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**Sunday, October 20
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Waterford Green**

Rain date: October 27 (same time/location)

McKenna Entertainment is teaming up again this year with the Dr. Losier Middle School Drama Club to organize the **2nd Annual Miramichi Zombie Walk!** The proceeds are being donated to the Drama Club. This event is open to the public!

Walk registration is 12:00 to 1:45pm. Cost is \$5 per zombie. **Walk starts at 2pm.**

The zombie horde will be stumbling down the Water Street sidewalk (starting at the Scotiabank) and turning down to the Waterford Green near the Pharmacy.



There will be prizes for:

- Best Zombie (Youth)
- Best Zombie (Adult)
- Best Couple/Group
- (Jello) Brain Eating Champion
- Most School Spirit - New this year! DLMS is officially challenging all schools in ASD-N to a Zombie Showoff!

There will also be a Zombie Market and BBQ. Students and local vendors are welcome to rent a spot.

Don't have a costume? Don't worry! For a small fee visit our **Zombification Station** and have your face painted by the Drama students!

There will also be free Zombie activities and games happening throughout the event.

For more details on how to participate in the walk, how to become a vendor, or how to become a sponsor to this unique event, please email mckennaentertainment@hotmail.com or visit our FB event: Miramichi Zombie Walk 2019.



Photos by Grace Trowbridge of last years walk.

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Oct. 20: 2nd Annual Miramichi Zombie Walk.

Doctor Losier Middle School Drama Club and McKenna Entertainment invite the public to put on their zombie costumes and join the horde as they creep down Water Street in Chatham. Walk registration, market, bbq and zombie games starting at 12pm with the walk at 2pm. \$5 per zombie. See page 3 for details.

Oct. 20 and Nov. 17: Fall Markets at Miramichi Valley High School Assorted vendors in the main lobby and cafeteria of MVHS, from 12 pm noon to 4 pm. Tables are \$20 each or bring your own for \$10. Contact Sandra Bruce 506-773-0914. Location: 345 McKenna Avenue.

Oct. 21 - The Very Best Toastmasters Club is hosting an open house on the occasion of it's 46th Anniversary, at 7 pm at the Skyway to Heaven Church at 125 Maher Street, Miramichi. Everyone is welcome. Our club meetings are unique as we have members join us from across the world via the internet, giving us opportunity to build a new skillset for online communication. Join us for an entertaining evening! Contact Linda at 352-3587 or visit our website <https://theverybest.toastmastersclubs.org>

Oct. 22: NBGS Miramichi Guest Speaker

A special branch meeting open to the public, at the Newcastle Library at 6:15 pm, with guest speaker Brandon Savage, local teacher and historian. In June, Brandon accompanied a group of students to France for the 75th anniversary of D-Day commemoration ceremonies. This is the opportunity to hear of the emotional journey first- hand from one of its leading participants.

Oct. 26: 6th Annual Appreciation Dinner and Chinese Auction

- In appreciation of the following members of the Village of Doaktown and Rural Community of Upper Miramichi (Boiestown) - Irma O'Donnell, Grant Ross, Alta and Paul Colford at the Upper Miramichi Lions Club. Meet and greet 5-6 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Call 506-365-7670.

Oct. 26 – 27: Dinner and Dessert Theatres - The NBVM Dinner Ladies, in association with the Anglo North High School Student PERU Trip 2020, present the Hallowe'en

Oct. 14: Thanksgiving Supper at the Carmel United Church, Napan - Serving turkey and ham, with all the trimmings! Eat in or Take out! From 3 pm to 6 pm. Adults are \$14 and children are \$6. For more information, contact 506-773-9501.

Oct. 18: 4th Annual Women's Cancer Survivor Wellness Day - From 9 am to 3 pm, come out to the Central New Brunswick Woodsmen's Museum and enjoy a day of pampering, new activities and spending time with others who have gone through their own cancer journey. The day's events will be centered around the benefits of music used as therapy. There may even be a kitchen party! This is a free event with lunch provided. To register call Lisa Lovelace at 365-6100.

Oct. 18: MVHS Alumni Silent Auction & Trivia Night Must be 19+ to enter, the doors open at 6:30 pm and trivia starts at 7:30 pm. Just \$120 for a table up to 6 people, with the top prize being \$400. Tickets are available by calling 506-627-4083 or email transfer at: MVHSALUMNI@outlook.com. Light snacks provided. All proceeds go to this year's student council. MVHS Cafeteria, 345 McKenna Avenue, Miramichi.

