



# The River Round Up

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Patrick Fougere



Joseph Patrick was born on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1950, the eldest of three children to Edith Mae & Simon Fougere. Patrick was welcomed home by three half-sisters: Rita, Kathleen & Theresa. They were the daughters of his mother, Edith Mae & her first husband Charlie MacDonald of Hawker. Simon & Edith Mae were fifty-eight and thirty-four years old when they wed in 1948 and had three children in three years. Patrick was the first child in the newly built River Bourgeois School to “drop out” in grade primary after three weeks. He loved the outdoors, his horse and since it was potato picking time, he felt the need to help dad was more important than schooling. He re-entered the educational system the following year, promptly double graded and caught up with his peers. Following the completion of his schooling from St. Peter’s in 1968, Patrick went to Nova Scotia Institute of Technology in Halifax to study plumbing. Unable to get enough employment to complete his 2000 hours of apprenticeship, he went to work at Strait Motors in Port Hawkesbury where he remained for the next twenty years. In 1990 Patrick left to care for his ailing mother who was suffering from cancer. It was during these long days and nights that he

began to carve several different species of birds. After he mastered this craft, he went on to make many children’s toys for his young nephew Robbie (Derek & Nadia were too old for toys by then). He now makes them for great-nephew Liam and great-niece Sarah. One such toy is a bus with children in it and as it hits a bump the children’s heads appear (in photo). Also pictured is a model of a 1927 Chevy and a Kenworth truck, both made with exquisite detail.

After his mom’s death in 1993, Patrick went to work in construction for his cousin Leo Fougere. He continued to work with Leo until 2006, when he retired for the last time. Patrick’s talent does not stop at crafting - he is also a gifted carpenter. He built his sister’s home next door and a few years ago he actually shrunk his house. His parent’s home was rather large and, since he was alone, he decided to reduce the house by fifty percent. Because the roof was flat he was able to build an A-frame above the first level. All but the shingles were completed from within, so when he took down the exterior of the house he had this new house complete over night. Many neighbors drove by thinking they were seeing things as there was this house that was the same color and shape but had shrunk to half its size.

Patrick also built himself a cabin in the woods between his home and Richards Pond where he spends his winters. Without any modern conveniences - including electricity - he spends his days enjoying Mother Nature. He studies and feeds the many species of birds and wildlife during the day and the flying squirrels at night. He does not do any hunting as he would rather study them in their environment. He gets occasional visits from his brother and Basil Burke. Once or twice a week he returns to his house for food and a quick visit with his sister Ann Marie and brother, John (Donnie) before returning to his camp. He loves to read about animals while in the company of his little kitten that he found under his shed. He is proud to have lived in RB all of his life. Patrick, the people of River Bourgeois wish you many years of good health, peace & serenity.

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## RB Valentine's King & Queen



Bill & Tina Coleman were crowned king & queen at the River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club Valentine's Day Tea. Forty-five of the club's members showed up on a snowy afternoon for tea and a social. Most enjoyed a good game of cards while others enjoyed visiting with their friends and neighbors.

## Murder Mystery Dinner



Cast: Back Row: Jin-ho Hong (the blackjack dealer) Glen Sampson (Detective Rousseau), Shari Grimes (Captain Doobing), Rita Fougere (Tony Spiegel), Carrie Grimes (Ruby O'Tara), Meranda Fitzgerald (the waitress). Front Row: April Sampson (Colonel DuBois) and Julia Burke (Celeste Briand).

