



# The River Round Up

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## Lorraine & David Gates



David Fulton was born on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1947, the only child of Audrey (Mattinson) & Harry Gates of Yarmouth. David went to a one room school until the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade when, for a lack of a teacher he went to a two-room school in Port Maitland. At age fourteen he and his parents moved to Goshen where David went to Sherbrooke High School. In 1966 David took a heavy body mechanical trade. In 1964 while out with friends he met the love of his life Lorraine.

Lorraine Jeanette was born June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1947, the second of four children to Elva (Manson) & Robert Cameron of Country Harbour. Lorraine attended Country Harbour Elementary School and then on to Goldboro School. Following her schooling Lorraine went to work at the Royal George Hotel in Antigonish. At age seventeen she met her knight in shining armour David Gates.

David & Lorraine dated for five years before they wed on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1969 at St. James United in Antigonish. Son Robbie who resides at home arrived in 1974 followed by daughter Candace who lives in Oyen, Alberta. Candace & husband Darrin have three children, Rielly, River-Dawn and Raynes.

In 1969 David went to work for Nova Scotia Light and Power. In 1977 the name was changed to Nova Scotia Power Commission but David continued to work for the company until his retirement in 1998. In 1977 they moved to River Bourgeois with their young family. Shortly after their arrival the Gates family began to make a very strong impact in this community. Lorraine became a 4H leader and taught the children food preparation, heritage, explorer and dog obedience. She served as a General Leader from 1997 to 2001, was on the Provincial 4H Council and is now serving as President of Richmond County 4H. David has also worked for many years with 4H Provincial levels. Lorraine has also made Lap Quilts for every single room at the Strait Regional Hospital, for the Villa and QE11 cancer unit. Recently while her daughter was in the hospital with her preemie baby, Lorraine knit thirteen quilts for all the hospital preemies.

David & Lorraine now spend much of their retirement summers traveling across Canada and the US in their RV. During their many excursions they have met with many memorable incidents, including a moose that refused to move from the center of the road, bears and other forms of wild life. The one that stands out the most is their trip to Stanley Park in Vancouver. With their daughter and her family with them, the son-in-law Darrin had been given directions to the park, however his friend failed to tell him that they had to drive thru the most famous shoddy street (East Hastings) of Vancouver. They saw more than they desired to see. David can be seen these days driving down the road in his famous pinkish coloured tractor heading out to clear woodland, tilling or wood chopping while Lorraine is out with 4H or taking care of funeral receptions.

David & Lorraine the people of River Bourgeois are glad you chose our community to live in and we wish you many more years of happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

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## Community Christmas Celebration



*Festival Queen Donna Marie Dewolfe turns the lights on the Christmas Tree.*



*Arthur Doary attempts to convince Santa he was a good boy.*



*Best buddies Mylan Touesnard and Josh Grimes compared their lists to Santa.*



*Jeffrey Martin gives Mr. and Mrs Santa and the elves his wish list.*

The RBCSS held their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas celebration at the TLC on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Following the official tree lighting, delicious refreshments were served with plenty of hot chocolate catered by

Delores Roberts. The folks joined our choir in singing carols”.



*Santa's Elves -Hailey Sampson, Melanie Poaps and Shania Boucher hamming it up for the camera.*



*Santa visits the crowd to see who was naughty and he found several including Stanley, Monica, Norma, Murdoch & Germaine.*

### “One Small Child”

The grade six religious education class of St John the Baptist Parish performed the Christmas Nativity “One Small Child” on Saturday Dec 15th in River Bourgeois. The Christmas Story was scripted by the class as told in the Gospel of Luke, beginning with the prophesy of the birth of John the Baptist, to the visit of the Magi.



*Melanie Poaps, Jerome Ford, Liam Burke and Haley Sampson.*

The cast included Austin Morrison as Zachariah, Meghan Merrick as Gabriel, Melanie Poaps as Elizabeth, Haley Sampson as Mary, Liam Burke as Joseph, Jillian Burke & Shania Boucher as the shepherds, Jerome Ford & Kevin Fougere as the

Magi, Alex Poaps, Emily Poaps & Alicia Fougere as Angels and Kyle Canam as the Narrator. Several of the children performed multiple roles. Grade ten student Brett Canam was our light and sound volunteer for the evening.



Mary (Haley Sampson) sings "One Small Child" while Joseph (Liam Burke) and angel Gabriel (Megan Merrick) look on.



Our stage director and script writer was Carrie Grimes, costumes by Anita Boucher, Carrie Grimes & Wilma Landry. Props and sets were designed by the students and constructed with the help of Patsy & Rodney Fougere, Charmain Canam and Clifford Landry. Ida Poaps assisted back stage. Gerard Sampson was the guitar accompanist for "One Small Child". Clifford & Wilma Landry

### CWL Christmas Dinner



Mary Fougere, Madeline Cook and Marion Maltby enjoying a few laughs at CWL Christmas Dinner.

