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Vince DeWolfe



Vince sporting his first Air Force uniform

Vincent Henry was born November 21st 1922, in Eastern Passage, the second of seven children, to Arthur & Margaret (Martell of Rockdale) DeWolfe. At age five, Vince and his family moved to Dartmouth where his father worked at Imperial Oil. He attended school in Dartmouth until the ninth grade (he received a zero in geometry and decided that was enough schooling). He then went to work at CN repairing rails. A year later he joined his dad at Imperial Oil.

In October 1942, when the war was at its peak in Europe, Vince joined the RCAF. Following extensive training in Edmundston, NB, Lachine, Que. and St. Thomas, ON, he was stationed to 161 Squadron in Shearwater. He worked as a crewmember and 2nd engineer on amphibian (otherwise known as a flying boat) aircraft patrolling the Atlantic and St. Lawrence River in search of German submarines.

Vince recalls the many times that his life was spared; especially the time when they were patrolling a harbour and their aircraft hit a submerged rock. Water was coming in faster than they could remove it and all were ordered to abandon the aircraft. After several failed attempts at take-off they only succeeded at the last second, they were so low that he

could reach out and touch the trees. Another time in Gaspé the aircraft hit a tree on take-off and the plane was shaking so badly everyone saw their life pass before their eyes. The plane was loaded with enough fuel to wipe out the town of Gaspé. The pilot however kept the plane in the air. Upon landing they discovered a tree limb an inch and a half in diameter lodged in the wing.

Vince also spent quite some time in Iceland but does not have many fond memories. Meals consisted of two choices; mutton or flatfish and neither was his favourite. Being in enemy territory they were not permitted to wander off into town but the craving for bacon and eggs got the better of him. Two eggs and bacon cost him \$1.70 and his daily pay for twelve hours was \$1.65 but it was worth the risk.

In January of 1945, while on embarkation leave, Vince went skating on Lake Banook in Dartmouth and met a beautiful lady named Marie, the daughter of Isaac & Lottie Burke of RB. They dated for a week before Vince returned overseas but exchanged letters for the next few months. He returned at the end of June and married his sweetheart on Aug. 4th at St. John the Baptist Church. They later had four children; Gail and Wayne in River Tillard and Richard and Carol in Dartmouth, seven grandchildren and one great grandson, Jeremy.

After the war ended, Vince returned to work at Imperial Oil until 1969 but was forced to retire at age forty-seven as a result of an injury. In 1971, he & Marie purchased a trailer in River Tillard and Florida. Over the next twenty years they spent six months of the year in each place. Sadly in 1990, Marie passed away at age sixty-three after they had forty-four years together.

Vince sold his place in Florida in 1990 and made River Tillard his home. In 1995 at a card game in the Tara Lynne Centre he met the lovely Lucille Landry. He had a second chance at love and married Lucille on August 3rd, 1996 at St. John the Baptist Church. They moved to the other end of RB and for the next eight years, they danced every chance they had, and

enjoyed music and gardening. Unfortunately in December of 2004 Lucille passed away.

Last month he moved back to River Tillard to live with his daughter Gail who recently lost her husband. He has been giving her gardening tips and is helping his son, Wayne, refurbish and hand cane some antique furniture. He plays golf regularly at Dundee, plays cards several nights a week, loves to dance & listen to music as well as spend time with his family. Vince, all the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness.

Sharon Chilvers

We apologise to Vince for having omitted his name from the veterans list in the past River Round Ups.

RC Senior's Expo a Huge Hit



Lining up for a game of horseshoes. Photo by Raymond Doary

On June 4th & 5th RB Seniors 50+ Club hosted the first annual Richmond County Seniors Expo and it was a big success. Seniors from twenty-two communities and as far away as Vancouver Island enjoyed two days of fun filled events. They enjoyed the company of old acquaintances, made many new ones and forgot about all the trials & tribulations of aging. Many seniors displayed their crafts and Constable Boucher of the RCMP was available to answer any concerns on safety. Under sunny skies many enjoyed a good old-fashioned softball game although it is still undetermined as to who were the actual winners as Joe Boucher, the umpire was not consistent in calling balls and strikes but all had fun and plenty of laughs. Others enjoyed a friendly game of horseshoes and bocce ball. The fitness group took a four-kilometre hike around scenic RB Church Point and Mass was celebrated with a large crowd by Father Reg. Currie.

