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Tuesday	July 16	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Waterford Green (Chatham)
Wednesday	July 17	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Kinsmen Club (Newcastle)
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Boys & Girls Club of Miramichi

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- No Pre-Registration Required. Just Drop in!
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Camp Sheldrake - Building Leaders and lasting

$Friendships\ for\ 20\ years\ {\tt By\ David\ Lavoie,\ Chair,\ Camp\ Sheldrake,\ Board\ of\ Directors}$

Camp Sheldrake is an **overnight outdoor adventure summer camp** for youth and teens that offers leadership building, hiking, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts and so much more. It is situated on 150 acres in Bartibog, boasts two waterfronts, several kilometers of woodland trails and overlooks the beautiful Miramichi River. The site has a climbing and rappelling wall, a zip line and a challenging ropes course. Although it is a Catholic based camp, kids from all denominations attend each year and many return each summer and form lasting friendships. This year it is **celebrating it's 20th year** of existence.

The camp, which takes its name from nearby Sheldrake Island, got its start in 1998 when Bunny (Bernard) Dempsey, Patrick Daley, Bernard Williams, and a small handful of individuals had an idea to transform an area in Bartibog into a camp for children.

Thanks to the dedication of many volunteers, support from community organizations, many individuals and passionate caring staff, it is estimated that over 1200 children have benefited from the **confidence building and leadership training** that the camp offers. Many return each summer and a number are trained and work as counsellors and camp directors. One such person is **Hilary Whitney** who is this year's camp director. Hilary is a perfect example of the lasting affect that the camp has on those who attend.

Hilary attended Camp Sheldrake for the first time in 2008 as a camper, at the age of 15. "Growing up I was always very shy, and didn't have much self-esteem. When I came to camp that first summer it was no surprise that I had trouble making new friends. I liked everyone, and they seemed to like me, but I found it hard to make that friendship bond with my peers. The staff made that week at camp so special for me. They had this incredible way of making you feel as though they were your friends, but still also your camp counsellor."

From a shy, timid camper with difficulty making new friends back in 2008, Hilary joined the staff as a counsellor



in 2012 and again in 2013, later became the health and wellness coordinator, assistant director and this year has been hired as the camp director. She brings with her a high confidence level, enthusiasm, great camp experience and a love for children and the camp. She credits the camp experience with other successes in her life such as leadership roles she held in university, travelling and working as a nanny in the Netherlands. "Without Camp Sheldrake I would not have accomplished the things that I have and without these experiences I would not be who I am today."

Hilary (camp nickname Shadow) is only one of many kids who have been transformed by the power of acceptance, leadership and spiritual based training that kids receive at the camp in a fun, safe environment.

Twenty years ago, men and women on the Miramichi had a vision of creating this opportunity for children and, since that time, many volunteers and supporters have made that vision a reality through many hours of volunteer work and donations. Hilary, and other young adults, who have benefited from the camp experience will ensure that vision continues to be a reality for kids for years to come.

Cover Photo: John Hayward took this photo at East Point looking up-river towards Loggieville at sunset.

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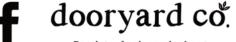
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July 6: Middle Island Family **Fun Day**

Outdoor family activities and carnival like games from 12pm to 4pm. This event is a fundraiser to help support the

services and programs of Autism Resources Miramichi. \$20 pass gives you access to 40 activities and can be used by any child in family. Cash only. Visit www.autismmiramichi.com or call 622-8137.

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July 6: Annual Beaubears Island Picnic

Friends of Beaubears Island will re-create one of the famous picnics held on the Island



in the years after shipbuilding. Just bring your appetite, and we'll see to the rest. Alongside noted figures from the Island's past will be other guests in 19th century dress. As an added attraction, a photographer will be engaged to photograph visitors, providing you and yours with a cherished keepsake from this memorable event. For more details, call 506-622-8526.

July 13: Wilson's Point Graveyard Tour

Seek out the troubled spirits of times long past...if you dare. Explore historical Wilson's Point with the ghosts of William Davidson, Charles Boishebert, Ursilla Vye, and many other characters who faced ends as tragic as their lives. Join us to experience these twisted tales for yourself! For more details, call 506-622-8526.

July 16- 20: Miramichi Agricultural **Exhibition** The 96th Annual Miramichi Exhibition will be hosting a number of attractions and rides for the whole family! Stay tuned for more information and visit



their website and Facebook page for more details.

July 18 – 21: Canada's Irish Festival on the Miramichi Canada's longest running Irish festival has something for everyone!! Come enjoy pubs, music, cultural activities and the hospitality of Miramichi. Visit their website at www.canadasirishfest.com

July 18- 21: Natoaganeg / Eel Ground Pow Wow Held at the Pow wow grounds on Riverview Road East overlooking the Miramichi River. This is our community's cultural, spiritual and social event of the year. It is our time to showcase the drumming, dancing and regalia of the First Nation people. Everyone is welcome.

July 19 to 21: Summer Fun Days in the Upper Miramichi Community Park Come for a weekend jam packed with Children's Activities and Games. Contact 506-369-7214 for info.

July 21: Central NB Woodsmen's Museum Car Show and Shine Beginning at 11am at the museum with a car show and entertainment, and a parade at 4 pm. Contact: 506-369-7214

July 21: Great Miramichi Duck Race

Quack, Quack! The ducks will be taking to the river again in large numbers as Camp Sheldrake, sponsors the Great Miramichi Duck Race, in conjunction with the Irish Festival. The Duck Race is a major fundraiser for the Camp and will be held at 2 pm at Waterford Green. The first duck to cross the finish wins \$3000!

July 26-28: Downriver Music Festival in **Néguac** This summer we are celebrating our 13th year, and we are making it a show stopping event, featuring new upcoming bands, familiar faces and

June 27 - 30: Miramichi Rock 'N' Roll **Festival**

This marks the 25th Anniversary! Events will include the Golden Oldie Car Show. concerts, street dance, fireworks and much more. Get your poodle skirts and leather jackets ready because we're gonna rock the summer! www.rocknrollfestival.com

June 29: 5th Annual River Run 4 Vets in Doaktown. Starts with a sail down the beautiful Miramichi at 11 am from the McNamee footbridge to Doaktown. Ends with entertainment and a BBQ steak or chicken dinner at Branch #23 Doaktown legion. Full price for the event is \$30. For tickets contact Doreen at 506-365-0392.

