



# The River Round Up

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## Da-vid



David Lawrence Burke was born July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1944, the third of eight children to Angela (Robertson) and Charles Burke of RB. Originally diagnosed and treated for rickets as a baby it was soon apparent that David would face a lot of challenges in life. Born with that ever-present smile he amazed everyone by learning to be quite mobile. He was soon making his way to visit Grandpa Burke where he learned to make kindling and help carry in the firewood. Da-vid's (as he is affectionately called) favorite time as a child was going for a ride in Davy Burke's truck. At age sixteen, Da-vid wandered onto the road and was hit by a car, both legs were crushed from the knees down and doctors told his mom that he would never walk again. He pushed himself around by holding onto a chair for several months. One day he had had enough and let the chair go and walked straighter than ever before. He also learned to run for the first time in his life and from that day on ran everywhere he went.

Following the accident, Da-vid became obsessed with cars and soon could identify any model. His biggest hero is his brother-in-law Hughie who opened an auto repair shop in the same field. Da-vid now spends most of his days keeping the staff in line and supervising when Hughie is out on business. He

especially likes l'autre (other) *Joe á Jimmy* better known to us as John Sampson (son of *Joe á Jimmy*) as he taught him to speak English.

Da-vid lives with mom and enjoys visits from his brothers and sisters. He is a true gentleman and never fails to kiss the ladies on the cheek when they depart. Da-vid, may you never lose that smile and we the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

## The Children's Christmas Mass



Back row: Donna Marie, Bethany, Taylor, Melanie, Kerstin, Jillian. Front Row: Julianna, Dylan, Austin, Colton, Grant, Brandon, Adam, Blake. Photo by Tanya Burke.

St John the Baptist Church was filled to capacity when Father Currie celebrated Mass with the children on Christmas Eve. Altar Boys were Nelson Dewolfe and Zachary Burke while Joel Burke and Sally Burke did the readings. The children under the direction of Linda Burke and Rose Merrick performed the Nativity scene. Julianna Smith played Mary (she claimed she had the most important part as Baby Jesus was just a doll) and Dylan Abbott played the part of Joseph. The Shepherds were Grant Sampson, Colton Burke and Austin Morrison while Blake Morrison, Adam Sampson and Brandon LaFantasie were Kings. Donna Marie DeWolfe, Bethany King, Jillian Burke, Kerstin Landry, Taylor Allan and

Melanie Poaps were the angels and Nelson DeWolfe narrated the scenes.

Tasha Lynn Burke and Shauna Digout directed the choir and the beautiful voices belonged to Sandi Burke, Tiffany Stone, Kelsey Sampson, Julia Burke, Meghan Merrick, Emma Landry, Brendan LaFantaisie, Julianna Smith, Jillian Burke, Haley Sampson and Donna Marie DeWolfe. Prior to the mass the congregation was treated to some delightful melodies by Kelsey Sampson, Tiffany Stone, Katie Touesnard, Joseph Doary and Tasha Lynn Burke. Thanks to Linda Burke for the information.

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## Edward-Our Farmer



*Edward with a few of his cattle.*

Edward Alexander was born on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1945 to Allan and Annie (Burke) Touesnard of Church Point. He grew up on his parent's farm where there were plenty of chickens, pigs, beef and milking cows. Following his schooling, Edward took a year off and worked on the lake boats but after being cold once too often he headed straight to Fredericton, New Brunswick where he attended the Forest Ranger School. After graduation in 1967 he was employed by Lands and Forest in Truro. Four years later, Edward was transferred to the St. Peters detachment where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1974 Edward married the love of his life, the beautiful Florence Cash from Irish Cove. They settled in the old homestead on Church Point and had five children in the next seven years Amy now a teacher in Ottawa, Annette working on a farm in Truro, Andrew a recent graduate from Forest Ranger School and Alaine & Margaret at home. One granddaughter, Evany is the apple of their eye.

In the meantime, Edward trained his dog *Dan* for Search and Rescue and traveled around the Maritime's in this capacity. Sometimes he was airlifted to wooded areas for several days and weeks in search of missing hunters, hikers etc. Florence would indicate on a map, the whereabouts of their Dad to the children and consequently they became very proficient in geography.

Edward's dad, Allan, was still maintaining a small farm when Edward and Florence returned to RB to live and they opted to continue farming following his death in 1975. They kept pigs, chickens, turkeys and beef. They purchased a large parcel of land in Seaview and, following the land clearing, built a large barn. Florence, with the kids in tow, did her share in building this structure. It now houses forty head of cattle along with seven calves including a set of twins. Eighteen more are due to give birth in the next weeks. One of the calves was born in minus twenty-one degree temperatures. She shivered for a few minutes but quickly adjusted to the cold.

