



# The River Round Up

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Mimi Fougere



Two major events happened in the world in September, 1939. World War II broke out in Europe and River Bourgeois welcomed Marie (Mimi) Eleanor, the second of four children to Cecilia (Boyd) & Walter Fougere. Mimi having three brothers and six male cousins living next door quickly became one of the boys in any and all sporting events.

She attended Cannes School which was near her home until the ninth grade; then went to St. Peter's High for grade ten. Her uncle, Cameron Boyd gave Mimi and her friends a ride to school and in the afternoon they would start walking home in hopes of getting a lift. In 1954 the Stella Maris School opened so everyone from RB returned for grade eleven before going back to St. Peters for grade twelve. Because she was only sixteen graduating, she was not eligible to enter nursing school so she went to work for her dad at his garage/store.

The year at dad's garage was not without its share of eventful episodes and usually the recipient was Stan MacPhee. Stan had purchased a new Volkswagen and wanted to have the oil changed before heading to Halifax to see his true love so Mimi emptied the used oil and as per his instructions inserted the required 2 ½ quarts. When checking the

oil it read well above the allowable limit. Mimi, panicked and since her dad was not around, instructed Stan to take his new car to Roy O'Melia's garage, where Roy soon discovered that the transmission fuel was empty and the oil had double its quantity. Needless to say Roy took every occasion possible to remind Mimi of her failure as a mechanic. Stan was also the recipient of another incident when he accidentally turned the stool he was sitting on in the store as Mimi was walking into the door with a screwdriver in her hand hitting him in the ear and puncturing his eardrum. To this day he claims he has to block his ear when he blows his nose. Stan chose to take his car business elsewhere.

In the fall of 1957, following a failed career as a mechanic, Mimi began the shortest nursing career in history at St. Martha's Hospital. She started Monday and finished on Friday the same week. In May of 1958 Mimi found her true calling when she began a career in banking that lasted more than forty years. She spent 21 years at the Royal Bank in St. Peters, starting as a steno and ended as a Branch Administration Officer. In 1979 Mimi moved to the River Bourgeois Credit Union as the Manager and remained there until her retirement in 1997.

At age eleven she took over the duties of scorekeeper and statistician at ball games, a position her uncle, John Boyd had held for many years. She was a member of the Executive of the Rich. Co. Amateur Baseball Association and was chosen Executive of the Year in 1970. Mimi was equally interested in hockey and Jim Boucher's Rink was her second home. She often refereed hockey games and frequently had to break up fights. Mimi recalls a face-off with Douglas Landry of Lakeside and Peter Burke; she went between them to drop the puck, they dropped their gloves to fight and she saw her life flash before her eyes. Sometimes it was so cold on the rink that her feet froze and on several occasions Jim would rub her feet to thaw them out for the next game. She travelled with the hockey and baseball teams to out of town games. She remains a sports

fanatic and watches mostly any sport on television especially her beloved Maple Leafs.

Mimi served fifteen years on the Strait Richmond Hospital Board and Strait Richmond Foundation Board. She has been treasurer of the Parish Council and has collected the church envelopes since 1989. She is also a member of the CWL and the St. Peters' unit of the Canadian Cancer Society. She has also been a participant in many skits for the RB festivals.

Mimi you have served our community well and we all wish you a long & healthy retirement and hope you see the Toronto Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup again in your lifetime. *Sharon Chilvers.*

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### Going Fishing!!!



Pictured are three generations of lobster fishermen: Mylan Touesnard of Grand Gully is pictured above with his dad and granddad going out to sea. Mylan is the son of Charlene & Marc and first went out fishing at the age of nine months. He even has a boat named after him the *Mylan Sea*. His grandparents are Janice (she gets seasick) & Irvin Touesnard. Proud great grand mom is Viola Touesnard. Mylan's uncle Scott also takes him out on his boat the *Tanya C* so he is getting lots of experience. Mylan will be three in August so this year will be his third season fishing. If you see him at the Church Point wharf say hello! He just might have snagged your supper.

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### Fishing on Northside Road



Fishing on the other end of the River takes on a whole new meaning. Gilbert Bourque is seen here with AJ (Pap) Landry. We are not sure if they are waiting for Patsy to bring them afternoon tea, trying out the oars or just shooting the breeze.