On Dec 11<sup>th</sup> thirty-five members of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Woman's League attended Mass in St. Peters celebrated by Father MacDow before getting together for a Christmas Dinner and plenty of laughs at MacBouch Bar & Grill.

### Festival of Choirs



River Bourgeois Choir. Front row: Agnes Gilles, Vera Bourque, Helen Slade, Marlaine Burke, Lynn Grenier, & Josephine Morrison. Back Row: George J. Landry, Mary Touesnard, Eihel Stone, Marion Maltby, Joan Owns, Theresa Kyte & Michael Owens.

On Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>, St. John the Baptist parish of River Bourgeois was host to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Choirs. Twelve choirs from across Richmond County participated in the musical evening giving those in attendance a spiritual experience for the up-coming Christmas Season. We thank all those who helped in any way to make the evening a success; we had a full church in spite of the inclement weather. Arthur Doary

### Anniversary Dinner



Monica & Joe Stone, Theresa Landry, Mildred & Raymond Burke, Mary Ellen & Ed Pentecost, Linda & Arthur Bouchard, Vera & Anselam Sampson, Father MacDow, Gloria & Kenneth LeBlanc, Mary & Cletus Touesnard. Photo by Therese Pottie.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> Father MacDow celebrated a special Mass in honour of our Jubiliarians. A meal sponsored by the CWL followed at the TLC. Celebrating were: 30<sup>th</sup>: Kenneth & Gloria LeBlanc,

Ross & Faith Bennett, Irvin & Janice Touesnard, and Wayne & Nancy MacPhail. **40th**: Arthur & Linda Bouchard, David & Ann Clow, and Adrian & Tina Touesnard. **50th**: Edward & Mary Pentecost. **55th**: Anselm & Vera Sampson, Joseph & Monica Stone, Kenneth & Mary Cosman and Robert & Mary Pettigrew. The following couples were given special recognition: Cletus & Mary Touesnard (56 years) Leo & Theresa Landry (57 years), Raymond & Bridget Robertson (58 years), Raymond & Mildred Burke (58 years), Joseph & Margaret Bouchard (64 years) and Victor & Evelyn Burke (67 years). Congratulations to all!



*Saint John the Baptist Church: Photo by Anne Louise Touesnard.*

### Births

**Rowe/Landry:** Xavier, 5lbs 14oz, born November 11<sup>th</sup> to Basil & Lisa of Etobicoke. Brother to Cecile Elise (Cee Cee). Congratulations to grandparents Sally Baccardax, George J Landry & Marguerite MacDonald and great grand mom Cecelia Baccardax.

### Deaths

**Chant:** Annie (Margaret), 75, of Halifax passed away on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Margaret was the daughter of William & Sarah MacPhee of Hawker. Our condolences to her children, her brother Joe, and to her many other brothers & sisters and their families.

**Matthews:** Nancy of London, ON passed away Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her partner Bruce Sampson and her sister-in-law Delores Roberts.

**McNamara:** Yvonne, 57, passed away on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to husband George, daughter Anne, sons David & Edward, mom Viola Touesnard, brothers Emile, Clifford, Irvin & Melvin and sister Genevieve and their families.

### Bits & Bites:

- **45 card** games Seniors Bldg Sundays 7 pm.

- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **CAP site meeting** Wed., January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.
- **Seniors meeting** Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 pm.
- **CWL meeting** Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- **Tarbish/Bridge** Tournament Jan 27 from 1-4 at TLC .
- **Happy Birthday** to Beatrice Landry celebrating her 96<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and to husband Pap (A.J.) Landry who celebrated his 93<sup>st</sup> on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Here's the complete list of Club 200 winners:**
  - #1 Cathy Aitken ticket #36
  - #2 Shaun Landry ticket #21
  - #3 George Matthews ticket #87
  - #4 George Matthews ticket #87
  - #5 Maxine Fraser ticket #116
  - #6 Harold Landry ticket #46
- **Sincere Thank You** to all who purchased tickets in support of the River Bourgeois Cenotaph Restoration project.
- Thank you to Dana MacPhail for the pictures of the Festival of Choirs and Debbie Landry for pictures of Christmas party.
- High school students willing to volunteer at CAP site, please call Sharon (3516) or Ann at (2944).
- Winter hours are 2-4 & 6-8 Mondays to Thursdays and 2-4 on Friday, however **the site will be closed Monday afternoons in January for computer courses.** CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and our website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap). Lynn Boudreau is still having a few computer problems which will hopefully be short lived and then will update our website.
- **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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- ***Best wishes and a Happy New Year to all our Many Volunteers at the CAP site and to all our Supporters.***

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