



The River Round Up

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Marion Pate-Maltby



Marion during her first years of teaching

Marion Theresa was born Oct. 4th, 1929, the fifth of nine children, to Stephen and Mary Ann MacLean of Barra Head. She attended school in Barra Head then went to St. Peters for grades ten, eleven and twelve taught by Helen Archibald (it was the first year grade twelve was taught in St. Peters). Following graduation, Marion attended Normal College in Truro for a six-week teaching course which enabled her to teach for one year. In 1949 she returned for a year to obtain a permanent licence. Two summer courses were also required within five years or your license would be revoked. During the next six years, Marion taught at the Cannes, Point Tupper, Grantville and Sunnyside Schools.

While teaching at the Cannes School, Marion resided at the home of Eldon and Hyacinth Pate in Hawker. She took sewing lessons from Celeste Chaisson with several ladies from RB including Rita Landry, Margaret Pottie and Therese Digout. She became quite proficient at this craft and continued making dresses for many years. It was at the Pate home that she met their neighbour Louis Pate. He worked on the lake boats so was only home during the winter months. Following four years of winter romancing and many dances at the old hall, Louis took the beautiful Marion as his bride on Feb. 13, 1956, and they lived with his parents, Bertha and

Willie. Louis returned to the lake boats in the spring, and in 1957 they moved to Toronto to seek employment. Their Son, Phillip was born in 1958 and the family later included three grandsons Dean, Stephen, and Derek, and two great grand children Candice and Dawson.

Louis was employed by Beecham Canada and Marion returned to teaching. For the next twenty-seven years, she taught at St. Philip Neri School in Toronto. She recalls many funny moments while teaching but one in particular stands out. Franciscan Monks would come to the school to teach religion and one of them seldom smiled. On this day he was teaching the importance of "Extreme Unction" and the emphasis was on the three important things to do in case of an emergency, which would be: 1. Call the Priest 2. Call the Doctor and 3. Call the ambulance. Following a fifteen-minute discussion on the topic the monk asked the class for the three things. Anglo, whose attention span was limited, was quick to put up his hand and replied 1. Father. 2. Son and 3. The Holy Ghost. It was the first time the children had heard the monk laugh.

In 1981, Marion and Louis purchased a home in Hawker owned by Edgar and Theresa MacPhee in hopes of retiring there in later years. Sadly Louis passed away in 1986. A year later Marion returned to RB to live.

Marion volunteered with Palliative Care at the Strait Hospital and was the secretary to the Diabetic Association. She also joined the choir, became a church lector and an active member of the CWL. In the meantime she met an acquaintance from years ago, George Maltby of Pondville and had a second chance at love. They were married on Dec. 19th, 1992. She inherited three wonderful stepchildren and seven more grandchildren. Sadly George passed away in 1998 after just six short years together.

These days Marion enjoys her Scottish Country Dancing, visits her son in Stratford, Ont., and her dear friend Annie Burke; her partner in laughter, trouble and travelling (who recently married and

moved to Halifax). Many of her days are spent cooking and caring for her ailing stepdaughter and her family.

Marion, may you continue to smile, sing like an angel, and enjoy life to the fullest. *Sharon Chilvers*

Christmas Celebration



Kendra Burke putting in her request to Mr. and Mrs. Santa

On Dec. 17th more than one hundred and fifty RB residents came together at the Tara Lynne Center to enjoy the first annual Christmas lighting celebration. Our very own Princess, Haley Sampson, officially switched on our tree outside as members of the St. John the Baptist Church choir sang "Oh Christmas Tree". Thanks to Gregory and Michael Sampson for finding the "almost" perfect tree, and Raymond Doary who did the decorating. The Choir continued carolling indoors due to cool temperatures. Gerard Sampson also accompanied the children's choir on the guitar. Leslie and Pene Pottie (alias Mr. & Mrs. Santa) heard all of the children's wish list and gave out treats. The children had fun cookie decorating. Everyone was treated to some hot chocolate and some holiday goodies and a great social evening. See you all next year for more of the same.

River Bourgeois Honours Volunteers for 2005



Paula LaFantaisie and Sharon Digout

On Dec. 17th RB honoured two of it's most worthy citizens, Paula LaFantaisie and Sharon Digout, for their contribution to the community in 2005.

Paula LaFantaisie: In 2005 Paula co-chaired our very successful 27th annual festival. She has also worked diligently with RB Youth Development

Committee in both fundraising and organizing events for our children and helped organize the festivities on Canada Day. Paula is a very active member of the bingo committee. She is a religious teacher, volunteers several times a week at the villa, and is the bingo caller for the senior's 50+ club. Paula is a great model for her young son, Brandon who at the tender age of ten is already a great volunteer. Paula is always ready to give her time at any event and we would like to show our appreciation with a big thank you from the entire community.

