



# The River Round Up

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## Catherine & Tony



Anthony (Tony) Daniel was born on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1945, the fifth of thirteen children to Joe & Elizabeth (Betty Stone) Touesnard of River Tillard. Tony walked to the “Hen House School” until the fourth grade when he was bused to the newly built Stella Maris School in 1954. Tony hated school and left at the age of fourteen to work for his uncle, Alan Touesnard at the chicken farm and also with Charlie Robertson.

In 1960 he left for Halifax where he worked at the dockyard and the Nova Scotia Hotel. At age sixteen he moved to Ontario where his sister, Matilda resided, however without funds, he hitchhiked. One week later and twenty pounds lighter he arrived in Simcoe. Following a year at a variety of jobs in Simcoe he moved to Hagersville, ON to work at the Gypsum Plant. This was the start of an array of jobs that would take Tony’s career to various areas in Ontario and back to River Bourgeois on several occasions. In 1964 he moved to Windsor for eighteen months driving for Wonder Bakeries before returning to Simcoe to haul chickens in his truck (school & Uncle Alan kept returning in his head).

In 1967 he came back to River Bourgeois and it was at that time, following a wonderful afternoon

with his mom in the garden, that she had a brain aneurysm and passed away in the garden. She was 52 years old and still had four children at home. His dad remarried years later and they had three more girls. The family now had eight boys and eight girls.

Tony decided to stay home for a while and drove a truck with his cousin, Alfred Touesnard. In 1968 Tony returned to Hagersville and back to the same gypsum plant. At one point Tony and five of his brothers were employed there including: Ivan, Albert, Wayne, Martin & Johnny. In 1970 Tony left once again for several months and like a boomerang returned again and remained until 1972.

In 1974 Tony married Dalia Boulvais and they had two children David & Lyliia both of whom now live in Hamilton. Sadly the marriage ended in 1999.

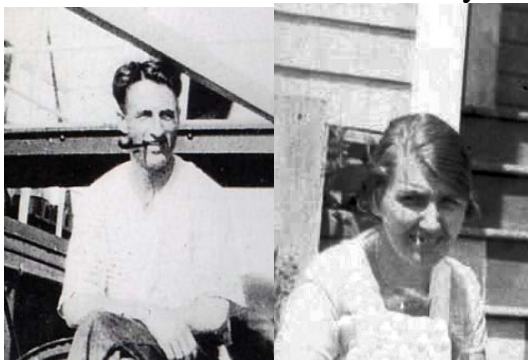
In 1972 he now moved on to Livingston Industries where he remained for fourteen years. During this time he started his own company purchasing and selling firewood on evenings and weekends and in 1986 he began doing this full time. In 1994 he was employed as a truck driver once again until his retirement in 2009. In 2000 he went to Canadian Tire for car wax and fell in love with the clerk, the lovely Catherine Wawzonek.

Catherine Margaret Davies was born on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1944 the youngest of three girls in Brantford. At age sixteen Catherine married Stanley Wawzonek and they had four children (three in three years): Christopher & Donna now reside in Cancun, Mexico, Marie Annette in Brantford & Barbara Ann in Hamilton. They have seven grandsons and one granddaughter. Catherine & Stanley owned a chain of chip wagons, which won top Canadian award for the best fries. Catherine worked in the business until their divorce in 1998. In 2000 Catherine went to work at Canadian Tire and a few months later was approached by this handsome customer looking for car wax and he asked her out for coffee after work. He forgot! Three months later he returned and upon seeing her, apologized for missing their date. She did not remember him. As she told her co-worker Nicole Touesnard about again being harassed by a customer,

Nicole said “he is my cousin & he is a great guy”. Nicole was Robert’s daughter. Catherine reluctantly agreed, Tony did show up this time and the rest is history.

Catherine & Tony moved here in May 2009, and in October they moved into their home that Tony built in Grand Gully. Tony works part time for Bernard Burke in the summer and Catherine enjoys her gardening. She has taught the family how to grow a successful garden. She misses her children & grandchildren but has come to enjoy River Bourgeois. Catherine & Tony the people of River Bourgeois wish you many years of good health & happiness.

### Anastasia & Amable Landry



Amable 1898-1943 was the son of Toussaint & Angeline (Burke) Landry. Amable had a brother, Joseph 1888-1923 and a sister Marie 1890-1921.

