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Anne & Joe Sampson



Joseph Francis was born on November 10th, 1928 the sixth of twelve children to James Henry & Mary (Landry) Sampson of the Church Point. The children only had to run down the hill to attend the East End School however a scholar Joe was not. He hid his books in an opening under the school each afternoon and retrieved them the next morning so his dad would think he didn't have homework. Joe was expelled from school in 1943 and went to work as a labourer on roads earning twenty-five cents an hour.

In 1946, Joe went to work in Goose Bay, Labrador and following a two-day training course on heavy equipment he operated a bulldozer for the next three years. In 1949 he moved to Halifax where he worked on the completion of Pier A1 and then relocated to Truro to work for Latimer Construction for the next five years. On Easter Sunday 1958 Joe went to St. Elizabeth Hospital in North Sydney to visit his sister Mary Ellen who had just given birth to her first child and it was there that he met the lovely Anne Pentecost whose brother just happened to be married to Mary Ellen.

Anne Marie Pentecost was born in Sydney Mines, the third of five children. After she finished school, Anne went to work at the Point Edward Hospital for

a few years before going to work at St. Elizabeth Hospital. It was here that she first met Joe, however, it was "not" love at first sight but Joe's charm soon won her over and on October 6th, 1959 they were wed. They moved to RB and lived with Joe's parents. Joe & Anne had eight children Francis, Michael & John in RB; Patricia in Whitehorse; Ben in Borden, ON; Theresa in Lower Sackville; Joanne in D'Escousse and Henry in Havre Boucher. Their third child, also named Patricia, passed away in 1968 at age six. They now have eighteen grandchildren and two great grand children. The Sampson household has never lacked for children; after school the neighbouring children usually gathered for a game of ball, wrestling or just having fun. Sean Roberts perhaps summed the family up best when his mom asked why the kids always went there. He replied "At Anne & Joe's we can be a kid after school as there are no rules for noise and fun".

In 1961 Joe worked for Munroe and Allen which was based in Port Hawkesbury. There he had hands on training as a mechanic and was sent to Gaspe, Quebec to work. When he discovered the machines were being repaired outside in sub zero temperatures, he quickly high tailed it back to Cape Breton. Following a stint working on the new vocational school in Port Hawkesbury, Joe went to work for Colin MacDonald Construction in Antigonish where he remained for the next thirty years. He retired in 1999 at the age of seventy-one and now spends his days cutting firewood, taking care of his greenhouse and for the last couple of months has been Father MacDow's navigator around RB. Joe is a member of the Parish Council and a member and property manager of the Seniors Club. They both love to play cards and darts with their children, brothers and sisters.

Anne, a stay at home mom, has made a tremendous impact on our community. A 4H founder in RB, she served for twenty years as Leader and President; a member of the CWL (18 years); and she has also been on the Board of Directors for RBCSS

for 7 years. She was a founding member of the Seniors 50+ Club (13 years) and is currently serving her seventh year as President. She also serves as Treasurer of the Richmond County Seniors Club and has been a member of the RB Economic Development for the past 5 years; Bingo Committee for 22 years and Festival Committee for 24 years. Anne is Community Helper for the Richmond County Seniors Liturgy Program and has co-chaired the Seniors Expo for the past two years. She organizes the 45-card game each Sunday and cribbage each Monday. They are many other fundraisers that Anne initiates each year for needy families, the church, etc.

Joe and Anne have passed this great virtue of charity on to their children and the people of River Bourgeois owe you both a huge debt of gratitude for all your contributions. We wish you both many more years of good health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

RRU finds lost Nanny 70 Years Later



Sir Joseph A Chisholm and his grandson Joseph Chisholm Lyons. Picture appeared in "Saturday Night" on June 15th, 1935

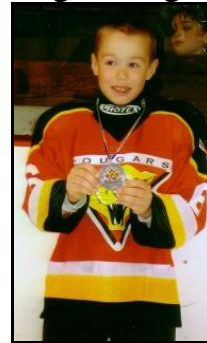
In March of this year I wrote a story on the life of Marie Boucher in the River Round Up. In this article I mentioned that she had worked for Sir Joseph A Chisholm, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. I had not mentioned the fact that she was a Nanny to his three grandchildren of which one was called Joseph Chisholm Lyons. As it turns out Edmond Boyd who receives our paper monthly, was a lifetime friend of Mr. Lyons who resides in Mexico and sent him a copy of our River Round Up. Edmond is a retired Dalhousie University Professor and the son of the late D.D. & Kate Boyd. He now lives in Florida but comes to visit in the River Bourgeois on a regular basis

Mr. Lyons wrote a wonderful letter to Marie acknowledging the fact that he remembered her as being very kind and loving to him. He is now seventy-nine years old and had a law practice in Toronto and Hong Kong until 2000 before retiring in Mexico. He had seven children and also told Marie of his family, most of which have now passed away.