Sharon Digout: As founder of the renewed River Roundup, now in its sixth year, Sharon spends a large number of hours each month creating a new one. She also ensures that not only our capsite runs smoothly, by rounding up volunteers, getting grants from different levels of government for our summer students and youth training programs, but does most of the training herself. She is the co-ordinator of the volunteers for Strait hospital lunches and funeral receptions. She is responsible for the Festival Heritage walks, shirts, and is seen selling tickets and door collection at most events.. In her spare time Sharon walks the shores of Cape Breton with husband George, doing bird counts and looking for rare species of birds and sometimes is just looking for George! On behalf of the community thank you for all of your efforts.

From Coast to Coast



Hi, my name is Delores Roberts of Ladysmith, on Vancouver Island. I was born on the Church Point, the oldest of six children to the late Vincent and Rachel (Burke) Sampson. In 1966 I moved to Halifax to take a Nurses Aid course at Camp Hill Hospital. In 1969 I married my husband Doug Roberts from Nanaimo, B.C where we moved to in 1971.

In 1974, my sister, Beverley (12 yrs. old at the time) came to live with us in Nanaimo after our mother died. When we moved back to RB in 1975, Bev always said she wanted to make B.C. her home so in 1981 she moved to Nanaimo and now lives in Vancouver. In 1983, we decided to move our children Sean (14 yrs.) and Joan (11) back to

Nanaimo for a year or two so they could experience the west coast and get to know their father's relatives and I could spend time with my sister. Doug worked in the Arctic and was flown to and from work no matter where we lived so it was the perfect time to do this, but after two years both children wanted to stay here. They had good friends, did well in school and liked the climate so twenty-one years later we are still here. Joan moved to Winnipeg 13 years ago to attend university and has remained there. Sean lives five minutes down the road from us and has a wonderful wife, Holly and two beautiful children Linaya Rachel and Evan Vincent.

When Joan left for university I was feeling lonely but within weeks I was an adopted mom. Marina Burke (Roderick and Margaret) and Melissa Burke (Mark and Marie) arrived in Nanaimo. Both girls got jobs within days and are still here. It has been wonderful having them so close. Marina is now married to Calvin, and Melissa has a boyfriend, Mike and both are great guys. Tony Burke (Gus and Claire) arrived next. He fell in love with the place and also fell in love with a wonderful girl Jen who he is now married to. Tony worked at Costco but his heart was with the fire dept. After being a volunteer for a time he got on permanently and is now in Coquitlum. He gives a lot of his time volunteering for the burn unit and is a great fund-raiser. It was at the same time a group of RB girls moved here, Marie (McPhee) Heudes daughters, Paula, Cathy, Rochelle, Angel and Nickie. Paula and her husband Robert Frost have since moved back to the River but the other girls remained and all are doing well. Brenda Landry (Bernard and Catherine) moved to the Island quite some time ago. She lives outside of Victoria and is married with two children. I spoke to her a few weeks ago and she is doing fine. Daunette Sampson (Howard and Vivian) lived out here for a while with her husband but has since moved back home but her brother Blair makes Vancouver Island his home. Emily Arsenault (Charlotte and Fred LeBlanc) came out here seven years ago and calls this home. She manages an apartment building and does lots of handicrafts in her spare time. She lives 20 minutes from me. Scott Fougere (Marie and Conrad) came out here to go to university in Victoria. He married a lovely girl, Carolyn from Cape Breton and they lived out here in BC until his untimely passing a year ago. I will always remember the time Scott phoned Doug and I to join them in Victoria to see the Barra McNeil's play at the university. We don't realize how precious life is and how quickly it can be taken from us. It certainly gives us different perspective on life.

Over the years we have had many visitors drop in to our home: Stella Doutaz (Charlotte and Fred LeBlanc) and her daughter Melinda; Emily Kendal

and her sons Vincent and William; Mark and Marie Burke and sons Mark Jr. and Mitchell; Roderick and Margaret Burke and daughter Ramona; Brian Burke (Annie and Freddie) and his wife Cheryl; Augustine and Claire Burke and daughter Lynn; Ronald Landry (Vera and George) and Conrad and Marie Fougere. Two of my very best friends Yvonne McNamara (Viola and Roderick Touesnard) stayed two weeks and Susan Boudreau (Ante and Peter) stayed for three weeks. While Susan was here my sister Bev, Susan and I motored to Fort St. James (1700 kil. return) to visit her brother Stevie (MacDougall) and his wife Carol and their two daughters. I had not seen Stevie for 37 years. What a wonderful reunion and we took back such good memories. But the best visit of all was my dad's visit when he came out to our son's wedding.

I am so fortunate to have the life I have. I have lived in two wonderful provinces in the best country in the world, and with my great family and all my wonderful friends I feel so blessed. When I retire in River Bourgeois my life will be complete.

Delores Roberts

Senior 50+ Club Christmas Dinner



Greg Sampson, Theresa Landry, Roderick Burke, Margaret Burke and Dave Clow enjoying a few laughs after dinner.

