



# The River Round Up

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## Therese & Donnie Pottie



Therese Ann was born June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1949 the oldest of six children to Rita (Richard) & John Landry of Cannes. In 1968 following her graduation from St. Peters High Therese moved to Halifax and began working for the Merit Insurance Company. Shortly after she was reacquainted with a childhood friend, Diane Pottie who had spent many summers in Hawker with her parents, sisters and brothers. One day Diane's brother Donnie drove Diane to visit Therese. Donnie took one look at Therese and was immediately love-struck and said "I have to go out for a few minutes but will return and we can go for a drive". Therese had no idea that this meeting would change the path of her life.

Donald Joseph was born on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1945 the 3<sup>rd</sup> of six children to Arthur & Esther (Morrison) Pottie of Halifax. The family spent most summers at their False Bay summer home. At age seventeen Donnie went to work for Sobeys prior to graduating from St Patrick's High School. In 1968 Donnie had a young lady in his life and had a scheduled date with her, the day he dropped his sister Diane to visit her friend from River Bourgeois. He immediately returned to the girlfriend and told her that he was going out with the boys. He then took Therese for a

walk in Point Pleasant Park and low and behold runs into, yes, you guessed it, the girlfriend (who instantly became his ex).

Donnie & Therese dated for a year before Donnie was transferred to the Sobeys Store in Port Hawkesbury. Donnie moved to the family summer home in Hawker and soon convinced Therese to follow him home and that they would marry. True to his word they were married on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1970. They lived in the family summer home which Donnie had renovated until 1972 while they had their house built in Cannes. Daughter Charline presently lives in Halifax with hubby Al Covin and works at the QEII Health Sciences Center as a Tissue Bank Processing Leader.

Therese worked for the Town of Port Hawkesbury and in the Credit Dept. at Sears for several years. She worked on several community grants as a bookkeeper, the Dept. of Agriculture and is now a term employee with Canada Post. Donnie continued to work with Sobeys for thirty seven years retiring in 1999. A year and a half later he missed working and decided to return on a part-time basis. His co-workers claim he is in "playschool" because he only shows up on weekday mornings.

Donnie & Therese are the epitome of the word "volunteer". For thirty-seven years Donnie has been a Board of Director for the Credit Union, first in River Bourgeois and then on to First Richmond, and now East Coast Credit Union, holding positions as chairperson & vice-chair. He has also headed many board committees over the years. Six years ago Therese & Donnie became involved with Military Genealogy. At first it was only with veterans from and/or living in River Bourgeois however it has blossomed to include Br. 47 Royal Canadian Legion and many others from outside this community who are searching for information on their relatives. They estimate that they have hundreds of photos in their albums. In 2005 they traveled to The Netherlands to celebrate the *Year of the Veteran* and return a visit to

cousin Thea, husband Rob and family. For the past two years Donnie has been chairperson of the Cenotaph Restoration Committee and both have spent countless hours on this project and with wonderful results. They have also been involved with the "Maple Leaf Legacy Program"; a project dedicated to photographing all Canadian war graves. This information will be placed on a website to be available to anyone wishing to find where their love ones are buried. Recently Donnie went to Arichat to photo such a gravesite only to find himself falling in a very deep hole. It is not known if the hole was meant for him and it was only later that he realized the site he was looking for was across the road. Following in her mother's footsteps, Therese has spent the last thirty-five years as a CWL member and has served as President on the Parish, Diocesan & Provincial levels as well as having held various convenorships. She is also actively involved as a CAP site volunteer and is a dedicated member of the River Round Up team. In her spare time she enjoys cross stitching, crafts, bingo & gardening while Donnie loves his card games, hobbies in his garage & surfing the net.

Donnie & Therese, the people of River Bourgeois thank you both for your commitments in making this community such a wonderful place to live. We wish you many more years of good health & happiness.  
*Sharon Chilvers*

### Congratulations



Cadet Colton Burke from 824 Silver Dart Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, St. Peters was the recipient of the Avenger Flight Top Cadet Award. Colton attended the basic course from July 7 - July 18 at the Greenwood Air Cadet Training Centre, Greenwood, NS. The cadet program is available across Canada to young people ages 12 - 18. It is one of the largest youth programs in the country (over 55,000 cadets nationally) and is committed to providing a safe & healthy environment where young people can develop as strong leaders and active citizens. Colton is shown with his sister Wing

Warrant Officer Kelsey Burke. Kelsey will resume her cadet involvement as an Officer with the Antigonish Squadron while attending St. F.X. Any youth wishing to join the local squadron may show up at the East Richmond Education Centre at the gym on Wednesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. or call 535-2830 during this period.

### Annual Community Christmas Social



On Dec 5<sup>th</sup> a social was hosted by the RBCSS at the TLC. Many people joined in the caroling, ate lots of good food prepared by Debbie Landry and the members of the youth development committee provided crafts for the children. It was a great way to start off the Christmas season. Maggie Eden and Madison Brown pictured above are busy telling Santa and Mrs. Claus what they would like on Christmas morning.



*Some of the junior carolers*



*Some of the young at heart.*

## Valerie Boyd Celebrates #94



Valerie Boyd was treated to lunch by friends: Lucille Boudreau, Therese Digout, Mary Cosman, Mimi Fougere, Deirdre Boyd, Monica McPhee, Germaine Carter, Mary Fougere, Marj Digout and Sharon Digout is behind the camera. Birthday gal Valerie is at the head of the table.

