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Marie & Conrad Fougere



Conrad Ambrose was born May 1st, 1946 the 8th of 10 children to Evelyn (Pottie) & Sam Fougere of the Southside. He attended the Cannes School which just happened to be located a few hundred yards from his home. Since the lavatory (outhouse) for the school was located across the road, Conrad would jump the fence and run home to the more familiar commode. In 1954 he moved on to the newly built Stella Maris School on the Church Point where he completed his grade eleven. Conrad worked clearing brush for the power lines before joining Stora in 1965. At sixteen years of age while attending school he became lovesick with a beautiful young lady from the Church Point named Marie.

Stella (Marie) was born on August 28th, 1948 the last of seven children to Beatrice (Landry) & Charlie Landry of the Church Point. When she was ready to start school at age five Sister Josephine suggested to Beatrice to keep Marie home longer as she had enough five year olds crying to go home already in her class so she started school at age seven. She quickly caught up with the children her own age by double grading and after completing the tenth grade

worked at Dino's Restaurant in Port Hawkesbury. She also worked at Sears in Halifax in the candy and credit departments. At the tender age of thirteen Marie became infatuated with a young handsome gent from the Southside named Conrad.

Conrad & Marie were married on December 26th, 1966 by Father Marinelli at St. John the Baptist Church. They were the first couple in our church to receive wine at a wedding Mass. As they left the altar Conrad turned to Marie and in his dainty voice said "You could have left me some". They went to live on Church Point and Conrad claims he was the first South-sider to move to Church Point while still living. They had three sons: Scott who sadly passed away Feb. 2005 of cancer, Kevin who lives in Calgary and Mark in Halifax. They also have three wonderful daughters-in-law Carolyn, Tammy & Jennifer and two precious granddaughters Jillian and Ava.

Marie was a stay at home mom to her boys while becoming involved in the community. She was President of the Home and School Association and for twelve years took care of the Fillion children while their mom taught school. In 1984 Marie returned to school to obtain her GED. For the past thirteen years Marie and her friend Florence Touesnard have been delivering Meals on Wheels. She also organized several pot luck suppers for the community festivals and is notorious for baking and cooking for the neighbours, the sick and the shut-ins. Conrad served several years on Parish Council. He worked as a millwright at Stora for thirty-seven years before retiring in May, 2003.

Sports played an integral part in the Fougere family. Conrad began coaching baseball in the minor leagues in 1970. He was President of the Richmond Minor Baseball League while coaching the River Bourgeois Schooners. He was also on the Executive of the Richmond Amateur Baseball Association and served seven years as President. He would take his boys with him in the dugout while he coached and they soon learned the game. When the weather was

bad the children would play ball in the trailer using a sponge ball and when it was sunny they would play imaginary ball outside much to the delight of neighbour James Sampson who would sit at the window watching the kids run around the non-existing bases. Hockey was also a pivotal sport that the children played and dad coached. Conrad was a member of the Board of Directors for the Richmond Arena when it was first built. The funds ran out before its final completion so the coaches and some players worked diligently in preparation for the hockey season. Aluminium pie plates were placed under each bulb in order to reflect more light onto the ice. A tractor hauling two barrels of water was used to flood the rink each night and everyone took their turns doing this. Fundraising to pay for ice rental and uniforms was also part of the job as kids traveled to compete in Victoria, Inverness and Antigonish Counties. Conrad was the president of the Richmond Minor Hockey while Marie was the unofficial secretary, telephone answering machine and did all other duties that come with being the wife and mother in a sports oriented family.

Marie & Conrad are kept busy these days being the caretakers of the Funeral Home and cleaning of the church. Conrad spends much time in the summer mowing in the graveyard and cleaning the tombstones. Marie and friend Florence often have to pick up flowers and garbage that have been moved around the graveyard by the wind and the crows. One day they notice a crow picking up a newly laid flower in its beak and carrying it off into the woods. They suspected that he was doing some courting. Conrad is a member of Branch 47 Legion and is always on call when brother Hubert starts a new project and needs his expertise in renovating. Marie & Conrad enjoy visiting their children and grandchildren. Marie & Conrad, the people of the community owe both of you a huge debt of gratitude for all you do and we all wish you many more years of love and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Richmond County Expo

This year, the seniors' expo will be held in different venues in Richmond County over a one week period from May 27th to June 3rd. At this time we don't have all the locations, events and times however this is the schedule for RB: **Thursday, May 31st: 10 am to 12 pm Baseball** Bona Field, **Darts** Seniors Building, **45 Card Game** Tara Lynne Centre; **12pm -1 pm Luncheon** Tara Lynne Centre; **1 pm to 3:30 pm Cribbage** Tara Lynne Centre, **Tarbish** Tara Lynne Centre, **Bridge** Seniors Building, and **Horseshoes** by Seniors Building. *Cost*

for the day is \$10, tickets will be available May 1st from Sharon 2512 or Anne 2803.

