



The River Round Up

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Delta Babin



Delta ready to sail the seas. Picture courtesy of AnnLouise Touesnard

Delta Mae was born May 9th, 1911 the second child of Willie and Mary Robertson of the Church Point. Willie owned and operated the ferryboat from D'Escousse to River Bourgeois (at a cost of \$1.00 per crossing) and Delta would often accompany her dad on these excursions. Willie also operated a patrol boat known as the "Whirl" that guarded our shorelines from spirit (rum) runners. Delta walked to the one room school (just a tad over a mile) and often in the winter her hands would be very cold so she would stop at the home of John Doucet whose wife always had a pan of warm water for the children to warm their hands before continuing on their journey. In the ninth grade during exams Delta asked the teacher if she could go home because she was finished, however she went to visit her uncle instead. On her way home as she passed the school, the teacher noticed her, and ordered her back in the classroom where she was given a strapping for not

having gone straight home. Delta's education was over, as she never returned to school.

Delta went to work for John J. and Josephine Sampson taking care of the children and the ailing Josephine. Their daughter "Sister Josephine" has told Delta that she remembers how wonderful Delta was with her mother and even when she passed away she had dressed and done her mother's hair so she would look beautiful in her coffin. Delta moved on to Halifax and went to work for the brand new Nova Scotia Hotel, first as a chambermaid followed by parlour maid. When her mother became ill Delta returned to RB to nurse her back to health. During this time she met Tom Babin from Arichat and on Jan. 30th, 1935 they wed. Following the wedding Delta & Tom left by horse and sled on the ice, across Lennox Passage and on to Arichat to start their life together. In Arichat they owned and operated the American House Hotel for many years. In 1942 Delta and Tom chose to adopt two young orphans from the war torn country of England. On their way from England the children's boat was torpedoed and all perished. On January 5th, 1943 daughter Joan was born, followed by son Billy and daughter Ann Louise. Sadly on Dec. 18th, 1953 Tom passed away suddenly. With the children only ten, eight and one year of age Delta returned to RB and purchased the home of Florie Lavalee near her parents on the Church Point.

In 1987 Delta was the first resident along with Gertie Boudreau to move into the new RB Senior's home. She loved her new home and had plenty of company to play cards with. In 1998 Delta fell and broke her arm in several places. Following surgery she went to live with daughter Ann Louise and her family before entering the Villa in July. She still plays a wicked game of cribbage and was quite proud of the fact that she had "skunked" Vincent Sampson the day before I went visiting. Besides cards Delta knits most of the day and can knit a small pair of

mitts in a morning. Ann Louise visits almost daily for a card game. Joan lives in Dartmouth and Billy in Spryfield. Delta has five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Delta at almost ninety-two is in very good health and has an incredible recollection of her youth. RB wishes you, Delta, many more years of health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Arthur-A Man of Many Talents

Arthur Peter was born on Dec.8th, 1943 in Halifax, the son of Fred and Gelene Doary. When Arthur was six months old his family moved to River Bourgeois. In 1958 at the young age of fifteen Arthur joined a Religious Community where he studied carpentry and cabinet making. Arthur spent ten years in a monastery between Kings City and Ottawa and during this time he studied mechanical drafting at George Brown College in Toronto.



In 1970 Arthur returned to his roots in RB and for the next 28 years, he taught Industrial Arts in St. Peter's, Inverness, Isle Madame, Evanston and Port Hawkesbury. He changed schools every five years to prevent burn out and it was his secret to staying "sane". Meanwhile he continued his studies during the summer and evenings at St. FX and UCCB studying the Arts. He returned to St. Peters High to teach Art and Industrial Arts for his last five years.

Shortly after his return to RB, Arthur arrived early to church to see Father Marinelli who had invited him to read at mass; there he heard the most beautiful music on this side of heaven. Upon closer inspection he saw a lovely lady named Henrietta Goyetche sitting there and Arthur knew at that moment he had met his future bride. Two years later on August 12, 1972 they wed and they have been making music ever since. Henrietta has been choir director for more than thirty-five years. Between music and woodwork they created three children: Amy, a recent graduate of Mass Communications from Carlton University, is living in BC and is on a months leave to work on a Seminarian Project in Italy; Patrick is a student at Laval University in Quebec City studying French while Joseph is at Carleton in Ottawa

following in his sister's footsteps. Joseph inherited his mother's musical talent and plays the piano and the violin. Joseph and Amy both teach figure skating, Amy for the city of Vancouver and Joseph is head coach for the city of Ottawa.

