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25th Annual Festival - A Huge Success!



Queen-Julia Burke

Photo by Brian Burke

I would like to thank everyone that helped and donated to the River Bourgeois 25th Annual Festival. Your assistance and donations towards this celebration truly make it a success. Without you, we as a committee could not have pulled it off; it takes time, money, and a whole lot of help from everyone to accomplish ten days such as this. Thank you especially to the members of the community and surrounding areas who came out in support of this significant and historical event.

The Annual Festival is the major fundraiser for all services within the community. This and our weekly bingo keep us afloat for the following year. The total revenue for all events for the week was \$12,598 with remaining sales in bar stocks of \$2508. In addition a grant of \$4000 was given to Community Services for

festival expenses by the Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation.

As chairperson of the Festival and on behalf of the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, my deepest thanks go to all who put so much into making this festival such a success. My personal thanks to all community members who contributed, maybe by working or by just showing up to support the different events but please know that you truly did make a difference.

Again thanks to everyone and I hope that your support towards community events will continue throughout the years to come. *Eddie Pottie; Chairperson, The 25th Annual Festival Committee.*

Festival Events: A Recap



1st Place winnes of the Antique Car Show Robert Young is seen here with Carol Aikins, Carl Grimes & Patrick Fougere. Photo by Marilyn Grimes

Antique Car Show: organized by Carl Grimes. Unfortunately the rain interfered with the show but the drivers that did make it were very enthusiastic. The winners were presented with miniature antique cars made by our own Pat Fougere. 1st prize went to Robert Young and Linda Mason of Country Harbor; 2nd Prize to Sid & Ethel Campbell, Westmount and 3rd to Beatrix & James Howell of RB.

Pub Night: Cyril MacPhee and friends packed the TLC for the first music event of the festival and it set

the stage for a whole week of enjoyment. (\$1066 was raised at this event.)



The Cinderella Story: Mimi Fougere, Dana MacPhail, Paul Zinck, Deirdre Boyd, Marguerite Fougere, & Darrell Marsh. Photo by Gerry Fougere.

Official opening & comedy night of the festival was a huge success with a capacity crowd. The program consisted of a wide variety of numbers from light comedy to lovely musical selections. The short skits were hilarious and even included a cooking lesson on how to make "The Best Rum Cake Ever" by a seemingly inebriated Clair Rankin. Once again we enjoyed the fabulous fashion models, which this year, included a Japanese wedding party in authentic Japanese apparel. At intervals during the program we were entertained by two very talented young ladies Katie Ann Touesnard & Krista MacKinnon who provided both singing and toe-tapping selections on the fiddle. Our sincere thanks to all who shared their time and talents. *Audrey MacNeil, Deirdre Boyd and Mimi Fougere*



Clair Rankin

The Princess Pageant: The pageant was a tremendous success. Our six lovely princesses were Samantha McNamara, Sandi Burke, Shandelle Pottie, Donna Marie DeWolfe, Julia Burke and Kelsey Sampson. These talented young ladies sang, played piano, and demonstrated their unique artistic talents. They confidently introduced themselves and entertained us with their quick-witted responses to impromptu questions. They had lots of fun having "tea" with the judges and were an absolute joy to work with. The evening ended with the crowning of our Queen, Julia Burke (pictured on front page) and

her attendants-1st Runner-up Sandi Burke, 2nd Runner-up Donna Marie Dewolfe and Ms Friendship Kelsey Sampson. Now that everyone knows how much fun the princess pageant is, my hope for next year is to have more interest from other young ladies.

Lisette MacDonald



Donna Marie Dewolfe, Kelsey Sampson, Julia Burke, Shandelle Pottie, Samantha McNamara, Sandi Burke. Photo by Brian Burke

Children's Fun Day: On the 27th the Youth Development Committee (YDC) held a children's fun day at the community hall as part of the festival days. The afternoon was full of activities which included Bounce-a-rama, movies on a big screen television along with popcorn and drinks. Lunch included pizza, cookies, ice cream and drinks. Over fifty children participated and the YDC would like to thank all the parents who came to help. *Rose Merrick*



Back Row: Rose Sampson, Kelsey Sampson, Robyn Merrick, Gregory Sampson, Brandon Clayton. Middle Row: Jillian Burke, Meagan Merrick, Kerstan Landry, Allie Fraser. Front Row: Adam Sampson, Brandon Lafantaisie, Donovan Landry, Austin Fraser. Photo by Tanya Burke.

