



# The River Round Up

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## Theresa & Leo Landry



Theresa Mary was born February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1928 the eighth child of Clara (Landry) & Joe P. Burke of the Southside. She attended Cannes School until sixth grade when she was forced to quit to assist her mom who had just given birth to her sixteenth child in the twenty-three years. Direct descendents of her parents now number 234 as of December. As a teenager Theresa also spent time taking care of her Aunt Irene Landry who was blind, her uncle Docite and Aunt Irene's sister who suffered from a broken back. Later Theresa and her sister Anna went to work for the "Yazer" families of Sydney Mines. The brothers owned a duplex and Anna worked in one half while Theresa worked in the other. In 1948 Theresa began dating the man next door or better known then as "the next field", named Leo Landry. The romance was moving at a "snail's" pace so in 1949 she and her friend Hilda Pottie moved to Halifax where they spent a year working as housemaids. Following many love letters Leo realized that absence did make the heart grow fonder and proposed to Theresa.

Leo (no middle name and no one knows why) was born on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1921 the fourth of eight children to Celeste Ann (Burke) & Peter Landry of the Southside. He also attended Cannes School but two weeks into the fourth grade he became ill at

school. Against the advice of his sister, Cecilia, he headed home and as he reached below Boyd's hill he fainted. He regained consciousness long enough to make it to the top of the hill where he collapsed. Willie McRae (who sold apples in the area) came by with his horse & cart and took Leo home. Dr. Joe Digout was summoned and quickly diagnosed the problem as pleurisy and drove Leo in his new Model T Ford (taxi fare was \$35) to the hospital in Sydney. Leo spent the next year bed-ridden and never returned to school. He went to work in Halifax at Ben's Bakery and at CN Rail before spending three years on the lake boats. In 1942 Leo joined the Merchant Marines and spent the balance of the war sailing on the *Moose Mountain Park* to South America, England and France. Following the war, he returned to RB to fish with his dad. In 1948 he fell in love with Theresa Burke.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1950 Father Flavian Samson performed his first marriage ceremony in the St. John the Baptist Church when he married Leo & Theresa (a double wedding with Melda (Landry) & Don Clattenburg). Leo & Theresa have five children: Danny in RB, Vincent, Anne & Leonard in the Halifax area and Rose in Pittsburgh. The family now includes twelve grandchildren and four much adored great grand girls Abby, Amelia, Lydia and Mila.

Leo spent most of his life fishing with the exception of a short stint when he worked alongside brother, Clarence on the Sun Life building in Montreal. He has had many health problems over the years and claims there are very few organs that will be available for transplanting when he departs. He keeps himself occupied these days with his knitting (which he is notorious for) and making dollhouses for the wee ones. Gone are the days of his model boat building but he still has many on display. Leo is not the only talented one in the family as Theresa is a master at rug hooking. They both love to play cards and do so any time someone visits. Leo & Theresa the people of River Bourgeois wish you both better health in 2007. *Sharon Chilvers*

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## River Bourgeois Celebrates Christmas



*Alexandre Poaps, Dale Burke, Aurora Marche & Emily Poaps singing their hearts out. Photo by April Sampson*

On December 16<sup>th</sup> the community got together to celebrate Christmas at the Tara Lynne Centre. The rain dampened the lighting of the Christmas tree but not the spirits of the people of River Bourgeois. Our own Queen Aurora Marche officially opened the evening with the singing of "We wish you a Merry Christmas" followed by several songs by the children. St. John the Baptist choir captivated the audience with several carols.



*Back Row: Santa, Alexandre Poaps, Mrs. Claus. Front Row: Melanie Poaps, Hailey Sampson, Shania Boucher & Vaughn Marche. Missing elf Cynthia Pottie. Photo by Therese Pottie*

Thanks to Leslie & Pene Pottie who made sure that Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and their elves arrived to greet the children, hear their wishes and give them a goodie bag. Delores Roberts catered a spectacular array of goodies with lots of cider and hot chocolate for everyone. Many thanks to Ida Poaps and her team for decorating the hall for the festive season and to Carl Grimes and Raymond Doary for fetching and decorating the outside tree.