Card games were definitely the main attraction indoors with people playing cribbage, forty-five's, bridge, tarbush and auction-forty-five. One game of auction played by Charlotte LeBlanc, Eva Gardner, Annie Sampson & Alma Burke lasted two and a half hours. We think they were over bidding. Others took part in bingo, darts etc.



We don't know who won this game but Charlotte, Fabie & Theresa do look intense. Photo by Raymond Doary.

Winners of the various games were: 45's-Gregory Sampson, RB & Dolina Sutherland, St. Peters; Cribbage-Elaine Burke, St. Peters & Charlotte LeBlanc, RB; Horseshoes-Melvin & Judy Carter, RB; Bridge-Margaret MacNeil, Barra Head & Donna White, Irish Cove; Bocce Ball-Annie Sampson, L'Ardoise; and in Darts-Melvin Carter, RB & Viola Sampson, Little Anse.

Saturday evening, brave souls square danced to the music of Al Martin and friends. On Sunday, Wayne Boudreau (who would give Billy Crystal some competition) hosted a fabulous concert under the direction of Ed Pottie. The talented musicians were Island Driftwood Band, Russell Webb, Adam Cooke, Allen Savery, Bernie Fougere, Richard Boudreau, Gordie Landry, The Burke Sisters, Melissa, Ricky and Ciffée Carter, Shane Savery, Hank & Marie Boucher, Christa MacKinnon, Betty Parks, step-dancers Ava Sturm & Leah Boudreau. Robert Woodley from Wales (who is sailing around Cape Breton) entertained us with his accordion and backpacker guitar.

The seniors enjoyed delicious food during the weekend: lunches were prepared by the Youth Development Committee; dinners by Emily & Peter LeBlanc while Debbie Landry supplied the sweets for snacks. It was a weekend of peace & tranquility and by all the smiles on our senior's faces as the weekend ended it was very obvious that we had succeeded in our attempts to make this "their weekend". *Sharon Chilvers & Anne Sampson*

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2005 Graduates

Congratulations to:

Lisa LeBlanc (Gerald & Janet) graduated from Saint Mary's University on May 20, 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, major in Psychology and minor in

History. Lisa has been accepted to Dalhousie University where she plans to continue her studies in the Social Work Program. We're all so very proud of you Lisa! Love & best wishes from Mom, Dad, Daphne, Aunt Gloria, Uncle Kenneth, Sheri, Stephanie, Scott & Granny LeBlanc.



Lisa LeBlanc & Amy Doary



April Sampson & Leanne Burke



Victoria Morrison & Dana MacPhail

Amy Doary (Arthur & Henrietta) completed her post graduate certificate in Public Relations from Humber College in Toronto. She is currently employed by Holmes Creative Communications, a mid size Public Relations firm in Toronto.

April Sampson (Glen & Annette) graduated with Honours in the Advanced Diploma Program in Digital Imaging from NSCC Halifax Campus. Now that she has completed her studies, April will be entering the workforce and hopes to stay in Nova Scotia.

Leanne Burke (Connie & Wanda) graduated June 9th from the University of Calgary with a degree in Social Work. She completed her final term in Australia working with homeless youth. Leanne is currently employed in Calgary.

Vicky Morrison (George and Emily) graduated with Honours in the Bachelor of Arts program from Dalhousie University. Vicky will be attending Mount Saint Vincent in September for the Bachelor of Education program.

Dana MacPhail (Wayne & Nancy) graduated May 9th with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Journalism with minors in Political Science, English, Sociology, & History from St. Thomas University in Fredericton. As part of the degree she also has a Diploma from NB Community College's Journalism Program (She spent a year in Woodstock for more hands on experience in Journalism)



Tasha Lynn Burke

Tasha Lynn Burke graduated from Ryerson University on June 8th with a Bachelor of Arts in the Radio and Television Arts program - specializing in Television Production. She is currently employed with CTV, working on Canada's number one entertainment show, e-Talk DAILY.

William Gerard Sampson: Gerard graduated with Honours from the 4th class Power Engineering Program at the NS Community Campus in Port Hawkesbury

Births

Burke: Taylor Lauren, 2lbs 4oz was born on May 19th at the IWK/Grace in Halifax. Congratulations to parents Lee & Sandra, big brother Brett, and grandmothers Annie Burke-Landry (Southside) and Margie Carroll (Antigonish).

Landry: Kaleb Alexander Keith, 6lb. 6 oz. was born on June 10 in Pembroke, Ontario. Kaleb would have been the first grandchild of the late Lloyd Landry. Congratulations to parents Amy Landry and Keith Vallencourt and great-grandmere Rita Landry of RB.

