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Wilma & Clifford Landry



Clifford Delphis was born on August 25th, 1956 the second of four children to Lucille (Pottie) & Delphis Landry of Hawker. At age fifteen while attending high school Clifford, with the urging of his cousin Mike Sampson, attended a dance at St. Peter's Fire Hall. It is there that he met thirteen year old Wilma Fougere and he instantly fell in love. Clifford graduated from St. Peter's High in 1975 and attended Canso Regional Vocational School in Port Hawkesbury for two years studying power engineering. In 1977 he went to work at the National Defence Radar Base in Sydney.

Wilma Ann was born November 24th, 1958, the oldest of five children to Isabelle (Stone) & Alex Fougere of Sampsonville. Wilma went to the Lakeside School before going to St. Peter's High. Before this one fire hall dance was over she was wearing his class ring—Clifford was taking no chances that she would meet someone else. Following high school Wilma attended the Canso Regional also, to take Beauty Culture (a fancy name for hairdressing because it was also a men's stylist). She graduated in June of 1978.

Following six years of dating Clifford & Wilma were married at St. Peter's Church on July 8th, 1978. They have two children: daughter Carrie is married to Michael Grimes and they live in Charlie Grimes's old homestead across the road from mom & dad (which is just on the other side of the pasture which holds Carl Grimes's cows), son Michael & his wife Jill (Fitzgerald) reside in Amherst. Clifford & Wilma have no grandchildren but have three grand dogs and two grand cats.

Wilma & Clifford moved to Sydney where Clifford was employed and Wilma opened a beauty shop in the basement of their home. In 1986 they moved to Halifax where Clifford worked as a Power Engineer at both Mount Saint Vincent University and the Sisters of Charity Mother House (He kept the nuns warm). In 1994 they returned to Sydney as Clifford become employed with Cape Breton Regional Municipality Incineration where they burn garbage providing power to more than four thousand homes. In 1999 Clifford retired for health reasons. They moved to RB to his parent's home in 2006.

In 2002 Wilma was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. Two years later she was walking with a cane. In July, 2010 she traveled to Bulgaria to have the blockage removed from her neck and when she returned three months later for a follow up - they had to unblock more. It is no cure, however the disease has not progressed and her balance and energy levels are greatly improved and for that she is so grateful.

Faith is a very important part of Clifford & Wilma's lives. They have traveled to Medjugorje, to Fatima in Portugal and visited where the three children of Fatima had lived and were buried. They also went to Santarem in Portugal where the "Miracle of the Eucharist" took place. They taught religion classes for three years, made Cursillo (a short course in Christianity), and serve as Eucharistic ministers and Wilma is a lector. She is a CWL convener and Clifford is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Clifford served as a RBCSS Board of Director and is currently a Board of Director & Treasurer of the

Mariners Society. These days he enjoys working on renovations on his home, raising chickens & turkeys, sawing with his sawmill and operating his backhoe which is often used to dig up over filled septic tanks. It's a stinky job but someone has to do it.

Clifford & Wilma the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness.

RBCSS Annual Meeting

River Bourgeois Community Service held their annual meeting on March 29th. The Board of Directors for 2012 are as follows: **President** Rose Merrick, **Secretary** Tina Coleman, **Treasurer** Sherry Baccardax, **Bar Chairman & Property Service Chairman** Mike Fougere, **Fundraising & Events Chairpersons** Sharon Chilvers & Rose Merrick, Board Members at large are: Theresa Sampson, Valerie Fougere, Connie Stewart and Tanya Stone. *Chairperson's 2011 Report:*

From a fundraising point we had an exceptional year with a very profitable festival, two brunches, a mystery dinner night, two merchandise bingos, a haunted house, a trivia & pub night, two Celtic kitchen parties and our memory tree. From the expenditure side we renovated our kitchen completely, installed all power saving lights in the hall, shingled the entire roof and purchased a new lawnmower. Thanks to ECBC & the Municipality of Richmond for grants to assist on these projects. With a grant from the provincial government we were able to hire a student as our festival coordinator.

Our policies & job descriptions RBCSS were completed in December and will be made official in 2012. Thanks to Wayne Bona who led this committee over the last two years.

Unfortunately with the good, comes the disappointment. We had to close our bingo in July as it was no longer profitable, like so many halls in NS which suffered the same fate.

