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Pauline Pitts



Pauline Avelina was born August 29th, 1912 to Isaiah A. & Justine (Fougere) Burke of Cannes. She attended Cannes School and completed fifth grade before staying home to help the family. At age sixteen she moved to Halifax to work at the Queen's Hotel however a year later she was summoned home to care for her twenty-two year old sister Mary who was ill from an abscessed tooth. Mary died a short time later. Her other sister Annie May then passed away from a burst appendix at age seventeen.

Pauline decided to work in the RB area as a housekeeper. She cared for Joe Fougere (father of Michael & Cathy) and then the family of Nellie & Willie Boyd. Following that she worked for four years for Alex Sampson, the postmaster of Church Point. She was required to care for four adults in the household of which one was ill, milk the cows, shear the sheep, and tend to the chickens all for \$4.00 a month. Alex's family complained that she was actually making more money than the postmaster.

In 1937 Pauline returned to Halifax and worked as a housekeeper for the next five years taking care of a family of seven. It was a pleasure not to have to do farm chores. Her starting salary was \$12 a month and she received a yearly raise of one dollar. She was given a half day off a week and was delighted to go to a Chinese Restaurant with her friends from the River, Carrie Trueman and Lillian & Carrie

DeRoach. In 1942 she started working at the School for the Blind in Halifax for \$25/month which included room and board. She was responsible for ensuring that the ten boys and ten girls were bathed and dressed for their school studies before she began her housekeeping chores. Pauline worked from 5am to 7pm with Thursday afternoons off when she visited her best friend from RB, Mary Emma Beranger. Mary Emma, always the matchmaker, attempted to make a connection between Pauline and her husband Phillip's brother, Joe. However Pauline had her eye on another brother Fred. Following a short courtship Pauline & Fred were wed in St. Mary's Cathedral on September 26th, 1946. On their honeymoon in RB her mom thought he was a refugee from the concentration camps as he was so tall and skinny. In 1948 Pauline left the School for the Blind as Fred was tired of late suppers.

She enjoyed a much-deserved life of leisure until 1951 when daughter Anne Marie was born. Several of Fred's nephews and Pauline's brother Paul stayed with them while attending school or working. Pauline & Fred were married for forty-nine years before he passed away in 1995. She also took care of her mom for two years before her death and her brother Sam who lived with her for six years after the death of his wife Betty.

In 1996 Pauline had surgery for the removal of a brain tumour and made a full recovery. She & daughter Anne Marie visit RB for their yearly five week stay in their mobile home on Riverview Drive situated where Pauline's family homestead once existed. Pauline recently celebrated her 95th birthday, her hearing & sight have somewhat diminished but her memory is remarkable. She is still quite mobile and claims her favourite pastime is eating. Pauline we all wish you many more birthdays. *Sharon Chilvers*

RB 29th Annual Festival

The 5+ inches of rain on Friday night was a major concern for festival organizers however, the sun

came out and it was a fun filled weekend. Here is a recap.



The children of RB singing O Canada

Comedy Night: The youth of our community once again entertained us all with a number of skits. The children opened with the singing of "O Canada" in French as well as English. Participating in various skits were: Meghan Merrick; Melanie, Emily & Alex Poaps; Daniel & Bethany King; Haley Sampson; Leanne Boudreau; Alisha Kendall; Ricky, Haley & Meagan Martens; Chelsey Young; Kerstin Landry & Brandon LaFantaise. Several adults were also asked to participate including: Therese Pottie & Father McDow who played chirping birds; Frederick Richard & Robin Merrick were wind blown trees and Mark Merrick & Gerard Sampson were hopping bunnies. The audience was also entertained by the very talented Donna Marie DeWolfe on the fiddle and the evening ended with the "Lost in Altitude" band starring Kelsey Sampson. Many thanks to Ida Poaps for organizing this event.



Junior Queen Selina Touesnard & Senior Queen Donna Marie Dewolfe

Junior & Senior Queen Pageant: Congratulations to Selena Touesnard on being crowned Junior Queen and to 1st Runner up Emily Poaps; 2nd Runner Up and Miss Friendship went to Haley Martens. In the Senior competition congratulations goes to Donna Marie Dewolfe who was crowned Queen, Chelsey Young was 1st Runner up, Julia Burke was 2nd

Runner Up while third went to Melanie Poaps and fourth went to Shania Boucher who also took home Miss Friendship. The ladies were escorted on stage by the Kings Alex Poaps & Brandon LaFantaise. The audience was treated to the many talents of these local young contestants. Thanks to organizers Tiffany Stone, Angela Landry & MC Sally Burke.



Pageant contestants: Hailey, Emily, Selena, Julia, Melanie, Chelsey, Shania and Donna Marie

Seventies & Eighties Dance: Almost 200 people packed the TLC to enjoy the music of that era. Anne Louise Touesnard put her skills together yet again by producing a CD of the youth of that time which included 359 photos. The CD was played all evening as everyone danced to their legs content. If you wish to receive a copy at a cost of \$10, please call Anne Louise at 535-3089. Thanks to Rose Merrick, Tanya Burke & Tanya Stone for a very successful event and to Mike Fougere and his Bar Committee.