June 29: Raglan Road 4.0, Matt Minglewood, Jason Barry & The Brodeo Come out and enjoy a Saturday evening from, 8pm to 1:30am in the waterfront parking lot (under the Big Tent) during the Rock 'n' Roll Festival. Gates open at 7:30pm. Event is for 19+ Tickets: \$40. Buy tickets on www.rocknrollfestival.com

June 30 – July 1: Fishermen's Pow Wow on the Miramichi

Hosted on Waterford Green, and with



Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Roger Augustine this event brings together First Nations and non-First Nations fishermen in a spirit of peace and friendship. Parade of boats, dance, music, cultural / artisan village and more. Visit

international recording artists. www.downrivermusicfestival.com

July 26 – 28: Miramichi Art Studio Tours M.A.S.T.

Artists and artisans from across the Miramichi region will be opening their homes and studios for visitors in a celebration of the arts community! The studio tour will feature fine art, mixed media, crafts persons and more, and is open to all artists, and all levels. Visit Miramichi Artists Studio Tour on Facebook for details.

July 26 – 28: Metepenagiag Pow Wow

Metepenagiag Heritage Park overlooks the Pow Wow grounds where drumming circles and dancing with regalia signal the special celebration welcoming all to our community – Metepenagiag's Annual Pow Wow, Call 506-836-6118.

July 27: Douglastown Days Reunion

Come out to the Seaman's Hospital from 6pm to 1am for a gathering of Douglastown residents in celebration of our history!

July 27 – 28: Barnaby River – Semiwagan Ridge Days This annual celebration takes place beside the church in the field on the North Barnaby Road. Both days have games for children and adults, live entertainment and BBQ and a beer garden dance on Saturday with a live band. The car and bike show is on Sunday.

July 27 – August 4: 35th Annual Bay Du Vin Summer Survival a week long festival with something for all ages. Including a car rally, kid's games, scavenger hunt, frog races and treasure hunt. Find them on Facebook or call Jonathan



Guimond at 506-228-3625 for info.

Aug 2-5: Annual Doaktown Fair

Enjoy old-time favourite games, great food and music at this country fair. Activities include a country jamboree, prize bingo, a dance, a touch truck event, petting zoo, pony rides, traditional games, and displays of home baking, crafts and vegetables.

Aug. 2-5: Miramichi Valley Oldtimers Ball Tournament Waldo Henderson Field, Chatham Head

Aug 4-9: 62nd Annual Miramichi Folksong Festival A musical week of celebration in song, dance, fiddles, noon lunches and more!. Opening concert features Canadian singer, songwriter and actor, Heather Rankin. See article on page 12. www.miramichifolksongfestival.com.

Aug 8-11: 28th Napan Agricultural Show Some of the highlights for this year's show include: Ultimate Supreme Draft Horse Qualifying Show Wild 'n Woolly (Kids Events), Draft Horse Hitches and Light Horse Events, Tough Farmer Competitions, Photography, Crafts and Vegetable Judging, Horseshoes and Washer Toss Tournaments, Antique Museum, Kids activities and much more. Visit www.napan.ca/show for details.

Aug 11: Île Beaubears Island Interpretive Centre Annual Campfire Night Hear some yarns from Nelson's storied past, enjoy traditional folk songs, as well as more modern songs brought to you by the energetic staff. Guests are welcome to share their own stories around the fire as well. For more details, call 506-622-8526.

Aug 14-18: Miramichi Community Theatre Festival The MRC Theatre Festival is a community-based, fringe-style theatre festival organized by Buttercup Productions. See article page 24.

Aug 15: National Acadian Day

The star of the Acadian flag shines brighter than ever on August 15, when Acadians all over the world celebrate their rich culture and heritage. Be sure to get decked out in blue, white, red and yellow to celebrate National Acadian Day. Events will be happening in the City of Miramichi and other communities. Contact 506-627-4125





Aug 16-18: Esgenoôpetitj (Burnt Church) Pow Wow Come and take part in our celebration of Aboriginal culture, heritage and our native tradition and spirituality through prayers, chants, dances, storytelling, feasts and songs. Everyone is welcome! Call 506-776-1200 for details.

Aug 17: 12th Annual Miramichi Mud Fest

An annual ATV event hosted by Miramichi Off Road ATV Club and held behind the Nordin Recreation Center in Douglastown! There is an obstacle course, oval mud racing, mud bog and many great prizes. Starts at 8 am. \$10 for spectators and to race.

Aug 23 – 25: Bluegrass Music Festival





An annual event in Rogersville for the past 25 years featuring The Lonesome River Band and many more great artists. On-site camping available. For tickets and info visit www.rogersvillebluegrass.com or call 506-773-9166

Aug 23 – 25: Miramichi Scottish Festival

Join the Clans to celebrate the Scottish Culture on the Miramichi. Enjoy music, song, dance, competitions, demonstrations, exhibitions and much more. Entertainment will feature the Moncton Pipes and Drums, Highland Dancers and the Lumber Jills. Visit www.highlandsociety.com for more information.

Aug 27 – 28: Saint Andrew's United Church's

Annual Good Used Clothing Sale From 9am to 6pm, featuring all types of clothing, linens, purses, shoes and jewellery! All donations are accepted and can be dropped off at the church, at 188 Wellington Street in Chatham. Everyone is welcome! Contact 506-773-9932

Community Wellness & Recreation Event Highlights

"Movies Under The Stars" All movies take place at dusk, free admission, Bring your own Chair/Blanket

Captain Marvel- Wednesday, July 3rd at Middle Island Mary Poppins Returns- Wednesday, July 17th at Ritchie Wharf Incredibles 2- Wednesday, July 31st at Ritchie Wharf Dumbo- Wednesday, August 14th at Ritchie Wharf For more info please call 623-2300

Super Soaker Days

July 17: Kinsmen Outdoor Pool Super Soaker Day, 6-8 pm. August 14: Chatham Outdoor Pool Super Soaker Day, 6-8 pm.

Bring your water guns for some super soaker fun! No Lifeguard shall remain un-soaked!!

