



# The River Round Up

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Stan & Marj Digout



Stanislaus Lawrence was born November 13, 1937, the ninth (eighth son in a row) of ten children to Victor & Mary Emma (Landry) Digout of Cannes. Stan attended Cannes School before going to St. Peters for grades eleven & twelve. In 1954 he entered St. FX and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (1957) and a Bachelor of Education (1958). He taught high school in St. Peters for two years before heading west to teach in Ashmont, Alberta. On the first day of teaching a grade twelve French class, Stan became smitten by one of his students, the beautiful Marj Henderson.

Marjorie Anne was born in St. Paul, Alberta on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1943 and was attending school in Ashmont in 1960 when she became infatuated with her handsome and charming teacher. They dated for ten months and on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1961, Stan & Marj were married. The following year their first son, Allan (Edmonton) was born, followed by Gregory (Yorkton, Sask.), Michael (Saskatoon), Gerry (Tusket, N.S.), Jackie (Goodsoil, Sask.) and David (Victoria). All six children were born within a five year, five month span. The family has now expanded

to include fourteen grandchildren. Marj was a stay at home mom who loved and enjoyed all the challenges of raising the children. In her spare time (claims she did have some) she was an avid bowler (champion). On one of their motor trips across Canada they stopped at a gas station and the children ran out to stretch their legs. It was customary that after each stop they would do a roll call (he was a teacher) however this particular time they waited for several miles to do so, only to find out that Gerry was not in the car. A quick return trip found Gerry sitting on the sidewalk awaiting their return. The five-year old child's only statement was "I knew you would come back for me". Marj was employed by the Saskatchewan Psychiatric Hospital for seven years during the time when all the children were in university but had to resign in 1987 due to her health.

Stan was in school administration from 1961 to 1968 in Peace River, Alberta. In 1969 he graduated with his Master of Education at the University of Alberta and in 1970 was appointed Assistant Superintendent and a year later Superintendent of the Wainwright School Division. From 1973 to 1981 he served as Superintendent of Schools in Eastern Alberta with the Catholic Schools Assoc. which served five Districts. Meanwhile Stan returned to University once again and in 1979 received his Doctorate in Educational Administration. In 1981 Stan accepted the position of Director of Education of the North Battleford Catholic School Division and served until his retirement in 1992. In November, 1992 Stan was given the "Meritorious Service Award" in honour of his contributions to Catholic Education in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Marj & Stan are avid card players, especially Bridge and 45, and are notorious bird watchers. Marj loves to do all sorts of crafts especially cross stitch and collects Santa Clauses. To date, she has cross stitched 26 Christmas stockings for her family. Stan likes to golf, do New York Times Crossword puzzles, putter around the yard and is a CAP site volunteer.

Twelve years ago Stan & Marj decided that they would spend their winters in RB and their summers in Sask. Last year granddaughter Jennifer asked "What has nine toes, curly hair and flies east for the winter?" and the answer was "my Grandma". Not to be outdone by his sister, Jesse wrote a school essay about his grandfather's lifetime achievements. Stan was glowing with pride until he read the last line of the essay which read, "The best thing about my grandpa is my grandma". Stan & Marj are now permanent residents of RB as of September and we all welcome them with open arms. *Sharon Chilvers*

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### Ronald Comes Home



*Ronald salutes flag following the laying of Armed Forces Wreath*

Ronald Landry son of Vera Landry Bourque & the late George Landry of RB returned home for the Remembrance Day celebrations. Ronald served seven months in Afghanistan. This was his first visit home since and it was also the first time since he joined the Armed Forces in 1994 that he was home for Remembrance Day. Ronald said "You can talk about it, talk about people's sacrifices but until you actually lose friends doing it, you can't really begin to describe it." Ron also served in Kosovo and the Balklands. He celebrated an early Christmas with brothers Craig and Chad, mom and step dad Basil Bourque before returning to his wife and four children in Edmonton.