I wish to thank all of the Board of Directors for their dedication this past year, special thanks to our secretary, Tina and our treasurer, Sherry for their endless support & efforts and to the committee chairs Sharon & Mike for their many hours of commitment as chairpersons.

We continue to have dedicated community leaders who are not on the Board but continue to do outstanding work on our behalf: Raymond Doary who leads the Funeral Home Committee; Gerald LeBlanc for overseeing our lighthouse; Donnie Pottie for overseeing the cenotaph; Marie & Conrad Fougere, funeral home caretakers; Gary Burke for taking care of the refuse and Bernard Burke who takes care of the snow removal at the funeral home. Thanks to the community for their continuing support in all of our endeavours. *Rose Merrick, Chairperson*

1930's Couples



Lizzy "Jane" MacPhee married Gervase Landry and they had two children Lola & Melvin.



Rachel Burke married Vincent Sampson and they had six children: Delores, Percy, Ronnie, Bruce, Beverly & Augustine.



Rita Richard married John Landry and they had six children: Therese, Georgie, Jeanette, Lucille, Blaise & Lloyd.

RB Senior's 50+ Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on April 17th following a potluck lunch. The 2012 executive are: **President** Anne Sampson, **Vice President** Carl Grimes, **Secretary** Janet Nordin, **Treasurer** Delores Roberts, **Membership Chair** Monica McPhee and

Property Services Joe Sampson. *President Anne Sampson's report:* Once again we are here at another year end. 2011 was a very good year for our club. We held two merchandise bingos besides our regular 45, cribbage & mini bingo games. The club and community members enjoyed the bi-weekly music sessions with Gerry and friends, our Valentine tea saw the crowning of our 2011 king & queen Tina & Bill Coleman We all enjoyed the Christmas and potluck dinners. Edna Casey donated a handmade quilt that raised \$555.00 on tickets. Alcantra Landry donated the lighthouse and tickets are now on sale.

At this time it is necessary to thank all those who work so hard year after year in making the club a success. Thank you to: my secretary Janet Nordin and Treasurer Delores Roberts for their continuous dedication to the club; Monica McPhee our membership chair for our 146 members in 2011; Joe Sampson and his right & left arms Danny Landry & Kenneth LeBlanc for keeping our building in good repair; Glyn Chilvers for keeping our grounds always looking good and for building the basement stairs and Frances St. Louis for helping at the card games and to selling tickets.

With our events and the raise in our dues last year we can barely make ends meet, so to do any major repairs & purchases we need some outside help: We can always count on Carl Grimes and the Nova Scotia Good Neighbour Fund to assist us with their \$1000 each year and this time we were able to have cupboards made upstairs and Sharon Chilvers made a successful application to New Horizons for \$9700.00 for repairs & remodelling of our basement and also upgrading our ramp.

On behalf of the club, I want to thank each and every member for being part of this great organization.

Gerry & Friends



Janet Nordin, Edna & Gerry Casey

Gerry Casey & friends closed up the season on April 19th. They meet bi-weekly at the senior's building from November to April for good old fashion kitchen parties. As many as twenty local entertainers play each time and it costs only a loonie to come & enjoy.

CWL's Annual Meeting

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Women's League held their annual meeting on April 14th following a delicious dinner catered by Debbie Landry. The 2012-2014 Executive are: **President** Marlaine Burke, **Past President** Elaine Burke, **Treasurer** Debbie Digout, **Secretary** Ann Clow, **Spiritual Development** Wilma Landry, **Christian Family Life** Theresa Kyte, **Community Life** Mary Fougere, **Education & Health** Linda Burke and **Organization** Elaine Burke.

President's Message:

The past four years have been busy, sometimes pleasant, sometimes unpleasant, but with the help of my dedicated executive, we have overcome.

We all know that our parish has been without a resident priest for quite some time. The church where five generations of my family were baptized, made our first holy communion and confirmation, were married and buried, might no longer exist-if we let it. As women of faith we must also pray hard for the Holy Spirit to intervene and help us keep our church.

I want you all to reflect on the good work done by our CWL as you listen to the reports of our very capable conveners. But, most of all, nothing could be accomplished without the generosity and help of the Council as a whole. *President Elaine Burke*

Pets in Need Big Winners



Donna Landry, Mary & Shelia Clarke of Pets in Need and cat lover Chelsey Dakai are shown above receiving a cheque for \$1000 from Jodi Dakai the owner of Bluenose Insurance. Pets in Need were the winners over eight other organizations to win the prize in an online competition. Congratulations!