Edward is semi retired (he works 60 instead of 90 hours) and along with farming he still does contract work in silviculture. Edward also just completed a six-year stint as President of Richmond County 4H Council and was a 4H leader in RB for many years. Edward and Florence we all wish you many more years of happiness and hope you have many more babies-oops calves in the future. Sharon Chilvers

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## Winter in River Bourgeois



*Why go down south? This picture was taken of Henrietta Doary, Helen Slade and ? to Boyd's Wharf on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Temperature was +6 degrees. (We won't mention that with the wind chill today it is -35).*

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## Graduations

**Fougere:** Rita graduated from St.FX University with a BA Degree in Sociology on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Rita has been employed as a supervisor with Home Support Service in St. Peters since 1989. Congratulations from husband Gordie, son Drew and mom Elnora Sampson. Congratulations also to Drew who graduated from Strait Area Campus in June with a certificate in Heavy Equipment.

**Touesnard:** Andrew Edward graduated from the Maritime Forest Ranger School in Fredericton as a Forestry Technician. Andrew plans on starting his own business in the local area. Congratulations from

Mom, Florence; Dad, Edward; and sisters, Amy, Annette, Elaine & Margaret.



## Births

**Landry:** Sihdney Isobel Marie, 8lbs 9oz, was born Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> to Ronald & Erin of Rolston, Alberta. A sister for Jacob, Behnjamin and Asher. Congratulations to grandparents, Vera & Basil Bourque of RB and Len & Elsie Corley of BC as well as great grandmoms Rita Landry and Margaret Bourque.

## Adoptions

**Cunningham:** Erin Can Li born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 in Shangao Social Welfare Institute in the Province of Jiangxi in China. Erin is the new daughter of Valerie & Tim Cunningham and a sister for Brenna. Proud grandparents are Robert & Theresa Kyte of RB and Meredith Vickery of Yarmouth. She is also a great granddaughter for George Cunningham of Halifax.

## Deaths

**Burke:** Sister Lola F.J. "Sister Xavier Maria", age 90, passed away Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> in Provincial House of Les Filles de Jesus in Moncton. Sister Lola was in her 64<sup>th</sup> year of her religious profession. She was the daughter of John P. & Alvina (Beranger) Burke. Our condolences to her many nieces and nephews.

**Nahe:** Jeanette, 41 years, passed away on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in Marseille, France. Jeanette is the daughter of Paul & Odile Nahe (former residents of RB). Our condolences to her uncle Guy Heudes and his family.

**Morris:** Albert Freeman, age 68, passed away on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> in Halifax. Our condolences to his wife the former Patricia Sampson, their children and grandchildren, mother in-law Rita Sampson and brother in law Bucky Sampson.

**Pett:** Sylvia Gertrude passed away at the Strait Richmond Hospital on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences go out to her daughter, Donna Mackie, of RB and her family.

**Richard:** Margaret, age 87 died Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. She was the daughter of the late Victor & Emma (Landry)

Digout. Our condolences to her daughters Elaine, Louise, Maxine of St. Peters, Veronica and Claire of Halifax. Our sympathy also to sister Germaine and brothers Charlie, George, Stan, Vincent, Ferdinand and Marshall and all her extended family.

## History

**Excerpts from the River Round Up March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1957:** "Steve Landry who is in "Radar" with the Air Force in Beaverbank spent two weeks with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Landry of South R.B. During the time Peter was at home a hockey game was organized with Cheticamp. Our school bus and driver Davy Touesnard took some 40 hockey players and fans. They left R.B. about 1.30 and arrived at Cheticamp about 5 where they had supper. Mimi who is down at the garage has left me an account of the game, but all I see on it are the R.B. players, the R.B. guys who got the goals, and no sign of the Cheticamp crowd at all. Apparently she wasn't too interested with what the Cheticamp players did. As Eddie says "It figgers".

Anyway here is the one sided account. River Bourgeois Goal-Peter Pottie, Defence-Georgie Boyd, George Digout, Stanley MacPhee, Rennie Fougere, Lawrence Pottie. Forwards-Pat Burke, Russ Fougere, John McNeil, Hervey Boyd, Steve Landry, Peter Burke, Gilbert Burke, Bucky Samson, Maynard Boyd, Stan Digout, Gerald Robertson, Eddie Fougere, Dickie Burke. Goals for R.B. Pat Burke 4, Russ Fougere 3, Hervey Boyd 2, Bucky Samson 1, Stan Digout 1, Steve Landry 1, Peter Burke 1. Now that is Mimi's account, but I know that Cheticamp players got 6 goals as the game ended 13-6. They left Cheticamp about midnight arriving home in the wee hours of the morning. Everyone reported a grand time and Davy the finest of drivers for a trip..."

