



# The River Round Up

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## Ann & Leo Burke



Leo Joseph was born on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1943, the third of four children to Josime & Mary Charlotte Burke. Leo walked the short trek to the Cannes School until the seventh grade when the Stella Maris School opened in 1954. In 1960, Leo completed his grade eleven before heading to Halifax to seek employment. He was immediately hired by Dominion Stores where he remained for the next twelve years working in Halifax and Sydney. While in Sydney, Leo was one of many boarders who lived at the home of Mary Antle. It was there that Leo fell madly in love with Mrs. Antle's beautiful daughter Ann.

Ann Marie was born June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1941, the fourth of five children to Mary (Burke) & William Artle of Sydney. When Ann was only eight, her father passed away leaving her mom to raise the children ranging from seven to sixteen years of age. Times were tough but the family was aided by "Pound Parties," a Sydney tradition where neighbours would come by with groceries to help out those in need. Ann began working at the Metropolitan Store on Charlotte Street for the sum of \$18 for a 40 hour week at age thirteen. On the weekends she stemmed strawberries for a market to earn extra dollars. In order for her mom to obtain income to support the children she opened her

quite large home to boarders working at the Glace Bay Heavy Water Plant and in the Sydney area. Two of those boarders hailed from RB: the ever so entertaining Peter Pottie and the handsome Leo Burke, whom Ann became quite smitten with. Ann & Leo were married at St. Augustine Church on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1968.

When the Metropolitan store closed, Ann worked at Reitmans for a while before moving on to K-Mart to become head cashier. In 1971 Leo left Dominion Stores and joined the painters union to do industrial painting throughout Cape Breton. In 1976 Leo & Ann decided to move to River Bourgeois. They rented a home from Delphis & Lucille Landry for a year before moving in with Leo's Aunt Lizzie & Uncle George Dewolfe to help care for them. As a child, Ann, her mom and siblings would visit a cousin who lived in Whiteside and she never forgot her dream of someday moving there. So in 1980 she & Leo moved to their current location in Whiteside. Leo was in heaven, being able to do all the hunting and fishing he wanted.

In 1982 Leo was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that his two sisters were also stricken with. Evelyn passed away in 1984 at age fifty-four and Eileen passed away in 2003 at sixty-nine.

After moving to Whiteside, Ann opened a grocery store in Evanston, which she operated for two years until it became apparent that the patrons were now shopping in Port Hawkesbury. Leo continued to paint and work in construction until his illness progressed to the point that he became bound to a wheelchair. Down but not defeated, Leo chose a different path in life and began to do woodworking, folk art & crafts and Ann became a top-notch saleslady and went to all the malls and craft sales to sell his wares. In 2000 and again in 2008, Leo had heart attacks and as a result had to stop working with wood. Once again Leo had to find a new career and decided to do a different kind of painting, this time with watercolors. Sitting in his scooter at the table he works for hours creating

the most beautiful paintings. It takes about a month to complete one painting and he sells them for less than his expenses, which is okay with Leo as he simply buys a new kit and starts all over again. When he tires from painting, Leo does crossword puzzles. Meanwhile Ann goes for her daily walk around the Port Hawkesbury mall and tends to her many kittens in the barn. She also collects stale bread from the stores to feed her birds and is an avid TV fan. Leo drives his scooter about Whiteside & area and when he wants to take a day off from painting, he takes the Strait Area Transit Bus to the mall for a few hours. They pick him up at the door. Leo is grateful for the bus as it allows him to go out, especially on the colder days, and see many of his old friends at the mall. His brother Georgie is also always there to take him for his medical appointments. Leo & Ann you are an inspiration to all of us and we wish you many more years happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

### Silver Cross Mother - Lucille Martell



*Lucille Martell (daughter of the late Rita & John Landry)*

#### **Served in WWII**

*Grandfather* Charlie Richard along with 5 of his sons; *Uncles* Clarence, Alfred, Egbert, Martin & Fabien all served in the Merchant Navy. A sixth son, Uncle Leo, served in the Army in the Medical Corp. *Father*, John (Landry) served in the Army with Princess Louise Fusiliers and his brother, Uncle Mark served in the 88<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry. John's brother-in-law, Uncle Lloyd (Carroll) also served, however, records have not been located.

On my husband Paul's side of the family, both his grandfathers, Frank Sampson and Patrick Martell served in WWI. Paul's father, Ron Martell served in the Royal Canadian Navy in WWII. Three of Paul's uncles, sons of Frank Sampson, served in the Canadian Forces beginning in 1951. All three served a full career to retirement. Both Charles & John with RCAF in Avionics and Patrick served in the Army.