Weddings

Adams/Grimes: Congratulations to Kelly, daughter of Jimmy & Barbara Adams of St. Peters and Brian Daniel, son of Marilyn & Carl Grimes who were married in St. Peters on June 18th. Brian & Kelly will reside in Edmonton, Alberta.

Deaths

We wish to express our sincere condolences to the families and friends of:

Burke: Mary B. (Patè) ,78 ,passed away Jun 25th. She is survived by her husband, Ernest and their children; Anna, Basil, Rita, Anita and Bernard and their families.

Cholock: Hubert Joseph, 70, of Point Aconi, passed away on May 28th. Hubert was a brother to Mary (Kenneth) Cosman

Currie: John "Jake", 78, of Reserve Mines passed away on June 26th. Our condolences to Jake's brother, Fr. Reg Currie, our parish priest.

Grimes: Mary Genevieve, 97, passed away on May 31st at Richmond Villa. Genevieve is survived by her son Carl, daughter-in-law Marilyn and their families.

LeBrun: John Edward, 65, yrs ,of Halifax passed away on Jun 23rd. John was the brother of Anne (Bucky) Sampson

MacLaughlin: Don W, 76, of Halifax passed away on June 5th. He is survived by his wife Irene (Burke-Joe P and Clara), children Diane, Janet & Paul and his many in-laws here in River Bourgeois.

Morrison: Wilfred Bernard (Bernie), 88, of Toronto passed away on June 15th in Mississauga. 'Bun' was a brother-in-law of Josephine (Tussie) Morrison & uncle of Donnie Pottie of RB.

Canada Day Celebrations

Youth Development Committee are working on **Canada Day Celebrations** for RB on Friday July 1st. Festivities begin at 10:30 with **children's games** followed by a **pot luck lunch** from 12-2, **music** by *Island Driftwood* at 12:30 and a **chinese auction** at 1pm. Lots of fun for everyone, come & enjoy!

Bits and Bites:

- Congratulations to **Michael & Debbie (Boucher) Landry** who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 5th. Best wishes from children Matthew, Rebecca & Sarah.
- Congratulations also to Debbie's aunt and uncle **Donald & Marie (Fougere)** of Waltham, Mass who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18th and to **Lucille (Bona) & Maurice Landry** who will be married 49 years on July 5th.
- **Seniors 50+ Club** members will be having their **summer luncheon** on July 5th at McBouch Bar and Grill in St. Peters.
- **RBCSS** meeting at 7 pm on July 20th.
- Congratulations to: **Joel Burke** (Maureen & Neil) on being named "Athlete of the Year" at

Richmond Academy. Joel also received a Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Award; **Angela Landry** (Lawrence & Janet) on winning Most Valuable Player in Basketball and **Heidi Stone** (Ricky & Sharon) who was a recipient of a Tim Horton's and a Millennium scholarship.

- Patsy & Gilbert Bourque wish to send congratulations to grandson, **Bobby Mann** (Richard & Donna) on his graduation from Dalhousie Law School. Bobby was valedictorian and was awarded the Martin Shield.
- **45 card game** every Sunday at Senior's 7:30pm.
- **Cribbage** every Monday at 7pm at Seniors Bldg.
- There will be a celebration at the Seniors Bldg on July 23rd from 1-4 in honor of **Joan & Bernie Viscount's 50th Wedding Anniversary**. Everyone welcome.
- **Birthday greetings:** Therese Pottie, Margaret Bourque, Alice Sampson, Arthur Bouchard, Mary Morrison, and Therese Digout.
- Registration for **Childrens Day Camp program** will be held at the TLC on Aug. 1st at 9:30am.
- Registration for **Tennis Lessons** will take place on June 30, 11-12 noon at the RB Courts and the 1st class will take place on Tuesday, July 5th
- Beginning July 9th, the **church bulletin** will be prepared for the summer months at the CAP site. Please drop off notices before 5 pm Thursdays at the CAP site or Email rbcap@stpeterscable.com
- Our CAP site will be open to the public from 11-4:30 Monday, Thursday & Fridays and 11-5:30 on Tuesday & Wednesdays. Looking for RB souvenirs or used books, come in and see our assortment! On weekends, an appointment may be made by calling Ann (2376) or Sharon (3516). CAP phone # is 535-3251; Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com and our website is www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap
- A reminder that anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special function such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.
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