



# The River Round Up

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## Joe & Margaret Bouchard: Love Story



Joseph William was born Sept. 15th, 1912 the youngest of ten children to Grace and Elias Bouchard of Cannes. Margaret Mary was born Jan. 6th, 1915 the third of six children to William and Justine Beranger of River Bourgeois. At the young age of seventeen Margaret moved to Halifax and for the next ten years worked in the operating room at the VG hospital sterilizing operating equipment. Meanwhile Joe remained in RB doing some fishing and working for the Dept. of Highways. The summer of 1939 Margaret came home on holidays and Joe (now quite a debonair) began courting her. Following two years of only seeing his true love for a month each year Joe packed his bags and moved to Halifax. Two years later Margaret and Joe were married on February 9th, 1943 at St. Mary's Basilica in Halifax.

In July of that year Joe's mother, Grace, who was alone and seventy-five years old, asked Joe and Margaret to return home to RB and live with her. Margaret's cooking must have been wonderful as Grace passed away on Dec. 8th, 1967 on her 100th birthday. Joe and Margaret had six children, Mary Gladys now living in Mississauga, Richard in

Toronto, Anita in Plymouth, Arthur and Emily in RB and Edmond who passed away in infancy. They also have twelve grandchildren and three great-grandsons Isaac, Dylan and Brandon and soon to be one more.

Anita recalls a story that her parents told the children growing up, that they would have married two weeks after they started dating, as they were so much in love. The children remember their mother always greeting their father at the door with open arms and there was always lots of love in the household. Holding hands was a natural thing to do when they went walking. In 1952 Joe went to work in St. Peters at MacLean's Store. Since there was no union he was required to do many tasks including, off-load trucks, stock the shelves and cashier; however, Joe's favourite part of the job was flirting with all the ladies. Joe was forced to retire in 1974 when MacLean's closed its doors: however he was quite contented to stay home with Margaret. Joe & Margaret had a brand new granddaughter Amanda just up the hill that they could spoil and Joe's friend Steve Smith was now retired so they spent countless hours doing just "nothing". Joe and Margaret were finding the winters difficult to cope with at home so in 1987 they packed their belongings and moved to the new RB Senior's home. Here Joe could walk back and forth to the store across the street for supplies for anyone who had difficulty getting around. The swing in the front of the building was permanently occupied by Joe and Margaret holding hands watching the sights.

In June of 2001 they could no longer take care of themselves and moved to the Villa in St. Peters. Here there was always plenty of entertainment and Joe had lots of people to play cards with. He regularly takes quarters from daughter Emily and son Art, Valerie Boyd, many others and mine. Joe still remains a ladies man and loves to give hugs, however not during lent. (He will receive hugs during this time but will not give.) He is grateful Margaret is not the jealous type. Joe still cherishes Margaret as much

today as he did over sixty years ago and even with Margaret's failing health he still continues to take care of her. Next month, Joe and Margaret will celebrate sixty wonderful years of marriage and RB congratulates them and wishes them many more years of continuous health and happiness. On their anniversary their granddaughter Tracy Wynands will be married in Australia. She chose that special day because of the love her grandparents shared and hopes her marriage will have the same fate. If you drop by to visit make sure you have quarters to play Forty-Five's. *Sharon Chilvers*

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## 50+ Club Christmas Party

On Dec. 8th seventy-two members of the Senior's 50+ club gathered for a wonderful Christmas dinner at the Bras D'or Lakes Inn. Gifts of appreciation were presented to President Anne Sampson and Treasurer Mary Ellen Pentecost for their countless hours of work for the Club. Members brought goodies for the Christmas food baskets to be delivered to families in the RB area and \$100 was raised on a raffle draw, which was also donated to the baskets. Door prizes were randomly selected and all had a great time. "Happy New Year" everyone.

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## Anniversary Celebration



Back row l-r: Joseph & Monica Stone, Mary & Bob Pettigrew, Catherine & George Boudreau, Gervais Landry and that's Jane's head in front of him, Kenneth & Gloria LeBlanc, Fabian & Casilda Richard. Front row l-r: Anselm & Vera Sampson, Frank & Blanche Andrews, and Evelyn & Victor Burke.

On Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful mass was celebrated by Fr. Sieminonov to honor couples celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2002. A delicious dinner hosted by the CWL was served in the Tara Lynne Center.

