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Claire MacPhee



Claire Patricia was born on March 17th, 1945 the youngest child of Alex & Mary Ellen (Thibeau) MacPhee of Cannes. Claire was welcomed by thirteen year old sister Rachael and ten year old brother Peter. Dad was a carpenter who built many homes in RB while mom was a stay at home ma. Claire walked to the Cannes School for five years so it was a great day in RB when she was able to travel to the new school by bus.

Following her schooling Claire went to work for Margaret Richard, as a housekeeper and companion. Alfred was away most of the year on the lake boats and later at the mill, the girls were all in school and Margaret was afraid to stay by herself. The girls remember getting off the school bus and hearing their mom & Claire laughing and how wonderful Claire was to their mom. They also remember leaving the Sunday roast pan in the oven for Claire to clean on Monday morning as they hated having to wash it. She never once complained. She was employed there until the explosion at the mill where Alfred was hurt. She then went to work taking care of Angie, the young child of Kenneth & Betty Boucher who lived in Russell Boyd's old house until Angie started school. She later worked at Therese & Fred Digout's as a housemaid and to care for their daughter Gloria

while Therese attended summer school to obtain her BA. Claire chose to stay at home after that to tend to her ailing parents. Her dad passed away in 1991 while mom passed away in 1994. She also worked occasionally for Cletus Landry as a housekeeper following his wife's death.

For years Claire served as the hostess for her brother's poker parties he had with his good friends from RB. These days Claire, who has no specific hobbies, likes to go shopping with her friends Monica MacNeil and Valerie Boyd (she needs younger friends as both have surpassed the ninety mark). Monica claims she needs to attach a string to Claire as she keeps losing her every time they go to the mall. She is notorious for attending every wake and funeral in RB. Perhaps she has a "Green" reason for doing so. She also created some excitement in the area when she accidentally set fire to her back yard. She was fortunate that Mimi Fougere just happened to be sitting at her window at the time and saw the smoke. Claire needs to find herself a hobby as last week she spent the afternoon watching two seagulls cohabiting in her front yard. She visits her sister Rachael daily and enjoys the company of her nieces and nephews. She loves to spend time on the phone (mostly with Carmen) catching up on the daily news. Claire the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health. *Sharon Chilvers*

Cenotaph Restoration Update

On Wednesday May 7, John D. Steele's & Sons Ltd. arrived on site, some fifty three years after the original installation, to remove our monument. Their task is to refurbish the cenotaph as much as possible and to inscribe three names from our community that are listed as war dead with Veterans Affairs Canada and the United States Merchant Navy. They will also provide specifications of the in-ground work necessary for the reinstallation of the monument, along with plaques commemorating all branches of service.

The new flag pole arrived and is presently in storage. Burke Bros. Trucking began the on site work to construct "French" drainage that will provide for the run off of water which is necessary to complete other work on the site. Also at this time the stumpage will be removed. Presently, all aspects for the construction of the veteran's memorial wall, walkway and lighting are in progress. The committee wishes to thank the community for their continued support of this project. *Don Pottie, Committee Chair*

Winners of the fundraising tickets for May were: Joey Martens-ticket #118; Ruth Mathews-ticket #19; Ann MacNeil ticket #87 and Lissette & Kenzie MacDonald-ticket #9. The RB Cenotaph Restoration Committee thanks all who have contributed by purchasing Club 200 tickets.

in Construction & Industrial Electrician. He graduated with honors and is currently employed with Integral Energy Services. He is working in Northern Alberta on the Horizon Oil Sands project.

Randy Touesnard, also son of Denise & Melvin, graduated from High School in 2006; he then attended Marconi Campus in Sydney. He graduated in 2007 from the Automotive Service Technician Program. He has been employed with Gateway Hyundai in Port Hawkesbury since.

We apologize to Randy & Matthew for not getting their pictures in last year. We will have information on at least two more grads for this year. Please let us know if we are missing any graduates.

Graduations



Left to right-Top-Holly Stone & Heidi Stone -Bottom Matthew & Randy Touesnard.

Holly Stone, daughter of Jocelyn & the late Lloyd Stone, graduated this year from the B.Ed. program at St.F.X. University. **Heidi Stone**, daughter of Sharon & Ricky Stone, also graduated with her B.Ed. from St.F.X. Holly & Heidi have both signed contracts with the Strait Regional School Board. Holly and Heidi spent their high school years volunteering at the RB CAP site and have been members of the Board the past two years. The Board members wish to extend their sincere thanks for their work at the site in the past years.