He sent her photos of himself as a child as well as current ones and also of his home.

Marie is very grateful that our little paper helped her to reunite her with her darling little boy that she remembers so fondly. She also wishes to thank Mr. Boyd for having forwarded our Round Up to Mr. Lyons. *Sharon Chilvers*

Rising Young Star



Donaven Landry, son of Laurie & Shawn Landry

We would like to congratulate Donaven Landry of River Bourgeois on a very successful spring hockey season with the Cape Nova Cougars Novice Minor 'AAA' team. The team captured silver at the Nova Scotia "AAA" championship in Halifax this past spring. We would also like to thank all of the businesses that helped sponsor Donaven this past season. Congratulations love Mommy, Daddy & Kerstin.

Walk for the Cure



Lanterns being lined up along the shore.

On July 23rd the "Friends of Renee" organized a walk to mark the anniversary of her death. The walk began at the Lower End of Church Point and included family, breast cancer survivors and supporters. About fifty people walked to Lavalee Lane to receive the lanterns they purchased in memory of a loved one. Due to windy conditions we were unable to set

the lanterns afloat at dusk so all the lanterns were lined up on the shore, lit and then they were given to all to take home to set afloat on a better evening.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased lanterns and participated in the walk. To the several breast cancers survivors who accompanied us, we send a special thank you for showing your courage and strength to the rest of us. It was great to have you along. We raised \$600 for breast cancer research. The *Friends of Renee*.

Heading to High School

Seven young ladies and gents will be heading to Richmond Academy this month for the first time. They are Samantha Touesnard (Glen & Sonia), Kelsey Sampson (John & Joyce), Jonathon Stone (Ricky & Sharon), Doug Diggdon (Jennifer Gibson), Sabrina Mackenzie (Kelly), Bethany Suitor (Laurie), and Nelson Dewolfe (Wayne & Maria). Watch for their graduation photo in 2010.

RB's Harley Motorcycle Rally

Dora Belle (Pottie) Hallett requested that her three sons Bruce, Blair & Brian and friend Steve from Maynard, Mass visit relatives and friends in River Bourgeois & False Bay (where she was brought up) and to drive all through the River. The sound of the Harley's was exciting in Hawker however the only place they were entertained was Jane Landry's who treated them to a couple of accordion tunes. She was very happy to see Belle's boys from so far away. We took pictures and so did they to take back home to their mother who visited RB 10 years ago. It was the motorcyclists' first visit and they sure loved the scenery. They stayed in Baddeck and toured Cape Breton from there. We hope they will be back this way again with their family and next time will make River Bourgeois their home base. Mimi Fougere's nephew also stopped by on his Harley on the way to Sydney for a visit. To see the four bikers in our yard was as exciting as the 1400 in Sydney. *Ann Clow*

CAP Site Youth Interns



If you have visited to our CAP site this summer, you were assisted by Heidi (Sharon & Ricky) Stone

and/or Sally (Basil & Linda) Burke. Both of them were funded under the Youth Intern Program of the Dept of Economic Development. This is the sixth summer that we have been able to hire local students through this program. They have been very busy with clients, the festival, heritage walk, postcards, River Round Up and Church Bulletin. We express our sincere thanks for their hard work and wish them well in their chosen studies in university. *The CAP Committee*.

The River Bourgeois Parish Hall



For those who do not remember, the Parish Hall was situated handy the old ball field on Highway 4.

During the first half of the 20th century there was no parish hall in River Bourgeois, as the pastor, Father Robitaille and his predecessor, Father Chouinard believed that dancing was "the devil's instrument" and that having a hall would encourage people to organize dances. Any parish activities during this time were held in the schools.

On January 18th, 1950, the first appointment made by the late bishop, Most Reverend John R. MacDonald, was Father Flavian Samson as parish priest of River Bourgeois, taking the place of Fr. Robitaille who had died during the previous year.

