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# The River Round Up

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## Barbara & Dwight Sampson



Barbara Louise was born on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1957 the fourth of ten children to Dorothy (Burke) & Anthony Burke of the Southside. Barbara attended Stella Maris School until the tenth grade then she attended St. Peter's High. In 1972 at the tender age of fourteen Barbara and her friends went to Milton Pottie's Canteen at the head of the river. It was there she met a handsome older gentleman named Dwight.

Dwight Joseph was born December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1950 the 2<sup>nd</sup> of four children to Elnora (Digout) & Martin Sampson of Sampsonville. In 1955 the family moved to Massachusetts where Dad worked as a mechanic. In 1960 his dad heard they were building a pulp mill in Port Hawkesbury so the family returned to Cape Breton. Dwight attended Lakeside School before moving on to St. Peter's High where he graduated in 1970. He worked in Port Hawkesbury at the Co-Op for a year before attending the Strait Regional Vocational School in Port Hawkesbury to study Industrial Instrumentation for the next two years. It was while attending that school that he went to Milton's Canteen and met a petite pretty blond lady named Barbara. It was love at first sight.

Barbara & Dwight began dating from that day forward. Oblivious to the fact that he was dating a

minor, as Barbara was fourteen and he was twenty-one, they dated for the next two years with a wedding day planned for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1975. On Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 1974 Dwight mentioned to his co-worker that he was getting married in ten days and the co-worker suggested he marry her that night and she could be a tax write-off for the whole year (True Romance). He went to Barbara and she agreed but when they told the parents no one would believe them. Before Mass they sought Father Tom Morley who agreed to marry them after Mass but first he had to say their third marriage banns during that Mass and all would be cleared. Annette & Glen (Dwight's brother) stayed behind and were their witnesses. On January 10<sup>th</sup> they proceeded with their church wedding. Fourteen months later son Shane was born and Adam followed three years later. Adam resides in Edmonton while Shane resides in Ottawa. In 1974 they purchased a small house from Martha Goyetche on the Church Point. In the meantime they bought land for their current home on Richard's Pond Road. Barbara's father Anthony and his brother Ernest built the home and in 1980 the family moved in.

Dwight went to work for Nova Scotia Power upon graduating from Vocational School and retired in 2005 after thirty-two and a half years there. Barbara was a stay at home mom with their two sons. They spent fifteen years freezing at the rinks while the boys played hockey and did lots of fundraising for the rink. Dwight played gentleman hockey (I think that means old guy's league) until his knees got the better of him.

These days Barbara & Dwight spend their leisure time doing what they love best, fishing. They ice fish all winter and fish from their boat the other seasons. They are also avid hunters and Barbara likes her bingo and loves photography. They are members of the River Bourgeois Seniors Club and enjoy going out to eat with their friends.

Barbara and Dwight, the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of wedded

bliss (at least another thirty-six years) and good health.

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### Seniors Building Gets a New Look!



*Gloria LeBlanc, Lillian Peeples & Norma MacNeil are enjoying and working up a storm in the new colourful facilities.*

The River Bourgeois Seniors Club remodelled the basement of their building, thanks to a \$9700.00 grant from the New Horizon Program for Seniors. A sub floor & flooring were installed, walls were painted very colourfully in pink, green, blue & yellow (sort of looks like “Romper Room”) and new baseboards were installed. Now everyone can exercise in a safe, fresh environment. Flooring was installed in both bathrooms upstairs and the ramp was upgraded to standards. Thanks to a \$1000 grant from Nova Scotia Good Neighbour Fund (and Carl Grimes) new cupboards were purchased for upstairs.

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### Brent’s Auto Body



Brent’s Auto Body Shop has undergone some major renovations in the past year. It began with a remodelling of the office and waiting room area, followed by new pumps and paving of the parking lot. New signage completed the décor. Brent’s Auto Body was formerly known as Bucky’s Garage and is now being operated by Bucky’s son Brent following Dad’s semi retirement two years ago. Brent began working in the garage while still attending school. The business provides a great and much needed service at the pumps and A-One repairs to many

dented vehicles in the area including mine (twice in one year). The shop is one of River Bourgeois’s last businesses in operation and employs several of our locals including: auto body mechanic’s Mitchell Burke, Ronnie Hater & Chris Boucher, gas station attendants: Anita Boucher, Liam Burke, Kevin Fougere, Breah MacDonald & Austin Morrison. The longest dedicated and invaluable employees are Mom, who does most of the paperwork, and Dad who now does all of Brent’s errands and gives lots of valuable advise. All the best for a prosperous future goes to Brent, wife Brenda & son Asher.

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### Madeline & her Olympic Medals



Madeline Cook shows off her Gold, Silver & Bronze Olympic Medals awarded to her for the quilt she made of all of the Olympic Sports which was hung in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympics. Congratulations Madeline on your three medals, the most won by any individual in the Olympics!

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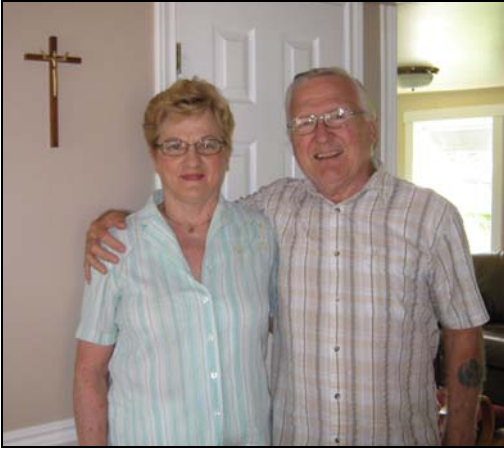
### Happy 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!