August 5: New Brunswick Day Family Picnic at Middle Island

1-4 pm. Entertainment from 1-2pm & 3-4pm, New Brunswick Day Merit Awards Presentations 2-3pm. Balloon animals, treasure hunt, jumping castle, children's games & more! This event is sponsored by City of Miramichi Community Wellness & Recreation Department & Friends of Middle Island.





Miramichi to Host the

National Men's Baseball Championship

August 22-25

The **Chatham Miramichi Honda Ironmen** and the host committee are proud to present the **2019 BIGS Seeds Men's National Championship.**

The City of Miramichi looks forward to hosting the event and making the experience a memorable one for all teams, players, staff, and fans. This is the 6th year the Chatham Ironmen have hosted the Nationals.

It starts with a reception and **Home Run Derby** at 6pm on Wednesday (Aug.21) and then the **tournament kicks off the next day on August 22nd.**

Ironmen Field in Chatham is the primary field with Waldo Henderson Memorial Field in Chatham Head as the secondary field. Washrooms and concessions will be available at both game venues.

Game Tickets: Home Run Derby (\$5), Day Passes (\$20), Tournament Passes (Adult \$60) (Seniors & Students \$50) Children 13 and under free. Passes are available at Carters Family Convenience and N & J Convenience.

Here are highlights of the schedule showing when the Ironmen and NB team play. Find the full schedule, at https://seniormen.baseball.ca

Friday Aug. 23

7pm Ironmen Park: Chatham vs. Nova Scotia 2 7pm Waldo Henderson: New Brunswick vs. Ontario

Saturday Aug. 24

12pm Ironmen Park: Chatham vs. Newfoundland and Labrador

3pm Ironmen Park: New Brunswick vs. Nova Scotia 1

Sunday Aug. 25

7:30 pm Ironmen Park: Gold Medal Game











Remembering the Summer of 1965!

350th Anniversary of Fortress Ste-Croix in Miramichi

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the establishment of Fortress Ste-Croix on the Northwest branch of the Miramichi, in 1669 by administrator, fur trader, and fisherman, Richard Denys. Le centre scolaire/communautaire Carrefour Beausoleil. in partnership with Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated and the Friends of Beaubears Island, plan to commemorate this event.

Forteresse Sainte-Croix was built of large wooden stakes and cornered by four bastions. A 1685 map displayed a flag-shaped marking over territory above the former town of Newcastle, at the foot of modern day Astle Street, which many take as an indication of a mission station and fort area. Indeed, residents of the area still refer to it as "Denys Point", and the vantage provided there does appear to be of considerable strategic value.

This commemoration will be an opportunity to delve deeper into the pre-European history of Beaubears Island, by gaining a greater appreciation of its indigenous past as Quoomeneegook, or 'island of the pines'. The Mi'gmaq used Quoomeneegook as a meeting and resource-gathering site. The project will also acknowledge the essential role played by the Mi'gmaq people in the survival of Denys and his employees. Contemporary writings tell of how Mi'gmaq shared essential knowledge and goods with these new arrivals.

Recognition will also be given to Franciscan brothers, of the Recollet



Contemplating history on Beaubears Island, Quoomeneegook, (Island of the Pines).

branch, who established a mission on the Southwest Miramichi and handed on maps and primary accounts of the area in the 17th century. A 1686 map by cartographer Jean-Baptiste-Louis Franquelin identifies the modern Carding Mill Brook as "Mission

Brook", or Ruisseau de Mission. Many modern historians point to the indications made on the map as being evidence of a mission station at or near this site.

27-28 Re-enactment July weekend at Wilson's point, focusing on European and Indigenous life on the Miramichi in the summer of 1685. Several characters and scenes will be presented by a local troupe of performers. A lecture series will feature Indigenous and Acadian speakers relating their stories of their interactions centuries ago.

On July 27 ferry service from Wilson's Point to Beaubears Island will be available for guests to participate in a Medicine Walk, with a member of the Mi'gmaq community. On the afternoon of July 28, a "Commemoration of the Deportation" will be held, and will include songs, reflection as well as acts of remembrance.

The organizers hope this project can be seen as having a larger cultural, importance that transcends a reenactment in showing different cultures working and living together. In showing how these two groups grew as a community, and affected transformed each other's awareness of the world, it is intended to take a historic episode and let it speak to the present day.

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Cradle to Career Miramichi

Preventing Summer Learning Loss in Students

The Newcastle Rotary Club is donating funds to help children improve literacy this summer.

Last year Miramichi was the first city in New Brunswick to launch a city-wide campaign to reduce summer learning loss. This year Cradle to Career Miramichi is further enhancing their efforts. Cradle to Career Miramichi is working with Frontier College to offer free summer camps for children who are struggling with reading. The funds from the Newcastle Rotary Club will allow children to attend free of charge.

How Summer Learning Loss Affects Kids:

- Kids generally lose two months of reading achievement over the summer months.
- Most kids lose 2-6 months in mathematical computation skills.
- Teachers spend 5-6 weeks reteaching material from previous grades.
- By the end of grade 5, at risk kids can fall behind 2-3 grades.

What is Cradle to Career Miramichi?

Cradle to Career Miramichi is an initiative designed to help prepare every child, who lives within the greater Miramichi area, for success from birth to career.

Using a collective impact model from Stanford University, we bring together resources from throughout the community to help students improve educational results as they reach key benchmarks in their development, placing and keeping them on a path to success.

In addition to the Frontier College Camps, Cradle to Career Miramichi will be working with other partners to prevent summer learning loss.

City of Miramichi: The city will be adding 20 minutes of reading into their existing camps this year.

FREE Summer Literacy Day Camps

Frontier College will be providing FREE Summer Literacy Day Camps for children in grades 1 to 3 in Miramichi, in partnership with Cradle to Career Miramichi, the Anglophone North School District, Miramichi Elementary Schools, Miramichi Public Libraries, and other community organizations. The camps will take place at King Street Elementary and Max Aitken Academy.

The days will be filled with fun activities that are focused on reading and writing, along with some math, science, arts and crafts and physical activity. Each child will receive three to five personal one-to-one oral guided reading sessions per week with camp leaders and volunteer tutors.