Anastasia Curdo 1907-1993 was the daughter of Julia (Burke) & Placide Curdo. Anastasia (Ante as she was better known) had five brothers: Moses 1894-1977, Johnny 1920-1944, Stephen 1906-1939, Mickey 1909-1992, and Whitney 1911-1995.

Amable & Ante were married at St. Mary’s Bascilla in 1929 in Halifax. Ante worked as a waitress at the Carlton Hotel in Halifax and it was there where she met Amable. They moved to River Bourgeois in 1930. Amable was a seaman who was killed on an oil tanker in Gaspé, Quebec during World War II. His name is engraved at our Cenotaph. Amable and Ante had seven children:

**Eileen** 1929 (Dartmouth) -married Bob Yuille of Kingston, Ontario in 1948. They have three children Robert, Tommy & Julia, six grandchildren and eleven great grand children.

**Joseph** 1930-1993.

**Louis** 1932 (RB) - married Dorothy Poirier of Hay Cove. They had seven children: David, Kevin, Rose, Brian, Roger, Stephen & Blair and eleven grand children.

**Harold** 1933 (RB) -married Georgie Lawson of New Waterford in 1959. They had four children: George, Denise, Michelle & Lawson and four grandchildren.

**Bernard** 1935-2010 married Catherine Cook of New Waterford in 1959. They had four children: Bernard

deceased in 2002, Bernice, Brenda & Bernadine and three grandchildren.

**Veronica** 1936-1937.

**Gladys** 1940-2002 married Carl Morrow of RB in 1959. They had three children: Brian, Bill & Barbara, and five grandchildren.

Following the death of Amable, Ante remarried in 1949 to Peter Boudreau and adopted a daughter Susan (RB) in 1950 and also cared for foster children: Steve MacDougall & Lorraine (Nearing) MacPhee. *Thanks to Harold Landry for data.*

### Valentine’s Day King & Queen



Alma & John Burke were crowned Valentine’s Day Queen & King at the Winterfest activities at the RB’s Senior’s Club Tea enjoyed by many of its members.

### Stone Cairn Not Historical



The above Stone Cairn in Grand Gully was identified by a visitor to the River Tillard area as a Historical Stone Landscape that has been there ‘as long as memory’ as per the locals. Obviously the visitor had not spoken to the Grand Gully locals. The story was found on Facebook by Claire Mowat and the info was forwarded to the RRU. Claire confirmed that it was built in 2006 by their friends, stone mason John Shaw-Rimington, his wife Mary and with assistance from Ervin Touesnard. Claire states “So now there are people who will think that an ancient stone-age civilization existed in the vicinity of River

Tillard". The moral of this tale is "Don't believe everything you read on the internet."

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### February Birds Seen Around RB



Robin seen in Grand Gully



Woodpecker in the field of Stan & Marg Digout

*Photos by Anne Louise*

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### Cheerleaders Win First



Shania Boucher & Haley Sampson along with Ricky Martens and their teammates from Richmond Academy were first place champions at the annual provincial championships for the second year in a row.

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### Sgt. Curtis Hilary LeBlanc



Curtis (son of Cindy (Boucher) Mackenzie & Curtis LeBlanc and grandson of Rita & the late Hilary LeBlanc and the late Agnes & Len Boucher) is shown above during his first tour in Afghanistan. Curtis was born in Lahr, Germany while his dad was serving in the Forces. Curtis is a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery Band (RCA Band) and recently returned following his second deployment. He served in 2007 & 2011.

What makes Curtis unique as a soldier in the Mission Transition Task force is that he is a professional Regular Force musician. His primary function in the Canadian Forces is as a bagpiper but while in Afghanistan it was a secondary position. Serving in the Kandahar Airfield in the Panjwayi and Maywand areas of the province, he was exposed to the worst of war but the best of people. The experience left him a lasting impression. Curtis carries with him religious medals for extra safety including a cross from his "nan" and a prayer indicating to call a priest if anything should happen to him. Playing the bagpipes for a fallen soldier (sadly all too often) is most memorable. In 2008 Curtis auditioned and was successful in joining the "Central Band of the Canadian Forces" in Ottawa.

Curtis joined the Reserves in 2001 and the regular forces in 2006 and plans to make the forces his career before settling in River Bourgeois. He is currently posted in Edmonton and has also spent time in Gagetown, NB and in Ottawa. He has traveled to South Korea, Scotland, Holland and throughout the US & Canada playing the bagpipes.

