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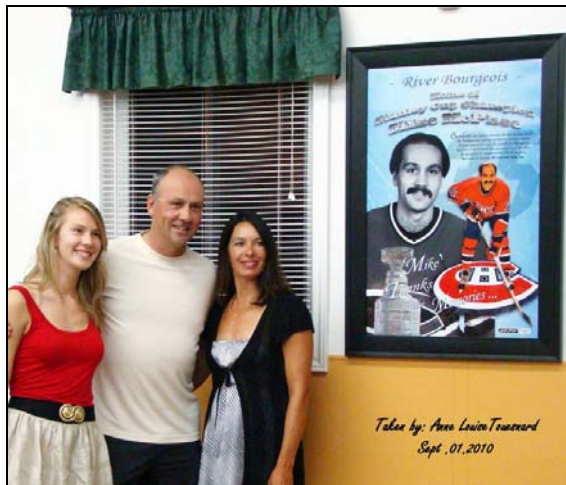
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RBCSS 32nd Annual Festival

River Bourgeois Community Service Society celebrated their 32nd Annual Festival from August 28th to September 5th. Hurricane Earl disrupted many of the festivities including Mike Fougere's beer tent which ended up in the trees and became a refuge for several birds. The following are some of the events that took place during the festival:

Tribute to Mike McPhee



Mike with wife Jane Anne and daughter Ally, along side a photo created by Colin MacDougall.

River Bourgeois paid tribute to one of its heroes during the festival. The evening was hosted by Bob MacEachern of 101.5 *The Hawk* radio station. A DVD created by Anne Louise Touesnard depicted Mike's childhood and his hockey career from a young age, bringing back memories to a packed house. A DVD produced by Kenny Pettipas showed Mike's National Hockey League career and many of his goals (crowd cheered every time he scored) and interviews during his NHL career, all Star game and games against the USSR. The photo above created and donated to the Tara Lynne Centre by Colin MacDougall was unveiled by Mike's wife Jane Anne and daughter Ally.

Road signs reading "Home of Mike McPhee" were unveiled by his brothers Fraser & Gerard and sisters Germaine & Veronica. The signs have been attached to the existing RB road signs. Kenny Pettipas entertained the crowd with a couple of songs and refreshments were served. Anne Louise Touesnard created an album of Mike's hockey career and a photo autographed by Mike, on which tickets were sold. The winner was Sharon Chilvers.



Veronica, Germaine, Gerard & Fraser at the unveiling

Mike spoke about his parent's (Monique & Stanley) dedication to his hockey dreams as a child and how important it was that his dad was in Detroit for his first goal as a pro. He also spoke on his career in the NHL and of his gratitude to his wife, Jane Anne, his children Adam & Ally and friends who supported him. He signed autographs on many t-shirts and cards with the same gracious smile as he did when he won the Stanley Cup in 1986.

The following letter was received from Mike:

Dear organizing committee,

"I am writing to thank everyone involved in the September 1st tribute event. When I was first approached by Sharon I expected that I would be going to a meet and greet something like a Cape Breton beer garden. I'll have to say that I was blown away to find such an organized event, complete with video, a professional MC and a hall packed with familiar faces. I've been on organizing committees

for similar events in the past and they don't just happen. They take weeks of preparation. I want to sincerely thank everyone who was involved in organizing the event. Like most things there's a core group that do the brunt of the work. Although I am reluctant to mention names for fear of missing someone, I think a special thanks needs to go out to Sharon, Anne-Louise, Kenny, Wayne, Colin & Bob for their hard work.

The slide shows and video made the evening that much more special. Thank you Kenny and Anne Louise. They took me back to the "good old days". Days my family and I will never forget. It is always nice to get recognized for your achievements, however it is even more special when it comes from family, friends and your community. I was very fortunate to have great support from all three during my career.

I have never forgotten my roots. Whenever asked where I was from I would always say River Bourgeois. Not Nova Scotia or Cape Breton. Like I said the night of the tribute, one of the most satisfying things in my career was to hear Ron MacLean say, "Mike McPhee from River Bourgeois".

I was down to River Bourgeois last week and saw the sign, "Home of Mike McPhee" for the first time. It's a hard thing to explain what it means to have a sign with your name on it, but it certainly gives you a warm feeling. Many thanks to everyone who organized the event and to everyone who supported me during my career!" Mike

Opening Night

The official opening of the 32nd annual River Bourgeois Festival took place on August 31st with yet another great night of comedy. Brenna Cunningham sang the National Anthem. A number of skits followed.



