



# The River Round Up

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## Pamela & Gerard Sampson



Pamela Marie was born in October 1967, the fourth of five children to Joan (Bona) & Michael Owens. Dad, Michael, worked on the oil tankers on the St. Lawrence Seaway and when Pamela was three months old he retired from the oil tanker business and moved his family down from Dartmouth to Grand Gully. Pamela attended the RB school before going on to St. Peter's High School. While in the eighth grade an older handsome student named Gerard in the tenth grade captured her attention, however she waited until her tenth grade before she allowed him to pursue her. After graduating in 1986, Pamela went on to Canso Regional Vocational School to study merchandising, graduating in 1987. She worked at Stedman's in St. Peter's until 1989.

William Gerard was born in December, 1965, the youngest of seven children to Mary Ellen (Carter) & Theodore Sampson of Sampsonville. Gerard attended Lakeside Elementary before heading to St. Peter's High. While in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade he pursued a petite brunette from RB named Pamela and they became high school sweethearts. Gerard attended Cape Breton Vocational School for two years to study heavy duty mechanics and graduated in 1987. He went to work for Polegato Trucking in Louisdale for the next two years.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1988, Gerard & Pamela were wed at St. John the Baptist Church following a four year

courtship. They lived in the Lighthouse apartments and then Terry Boudreau's apartments. A year later both were not contented with their jobs so they packed all of their belongings in the back of their Hyundai Stellar and headed to Ontario to seek the end of the rainbow and fortunes. They rested their heads at Pamela's sister, Bernadette and her hubby Charlie's home in Bramalea before purchasing their own home.

Gerard was fortunate and was able to find employment at Canadian Tire Warehouse where he remained for seven years. Pamela worked factory jobs for a few years then decided to return to school to further her career and attended Sheridan College for two years studying Office Systems. Upon graduation she went to work for Regional Municipality of Peel as a Network Analyst. In 1994, Pamela took time off for the birth of their son Grant. Gerard & Pamela made many trips home to Cape Breton while living in Ontario. It was very difficult for them as Grant would cry for the first week because everyone was a stranger to him. By the time they were ready to leave he would cry as he didn't want to leave his grandparents and Pamela cried along with him. In 1996, they had enough and didn't want their children to grow up not knowing their relatives so they packed up their belongings and headed east (Pamela was eight months pregnant with Haley). They now had a car, a truck and a U-haul which was a far cry from the car with their clothes and a television when they moved away.

Upon their return Gerard went to work for the gypsum wallboard plant in Port Hawkesbury. They purchased the old homestead of Abraham & Henrietta Landry. After the wallboard plant closed, Gerard worked at the Port Hawkesbury division of NSCC as the custodian. In 2004, he changed career paths and attended the community college for the next two years to study Power Engineering and it was a great move as he has been employed with NS Power ever since (*no he is not responsible for your power increases*). In 2007 they built a new home in the same field and tore the old house down. As a side

job Gerard operates a sharpening business from his home. After being a stay at home mom for six years, Pamela returned to the work force in 2002. She has worked for East Coast Credit Union since then and is now the Risk Management Officer working from the Port Hawkesbury Office.

Gerard & Pamela both come from musical families, singing and playing the guitar. Daughter Haley has inherited all of their talents and yet some. Grant listens to the family talents, but is not a musician. He prefers reading and will be heading to community college in the fall, while Haley will be going to Quebec as an exchange student for three months in the spring. Pamela taught religion for ten years, retiring this year. She also taught the First Communion children for all ten years. Pamela & Gerard the people of River Bourgeois wish you many years of good health, happiness & wedded bliss.

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### Lester and his Goats



Lester Fougere (son of Henry & Millie Ann) shows off his twin goats born on his mini farm in Sampsonville. Lester & wife Cynthia own three nannies and one billy goat which produced two sets of twins and one set of triplets this spring. The kids were yet unnamed at publication time.

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### Amy goes to London Olympics



Amy Doary daughter of Arthur & Henrietta will be heading to London for the Olympic Games this summer. As the Communications Manager for Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media Consortium, she will manage day-to-day media releases, interview request, messaging and crisis communications. She

will also take care of talent relations for high-profile broadcasters and analysts, including Brian Williams and Olympians Donovan Bailey, Marnie MacBean, and Curt Harnett who will serve as hosts and analysts for the games. She will also oversee a staff in Toronto dedicated to helping promote the coverage of the games. Be sure to watch the London Olympic Games running July 27-August 12.

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### Who Caught the Biggest Fish?



Friends Glyn Chilvers & Donnie Pottie compared their rainbow trout catch from Glyn's pond. Glyn's weighted 8 ½ lbs while Donnie's was 7 ¾ lbs but he had already cleaned his before the weight in so it was considered a tie. They were the last of the trout put in the pond as babies two years ago.

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### Billy Babin-Our Sailor



Cyril William Babin (Billy) was born July 9, 1944 to Delta (Robertson) & Thomas Babin in Arichat. Billy along with sisters: Joan (Fougere) and Anne Louise (Touesnard) lived in Arichat where mom and dad owned the American House Hotel. Following the death of his father when Billy was nine years old, the family moved to River Bourgeois where mom purchased a home.

