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Therese Digout



Therese & Fred

Therese Marie was born in Poirierville the third of six children to Jeanne (Boudreau) and Alexander Baccardax. Jeanne was an Acadian descendant and the only sister of Monsignor Alfred Boudreau, a priest for more than fifty years while Alexander's ancestors were *Basques* from the France and Spain border making Therese a tiny bit Spanish.

Therese went to high school at the Arichat Convent followed by a year at Provincial Normal College in Truro where she graduated in 1944 with a teaching diploma. She taught on Isle Madame for three years prior to her arrival in RB in 1947 to teach grades six to ten at the Cannes School. In 1948 Therese met her true love, the tall and handsome Fred Digout of RB. On August 15th, 1950 they were married by her uncle, Father Boudreau in D'Escousse. They had four children, David and Louis of RB, Allie of Toronto and Gloria residing in Sydney. There are now twelve grandchildren and a great granddaughter Ella, the apple of Therese's eye.

Therese chose to stay home for three years while the children were young, meanwhile Fred kept busy. He had a lumbering operation with camps in Thibeauville, Oban and the Hatchery area where several men worked and lived. A portable mill was

used to cut and saw the lumber, and the boards were than hauled to the planing mill on Highway 4. These boards were than sold to local builders and firms. Shingles and Shooks (fish crates) were also produced. Fred had studied drafting and would often draw plans for homes in the local area. In 1967 Fred became the Building Inspector for Richmond County but unfortunately due to ill health was forced to retire in 1976. He spent the next few years with his favourite pastimes, gardening, fishing and hunting. There was never a shortage of vegetables, mackerel, trout, deer and rabbits.

Except for two years in Seaview, Therese taught in RB. Most of those years were spent teaching grades 7, 8 or 9 with the exception of the last ten when she taught 4, 5 and 6. Grade six was her favourite class. "The children were at the stage where they were co-operative, open to new ideas and a delight to teach and it helped that we had the best students in Nova Scotia". She very much enjoyed teaching in Seaview as the kids were equally good. The roads were blocked most of the winter so she skied to school (about 1 ½ miles). During hunting season Fred would accompany her and would sometimes shoot a deer on the way home. During her years of teaching Therese continued to take up-grading courses at St. FX and in 1978 received her Masters Teaching License. In 1983 following more than three decades of teaching she took a much-deserved retirement.

Fred and Therese went to Florida for their first free winter however they missed the grandchildren and decided to spend their winters here, doing some cross-country skiing, reading and playing cards with friends and relatives. Sadly Fred passed away in 1998 after forty-eight years of wedded bliss.

Therese is a founding member of the CWL established in 1953, taught religion education for more than thirty years and still works with the religious education teachers, is a member of the finance committee to raise funds for church repairs, served on the Capsite committee and was a Cap

volunteer. She has also served on the Parish Council and Kingston Memorial Clinic Board of Directors and is a member of the 50+ Club. She enjoys going to the gym, playing bridge and any other card game, looks forward to her weekly games of scrabble with son David, board games, computer and books and all of these leave her little time for anything else. Therese you deserve a good rest and we the people of River Bourgeois wish to thank you for being such a wonderful dedicated teacher and for all the many things you do for our community. *Sharon Chilvers*

Confirmation



Pictured above are 19 of our local teenagers who were confirmed at a mass on June 12th celebrated by Bishop Lahey. For the past year they have been studying for this occasion under the direction of Arthur Doary and Ida Poaps. **Back row:** Robyn Merrick, Christine Pottie, Tara-Lynn Benoit, Shaun Boucher, Adam Burke, Ida Poaps, Jonathan Stone, Kyle Sampson, Jordi Mann, Nelson DeWolfe **Front row:** Arthur Doary, Samantha Touesnard, Kelsey Sampson, Nicola Touesnard, **Bishop Lahey**, Sandi Burke, Jenn. Morrow, Kelsey Burke & Father Reg. Currie. **Middle row:** Sarah Landry, Molly Warner, Tiffany Stone, & D.J. Stone.

Seniors Expo



Slugger Joan Owens at bat!