Couples honored this year were: 25th-Gloria & Kenneth LeBlanc, Elaine & Roy Fougere, Janice & Irvin Touesnard, Nancy & Wayne MacPhail and Faith & Ross Bennett; 50th-Casilda & Fabian

Richard, Monica & Joseph Stone, Mary & Kenneth Cosman, Mary & Robert Pettigrew and Vera & Anselm Sampson; 55th-Catherine & George Boudreau and Caroline & Roy Truman were married 60 years.

Couples who are over 55 years always get an invite and a special certificate. This year Gervase & Jane Landry (56 yrs.), Alexander and Emilda Burke (57 yrs.), Joseph & Margaret Bouchard (59 yrs.), Victor & Evelyn Burke (62 yrs.), Frank & Blanche Andrews (62 yrs.) and James & Caroline Sampson (69 yrs.).

Congratulations and best wishes to all these couples.

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## Graduation



*Nadia Fougere*

Nadia Marie Fougere graduated on October 31, 2002 from McGill University in Montreal with her Masters in Social Work. In 2001 Nadia graduated from the University of Calgary with her BSW and from Dalhousie in 1999 with a BSC. with an advanced Major in Psychology with Distinction.

Nadia, the daughter of Anne Marie Fougere and granddaughter of the late Simon and Edith Mae Fougere, has accepted a position with Lakeview Health in Whitby, Ont. We wish her lots of luck and as a dedicated volunteer with our CAP Site, she is missed.

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## Congratulations

**Boudreau:** Tanya, daughter of David and Debbie Digout is to be congratulated on the passing of her Chartered Accountant exams. Tanya is the wife of Chris Boudreau and granddaughter of Mary & Ken Cosman and Therese & the late Fred Digout. She will receive official status at the Convocation on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> in Halifax where she is employed with KPMG.

**Fraser:** Congratulation also to Vanessa, daughter of Maxine & David Fraser on the passing of her Chartered Accountant exams. Vanessa is employed by Fuller & Landau in Toronto. She is the granddaughter of Margaret & the late Alfred Richard.

and William & the late Catherine Fraser of Port Hastings.

**MacPhee:** Mike, son of Monica and Stanley was inducted into the Sydney Kinsman Hockey Hall of Fame on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Another honor for our local NHL hero.

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## RBCSS Christmas Parties.

In December Community Services Society hosted two Christmas parties; on Dec. 15th the Youth Development Committee organized a party for all RB children under 12. Approximately 35 children received gifts from Santa and had lots of goodies to eat. The party was of course a family affair so there were a lot of people at the Tara Lynne Center.



*Santa, Mrs Claus and their elves make some children happy.*

On the 18th, a party was held once again at the TLC to salute volunteers in the community. There were lots of great food, music and tales were told by those in attendance.



*Danny and Alice Sampson cuddle up while Mary Pettigrew is searching for Bob at volunteer's party.*

The children of the community performed at a Christmas concert on the 22nd. (Hopefully I will have a picture for our next issue.) They had a silver collection, which raised \$91 towards our Christmas food baskets. Many of these children also belong to the 4H and they, under their leader Debbie Landry, adopted a local family for Christmas.

The Youth Development Committee were forced to cancel their New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance because most of the calls for tickets did not come in until the 29th and it was too late to organize. They are planning a Valentine's Dinner & Dance so be sure to speak for tickets early.

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## Howard's Grocery

Mike and Val Fougere from Howard's Grocery wish to thank all the loyal customers for their support over the last 12 1/2 years. They enjoyed their time at the store but now that all the girls are in university they feel it is time for a change. December 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last official day but they will be open part-time on weekends, weather permitting, to sell off the balance of stock. It will not be as a full service store, no perishables cigarettes etc.

The CAP Committee and Round Up Crew would like to extend a very special thank you to Val & Mike for all their support in the sale of our Newsletters. We will miss you and wish you lots of luck.

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## Weddings

**Sampson/Johnson-**The wedding of Danielle Catherine Sampson to Donald Ross Johnson of Halifax took place on Dec. 27th in Halifax. Danielle is the daughter of David & Glenda Sampson and Donald is the son of Sandra & Ross Johnson of Halifax.

**Fougere/Stone-**The wedding of Jennifer Elizabeth Stone to Mark Conrad Fougere took place in Tantallon on Dec. 28th. Jennifer is the daughter of Frank & Jeanette Stone of Tantallon and Mark is the son of Conrad & Marie Fougere.

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## Deaths

**Grant:** Sergeant Alan, age 61, of Rocky Bay passed away on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at the QE11. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Rita (Bowser-Young) and her family.