(L to R) - Ann Morrissy and Adam Lordon of Cradle to Career Miramichi receiving a donation from Newcastle Rotarians Stacey Sutherland and Barb Stothart

Miramichi Bible Camp: This year the Miramichi Bible Camp leaders read to the children each day and gave the kids opportunity for private reading.

Brilliant Labs: Brilliant Labs will be offering Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities at various camps throughout Miramichi. Brilliant Labs is a not-forprofit, hands-on technology and experiential learning platform based in Atlantic Canada. They support the integration of creativity, innovation, coding, and an entrepreneurial spirit within classrooms and educational curricula.

NB Public Libraries: The libraries in Chatham, Newcastle and Carrefour Beausoleil will be dropping off books weekly to summer camps and daycares and helping to coordinate the Summer Reading Club log book.

Carrefour Beausoleil Camps: This camp will be offering fun literacy games and activities. The Carrefour Beausoleil Library worked closely with the summer camp by offering reading materials and various programs.

Become a Volunteer Tutor

Dates: From Tuesday, July 2 to Friday, August 23, 2019 **Required commitment:** A minimum of two hours per week for four to eight weeks.

Help children improve their reading skills, confidence and success in school. You should have good English skills and be enthusiastic, patient, flexible, and creative.

To volunteer, or if you have any questions, contact Jennifer Bell or Alanna Hallihan: jennifer.bell@unb.ca, Tel: (506) 625-5414, ahallihan6@gmail.com, Tel: (506) 626-2396.

The 62nd Miramichi Folksong Festival Entertainment for All Ages

The Miramichi Folksong Festival is set to celebrate it's 62nd season **August 4th to 9th** in Miramichi.

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The closing Dinner/Concert will feature Ivan & Vivian Hicks and the Gary Morris Band. This event is by reservation only.

The popular Folk Feast and Fun day returns this year and includes lunch at the Kin Centre with live music, a boat trip on the

famous Max Aitken with music by Ian Craig, followed in the evening with a concert with the Lumber Jills. This event is by reservation only, call 506-622-1780 or visit the website. Limited tickets are available!

Weekly passes are available for \$100 which include all evening events plus the closing dinner.

Tickets for the NB Day breakfast, noon luncheons and children's show are only sold at the door. Reservations can be made for the 11:30am noon luncheons first sitting by calling 506-622-1780.

Ticket Info

Tickets are on sale locally at Brookdale Flower Shop and Kingston's Car Wash or by calling 506-622-1780. Also purchase them online at **www.miramichifolksongfestival.com** where you'll find the festival brochure with a detailed list of events.



Heather Rankin is a Canadian singer, songwriter and actor. She is well known as a member of the multiplatinum selling musical group, The Rankins. They won six Juno Awards, three Canadian Country Music Awards and 15 East Coast Music Awards, to name a few.

Heather was nominated for a Juno for her 2016 debut solo album, *A Fine Line*. This is Heather Rankin like you have never heard her before.



at **The Lumber Jills.** Youth championship female fiddlers and dancers; Amélie, Martha, Machaela and Janelle are from Moncton, NB and have promoted their culture across Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium and France. With multiple awards for their heritage music and dancing; their Acadian, Scottish and Irish ancestry burns in their fiery traditional tunes.

Sawdustmakers in Action

By Paulette Arsenault and Mike Wyatt

Miramichi The Senior Sawdustmakers (MSSI) are an active group of retired persons who have a goal: to provide a venue where senior men and women can safely pursue that activity stimulating mentally, physically, and socially, by working with wood. The non-profit organization provides a workshop with the space and tools for a wide variety woodworking activities carving, such turning, cabinetry, and carpentry.



The new sign made for the Miramichi Cross-County Ski Club. L to R: Philippe Gauthier, Peter Gadd, Luce Marchand, Mike Wyatt.

The MSSI was approached by the Miramichi Cross-Country Ski Club to make a new sign for their trail-head, and they accepted the challenge. After they laid up the materials, Philippe Gauthier, a man with a passion and expertise in woodcarving, was chosen for the task of carving. The computer-assisted lettering was applied to the 10-foot and 6-foot Miramichi white pine boards that were glued up, planed, sanded, and chamfered for the job. Carving the letters involved more than 40 hours of strenuous work demanding great physical finesse by Philippe. The finished product is of professional quality, using local sourced wood, that will enhance the community.

The Sawdustmakers shop is a cheerful place where a retired person can get out of the house, enjoy a woodworking activity, a cup of coffee, and meet others with similar interests. The shop is always being utilized by members, and offers supervision, safety, and training for the equipment on hand. They have some sophisticated tools that many people cannot afford on their own. The club has one of the best equipped shops in the Miramichi area.

Members include seniors who were born and raised on the river and who have come from across Canada, choosing to settle in Miramichi for their retirement. The common denominator is an interest in woodworking and an appreciation for the value of volunteerism. **The group's founder, the late Reg Hare**, saw that now that they were not working every day, there was a lack of things to do for himself and his retired friends who missed the social aspect

regular job. Having heard of a similar woodworking group in Fredericton, he thought it would be a good idea to try the same sort of thing here on the river. One of Reg's favorite axioms was, "Try to learn two new things every day." It is a goal that the members, who range in abilities from novice to expert, keep in mind as they come together in the shop.

"The club is always looking for new members", says

club president Mike Wyatt. "This is all about having a common interest in woodwork, but you do not have to be a woodworker to belong to the club. The whole idea is to teach, learn, and socialize in a safe and well-appointed space, especially over the course of a long winter. We make sure there is a nice balance between personal, club, and community projects. We are also in the process of expanding our shop to include a storage and warehouse facility,"

The Sawdustmakers started out with a small shop through the generosity of another of the groups founding members who offered his garage as workspace. Now, with the patronage of a federal grant under the New Horizons for Seniors Program and the generosity of the City of Miramichi, they have a new shop. It is a well-lit and upbeat venue that enhances the social well-being and vitality of this community of seniors. "It's the communal aspect that is the most satisfying for me; learning and sharing information and techniques with a common interest. I was new to the area, a couple of years ago, and I immediately felt welcome."

