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The Miramichi SPCA is in need of community support in order to keep their doors open and continue operating their No Kill shelter. The shelter's operating budget is about \$10,000 a month. Donations currently only cover about a quarter of their regular operating costs. At the moment the shelter is at maximum capacity for cats and dogs. If donations don't go up, permanent closure is a very real possibility.

The Miramichi SPCA is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization that is fully-funded by donations from people like you. Their only government support is from the city's sale of dog tags, which represents about 2% of their annual operating budget. Federally and Provincially, they receive nothing. They rely on fees from memberships, fees for services, individual and corporate donations, special events, and merchandise sales.

There are many ways you can help financially and through other donations such as pet food, toys, flea treatments and more. Check the Wish List Page on their website for a list of current needs. You can make a one time monetary donation or set up regular monthly payments online or through the mail. You can also donate directly to the Pet Love and Care Vet Clinic to help cover their monthly vet bills or return your recyclable bottles to Hebert's on Wellington Street and ask them to donate your refund to the SPCA. Donation Boxes are also located in many local businesses. No



Mr. Twinkles and Freeha are animals at the Miramichi SPCA waiting for their forever home.

donation is too small. Other ways you can help are to foster a pet, volunteer your time or even become a Board Member. Find complete details about how you can help at spcamiramichi.com.

The Miramichi SPCA is located at 128 Dan Cripps Street in Chatham. Their hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon to 4 pm. For more information visit their website at spcamiramichi.com or find them on Facebook.

Cover Photo: The Centennial Bridge taken from the wharf in Chatham. Photo by Kevin J. McGraw

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Aug. 6: Miramichi Mudfest

Registration starts at 9am at Nordin Rec. Centre. Event starts at 10:30am. Events include ATV mud bog, ATV obstacle course, side by side racing. For the kids there will be power wheels races, a jumpy castle, superhero photo booth and free face painting. Admission: Adults-\$10. Ages 13 to 17-\$5. Ages 12 and under free. Competitors: \$10 per event.

Aug. 7: Missy Burgess Concert

Historic Beaverbrook House presents a special concert with Missy Burgess, sister of Michael Burgess, Sunday at 2pm. Advance tickets \$15, at the door \$20. Tickets on sale at the Historic Beaverbrook House 518 King George Hwy. For info call (506) 622-5572.

Aug. 7: Cow Patty Bingo

Join the Schizophrenia Society of NB - Miramichi Inc. for our Annual Cow Patty Bingo! This year we have partnered with MacDonald Farm to hold our event and a family day. Activities of the day: Pony rides, face painting, BBQ, balloon animals, jumping castles and much more! Cow Patty Bingo is generously sponsored by Patterson Sales and Service LTD. and will begin at 2 PM, while the family day begins at 11 AM! Tickets are \$5 a square for your chance to win \$500!

Aug 9: National Peacekeepers' Day The Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association, Miramichi Chapter will be holding a flag raising ceremony in Queen Elizabeth Park on Tuesday August 9. The parade / ceremony will begin at 11am.

Aug. 14: Maurie's Ice cream and Mini-Putt fundraiser for the Miramichi East Playground Committee. Sunday, from 11:45am - 9:15pm. All the proceeds from the mini-putt and a percentage of ice cream sales will go directly to our fund. There will also

be a BBQ until 5pm and a 50/50 draw. Our new elementary school in Miramichi East is slated to open in September 2017. We are currently fundraising to pay for a beautiful Playground for our children, not only for those who attend the school but for the entire community.

Aug. 15: Encourage

Join us for an evening of encouragement and inspiration among friends with guest speaker, Lori Wagner from Clarkston, Michigan. Lori is the best-selling author of 16 books with over 50,000 copies sold. Refreshments will be served. You may bring your favourite dessert or appetizer if you wish. There is no charge for this event. Monday, August 15th from 7pm to 9pm, Pentecostals of Miramichi Church, 146 King Street, Chatham. Tel: 773-6964

Aug: 26 NWE Pro Wrestling Present's "Revenge"

Live at the Miramichi Curling Club (21 Cove Road) This event will be a Rogers TV Channel 10 Taping and our very first event at the Miramichi Curling Club! Bring The Whole Family out for an amazing action packed night of NWE Pro Wrestling Action! \$15 Adults, \$12 (Kids 12 & Under). Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for ticket giveaways for NWE Revenge! Advance Tickets Available at the Miramichi Kin Centre for only \$10 Adults & Children! www.nweprowrestling.com

Aug. 27: GBRC Fundraising Community Market

Huge yard sale and market with proceeds going to the Blackville Food Bank. DONATIONS ACCEPTED! We have lots of items to choose from like Christmas decor, dishes, household items, books and our thrift store will be open as well with a great selection of gently used clothing for men, women and children, shoes, hand bags, bedding, and more! Rain or Shine! Rent a table for \$10 and join us! All types of vendors welcome, crafters, baking, jewellery, yard sale items, etc. Call 843-9024 to rent a table. www.blackvilleresource.com. 8am-1pm at Greater Blackville Resource Centre, 12073 Route 8 Upper Blackville.

See more Festivals & Events pages 12-13.



Enjoying a summer day at the Priceville Footbridge, nestled off Highway 8 on the outskirts of Doaktown in Upper Miramichi. Front to back: Miranda Nordin, Alexis Walls, Amy Walls, Deanna Nordin.



Marilyn Munn of Taxis River is hoping our readers can help her identify this old thing of her husband's. Do you know what it is? Send your comments to submit@mightymiramichi.com.

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Quick Tips for Staying on Track this Summer

by Adam Hambrook

It's summer time! My challenge to you—try and get a minimum of 3.5 hours of exercise per week. To some that seems easy, but so many people fall off track or put their exercise on the back burner. Couple that with a not so perfect diet of BBQ hot dogs and beach beers and you're back to an unhealthy lifestyle regime in no time. Thirty minutes a day is definitely doable for most of the population. However, the problem with putting a daily target is that when most miss or skip that day, they don't make it up the following day or two by doing a little extra. Be sure to get at least 3.5 hours of exercise each week this summer and you will thank yourself come September.