Congratulations to Raymond & Mildred Burke on celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Raymond & Mildred have six children: Gerard, Vernon, Terry, Elena, Karen & Leona, seventeen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Congratulations also to Raymond who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries



Eleanor & John Scott were married on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1961 in Ottawa. They have two daughters Patricia and Carol, five grandchildren and one great grandson.



Sharon & George Digout were married on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1961 in Big Pond. They have three daughters: Shelia, Carol and Wendy, and seven grandchildren.

## RB Granddaughters Dance



Regyn MacDonald & Katelyn Clow show off their wares won. At the Gaelic College Highland Dancing competition two of River Bourgeois resident's grandchildren were winners. Regyn MacDonald, daughter of Claire Sampson-MacDonald & Johnny MacDonald and

granddaughter of Bucky & Anne Sampson, won the High Aggregate Award Beginner for eight & nine age group. Katelyn Clow, daughter of Peter & Maureen Clow and granddaughter of David & Ann Clow, won the High Aggregate Award Beginner for age seven. Both girls dance with Celtic Touch and are taught by Sabra MacGillivray.

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## 3rd Annual Poker Run Coming Soon



Photo of Charlie Digout's boat submitted by Sharon Digout

Get your boats ready for the annual poker run held by the RB Mariner Society to take place on Saturday, Sept. 10 with a rain/wind dates of Sept 11 & 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 10am. If you want to participate and don't have a boat or just want to go for a nice boat ride, show up at the wharf prior to start time and someone may be able to take you along for the run. Poker run t-shirts are being sold this year. There will also be a barbeque!

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## Thanks Ladies!

River Bourgeois Community Service Society and River Bourgeois Technology & Training Centre would like to take the opportunity to thank our summer students: Christine Pottie & Meghan Merrick for their work in the past eight weeks.

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## Letters from former storekeepers

The following two letters were submitted by Helena (Fougere) MacKay;

*1<sup>st</sup> letter*

WM LeVesconte & Sons  
Fishing Supplies,  
General Merchandise  
Lobster Packers

River Bourgeois, C.B. April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1900

Mr. MacDonald,

Dear Sir

I am enclosing a sample of good and would you kindly send me by mail one spool of "button hole" twist to match same. I would like it in the dark brown in the material. I am oblige and 25 cents enclosed.

Mrs. W. J. Levesconte

2<sup>nd</sup> letter

A.J. Boyd  
Dealer in  
Dry Goods, Groceries,  
Hardware Etc.

Cannes, Richmond County, N.S. Dec. 11.1908

Mssrs D. Y. Stewart & Sons  
Merchants  
St. Peters, C.B.

Dear Sirs,

Please supply the business with a pair of hats in something good and charge these to me for the present.

If not too much trouble, you might kindly let me know how you are progressing with the work at Salmon River Reservoir.

Am oblige  
Yours truly  
A. J. Boyd.

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## Births

**Baker:** Michelle Tania was born on July 29<sup>th</sup> to Heidi & Patrick Baker of St. Dorothy, Quebec. Congratulations to the parents and grand parents Gregory Sampson, Chantelle & Robert Baker and Lori Bordage.

**Burke;** Merrick Bernard, 8lbs 7 oz, was born on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Holly & Blair. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Mary & Bernard Burke and Jocelyn Stone.

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## Wedding

**Landry/Touesnard:** Congratulation to Chantal Susanne, daughter of Linda & Roland Landry of Sampsonville, and Michael Albert, son of Albert & Janice Touesnard, on their wedding on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Chantal & Michael reside in Grand Gully.

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## Deaths

**Robertson:** Mary Ann, 95, passed away on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her children: Gerald, Peter, Georgie, Susan, Marjorie & Robert, sister in-laws Mary Bona, Delta Babin & Angela Burke and their families.

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## Bits and Bites:

... **Happy 50<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary to Eva (Burke) & Billy Owens of St. Peters. Eva & Billy have six children: Marie, Lillian, Harold, Dwayne, Dougie & Wally, ten grandchildren and one great grandson.

... **In Loving memory** of my precious son Mark Christopher Pottie who passed away in 1970. Forever loved and remembered. *Mommy*

... **Happy 75<sup>th</sup>** birthday to Murdock MacNeil on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

... **River Bourgeois** Community Service Society would like to publicly thank CH Boudreau Funeral Home for the time and effort spent in pressure washing our funeral home.

... **Dorothy's Pets in Need** volunteers would like to thank all those who attended their open house. Anyone who would like to donate their time, funds or supplies (litter or cat food), may do so by calling Donna Landry at 535-3171 or Sheila Clarke. It takes many volunteer hands to take care of these homeless cats and funds to have them spayed and/or neutered. These cats/kittens need a good home and a great companion.

... **Merchandise Bingo** September 18<sup>th</sup> 2 PM at the Tara Lynne Center sponsored the RB Seniors Club. Members are asked to donate a prize. Call Anne Sampson @ 535-2803.

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

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

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

... **Seniors meeting:** Tues., Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.

... **CWL meeting:** Thurs., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.

... **RBCSS meeting** Wed., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.

... **CAP Site Meeting.** Wed., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30 pm.

... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 1-3 & 6-8, Fri. 1-3. 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). 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. Used books also for sale on site. Our email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com). Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638.

... 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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