Easter Sunday



Top row: Alex Poaps as the sun; Mid row: Megan Merrick, Adam Sampson, Melanie Poaps, Bethany King, Colton Burke; Front row: Emily Poaps and Daniel King. Photo by Chelsey Burke.

On Easter Sunday during the celebration of Mass by Father Everett MacDow the children re-enacted a scene of Christ being raised from the tomb. Thanks to Arthur Doary for creating the tomb and to Ida Poaps for the direction of the scene. The people of River Bourgeois were especially blessed during Holy Week with Father Bill Rankin and Father J.J. MacDonald joining in the various services with Father Everett.

RB Volunteer's Honoured



Valerie Cunningham, Wanda Burke, Raymond Doary, Susan Boudreau, Henrietta Doary, Fabie Richard & Adolph Kehoe. Missing are: Janet Bourque, Kelly Burke & Sharon Chilvers.

On April 20th at a reception in Louisdale, Richmond County honoured its volunteers. Representing River Bourgeois were: Fabian Richard *Richmond County Seniors*, Sharon Chilvers *RB Community Service Society*, Raymond Doary *RB Economic Development*, Susan Boudreau *RB Seniors 50+ Club*, Wanda Burke *RB Technology & Training*

Centre, Henrietta Doary *St. John the Baptist Parish Council*, Valerie Cunningham *St. John the Baptist CWL*, Janet Bourque *Strait Area Mutual Aid Ground Search and Rescue*, Adolph Kehoe *Isle Madame Trails and Kelly Burke Richmond County Minor Hockey*. On April 19th **Richmond Villa** honoured local volunteers at a social and on April 24th **Strait Richmond Hospital** provided a dinner for their volunteers. At all of these celebrations River Bourgeois was well represented. **Maureen Cosman-Burke** was nominated by the West Richmond Education Centre to join others from across the Province to be honoured at the 2007 Education Week Awards. The Ceremony was held at the Halifax Military Family Resource Centre on Monday, April 16.

On March 31st, the **Richmond County Home Support Services** hosted a dinner in Louisdale 'in thanksgiving for the professionalism and compassion' of the home support workers, office staff and board members of the county. Presented with certificates were Emma Burke, Henrietta Doary, Gerarda Pettipas, Rita Fougere & George Digout.

We thank all community members for sharing their talents for the many worthy causes in the County. If you are new to the community and would like to take part in some organization, talk to your neighbours. They can probably direct you to a contact person. It is a good way to join local activities and of course we are always looking for more volunteers.

CWL Annual Meeting



Gloria LeBlanc, Tina Coleman, Father MacDow, Janet LeBlanc & Emily LeBlanc

On April 14th, St. John the Baptist CWL held their annual meeting at the TLC. The members were treated to a great brunch catered by the gentleman of the community. Stanley may have lacked cooking abilities but was a master at buttering toast. The annual meeting followed the luncheon and was opened by President Deirdre Boyd. The executive

are in the second year of a two year term so the leaders remain the same: Deirdre as *President*, Father MacDow as *Spiritual Advisor*, Ann Clow as *Secretary*, Therese Pottie as *Treasurer*, Elaine Burke as *President Elect* and Ann Clow as *Past President*.



Cooks: Stanley McPhee, Simon Carter, George Digout, Peter LeBlanc, George A. Landry & David Digout taking a rest.

Spiritual Development chairperson Marlaine Burke led the group in prayer. Chairpersons of each committee followed with their reports, *Organization*, Elaine Burke, *Education*, Therese Digout and Leona Campbell, *Christian Family Life*, Debbie Digout, and *Community Life*, Valerie Cunningham.