Curtis, the people of River Bourgeois, St. Peters and all of Canada say "Thank You" for serving our country.

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### Upcoming Events In River Bourgeois

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, 1:45pm a **Merchandise Bingo** will be held at the Tara Lynne Community Center sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** a **mini bingo** game at the RB Seniors Club at 1:30pm.

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 11am to 2pm the Mariners Society will hold their **Annual Fish Chowder**. Cost is \$8 (2<sup>nd</sup> bowl free), children under eight-\$4. Cost includes dessert, tea/coffee. No shellfish or shellfish additives in the chowder.

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** a benefit will be held at the Tara Lynne Center for Theresa Sampson (daughter of Joe & Anne). Theresa suffers from "Anti-cardio lipid anti-body disorder" (a disorder that thickens the blood creating strokes). A **lunch** will be held from 11:00 to 1:00 consisting of fish cakes & beans and/or corn chowder with biscuits/roll. Desert tea/coffee will be included for \$8 per person and \$5 for children under ten. A **Merchandise Bingo** will follow at 1:45 and a **concert** at 7 pm with entry fee of \$5. Anyone wishing to volunteer to work/bake or donate a bingo prize or monies (with which we can purchase a prize on your behalf) can contact anyone of the committee members: Delores Roberts at 535-3121, Rose Merrick at 535-2141 or Sharon Chilvers at 535-2512. Many hands make less work.

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## Funeral Home Gets Uplift



The funeral home committee has been busy painting, laying new carpet in the foyer & sitting room, and installing new baseboards. Many thanks to Raymond Doary for his endless hours of work these past weeks. These repairs were possible as a result of the funds received from the Christmas Memory Tree Project & a grant from the Municipality of Richmond.

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## Births

**LeRue:** Ethan Joseph, 9lbs 1oz, was born on February 7<sup>th</sup> to Kevin & Lesley. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents John & Brenda MacPhee, Kevin & Mary LeRue, great grandparents Edgar & Theresa MacPhee and John & Annie Calder.

**MacInnis:** Emily Julianna, 8lbs 5oz, was born on February 10<sup>th</sup> to Nadia & Mike. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents, John & Brenda MacPhee, Gary & Andrea MacInnis, great grandparents Edgar & Theresa MacPhee, John & Annie Calder, and Dominic & Jelja Nardocchio.

**Parks:** Chloe Charlotte, 8lbs 6oz, was born on February 11<sup>th</sup> to Mike & Fawne. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Gladys Parks, Shelly &

Danny MacInnis and great grand moms Charlotte LeBlanc and Ruth Phifher.

**MacNeil:** Silas Francis, 7lbs 10oz, was born on February 12<sup>th</sup> to Colin & Deanna. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Phonse & Agnes Martell and Frank & Brenda MacNeil and great grand mom Lena MacNeil.

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## Deaths

**Landry:** Ernest, 94, of Sampsonville passed away on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his daughter Emily Morrison of River Tillard and her family.

**MacDonald:** Linda (Webb), 52, of L'Ardoise passed away on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her dad Russell, husband Rene, her children & sister Janet Landry of River Bourgeois and their families.

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## Bits and Bites

- ... **Happy** 96<sup>th</sup> birthday to Helen Konning, 95<sup>th</sup> to Eunice Landry, 94<sup>th</sup> to Rita Sampson, and 84<sup>th</sup> to Theresa Landry. Also birthday wishes to Blaise Boyd, Maynard Boyd, Bucky Sampson, Jean Pottie and Bill Coleman.
  - ... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sun. at 7:30pm.
  - ... **Cribbage** every Monday at 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
  - ... **RBCSS Annual Meeting** March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Tara Lynne Centre.
  - ... **RB CAP Site Meeting** Tue, March 21<sup>st</sup> 7 pm.
  - ... **Seniors Meeting** March 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.
  - ... **RB CAP Site's "new" hours** are: Tues. & Thurs. 2 - 8 pm until after the March break. Please note that if schools are closed for storms, the site will be closed. If there is a real need for access outside of these hours, you can call Sharon Digout @535-3516 or Dorothy Bernard @ 535-3447. 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). The cost of photocopying is \$0.25/page effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.
  - ... 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.
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