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Marlaine & Albert Burke



Marlaine Marie was born March 7th, 1954, the eldest of four children to Lucille (Pottie) & Delphis Landry of the Southside. Marlaine attended the River Bourgeois School and was in the 10th grade, at the tender age of fifteen, when she went to a dance at the Louisdale Parish Hall and met the man of her dreams. His name was Albert.

Albert Alexander was born on January 2nd, 1950, the youngest of twelve children born to Clara (Fougere) & Harry Burke (Bourque) of the Southside. Following the completion of his schooling in River Bourgeois, Albert attended Cape Breton Regional Vocational School in Sydney, where he completed his grade eleven & twelve and studied plumbing & pipe fitting. After graduating in 1969, he went to Halifax in search of employment but was unable to find work in his field so he worked in construction for the next two years. Having already met his future bride, he spent much of those two years traveling back and forth to Cape Breton. On Marlaine's sixteenth birthday, Albert made a decision to move back to River Bourgeois for good.

A month after his return Albert was very fortunate to find work at the Stora paper mill. At first he loaded ships with newsprint but soon he became a full time

employee in the newsprint department. Meanwhile, as preparations were underway for Marlaine's graduation and wedding, her dad Delphis was busy building a small house in the back yard. The original plan was for a garage but he decided to make a two-bedroom house for his daughter and future hubby. He wasn't letting his little girl move too far.

Albert & Marlaine were wed on August 26th, 1972 at St. John the Baptist Church. Two years later they welcomed their first son, Stephen. Stephen, along with wife Gunilla and children Maya & Arvid, live in Sweden where he works 20% at Lund University as a researcher and secretary for the Moisture Research Center - LTH. The remaining 80 % of this work time is spent at NCC, the second largest construction company in Sweden, where he is an energy & moisture expert. He holds a PhD in Building Physics. Second son Neal lives in Ottawa and is employed with Department of Defence. Neal studied multimedia at McKenzie College and created a CD-ROM about the history of Acadians called "L'Acadie" which has been used in New Brunswick as a teaching tool. He also attended Dalhousie where he graduated with a Bachelor of Computer Science with Honours. Albert & Marlaine's third son, Allan, also graduated from McKenzie College with honours and now has his own company Strafe Tech Studios and works at DHX Media in Halifax as a Technical Director. He now has three children's animated shows on air: "Bo on the Go", "Animal Mechanics" & "Pirate Adventures in Art". He also worked on "Little Buck's Christmas".

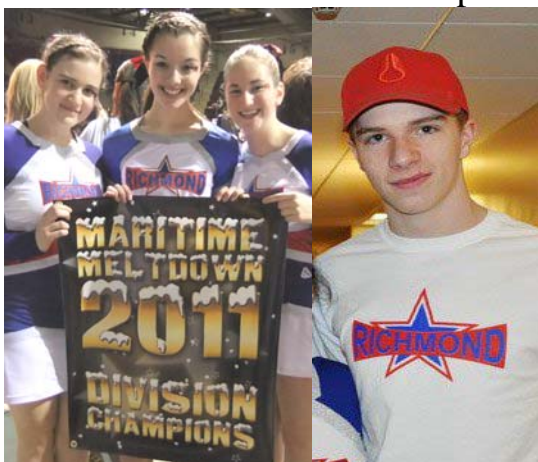
While residing in their little house in her parents' yard, there were many incidents with her mom's animals. Often, when mom left the house, the cows would find a way out of the pasture and Marlaine would be left the task of rounding up the herd. Once she glanced at the back door to find the pig with its nose up against the glass door staring at her. In February 1979, Albert, Marlaine & their children moved into their current home which Albert had build. Delphis, a very talented construction worker,

gave Albert instructions each evening as to the next step in the process and would inspect the following day before Albert could resume. Delphis must have been a good boss as the home turned out beautifully. Albert continued to work at the paper mill until he retired in 2006, after thirty-five years. Marlaime was a stay at home mom until 1989 when her dad passed away. Delphis had worked from home with Richmond Housing Society so Marlaime & Lucille took over the business until it became obsolete seven years later. In 1996 she attended the Community College in Port Hastings to study Business Information Technology, Computer Systems and Management Support. She graduated with honours in 1998. She worked at the Credit Union for two years before moving to the call center. Nine months later her mom took ill so she left work to tend to Lucille. In 2004 she returned to the Credit Union to retire in 2008.

Both Albert & Marlaime have been very much involved within the community. Marlaime served as President and Treasurer for the CWL for two terms each and served on several convenorships. They both were leaders in 4H, with Marlaime teaching outdoorsmen and Albert teaching woodworking. Albert worked with the RBCSS Annual Festival Parade for eight years and both are members of the Senior's Club. Marlaime is a member of the choir and occasionally sings with her uncle, Eddie Pottie, at many venues around Cape Breton.

These days they love to travel and make their yearly trek to Sweden to visit. They have enjoyed trips to Denmark, Germany, France, Cuba, Jamaica & Mexico. Albert & Marlaime, the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of health and happiness.