Here are a few simple tips to keep you on track this summer:

1. **Water, water, water.** In the summer we lose a lot more fluid due to the heat so be sure to consume enough water.



2. **Exercise early morning** or at night. Avoiding exercising in extremely hot conditions will allow you to exercise harder and longer.

3. Stay on track. **Avoid over-consumption.** You have worked hard all year to achieve the body you wanted for this summer. Don't throw it all away by reverting back to old habits. Yes, enjoy the summer, but don't go overboard with drinking and bad food.

4. If you have a busy summer planned, **re-set your mind** and your goals to focus on maintenance rather than improvements to avoid getting discouraged.

5. Incorporate exercise into your leisure summer activities. Go for a long walk at French Fort Cove or one of **Miramichi's beautiful nature trails.**

6. Use the nice weather to your advantage and walk more often instead of driving. **Stroll around** one of our two downtowns and explore our local culture.



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I'll show you my menu while in beauty you'll dwell

A bumblebee, hungry, sat down for a meal
Since hummers and buzzers all smell a good deal
The main course is nectar a heavenly treat
And pollen for take-outs to hang on your feet

I'm a secret observer... and while I did hide
I watched the guests parting leaving pollen behind
It's "thank-you" in bee talk and truly a full price
Since planning next season was thoughtful and wise

Pink petals have fallen the seeds are just ripe
For many small creatures – their hope and their life,
Depending and fighting through snow, cold and ice
Until the next summer they knew would arrive

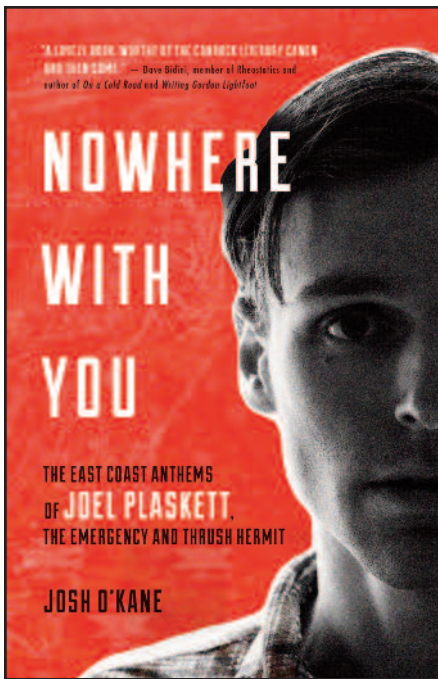
New, unfolding flowers so beautifully made
Send out invitations by scent and all shades
To offer their nectar and pollen delight
Completing the circle of eternal faith ...

- Heinz Mayershofer

As Published by Poetry Institute of Canada

Photo by Scott Gray





Words on Water welcomes Authors Josh O'Kane & Zev Bagel

Lovers of words and music will not want to miss Words on Water's next event at the Rodd Miramichi River Hotel on Tuesday August 9th. Two new books by New Brunswick authors, Josh O'Kane and Zev Bagel, will be featured along with a live musical

performance and an Open Mic reading. Doors will open at 6:30 with readings getting under way promptly at 7 pm. Admission is free. Anyone planning to participate in the Open Mic should come prepared with a reading of no more than four minutes.

Josh O'Kane's first book, *Nowhere with You: The East Coast Anthems of Joel Plaskett, The Emergency and Thrush Hermit*, was published this spring by ECW Press. Josh is a staff reporter with the *Globe and Mail*, who grew up in Saint John and spent every summer on the Miramichi. Both his parents are from Chatham. He has previously written for the *Telegraph-Journal*, *Toronto Star*, *Exclaim!*, and New Brunswick's *Here Magazine*. For better or for worse, like thousands of Maritimers before him, he now lives in Toronto.

A celebration of a beloved Canadian icon, featuring dozens of original interviews and exclusive photos Josh says, "It's a book about someone who was able to stay, written by someone who had to move away."

Canada's east coast has never been much of a pop-culture

mecca. Most musicians from the region who've ever made it big moved away. But armed with a stubborn streak and a knack for great songwriting, Plaskett has kept Halifax as his home, building both a career and a music community there. Along the way, he's earned great respect: when he plays shows in Alberta, east-coast expats literally thank him for staying home.

Nowhere with You is the study of how he pulled this off, from the origins of Canada's east-coast exodus to Plaskett's anointment as "Halifax's Rick Rubin." It's about doing what you want, where you want, no matter how much work it takes.

"A lovely book. Worthy of the CanRock literary canon and then some," says Dave Bidini, member of the Rheostatics and author of *On a Cold Road and Writing Gordon Lightfoot*.

Zev Bagel has lived in the UK, France and Canada. He is President of the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick and has had 17 books of non-fiction published. *Bernie Waxman & the Whistling Kettle* is his first novel, an e-Book which was published by MuseItUp in June. Zev lives in Shediac, where he moved from Calgary seven years ago.

The tagline for Zev's book reads: *Bernie Waxman's grandfather invented the whistling kettle, and a fine mess that got the family into!*

"In *Bernie Waxman*, we follow the exploits of a fellow whose grandfather invented the whistling tea kettle. Zev writes with warmth, truth, and in a most entertaining style. His publisher, MuseItUp has produced a number of well-written novels, and you can count *Bernie Waxman* among them. Five stars; an easy five stars," says Chuck Bowie, author.

Words on Water is the Miramichi's longest running performance art series. For more information Like their Facebook Page @wordsonwatermiramichi.



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The Heritage Players performing *The Dunganvorn Whooper*. Left to right: Greg Donovan, Tom Daley, Jake Stewart, Kerwin Green, Wade Hallihan and Bernie Colepaugh.

Miramichi Folklore Park

Home of the Heritage Players

Miramichi Folklore Park is the newly renovated Home of the Heritage Players, a local theatre group dedicated to producing original plays about the Miramichi and its people. To date they have staged over 100 performances based on Miramichi characters and history.