Oct. 19 - 20: Miramichi Food Truck FEASTival - This year its at the Miramichi Airport with vendors and activities from 12 pm to 6 pm, with free admission. From 9pm to 1am there is an Airport Hangar party with Raglan Road 4.0! Must be 19+ and tickets are \$15 at the door and at the Volunteer Miramichi Office at 267 King George Hwy. Call 506-622-6565 or find the event on Facebook for details.



Oct 19: Wesley United Church of Trout Brook Fall Sale and Luncheon - Admission is \$5/person and the lunch is free. From 1 pm to 3 pm at 2107 Northwest Road, Trout Brook. Something for everyone!

Oct. 20: NEWSTART Health Expo

Based on the NEWSTART lifestyle change program, this

play: The Demonstration & The Horror. The **Dinner Theatre** is on October 26th, at 6pm at the NBVM Church basement, \$25 each. The **Dessert Theatre** will be at the MVHS theatre on October 27th at 2pm. Matinee prices: \$15 (13 & over); \$10 (12 & under) and \$40 for a family of four. Tickets available at the door or by reservation: Call John Bosma 773-5174 or Adam Hayward 424-1551.



Oct. 25-26: Things that go Bump in the night! Take our Haunted Hike, if you dare! High scare 7:30 - 8:45pm and Low scare 8:45 - 9:00pm. Admission: Adults (17+) \$10, Youth \$5, Family (2 adults & 3 children 16 & under) \$25. Children 12 and under welcomed at parents discretion, but **MUST** be accompanied by adult! A supervised craft area will also be provided. Please dress for the weather as it may be cold. Central NB Woodmens Museum, 6342 Route 8, Boiestown. Tel: 506-369-7214.

Oct. 26: Graveyard Walk at Wilson's Point Tours are at 7pm and 9pm. \$10 per person. See page 8 for details.

Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat - Join the congregation members of The Point Church (Newcastle site) in the Queen Elizabeth Park for their Annual Trunk or Treat event from 5 pm to 7 pm. There will be candy, games, music and fun for all and the admission is free! The event is sponsored by the DowntownS Miramichi Newcastle Business District

and City of Miramichi. www.thepointchurch.ca/trunkortreat

Oct. 29-30: Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinics

In the gym at NBCC-Miramichi Campus, 80 University Ave. October 29: 5 to 8 pm. October 30: 1 to 3:30 pm and 5 to 7:30 pm. www.blood.ca

Nov. 1-2: Christmas Craft Market at the Woodmen's Museum - Over 30 vendors will be attending and bringing products made from the heart, such as Knitting, Baking, Pickles, Crafts, Clothing, Books, Spices, and treats. There will be raffle tickets on a cedar wishing well, "Murphy Bogan" framed print and a decorated Christmas wreath. Friday (4 pm to 8 pm) and Saturday (10 am to 2 pm) at the Woodmen's Museum, 6342 Route 8, Boiestown. Admission is free. To book a table for \$20, call 506-369-7214.



Nov. 2: Christma-Con! A Geeky Bazaar & Convention The first ever mini-comic convention to hit Miramichi! Come shop for your geeky friends. Come in costume! Cost: \$5/person. At the Rodd Miramichi River Hotel, 1809 Water Street, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Nov. 2: Seaman's Hospital Christmas Craft Sale Shop for hand-made Christmas gifts and decorations from 9 am to 5 pm. Call Mrs. Judy Vautour at 506-622-6262 to book a table. Find the event on Facebook.



Nov. 9: Blackville Women's Institute Craft, Yard & Bake Sale

Come out from 9 am to 1 pm to the Blackville Village Office and

Community Centre, 12 Bartholomew Road South in Blackville. Admission \$1 and there will be a door prize draw. For table rental, contact Mrs. Lillian Brennan at 506-843-2425.



Nov. 10: Annual Remembrance Dinner Theatre and Song

Hosted by Susan Butler, C.M., O.N.B., L.L.D., and co-hosted by the Miramichi Folksong Festival, Johannes Bosma and Chris Matheson at the Miramichi Beaverbrook Kin Centre. See page 14.

Nov. 10: Roast Beef Supper at St. Andrew's United Church

Roast Beef and all the trimmings, from 3:30 pm till 6 pm. Adults \$14 and children (12 and under) \$7. Take-Outs also available. 188 Wellington Street.

Nov. 16: Miramichi Fiddlers Annual Fiddle Doo Potluck

Come out to the Seaman's Hospital from 2 pm to 5 pm as the Miramichi Fiddlers are hosting their Annual Fiddle Doo Potluck. All are welcome and donations will go to the Seamen's Hospital.