Matthew Touesnard, son of Denise & Melvin graduated, from high school in 2005 and then attended the Strait area campus for a two year course

Volunteer night at Richmond Villa



Margaret Morrison & Raymond Doary

On May 15th residents of River Bourgeois who volunteer at Richmond Villa were treated to a beautiful dinner and presented with a certificate by administrator Margaret Morrison. They were: Linda Bouchard, Deirdre & Blaise Boyd, Mary Burke, Germaine & Simon Carter, Ann & Dave Clow, Sharon & George Digout, Louis Digout, Arthur Doary, Raymond Doary, Gerry & Mary Fougere, Marie Fougere, Beatrix Howell, Theresa Kyte, Clifford Landry, Janet Landry, Paula Lafantasie, Monica & Stanley McPhee, Joan & Michael Owens, Eddie Pottie, Alice & Danny Sampson, Janice Touesnard, Florence Touesnard, Cletus Wedge, St. John the Baptist CWL & Bucky Sampson's garage. In her address Margaret mentioned that other nursing homes were amazed that they had about a hundred volunteers at our villa which allows our residents to get so much more in care and extra activities than other facilities. River Bourgeois residents definitely do their share!

Congratulations also to the residents of River Bourgeois who were honoured by the Municipality at the Richmond County Volunteer dinner held on May 2nd: Rebecca Landry represented the Technology & Training Center, Mary Touesnard-RB Seniors 50+ Club, George J. Landry-Kingston Community Health Center, Germaine Carter-Parish Council and Marlaine Burke-St John the Baptist CWL.

Update on Docks

In April, Harold Landry and Carl Grimes were approached by one of the directors of the River Bourgeois Community Service Society to see if they would be interested in taking over the wharfs/docks on the North Side of River Bourgeois. They attended the monthly RBCSS meeting where a motion was passed and a letter of intent was requested stating that the wharf and all its assets would be turned over when the paper work was done. In the meantime a meeting was held to form a society and the name "River Bourgeois Mariner Society" was agreed upon by its board of directors. Executive of the Society are: Harold Landry-Chair; Carl Grimes-Vice Chair; Ida Poaps-Secretary & Denise Touesnard-Treasurer. The name has been secured by the Registry of Joint Stocks. Insurance is in place and we are now waiting to have the wharfs turned over so that they will soon be in the water. The society will be operated as a non-profit organization and a reasonable fee will be charged for docking services. The money will be used to maintain and hopefully expand the facility.

Richmond Academy Awards



Left to right-Tiffany, Sandi, Kelsey, Jonathan, Kelsey, Samantha & Robyn-Missing from photo are Ryan, Molly & Nelson

The following students were presented with awards at the Richmond Academy award night. We congratulate them on their academic performance. Thank you to Robyn for the information.

Merit-Tiffany (Colleen & Darren) **Stone**-grade 11.
Distinction-Ryan (Cory & Dion) **Laing**-grade 9,
Nelson (Maria & Wayne) **DeWolfe**-grade 10, **Kelsey** (John & Joyce) **Sampson**-grade 10, **Sandi** (Joan & Kelly) **Burke**-grade 11, **Robyn** (Rose & Mark) **Merrick**-grade 11, **Samantha** (Sonia & Glenn) **Touesnard**-grade 10, **Jonathan** (Sharon & Ricky) **Stone**-grade 10.

High Distinction -**Kelsey** (Theresa & Larry) **Burke**-grade 12.

Staff Award-Molly (Genevieve & Norman) Warner-grade 12.

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The River Round-Up, Cannes, NS, Canada

Dear Editor and Staff

I received the Nov. 8th edition of the above mentioned and I was delighted to receive it. There is nothing as inspiring as news from home, when one is so far away. We get our letters but then, they are only short in comparison with what we would love to get.

At this time, permit me to congratulate you in obtaining the excellent help to make your adventure a success. First on the top of the Round-Up the art by Mrs. (RCMP) is very fitting, then as we go down the news we follow the winding River around, to the school then along, along more turns to the famous lane. How I would love, not to follow in my imagination, but in reality the winding River to HOME now; but there is a war on and we must make the best of it until we return.

There has been much mail lately for all the boys, this is due in all probability to the Xmas season. By the way while we are on the subject of Christmas, today is Santa Claus day in the Netherlands: today the day when the little kiddies place their wooden shoes by the fireplace and expect miracles to happen. If their dreams come true it would certainly be a miracle, because this country has been hit very hard, and there is not much left. The Canadian Soldiers dream of their Xmas, and most are the generous type and they certainly will not forget the little wooden shoes tonight. I, myself, have received a few parcels which were delayed in England for some time, and they contain things which will undoubtedly make the kiddies jump with joy when they see them tomorrow.