RB Volunteers Honoured at Dinner

River Bourgeois' resident volunteers were honoured at a dinner held by the Municipality of Richmond County on April 20th. They include: *Bonnie Brae Seniors Club*, Monica & Joe Stone; *East Novability Society for persons with Disabilities*, Madeline Libbus; *Richmond Community Access* Francine Boudreau; *Richmond County 4-H Council* Peter LeBlanc; *Richmond Villa Recreation Department*, Paula LaFantaise; *RB Seniors 50+ Club*,

Janet Nordin; *RBCSS*, Marie & Conrad Fougere; *RB Economic Development*, Tina Coleman; *RB Mariners Society*, Gilbert & Patricia Bourque; *RB Technology & Training Center*, Holly Burke; *Legion Branch 47 Ladies Auxiliary*, Donna Mackie and *St. John the Baptist CWL*, Alma Burke. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

RB Technology & Training Update

As many of you have heard, the federal government has discontinued funding in support of C@P sites as of this spring. We are uncertain about the long term effect on our C@P site. However, we expect there will not be changes needed in our services before the fall. We are awaiting further information from the provincial government.

Our C@P site has benefited from projects such as the Heritage Walks, sales of books & postcards. The establishment of the C@P site enabled the revival of the River Round Up. The River Round Up, under the capable editorship of Sharon Chilvers (contributor to the River Round Up since 2001, co-editor from 2003-2009, and then editor from the fall of 2009 to the present), is expected to continue. She has been assisted in this task by proof-readers Sherry Baccardax, April Sampson, Therese Pottie, Art Digout & Karin Digout and Anne Louise Touesnard for photo restorations. The Round Up is a valuable tool for preserving the history of the region and providing information about local events.

We will keep you informed as we learn more about our future. It is even more important now that we have input from people within the local community as we move forward.

Dorothy R Barnard, Chair, C@P Site Committee

Births

LeBlanc: Jax Hugo, 7lbs 1oz, was born on April 22nd to David & Jessica of Martinique. A brother for Avery. Congratulations to: the parents, grandparents Doreen Samson, Hughie Samson, Chris & Donna LeBlanc and great grand mom Angela Burke.

Deaths

MacPhee: Norman, 60, passed away on April 21st. Our condolences to his wife Lorraine, children Tracy & Noland, sister Ann Clow & sister-in-law Susan Boudreau and their families.

MacNeil: Frank, 58, of New Waterford passed away on April 17th. Our condolences to his son Colin of Grand Gully and his family.

Weddings

Burke/Robertson: Congratulations to Rena Burke, daughter of Trudy & the late Charlie Lahey and to

Georgie, son of the late Maryanne & Charlie Robertson on their wedding on March 30th. Best wishes from their combined five sons: Russ, Shannon Marc, Logan & Charlie and their six grandchildren. No more children are planned at this time.

Bits and Bites

- ... Our apologies to Scott Touesnard for mistakenly reporting Marc as the 50/50 winner RB Mariners Fish Chowder luncheon & generously donating \$107 winnings back to the Mariners. Sorry Scott!
- ... **Clean up our community day**, Saturday, May 5th. If you can help out, please call Ida Poaps @535-3303 or Sharon Chilvers @535-2512.
- ... **North American Migratory Bird Count** on May 12th. Looking for birders to count. Contact George Digout (County Co-ordinator) at 535-3516 or email george.digout@ns.sympatico.ca
- ... **Merchandise Bingo** on Sunday, May 20th 1:45 sponsored by the RB Seniors.
- ... **RBCSS** will be holding a potluck supper on Sunday, May 27th from 4-6 pm.
- ... **RBCSS Concert** on June 3rd. Details to come soon.
- ... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sunday at 7:30pm.
- ... **Cribbage** every Monday at 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Seniors mini bingo** Wed., May 16th 1:30pm.
- ... **RBCSS Meeting** Wed., May 23rd at 7pm.
- ... **Seniors Meeting** May 8th at 1:30 pm.
- ... **RB CAP Site Meeting** Tue, May 9th 7 pm.
- ... **CWL meeting** May 10th, 7pm in vestry.
- ... **Capsite.** The spring hours are weekdays from 1-3pm and Tues. Wed. & Thurs. from 6-8 pm. 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. Our email address is 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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