At Miramichi Folklore Park there is a gift shop where you can find Miramichi books, music, arts and crafts, antiques, literature, genealogy, old maps and more. You will also find ice cream and snacks for sale, trailer and tent camping, as well as a picnic area next to the duck pond. They occasionally host a community market and painting classes. For the summer the park is open daily 9 am to 9 pm.

Every week the park hosts a "Friday Night Racket" from 8-11 pm featuring local musicians and out of town guests playing all genres of music. There is also Jamie's Jam for musicians every Wednesday at 7 pm.

The Park Manager and Artistic Director, Bernie Colepaugh, says Miramichi Folklore Park is the result of countless volunteer hours and many years of hard work.

"The Heritage Players have poured their hearts and souls into making this a possibility. We have many good people helping us out," says Bernie.

Their Board of Directors include Greg Donovan,

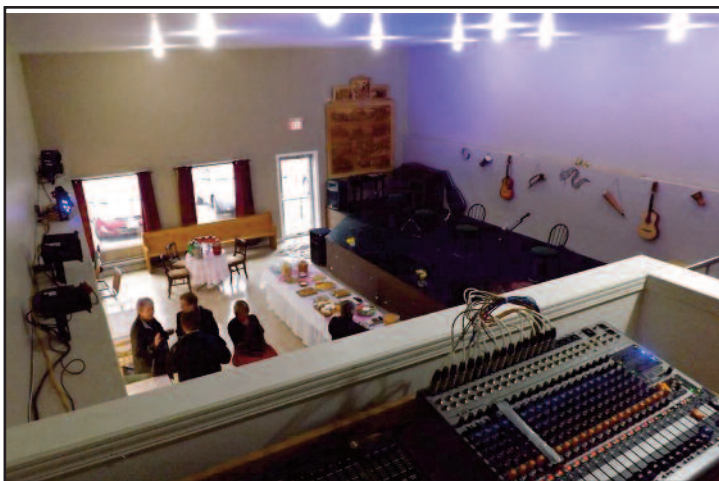
Donna Daley, Bobby Hallihan, Susan Butler, Dorinda Glover, Maria Donovan and Bill Young. Bernie Colepaugh and Betty Mutch look after the day-to-day operation of the facility.

"Everything we do is to promote art and history in all its forms. Our mission is to preserve and present our heritage and culture in a way that is educational and entertaining to today's audiences."

And if you've ever attended one of their plays or a Friday Night Racket, you'll see they do just that!



Miramichi Folklore Park can be seen from Route 8 near the Renous Bridge. Take the exit for NB-108 and then turn down Memory Lane.



The view from the sound and light booth at the Park showing the new stage and raised roof.

Upcoming Events at Miramichi Folklore Park

Aug. 13: Cowboy/ Cowgirl Hoe Down

There will be a Photo Booth, BBQ/ Lunch, Campfire Singing, Farm Animals, Panning For Gold, Horseback Riding (must be accompanied by an adult), Crafts and much more! Saturday 1 to 4pm. Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold in advance ONLY. Child's activities and lunch included in ticket price. There will also be lunch available for sale for the adults. Tickets on sale at Miramichi Folklore Park, Renous Convenience, Blackville Post Office, Blackville Pharmasave, Williamstown Road Esso, Sunny Corner General Store, Curtis Corner General Store, and The Co-Operators. Wear your denim and come on over partner!

Aug. 19: "Memories of St. Bridget's" Dessert Theatre

A theatrical tribute to the people, music and events in the Renous area since the official opening and blessing of the cornerstone in 1916. Written and performed by members of the Heritage Players, this is the first production at the Folklore Park since the renovations were completed. Play starts at 7pm. Advance tickets are available at Renous Convenience or Miramichi Folklore Park for \$15 each until Tuesday, August 16th.



The gift shop at Miramichi Folklore Park is open 9am to 9pm daily for August and has a variety of antiques, hand-crafted items, pottery and local artwork for sale

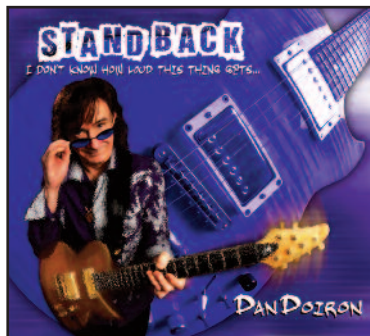
Musical Entertainment at the Friday Night Rackets, 8pm to 11pm

August 5th: Missy Burgess, admission \$6
Missy Burgess is from Ottawa and wherever she plays fans come to hear her powerful and moving voice. She has recorded three albums and is a sister to the late great Michael Burgess. www.missyburgess.com



August 12th: Siobhan Miller, admission \$10
Siobhan Miller is regarded as one of the finest singers to emerge from Scotland's music scene over the last decade. Her soulful and stirring renewal of traditional song has seen her win the Scots Singer of the Year award twice at the Scots Trad Music Awards. She has a first class Honours degree in Scottish Music from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Glasgow. www.siobhanmiller.com

August 26th: Dan Doiron, admission \$6



A blazing spitfire guitarist with a six-string wall of sound who combines traditional and modern guitar influences with unique lyrics reflecting his views on everyday life that keep audiences engaged at every band and solo show. www.dandoiron.com

Miramichi Folklore Park is located at 46 Memory Lane in Renous. When travelling on Route 8 take the exit to NB-108. Call 625-3544 for information.

Summer Festivals and Events

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Daily: Kids Bouncy Castles, Hiram Baisley Antique Museum, agricultural and crafts displays, live entertainment.