Children Activities: The Track & Field event was cancelled as a result of the heavy rain but the children enjoyed a couple of hours in the park frolicking in the puddles. On Saturday the children were entertained at the hall with games, bounce-a-rama and were treated to a lunch. Thanks again to organizer, Ida Poaps for keeping the children entertained.

Men's Breakfast: The men of the community under the leadership of George J. Landry served over two hundred hungry patrons and were busy cooking, serving and cleaning. Thanks also to Monica McPhee who ordered all the food for the breakfast and is a master at negotiating bargains. (That's why RBCSS has appreciated her talents as Treasurer for the last twenty years).

Canoe Races On Sunday, young & old enjoyed war canoe races organized by Gerard McPhee & Ida Poaps. People lined the North Side Lower Road shoreline to watch the race. *The Southsiders* took the honours of finishing first.

Potluck Supper: Not to be outdone by the men's breakfast the ladies served more than three hundred people. Thanks to Ann MacNeil & Donna Landry for leading their crew into yet another successful dinner & the people of this community who cooked

their hearts out for this meal. It was much appreciated.

Lob Ball Tournament: The 29th Annual RB Festival Ball Tournaments in memory of Edwin Bona got off to a wet start because of the major rain storm. We had 23 teams: 4 in the family division, 7 in the B division and 12 in the A division. The *Jr. Schooners* defeated *Mom's Brats* in the Family division final claiming two years in a row the Clarissa Bona award that is sponsored by MacBouch Tavern. The trophy was presented by Rodney, Megan & Jordan Bona in memory of Clarissa. This year we introduced a B division into the tournament and the response was great. The winners were *Shoppers Relics* from Sydney Mines over Beaverbank. The MVP for the B division was Tyler MacIssac of the Shoppers Relics and Most Sportsmanship was Lee Cobb of Beaverbank. The A division was very competitive this year and for the first time we have a new winner in the A division. *Arichat* defeated *Kin Excel* in the semi finals & *Glance Bay* defeated the *Alpines* from Sydney in their semi final. **Arichat** went on to win the championship over Glance Bay. The MVP was awarded to Josh Marchand of Arichat & the Edwin Bona Most Sportsmanship Award went to Jackie Ford of Glance Bay. The MVP & Most Sportsmanship awards in the A and B divisions are sponsored by MacBouch Tavern. Graham Bona of the Halifax Mooseheads handed out the hardware.

Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of the Festival and the Tournament. The very first game was played between *Holy Joe Crows* and *Edwin Bona Schooners* at the old little league field and has grown ever since. Next year there will be an alumni game between the Crows and Schooners prior to the championship game.

I would like to thank Michael Fougere and his helpers for all the work that they did on the ball fields prior to the tournament. Without their help we would not have a festival or a ball tournament. When called upon to volunteer, please do your share so we can continue for at least another 30 years. I would also like to thank the following umpires for a job well done: Peter Leblanc, Howard Sampson, Ellis Burke, and Mel, Chris & Darren Bona

Well "Dis" Is What I Say Brian Bona

Concert: Once again Eddie Pottie managed to organize a super concert. Entertainment began with RB Queen Donna Dewolfe on the fiddle followed by Junior Queen Selena Touesnard on the recorder. Other entertainers included: Karen Smith, Luanne Baker, Tom Bona & Doug MacKinnon; *Lost in Altitude* featuring Kelsey, Devan, Caitlin & Ryan; Richard Owens, Wendy Abbott, Hank and Marie Bouchie, Gerard, Pamela & Haley Sampson, Krista MacKinnon, Ronnie Hull, Dancers: Molly Warner,

Emily & Erica Bona. Russell Webb delighted the crowd with his version of "I don't look so good naked any more". Eddie ended the concert singing a couple of oldies.

Ball Field Canteen: Thanks to Diane Breau & her family, and Raymond Doary with the Army Cadets who worked diligently all weekend cooking and serving. Thanks also to Thaddeus Benoit who ensured the grounds were free of bottles and garbage.

Tickets: Winners were: *Half and Half ticket* (\$450) Janice (Albert) Touesnard; *Quilt by Madeline Cook-Martina England*; *Swedish Weave quilt by Madeline Libbus-Mary Bona*; quilt by Charlotte LeBlanc-Judy Davies. Thank you again to the two Madelines and Charlotte for donating the beautiful prizes.