Bill & Tina Coleman. Photo by Dana MacPhail

The crowd was treated to a skit named "And that's how the fight got started" featuring Bill (Bandaged head, arm in a sling and limping) & Tina Coleman. A second skit called "Phobia Workshop" depicted several people's phobia's. The actors were Glen

Sampson (fear of apologies), April Sampson (fear of repetition), and Julia Burke (fear of silence) playing the patients while Paul Zinck was the therapist who had his own fear of the word AAGH. The next skit was called "Imaginary Friends" with April Sampson as the therapist and the humans being the imaginary friends. The skits created plenty of laughter.



Madame Cha Cha (a.k.a. Therese Pottie) wowed the audience with her rendition of a fortune teller in action. One recipient of her antics was the ever so married Germaine Digout. Madame Cha Cha saw at least two more husbands (Simon turned pale) in Germaine's future. The other victim was George Digout, who apparently is going to live a long life. Madame Cha Cha was very concern with the fact that his nose will continue to grow. She proceeded to give him, a double "D" bra in case he needed a band aid later on in life.

Softball Tournament



Santana Anderson is holding his bat while on lookers Peter & Sherry Baccardax, Daphne LeBlanc and Shawn Boucher are deciding whether the bat is illegal size.

The bat in this photo was crafted by Peter Baccardax as a trophy to Santana Anderson for his recent win at the Canadian Body Building Contest in western Canada. Santana is the husband of Lisa (LeBlanc) and dad to Kai.

Winners of the Softball Tournament were: "A" Division - The Petit De Grat Dare Devils; "B" Division - Lance and the Fancy Pants; "Family" Division - the Nevats. Hurricane Earl played havoc

with the ball teams and many games were rescheduled, however thanks to the new L'Ardoise ball field, which now boast night lights the games were completed by 1:00 am. Thanks to Marvin MacLean & Brian Bona for their many hours of work under difficult circumstances.

Other Festival Events

Trivia: April Sampson, with the help of dad Glen, organized a fun Trivia Night at the Tara Lynne Centre. Twelve teams attempted to answer a series of questions prepared by April. After eighty questions, many of which were quite difficult (with the local trivia being the worst) the winners were declared. First place was "My Nipples" team of Paul Zinck, Shari & John Grimes & Rita Fougere. Second place went to the "Feisty Four" team of Doug & Delores Roberts, Gregory Buckley & Sharon Chilvers.

A Poker Walk, was won by Lucille Martell of St. Peter's, who received a night at Mother Gaelic Bed & Breakfast in Baddeck. Second place went to Brenna Cunningham.

The Pot Luck Supper, organized by Debbie Landry, was yet another success. Thanks to all who baked and worked at the supper to assist ever so faithful Debbie.

The Variety Concert, hosted by Haley Sampson (and a little help from dad), played to a packed house at the Tara Lynne Centre. Plenty of local talent was featured.

The 2nd Annual Art Show took place at Boyd's Warehouse on the North Side Lower Rd and many art lovers stopped by to see the displays as well as make purchases.

The Men's Breakfast was organized by George J. Landry, Donnie Pottie & George Digout and saw its biggest turnout yet. Everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast cooked and served by the gentleman of the community. Thanks guys for a job well done.

The 45 Card Game was organized by Mike Fougere & Donnie Pottie. Only avid card players would show up and play amidst a heat wave. Winners were: 1st Frances St. Louis & Marie Heudes; 2nd was a three-way split with: Cletus Wedge & Mary Pettigrew, Lorraine & Shelia Pottie, and Tanya Collier & Marlaine Brewster; 3rd was a two-way split between Sharon Chilvers & Anita Wynands and Art Sullivan & John Farrow.

The Dance, organized by Christine Pottie, was cancelled because of a power outage caused by Hurricane Earl and rescheduled on September 18th.

Winners of the five \$1000 Club 500 prizes were: Robbie Fougere, Josephine Morrison and George McNamara of RB; Theresa Owens of Stellarton, and Curtis Mombourquette of L'Ardoise. Winner of the lawn chairs made & donated by Shawn Boucher was Kay Magdy of Johnstown.

Some of the profits from the festival are: Merchandise Bingo \$914.61, Opening \$274.55, Poker Walk \$200.77, 45 Card Play \$378.55, Men's Breakfast \$1002.69, Ball Tournament \$1178.32, Flea Market \$50, Beer Garden \$196, Dance \$198.47, Canteen \$696.96, Trivia Night \$476.80, Variety Concert \$445.54 Mike McPhee night \$474.96, Pot Luck \$2166.57, 50/50 Draw \$437.50, Lawn Chair Tickets \$374.00, Club 500 Tickets \$4893.50, Merchandise \$642.42, ECBC grant \$2000, donations \$800. Expenses: Brochures advertisements \$650, Misc. expenses \$178.41. Total Revenue \$34,816.50, Total Expenses \$18238.36 = \$16,578.14 Net Profit.