"Miss Shirley Thibeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Thibeau, who spent the winter with her parents here, has returned to Halifax, where she will be employed at Sunnyside. Miss Leona MacDonald, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Alexander MacDonald of Hawker, who was attending Normal College at Truro, is at present teaching school in Arichat. This is in connection with her Normal training..."

Leo Boucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Boucher, who spent the winter at his home here, returned by plane to Montreal. He will be employed as Chief cook on a Lake boat. Josime Burke, who spent the winter months with his family at Cannes has returned to Yarmouth, where he is employed on a Towboat. Josime, was thinking for a while of joining the Nova Scotia Power Commission, but decided to return to the towboat. Mr. And Mrs. Raymond Burke of Grand Narrows were the guest of relatives and friends over the weekend. They were accompanied by their three small

children. Raymond, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Burke of South R.B., is employed on a Ferryboat. His wife is Mildred, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Leonie Pottie.”

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## Corrections

Last Month we printed an article on **Charlie Robertson's** successful completion of his Chartered Accountant exam. The editors wish to apologize to his mom, Norma Robertson, of St. Peters for inadvertently omitting her name.

In the June, 2003 issue, Our congratulations to Gerard and Juanita McPhee on the birth of their baby should have read "**Dante Antonio Terrance McPhee**" who was born on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, grandparents Monica & Stanley McPhee of RB and Lillian & the late John Strangis of Sydney.

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## Bits and Bites:

- **Seniors** 50+ meeting 1:30 on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **CWL** annual meeting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.
- **Forty-five card** game every Sunday at Senior's 7pm. Game on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> will be sponsored by the Richmond County (R.C.) Winter Festival.
- **Cribbage** game every Monday at 7pm. The game on February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be sponsored by R. C. Winter Festival.
- **RB Bridge** Club Feb.8<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm at Seniors 50+ sponsored by the R. C. Winter Festival.
- **Seniors mini bingo** 1:30pm Wed., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **RBCSS** meeting 7pm Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Merchandize Bingo** will be held on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at TLC sponsored by RBCSS.
- Next **CAP site meeting** Wed., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.
- Pancake supper sponsored by Parish Council will be held Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-4-6pm at TLC
- **A final Christmas 2003 note.** The spirit of giving was very much alive in River Bourgeois once again. Sixteen families had Christmas food boxes delivered to them which included gifts for the children. Thanks to Sharon C. and the other local Santas who prepared and delivered them. Thank you to the RBCSS, CWL, RB 4H, St. Peters Lion's Club & private donors for providing the money. Local residents also donated 49 shoeboxes of goodies, which were shipped to South America. We thank Maureen Cosman Burke and her CWL helpers for coordinating that project.
- **Congratulations** to Peter Clow on his recent promotion to Bank Manager of Baddeck Branch and sub-branch of Whycomagh. Peter Maureen, Zachary and Katelyn relocated to Baddeck.
- **Anniversaries:** Congratulations to George & Catherine Boudreau on 57 years on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Birthdays greetings** to Germaine Carter, Margaret Bouchard, Bernard Sampson, Kay Boyd, Estelle Campbell, Viola Touesnard, Georgie Boudreau, Emily Boucher, Victor Burke, Peter LeBlanc, Susan Walker, Rennie Fougere and Gilbert Burke Congratulations to Kenneth LeBlanc on reaching the big "50" and, to Katie Rogers who turned 99 on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. Katie is our CWL's oldest member.
- **Application forms** for **Fougere** family **reunion** are available at the CAP Site.
- **Opening of Church:** Harold, Georgie and Lawson Landry have agreed to open the church for events other than Sunday Liturgies. Gerald & Leona Campbell will notify them for funerals but for all other events e.g. Baptisms, Wedding rehearsal .you must contact them at 535-2939.
- Anyone who has **old pictures** they would like to share, Ann Louise Touesnard would love to make copies. She can also restore old photos and put them on disks. Please call her at 3089.
- **Mugs & note cards** celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our lighthouse are available at the CAP site as are various sizes from our last order of **festival shirts**. {A big thank you to **Patsy Bourque** for taking the beautiful lighthouse picture, which is featured on the note cards.} We have a good selection of **used books**. The **CAP Site hours** are Mon. to Thurs. 2-4 & 6-9 pm and Friday 2-4 pm. Our phone No. is 535-3251 The CAP site will be closed on weekends except by appointment, which can be made by calling Sherry (3182) or Sharon (3516).
- **Do you have any dishes** at the Tara Lynne Center? You can pick them up while the CAP Site is open. Check the hours above.
- A reminder that anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Bob Park at 535-3274. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Leona & Gerald Campbell at 535-2927.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$12.00 locally, \$18.50 within Canada and \$20.00 internationally per year.

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