Festival Income Statement:

	Revenue	Expense
Merchandise Bingo	\$1329.00	\$384.35
Comedy Night	178.00	0.00
Pageant Night	176.40	110.25
Children's day	0.00	54.72
Men's Breakfast	1303.00	785.84
Lob Ball	5150.00	3406.10
Adult Dance	850.00	46.14
Bar/Beer Gardens	2497.41	620.48
Ball field Canteen	1612.00	803.94
Pot Luck Supper	2564.00	0.00
Variety Concert	700.00	0.00
Tickets	21.90	450.00
Heritage Walk booklets & t shirts	865.00	
License & printing		221.20
Misc. Expense		503.65
Portable Washrooms		228.00
ECBC Grant	2500.00	
Michel Sampson	200.00	
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Thanks to everyone for participating, attending, cooking, cleaning etc. These funds will go a long way in maintaining our buildings during the winter months. *Sharon Chilvers, Festival Chairperson*

Births/Adoptions

Boucher/Hiltz: Lacey Dawn, 6lb 7oz, born Sept. 2nd to Jason & Trudy of Mount Uniacke. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Valerie & Don Hiltz of St. Peters and Emily & Joe Boucher.

Pottie/Scully: Avery Daniel Leonard, 9lbs 9oz., was born August 25th to Joey & Trish of Edmonton. Congratulations to all including grandparents Leonard & Cynthia Pottie and great-grandparents Jean Pottie and Patricia Doary.

Touesnard: Selena Ann Amanda born July 11th, 1998 and Selinda Joe born August 20th, 2003 were

adopted in April by Arnold Sampson & Laurie Suitor of Church Point. Selena & Selinda are welcomed home by big sister Bethany. Congratulations to all.

Yadav/Morrison: Ision Reuben, 7lbs 3oz, was born Aug. 22nd to Reuben & Hailey. Congratulations to the parents, Grandma Mary Morrison and great grandparents Joe & Margaret Bouchard.

10th Anniversary of Golf Tournament



Pictured above are RB natives who took part in the golf tournament and who are all in prominent positions with the Royal Bank in Atlantic Canada. Debbie Digout - Manager-St.Peters; Joan Burke - Mortgage Specialist in the Strait Area; David Konning - Investment & Retirement Planner-Moncton ; Peter Clow - Manager-Port Hawkesbury; David Viscount - Investment & Retirement Planner-Halifax. Picture courtesy of Peter Clow.

On August 18th the 10th annual Richie Mann Invitational Golf Tournament was held in Dundee. The tournament was started by Richie (who was inspired by a friend who is a breast cancer survivor) when he was MLA to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation (over \$400,000 to date) and for the cancer patient assistance program. The event continues to grow each year and is recognized as one of the largest golf tournaments of its kind in Canada. If you are a cancer patient in need of travel expenses etc., call the contacts in our area for more information. Deirdre Boyd-River Bourgeois 535-2827; Lorraine Ferguson-St. Peters 535-3263 and Sally Ann Mombourquette-L'Ardoise 587-2171. Check the website: <http://www.richiemann.ca> for more information on the tournament.

Deaths

Landry: Raymond John, 84, of Sampsonville passed away Sept. 8th. Our condolences to his wife Doris, children Andrew, Glenora, June and Shaun of River Bourgeois and their families.

Matheson: Stanley Patrick, 52, of Sydney Mines passed away Sept. 12th. Our condolences to his fiancée Claire Burke and her family.

Sampson: Rudolph, 73, of Fort St. James, BC passed away Sept. 8th. Our condolences to his wife Crystal, children Mary Ann & Guy and to his brothers and

sisters especially Terrance, Charles, Carol Ann and Mary Cecilia and their families.

Thibeau: Regina passed away on Sept 3rd in Hamilton. Our condolences to her sister Catherine Tounesnard and all her extended family.

Bits & Bites:

- **Cribbage Seniors Bldg** Mondays at 7pm.
- **Seniors 50+ Club phone # is now 535-2563.**
- **Senior's club** meeting on Oct. 2nd at 1:30 pm.
- **CWL meeting** on Thurs Oct 9th @ 7pm.
- **CWL Merchandise Bingo Nov 4 2pm**
- **CAP site meeting** on Oct 10th at 7pm.
- **RBCSS meeting-Oct. 24th @ 7pm.**
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Oct 10th @ 1:30 pm.
- **Cenotaph Restoration Update:** Due to unforeseen legalities in completing the land transfer from the Catholic Episcopal Corp. to RBCSS we have been unable to do much restoration work. We are however planning to sell another set of Club 200 tickets to be drawn before Christmas. Preliminary work is expected to be completed this fall & winter with the major repairs beginning in early spring. We anticipate having it completed before Remembrance Day 2008 in celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the end of WW 1. Don Pottie, Chair of Restoration Committee.
- **Congratulations** to Victor & Evelyn Burke who celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11th.
- **Happy Birthday** to Joe Bouchard who celebrated his 95th birthday on Sept 15th. Also to Gladys Parks who hit the big "50".
- CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Anyone looking for Heritage Walk booklets, shirts, souvenirs or used books, and for all your computer needs drop in. Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com and our website is www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap.
- 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 etc.
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