Thursday, August 11

5:00pm: Gates Open

6:30pm: Opening Ceremonies feat. Napan Drill Team and Children's Western Dress Parade

7:00pm: Horse Hauling Match

Friday, August 12

7am: Breakfast until 10am, Hall

8:am Gates Open

Friday Morning (8:30 – Noon):

Draft Horse Farm Class and Log Skid

Youth Events

Milk Drinking Contest

Friday Afternoon (1- 5pm):

Draft Horse Costume Class

Draft Horse Hitches

Light Horse Games

Youth Events

Friday Evening (Starting at 6pm):

Tough Farmer Competition

Draft Horse Hitches

Bingo



Saturday, August 13

7am: Breakfast until 10am, Hall

8:am Gates Open

Saturday Morning (8:30 – Noon):

Draft Horse Line Classes

Washer Toss Tournament

Light Horse Barrels

Youth Events

Saturday Afternoon (Noon – 5 pm):

Youth Events

Draft Horse Hitches

Draft Horse Ladies Cart

Light Horse Events

Saturday Evening (Starting at 5pm):

Light Horse Events

Draft Horse Hitches

Lawn Tractor Races

Woodsmen Competition

Sunday, August 14

7am: Breakfast until 10am, Hall

8:am Gates Open

Sunday Morning (8:30 – Noon):

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Horse Shoe Tournament (10 AM)

Draft Horse Hitches

Sunday Afternoon (Noon – 5pm):

Light Horse Events

Draft Horse Junior Driving

Draft Horse Lady Driving

Water Street Farmer's Market

Closing Ceremonies

Aug 13: Woodmen's Museum Professional Lumberjack Competition

This competition features a variety of exciting events including the springboard chop, the hot saw, the axe throw and competition for best lumberjack/lumberjill. A great event for the entire family that displays part of the heritage of New Brunswick! 6342 Route 8 Highway in Boiestown, Upper Miramichi. See pg 24 for details.

Aug. 15: Fête nationale des Acadiens - National Acadian Day

Come celebrate with us on August 15 at Waterford Green in Chatham beginning at 11:30am. With the music of Ten Strings and a Goat Skin and Hey, Wow. In case of rain the celebration will take place at Carrefour Beausoleil, 300

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Woodsmen Museum Lumberjack Festival - August 13
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Scottish Festival - August 19-21
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Aug 19-21st: Miramichi Scottish Festival

Join us in celebrating Scottish culture on the Miramichi.
There will be traditional Scottish music (who doesn't
love the bag pipes?), traditional dishes, vendors, celidh,
and dancing. For more details see pages 14-15.

August 20-21: Air Show Atlantic 2016

Advance tickets and passes are now on sale online at
airshowatlantic.ca or in person from Beaubear Credit
Union's Newcastle and Chatham Head locations. Onsite
camping available. Confirmed performers include the
Skyhawks Parachute Team, CF-18 Demo Team and the
Canadian Forces Snowbirds to name a few. Improve-
ments this year include a new road built to help
fans exit more quickly following the show and better
fan access. Tickets will be available at the gate for
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Aug 26-28: Rogersville Bluegrass Festival

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Brothers, Acoustic Heartstrings, Simply Blue, Highway
Train, The Spinney Brothers, Backroads, The Bluegrass
Unit, Darin & Brooke Aldridge Admission: Advance
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Gate \$70; Friday Night \$30; Saturday All Day \$40;
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Celebrating our Scottish Heritage

By John McKay

The Miramichi Scottish Festival will run from August 19th to the 21st. This is a special year for Scottish celebrations since 2016 marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival of William Davidson's settlers on the Miramichi. Davidson, from Fochabers in Scotland, received the Miramichi 100,000 acre land grant in 1765.

Friday night, at the Riverside Entertainment Centre, the Highland Society will hold its annual tartan banquet and awards night where the William Davidson Medal for Merit will be presented. Entertainment will feature the Fochabers Fiddlers, a group of accomplished young musicians from Davidson's hometown in Scotland who have played venues across Europe and North America. They were with us last year, and have just recently played at Royal Albert Hall in London.

Saturday afternoon, August 20th, on Waterford Green in the Historic Chatham Downtown Business District an extravaganza of Scottish music, dance and pipes will be held, featuring Fochabers Fiddlers, Mason's Tender, Miramichi Fiddlers, and a wealth of great talent.

Sunday morning, August 21st, the memorial church service and Kirk'n of the Tartan will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, 188 Wellington Street, Chatham, followed by the laying of the wreath at the Scottish monument and a reception in the church centre.

Sunday afternoon, August 21st, the celebration shifts to MacDonald Farm Heritage Site in Bartibog Bridge, an amazing 200 year old working farm managed on behalf of the Province by the Miramichi Highland Society. Events will be centred on the family, with horse and wagon rides, guided tours of the stone



The Fochaber Fiddlers at MacDonald Farm during their visit to Miramichi last year, wearing their Canadian hats.

manor house, a barbecue including haggis sausage, and continuous music. **Visit www.miramichiscottishfestival.com for the complete schedule.**



Young dancers at the Miramichi Scottish Festival

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In September Paul Stewart of the Highland Society will be part of a group of New Brunswickers on a two week tour of Scotland and Ireland including an extended stay in the Fochabers region of the Highlands where the group can meet relatives of William Davidson and civic officials, tour Davidson Country, and as well enjoy an evening of entertainment with the Fochabers Fiddlers.

The tour runs from September 14-27 and leaves from Halifax. It is conducted by Maritime Travel of Miramichi 1-800-561-5770, email 137@maritimetravel.ca. They have room for other guests, but registration will close very soon.

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The evening promises exceptional entertainment featuring renowned bass-baritone from Toronto, **Curtis Sullivan**. Sullivan's repertoire ranges from opera to Broadway "Pops". A New Brunswick native, Sullivan has performed in many international venues including Korea, Tokyo, Versailles, and with the National Symphony Orchestra at Kennedy Centre. He has been guest soloist with the Prince George Symphony, Toronto Chamber Society, and Orchestra London. In 2015, he performed with the Stratford Festival acting company and toured New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with Bravura, a baritone trio.

Also performing that evening is **Terry Whalen**. Terry received the 2015 Music NB Award for Blues Artist of the Year and a 2012 Music NB Award for Blues Recording for the 2011 release A Work in Progress. This accomplishment is in addition to being a three time ECMA nominee for Blues Recording of the Year. His style combines blues with a pounding rock and roll vibe.