A Murder Mystery Dinner was held at the Tara Lynne Community Center on January 29<sup>th</sup> to a sold out audience. The murder mystery took place aboard the River Royale, a riverboat casino, on the Mississippi River. Following the murder and the interrogation of the staff and guests by Detective Rousseau, an intermission was held. Patrons were treated to a delicious dinner prepared by Rose Merrick, Debbie & Rebecca Landry. Thanks also to Theresa Sampson, Tanya Stone, Kenneth and Gloria LeBlanc and Susan Boudreau for their assistance. The second half of the show, Celeste Briand (the ship's entertainer) sang "Money, Money, Money". The cast was again interrogated before the murderer was finally disclosed. The audience was given an opportunity to guess the murderer. It was disclosed that Celeste (Julia) had committed the offence but she had a conspirator in Tony (Rita). Only one person in the audience (Donnie Pottie) actually picked both. It

was a great evening that was enjoyed by all. Thanks again, April and the cast, for a job well done!

## Gifts to St. John the Baptist Church



The gift of a new organ was donated in memory of Casilda (Boyd) Daly by her children Avis, Joann, Carol, Peter & Alexia. Henrietta Doary (above), along with the parish, is very pleased for such a generous donation. The organ is user friendly and the music can be pre-programmed by Henrietta for the rare occasion that she is unable to play. It is multifunctional i.e.: it can be a piano, organ, strings, etc. It also has a transposing function, which is of great use to Henrietta, as church music is written in a high key and most choirs sing in a low key and she normally would have to transpose the music herself. The parish of St. John the Baptist would like to thank the Daly children for such a generous donation.



Adam Sampson (John & Joyce) - the ever so faithful alter server - is holding the cross, donated in memory of Agnes & Octave Chaisson by granddaughter Marsha & husband Don Waugh of North Carolina. Marsha hopes to find a small home to purchase here in RB so she can spend some of the summer here. Agnes & Octave were former River Bourgeois residents who lived in the home where Emma & Gary Burke now reside. Both are buried here in St. John the Baptist Cemetery.



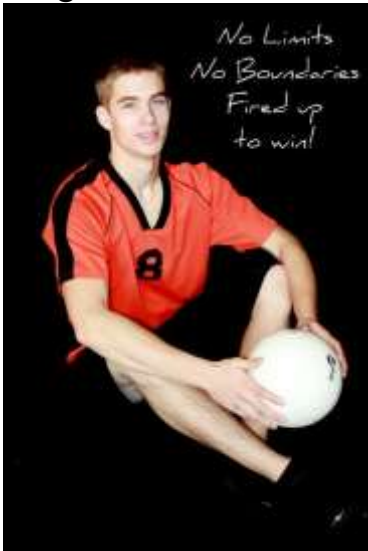
## Winter in River Bourgeois



Dale Burke is making mom & dad (Wanda & John) proud by clearing the driveway during one of the many recent snow storms. Dale, an avid outdoorsman, is thrilled to do such chores. Next time wear your mittens Dale. That is snow, not grass.

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## Congratulations DJ Stone



DJ Stone, son of Darren & Colleen Stone, volleyball all star with the Sackville Kingfisher won the Provincial Championship. DJ moved to Sackville to chase new opportunities in a new venue in his last year of high school. Darren also was successful in joining the Sackville Sonics, a community team who will be traveling to Abbotsford, BC for the Nationals in May. He was November's Athlete of the Month following going undefeated in regular play & winning the Metro Banner. The team finished first in the: PEI Regions, Volleyball Fest in NFLD, and Horton High Tournament. DJ is very grateful that dad, Darren, was instrumental in the start up of his career being his coach at Richmond Academy and wishes to thank his uncle Kenny & Tracey Stone for giving him a place to stay in Sackville so he could pursue his career. DJ's parents, brother Michael and

sister, Tiffany have been so supportive and travel everywhere to watch him play. Back home grandparents Ethel & George Stone and great grandma Mary Bona and all the relatives await results of DJ's games. Congratulations to DJ in being accepted to the University of New Brunswick on a scholarship! Way to go DJ, you made us all proud.

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## Dr. Amy Digout



Amy Erica, daughter of Art & Karin (Hamel) Digout and granddaughter of the late Arthur (Tatoo) & Margaret (Bourque) Digout and Willi & Hertha Hanel graduated from Acadia University with a Bachelor of History with Honours; McGill University with her Masters in Art History; and has received her PhD in History of Art from Cambridge, UK. Amy is looking forward to a career as a museum curator. Congratulations Amy!

