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RB Veterans (Corrections)

In last months issue we missed two RB veterans, so along with our apologies, here are the corrections and additions:

Bourque, Joseph B: Son of Ida and Hilaire of Church Point served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1941-45 as a Petty Officer. He then enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery as a Major. He graduated from Dalhousie University in Dentistry in 1951 and served in Korea. He practiced dentistry with the Halifax School Board until his retirement. He and his wife now live in New Glasgow.

Mowat, Farley: Unfortunately Farley has returned to Port Hope for the winter so we don't have his information available to us. We do however know that he served overseas during the war and had a distinguished career. He and his wife Claire spend summers at their home in Grand Gully.

Corrections: Hector Landry's parents were Bertha and Jeffrey Landry and Albert Sampson's parents were Mary and James Sampson. We appreciate being notified of these changes and if there are any further ones, please let us know.

Monica Stone

Monica Mary Stone was born Dec. 13th, 1932, the tenth of eleven children, to Vina and Charlie Richard of the South Side. Monica's favorite toys growing up were combs and scissors and she did not hesitate to use them on any willing victim. Helen Burke (better known as Sister Helen) was the recipient of a penny for each of her many bad haircuts. A penny did buy several jawbreakers. As practice became a little more perfect Monica was then hired by Joe Mancini to cut his wife's hair. Monica now realized she needed professional help and departed for Montreal to live with her godparents, Charlie and Gaby Landry, while she took her training in hairdressing. Monica then

moved to Halifax where she worked at Cook's Hair Salon.

In 1951 Monica's sister Geraldine convinced her that there was a handsome young gentleman named Joe Stone roaming the streets of St. Peter's, so Monica and cousin Margaret and her husband Gerald Smith went cruising. There was only one problem no one knew what he looked like, so the search was aborted. Geraldine being a very persistent individual now sent Joe to her mother's to pick up a pair of her shoes, and lo and behold there was Monica. It was love at first sight and in August of 1952 they wed. Monica and Joe moved to Toronto where they spent the next ten years. Sons Jimmy and Joey were born there and in the spring of 1962 they all returned to their roots in Cape Breton. Joe and brother Davy opened a car repair shop, Stone Bros., in Port Hawkesbury. Three years later Monica opened "Monica's Beauty Salon" and for the next twenty-one years she washed, curled, waved and dyed thousands of heads. A wave cost five dollars and a wash, cut and set was two dollars and fifty cents. These prices were only if you could afford it and many received a discount. Relatives of any deceased person were done free of charge prior to a funeral.



Monica mixing her potion.

In 1986, due to health reasons, Monica shut her salon doors for the last time. She spent her next few years taking care of her ailing parents until their journey came to an end. With lots of time on her

hands now, Monica joined the CWL, Legion, Senior's Council, Strait Region Hospital Advisory Board and Palliative Care. She is now serving as President of the Palliative Care Society and spends many days and nights with the dying. Monica remains on the Senior's Council and travels to conferences around the province and the rest of Canada to keep updated on the resolutions brought in by the government regarding the rights of seniors. She then relays this information to the different seniors groups in the county, including our own 50+ Club. This information is of great value and RB thanks Monica for obtaining it on our behalf. We can never underestimate the value of volunteers.

Monica and Joe have a pair of Homing Pigeons named Tweedy and Rusty who recently become parents to a set of twins yet to be named. This year Joe and Monica celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their sons and two grandchildren Daniel and Ellen. We all wish you many more years of luck, love and laughter. *Sharon Chilvers*

Bucky's Garage



Brent and Bucky minding the shop.

Lawrence (Bucky) Sampson was born January 19th, 1940 the eldest child of Rita and Lawrence Sampson of the Church Point. As a young lad Bucky's love of hockey in the winter and baseball in the summer were second only to his fascination with cars and trucks. Bucky's first real job was in Sydney at Steel City Sales, however Bucky had a deep desire to see the west so he moved to British Columbia. Following a short stint there he returned to Nova Scotia to work in Halifax but his greatest desire was to operate his own business.

In Oct. 1964 Bucky purchased a garage/store from Walter Fougere thus beginning his career in paint, oil and grease. On his first day his total sales were thirty dollars and Bucky thought he had made a huge mistake, however as it turns out it was the worst day in 38 years. In the early sixties Bucky fell in love with a lovely lady named Ann LeBrun, a nurse from Arichat. There are two different versions as to who

pursued whom, however the bottom line is that they married in 1965. Bucky and Ann soon had five children, Claire living in Kingsville, Nicole in Craigmore, Brent and Ross on the Church Point and Colette who recently returned home from B.C. Five year-old granddaughter, Breah, is the apple of grandpa's eye.