Preteen/Teen Dance: The numbers were smaller than expected but those who came did not lack enthusiasm: both preteens and teens danced their hearts away and a good time was had by all. *Debbie Landry*

Meet & Greet: On Friday night there was the regular bingo but for the first time a beer garden with music and barbecue was held on the ball field. Many people had not been home for some time and welcomed the chance to reunite with old friends. The lights were turned off by Eddie around 5 a.m. so no wonder there were complaints of headaches the next day as the men served the annual breakfast (organized by Joe MacPhee) until they ran out of food. That was before they made a little over \$1000.

Flea Market: A flea market was held at the Seniors 50+ club on Sat. a.m. Lots of locally knitted goods

by Rita Landry, Alice Sampson and Madeline Cook were available and there were goodies baked by the seniors. Tickets were sold on a handcraft donated by Fabie Richard and the winner was Joe Sampson. The weather was not very co-operative for the ball games so the spectators passed the time away at the flea market. *Anne Sampson*



Winning Team-Back row Michael Landry, Lorin Carter, Shawn Stone, Brad MacDonald, Kenny Stone, Dave Stone. Middle Row: Peter Clow, Shawn Avery, Darren Stone, Kelly Burke. Front Row; Zachery Clow, Liam Burke, Michael Stone, Brandan Stone. Photo by Ethel Stone

Softball: The annual RB slow-pitch tournament in memory of Edwin Bona was held on the weekend. The heavy rain on Saturday did not stop the games. We had 19 teams in the open division and 3 teams in the family division.

In the family division the Drippers (LeBlanc's) won over Mom's Brats (Bona's). At one point Mom Bona went out to the mound with words of wisdom for son Louis. (**I THINK WHAT SHE SAID WAS: IF YOU DON'T SMARTEN UP AND PITCH BETTER THAN THAT, YOU WON'T BE GETTING NO SUPPER TONIGHT**) but to no avail Louis did his best and came up short, the Drippers went on to victory. I think Louis still had his supper. You see he was always mom's favourite.

In the open division, the semi finals saw the River Rats defeated by Apple Auto Glass while Rocky Bay suffered defeat at the hands of Big Guys Plumbing. The finals saw Apple Auto Glass repeat as winners by a score of 16-6. The MVP was Dave Stone and the most sportsman player was Kenny Stone from the Apple Auto Glass team. A very special thank you to all who helped prepare the fields for the tournament and also those who donated their equipment, time and materials. Without your help the tournament would not have been a success. On behalf of the tournament committee I would like to thank following teams, the Crows, the River Rats, Drippers and the Bona Schooners for donating their prize money back to the tournament to help us offset the short-fall from the two scheduled teams from D'Ecouse who failed to show. Last but not least I would like to thank the fans for their support of the teams, tournament and

the festival. The tournament raised \$2060 for the festival. *Brian Bona*



The Preston Angels were presented with a plaque from the Bona family for participating in the festival softball tournament for fourteen consecutive years. The plaque read as follows:

My Cape Breton Home

*There's a place in Nova Scotia,
That will take your breath away.*

*It's called Cape Breton Island,
Where the worlds best fiddlers play.*

*You'll be hooked with just one visit,
On the people you befriend.*

*They will greet you with all the kindness, and a
helping hand they'll lend.*

So when you come to visit us, prepare to stay a while,

*There's not a place on God's green earth,
Like "Ole Cape Breton Isle."*

Children's Activities: On Saturday, the children held relay races, parachute games and face painting. They also played basketball, bag tossing and bowling. The scavenger hunt and treasure hunt were cancelled because of the weather and all other activities were done in the hall. Twenty-four youngsters had a great time. *Cheryl Carter*

Festival Dance: On Saturday Night a huge crowd danced in the hall and deck to the great music of Sam Moon & SCOTT FREE who also entertained for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon. Word is we definitely want them back and they definitely want to return. \$2600 was made between bar & door.