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## Canada Games Quilt



This quilt was handquilted by our own talented lady, Madeline Cook, a former resident of River Bourgeois now living in Dartmouth. Sports Canada provided her

with the design of the twenty-four events and three months later the quilt was completed. The quilt is hanging in one of the venues where the Canada Games are being played in Halifax. Madeline previously made a quilt for the winter Olympics in Vancouver and it was auctioned off, with the proceeds going to Christmas Daddies Telethon.

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## Births

**Bourque/Horner:** Lauren Marie-Claire, 7lbs 11 oz, was born on February 7<sup>th</sup> to Paul & Leanne of Edmonton. A sister for Jack. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Rich & Carol Horner and Margaret Bourque.

**Haynes/Owens:** Jessica Margaret, 8lbs 8oz, was born on Valentine's Day to Mike & Tiffany of Greenhill, Pictou County. A sister for twins Katelyn & Leah. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Theresa & Paul Owens and Raymond & Margaret Haynes and great-grandpa Fabie Richard.

**Landry/Burke:** Ryland Blair Joseph, 7lbs 10 oz, was born February 21<sup>st</sup> to Ann & Blaine. A brother for Raya. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Mary & Bernard Burke and Carmelita & Blair Landry.

**Landry/Francis:** Catherine "Charlie", 6 lbs 2 oz., was born on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to Chad & Ariel of Halifax. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Basil & Vera Bourque, Ken Francis and Lisa LeBlanc, and great-grandmother Margaret Bourque.

**Martell/Sutherland:** Owen Thomas, 7lbs 7oz., was born on Valentine's Day to Ryan & Sarah of L'Ardoise. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Darlene & Darrell Martell and Bonnie & Fraser Sutherland, great-grandmoms Annie MacAskill and Charlotte LeBlanc

**Sharkey/Fougere:** Ceidan Vaughan, 6 lbs 15oz, born January 6<sup>th</sup> to Vaughan & Christine. A baby brother for Kyan. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Eddie & Joan Fougere and Elaine & Art Chouinard.

**Wright/Parks:** Keon Tyrone Jason, 8 lbs 2 oz, was born February 21<sup>st</sup> to Tyrone & Crystal of Dartmouth. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Gladys Parks and Darlene Wright, great-grandmom Charlotte LeBlanc.

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## Deaths

**Fougere:** John William (Fudgie), 68, passed away on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Lena, daughters Debbie and Dawn, brothers Carmen and Gary and their families

**Sampson:** Daniel, 82, passed away on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Alice, children Darlene, Mike, Paula & Darrell, brother in-law Eddie and sister in-law Josephine and their families.

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## Bits and Bites:

- **Merchandise Bingo:** Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, TLC. Proceeds to the River Bourgeois Community Services Society.
- **Merchandise Bingo** April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm TLC. Proceeds go to the Catholic Woman's League.
- **Fun Trivia & Pub Night** March 19<sup>th</sup> at Tara Lynne Community Center 7 pm. Get your team of four (\$20 per team), come and have some fun. Contact Rose 2141 or Sharon 2512 to register.
- **45 Card game** every Sun. 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- **Cribbage:** every Monday 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- **Exercise Program** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11am-12pm.
- **Seniors meeting:** Tues., March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm.
- **CAP Site meeting:** Wed., March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.
- **Knights of Columbus** mtg. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm.
- **CWL meeting** Thurs. March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm vestry.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm.
- **RBCSS ANNUAL meeting:** Wed., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at the Seniors Building. Anyone wishing a membership application may call Rose at 535-2141.
- **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 1-3, 6-8 and Fri. 1-3. The RB CAP Site web address is [http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup\\_archives.htm](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. 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](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com). Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638. 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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