Jimmy Lingley has become a noted singer-songwriter

and live performer by the age of 22. A Galaxie Rising Star finalist and Music New Brunswick Award nominee, Lingley continues to cement his reputation as one of the East Coast's most bold and dynamic new artists.

Paula Tozer, singer, songwriter, and award –winning author from Miramichi, has a growing fan base following the release of her Roots-oriented EP Blue Muse. Her work has enjoyed radio air play internationally. Mark Fisher accompanies her on guitar.

The Villagers Chorus, currently under the direction of Dawn Patterson and Ken Simpson, is a 25 voice ecumenical chorus that performs a variety of singing styles at various benefit concerts on the River.

The monies from this concert will be used to support the in-house and community outreach programs at the Miramichi Senior Citizens Home. The outreach programs, in place for 36 years, have supported and enhanced the lives of community members. They include Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Program, Respite Care, and Lifeline.

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Celebrate Acadian Day beginning at 11:30 am on August 15th at Waterford Green in Chatham with PEI's bilingual folk/fusion trio **Ten Strings and a Goat Skin** and Ottawa-Gatineau's rock/folk/psychedelic/traditional band **Hey, Wow**. In case of rain the celebration will take place at Carrefour Beausoleil, 300 Beaverbrook Road in Newcastle. This is a Free event with Acadian Food and Souvenirs, Children's activities, Face painting and bouncy castle. Bring your own lawn chair!

The **Miramichi Scottish Festival** runs August 19th-21st with great live entertainment including the **Fochabers Fiddlers** from Scotland, Moncton's **Mason's Tender**, the **Miramichi Fiddlers**, and more.

August 26-28 the **Rogersville Bluegrass Festival** features **Doyle Lawson & Quick Silver**, **The Spinney Brothers**, **Darin & Brooke Aldridge**, **Simply Blue**, **The Doiron Brothers**, **Highway Train Bluegrass**, **The Bluegrass Unit**, and many more.

The writers from **This Hour Has 22 Minutes**, **Heidi Brander**, **Bob Kerr**, **Matt Wright** and **Adam Christie**, make a special stop in Miramichi at The Vogue Theatre, 50 Cunard Street for an evening of stand up comedy on September 1st. This show is 19+ and may contain mature themes. Discretion is advised.

Tickets and passes are now on sale at musicnb.org for **Festival (506)** featuring 38 bands over two nights in three venues in Miramichi this October. Get yours before they sell out, as people will be coming from all over the province to attend this annual music festival that moves to a new location each year.

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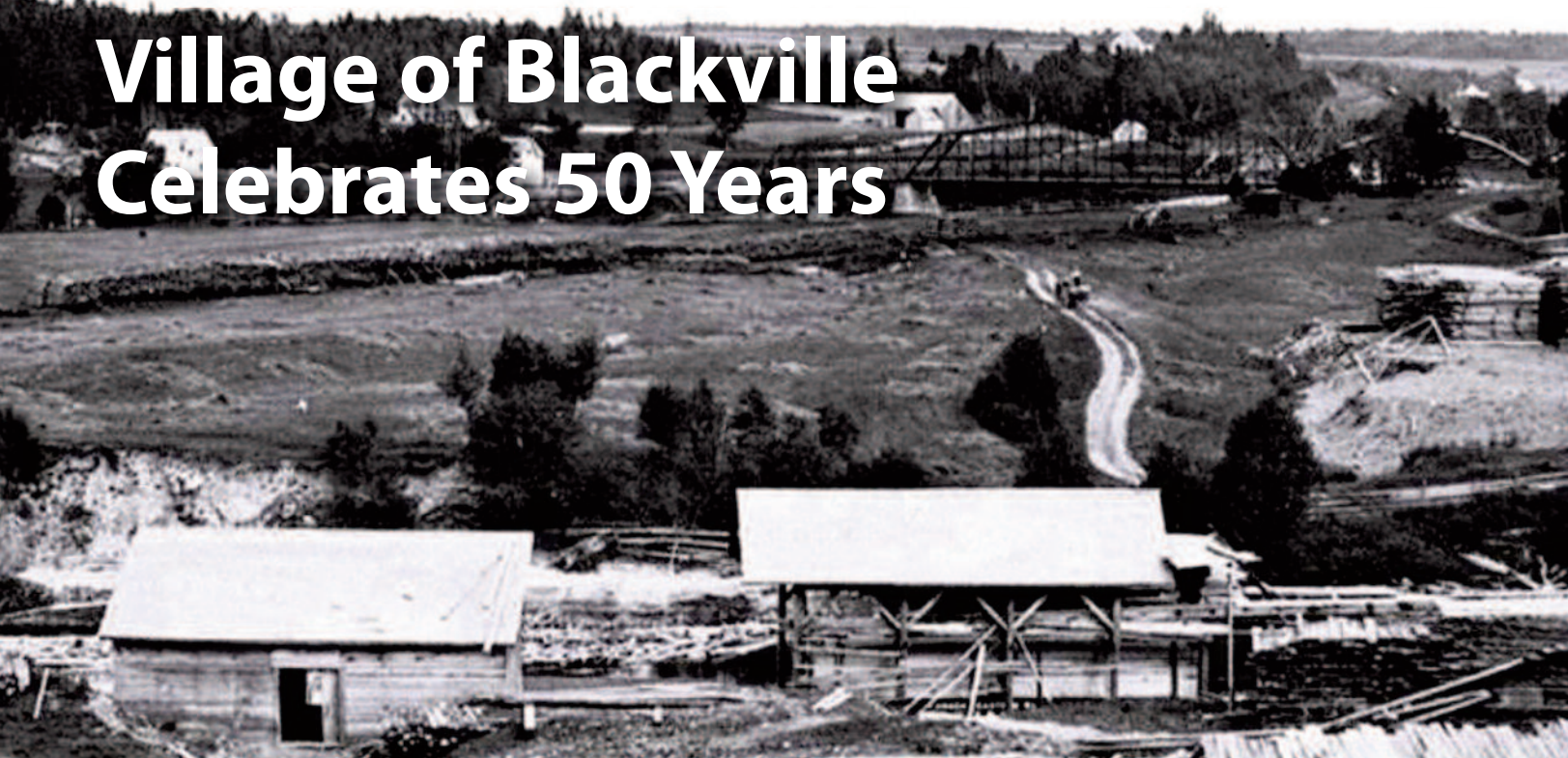
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Village of Blackville Celebrates 50 Years



Article and photos by Les McLaughlin

Above: Blackville circa 1890.