A silver collection was collected at the door with proceeds going towards the needy families of the community for their Christmas Dinner. A total of fourteen families received turkey and the trimmings this year. Thanks to Santa's Elves.

## 2007 Volunteers Honoured



*Monica McPhee & Harold Landry. Photo by Therese Pottie.*

Monica McPhee was honoured for her services to the community. A twenty-seven year member of the CWL she has served on many convenorships in the organization. She is also very involved with the church and the funeral home. She is the longest serving member of the RB Community Services Society Board of Directors and has been Treasurer for nineteen of the organization's twenty-seven years. We hope she will continue to serve for many more.

Harold Landry is the current property service manager of the Tara Lynne Centre and has done marvellous work in maintaining the building. He is also a very dynamic member of the Economic Development Committee and is now in the process of helping the chair, Carl Grimes, install the community first docks (stay tuned next month for further details). Harold is an active member of the Seniors 50+ Club and is always ready to assist anyone who needs help.

RBCSS President Sharon Chilvers presented a token of appreciation to both Monica & Harold and the whole community wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to two most deserving recipients.

## Christmas Mass



*Mary (Brenna Cunningham) & Joseph (Brett Dakai)*

Father Everett MacDow celebrated the children's Mass on Christmas Eve. The children performing the Nativity scene included: *Mary*: Brenna Cunningham;

*Joseph:* Brett Dakai; *Angels:* Emily Poaps, Erin Cunningham, Yasmine Burke, and Julianna & Angelina Smith; *Shepherds:* Daniel King, Alex Poaps, Adam Sampson and Cameron MacDonald; *Three wise men:* Dale Burke, Donavan Landry and Daniel Allan; and *Star:* Aurora Marche.

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### Where are they now?



Ramona Burke (daughter of Margaret & Roderick Burke) left River Bourgeois in August of 1993 at age 17 to attend Dalhousie University in Halifax. She studied for four years and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1997. Prior to her third year at Dalhousie she was recruited by the Navy to become a MARS Officer (Maritime Surface Command). She completed Basic Officer Training in Chilliwack, BC in the summer of 1995 and returned to Halifax and completed an Honours Degree on full scholarship from the Government of Canada.

Upon graduating from university, Ramona received her Officer Commission and was posted to Victoria, BC to complete training at the Naval Officer Training Centre. In the fall of 1997, while undergoing navigation and seamanship training, she was selected to crew a 92-foot Tall Ship on a four-month trip to Australia. She completed her Naval Officer training in the summer of 1998 and was posted to *HMCS MONTREAL*, a frigate stationed in Halifax, NS. She completed a six-month NATO tour in Europe in the fall of 1998 was promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in December 1998. She earned her Bridge Watch Keeping ticket in early 1999 and successfully completed her Naval Officer Professional Qualification in the summer of 2000 earning her a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant (Navy).

In the winter of 2001, Ramona attended the Naval Operations School in Halifax to complete a specialty course in Above Water Warfare. Upon graduation she was attached to *HMCS FREDERICTON* as the Above Water Warfare Officer and joined the ship in Europe to complete a four-month NATO deployment. She returned to Canada in the summer of 2001 and

joined *NCSM VILLE DE QUEBEC* to conduct Combat Readiness Operations on the eve of September 11. She met her future husband that fall. When Canada joined the War on Terror, she was posted to *HMCS PRESERVER* to be part of Operation Apollo and sailed to the Middle East for a seven-month deployment as part of Canada's response.

Upon returning from Operation Apollo in the spring of 2002, Ramona was posted to *HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN* and completed training to become the ship's Deck Officer. She married Kelvin Burke in July of 2003 and became a stepmother to Megan. In the fall of 2003 she was selected for the Operations Officer Course but had to delay training to give birth to her son, Aidan, in September 2004. Upon completion of the Operations Officer Course in December 2005 she was posted to *HMCS TORONTO*. Ramona and her family currently reside in Halifax. She remains posted to *HMCS TORONTO* where she holds the position of Combat Officer (third in Command). She is to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander in June 2007 when she and her family will move to Ottawa for her new posting at National Defence Headquarters.