Cheerleaders are the Champs

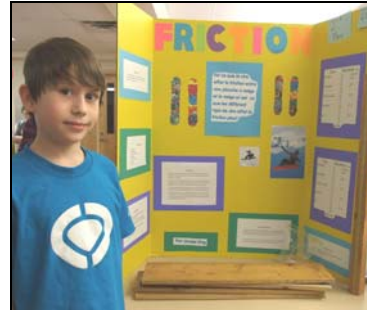


Shania Boucher, Haley Sampson, Nicole Landry & Ricky Martin

On March 5th & 6th the Richmond Cheer Athletics, a large group of 60 or so students from Richmond County, headed off to Halifax to compete in their 1st competition this year. Four students are from River

Bourgeois on the senior team. With over 600 cheerleaders in the competition, both our junior & senior teams came home with the 1st place banners in their divisions. This was awesome to watch and we are very proud of them. *Tammy Boucher*

RB's Future Scientist



Daniel King (Kevin & Bonita) with his project "The study of Friction".



Alex Poaps (Robert & Ida) with his project "L'effet de sert".



Michael Stone (Darren & Colleen) with his project "A daisy lasts longer in 7-Up than in water".

RBCSS Annual Meeting

On March 23rd River Bourgeois Community Service Society held their annual meeting. The Board of Directors for 2011/2012 is as follows: Chairperson-Rose Merrick; Secretary-Tina Coleman; Treasurer-Sherry Baccardax; Bingo Committee Chair-Sharon Chilvers; Fundraiser & Events Chair-Rose Merrick; Property Services Chair-Wayne Reynolds; and Bar Committee Chair-Mike Fougere. Board of Directors at Large: Theresa Sampson, Ann MacNeil-Landry, Valerie Fougere, Tanya Stone, Susan Boudreau & Connie Stewart.

Chairperson's report: This past year has been an eventful one once again. Our Board of Directors have put countless hours into meeting our objectives. Revision of our policies & procedures continue to be a work in process but great strides have been made. A much needed sound system was installed much to the delight of concert goers. Chairs were purchased for the upstairs to replace the multicoloured and damaged ones. Extensive repairs were made to the ball field canteen. The expansion of our parking lot was started but weather conditions hampered completion. A holding cabinet (food warmer) was purchased. We also implemented an Event & Fundraising Committee that organized the: yearly festival, haunted house, Tara Lynne Concert, start-up of brunches & concerts, the Memory Tree and our Community Christmas celebration. Our disappointment has been the continuing decline in attendance of our bingo. Loss of aging patrons has not been replaced by the younger generation. A committee was formed to take care of the Funeral Home. Two summer students were hired via government grants, one for grounds & maintenance and one for the festival. Tara Lynne Bursaries were awarded to two graduating students and donations were made to the following: St. Peter's food bank, World Vision, Strait Richmond Health Foundation & Christmas Baskets, etc.

Thanks to Roger Cuzner (Federal), Michel Samson (Provincial) and Gilbert Boucher (Municipal) for their support through grants. Many of our residents who are not Board Members have made outstanding contributions of their time. We wish to thank the following: Debbie Landry; Conrad & Marie Fougere; Gerald LeBlanc, Gloria & Kenneth LeBlanc; Peter Baccardax; Donnie Pottie; Raymond Doary; Glyn Chilvers; Bernard Burke, Gary Burke & Alcantra Landry.

Our goals for 2011 are: completion of our policies & procedures, replacement of the hall roof, renovations in the kitchen, completion of the extended parking lot, replacement of hall lighting along with the continuous maintenance of our current programs and faculties.

In closing I wish to thank everyone in the community who continue to support us throughout the year and a special thanks to the Board of Directors for their countless efforts and dedication.
Rose Merrick.

Update on Touesnard Research

Over the past year a number of church records from parishes across France have been made available on-line. This has allowed further investigation of the Touesnard family in the area surrounding Saint-Malo, the ancestral home of Emile Touesnard who came to River Bourgeois around 1900. The origins of the family are not yet known but

I have managed to trace the Touesnards back to three men, Artur, Alain & Guillaume who were living at Saint-Servan (now part of Saint-Malo) in the 1640's and 1650's. The relationship among the three men is not yet confirmed. They may have been brothers, or two brothers and a nephew. Further research is required.

The earliest record found thus far is the birth of an Anne Touesnar on Mar 15, 1637, the daughter of Alain Touesnar and Bertranne Lebreton. Over the course of the next 250+ years there is evidence of the family living in Saint-Servan, Saint-Jouan-des-Guerets, Saint-Pere & Saint-Malo. In contrast to many of their compatriots who were farmers, the Touesnards were mostly tradesmen with occupations including maçon (mason), menuisier (joiner) & charpentier (carpenter). The earliest reference to an occupation is Georges Touesnart in 1671 as "taillair de pierre" and later as "macon" suggesting the two were equivalent.