Christmas of 1965 brought dismay to the Sampson family as the garage caught fire. Following reconstruction, business boomed and Bucky hired several locals to work for him. Mechanics and auto body repairs are the main functions of the business along with the gas pumps. Wife Ann takes care of the books and is often seen at the pumps no matter what the weather conditions are. The garage is quite often a hangout for the local boys catching up on the news. In June 1996 disaster struck again, as once more the business burnt to the ground. (Consideration was made to move the Fire Department to R.B). Again reconstruction took place and business went on as before. Son Brent's love of cars led him to follow in his father's footsteps and now he works with dad. Bucky & Ann have been very supportive of many causes in RB and we all wish them continued success in their business. *Sharon Chilvers*

Obeline's Birthday Party



"Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future." - Gail Lumet Buckley

Congratulations to Obeline Burke (*Grandma Kaboo*) who celebrated her 80th Birthday this month. Obeline's friends and family were welcomed to an afternoon tea/open house on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002 at the home of her granddaughter, Maxine Kendall, which was followed by a family potluck supper at the St. Peter's Fire Hall.

The celebration was attended by Obeline's brother Buddy and his wife Lucille, seven of her eleven children along with their spouses, sixteen of her almost 30 grandchildren and their spouses as well as twenty-nine of her over 30 great-grandchildren, for a total of 74 guests.

Several of the great-grandchildren presented Obeline with flowers. Family stories and memories were shared. One of the evening's highlights was a photo taken of Obeline and 29 of her great grandchildren. *Lisa McGrath*

Birthday Wishes



Lordy, lordy, looks who's 40! For birthday wishes Mommy wants you all to call 535-2840 on Dec 13th.

Youth Report

The Richmond Academy boy's hockey team is on a winning streak. Our very own Barry Boudreau got 3 goals and 2 assists in the November 21 game against Antigonish East.

The Richmond Academy Power Cheer team was very happy to get Mandy Cheetem, the President of Flygirl in Ontario to come and help coach them for two days. The practices were hard driven and time consuming but everyone agreed it was well worth it.

"Stones and Reflections: A Personal Touch" is the new Junior Achievers company. Congratulations to the V.P. of Production-TJ Burke, V.P. Human Resources-Michelle Sampson, Co-V.P. I.T.-Matt Brewer on their executive positions. Stones and Reflections will be producing stepping-stones & picture frames. Joel Burke, another "employee" of Stones and Reflections was also busy on the weekend of Nov. 16 when he made his challenge. I would like to report more on the challenge but it's so top secret that I just couldn't get any information out of anyone that ever went!

The 842 Air Cadet Squadron had their annual Meals on Wheels on Nov. 10. It was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who supported them.

The River Bourgeois 4-H Club has started up once again under the able leadership of Debbie Landry. The groups have a head start as they have already begun working on their projects. This is the 21st consecutive year of 4-H in River Bourgeois. Keep it up!

A reminder to all the young and young at heart that Christmas is just around the corner, so get those letters to Santa as soon as possible! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! *Michelle Sampson*

Births

LeBlanc: Lauryn Paige LeBlanc, was born Oct 3rd in Oromocto, NB, the daughter of Nicole (Burke) & Scott LeBlanc and sister for Erin. Congratulations to all, especially grandmother Annie Burke.

Burke: Kendra Marie Burke was born Sept. 30th. She is the daughter of Shanna (Pottie) and Russ Burke, Sampsonville. Proud grandparents are Leonard & Cynthia Pottie and great grandmother Jean Pottie.

Deaths

Burke: Alpine, 96, son of Charlotte (Boucher) and Isaac Burke passed away in Beverly Hills, Florida on Nov. 16th. Alpine is survived by several nieces and nephews in River Bourgeois. He was predeceased by his wife Mary, 5 sisters and 5 brothers.

Gagnon: Anne Lorraine, 75, daughter of the late Alexander and Elizabeth Gagnon of L'Ardoise died Nov. 29th. Our sympathy to her two sons, Rene and Gerard who reside in River Bourgeois.

MacNeil: Donald Thomas, 90, of Irish Vale passed away on Nov. 21st. Our condolences to his family, especially daughter Wanda (Conrad) Burke and her family.

Pottie: Ester Margaret, 81, died in Halifax on Nov. 1st. She was a daughter of the late Dennis Patrick and Margaret Ann (Stone) Morrison of Seaview. Our sympathy to all the family especially to her son Donnie (Therese) and family.