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### Camp Rankin celebrates 35 yrs of 4H

On Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> the 4H held a dinner at Camp Rankin to celebrate and honour their leaders. Cape Breton 4H Leaders Council honoured Peter LeBlanc and Lorraine Gates for their outstanding service in the 4H Program at Club, County and Provincial Level. Peter & Emily LeBlanc and Dave & Lorraine Gates were honoured by the Province of NS in recognition and appreciation of their volunteer service with Camp Rankin Café at Provincial Show and all four also received an award from the Minister of Agriculture for their volunteer hours and leadership. Edward

Touesnard received from Canada 4H Council a 15 Year Leadership Award for his 4H Club work. Debbie Landry also was honoured for her 15 years of leadership in 4H. Jocelyn Stone and Sharon Stone remain leaders in the 4H club. 4H began in RB in 1981 with sixty-eight children participating, in 1988 there were eighty-two children, and in 2007 there were two. Leaders from RB now work with the children in St. Peters.

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### RB Thanks Madeline



*Vera Bourque, Madeline Cook, Ethel Stone, Margaret Pottie and Henrietta Doary*

On Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> friends & family gathered at the TLC to honour and thank Madeline Cook for her years of dedication to this community and all of her beautiful quilts she has donated for fund raisers. Gifts were presented to her from RBCSS, Seniors Club, Choir, and CWL. Madeline is moving to a new complex in Dartmouth to be closer to her children. Good luck in your new home and we will all miss you.

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### The Eagle



*Percy & Ronnie Sampson*

In the spring of 1970, my 18 year old brother Percy Sampson looked out his upstairs bedroom window and saw what he thought was a hawk circling the chicken coop. Fearing for the lives of our chickens, he took out his gun and opened his bedroom window. He waited until the bird perched itself on a tall tree along the shore line and then took

aim and with one shot hit the large bird. He and my brother Ronnie ran to the shore with great excitement to retrieve the dead body of what they thought was a hawk. It was brought to the house where I took several pictures of the boys with this great bird which measured 7 feet 9 inches from wing tip to wing tip and over 3 feet from head to toe. Word got out quickly and there were many visitors to our house that afternoon to see the great kill.

Around 7pm that evening there was a knock at the door and who should be there but the forest ranger John Landry. He took one look at this magnificent bird and said it was a bald eagle and that they were rare and illegal to kill. He gave the boys a stiff talking to and said he had to take the bird away with him. Percy was very lucky it was John who was the forest ranger because normally a heavy fine comes with killing these endangered birds. Percy never did receive one. We were told later that the eagle had been stuffed and hung in a museum in Halifax for years and then later moved to another museum in Ontario. Within three years of that incident, both my brothers Percy & Ronnie had passed away in separate drowning accidents. The life of that beautiful bird was lost on that spring day but it was never forgotten because of the excitement and memories it caused. When I think of my brothers all these years later, that special day is one of the first to grace my mind.  
*Delores Roberts*

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## History

*Stella Maris School pupils taking part in eliminations for the 1961 Richmond County Speech Festival*

### Poetry Section

#### Grade 5:

*When a Ring's Around The Moon*-Barbara LeBlanc, Barbara Boudreau, Maureen Richard, Joan Baccardax & Maureen Morrow.

#### Grade 6:

*Eletelephony*-Gregory Buckley

#### Grade 6 (French):

*Mes Trois Amours*-Linda Richard, Emily Bouchard & Louise Richard.

*Le Maître Et L'Écolier*-Joseph MacPhee, Louis Digout & Mark Bourque.

#### Grade 7 (French):

*L'Echo*-Therese Landry, Judith Bourque & Claire Boudreau.

*En Hiver*-Juanita Richard & Linda LeBlanc.

### Original Speeches

#### Junior High Grades (seven, eight & nine):

*The Life of a nun*-Sally Baccardax

*Television*-Susan Robertson

*The Forests*-Joyce Buckley

*A Trip to Australia*-Arthur Bouchard

*Education of the Deaf*-Marilyn Harris

**Senior High Grades (ten & eleven):**

*Nursing as a profession*-Gladys Bouchard

*Christian Education of Youth*-Ann McPhee

*Stamp Collecting*-Estelle Digout

*The Nursing Profession*-Nicole Touesnard

*Conservation of Forests*-Sylvia Boucher

The qualifying competition was usually held at the Parish Hall in front of a large local audience and a panel of judges selected the top presenters to compete in the Richmond County Speech Festival which was held at the St. Peter's Town Hall at a later date.