In 1974 Arthur opened "St. Joseph's Craft" doing silk screening and trophies and in 1982 expanded to do stain glass. He held workshops on weekends and evenings. Arthur has crafted all of the stain glass windows in the church and is in the process of completing two more for 2003. The windows are designed by Shelia Cassie, daughter of Virginia and Basil Sampson. Arthur's talents do not stop here; he built the Altar and is in process of making a new podium and side altar. He designed and makes the beautiful banners for the church. He also is the founder of the Festival of Carols, which is held every December in a different parish in Richmond County. The year 2002 saw the completion of the fifteen annual festival.

Arthur recently completed a three-year program in the Christian Ministry at St. FX and three years of studying at the Lay Foundation Diocesan School in preparation for more Laity involvement in the church. These days, Arthur renovates houses in his few spare hours a week and one of his great loves is Interior Design. The parish of St. John the Baptist is ever so grateful for all of Arthur and Henrietta's contributions over the years and we wish them many more years of happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

RBCSS



Members of the RBCSS float from 1986. Picture courtesy of Elaine Burke.

Unfortunately we do not have these wise looking, handsome men at the head of our society now but Joe MacPhee and Eddie Pottie are doing an excellent job in getting plans ready for our 25th annual festival which this year is going to be a week long event starting on Aug.23. They even have plans for another parade.

Joe is working on a book entitled "25 Years Of Community Service" which will be ready for our celebration. The following is an excerpt which Joe hopes will peak the interests of community members and get them to share tidbits of information or old photographs. You can contact Joe at 535-2677. He can scan your picture without it leaving your home.

The Origins Of The Society

...Back in the late 1970's the condition of the old River Bourgeois Parish Hall did not provide for adequate facilities to serve the community of River Bourgeois. Since it required updating that would be costly and questions lingered as to whether it could provide for the needs of the community it was felt that a new structure should be contemplated for the community. Hence was born the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, which was incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of Nova Scotia on the thirty-first day of October in the year 1978.

The original President of the Society at that time was Edwin Bona who was a driving force on behalf of volunteer efforts in the community. His vision and insight as to the recreational needs of the community were a strong influence on the humble beginnings of the organization. Joe McPhee

A Small Water Craft Safety Course will take place either on Sat. Mar 15 or Mar 22nd (providing there is a minimum of 15 people) at the Tara Lynne. The instructor is Eric LaForge and the cost is \$50.00 per person. Same price for children. You need to reserve with Eddie Pottie at 535-2515 or 625-1711 ext 2513.

Starting the third week in February the [C@P](#) Site will have a wide variety of used books for sale at a modest price along with audio books to be loaned out. Everyone welcome and you can come in during our open hours and just read if you wish.

Want news of the RBCSS, check our society's new website at www.riverbourgeois.ca

CWL News

On Feb. 9th a special CWL Mass will be held at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and the annual meeting at the TLC. All CWL members welcome An Executive meeting will be held on Feb 2nd to make plans for this year's 50th anniversary celebration. Congratulations to our oldest CWL member Katie Rogers who just celebrated her 98th birthday.

Bucky's Convenience Store

Bucky & Ann Sampson have opened a store in their garage. They are taking it slow for now but they have the essentials, along with Richmond Villa and Lion's Club Bingo cards and of course The River

Round Up. The store will be open 8am-8pm daily including Sunday.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass



Front row: **Shepherds**-Donna Marie DeWolfe, Austen Morrison, Blake Morrison, Julie Burke; **Mary**-Haley Sampson; **Joseph**-Brandon LaFantasy; **Kings**- Colton Burke, Jillian Burke & Grant Sampson. Back Row: **Angels**-Kirsten Landry, Julianne Smith, Taylor Allen, Tori MacNeil, & Melanie Poaps; **Narrator**-Sally Burke; **Reader**-Joel Burke; **Altar Server**-Nelson DeWolfe. Fr. Zbigniew is on the far right. Picture courtesy of Linda Burke.

Births

Congratulations to the following parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Barnhill: Mary Emma was born Jan. 23rd in Halifax the daughter of Jason and Amanda (LeBlanc). She is the first grandchild for Peter & Emily LeBlanc of RB and Stan & Helen Barnhill of Onslow. She is the 12th great grandchild for Charlotte LeBlanc and the fourth for Joe & Margaret Bouchard.

Burke: Maya Kerstin was born to Gunilla and Stephen Burke in Sweden on January 16th at 7:40 pm. She is the first grandchild for Marlaine and Albert Burke and is a new great granddaughter of Lucille DeWolfe. Marlaine received a picture via email and says she "looks just like a little angel".

LeVesconte-Evany Hope was born on Nov. 23rd, 2002. She is the daughter of Amy (Touesnard) and Kevin LeVesconte. Proud grandparents are Florence & Edward Touesnard of Church Point and Marlene & Roy LeVesconte of St. Peter's. Theresa Cash of Irish Cove and Ada LeVesconte of St. Peter's are the delighted great grandmothers.