The shop is **open every weekday at 9am**, **at 222 Wellington Street**, behind the WS Loggie House, Miramichi. There is always another member there to provide assistance if needed. They also have a meeting of the membership on the first Monday of every month, except over the summer.

The club has been involved in several community projects including Tiny Libraries, birdhouses, raised-garden boxes, and other projects on behalf of local non-profit organizations. Keep up to date with all their activities at www.facebook.com/sawdustmakers



The Miramichi Boys and Girls Club strives to create opportunities and chances for kids from all walks of life. Children and youth from K-Gr 12 go to the Boys & Girls Club. For some it's attending evening programs that run throughout the school year. These are free programs. Each roster brings new themes and chances for kids to learn new skills, make new friends and try something new. There's something for everyone: Adventure Club, Try it Tuesday, Crafty Crew and more. The staff works hard to find new and creative ways to engage youth and keep them active.

Middle School is a big focus of the out-reach done by the Boys & Girls Club. Grades 6-8 students love the YOUth Zone nights, the boys program Game ON and it's Go Girls for the teen girls. Torch Club is a great way to develop leadership skills and learn about community-building, plus take charge in initiatives they are passionate about.

Our **High School Students** play a key role in making all of our programs run smoothly. They volunteer their time once a week as Youth Leaders. Our Youth Leaders assist staff in running programs for the K-5 age group. They lead different games, help staff prep and deliver programs and often come up with new and exciting games for the kids to play. **Youth Leaders are great role models** for the younger kids who come into our club. The leaders themselves also grow by taking a more hands on role within the Club. New this year is a Scholarship Program for youth of Boys & Girls Club graduating and going to university.

Year-round activities and programs keep Boys & Girls Club the center of action for many kids. March Break camps, PD Day camps, Santa's Workshop, KidZone Programs, Babysitter's Training, Winter Break camps and the always popular Summer Camps. We make sure that each week is jammed packed with loads of fun activities such as paint tag, slip 'n slides, water balloon toss and so much more!

"First Cast" is a new partnership with the Miramichi Salmon Association. Learning how to fish is a life-long skill. This is a great partnership to get boys and girls hooked on fishing.

The Boys and Girls Club does not only run programs within the Club; there is a lot work done within our community and at our local schools. For example, we run a program called Fun Friends for youth aged 5-7 which focuses on developing coping skills and talking about our emotions in a fun and play based way.

SNAP is our most intensive, in demand program at the elementary schools. It gives kids tools to hold on to self-control. This program changes behavior and kids learn to navigate all the challenges they face in getting along with others.

Overall, the Boys and Girls Club of Miramichi creates a warm, welcoming and accepting place for all youth to come and play, learn, and grow. The staff and volunteers work hard each and every day to make and keep it as a **Positive Place for Kids.**

History of the Claddagh Ring

by L&A Goldsmith

Few pieces of jewellery can rival Claddagh rings when it comes to tradition and significance. When you wear one you are displaying a wonderful piece of Irish history.

The Claddagh ring meaning is all about love, loyalty and friendship. The two hands represent friendship, the heart symbolizes love and the crown on the top is for loyalty

Unsurprisingly, one of the main legends of the ring comes from a classic love story - although there are several different tales attributed to it.

The Claddagh, a tiny old fishing village located outside of Galway City in an area where the famous Corrib River opens out into the Atlantic. Although there are different stories as to the origin of the ring, it

was almost certainly created in or near the village of Claddagh.

Richard Joyce, a sailor from the fishing village of Claddagh, was kidnapped by pirates in the 17th century and sold into slavery. He was purchased by a goldsmith who trained him in the craft. In 1689, King William II demanded the release of all slaves who were part of his kingdom. During his time as a slave, Richard had impressed his master to the point where he was offered half his wealth and his daughter's hand in marriage. But the truth was his true love was awaiting



"With my two hands I give you my heart and crown it with my loyalty."

his return to Galway. Unbeknownst to the goldsmith, Richard had stolen specks of gold from the workshop each day which he fashioned into a ring. This was given to his sweetheart whom he married. He later setup a goldsmiths shop of his own, and as the story goes he created the Claddagh ring with the initials RJ on it.

How To Wear a Claddagh Ring

The Claddagh Ring has been the traditional wedding ring in Irish culture since the 17th century. There are four basic meanings depending on how the ring is worn:

Single: wear the ring on your right hand with the heart facing outwards. **Relationship:** wear it on your right hand with the heart pointed inwards.

Engaged: wear it on your left hand with the heart pointing outwards.

Married: wear it on your left hand with the heart facing inward.

The many meanings of Claddagh rings allow them to be worn to celebrate many occasions including weddings and, of course, engagements. Alternatively, you can add your own unique twist. While these rings celebrate Irish traditions, their beautiful and timeless design means they continue to look fabulous in the modern age.





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Miramichi Hope Cafe by Anthony McLean

Miramichi Hope Café serves free meals to the community every Friday from 12 to 1 pm, year-round, at Saint Andrew's Anglican Church Hall in Miramichi.

The Venerable
Reverend Richard
Steeves (now retired) and
his wife, Captain Deacon
Reverend Rose Steeves
started the Miramichi
Hope Café in 2011 and

worked hard to get it going.

started the Miramichi Harry and Jennie Miller along with Wayne Robichaud preparing soup.

Harry and Jennie (Dunnett) Miller of the Hilltop Road joined this team in March of 2012. They served only four people the first few weeks with The Venerable Steeves and his wife, along with Rose and Thomas O'Donnell.

The meals started off with homemade soup, rolls and cookies. Then, it started to grow. They now serve between 40 to 55 meals each week, and also serve meals on special occasions. In 2017, Anne Hebert became the coordinator.

Now, in it's seventh year, the Hope Café menu has expanded to include fullcourse meals and they serve a variety of nutritious meals.

Four teams of volunteers take turns each week and new volunteers are always welcome. Hope Café has been blessed to have City of Miramichi Mayor Adam Lordon, Miramichi Police, our MLA for Miramichi Bay – Nèguac, Lisa McKenzie Harris, and Miramichi

Timberwolves, all come out at different times to help serve meals.

As well, a "free for the taking" table of items is available during the meals. Donations are always welcome to help support the cause. Direct your donations to Anne Hebert, the coordinator. Receipts will be issued for cash donations.