In 1963 following high school Billy joined the Royal Canadian Navy. He did his basic training in Cornwallis and was posted to Shearwater and in 1964 he was assigned to HMCS Assiniboine. In the course of his career as a hull technician he was posted to several naval ships including: the Margaree, the Protector, the Provider, the Preserver and the Cape Scott (sister ship to the Cape Breton). In 1978 he was

stationed in BC where he was able to take courses to further upgrade his career. While at sea he would tend to spend the summers in the Arctic cold, the winters in the Caribbean, where he visited many out ports and the falls were mostly spent in Europe where he went to places like: England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Gibraltar, Italy, etc. After 25 years, Billy retired as Petty Officer First Class Final in 1988. The same year Billy joined the reserves and worked at the NBCS fire fighting school as an instructor. He retired in 1995.

In 1975, Billy married Lorraine (Collins) from the Magdalene Islands in a double wedding with his long time friend Ervin Burke (Delore & Hilda's boy) and wife Doris (a cousin of Lorraine). Billy & Lorraine have one daughter, Christina and a grandson Colin who is the light of their life. Colin is waiting to be called to serve in the Navy and follow in grandpa's footsteps. Billy & Lorraine are enjoying retirement in Spryfield and spending their summers at their cottage at Grand Pre and have plans to become snowbirds this winter. Billy, we thank you for serving our country and wish you & Lorraine many more years of wedded bliss.

### River Bourgeois Festival

The RB Festival will take place from August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The art show at Boyd's Warehouse will take place again this year. As part of this year's event, the art show's sponsors (The Daly sisters) will donate up to \$1000 to the Tara Lynne Center. The actual donation amount will be based on 20% of total vendor sales at the art show over the two day period. They are very pleased to make this commitment to the community. On August 25<sup>th</sup> the festival will begin with a Dinner Theatre (Comedy). There will be only 100 tickets at \$25 available and tickets will be sold on first come basis. A dance will take place on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> with the popular band Drafted. Many other plans are now in process and details will be in the next RRU.

### High School Distinction Awards



Students displaying their awards are: Chelsey Dakai, Melanie Poaps, Shania Boucher (High), Meghan Merrick, Haley Sampson & Colton Burke (High). Missing are: Jillian Burke, Liam Burke (High), Bethany King & Donna Dewolfe (High).

### University Graduate



Congratulations to Mark Digout, son of Louis & Mary, and grandson of Therese Digout, who graduated from St. FX with a Bachelor of Information System Degree. Mark previously graduated from St. FX in 2007 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He is presently seeking employment in the IT sector.

### More Pictures of the 1930's



**Leo Landry** married Theresa Burke and they had five children: Danny, Vincent, Ann, Rose & Leonard. **Arthur (Tattoo) Digout** married Margaret Bourque and they had four children: Arthur, Jeannette, Lucy & Leon.



**Raymond Burke** married Mildred Pottie and they have seven children: Leo (deceased), Gerard, Vernon, Elena, Karen, Leona & Terry. **Cletus Landry** married Margaret Boudreau and they had two children: Claire and Georgie.



**Louis Pate** married Marion MacLean and they had one son Philip. **Victor Burke** married Evelyn Fougere and had two daughters: Linda and Debbie.



**Elizabeth Sampson** married Louis Wedge and they had eight children: Maureen, Eric (deceased), Rose, Delores, Allen (deceased), Cletus, Jimmy & Gloria (deceased). **Mildred Bouchard** married William Richard and they had six children: Vivian, Juanita, Frederick, Gretchen, Wanda & Cynthia.



**Alfred Richard** married **Margaret Digout** (pictured above) and they had five girls: Elaine, Veronica, Claire, Louise & Maxine.



**Leda Burke** married Tony Konning and they had five children: Elizabeth, David, Patrick, Andrew and Bernard (deceased). **Mildred Burke** never married.

## Births

**Murphy:** Maddox Francis, 8lbs 3 oz, was born June 17<sup>th</sup> to Annette & Darson of Truro. Brother for Mia and Malky. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Edward & Florence Touesnard and great grand mom Theresa Cash.

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## Deaths

**Fougere:** Leo Anselm, 74, passed away on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his wife Agnes, daughters: Sharon & Karen; brothers: Hubert, Gordie, Roy and Conrad; sisters: Sylvia Pottie & Gloria Boudreau and their families.

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## Bits and Bites

- ... **Michael & Joan Owens** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary July 24<sup>th</sup>. The family is inviting friends, family & members of the community to drop in to the Tara Lynn Community any time after 6:00 pm on July 24<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate with them.
- ... **Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday** to Mary Bona.
- ... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sun. at 7:00pm.
- ... **Cribbage** every Monday at 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Seniors mini bingo** cancelled until September.
- ... **Next RBCSS Meeting** on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.
- ... **Next Seniors Meeting** in September.
- ... **CWL meetings** postponed till September.
- ... **CAP site summer hours are from 10:00 to 4:30.** If there is a real need for access outside of these hours, you can call Sharon Digout @535-3516 or Dorothy Barnard @ 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). 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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