Nov. 17: Rawlins Cross 30th Anniversary Tour

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, Rawlins Cross is approaching legendary status as one of Canada's most accomplished and beloved Celtic music groups. The doors open at 7 pm, with showtime at 7:30 pm at the Vogue Theatre! Find the event on Facebook.



Nov. 25: Santa's Local Helpers Christmas Market

Local vendors and photos with Santa at the Miramichi Agricultural Exhibition, 24 Church Street from 10 am to 3 pm. Admission is free. Tickets will be on sale for a basket of crafts with all proceeds going to the Miramichi Transition House. Tables are \$25 (round) and \$35 (8 foot). contact: margaret.teslenko5@gmail.com.



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Big Brothers Big Sisters / Boys & Girls Club is committed to the healthy development of all children. We provide a variety of mentoring and after school programs to meet the needs of our community's children and youth so they have the tools and supports they need to be successful in school and in life, and reach their full potential!

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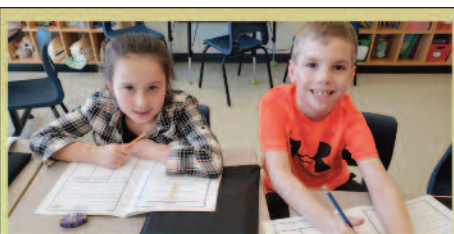
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Teen Mentoring is a friendship-based, non-academic program that matches high school students with boys and girls in grade K-5, for one hour a week. Teen mentors are enthusiastic, caring, reliable and have good grades. Two schools lead in our Teen Mentoring Program: Blackville School and James M Hill School. What's in it for Teens? Build their resume, gain volunteer experience, enhance their leadership skills, make a positive difference and have FUN!

Big Brothers Big Sisters



SNAP, a 13-week program that helps kids learn to Stop Now and Plan, and how to make their problems smaller, not bigger. The Boys and Girls Club offers this program to grade 3 and 4 students in Miramichi. This school year, SNAP has been facilitated in 20 classes at Max Aitken, Gretna Green, King Street, Millerton, and Nelson. Boys & Girls Club is a proud licensed affiliate of the Child Development Institute.



Youth Leaders are a big part of the Boys & Girls Club! Volunteering is a great way to grow and get leadership skills, be part of your community, make new connections and gain valuable experience. Youth Leaders, like Tristan, share their time, heart, and skills to help make a difference in the lives of children.



Game On! Is a program for Middle School boys, Grades 6-8. Game On! offers the chance for boys to make long lasting life changes. By participating in activities targeted at physical activity, healthy eating and self-esteem building, Game On! gives boys the skills needed to be confident, active and healthy.



Fun FRIENDS is for kids in grades K-2. They learn how to deal with anxiety when meeting new friends & trying new things and encourages children to use techniques learned through play-based activities, to overcome the feelings of stress / anxiety.

Techniques like "milkshake breathing" teach children how to slow down their heart rate and calm their jitters in a playful way that they can easily remember.

Boys & Girls Club



Go Girls is an 8-week program for middle school girls. Once a week a group of girls come together to talk about healthy bodies, healthy minds. Dancing, talking, and always having fun and new snack each week! Big Brothers Big Sisters runs this program in Middle Schools.

Fall Theatre, Adventure and Ghosts!

With the Friends of Beaubears Island

The Friends of Beaubears Island's autumn schedule is currently taking shape, with a number of engaging events, sure to lift the spirit and intrigue the mind. Whether face to face, or from the stage, our members and volunteers are ready to offer experiences sure to be unique, and long remembered.

As the days grow short and the long shadows creep over the horizon this October, join your guides for a **Graveyard Walk at Wilson's Point on October 26**. Explore one of the region's oldest British cemeteries, with stones dating back to the 1780s. Learn about the lives of these early settlers and get a little historical gossip from your guides as well. Tours will be held at 7pm and 9pm, and depart from the replica St. James church. The cost is \$10/person. As night closes in around you, make certain to keep up with your tour group, or else risk never being able to leave.