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### Happy 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday Delta



*Photo taken Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> by daughter Anne Louise.*

Delta Babin celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She is the oldest living person originally from RB but now resides at the Richmond Villa. She still knits mittens daily and will challenge any visitor to a game of cribbage. We send you many greetings on your birthday and may you enjoy many more.

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### RBCSS Annual Meeting

River Bourgeois Community Service Society held their Annual Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors for 2007 are: *Chairperson* Sharon Chilvers, *Vice Chair* Raymond Doary, *Secretary* Ida Poaps, *Treasurer* Monica McPhee, *Past President* Wayne Bona, Board Members: Anne Sampson, Carl Grimes, Harold Landry, Susan Boudreau, Donna Landry, Carmen Fougere, Clifford Landry, Carrie Grimes, Bill Coleman, Tina Coleman, Michael Fougere and Mary Pentecost.

*Chairperson Report:* 2006 ended with our share of successes and pitfalls. The cost of sustaining the infrastructures under the RBCSS has increased drastically these last few years. Each year it is more

difficult to find those extra dollars to meet with continuing rising costs. *The CAP Site Committee*, with funding from the Dept. of Economic Development hired two summer students. Their fundraising is generated from the River Round Up, postcards, Heritage Walk pamphlets and user fees. Unfortunately they are faced with the possible loss of government funding after Sept. 2007. *The Economic Development Committee* had a busy year in search of funding for the completion of the dock project. RBCSS anticipates the docks will not only be able to be self sufficient but to be profitable in the near future. *The Youth Development Committee* still does great work with our youth and they are seeking the new young parents to take over. *Festival Committee* had a very successful year and showed a healthy profit. *Bar Committee* works at each event at the TLC that alcohol is served. *Bingo* proved very lucrative for most of the year however winter weather conditions resulted in less than anticipated profits. *Property Service* continues to do repairs to the TLC with the replacement of three windows, new locks were installed and the problems with our water purifier have finally been solved. A much needed ride on lawnmower was purchased. *Funeral Home's* interior was repainted, new flooring installed in the kitchen and drapes were replaced. Funding from the Nova Scotia Government enabled us to employ someone during the summer to help with the festival and maintaining the grounds. Special thanks to our devoted Treasurer and Secretary.

I personally would like to take this time to extend my gratitude to our Board of Directors. Thanks to all of the committee leaders who spent many hours donating their time and efforts, and to the generous members of the community who donate their time, supplies and services to aid in making River Bourgeois a better place for all of us. *Sharon Chilvers*

## Graduations



**Michelle Sampson** (David & Glenda) graduated from Acadia University on May 14<sup>th</sup> with her BSC (major in Biology). She has applied to the Dalhousie

School of Dentistry with alternate plans to return to Acadia University for further study in an honours program.

**Mark Andrew Digout** (Louis & Mary) graduated from St. FX with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He is pursuing a career in investment banking with plans to attain a Chartered Financial Analyst Designation.



**Lisa Nadine LeBlanc** (Gerald & Janet) graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She is living in Canso and seeking employment in her field.

**Victoria Ann Morrison** (George & Emily) graduated from Mount St. Vincent University with a Bachelor of Education in Social Studies & English. Vicky is attending a five week course in French at St. Ann, Church Point and hopes to find a teaching position.

Valerie Boyd would like to congratulate her granddaughter, **Susan (Susie) Cooke** (Ann & Wally) who graduated from St.F.X. with her Bachelor of Business Administration. Susan was recipient of the ONEX Corporation Gold Medal for the highest average in the final three years of the program and the University Gold Medal for the highest average in the final three years of an Honours Program in the Faculty of Arts. Susan heads to Calgary soon where she has accepted a position at KPMG where she will work towards her Chartered Accountant. Congratulations from all of us!

## Births

**McPhee:** Lilliana Maria Juanita, 7lbs 12oz was born on May 6<sup>th</sup> to Gerard & Juanita of Sydney. Congratulations to mom & dad, her brother Dante, grandparents Monica & Stanley McPhee, and Lillian (the late John) Strangis.