Saint Andrew's Anglican Church Hall is located at 214 Pleasant Street. Parking is available at the rear of the hall.







Miramichi Singer-songwriter, Robert Ross Returns Home to Launch New CD

Singer-songwriter Robert Ross is returning home to Miramichi to release his new Born in Barryville, Miramichi, Robert is now based in Cairns, Australia. He shares his love of music with audiences in pubs, clubs, resorts, private functions and festivals Australia throughout and Canada.

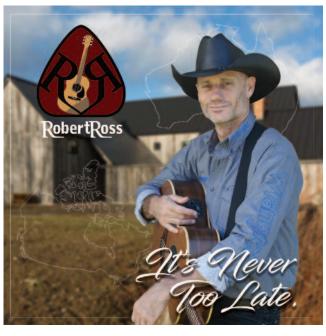
He has been busy writing and recording over the past year and is excited to be returning to the Miramichi to share his new CD of 10 original songs: *It's Never Too Late.*

Robert's style is influenced by country greats Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard and other country artists such as Randy

Travis and Sawyer Brown, as well as good ole Rock n' Roll. His original songs are rich with life experiences which connects him directly to his fans.

The Miramichi is a breeding ground for country and folk songs written from the heart and about life. Robert grew up listening to his grandmother singing the classics and hearing what we now call classic rock on the radio. The mix of the two became the basis of his music today.

Robert says "My music comes from life. The good, the bad and the hilarious! This is where we all have something in common".



The album cover for Robert Ross's new CD of 10 original songs: it's Never Too Late

On June 22 he is off to Nashville for two weeks and then he is "on the Miramichi" from July 6-22. During his stay he has some local gigs lined up and he is open to booking more. Robert has another special reason for coming to Miramichi. On July 20 he will be marrying his "girl next door" that he grew up with and has been reunited with after 36 years.

After his visit in Miramichi, he will be flying to Calgary, Alberta to another CD Release Party at the Horton Legion. Robert is retired from the Canadian Army and chose the Legion to support the veterans.

Miramichi Gigs

July 12: Pond's Chalet Resort in Ludlow, 10 pm to 1 am

July 13: Barryville Golden Age Club Dance, 8-11 pm

July 14: Ritchie Wharf, 2-4 pm

To contact Robert to play while he is in Miramichi or to find out more about him and his music, visit his website www.robertrossmusic.com and social media.

Facebook: robertrossmusic Instagram: @robertrossmusic



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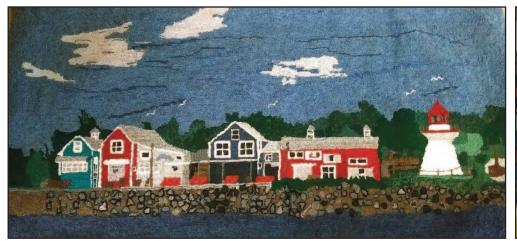
Meet the Miramichi Rug Hookers

When I heard hookers were meeting in Newcastle and they wanted me to attend, I wasn't quite sure what to expect! Thankfully I discovered a lovely group of ladies doing rug hooking, needle punching, swedish weaving, knitting, quilting and more. The group meets every Thursday in the seniors room at the Lions Club in Newcastle. They are quick to point out that the group is not just for seniors and anyone of all ages is welcome to attend. Bring your lunch, a \$1 for the pot and your





Above: The ladies recently invited another craft group from Richibucto to come and bring their projects and enjoy a luncheon. **Above Right:** Many rugs, wall hangings and other projects were proudly displayed by each group.





Rug hooking is both an art and a craft where rugs are made by pulling loops of yarn or fabric through a stiff woven base such as burlap, linen, or rug warp. **Above (left):** A rug depicting Ritchie Wharf by Betty Cripps. **(Right):** Betty Stewart with her rug hooking project made using scrap yarn. She is 90 years young and just started hooking 1 year ago.



"Classy Chicks" rug by Susan Kingston



Westies on a hooked pillow by Pat Hale

craft project. Sometimes they work on group projects, such as making 21 lap quilts and six full size quilts for The Mount St. Josephs Nursing Home and Miramichi Senior Citizens Home. If you are interested in learning rug hooking or swedish weaving, the ladies would be more than happy to show you how to get started. To join, you can drop into the Newcastle Lions Club at 324 Morrison Lane on Thursdays from 9am to 2pm or call Katie Vienneau at 622-0044. They will be taking a break this year for July and August, starting back up on September 5th.

Right: Swedish weaving using variegated yarn on black cloth makes a striking pattern for a blanket.

Below (left): Katie Vienneau created the pattern for this rug from a photo of a winter scene she saw online.

Below (right): Sheila Whalen making a rug using the Oxford Punch Needle. It is different from rug hooking, in that hookers pull loops up and punchers punch loops down and you work from the back side of the rug.









Katie Vienneau adds a 3D effect to her rug hooking project with a sculpting technique.



Swedish weaving is usually done on monks cloth, as demonstrated here by Betty Cripps.



Kathy Sinclair works on burlap using a vintage needle from 1945.

Miramichi Literary Trail Launched

by Judy Bowman

Creating the **Words on Water Miramichi literary trail** began with Sandra Bunting's vision to honour the rich literary talent of this community for the stories and poems inspired by the unique culture, rivers and landscapes of the Miramichi.

Authors David Adams Richards, Doug Underhill, Ray Fraser and Wayne Curtis are honoured with indoor and outdoor installations featuring art and engraved quotes from their work. The indoor installations feature Valerie Sherrard and Chuck Bowie and will be at the Newcastle Library. All of the writers are award-winning authors in various genres.

From the moment the outdoor installations were placed at Ritchie Wharf, the Newcastle Public Library, French Fort Cove and Chatham Public Library, the sturdy wood and stone installations received a lot of positive attention. Not only is there an increased curiosity about the authors's work in the libraries, but a rising interest in the creators of the art.

Stone mason, Victor Arbeau, from Upper Blackville brings twenty years of landscape and stone work to this project. "Most of the stone I've worked with in the past was regular stone in various sizes for patios and retaining walls, no random patterns, all smooth and easy to build, nothing like the raw product I used here."

