

The County's history through its buildings

by Joan MacInnes

This one hundred and thirty-six year old house was constructed in 1874 and it is located in the communi-



Former MacRae House - Upper Middle River

ty of Upper Middle River on the Cabot Trail.

The property on which it is situated was granted to one Donald MacDonald in June of 1837. In 1861, the land was deeded to William MacRae. William married Donald MacDonald's daughter, Kate and this house was

built for the MacRae's.

It seems quite likely that Donald MacDonald was involved in the building of the house. This fact was evidenced in

the 1950's when it was in possession of the MacQuarrie family. In the course of some renovations and general repairs, carpenters came across a board which bore Mr. MacDonald's signature and the date of 2nd May, 1874.

Architecturally, the style of this

house is simple vernacular and in keeping with the type of architecture for that time period. It is one and a quarter storey of wood construction with a steeply pitched gable roof. The front façade is three bay and symmet-

rical. There has been a more recent single storey addition to the rear of the original dwelling.

This house is a Municipally Registered Heritage Property and is part of the built heritage inventory of the county.

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Bookmobile

Wednesday, October 20: Baddeck Academy (9:30-10:45 am), North River at Church (11:45 am-12:15 pm), Barrachois Bridge at the Church (1-1:30 pm).

Thursday, October 21: Indian Brook at Leather Works (10:30-11:15 am), Little River at the Wharf Road (11:30-noon), Gaelic Singers Hall (noon-12:30 pm), Wreck Cove General Store (1-2 pm).

Wednesday, October 27: Middle River at the churches, (9:45-10:15 am), Middle River School (10:30-11:45 am), Wagmatcook Preschool & Head Start (12:15-12:45 pm).

Thursday, October 28: Boularderie East at the Highway Garage (9:30-9:45 am), Boularderie School (10-11:30 am), Boularderie at Grant's Store (11:45-noon), Ross Ferry (1-1:30 pm), Kempt Head (2-2:30 pm).

Library Hours

Hours of operation for the Baddeck branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library, located at the Baddeck Fire Hall, are as follows:

Tuesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Wednesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Thursday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Hours of operation for the Victoria North Regional Library in North Ingonish are as follows:

Tuesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Wednesday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Thursday: Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm
Friday: 9 am - noon & 1 - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - noon, & 1 - 5 pm

The library personnel at all branches welcome your enquiries. Call Baddeck at 295-2055 and Ingonish at 285-2544.

FIDDLER'S CORNER by Paul S. Cranford.

If you have a tune you would like to share with other Cape Breton fiddlers or a musical event that could be promoted in this column contact The Victoria Standard or Cranford Publications (www.cranfordpub.com). Email psc@cranfordpub.com

Walking with Donnie

for Donnie Schaump

Pat Chafe, SOCAN

march

D G D Emin D/F# G A

D G D Emin A D

D D7 G D Emin Bmin G A

Bmin F#min G D Emin A D

Emin A Bmin F#min G D Emin A D

During the Celtic Colours Festival, like so many other Cape Breton musicians, Glace Bay pianist **Pat Chafe** was busy most every day and night. A prolific composer, many of her tunes are played by fiddlers both here and abroad. Last year, she published *Bits and Pieces* a book compiling her tunes alongside of the music of fellow pianists **Doug** and **Margaret MacPhee**. Still active as a composer the lovely march above is one of her most recent creations. This week, as an added bonus, our featured tune includes the chords as arranged by the composer. (unlike tunes made by fiddlers where the chords are generally arranged at a later date by their accompanists).

Over the summer months in Sydney, on cruise ship days, nearby Governors Restaurant provided three hours of live fiddle music for their patrons. The audiences have been a happy mix of ship passengers and local music buffs who come to listen the different fiddlers presented. During the winter the restaurant will continue with regular live traditional music on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

- Oct 23, Governor's Restaurant (every Saturday 3-6) - Carl Mackenzie (fiddle) and Pat Chafe (piano).
- Oct 25 (the last cruise ship landing this year), Governor's Restaurant (noon- 3) - Winnie Chafe (fiddle) and Pat Chafe (piano).

Victoria County's New Residential Curbside Organics Collection

Garbage Shipped to Guysborough

For the month of September, 2010, **278.96 Tonnes** of garbage were shipped bringing the total to **13,475.79 Tonnes**

Residents can now put organic material such as vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, poultry, dairy, bones and soiled paper in transparent green bags to be collected weekly along with recyclables and garbage. Special transparent green bags for compost are now available in grocery & hardware stores in Victoria County.

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