Pot Luck Supper: I would like to thank the people in our community for making the Pot Luck Supper the most successful one to date (\$1908). Thank you for the many donations of time, money and food. A special thanks to the men and women that helped me. *Joan Sparling*

The Parade: The 25th Annual River Bourgeois Festival featured the return of the candy parade. It was well attended with twenty entries from a mixture of community and commercial backgrounds. Spectators lined the parade route from the Church Point to the TLC. Young and old gleefully gathered candy from the various floats and enjoyed the pipe band from Inverness. Princess Julia Burke waved to

her adoring public from an antique convertible. The winning entries were as follows: 1st-Army Cadets Float, 2nd-Leo Landry's Scooter, 3rd-Youth Development Committee. Thanks to everyone for their help (especially traffic control-Robbie Gates) and participants. *Paul Zinck*



1st place float-front: April Peters, Shane Sampson, Masali VanDerHoeden. Back: Stewart Sampson Photo by Raymond Doary.

Merchandize bingo organized by Anne Sampson on the 24th raised just over \$1000.

Canteen organized by Debbie Landry (Wayne Bona said we should start charging Debbie rent as she was there continuously for the week) and the beer gardens organized by Eddie Pottie with Susan Pottie and her helpers barbequing raised around \$3300.

Heritage Walk: The interest in this event is increasing. This year we travelled from Boyd's Lane to the Pont a Bill. Booklets are still available at the C@P Site. Thanks to all who helped produce them. We raised over \$400.

Variety Concert: At the Sunday night closing concert a full house (\$805 was taken in at the door) was treated to lots of music by "Island Driftwood" and their many musical friends. Carl Grimes, Eddie Pottie, Wayne Bona & Henry Martell who comprise the Island Driftwood entertained on and off for the whole 10 days.

50/50 tickets organized by Joe MacPhee raised \$564 for the festival and for the winner; Elaine Burke.

The T-shirts/and sweatshirts with the logo of the old lighthouse designed by Arthur Doary were a big hit and have raised approx. \$1100 to date.

The draw for the 4-wheeler took place at the final ballgame and was won by Kevin Sampson and Juleen MacEachern from Long Point.

Lighthouse Opening was covered in the September Round Up but we just wanted to add a special thank you to Fr. Duncan MacIssac for his blessing of the boats and lighthouse. His beautiful words about the

lighthouse and the church as being guardians of our harbour were very touching.

Thank You

To all who were involved in bringing about the completion of our new lighthouse I extend my deepest and heartfelt thank you. There were so many that helped in this endeavour that I hesitate to mention names in fear that I will forget someone therefore I am going to generalize.

First of all to the members of my Economic Development and to the members of the River Bourgeois Community Services Society who backed us and believed we could accomplish this in time for our 25th annual festival ; To all the volunteers who donated their talents or supplies to contractor Gerald LeBlanc during the construction period ; To all the volunteers who helped raise funds through Pub Nights, ticket sales, etc both here and in Dartmouth; to all the musicians who entertained at these events free of charge; to all community members who supported these fundraisers-Thank You!

To all the individuals and corporations who gave monetary donations a very special thank you. Your money made a dream possible.

Our new lighthouse is a standing monument to what can be accomplished when a community stands together. Volunteers are the backbone to the success of our society-may God bless them all for their time and efforts as without them many of our projects would never get off the ground. Thank you all. *Carl Grimes, Chairman of the RB Economic Development Committee*

WB Kingston Memorial Clinic

The W. B. Kingston Memorial Clinic is having its door to door fund raising this year from Sept. 25 to Oct. 9. The clinic has been busy with the arrival of Dr. Juan Alas replacing Dr.P.Pluta who transferred to an office in Port Hawkesbury. Dr. Alas arrived at the clinic from Springhill on June 16 and is settling in very nicely. Dr. Tan and Dr. Alas are in the office Monday to Friday; 8:30 to 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm.. Blood work is done at the clinic one day a week. The building also houses a dental office and the Health Project. The Health project coordinates and helps to facilitate many health related programs focusing on the determinants of health. Please be generous when a canvasser stops at your home. *Ann MacNeil*

Births

Aitkins/Matthews: Hannah Rose was born July 30th in Antigonish to Melanie Matthews and Michael Aitkins. Congratulations to first time grandparents,

Cathy & Brian Aitkins and great-grandma Helen Fougere.