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### Family of Clifford LeBlanc



*In the Nov. issue we told you about Clifford LeBlanc who was killed on the ERG in Halifax Harbour. This letter was received from his daughter.*

Sorry I have been remiss in getting this to you. We have a new grandchild next door added to our family: a little girl, Kaley, who is a sister for Sarah and the little one born in Dec., Hannah. She will be two this Dec.

I am including an older picture of our family just so you can know who we are. *Back row:* My husband Fred; son Warren, he has his papers in welding and did mechanics until he became disabled; daughter Tamara (now Dr. Bond, teaching Statistics at Boston College for this year); Yvonne (Bonnie) (me with the grey hair) I worked in a Hospital for 15

full years until I became disabled with Osteoarthritis and Fibromyalgia; Matthew (Sarah & Kaley's father) works as a head shipper at Eastern Protein and is presently taking a Stationary Engineering Course with that company; and Wyatt at the end (Wyatt is involved in car racing) is also a welder and does mechanics. Front row: Harley (our grandson–Wyatt's son) loves cars and works at Canadian tire in the parts department; Megan (lives in Fredericton has her B.Ed. and writes International Curriculum for companies, etc. They hire school teachers and she loves it.); Shayla, the little girl (who by the way is now 16, loves figure skating and works part time at Wal-Mart) is Wyatts daughter; she is sitting on Nans (Fred's Mothers lap-she is now deceased) and Harlene our oldest daughter standing at the end is not well so doesn't work anymore. She was in the reserve army for 15 years and has a double major in Sociology & Psychology. This picture was taken when Megan was leaving for Israel to University there. She came back home and did her B.Ed.at Acadia University. The little boy Harley is now 23 so that is a while ago. Sorry I don't have a more recent one at hand. Thanks for your interest in our family – my father is such an important part of our family and has always been made known and alive in our hearts. Take Care, God Bless. *Bonnie Bond-*

### East End School Picture



*Front kneeling: Malcolm Gamble, Alfred Boudreau, Everett Doary, and Richard Landry. Standing: Joseph Burke, Garvie Sampson, Harold Goswell, Alfred Touesnard, Ennis Landry, Benedict Sampson, Gregory Sampson, Lucille Boucher, Gerald Robertson, Joanne Sampson, Mathilda Touesnard, Evelyn Richards, Wallace Bona, Annabell Goswell, Cassilda Sampson, Theophile Boucher, Veronica Sampson, and Yvonne Digout. The year of the photo is estimated to be about 1944.Thanks to Therese Pottie for the copy of picture.*

### Births

**Barnhill/LeBlanc:** Thomas Andrew (TA) 9lbs 1oz was born Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to Jason & Amanda of Masstown.,

Colchester County. He is a brother for Mary-Emma. Congratulations to grandparents Stan & Helen Barnhill and Peter & Emily LeBlanc, great grandparents Joe & Margaret Bouchard and Charlotte LeBlanc.

### Deaths

**Amero:** Thomas (Tomi), 74, passed away Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> in Plympton, Digby Co. Our condolences to his wife Geraldine (Richard) and children. Tomi was a brother-in-law to Rita Landry, Monica Stone, and Fabie, John, Clarence, Leo and Tony Richard.

**Burke:** Anthony (Delore), 89, passed away Dec.5<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his son Irvin & his wife Doris and granddaughter Claudine.

### Bits and Bites

- **RBCSS** welcomes Mike Fougere as the new janitor of the TLC as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
- **Congratulations** to Mike (Monica & Stanley) McPhee who is now employed by the National Bank Financial as an Investment Advisor.
- **Seniors 50+ Club** meeting Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30.
- **CAP site meeting** Wed., Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.
- **CWL** meeting Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Vestry.
- **RBCSS** meeting Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the TLC.
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card** game Seniors Bldg. Sundays at 7 pm.
- **Happy Birthday** to Doreen Samson celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup>, Alma Burke her 80<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence Burke & Cecelia Baccardax number 90.
- CAP site will open to the public from 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](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and our website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap) We now have wireless & high speed Internet service.
- Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call **Mike Fougere at 535-3308**. People requiring use of the Funeral Home, call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms or funerals.
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