The 2nd annual Rich. Co. Senior's Expo that was held on May 27th and 28th in RB had another successful year. Darts substituted for the ball game on Saturday but it was played on Sunday with much

enthusiasm after the sun came out. A golf pitching competition, Bocce Ball and horseshoes kept many entertained. Judging by the amount of laughter the many card games were thoroughly enjoyed. Saturday's dinner crowd enjoyed great music by Russell Webb and *The Island Driftwood* and on Sunday Adam Cooke, Krista McKinnon and the Island Step dancers entertained. Father Currie celebrated Mass on Sunday morning. Members of the Youth Development committee and Peter & Emily LeBlanc supplied the delicious meals

Competition winners were from far and wide - **Bridge:** Sharon Digout and Valerie Boyd; 45's; Stella Doutaz and Valerie Sampson; **Cribbage:** Wayne Mackenzie and Annie Sampson; **Tarbish:** Bea Morrison and Jean Pottie. **Golf Competition:** Ed Pentecost and Sharon Chilvers; **Bocce Ball:** Anne Sampson; **Darts:** Adolph Kehoe and Mary Ellen Pentecost **Horseshoes:** George MacKillop and Georgie Landry. **Winners of donated** lobsters were Stella Doutaz, Ethel Landry, Joan Owens, Vince Dewolfe, Gregory Buckley, Murdo Peeples and John James MacLeod. Valerie Sampson of Three Island Cove won the Santa and Germaine Carter of RB won the car package. The biggest winners were the seniors who enjoyed each and every minute of the Expo. Comments heard over the weekend: "When my body aches tomorrow I will remember the fun I had playing ball and it was worth it". "I forgot what it's like to laugh again since being widowed". "It sure beats eating alone each day". "We should have an expo once a month". Any volunteers to organize?

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More University Graduates



(Left) **Daphne LeBlanc** (Janet and Gerald) graduated from St. Joseph's College in Halifax with a diploma

in Early childhood education. She has accepted full time employment at Peter Greenhall Children's Education Centre, Halifax. We're so proud of you Daphne -love and Congratulations from Mom, Dad, Lisa, Santana, Granny LeBlanc, Uncle Kenneth, Aunt Gloria and all the 'gang'. (Right)**Shauna Digout** (David & Debbie) graduated with a B.Ed. from Fort Kent in Maine. She has been teaching grades 5 and 6 in Vandehoof BC. She is coming home this summer and plans to try to find a position in the Halifax area.



Left- **Ann Burke** (Mary and Bernard) graduated from Acadia University with a B.Ed. in elementary education. (Photo by Colin MacDougall)- (Right)- **Christian Digout** (David & Debbie) graduated with his B.Ed. from University of Alberta. Christian previously received his Master in Computer Science. He has been teaching high school math in Edmonton.



After graduating from Acadia University with a degree in computer science **Jamie Bourque** (George Bourque & Marilyn Touesnard) worked for several years in that field .He returned to university in 2004 and graduated in 2006 with a Master of Business Administration.

Where are they now?

Hi....My name is Mary Morrison, eldest of Margaret & Joseph Bouchard's five children. It was not until the 1970's before I realized my name was Mary Gladys and not Gladys Mary, so decided I would be the "Aunt Mary" of my generation. I graduated from St Martha's Hosp. School of Nursing in 1966. I worked in nursing for a few years only, mainly in Psychiatry and now work for several days each July in Long Term Care.

I moved to Ontario in 1967, and with the exception of living 3 yrs in Banff and 2 yrs in Kelowna BC., I have always lived in the Toronto to Hamilton area. I now live in Mississauga. I have 3 children, Stephanie, married and living in Toronto, Hayley, married and living in Kingston Ont, and Noël, Mississauga who is planning to be married this year. Since 1982 I have been employed by one of the local school boards as an Educational Resource Worker. I work with "Special Needs" students. My RN diploma was qualification for the position. My work environment is mainly stress-free and very rewarding.