Arbeau hand-quarried each stone tablet from Miramichi sandstone, finished the edges and engraved the author quotes. After constructing the sturdy wooden frames necessary to anchor the weight of the stones, he added a small vignette that mirrors Gloria Savoie's indoor art. "I was proud that I was given the opportunity to work on this project." says Arbeau.

Gloria Savoie, Miramichi Artist in Residence, designed the indoor art based on author quotes, and engraved and painted both in wood. Savoie's art reveals the passions of her life and travels. While [n Kashmir and Afghanistan she was introduced to the craftsmanship of wood etched art.

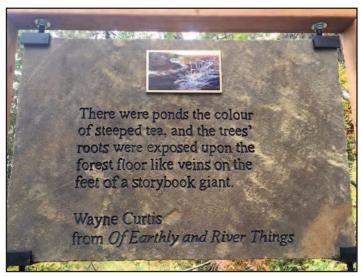
"Wood," says Savoie, "is the perfect vehicle to express Miramichi River History as so much of

our past is related to wood industries."

Going forward, Words on Water hopes to create a map, brochure and website on the trail, the wonderful writers and their connection to Miramichi.

Words on Water Miramichi was founded in 2005 by Judy Bowman and Michelle Cadogan and was incorporated in 2017. Recent activities of the group include book launches, readings, writing workshops and participation in the Miramichi Theatre Festival. Words on Water includes: Judy Bowman, Sandra

Bunting, Kellie Underhill, and many volunteers and participants. For updates on their activities and the literary trail, find Words on Water on Facebook.



Above: Wayne Curtis outdoor installation at French Fort Cove



Above: Victor Arbeau engraving the author's quotes on sandstone. **Below:** Indoor installations engraved and painted by Gloria Savoie.





The 2019 4 Hours of French Fort Cove event will be held on Saturday September 14th.

Registrations the day of the event will be between 8:30am and 10am. Race will start at 11am. Registrations can be made For children who cannot yet read themselves, their parents (or at https://velo.nb.ca

To stay updated or if you would like to volunteer at this for the program is free. event, please visit our Facebook group: Bike Miramichi (Mountain Bike) and send us a message.

If you are interested in checking out our awesome trails at the cove, Bike Miramichi hosts group rides on Sundays at noon - all levels, Tuesdays at 7pm Introductory Levels and Thursdays at 7pm - Intermediate Levels.





What is the Summer Reading Club (SRC)?

The SRC is a non-competitive reading program offered through public libraries in New Brunswick. The goals of the club are to promote a love of books and reading and to encourage children to visit and use their public library.

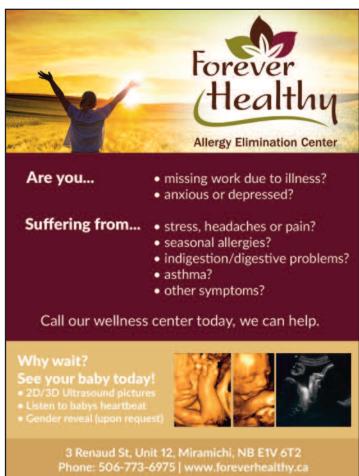
To Participate: Visit your library or register online through the library website: gnb.ca/publiclibraries

Registration is open to all children in New Brunswick. guardians) can register them and read to them. Registration

Set a reading goal with your child and encourage them to read for 20 minutes per day.

Summer Reading Club Programs

Your local library will be offering free programs for children of all ages throughout the summer. Contact your library to find out more about story times, craft programs and more!





Miramichi River Community Theatre Festival **August 14-18**

Naomi McGowan and Samuel Crowell with Buttercup Productions are proud to announce the 2nd annual Miramichi River Community Theatre Festival, August 14th to 18th in Miramichi!

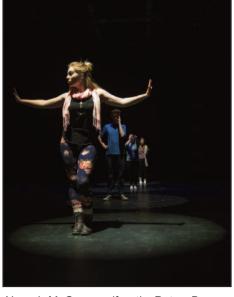
In loving memory of Lloyd Cameron, two young Miramichi artists wish to continue to spread an appreciation for community, local talent, skill and, of course, theatre!

The MRC Theatre Festival is a community-based, fringe-style theatre festival. At our three participating performance spaces in Chatham (The Vogue, Creative Grounds and The Loft) we will be holding plays, musicals, coffee houses, with many free activities like Naomi McGowan (front), Peter Boyce, staged script readings from NB artists, art displays, musical performances and

theatre workshops. There is something for everyone, guaranteed!

The mission of our festival is to promote arts that are inclusive, intergenerational, diverse and foster play and healing.

For ALL AGES featuring talent FROM ALL AGES! All



Mallory Kelly, Sydney Hallett. Photo by Seamus Lee Hayes

events are marked with appropriate ages for each performance to ensure a family friendly experience.

Tickets:

Show Pass: \$10 (Access to 1 show!) Day Pass: \$25 (full access to all shows on one day)

Festival Pass: \$60

Call to Writers for **Theatre Festival Submissions**

The Miramichi River Community (MRC) Theatre Festival has begun planning its second year and has put out a call for writers to submit their works. These pieces can be scripts, short stories, poems, and can be in any genre. Scripts will be either performed as full productions or read by actors in script

readings, short stories will either be read or adapted into short plays, and poetry will either be read or used as audio in physical theatre pieces.

The deadline to submit pieces is July 1, 2019. Send submissions and inquiries to mrcfest@gmail.com. Visit www.facebook.com/ButtercupProd for updates.



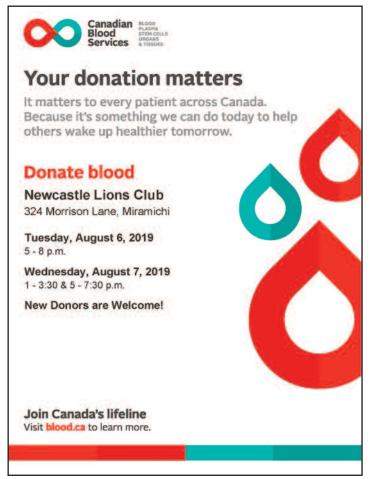
Here We Grow Again!