Members were awarded their much deserved anniversary pins. Celebrating: *50 years*- Alma Burke & Charlotte LeBlanc; *25 years*-Joan Owens and *first year* pins went to Marie Burke, Tina Coleman, Janet LeBlanc, Gloria LeBlanc & Emily LeBlanc. Father MacDow followed with a few words on the importance of the CWL in the community, province, Canada and the rest of the world. Members participated in the celebration of Mass at St. John the Baptist Church following the meeting.

The Ice Boats



The ice finally left about two weeks ago but this is a picture that was taken about twenty years ago of Donnie & Patrick Fougere racing up the River-Yes there is a red and a blue sail here neck and neck. *Thanks to Patsy Bourque for sharing the picture.*

Note: Last month we posted a picture of a plane which landed in Grand Gully. We have had a lot of versions as to how our story ended. Many people stated that the plane flew off on its own steam; others said that parts were removed, taken away on a truck for repair and then the plane took off. All the people that we talked to who were students at the east end school remember having a holiday because of the event and others remembered the occupants of the plane eating at their houses. Thanks for all the feedback and Greg is still sticking to his story.

Seniors 50+ Club Annual Meeting

On April 2nd, 40 members of the RB seniors club attended a delicious potluck supper. The annual meeting followed with the election of 2007-2008 Executive: *President* Anne Sampson, *Secretary* Sharon Chilvers, *Treasurer* Mary Ellen Pentecost, *1st. Vice* Carl Grimes, *2nd Vice* Lucille Boudreau, *Property Maintenance* Joe Sampson, *Membership* Madeline Cook & *Communication* Emily LeBlanc. President Anne Sampson was made an honorary member of the club. Anne has been a member of the executive since its inception in 1993. A plaque will be installed on club wall to include the two other lifetime members: Bob Pettigrew and Rita Landry.

Births

Fougere: Riley Ella, 7lbs 11oz, was born February 26th to Drew & Maggie of Alberta. Congratulations to grandparents Gordie & Rita Fougere.

MacDonald: Reese Alexandria, 8lbs 12oz, was born Apr. 22nd to Yolanda & David of Hammonds Plains. A sister for Logan & Jordan. Congratulations to grandparents Danny & Linda Cote.

Deaths

Beaver: Joel Harris, 27, passed away Apr. 13th in Japan. Our condolences to his parents Carol & Ren Beaver of Sherbrooke, brothers Scott & Clayton and grandmother Madeline Cook.

Burke: Sharon, 61, of Sampsonville passed away on Apr. 10th. Our condolences to her sons Duane & Clint, sister Glenda Sampson, mother-in-law Obeline Burke of RB, her many brothers, sisters and all the Burke family.

Burke: Alexander J, 87, passed away on April 23rd. Our sympathy to daughter Claudette of Evanston, daughter in law Claire, son Mark, sister Theresa, brothers Raymond, Ernest, John & Roderick all of RB, all the relatives away and the extended family.

Bits and Bites:

- **Senior's meeting** May 1st at 1:30pm.

- **Seniors Mini Bingo** May 9th at 1:30pm.
- **C@P site Annual Meeting**-May 9th at 7pm.
- **CWL Meeting** May 11th at 7pm.
- **RBCSS meeting** May 23rd 7pm.
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card** game Seniors Bldg. Sundays-7 pm.
- **Correction:** The name of the daughter of Courtney & Darren Bona of Port Hawkesbury should have read Abbeygail Leigh.
- We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends, volunteers, entertainers and the committee who spent countless hours organizing the benefit. A big thank you to our communities and all the businesses for the abundance of food and prizes, we couldn't have done it without you. Your generosity was overwhelming and very much appreciated. Thank you for your support, prayers and monetary donations. God Bless you all! Darren, Colleen, Tiffany, DJ & Michael Stone.
- Thanks to the anonymous donor who gave the generous sum of \$4000 to the Economic Development Committee to assist in the completion of the Dock and Boat Launch.
- **North American Migratory Bird Count** is on May 12th. Anyone interested in doing some feeder watching or field work in Richmond County please call George Digout at 535-3516.
- If you wish to post a **notice in the parish bulletin** email w.coleman@stpeterscable.com
- **C@P site will be open** Mon-Thurs 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm and 2-4 pm Fri. Phone # is 535-3251 and fax no. is 535-3638. The C@P site has applied to the government for **grants for summer students**. We will not hear until mid-late May whether we are successful or not. However if you are interested please email a resume to rbcap@stpeterscable.com or drop off it to the CAP site. For more info call Sharon at 3516.
- 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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