There are many variations in the spelling of Touesnard over the years in addition to the familiar Touesnard, such as Touesnart, Touenard, Touenart, Toinard, Toisnard, Toisnart, even Thounard & Thoynard. Despite the variety of spellings, the records confirm they are all part of the same family.

The two main lines of the family proceed from Georges, son of Alain, b.1644, whose descendants lived in Saint-Servan, and Julien, son of Guillaume, b.1664, who moved to Saint-Jouan-des-Guerets in 1690, when he married Guillemette Durand. Thereafter the two lines remained separate. Emile Touesnard is descended from Julien. His lineage is as follows: Guillaume-Julien-Jean-Alain-Toussaint-Alain-Emile. He was born Dec 17, 1880, in Saint-Pere, where his father had moved from Saint-Jouan-des-Guerets when he married Perrine Frustec on Mar 19, 1878. Sometime between his birth and the birth of a younger brother in 1885 the family moved to Saint-Malo. The rest, they say, is history. *Paul Touesnard*

Brothers show off their talents



Brothers Joe & Gerald LeBlanc of the Southside have started a picnic area at the end of the Southside road. After they cleared the area and got fill to extend the location, they put their creative talents to work. Gerald made a picnic table and Joe made the

wheelbarrow bench in the Acadian colors. Joe is in the process of building a two wheel bench to add to the décor. They will be out on display soon.

Births

Cotton: Lexy Amelda Margaret, 8lbs 12 oz, was born March 15th to Melanie & Robbie of St. Peter's. A sister for Dylan. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Marie Burke and Bobby & Bernadette Cotton.

LeBlanc: Lucas John, 9lb 5 oz, was born on March 3rd in Sackville to Jamie & Erin. A brother for Simon & Zachary. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents David & Venice LeBlanc and David & Veronica Webb, great-grandparents Evelyn & Hubert Kraitzek and Charlotte LeBlanc.

Mombourquette: Claire Abigale, 8lbs 3oz, was born on March 8th to Andrea & George of Grand Gully. A sister for Kate. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Janice & Ervin Touesnard, Mark & Debbie Mombourquette, great-grandmoms Viola Touesnard and Fran Blaine.

Deaths

Bouchard: Margaret Mary, 96, passed away on March 20th. Our condolences to her children Arthur, Richard, Mary, Anita & Emily and their families.

Eisenhour: Donald, 86, of Halifax passed away on March 11th. Our condolences to his children and sister-in law Theresa Landry.

Gibson: Mary, 90, of St. Peter's passed away on March 23rd. Our condolences to her children, brothers Cletus & James Wedge, sisters Maureen, Delores & Rose-Marie and their families.

Landry: Theresa, 83, (daughter of Katie [Fougere] & Simon Landry) of Acton, Mass. passed away on March 10th. Our condolences to her aunt, Evelyn Burke and many cousins in RB.

Sampson: Helen Marie, 65, of Dartmouth passed away on March 1st. Our condolences to her husband Leo, her children, sisters Mary Burke and Rosalie, brother Stevie MacDougall and her foster family: Cletus & Edward Touesnard and Ann King.

Bits and Bites:

... Grant Sampson (Pam & Gerard) and Bethany King (Bonita & Kevin) are part of the French Immersion group that will be going on a European Educational Tour in March 2012. Two fundraisers will take place. A cold plate dinner on April 17th (\$8 each, order by April 2nd @ 535-2555 or 535-2732) and a bottle drive on April 30th. Bottles can be left at the end of your driveway for pickup.

... On May 31st the St. John the Baptist Choir is going to order "Celebrate & Song" books for the

choir and the congregation. If anyone would like to make a donation (by May 31st) in loving memory of a deceased loved one, each book is \$10. Cheque should be made out to St. John the Baptist Parish. A label will be placed in the book, which you have purchased with the name of your loved one. Tax receipts will be issued. For further inquires, please contact Marlaine Burke 535-2769, Mimi Fougere 535-2723 or send to Marlaine @ 318 Southside River Bourgeois Rd. RR # 1 River Bourgeois BOE 2X0

... **Merchandise Bingo** April 10th, 2pm @ TLC. Proceeds go to the Catholic Woman's League.

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

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

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

... **Friday Night Bingo** at the Tara Lynne Community Center 7:45pm.

... **Seniors Annual Meeting:** Tues., April 12th. A potluck lunch will take place at 12:00.

... **Happy 80th Birthday** to Simon Carter.

... **CAP Site Annual Mtg.** Wed., April 28th 7 pm.

... **Knights of Columbus** mtg. April 13th, 6:30 pm.

... **CWL meeting** April 14th, 7 pm vestry.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., April 20th, 1:30 pm.

... **RBCSS meeting:** Wed., April 27th, 7pm.

... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 1-3, 6-8 and Fri. 1-3. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm. We are still in need of a few volunteers or some that will act as spares. Call Sharon Digout @ 535-3516 if you can spare a couple of hours a week. This summer we prepared CD's of the first 10 years of the River Round Up. They have a limited index and can be purchased for \$10 at the site or we will mail them for the extra cost of postage. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638. Used books also for sale on site.

... 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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