Edgewater Embroidery Ltd has expanded and opened a new shop at 326 Dalton Ave, in the Newcastle industrial park. The owner, Pam McEachern, is excited to be in this new expanded space to help her better serve customers. Edgewater Embroidery provides personalized items, clothing and uniforms to individuals as well as local schools and sports teams. The services offered include embroidery, screen printing and vinyl work. No order is too big or too small! You're welcome to stop by and see her products or call 506-778-8525 if you have any questions.



Down Home Dentures has recently opened at 428 king George Hwy (former FYI building). The owner Ashley Richard has been in the dental field for 14 years and 9 years as a denturist. Born and raised in Sillikers, Ashley decided to venture out on her own this year and open her own business and is excited for this new beginning. Above all, she enjoys helping build peoples confidence with a great smile. Down Home Dentures is committed to providing patients with quality service, whether you're coming in for a free consultation, repairing your dentures, or getting entire new implant dentures. Call today! (506) 622-4422





Hospice Miramichi Annual Butterfly Release

July 21: The 4th Annual Butterfly Release Event for the Hospice Miramichi

Remember a loved one with a beautiful butterfly, and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a barbecue, live music and jumpy castle.

All the proceeds are going to the Day Programs of the Hospice Miramichi Inc.

The butterfly represents endurance, change, hope and life. In some cultures the butterfly is considered to be the spiritual symbol of life after death because of its transformation from a caterpillar crawling on the ground to a beautiful creature flying through the air.

The event will be held from 11:30 am to 1pm at Hospice Miramichi, 14 Howard Street. directly behind Saint Michael's Basilica in Chatham. For more info call 506-773-7607 or visit www.hospicemiramichi.com





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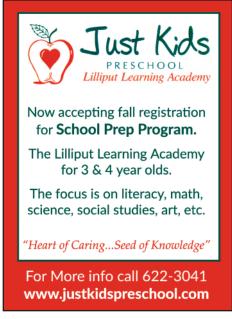
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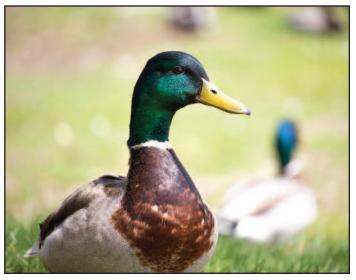


Reader Submissions

If you have photos, stories, tips or tidbits to share we always welcome your submissions. Send submissions to submit@mightymiramichi.com or use the form on www.giverontheriver.com/submissions. For photos, send high resolution jpg's (not resized for email) and include your name for the photo credit, location where the photo was taken or description of the subject matter. Deadline for the "Back to School' issue is August 1st and September 13th for the Fall Issue.



Chrissy Dolan captured this photo of a moose "hiding" in the bushes.



A beautifully coloured duck posing for his photo at Ritchie Wharf by Stefani Caissie



Above: A dog's life is better on the river! Submitted by Kenneth Nowlan

Right: Wild mushrooms and flowers growing in Laura Lea Comeau's garden in Derby.





Above: Mathew Despres took this picture of the moon through a telescope in Newcastle. He enjoys exploring and photographing the night sky as a hobby.

Right: A bumblebee comes in for a landing on these beautiful lupins, by Bonnie Coughlan







Tracy Glynn co-author of *The Great Trees* of *New Brunswick (2nd Edition)*. Photo by Jon MacNeil

The Great Trees of New Brunswick (2nd Edition) has just been published by New Brunswick's own Goose Lane Editions and it has a direct connection to the Miramichi: one of its co-authors. Tracy Glynn, grew up in the Miramichi area and currently lives in Fredericton where she teaches at UNB and St. Thomas University. Her environment had a definite influence on her. Tracy states: "My love and desire to protect nature developed at an early age due to growing up on a small farm surrounded by the forest and wildlife." Besides her teaching responsibilities, Tracy was also the forest campaigner for the Conservation Council of New Brunswick from 2006 to 2018. If anyone is familiar with New Brunswick and its huge and diversified tree population, it's Tracy. When the other co-author, David Palmer approached the Conservation Council creating a second edition of the book, Tracy "jumped at the opportunity." Tracy recalls: "I saw it as a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the trees of New Brunswick."

The resulting 260+ page book is both a field guide, reference book and gift book all-in-one. It is full of

The Great Trees of New Brunswick (2nd Edition) Book Review by James M. Fisher

beautiful photographs by Arielle DeMerchant, and it includes a map of the province showing where the trees are located, and why the particular tree is a fine specimen of its kind.

One tree that will be familiar to many in the Miramichi area is the Millerton Basswood (pictured). At 21.5 meters (approx. 70ft.), it towers over the house it stands in front of. Each tree specimen is discussed as to its defining features, habitat and range, uses and outlook as to its future as well as its susceptibility to insects and disease.

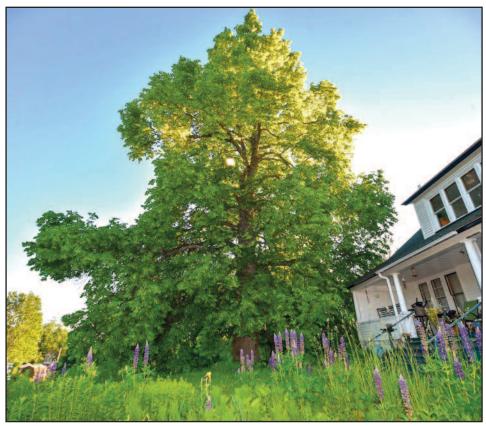
Does Tracy have a favourite tree? She does, but it's not one in the book: "My favourite tree in the Miramichi area is an eastern white pine found on the road where I grew up in Weldfield. It's not one of the greatest white pines

found in the book but it's very special to me. My siblings, cousins and the neighbours' kids would often race to the tree and we would pick berries around the tree. The sun setting behind the tree is a beautiful sight that still makes me stop in awe."

The Great Trees of New Brunswick (2nd Edition) can be purchased locally at Mill Cove Coffee in downtown Newcastle. They have a good selection of books to peruse as you enjoy a hot or cold drink and a treat.

James M. Fisher reviews books for his blog, The Miramichi Reader. It can be found at www.MiramichiReader.ca

Below: The Millerton Basswood is one of the trees featured in the book. Photo by Arielle DeMerchant.



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