RBCSS

River Bourgeois Community Services Society invites all community volunteers to attend an Appreciation Evening on Dec. 18th from 7-9 p.m. Finger food and refreshments will be served.

Festival 2002 and 2003 News: Our community has been holding an annual festival on the Labour Day weekend for the past 24 years. 2003 will mark the festival's silver anniversary—25 years of fun, frolic and friends. We want everyone to come home—*River Bourgeois, the place to be in 2003.*

Plans and preparations are well underway for this festival. Eddie Pottie and Joe MacPhee are the Co-Chairs of the 25th Festival and promise a week of "some of the old and some of the new" so stay tuned and the River Roundup will keep you informed. Early in 2003 a tentative schedule will be posted on

RBCSS website at <http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/rbcap/riverbourgeois/hall>. As events are planned and scheduled, the website will be updated. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the festival, contact Joe at jymacphee@ns.sympatico.ca. Many volunteers will be required to make it a successful event, so please let us know if you would like to help out.



2002 Winners of Lob Ball Tournament. Back Row L-R: Joey Mancini, Davey Stone, RJ Landry, Dave Stone, Rodney Bona, & Michael Landry. Front Row L-R: Kelly Burke, Kenny Stone, Shaun Stone, Darren Stone, & Lorne Carter

The addition of a spacious outdoor deck and expansion and improvements to the recreation facilities were made possible by your attendance at community events. Thank you to festival chairs Dawn Pottie and Paul Zinck, festival committee heads and workers, the CAP site volunteers and personnel, business and community members for your generous donations and support and thank you to all who attended. See you in September 2003. *Glenda Sampson.*

CAP Site News: Need to do some last minute shopping! You can pick up T-shirts with a picture of Boyd's Store on them in adult or child sizes. There are also nice note cards with a RB scene; Heritage Walk booklets for both the Church Point and Lower end of RB; aprons or how about a subscription to the Round Up. We can also supply you with all the back issues of the Round Up. Visit us Mon. to Thurs. from 2-4 or 6-9 pm and Fridays from 2-4. Our web page can be viewed at <http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/rbcap/> Our phone number is 535-3251. The CAP Site will be closed from Sat., Dec. 21 until Sun., Jan 5th. If anyone should wish to use the CAP site over the holidays they can do so by booking an appointment through either Sherry (3182) or Sharon (3516).

At the Nov. meeting of the CAP site, the board members moved to increase mail out subscriptions as follows: Canadian \$18.50 and USA \$20.00 effective

Jan. 1st, 2003. (This is still only one dollar an issue plus stamp). Local cost remains at \$12.annually.

Bits & Bites:

- Congratulations to Janice (Irvin) Touesnard who was honored recently in Port Hawkesbury at the Entrepreneur's Banquet. Janice is the owner and operator of Lynn's Flower & Gift Shop in St. Peter's. The store has lots of Christmas goodies. Drop in!
- Anyone interested in taking a computer course please call Pamela Sampson at 535--2555
- Parent and tots meet at TLC on Mon. from 10-12 a.m. There will be no classes from Dec. 16th--Jan. 5th. Remember no peanut butter snacks because of allergies.
- Story time will be held on Weds at 1:15. It will not be open from Dec. 18th--Jan. 8th. Call Wanda Burke at 535-2601 for information on both above programs.
- Senior's Bingo on Dec. 11th at 1:30.
- Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sun. Dec 15th from 2-4pm. Pizza served. Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming (up to age 12).
- Children's Christmas Concert on Sunday Dec. 22nd at 2 p.m. Come and enjoy Christmas entertainment by our local children. Silver collection with proceeds going to local Christmas boxes.
- New Years Dinner-Dance to be held at TLC. A Hot Roast Beef dinner including wine and dessert will be served from 7-9 pm and it will be followed by a dance from 9-1. \$15 per person. Call for tickets Rose Merrick (2141), Debbie Landry (2573) or Sharon Stone (2329). Come and ring in the New Year.
- Annual Christmas Bird Count on Dec 27th. Call Billy (2513) or George (3516) if you would like to take part.
- Happy Birthday to Valerie Boyd who celebrated on the 6th; Annie Mae Burke on the 11th; Stan Digout on the 13th; Rita Landry on the 14th, Jane Landry on the 15th and Obeline Burke was 80 on the 24th.
- The Round Up is available at Howard's Grocery, First Richmond Credit Union or RB Post Office. Subscriptions are available for \$12.00 locally, \$15.00 within Canada (\$18.50 in 2003) and \$16.50 (\$20 in 2003) internationally per year.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all "The River Round Up" gang!

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