The shells are falling around us, but we are used to that by now and we hope like hell they don't land on the particular spot where we are. Things are going as well as expected and by next Christmas all the boys will be home and have forgotten there ever was such a thing as a war. For the first since I came to the Continent, almost four months ago, I am sleeping in a bed, and in a real house, but you must understand that

will not last, possibly three days and at that maybe not. There is a tennis court in the backyard and I enjoy a hand at that once in a while, reminds me of college days.

Presumably you have heard from the other boys reference The River Round-Up; I am sure they all enjoyed it very much. It is quite possible they will not have a chance to write but please take it from me they would all say the same if they could write. A soldier's time is taken up pretty much and writing time is devoted to reading books and writing home. When he's written home he is free to go around and see the sights: this of course doesn't happen every day. Wish you all the best at Christmas and the New Year. I am, one of the boys. *Jimmie*

Thank you to James' family for sharing this letter.

Births

Morrison: Izabella Emily, 8lbs 4oz, was born April 2nd to Noel & Emily of Guelph, ON. Congratulations to the parents, grandmother Mary Morrison and to Joe & Margaret Bouchard on their 7th great grandchild.

Pierro: Jennasey Theresa, 7lbs. 1/2oz, was born May 11th to Melanie & Richard of Baddeck. Congratulations to parents and grandparents Blaise & Gretchen Landry of Baddeck and Kathleen Pierro & Andrew Michael of Wagmatcook.

Weddings

Landry/Smith: Congratulations to Julia Margaret, daughter of Blaise & Gretchen Landry of Baddeck (formally of RB) and Jason, son of Janet & the late Selby Smith of Baddeck who were married in North River on May 10th. Julia & Jason reside in Baddeck.

McPhee/Conrad: Congratulations to Tracy Lynn Marie, daughter of Norman & Lorraine who married Terry Leaman, son of Joan & Sherman Conrad of Lunenburg on May 3rd. Tracy & Terry reside in Halifax.

Deaths

Fougere: Annette Ethel, 72, passed away on May 12th. Our condolences to her daughters, Lisa and Suzanne; her sister Gladys; her brothers-in-law Hubert, Leo, Gordon & Roy Fougere; sisters in-law Gloria & Sylvia and their families.

Sampson: Anna Agnes, 83, passed away on May 7th in Guelph, ON. Our condolences to her husband Albert; children David, Eddie & Brenda; her brothers Raymond, John, Roderick, Ernest, Richard & Vitas Burke; and sisters Theresa, Mary, Margaret, Emily, Irene and also Albert's brothers Gregory, Joe,

Bernard, Anselm, Arthur & Benedict and sisters Mary Ellen & Madeline and their families.

Bits & Bites:

- Congratulations to Alice Sampson and her many helpers on a very successful Pot Luck Supper on the long weekend. \$2345.00 was raised at the door between donations and the half & half draw.
- **Cribbage Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.**
- **Seniors meeting June 10th at 1:30 pm.**
- **CAP site meeting Wed., June 11th at 7 pm.**
- **Seniors Mini Bingo, Wed, June 11th at 1:30 pm.**
- **CWL breakfast-all members welcome-June 14th at 9 am at McNeil's Cozy Corner.**
- **Benefit/auction for Abraham Burke at 1pm on June 14th at MacBouch Beverage Room.** Any and all donations welcome. Proceeds to Cancer treatment costs for Abraham.
- **Festival meeting Mon., June 6th at 6:30 pm at CAP site. Chairs of all events need to be in attendance.**
- **RBCSS meeting at 7pm on June 26th at TLC.** All meetings are open to public.
- Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Delta Babin who celebrated #97 on May 9th, Frances Digout-#95 on May 28th, Angela Burke-#93 on May 15th, and Charlotte LeBlanc who celebrated #85 on the May 22nd.
- The CAP site has once again been successful in obtaining a summer student through the Dept of Economic Development. The term is for 14 weeks. Sally (Linda & Basil) Burke who is a familiar face to Cap users begins May 26th. RBCSS has obtained a grant from HRDC for 8 weeks. He/she will be also work out of the site.
- **CAP site June hours** are Mon, Tues, Thurs. & Fri. 10:30-6 & Wed.1-6pm. CAP phone # is 535-3251. Our Email is rbcap@stpeterscable.com Our website is 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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