Anniversaries

Boudreau: Congratulations to George & Catherine Boudreau on their 56th wedding anniversary on Jan 7th. They have five children and ten grandchildren.

MacPhee: Congratulations also to Edgar & Theresa (Myette) MacPhee of Antigonish who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30th. Edgar

and Theresa lived in RB for many years with their five children. They now have 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Deaths

Fougere: Edna, age 86, of St. Peter's passed away on Jan. 25th. Our condolences to her husband John and their family, also to her sister's-in-law: Cecelia Baccardax and Margaret Pottie as well as brother-in-law Herman Fougere.

Richard: William of the Southside passed away on Jan. 25th at age 76. He was the son of the late William and Mary "Minnie" (Burke) Richard. Our condolences to his children: Vivian, Juanita, Frederick, Wanda, Gretchen & Cynthia and his sisters Lillian and Emily and all their families.

Reinhadt- Linda died Jan. 7th in Bramalea, Ont. at the age of 49. Linda was the daughter of Albert and Anna (Burke) Sampson both formerly of River Bourgeois. Our sympathy to her husband David and two children along with her parents who live in Guelph. Also to Linda's many aunts, uncles and cousins who live in RB.

Sampson: James Peter, 90, passed away at Richmond Villa on Jan 23rd. He was the son of the late Charles and Mary Elizabeth Minnie (Burke) of RB. Our sympathy to his wife of 70 yrs, Caroline and his children Mary, Carol Ann, Ernest, James, Rudolph, Charles and Terrance and their families. Our sympathy also to his many brothers and sisters.

Bits And Bites:

February is going to be a busy month at the River judging by the following list of events-Sure hope the weather improves. The cribbage tournament at the Senior's club, Bridge game at the TLC and the CWL Merchandise Bingo are all covered under the Richmond Winter Festival Events Program.

- **Parent tot program** on Monday mornings at Tara Lynne Center (TLC) from 10-12.
- **Sliding party** hosted by the Youth Development (YDC) Sun, Feb. 2nd at 2pm at the TLC.
- **Executive CWL meeting** at Ann Clow's at 7pm on Feb 2nd.
- **Meeting of Senior's 50+ Club** Feb 4th 1:30 pm.
- **Festival Committee Meeting** at TLC at 7pm on Feb 12th..
- **C@P site Meeting** on Feb.5th at TLC at 7pm.
- **CWL Mass** at 10 a.m. on Feb 9th followed by lunch and annual meeting at the TLC.
- **4-H Club** regular monthly meeting Feb. 11th at 6 pm at the TLC.
- **Mini Bingo** at Seniors 50+ Club at 1:30 pm on Feb. 12th

- **4-H Club** are hosting Winter Fun/Valentine Party on Saturday, February 15th from 2 to 4pm
- **Adult Dance** Saturday, February 15th from 9pm to 1am at the TLC. Music by Sideline. Door prizes to be given sponsored by YDC.
- **A cribbage tournament** sponsored by the 50 + Club will be held at 7pm on Feb 17th at the Seniors Building.
- **RBCCS meeting** Feb. 19th at 7pm
- **A Contract Bridge Tournament** will be held on Sat. Feb 22nd from 1 to 4 pm at the TLC sponsored by the RBCCS. Prizes and lunch. Any questions call Sharon C. 535-2512 or Sharon D. at 535-3516.
- **Sliding party** Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm sponsored by YDC. Hot chocolate will be served at the TLC.
- **Potluck dinner** and annual meeting at Senior's club on March 4th.
- **Forty-five** card games continue every Sunday at 7pm at the Senior's club.
- Bingo every Friday night at Tara Lynne Center
- Happy Birthday to all who celebrated birthdays in Jan. including Germaine Carter, Margaret Bouchard, Catherine Ann Boyd, Rene Fougere, Estelle Campbell, Emily Boucher, Victor Burke, Peter & Kenneth LeBlanc, Viola Touesnard, Gilbert Burke and Bernard Sampson. Guess what, in December we forgot someone who we can't mention who celebrated her 65th.
- **CAP site** winter hours will be Mon to Thurs. 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. Friday from 2-4 p.m. We will be closed on the weekends but appointments can be made by calling Sherry at 535-3182 or Sharon at 535-3516
- A reminder that anyone wishing to book the TLC needing a liquor license for a function call Eddie Pottie at 535-2515 and those requiring use of Funeral Home should call Leona or Gerald Campbell at 535-2927. The new hall janitor is Cynthia Pottie. For all hall bookings call Cynthia at 535-2054.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, First Richmond Credit Union or RB Post Office for \$1.00 and subscriptions are available for \$12.00 per year in the RB area. Mail outs are: \$18.50 in Canada and \$20 international.

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