Thanks to all who organized, participated & helped during the festival. Co-chairs Sharon & Rose

Happy 70th Anniversary



Over three hundred family and friends gathered at the Richmond Villa to celebrate with Evelyn & Victor on their 70th wedding anniversary. Evelyn & Victor were married on September 11th, 1940. They had two children, Debbie & Linda; seven grandchildren: Gina, Ryan, Kirsta, Donelda, Amanda, Bradley & Robyn; four great grandchildren: Alandra, Clayton, Nicholas & Rory. They renewed their vows with Father MacDow. Victor was pretty hushed as to where they were going to spend their second honeymoon. Congratulations to Victor & Evelyn and we all wish them a "few more".

Mariner's Society Poker Run



Photo by Julia Burke

The Mariner Society held their 2nd Annual Poker run on September 18th with many boats making their way to several locations in the communities surrounding River Bourgeois. Many of the boat owners offered to take anyone who wanted to participate in the poker run in their boats and plenty took advantage of their generosity. Winner of the Poker Run was Becca Coull of St. Peter's. Thanks to all the sponsors who donated prizes towards this fundraiser. The Board of Directors wish to express their gratitude to Peter & Sherry Baccardax and their merry helpers for their work. Peter also recovered Carl Grimes's boots and glasses from last year's run. A life jacket was also supplied in case of a repeat performance by Carl.

Angie & Trevor win the "Big One"



Angie (daughter of Doreen & Hughie Samson) and Trevor Arsenault of Halifax recently won \$1 million in the Lotto Max draw. They were twice lucky, with the birth of their first child Oliver Bonds, born July 24th at a healthy seven pounds eleven ounces. They are still on cloud nine and it all still seems surreal, says Angie. They plan on buying a home, starting a college fund for Oliver, taking a small vacation and investing the rest for their retirement. Congratulations to Angie & Trevor

Deaths

England: Wallace Joseph, 63, of Quebec passed away on August 16th. Our condolences to his wife Claire, son Wallace and sister Edna Casey.

MacPhail: Melvin Daniel, 70, of St. Peter's passed away on September 6th. Our condolences to his children and his siblings: Wayne, Winston, John, Sherman, Wendell, Sharon, Jean & Joan and families.

Robertson: Raymond, 84, passed away on Sept. 23rd. Our condolences to wife, Bridget and family.

Bits and Bites:

... RBCSS wishes to make special thanks to those involved in cleaning & re-painting of the lighthouse: Gerald LeBlanc, Peter Baccardax, Alcantra Landry & Kenneth LeBlanc. The painting was completed by Alcantra Landry and

Gloria & Kenneth LeBlanc. The 2 gallons of red paint were donated by John Landry of CIL Paints. Many thanks to all. It looks great!!

... The Tara Lynne Touesnard Annual Concert takes place Oct. 10th, at 7:00pm, at the TLC. The show is hosted by, Roger Stone, who is best known for his folk and traditional style of music. The line-up also includes Krista Touesnard, Allison Mombourquette, Mike MacInnis, Patrick Walsh-Bona, Haley Sampson, Myles Davidson and others. Tickets are \$10.00 (adult); \$5.00 (16 years and under); and, \$25.00(Family rate).

... **45 Card** game every Sun. 7:30pm, Seniors Bldg.
 ... **Merchandise Bingo:** October 17th 2pm, TLC. Proceeds to RB Seniors.

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... **Cribbage** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11-12 am. Walkabout on Tues, Thurs. & Sat. 9 am--Call Beatrix Howell, 535-2508.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Oct 20th at 1:30 pm.

... **Seniors meeting** Tues., Oct. 12th at 1:30 pm.

... **CAP Site meeting:** Wed., Oct. 13th, at 7 pm.

... **Knights of Columbus** meeting Oct. 13th 6:30pm.

... **CWL meeting** Thurs., Oct. 14th 7pm in vestry.

... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 2-4, 6-8 and Fri. 2-4. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm We are still in need of a few

volunteers or some that will act as spares. Call Sharon Digout @ 535-3516 if you can spare a couple of hours a week. There are a few Mike McPhee shirts available. We also have cenotaph shirts left over from last year for \$10. This summer we prepared CD's of the first 10 years of the River Round Up. They have a limited index and can be purchased for \$10 at the site or we will mail them for the extra cost of postage. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Used books also for sale on site.

... 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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