Blackville was long settled before it received its name. It was believed to be settled right after Northumberland County was established and at the same time New Brunswick was separated from Nova Scotia in 1784. Many Loyalists, dissatisfied with their land grants, moved from the Saint John and Nashwaak Rivers in 1785-1787.

The first to come was Alexander Underwood, a sea captain of Yorkshire, England who took part in the Revolutionary War. After the war was over, Captain Underwood was trekking his way through the wilds of New Brunswick by way of the Miramichi with every intention of returning to his native land, when by chance he met a fair lady, by the name of Nancy McGraw, fell in love, married and settled in Blackville.

The first doctor in Blackville was an English Army doctor by the name of William Idear. In the late 1700's, he was given a grant of 125 acres for his services rendered in the British army. The doctor settled on a small island which is now known as "Doctor's Island". Dr. Idear made his own medicines from the many wild herbs that he grew on the island. In the mid to late 1900's a botanist visited the island and found at least 170 different kinds of herbs growing there.

Blackville's main industry for over 150 years was lumbering. Two Scotsman, Doak and Alexander MacLaggan arrived in Blackville and built a sawmill in 1820. It was located on the north side of the Bartholomew River, now the site of the Blackville Municipal Park. In the 1840's, across from the sawmill on the opposite side of the river, a water driven Grist Mill opened and was operated by an Englishman named Henry Steele. Farmers would plant their own wheat and have it ground into flour at the mill. The Grist Mill closed in 1902. One of the mill's original grinding stones currently resides in the Blackville Park.

In 1893, Alexander Gibson took over the sawmill and also built a steam mill. Archibald Alcorn, Sr., was the Gibson Mill's first engineer. In 1915, Gibson sold out to the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Company Ltd., and the mill operated until 1931 when it was destroyed by fire. A few

years later, the mill site was leased to Bamford brothers from Doaktown who built and operated a mill for several years. Miramichi Forest Products Ltd. acquired the site in 1958. In 1973, the mill burned down and a new one was built in the upper part of Blackville. It was completed in 1975 and employed 150 people at the mill and another 200



The sawmill and Bartholomew River Bridge.

people in the woods. Poor lumber markets caused a shutdown in February of 1977. The mill later reopened as Blackville Lumber and operated until 2007.

The Parish of Blackville was established in 1830 and was named after the Honourable William Black, administrator for the Government of New Brunswick. Colonel Black was commander-in-chief of New Brunswick from 1829-1831.

In 1866, Blackville was a lumbering and farming settlement with about 20 families. In 1871 it had a population of 450. By 1898, Blackville was a station on the Canada Eastern Railway and a junction of the Intercolonial Railway with one post office, five stores, two hotels, two sawmills, one woodworking factory, two churches and a population of 600, and included the settlements of Underhill, Breadalbane and The Forks.

On September 15, 1936, the Blackville Credit Union received its charter and became the first organization of its kind in New Brunswick under the direction of Father AA McKinnon. It officially opened for business on September 30, 1936.

Blackville was incorporated as a village in 1966, annexing the neighbouring communities of Underhill and Breadalbane in the process.

In November, 2016, the village of Blackville will have been incorporated for 50 years. To commemorate this special milestone, there will be a celebration on Saturday, September 3rd. Details will be posted on www.villageofblackville.com when they become available.

To learn more about the history of Blackville and to view more photos, please visit www.memoriesofblackville.com.

Below: The Whooper Train at Blackville Station

Right: Looking up Main Street with the Catholic Church on the right. Photo circa 1930.



Above: McCormack & McCarthy General Store in Blackville



James M Hill Alumni Association Awards Gala

The James M Hill (JMH) Alumni Association is presenting an Awards Gala to recognize and honour JMH graduates and faculty members who have achieved prominence through their outstanding contribution to the community or achievement in their field.

The winners each year will be displayed on the Wall of Fame inside JMH High School.

The association will recognize three individuals with awards during the gala. Anyone can nominate a former JMH student or faculty member.

Eligibility

- Any former JMH student or faculty member (administrator, teacher, support staff, or custodian) will be eligible for nomination five years after his or her high school graduation or retirement.

- Nominees may be living or deceased.

Criteria

- Alumni who have been a role model for current JMH students.

- Alumni who have distinguished themselves and/ or shown great leadership at the local, provincial, national, and/ or international level through their chosen careers or vocations.

- Alumni who have made distinguished contributions to JMH and/ or society through their work or donation of time.

The deadline for nominations is August 31st. For more information and nomination forms please email jmhalumniwalloffame@gmail.com.

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The gala will be held at JMH High School on November 5th, 2016. Anyone interested in tickets can purchase them at the JMH High School office, Volunteer Miramichi or from any committee member. Contact by phone at 625-4177, via Facebook, or email sarahandjames@bellaliant.net.

About the JMH Alumni Association

Wondering what the JMH Alumni Association has been up to? In the past year they have raised enough money to:

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- 2) Supply the materials for the new trophy cabinet built by Mr. Richard Gionet and his classes
- 3) Contribute to the new lighting board for the theatre
- 4) Provide \$500 in graduation bursaries

Moving forward the JMH alumni have taken on a capitol project to assist with the renovations of the community theatre at JMH.