Boyd/Gowanlock: Amelia was born to Jennifer and Derek in Cold Lake, Alberta. Congratulations to grandparents Deirdre & Blaise Boyd and sister Olivia.

Sampson/Sampson: Brooklyn Summer was born August 29th to Alisha and Ross Sampson. Congratulations to grandparents Bucky & Ann Sampson and Roy & Eleanor Sampson of Louisdale and great grandmothers Rita Sampson and Agnes Campbell of St. Peters.

Weddings

Morgan/Touesnard: Keith Michael, son of Austin & Eileen of Evanston and Martina Lynn, daughter of Ann Louise & Clifford were married at Dundee on Sept. 6th. Martina is the granddaughter of Viola Touesnard. Keith & Martina will reside in St. Peters.

MacPherson/Martell: Erik John, son of Agnes & Sandy and Rhonda Lynn, daughter of Rosemary Kellegrew & Joseph Martell of Dartmouth were married in River Bourgeois on Sept. 6th. Rhonda is the granddaughter of the late Edith & Xavier Burke. Erik & Rhonda will reside in Plymouth, Mass.

Deaths

Clark: Leo, 78 years, died August 5th in Kingston Ontario. Our deepest sympathy to his sister Bridget Robertson and her family.

Stone: John Henry, of St. Peters, 80 years, died September 23rd. Our deepest sympathy to his family especially daughters Janice (Ervin) Touesnard & Giselle (Fraser) MacPhee and his brother Joe and their families.



Happy Big "50" on Oct 4th to Leonard Pottie (Fick Fiack) from all your family and friends

Bits & Bites:

- **45 Card Game** Sun. night 7:30 Seniors 50+
- **C@P site** meeting on Oct. 1st. at 7 pm.
- **Cribbage Games** every Mon. 7 pm Seniors Bldg

- **Bingo** every Friday night at TLC.
- **Senior's 50 +** meeting Tues. Oct 7th 1:30 pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed Oct 8th 1:30 pm.
- **Annual Health Awareness Fair** at the Lion's Hall, St. Peters, Oct. 9 from 3 to 7.
- **McGinty** along with other entertainers will be playing at the Annual Concert sponsored by the Tara Lynne Fund Raising Committee on Oct. 12th at 7pm. Tickets are \$10. for adults, \$5. for under 12 at the door.
- **CWL** meeting Oct 13th 7 pm.
- **RBCSS** meeting Oct 15th 7pm.
- **Merchandise Bingo** Sunday, Oct 19th at 2pm sponsored by the Seniors 50+ club.
- **Halloween party** on Oct 30th sponsored by the YDC. Watch for poster details.
- On October 17th Garvie Samson is planning an **appreciation night** for all the supporters of the lighthouse project. It will be another fun & music evening at Brightwood Golf Course in Dartmouth starting at 7pm. Please join all our native sons/daughters.
- **Congratulations** to John & Sylvia Allen on their 33rd wedding anniversary on Sept 5th and to Peter & Emily LeBlanc on their 30th on Sept. 22nd.
- **Birthday greetings** to Emily Arsenault, Leona Campbell, Melda Clattenburg, Beverly Sampson, Ernest Burke, Mary Cecelia Burke, Margaret Pottie, Buddy Boudreau, Georgie Burke, Gerard and Catherine Touesnard. Special 91st birthday greetings to Joe Bouchard and number 86 for Vincent Sampson.
- Place your order for more T or sweat shirts before Oct 6th. Call Sharon Digout @ 3516 or the C@P site @ 3251 between 2-4 pm. Make great Christmas gifts.
- Volunteers are needed for the Economic Development Committee. Call Carl @ 2035 or Ann Sampson @ 2803 if you would like to help.
- **The fall hours** for the Capsite 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.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, First Richmond Credit Union or RB Post Office. Subscriptions are available for \$12.00 locally, \$18.50 within Canada and \$20.00 internationally

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