**Since 1974:** Paul served in the Air Force as Supply Technician; brother, Lloyd Landry, in the Air Force as Construction Engineer; son-in-law, Trevor Gillis joined the Army as Infantryman, however due to illness he was unable to continue his service. Trevor passed away in 2008.

**Still actively serving are:** son-in-law, Sgt. Michael Doucette, RC Dragoon, CFB Gagetown, NB; and nephew, WO Ronald Landry, Field Engineer, CFB Wainwright, AB, who has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. *Lucille Martell*

### Ladies Celebrate their 96<sup>th</sup> Birthdays



Annie-Mae Burke and Valerie Boyd posed during their birthdays in November. Valerie celebrated with her daughters Anne & Sue on the 4<sup>th</sup> while Annie-Mae celebrated with her daughters Hattie, Mary-Agnes & Phyllis and sons Gerald & Peter on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Both are in great health and we wish them many, more happy birthdays.

### Jane celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Jane Landry celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Richmond Villa on November 14<sup>th</sup>. She was not only the guest of honour but wowed the crowd by playing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and a few other tunes on her accordion. Son-in-law Kenny Pettipas entertained the villa residents and the many people who came to celebrate the birthday. Jane has two children, Lola & Melvin.

### RB Resident competed in Wipeout

Tanya Carter, a schoolteacher from River Tillard, was among the two-hundred and sixty chosen from more than 45,000 applicants to compete in the television show "Wipeout Canada". Production of the

thirteen one-hour episodes took place in Argentina between October 9<sup>th</sup> & November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tanya has now returned and had a great time but is sworn to secrecy about the results. Wipeout Canada gives 20 contestants in each episode the chance to conquer the course ultimately leading to a winner. The show is slated to air in the spring so stay tune to the RRU for the conclusion. Husband Leon and children Haley & Leland were unable to attend but were mom's biggest supporters.

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## RB Summer Students Win Award

This summer our CAP site student Kelsey Sampson (Joyce & John) was asked by Richmond CAP to participate in a competition sponsored by the *CAP Technology Facilitation Officer Department of Economic and Rural Development*. She was required to do 5 different projects -4 small projects and 1 big project representing the Digital Community. She enlisted the help of the RBCSS summer student Christine Pottie (Cynthia & Leonard) who also worked in the CAP site. Kelsey is not sure of the exact titles but thinks they were: Digital Etiquette, Digital Security, Digital Community, Digital Law & Digital Commerce. All CAP sites in Nova Scotia took part. She won a \$750 Bursary which she split with Christine and said they had a great time doing the projects because they were creative and fun! They even created a rap song. Congratulations girls.

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## Haunted House



RBCSS held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Halloween's Haunted House and for three days more than two hundred visitors attended. Screams were plentiful as patrons (ranging from two to eighty-eight years.) went through a maze of rooms filled with monsters, both real and stuffed.

It takes many people to make this a success. Organizers and creators Debbie & Rebecca Landry, Rose Merrick and Tanya Burke were grateful to have the following people work during the events: Meghan Merrick, Debbie Martell, Linda, Julia & Kara Burke, Theresa Sampson, Tanya Stone, Delores Roberts, Sharon Chilvers, Mike Fougere, Maxine Kendall, Susan Boudreau, Brandon & Paula LaFantaise. Thanks to our fudge makers: Charlotte LeBlanc,

Anne Landry, Theresa Kyte, Lucille Boudreau & Mary Touesnard. All who worked enjoyed the many comments from the patrons. Six year old Selinda was finally convinced following her tenth visit to the haunted house that the man with the axe was not real. Mary Fougere is still having nightmares and two husbands of Richmond Academy teachers do not wish to return to RB following the destruction of the walls by their wives as they ran screaming from the site. Two-year-old fearless Jackson Carter kept saying "nice monster". All enjoyed the creativity of the group and next year we promise to be even better! See you next year Selinda.

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## Special Anniversary Celebrations



*Back Row: Melvin, Denise, Michael, Debbie, Peter, Sherry, Joan, Michael, Agnes, Leo, Anselm, Vera, Therese & Donnie: Front row: Bernard, Lenova, Cletus, Mary, Joe Monica, John & Alma.*

On November 21<sup>st</sup> a Mass, celebrated by Fr. MacDow, and dinner was held in honor of couples celebrating special anniversaries during 2010. Jubilarians were: 25 years: Sherry & Peter Baccardax, Joan & Joey Stone, Denise & Melvin Touesnard; 30 years: Deborah & Michael Landry; 40 years: Therese & Donnie Pottie, Sylvia & John Allan; 50 years: Mary & Leonard Burke, Agnes & Leo Fougere, Joan & Michael Owens; 55 years: Alice & Daniel Sampson; 70 years: Evelyn & Victor Burke. Special recognition also was given to: Bernard & Lenova (56), John & Alma Burke (57), Anselm & Vera Sampson (58), Monica & Joe Stone (58), Cletus & Mary Touesnard (59) and Raymond & Mildred Burke (61).