**Boudreau:** Addison Grace, 7lbs 2oz was born May 11<sup>th</sup> to Chris & Tanya. Congratulations to mom & dad, sister Ella, grandparents David & Debbie Digout and Lucille & Buddy Boudreau and great grandparents Ken & Mary Cosman and Therese Digout.

**Martell:** Noah, 8lbs 15 oz. was born May 15<sup>th</sup> to Vickie & David. Congratulations to grandparents Michael & Annabel Boudreau and Velma & Steve Martell and great grand mom Mathilda Boudreau and hid big sister Emma.

**MacNeil:** Tyson Francis, 7 lbs 15oz. was born May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Todd & Andrea of Sampsonville. A new little brother for Ainsley, Thomas and Anna. Congratulations to his mom & dad, grandparents Leo & Judy MacNeil and Mark & Debbie Mombourquette and to great grand mom Margaret Pottie & Fran Blaine.

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## Weddings

**Bourque/Horner:** Paul, son of Margaret & the late Ernest Bourque of Church Point Road and Leah, daughter of Carol & Rick Horner of Grand Prairie were married in Dundee on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> Leah & Paul are off to Europe for a month of backpacking before returning to Alberta. Congratulations to both.

**Burke /Pottie:** Congratulations to Russ Joseph Burke, son of Louis Burke and Rena Burke, and Shanna Marie, daughter of Leonard & Cynthia Pottie on their wedding May 19<sup>th</sup>. Russ & Shanna reside in French Cove.

**Landry/Fitzgerald:** Congratulations to Michael Delphis son of Clifford and Wilma Landry and Jill Theresa daughter of Russell and Sherry Fitzgerald of Sydney on their wedding on May 26th. Michael and Jill will reside in Fredericton.

**MacNeil/Nega:** Congratulations to Shawn Michael son of Judy & Leo MacNeil and Andrea Michelle Nega daughter of Deborah MacMillan on their wedding on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Glace Bay. Shawn & Andrea reside in Edmonton

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## Deaths

**Landry:** Sister Angeline Lena, 104, of Halifax passed away April 24<sup>th</sup>. Sister Lena was the daughter of Anselm & Angeline Landry of RB and had taken her vows in 1934 with RSCJ. Our condolences to her many nieces, nephews and their families.

**Martell:** Eva Mae, 99, of Rockdale passed away on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her daughter Theresa and granddaughter Bonita King both of River Tillard.

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## Bits and Bites:

- The RB Cenotaph Restoration Committee thanks to all who supported the sale of the Club 200 tickets. Weekly draws will be held until June 8th. Winner #1 - Ticket #76 Sherry Baccardax. Sherry & Peter have generously donated 1/2 of the prize to the fund-thank you both. 2<sup>nd</sup> winner was #42 Vince DeWolfe. 3<sup>rd</sup> winner #112 Cindy

& Gerry Martell. 4<sup>th</sup> winner was #38 Sharon Digout.

- **July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration** will take place at the Tara Lynne Centre following the 9:30 Mass. There will be a barbecue luncheon, Canada cake, music by Island Driftwood, a Chinese auction for the children and one for the adults as well as other children's games.
- **Senior's meeting** June 5th at 1:30pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, June 13th @ 1:30pm.
- **CWL Meetings are finished until September.**
- **CAP site Meeting-June 13th** at 7pm.
- **RBCSS meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.
- **Cribbage Seniors Bldg** Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card game Seniors Bldg.** Sundays-7 pm.
- **Social at Seniors Bldg** Thurs 1pm to 3pm
- Carl Grimes informs us that the **floating docks** are being sandblasted & painted. When finished, they are to be put in place in the month of June.
- If you wish to post a **notice in the parish bulletin** Email [w.coleman@stpeterscable.com](mailto:w.coleman@stpeterscable.com)
- If you have to reach the **Post Office** call 535-2902
- **CAP site will be open new hours starting Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>.** Mon- Thurs 11-6pm and 9-4 pm on Fridays for the month of June and 10-5pm for the months of July & August. CAP phone # is 535-3251. Our FAX number is **changed** to 535-3638. We are fortunate to have received a grant from the Dept. of Economic Development for a 14 week period and we welcome Heidi Stone back. Anyone looking for River Bourgeois souvenirs or used books, and for all your computer needs drop in. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and our website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap).
- Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. People requiring use of the Funeral Home call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms etc.
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