The JMH Alumni Association is made up of a volunteer board of directors that dedicate their time towards fundraising activities in order to give back to the students and staff who work and play at JMH, making school improvements that would never be made otherwise. If you are interested in joining the JMH Alumni please get in touch with one of the Executive members. If you have young children they will benefit from the additions at the high school provided by the JMH Alumni Association.

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Visiting the Miramichi History Museum

By Anthony McLean

Nestled in Miramichi, at 182 Wellington Street, is the home of the Miramichi History Museum. I recently had the privilege of interviewing Shaun O'Reilly, President of the Miramichi Natural History Association, which operates the Miramichi History Museum. Mr. O'Reilly who has been president for 17 years, was generous enough to share his knowledge of the abundant displays showcased at the Museum.

AM: How long has the Miramichi History Museum been established?

SO: The Museum has been established since 1897. It was co-founded by Doctors, James M Baxter and Philip Cox. Throughout the years, the Museum has had several locations.

AM: What significance does the Museum have to the Miramichi area?

SO: It is the only institution preserving the artifacts and history of the Miramichi, for future generations to enjoy and for research purposes. The museum is a tremendous resource to writers and individuals looking to document the History of Miramichi.

AM: A few years ago the Museum moved to a more modern location. What was the transition like?

SO: In 2006, we began to look for a new location. The old location was deemed condemned and engineers were brought in. A new building was designed and the Museum received land from the City of Miramichi. It did not



The Miramichi History Museum has something for everyone! Children enjoy seeing the birds, tarantula, crocodile and eight-legged cat. Adults are intrigued by the Cunard display, old maps and posters, Tommy the Moose and the Native Canadian display, to name a few!

work out. The present location became available in 2012. The Museum approached the Chatham Masons and the Masons were tremendously generous in helping purchase the present building.

AM: Since your move to the new location, do you see more visitor interest?

SO: Yes, definitely.

AM: Out of the various artifacts and exhibits, is there one more intriguing than the others with visitors?

SO: For children, it is the birds, tarantula, crocodile and famous eight legged cat in the Natural History section. For adults, it is the Cunard Display, the ferries, Tommy the Moose and the assorted Native Canadian Display.

The Museum operates from the middle of June to early September and is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Admission is \$3 for anyone over the age of 12. The present location would not be possible without the assistance of the City of Miramichi, Miramichi Historical Society and the

Chatham Masons. Recently the Museum received a substantial grant from the then Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Bill Fraser, who has also visited the site. This funding will be used to renovate the Museum's basement. This project will be completed by August 2016 and will be used to display more artifacts and exhibits.

Many thanks to Shaun O'Reilly for sharing his time and knowledge. If you have not visited before, make time to explore one of Miramichi's most significant historical sites! For further information, be sure to visit and like the Museum's Facebook page at Friends of the Miramichi History Museum.



Anthony W.J. McLean is a contributing reporter for *Giv'er Miramichi* and in his spare time he enjoys digital photography, writing and travelling. He has lived in Miramichi and Saint John, but is proud to call Miramichi home.



11-Year Old Log Roller Highlights the Woodmen's Museum Professional Lumberjack Competition

The Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum, located in Boiestown, NB, will be hosting its **Annual Professional Lumberjack Competition** on **Saturday, August 13th, 2016**, beginning at 12 noon. TimberSport competitors will be busy sharpening their axes and filing their cross-cuts for this one day Lumberjack Competition; which portrays the "skill and technique" of this amazing Sport. This competition will be Event 7 of 8 sanctioned by the Maritime Lumberjack Association.

Marcel Dupius of Memramcook, (three-time MLA Axe Champion, member of 2014 Team Canada World Silver Medalists, 2015 Canadian Champion, 2016 Bronze medal winner at the World Champions Trophy in Tirol Austria) will be defending his 2015 Lumberjack Champion Title against **Nathan Cumberland** of Keswick Ridge (2013 and 2014 Canadian Rookie Champion, member of 2014 Team Canada World Silver Medalists, 2015 World Rookie Champion), his brother **Ben Cumberland** of Keswick Ridge (2015 Canadian Rookie Champion), **Scott Read** of Truro, NS (two-time



current MLA Sawing Champion), **Rod Cumberland** of Keswick Ridge (six-time MLA Axe Champion) and **Mario Bourque** of Saint-Paul. These Champions will take on the other competing members of the Maritime Lumberjack Association in Springboard Chop, Underhand Chop, Vertical Chop, Cross-Cut, Bowsaw, Axe Throw, Kettle Boil, Stock Saw and Hot Saw.

Melanie Bourque of Saint-Paul will be back to defend her 2015 Women's

Title, against the 2015 Canadian Women's Champion **Janet Walker** of Truro, NS and past Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum champion **Caitlyn Carroll** of Truro, NS and newcomer **Jenna McCoy** of Fredericton. These LumberJills will compete in Underhand Chop, Bowsaw, Stock Saw and Axe Throw.

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Don't forget the **Masters Division** (the only Masters Division in this Province) as three time champion **Paul Woodland** of Benton looks to defend his title against **Roger McPhee** of Petticodiac (MLA Hoff), **Louis Bourque** of Rogersville (future Hoff), **Marc DesRosier** of Hay Settlement (MLA Hoff), and **Marty Merrill** of Williamsburg (MLA Hoff) as they show that they can still get it done in the Underhand Chop, Vertical Chop and Bowsaw events.

The competition will end on the Pond where everyone gets a chance to cool off on the Boom Run. But, all eyes will be on **11-year old Alyssa Casey** of Bedford, NS who is competing in the 2016 Junior World Log Rolling Championships in Hayward, Wisconsin in July 2016. Alyssa will take on her father, **Darren Casey**, a Pro-Lumberjack Log Roller.

Come dressed as a lumberjack/ jill and you may win the Best Dressed Lumberjack and Lumberjill Competition. A BBQ will be available on site and a Supper of baked ham, scallop and beans will all be a part of this amazing day of lumberjack competitions. Admission applies at the gate.

Join us for the sounds of the crosscut, chopping, and saws; and, a competition that will keep you sitting on the edge of your seat!

The Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum is located at 6342 Route 8 Highway in Boiestown, Upper Miramichi. For more information email woodmen@nb.aibn.com3, telephone (506)369-7214, and visit their website at www.WoodmensMuseum.com



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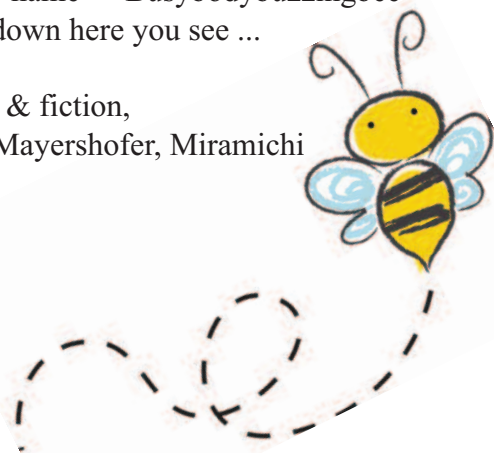
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Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Gift Sale - Sept. 2

There will be a Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Gift Sale at St. Andrew's Anglican Church Hall on Friday September 2nd, from 10am to 9pm. The hall is located at 214 Pleasant St. across from the Irving Mainway. All proceeds from the sale go back to Ten Thousand Villages. Anyone interested in volunteering to help set-up and pack-up afterwards, please call Olive at 622-2711.

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Ten Thousand Villages began in 1946 when Edna Ruth Byler, a Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) worker, visited volunteers in Puerto Rico who were teaching sewing classes in an effort to help improve the lives of women

living in poverty.

From this trip, Edna brought several pieces of embroidery home to sell to friends and neighbours. The pieces became quite popular and she soon added cross-stitch needlework from Palestinian refugees and hand-carved Haitian woodenware to her inventory. Thousands of loyal customers and volunteers have helped to build this program into the strong alternative trading organization that, in 1996, became known as Ten Thousand Villages.

Our Beliefs Guide our Business

Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit Fair Trade Organization (FTO). FTOs are non-governmental organizations designed to benefit artisans, not to maximize profits. They market products from handicraft and agricultural organizations based in low-income countries, providing consumers with products that have been fairly purchased from sustainable sources.

Ten Thousand Villages is

a member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO), a coalition of handicraft and agricultural producer organizations, and Fair Trade organizations from both the North and the South.



Above: Ten Thousand Villages merchandise displayed at a local sale.

Left: Juliya Begum artisan at Goshaihari group in India, making kaisa and palm leaf baskets.

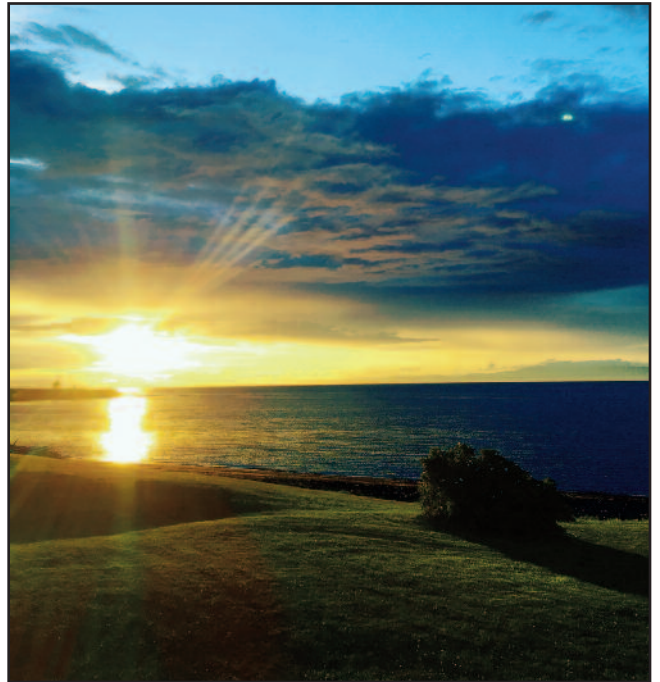


Submissions

If you have photos, stories, tips or tidbits to share we always welcome your submissions. Send submissions to submit@mightymiramichi.com. For photos please send high resolution jpg's (not resized for email) and remember to include your name for the photo credit and the location where the photo was taken or description of the subject matter.



Above: Billie-Jo Duffy snapped this picture of an Eagle up by the Redbank Bridge in March of this year. He was waiting to prey on something on the ice.



Above photo by Meghan Dickie

Below: This photo of the Miramichi River was taken under the Quarryville Bridge by Courtney Roy of White Rapids.





Guests at the Ledges Inn showing off a July Salmon. Photo submitted by Derek Munn to Doug's Fishing Report.



Left: A jellyfish in Bay du Vin.
Above: A seagull poses for a photo overlooking Bay du Vin bay. Photos by Scott Gray.



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This Old Thing

**Do you know
what this old
thing is?**



After our July issue was published we thought Bernie Colepaugh of the Miramichi Folklore Park in Renous might have stumped all our readers with his Old Thing when we didn't receive a single guess in our inbox. Then we posted the photo on our Facebook Page to see if anyone would guess. Still, we only heard from five of our followers.

Opal Williamson said, "I think it is a base/ frame for a sled." Perley Curtis thought it was used to check the legal size of clams. Mark Kingston said it was a "light duty wrench for heavy duty nuts." Grace Trowbridge asked if it was a measuring tool and Laura Comeau wondered if it was for sizing cut beams.

Bernie says, "This is for gauging wear on steel train wheels." Nobody answered correctly.

This month Bernie sent another photo ... Do you know what this is? We invite you to email your best guess to submit@mightymiramichi.com. Include "This Old Thing" in the subject line. Next issue we'll publish the correct answer from Bernie and let you know if you were right!

Bernie Colepaugh is an avid antique collector and the Artistic Director/ Manager of Miramichi Folklore Park in Renous which is open daily in August from 9 am to 9 pm. Like their Facebook Page at Miramichi Folklore Park Inc. – Home of the Heritage Players.

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