The most intriguing poem on the above list would appear to be the one entitled "Eletelephony" by Gregory Buckley. It is my understanding that Gregory recently recited without missing a word this poem to his former teacher, Helen MacDonald, when he met her recently in St. Peter's. *Russell Fougere*  
*We went one step further and asked Greg if he could write it down for us and here it is:*

Once there was an elephant,  
Who tried to use the telephant-  
No! No! I mean an elephone  
Who tried to use the telephone-  
(Dear me! I am not certain quite  
That even now I've got it right.)  
How'er it was, he got his trunk  
Entangled in the telephunk;  
The more he tried to get it free,  
The louder buzzed the telephee-  
(I fear I'd better drop the song  
Of elephop and telephong!)

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## University Graduate



Rebecca Jane LeBlanc graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University Oct 21<sup>st</sup> with a Master of Science Applied Human Nutrition. Rebecca is a Dietician at the QE11 Health Sciences Centre. Congratulations from Mom & Dad (Peter & Emily)

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## Births/Adoptions

**Bartlett:** Jase William born August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 was adopted by Robert & Karen on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

Congratulation to the parents, grandparents George and (the late Sandra Landry) & Kathy Landry, Ida Bartlett and Gary Roode, and great grandparents Peter Stewart and Jan Howley.

**Burke/Tulk:** Aden William Kelland, 4lbs 12oz, was born Aug 27<sup>th</sup> to Barry & Elaine of Halifax. Congratulations to the parents and the grandmas, Annie Burke-Landry and Judy Brady.

**LeBlanc:** Zachary David, 9lbs 3 oz., was born on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> to Jamie & Erin of Iqualuit, Nunavut. Brother for Simon. Congratulation to the parents, grand parents David & Venice LeBlanc, David & Veronica Webb, great-grandparents Evelyn & Hubert Kraitzek and Charlotte LeBlanc.

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## Deaths

**Anderson:** Patrick Ernest, 76, passed away on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> in Halifax. Our condolences to his wife Josephine & children as well as his sister in-law Alice Sampson and brother in-law Eddie Pottie.

**Beazley:** Margaret Mary passed away in Halifax on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. She was the daughter of the late John & Alvina Burke. Our condolences to all her extended family in RB.

**Connell:** Jean (Pate), 93, of Ottawa passed away Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. She was the daughter of the late Martin & Seraphine Pate of Hawker. Our condolences to her sisters, Bernice, Muriel, Evelyn, brother Raymond and nephew Donnie Pottie & niece Thea Rensen of RB and their families.

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## Noel in RB



*RBCSS docks withstood the winds of storm Noel.  
Photo by Anne Louise Touesnard.*

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## Bits & Bites:

- **RBCSS Annual Christmas Celebration will take place on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> following (4pm) Mass**

**at the TLC. There will be tree lighting, carols, Christmas goodies and a visit from Santa. At 6:30 pm ,Wilma & Clifford Landry & daughter Carrie Grimes will direct the grade six children in the play “One Small Child”.**

- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **Senior’s Club Christmas** potluck luncheon will take place on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- **CWL Christmas luncheon** on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at McBouch Bar & Grill following 4pm Mass at St. Peters Catholic Church.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Dec 12 @ 1:30 pm.
- **Club 200 Cenotaph Restoration** draws began Nov. 16 and will continue each Friday until Dec. 21st. **Winner #1 - Cathy Aitkin, ticket #36** and **Winner #2 Shaun Landry, ticket #21.** The committee wishes to say thank you to all who support the Restoration.
- **High school ,community college students or any community member** willing to volunteer at CAP site for a couple of hours per week or to go on our spare list, call Sharon (3516) or Ann at (2944). Some computer skills required.
- Our Capsite winter hours are 2-4 & 6-8 Mondays to Thursdays and 2-4 on Friday. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Anyone looking for Heritage Walk booklets, T shirts, postcards or used books and for all your computer needs drop in. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and our website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap). Lynn Boudreau is still having a few computer problems which will hopefully be short lived and then will update our website.
- 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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- *We wish you and your families peace and love during this Christmas season.*

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