valerie and following a five-year courtship they wed in 1976. Three beautiful daughters resulted from this union, Mary and Crystal both students at St. FX and Jennifer who will be attending St. FX in the fall.



Jennifer minding the store.

Mike a young entrepreneur opened an Audio Visual Repair shop in Montreal in 1976 and was very successful, however in 1990 he and Val made a decision to move to River Bourgeois. They felt River Bourgeois was an ideal community to raise the girls. Mike and Val purchased Howard's Groceries from Howard and Vivian Touesnard (formerly owned by Gerard Touesnard). Mike's grandmother, Catherine Fougere, once owned a grocery store on the church point and he wished to follow in her footsteps. Initially it was a thriving business and they hired several young students from the area however, as more and more people had vehicles to shop in the larger areas Howard's became a family (mom & pop) business. Open 364 days a year Mike and Val take Christmas day as their "vacation day". They very much enjoy chatting with the customers but days are long. In his spare time Mike drives the little French

immersion students to their school in Arichat. Val takes the occasional evening out to work at, and play bingo while Mike enjoys the forty-five card games with his buddy Donnie Pottie.

River Bourgeois thanks both of you for being there to sell "The River Round Up" and other essentials and wish you continuing success. *Sharon Chilvers*

First Communion



Fr. Sandy, Nicole, chelsey, malorie and Grant

On Sunday, April 14th four of our young community members received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. They were: Grant Peter Sampson (Pamela & Gerard), Malorie Christina Fougere (Francine & Gary), Chelsey Marie Dakai (Jody & Kevin) and Nicole Anne Landry (Janet & Lawrence). Following a special mass, the CWL hosted a reception at the Tara Lynne Center. Congratulations to all these children and a special thanks to Pamela Sampson, their catechetical teacher.

RBCSS

The following letter was read at the April 20th Bingo:
River Bourgeois Community Services Society
River Bourgeois, Richmond County, NS
April 19, 2002
Notice

The River Bourgeois Community Services Society Board of Directors wishes to advise that at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 a smoking ban was placed on all activities held at the Tara Lynn Community Center. This smoking ban takes effect Friday, April 26, 2002.

Joseph V.A. MacPhee
RBCSS Secretary

The Hall Committee is looking for Volunteers to care for/clean the Funeral Home. Interested persons please call Monica McPhee (2743). We would like to thank Adrian and Tina Touesnard for the excellent work done at the Funeral Home over the past 2 years.

Boaters License

The Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations require operators of all pleasure craft with a motor which is used for recreational purposes to have proof of competency on board at all times. All operators of crafts under 4 meters in length including personal watercraft are required to have proof of competency on board by September 15, 2002. The operator card is good for life. Boaters can obtain their card after receiving a mark of at least 75% on a Canadian Coast Guard accredited test. The River Bourgeois CAP Site will provide supervision while you write the Boaters Exam online. Cost of \$45.00 includes: loan of a manual, computer time necessary for Practice Exam & Boaters Exam, Operator Card, shipping and handling. Exams and manuals are available in either English or French. Assistance is available to anyone who is not familiar with computers! Please call Sherry Baccardax (3182) for more information or to make an appointment to take your exam.

CWL

- CWL Monthly Meeting will be held May 13th at 7 pm in Church Vestry.
- CWL PROVINCIAL Convention will be hosted by St Theresa's Parish CWL, Sydney on June 7-9th. For more info please call Ann Clow (2726).
- CWL Funeral Home prayers are always recited at 3 pm on the second day of a Wake.
- **St John the Baptist Parish Color Pictorial Book:**
Photographers – Universal Studios
Photos will be taken May 21-24 at Tara Lynne Community Center. Parishioners will be contacted regarding Photo appointments. Those participating receive a free book.
- **Richmond Villa Birthday Party** hosted by the CWL will be held Sunday, May 12th from 2-3:30 pm. Donations of sandwiches or sweets would be greatly appreciated.
- A reminder for those wishing to participate in the worthwhile program of SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD can still make a monetary donation. Call Therese Digout (2738). All monies go to the purchase of kits containing sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, caps, T-shirts,

sandals etc, and are sent to children in Third World Countries. *Eleanor Pederson*

Deaths

Burns-Norman Joseph, 77 of Louisdale died March 31st in the Strait Richmond Hospital. Our sympathy to his sister May MacPhee as well as his niece Ann Clow and nephew Norman MacPhee and their families.

Landry-Sandra Joan (Howley) died on Saturday, April 6th at the Strait Richmond hospital at age 55. We extend our sympathy to her husband George, daughters Karen (Robert) Bartlett of Halifax, Tracy of Bridgewater and son Gordie of Sydney. We also send our condolences to her parents, Gordon and Gen Howley of Bras D'OR, her brothers and sisters and her many relatives and friends.

History

Last month we printed a picture sent to us by Helena McKay for identification. Thanks for all the calls. Mary Pentecost was the first to call to identify her as Felicite, wife of William Sampson who was a brother-in-law to the two other ladies in the picture. According to information from Paul Touesnard's website her parents were Adeline (Fougere) and Charles Landry. Ethel Stone identified the house as that of her grandparents. Felicite was Raymond Robertson's grandmother.

Morrison's Store: On April 17th, the old Morrison store in St. Peter's was demolished. Started by A.A. Morrison in 1881 it served the people of St. Peter's and all the surrounding areas including River Bourgeois until 1996.

La Pêche à Maquereau

*I named my boat for my great grandson
His name is Zack and he's number one
River Bourgeois is my homeport
I go fishing just for sport*

*If you go fishing, don't know the way
Follow the buoys to St. Peter's Bay
Around the buoys is where they lie
Best time to fish is at slack tide
Drift or anchor, set out your gear
Throw out "pogey" to lure them near*

*Now mackerel is a fickle fish
Doesn't bite just when you wish
You may use bait, jig or lure
Also feathers, that's for sure*

*To fish with feathers is not my wish
For I catch more fingers than I do fish
Maynard likes the hook and feather
And catches fish on any weather*

*Father Sandy has a boat
I just wonder, does it float?
He must go some other way
For we don't see him in the Bay*

*I just wrote this to let you know
This is the way we catch Maquereau*

This poem was sent to us by Charlie Digout who has decided now that he is 82 it was time to share his fishing secrets. Charlie says he will give an update in twenty years time.

Bits and Bites:

- Senior's 50+ Bingo held in March raised \$179 for the local food bank
 - Teen Dance at Tara Lynne Center (TLC) May 4th from 9 pm-midnight
 - 45 card games Sundays, Seniors Bldg at 7pm.
 - Next meeting of 50+ club, May 7th at 1:30.
 - Mini Bingo-Wed, May 8th at 1:30 at Senior's Bldg
 - Senior's social every Tuesday 1 to 4 pm. at senior's bldg.
 - Monthly RBCSS Committee meeting Wed, May 15th at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.
 - 4- H.achievement day at TLC on May 22nd.
 - Weekly Friday night Bingo at Tara Lynne Center. Early Bird games start at 7:40 pm.
 - Merchandise Bingo Sun 26th May at 2 pm at the TLC. Sponsored by Minor Hockey Assoc.
 - Happy April Birthday to Rachel Davidson, Ernest Burke, Margaret Morrison and Kenny Cosman
 - Anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Jocelyn Stone (3257); needing a liquor license for a function call Eddie Pottie (2515) at least a month ahead or requiring use of Funeral Home call Monica McPhee (2743).
 - The Round Up is available at Howard's Grocery, First Richmond Credit Union or RB Post Office. Subscriptions are available for \$12.00 locally, \$15.00 within Canada and \$16.50 internationally per year.
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