Some forty members of the RB seniors 50+ club enjoyed a wonderful potluck supper and lots of laughter on Dec. 13th at the club. President Anne wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Members would like to thank organizers Anne Sampson, Mary Ellen Pentecost and Susan Boudreau.

RB Hockey in the 50's

The hockey season is here again and renewed interest in the NHL is being shown by fans as a result of major changes in the rules of the game and how those rules are being interpreted and enforced. The better players now have a much greater opportunity to exhibit their skating and puck handling skills than previously, when the League poorly enforced the rules. A great deal of excitement for the Nova Scotia fans has been added this year because of the emergence of "native son" Sidney Crosby as a superstar in his rookie year.

There were no superstars but lots of enthusiasm in 1956 when the River Bourgeois team arranged for a hockey game between their archrivals-(the Alouettes from Cheticamp), to take place on a Saturday evening in February of that year. This was the renewal of a competition, which had begun several years earlier and reported in a previous edition of the Round Up. At that time Cheticamp had the only indoor rink in Richmond or Inverness Counties, though it was a natural ice surface.

A bus operated by Joe MacNeil of Johnstown conveyed a contingent of 34 players and fans to Cheticamp. The game was at 8:15 pm before a large crowd of boisterous fans. The River line-up included: Goal: Teeny Burke; Defence: Stanley McPhee, Charlie Boyd. George Boyd, Rennie Fougere and Eddie Fougere; Forwards: Pat Bourque, Russ Fougere, Maynard Boyd, Fraser Boyd, Leo Thompson, Hervey Boyd, Bucky Sampson, Gilbert Bourque, Alfred Touesnard, Bernard McPhee, Wally Bona and Dickie Burke.

Although the ice was fairly slow because of moderate temperatures outside and the large crowd inside the rink, the game was played at a fairly brisk pace with the RB side emerging victorious by a 10-5 score. Scorers for River Bourgeois were Leo Thompson and Russell Fougere with 2 goals each and singles by Charlie Boyd, Fraser Boyd, Bucky Sampson, Hervey Boyd, Pat Bourque and Rennie Fougere. The names of the Cheticamp players were not available. After a lunch at the Harbour Café, we headed for home at midnight in a happy frame of mind, with lots of singing by the players and fans alike, making the trip seem much shorter than it actually was. *Russell Fougere.*

Births

Dunbar: Daniel Joseph was born on Christmas Day weighing in at 6 lbs. 3 oz to Stephanie and Chris in Dartmouth, Brother to Camryn. Congratulations to grandparents Kenneth and Gloria LeBlanc and Don and Cathy Dunbar, Belgrave, Ont. and great grand mom Charlotte LeBlanc.

MacNeil: Anna Gabrielle, 8lb 5oz, was born Dec. 20th to Todd and Andrea of Sampsonville. A sister for Ainsley and Tommy. Congratulations to grandparents Leo and Judy MacNeil and Mark and Debbie Mombourquette and great grand moms Margaret Pottie and Fran Blaine.

Deaths

Digout: Sarah Agnes, 96 yrs ,passed away Dec. 20 in St. Peters. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Marie Bourque of RB and wife of Dr. Joe Digout Our condolences to her son Danny ,his wife Carmy and his family and her nephew ,Stanley McPhee.

Weatherbee: William G.,56 yrs ,of Halifax passed away on Nov. 30th. Bill was the foster son of the late Charlie Fred and Hilda Sampson. Our condolences to his family and foster sister Elsie (Ongo) Herridge.

Bits and Bites:

- **Senior's Meeting** on Jan 3rd at 1:30pm.
- **CWL meeting** on Jan 10th at 7pm in vestry.
- **Capsite meeting** on Jan 11 at 7pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo** on Jan 11th at 1:30.
- **45 Card game -Seniors Bldg** Sundays at 7 pm.
- **Cribbage-** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7 pm.
- **RBCSS meeting** at seniors bldg on Jan 25th 7pm
- The community wishes to say a huge **“Thank You”** to Raymond Doary who volunteered to paint all of the Funeral Home
- We the family of the late May (Burns) MacPhee wish to express thanks to all for their many acts of kindness shown during her illness and passing. Thank you to all who visited, phoned, sent cards, donations and food. Thanks to all who participated in the funeral liturgy and the CWL and community for the reception following the funeral -Ann and Norman and families.
- **Happy Birthday** wishes to: Roderick, John and Lawrence Burke, Arthur Doary, Matilda Boudreau, Dwight Sampson, Adrian Touesnard, Doris Parzel, Fabian Richard, Hubert Fougere, George A. Eddie, AJ (Pap) and George J Landry, Monica Stone, Sally and Cecilia Baccardax.
- The CAP site is open to the public from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm from Monday to Thursday and 2-4 pm on Fridays. 25 % off all festival shirts. On weekends an appointment may be made by calling Ann (2376) or Sharon (3516). CAP phone number is 3251.
- 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 functions such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$15.00 delivered in RB, \$20.00 within Canada and \$25.00 internationally per year.
- *A Very Happy & Peaceful New Year to all.*

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