My annual reprieve from high humidity, smog, and traffic tie-ups occurs each July/Aug. After a brief visit in Plymouth...catching up with my sister Anita & brother-in-law Jerry, I make my way to RB for a few weeks of great food and clean ocean air. In between visits to Mom & Dad at Richmond Villa, I work my way through Peter's (LeBlanc) apple pies and fudge to Linda's (Bouchard) home-made rolls with countless cups of tea...often sitting on Art & Linda's deck, drinking in the ocean view. I should mention that no apple pie comes my way before I tackle Emily's "ironing" basket...filled mainly with Peter's clothes. Peter swears the pile grows from August to the following July when I return, never shrinking in-between. Sorry Emmy, I just had to throw that one in, but the apple pie is well worth it! The trip home would not be complete without a visit with Aunt Madeline (Cook). It's always fun to examine any latest additions to her Quilt collection. My three children all have fond memories of RB, visiting Nanny & Grandpa, playing on the shore, picking blue-berries, and catching-up with many cousins. My oldest daughter Stephanie forever the traditionalist, doesn't feel her summer is complete without her annual trip to RB to visit Nanny & Grandpa. I was very fortunate to grow up in a home rich with love if not in material possessions. As well our paternal grandmother lived with us, providing extra affection and an added touch of likely well-deserved discipline. When Grandma wasn't crocheting, she was reading. She fostered in me a keen love of reading from a very early age. To this day one of my greatest joys is coming home from the local library with an armload of books. Grandma could smell a report card straight from the Church Point. She always seemed to know when it was "that time of the year" and the summons, from her downstairs bedroom, would reach us as soon as we arrived home from school. I am filled with many happy and some amusing memories of my early years in RB, so "going back" is always easy. I so look forward to the arrival of my "River Round Up.... at the beginning of each month, a treasured Christmas gift from my sister Emily. *Mary Morrison*

A fond farewell



Fr. Reg Currie says goodbye

On Sunday, June 25th a very large number of parishioners came to say farewell and thank you to Fr. Reg for his three year stay in our Parish. He was roasted by Deirdre Boyd in one of her now famous poems while others sang his praises. He was presented with gifts from all the local organizations. His favorites were two pictures of Church Point and the harbor taken and framed by Anne Louise Touesnard which were given by the RB Community Services Society. We wish him "God Speed" in his role as parish priest of Florence.

All our readers are probably not aware that the process of amalgamation with St. Peters and Barra Head begins next weekend when Fr. Everett MacDow of Sydney will be welcomed as the parish priest for the three churches.

Weddings

Aitkin/Cameron-Carole (Cathy & Brian) was married on June 24th to Neil Cameron of Glendale. Congratulations to both and good luck with your immediate move from Thunder Bay to Halifax where Carole will be a pilot with Can jet.

Burke/Landry: Bernard and Mary Burke would like to announce the recent marriage of their youngest daughter Ann Patricia to Blaine Landry (Blair and Carmelita Landry) of Grand Greve, which took place on December 31, 2005. We wish them lots of happiness. Eds note-*Our apologies to Ann & Blaine for missing this wedding announcement in an earlier addition.*

Deaths

Heffernan: Iris Lena 78 yrs of Picton, Ontario passed away on May 27th. Our condolences to her daughter Linda Bouchard and her family.

Libbus: Joseph Charles 70 yrs. of Sydney passed away on May 18th. Our condolences to his brother Sandy (Charles) and his family.

MacDonald: William (Bill) Joseph 77 yrs of Whiteside passed away May 30th. Our condolences to his son Kenzie and his family.

Bits & Bites:

- **Open house** will be held on July 2nd 2-5pm at 288 Church Point Rd (Marie and Conrad's) to celebrate the **50th anniversary of Maurice and Lucille Landry**. Best wishes only.
- **Seniors luncheon** July 4th 11:30.
- **Tennis Lessons**-starting July 4th 12 noon to 1pm at the RB court.
- **Seniors mini bingo** July 12th 1:30.
- **Starting this week the Church bulletin will be prepared by Capsite students.** Phone 535-3251, email- rbcap@stpeterscable.com or drop off before 5 pm on Thursdays please. Capsite hours will be 10-30 to 6 on Mon & Tues and 9:30-4:30 Wed-Friday.
- **Preparations for this year's festival are underway.** Community members will be called to see if they can donate a couple of hours. Please do what you can to help.
- **Children's Day Camp-** July 31st to Aug 4th at TLC-Registration 9:30 am on July 31st.
- **This years Heritage walk** starts at Boyd's lane and goes to the west end of the River on the No. 4. If anyone has any old pictures and are willing to loan them for a day call Heidi at 535-3251.
- **From Afghanistan...** "I opened the two parcels from RB and there was a tremendous amount of goodies, numerous cards, magazines, paperbacks and lots of prayers. Please pass my sincere gratitude to these people, that it was greatly appreciated. It is so nice to receive parcels and when they are coming from people that I am not sure I even know who they are, it shows how caring and supportive some people in the great country that we call home can truly be. Once again thanks to everyone from the community for your trusted support..." *Edward Bouchard.*
- 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 and Conrad 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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