## River Bourgeois Church



The above picture of St. John the Baptist Church was sent to us a while back but we can't remember by whom. If someone knows, drop us an email so we can give credit.



As in years past the children of St. John the Baptist Parish performed a reenactment of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve. Pictured above are: *Narrator* Brandon LaFantasie; *Star Holder* Dale Burke; *Angels* Reagan Hamilton, Brenna Cunningham, Erin Cunningham; *Mary & Joseph*:

Emilie Poaps & Brett Dakai; *Shepherds*: Cameron MacDonald, Alex Poaps & Daniel King. Missing from photo are the three Wisemen: Josh Grimes, Jeffrey Martin & Christian MacDonald. Lots of thanks from the congregation to the directors: Linda Burke & Maria DeWolfe.

## Creation Poem



It began with the light  
Followed by the darkness, the night.  
First there was sea and sky  
Created by God; He knew why.  
Second there were the trees and earth  
By God's hand given endless birth.  
Third came the sun and stars  
To govern the light of this earth of ours.  
Fourth came the birds and fish  
Made from the Lord's wish.  
Fifth came the creatures of the ground  
From God's likeness were humans found.  
Sixth came man's temporal power  
To rule the animals from atop their towers.  
Seventh came the day of rest-  
Forevermore it shall be blest.  
That is how Earth came to be  
By the power of God's decree.

*William Laforce (age 14)*



The above poem was written by the son of Claudine (Fougere) & Paul Laforce and grandson of Rita & Russell Fougere and we asked permission to print it in the Round Up. Thank you to William for this contribution to the River Round Up.

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## Births

**LeBlanc:** Colbie Claire, 7lbs 2oz, was born Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> to Nicole & Scott of Trenton, ON. A sister for Erin & Lauryn. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Annie (Burke) & Cyril Landry and Sally & Leon LeBlanc

**Mombourquette:** Kate Adelle, 5lbs 2oz, was born Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> to Andrea & George. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Ervin & Janice Touesnard and Debbie & Mark Mombourquette and great grand moms Viola Touesnard and Fran Blaine.

**Sampson:** Callum Campbell, 6lbs 7oz, was born Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to Ross & Alisha. A little brother for Brooklyn. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Bucky & Anne Sampson and Roy & Eleanor Samson, great grand moms Rita Sampson, Claire LeBrun and Agnes Campbell.

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## Deaths

**Bouchard:** Joseph, 96, passed away on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Margaret and children: Mary, Anita, Emily, Arthur & Richard and their families.

**Landry:** Stella Mary, 87, of St. Peters passed away on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her husband Ernie and her children including Emily (George) Morrison and sister Emily Kendall of RB.

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## Bits & Bites:

- **Congratulations** to Tracy Wynands (daughter of Anita (Bouchard) & Gerry Wynands on receiving “Pride of Workmanship” award from the Rotary Club of Australia. Tracy works in Public Relations with the Australian Government and resides in Adelaide with her husband Dean.
- **Congratulations** to winners of cenotaph tickets: Week 1-#34-Peter McPhee of Antigonish; Week 2-#45-Ken Burgess of Rocky Bay; Week 3-#85 Kathleen Bona of L’Ardoise; Week 4-#171 Agnes Casey of Little Dover; Week 5-#39 Melvin & Denise Touesnard; and Week 6-#148 Eddie Fougere of Dartmouth. A most sincere thank you to all who supported the cenotaph restoration so far with purchases of tickets & donations. Next month we will have information on other means of support to the project.
- **Congratulations also** to Terry Benoit, Joanne Schrader, Mike Diggdon, George Robertson & Fr. Mac Dow who were the winners of the Knights of Columbus ticket draws.

- **Happy Birthday** to the following “youngsters” from RB who recently celebrated a birthday: **Beatrice Landry #97, Pap Landry, Annie Mae Burke, Victor Burke & Valerie Boyd #94; Lawrence Burke, Marie Boucher & Cecelia Baccardax #92; Murdick Richard #91** and the kids **George J. Landry & Arthur Doary #65.** **Germaine Carter** has a milestone birthday coming up on January 4<sup>th</sup> so don’t forget to congratulate her.
- **45 Card Seniors** Bldg. Sunday at 7pm.
- **Cribbage** - Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **Bingo every Friday night - 7:45 at TLC** with early bird games. Fourteen \$100 games with specials & rising jackpot (\$1000) to go.
- **CWL Meeting** Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Vestry.
- **Seniors Meeting** - Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.
- **Seniors mini bingo** - Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.
- **CAP site meeting** – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- **CAP site public hours are from 2-4 & 6-8 pm Monday to Thursday and 2-4pm on Fridays.** We have wireless & high speed internet services plus a scanner, fax and photocopier. We also have a good selection of used books. Saturdays you can call Sharon 535-3516 or Sherry 535-3182 for appointment. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Festival mugs & hats have been reduced in price. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com). Visit our website at [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://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.
- **This issue of the River Round Up is number 101.** We thank all our contributors and supporters over the last years. Special thanks to all volunteers who printed, folded etc. also to Bucky’s Garage, RB Post Office & East Coast Credit Union who allow the sale of the newsletter on their premises. Subscriptions are available for \$20.00 delivered in RB, \$30.00 within Canada and \$40.00 internationally per year.
- ***We want to wish all a very happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.***

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