Shortly after his arrival, Fr. Samson purchased for the parish a new building, which had been constructed as a workshop and garage by Whitney McPhee. The building was just a shell so it was enlarged - a stage was constructed and by 1951 this new building became the social focal point of the river and was used for all activities such as parish meetings, potluck suppers, bingo and card games, movies and other social events. At this time there was no kitchen or furnace in the hall. It was heated by two stoves, one of which was a kitchen stove from which suppers were served with the dishes and outlay being provided by parishioners.

During late 1951 an additional section was added to the rear of the hall, which then served as a kitchen and shortly after this a furnace was installed. There was still no water in the hall so the water required for

different activities was carried from the home of Whitney McPhee. The parish CWL funded the purchase of dishes, cutlery, chairs and other required items but there was still no running water or washroom facilities available.

Father Samson died in August 1965 and shortly after Father Marinelli was appointed as parish priest. After Fr. Marinelli arrived, it was decided to purchase an electric stove, have cupboards built and a well drilled. The well, which was 23 feet deep was located approximately six feet from the kitchen of the hall and supplied high quality water

In 1967, a decision was made to panel the main part of the hall along with installation of washrooms to public health specifications. Additions were made as money became available including paneling of the kitchen area, construction of new tables, installation of a refrigerator and stainless steel sinks. When the work was completed, the parish had one of the best equipped halls in Richmond County with an excellent central location.

This information was obtained from the writings of Marie A. Boyd. Russell Fougere

Births

Mann/Libbus: Caelan Holly, 7lbs 12oz, born June 9th in Jacksonville, Florida to Lorena & Jason (now residing in St. Peters). Sister for Lexie & Jenna. Congratulations to grandparents Madeline & Sandy Libbus.

Deaths

Boyd-Charles Adrian passed away on Aug. 20th in Halifax. He was the son of the late Cameron & Lillian Boyd. Our condolences to his wife Josephine, sons John & Patrick and brother Maynard.

MacDonald-Casilda Agnes of Dartmouth passed away on Aug. 26th. She was the daughter of the late Victor & Blanche Pate. We express our sympathy to husband Eric and their family and her sister Annette Fougere of River Bourgeois.

Bits and Bites:

- We welcome home **Sgt Ronald Landry** from Kandahar, Afghanistan. Ronald has been there since January. His family (especially his mom, Vera and grandmother Rita Landry) are so pleased to have him back home safe and sound.
- **Congratulations** to Kelsey (Teresa & Larry) Burke on winning the Air Cadet Service Medal, Legion Medal of Excellence, Best Dressed Female Cadet, Cadet of the Year - 2004 & 2006 (Voted by Cadets in the Squadron). She was a staff cadet for the Senior Leaders Course (SLC) at Cold Lake Summer Training in Alberta. Kelsey's brother **Colton** is excelling in Tae

Kwon Do. Colton received his blue stripe last June in the St. Peter's Tae Kwon Do Club. He went from his white belt, yellow stripe, yellow belt, orange belt, green stripe, green belt to blue stripe since October, 2005.

- Seniors Meeting Sept 12th at 1:30 pm.
- Seniors Mini Bingo, Sept 13th at 1:30 pm.
- CAP site meeting, Sept 13th at 7pm.
- CWL meeting on Sept. 14th after the 6:30 mass-
Please note the change from Tuesdays to Thursdays this year.
- RBCSS meeting on Sept 27th at 7pm.
- Cribbage Seniors Bldg. Mondays at 7pm.
- 45 Card game Seniors Bldg. Sundays 7:30.
- Bingo at Tara Lynne Center every Friday at 7:45pm.
- Happy 25th anniversary to Janet & Gerald LeBlanc and Leonard & Cynthia Pottie. Also a Happy 50th to Marion & Walter Lynds.
- Lucille & Buddy Boudreau send a sincere thank you to all who took part in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. The Richard and Owen's families also send their thanks to all who attended Fabian's 80th birthday party.
- Beginning next weekend (Sept 9th) David Digout will be doing the Church bulletins. If you have notices for St. John the Baptist, St. Peter's or the Immaculate Conception Church you can email David at David.Digout@stpeterscable.com or drop them off at his mailbox by 5pm Thursdays. His phone no is 535-2851.
- New hours at CAP site--open to the public from Mon to Fri from 1-4:30 pm from Sept 5-15 (closed Sept 4th) and then we are back to our fall hours-2-4 and 6-8 pm Mon to Thurs and 2-4 on Fridays. CAP phone # is 535-3251; Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com and our website is www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap We now have wireless and high speed internet.
- 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.
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