**MacLean:** Florence, daughter of the late John and Amble (MacRae) Matthews of Grand Anse died at the Strait Richmond Hospital on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her brother Arthur and family of RB.

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## HISTORY

Excerpts from the River Round Up Jan 6th, 1960:  
"Guests of Mrs. W.F. Boyd, were her daughter, Miss Peggy, an airline hostess with T.C.A. between Toronto and Winnipeg; her son, Peter, who is taking engineering at Technical College Halifax; her son, George, who is a medical student at Dalhousie, and another son, Fraser, who is employed as Diesel

Engineer on the train at Seneterre. **Peter Pottie**, who is employed on a Lakeboat, has returned home for the winter months. Peter is quite proud of a brand new red head in the family, Glen Edward, who arrived three weeks ago. This is their first child. Glen's mother is the former Sylvia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fougere, and he is also Mr. and Mrs. Fougere's only living grandchild. Glen boasts a grandfather, Sam Fougere, two grandmothers, Mrs. Fougere and Mrs. Leonie Pottie of Hawker, and two Great Grandfathers, Simon MacPhee of Hawker and Amable Pottie of the Church Point.

However, Glen is out done in relations by young Fraser MacPhee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley MacPhee. Fraser boasts two grandfathers and two grandmothers, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney MacPhee and Mrs. and Mrs. Amable I. Burke, two great grandmothers, Mrs. Joe. D. Burke and Mrs. Aime Landry of River Tillard, and a great grandfather, Simon MacPhee of Hawker.

**Louis Boudreau** and his son Whitney, both of whom are employed on Lakeboats, have returned to spend the winter months at home. Also visiting them for Christmas was Willie's daughter Miss Patsy who is employed at Halifax.

Rennie Fougere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fougere, who is employed on a Lakeboat, has arrived home to spend the winter. Rennie and his wife Annette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pottie of Hawker, have rented the home owned by Arthur Pottie of Hawker, and will live there for the present.

Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephrem Fougere who is employed on a boat has arrived to spend the winter with his parents.

Alfred Richard, Alex Burke, George Boudreau and Raymond Pottie, all of whom are employed on Lakeboats, have returned to their home to spend the winter months.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church here was filled to capacity for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Mass was celebrated by Father Samson, P.P. and almost all the Congregation received Holy Communion.

Mrs. Henry Fougere, of South River Bourgeois and her young son Artie, attended Mass, leaving young Miss Helen LeBlanc as baby sitter for her two younger children. Helen who is used to going to bed early, watched T.V. for quite a while, and then decided to lie on the chesterfield to wait for their return. A short time later Mrs. Fougere and Artie returned but by this time Helen had gone to sleep, and in spite of calling and pounding they could not

rouse her. At last a neighbour, Peter Landry, was called upon, but in spite of all his efforts he could not wake Helen, though they could see her sleeping quite peacefully through the window. At last Peter broke the window, but even this did not rouse her and Artie had to be pushed through the window to unlock the door."

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## **BITS & BITES:**

- Lots of birthday congratulations this month: Margaret Richard, Mathilda Boudreau, Lawrence Burke, Cecelia Baccardax, Sally Baccardax, Edward Sampson, Roderick Burke, Adrian Touesnard, Monica Stone, and Fabian Richard. David Digout celebrated the **Big "50"**. Happy Birthday to all the people who celebrated in December!
- **Veterans:** Thank you to Claire Mowat who sent along the following information for our records: Farley Mowat was a Captain in the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, 1940-45. He served in England, Sicily, Italy and Holland.
- If anyone has a copy of the Seaview School Class circa 1920 that has pictures of Arthur & Teddy Morrison, Hilda (Kyte) Morrison and Catherine (MacLeod) MacPhail etc. and would be willing to loan it, call Weldon MacPhail at 535-3458. Catherine is his grandmother and he would love a copy of it.
- Meeting of 50+ Club Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.
- Mini Bingo on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at Seniors Bldg.
- CAP Committee meeting Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- CWL meeting Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> following 6:30 mass.
- RBCCS meeting Jan 15th at 7pm.
- Cribbage game at Seniors Bldg. at 7 pm. Jan. 20th.
- The winter hours for the CAP site will be Mon to Thurs. from 2-4pm and 6-9 pm. and Fri 2-4. We will be closed on the weekend but appointments can be made by calling Sherry at 535-3182 or Sharon at 535-3516.
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- **HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!**

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