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## Births

**Boudreau:** Reid Christopher, 7lbs 6 oz, was born on November 8<sup>th</sup> to Tanya & Chris. A brother for Addison & Ella. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Debbie & David Digout, Lucille & Buddy Boudreau and great-grandmoms Therese Digout and Mary Cosman.

**Burke:** Alex William, 9lbs 9oz, was born on September 17<sup>th</sup> to John & Kerry. A brother for Aiden. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Nancy & Calvin Burke and great-grandmom Obeline Burke.

**Chou:** Owen Alexander Fougere, 6lbs 10 oz, was born on October 28<sup>th</sup> to Andrea & Jay of Whitehorse. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents

Marguerite & Hubert Fougere and Chen-ye & Su-anwu Chou.

**Pierro:** Ryan Charles, 8lbs 7 oz., was born on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Melanie & Richard. A brother for Jennasey. Congratulations to the parents & grandparents Blaise & Gretchen Landry.

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## Weddings

**Benoit/Sampson:** Congratulation to Shawn Michael, son of Vincent & Delia Benoit, and Leah-Anne Sampson, daughter of Francis St. Louis & granddaughter of Joe & Anne Sampson, on their wedding on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Shawn & Leah-Anne will reside in Lynches River.

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## Deaths

**MacNeil:** Evelyn K., 82, of St. Peter's passed away on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Our condolences to her daughter Nancy Burke of River Bourgeois and her family.

**Landry:** Peggy 74 yrs of St. Peters who passed away on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences her husband Cletus, her children and to granddaughter Mindy Burke of River Bourgeois and her family.

**Pottie:** Anthony (Tony), 63, of Stewiacke passed away on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Linda, children Angela and John, mother Jean Pottie, sisters Estelle & Kathleen, brothers Vincent, Leonard & Leslie and their families.

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## Bits & Bites

... **Memory Tree:** How about simplifying your gift giving this year by making a charitable donation in the names of those on your Christmas list or in memory of a loved one. All funds raised will go to the RB Funeral Home. Either gift is twofold: it provides funds for the much needed repairs & maintenance to our funeral home, while allowing the donor the benefit of a charitable donation receipt. A Christmas tree will be displayed in St. John the Baptist Church. A decoration of a dove or angel will be placed on it for each donation received with the name of the person remembered. Donations may be placed in the collection box or mailed to: RBCSS, Box 56, River Bourgeois, NS B0E 2X0.

... **RBCSS** will be holding their 5th Annual Community Christmas Celebration on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. There will be a tree lighting, children singing, a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa and refreshments will be served. Come & enjoy the company of your friends.

... **RBCSS** would like to thank all who assisted organizer Debbie Landry in making yet another successful brunch on November 14<sup>th</sup>. \$1310.00 was raised. Winner of the ½ and ½ ticket was George Digout.

... **A Mystery Dinner Evening** will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Tara Lynne Center. Cost is \$25 per person and tickets must be purchased by January 22 so we know how much food to prepare. Tickets may be purchased by calling Rose 535-2141, Sharon 535-2512, More details will be available in the January RRUP.

... **CAP Site Board & RBCSS** would like to thank Doug Roberts & Glyn Chilvers for their excellent work on the entrance way into the CAP Site.

... **Happy Birthday** to the Landry (Alcantra) family. On November 10<sup>th</sup> Peter turned 58, Emma 57 and Buzzie 47 while brother Michael celebrated 54 on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

... **45 Card** game every Sun. 7:30pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Cribbage** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11-12 am.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

... **Seniors Christmas Potluck** dinner on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Tara Lynne Center.

... **CAP Site meeting:** Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.

... **Knights of Columbus** meeting Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

... **CWL Christmas dinner** will be held on Thurs., Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs.1-3 (new winter hours), 6-8 and Fri. 2-4. Our email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com). The RB CAP Site web address is [http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup\\_archives.htm](http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm) There are a few Mike McPhee shirts available. We also have cenotaph shirts left over from last year for \$10. This summer we prepared CD's of the first 10 years of the River Round Up (great Christmas gifts). They can be purchased for \$10 at the site or we will mail them for the extra cost of postage.

... 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.

... The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$20.00 delivered in RB, \$30.00 within Canada and \$40.00 internationally per year.

... **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!**

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