On **November 3**, join the cast of this spring's theatrical presentation, **Tall & True**, for a reprise performance of select scenes, as part of a fundraising brunch, hosted by the Rodd Miramichi. This rendition of the original script charts the course of four Beaubears Island vessels, and what became of them after leaving Miramichi. **The Lovell's Last Battle** sees the faithful crew of Nabby, Sterling, and Silas try to



protect the mysterious Louisa, a stowaway, all the while trying to defend themselves against four approaching enemy vessels. **Horns to Hold One's Halo** is an interesting exploration of Captain George Pottinger, at once impressive and mysterious, an outstanding merchant captain, and an a reckless blackguard. **The Sea Mew-tiny** closes the performance with a humorous retelling of an 1869 insurrection aboard ship, where passengers are very concerned, while the only thing bothering the crewmen is the definite lack of rum. To this entertainment may be added the

appetizing array of entrées provided by the Rodd for this special event. Seating is limited, and tickets to the event are available for \$25 by calling the Interpretive Centre.

On **November 20**, join the Friends of Beaubears Island's staff and Board of Directors for their **Annual General Meeting**, celebrating 20 years of the organization's existence. Founded in 1999 as a concerned citizens group aimed at preventing fires on the Island, the Friends have grown to become one of the major providers of experiential programming in the region. Come and celebrate with the membership, and their partners. The evening will see the election of new board members, and recognition for members who are stepping down after years of service. In addition, an abridged financial report will be presented, as well as a summary of the past summer season, and upcoming programs in 2020.

With a wealth of stories, which speak to the multi-faceted nature of our community, there's always another adventure to recount, or a further drama yet to unfold. Join the Friends of Beaubears Island this autumn and experience them all.

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Congratulations!

Lately the *Giv'er* inbox has been full of congratulations and certificates of achievements coming our way from Mavis Williamson, General Manager of Historic Chatham Business District.

Mavis is always enthusiastic about sharing good news stories from the community. "It is vital for a business organization such as the Historic Chatham Business District to acknowledge the success stories and achievements of our business leaders and community members."

"We often celebrate only the opening of new businesses, but it is equally as important to recognize the anchors in the business community and acknowledge them as well," she says.



René Smith, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 3 Chatham member recently received the Governor General of Canada, Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. It is an honour awarded to Canadians with long serving, voluntary commitments to their community.



Congratulations to the **Napan Baykery Café** on their celebration of 20 years of operation in the Historic Chatham Business District (HCBd). Werner and Kristin Pesch moved to Miramichi from Germany and we are lucky they choose Miramichi to live and start their business. They have greeted customers from across the world who stop in for fresh baked bread and pastries.



Dr. Anne Lobban, Dr. Donald Lobban receiving a plaque from Mavis Williamson on behalf of the HCBd, for recognition of 40 years of successful practice in the HCBd. Dr. Lobban opened his dental practice in 1979 on Historic Water Street in Chatham and continues to practice today in that same location, now with his daughter Anne.



Dane Gunnlaugson, Manager of Canadian Tire Gas Bar and owner of Gunn's Gas Inc. receives his certificate of appreciation for five successful years of business in HCBd. Dane moved to Miramichi from Saskatchewan to attend NBCC and obtained his Business degree in 2012. At the MYPIE Gala and Awards in September, Dane received the Customer Service Excellence Award.

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Salvation Army

Giving Hope and Support at Christmas By Stacy Underhill

Christmas will soon be upon us and for many that means shopping for gifts, decorating the house and stocking the pantry for holiday parties. But for families struggling to make ends meet, these are often luxuries they simply cannot afford.

Buying a turkey for Christmas dinner and even the smallest of gifts for a child is challenging for many families in Miramichi who end up seeking help from The Salvation Army and other churches and organizations in the area.

The Salvation Army assists people in need all year long, but at Christmas the need is greater and their support programs and fundraising activities increase. They provide registered individuals and families with Christmas hampers and/or gifts which provide basic food staples and all the fixings for a turkey dinner. They must register in advance to receive a hamper and provide proof of income and expenses

Who Does the Salvation Army Help?

Major Vida Ryan, Community Ministries Director at The Salvation Army says there are many reasons why people find themselves needing their services.

“We have clients who are single parents raising a family on one income or receiving social assistance or disability benefits. Some can’t work due to medical or mental health issues. There are also grandparents raising grandchildren on limited incomes,” she says.

There is often a stigma that all clients are receiving social assistance, but that is not always the case. “We often see families who are considered the working poor. They are barely getting by month by month and then someone loses their job, or has an accident, and their car breaks down. Add to that the higher heating costs in the winter and suddenly Christmas becomes a huge source of stress and financial

burden. We are here to help relieve that stress,” says Major Vida.

Christmas Campaigns

Last year there were **210 families registered** for the Christmas Hampers which included 156 children & teens and 291 adults, and they all received food and/or gifts. This was made possible through funds raised in the Kettle Campaign, and numerous donations of food, toys, turkeys, toiletries, gift cards and money from individuals, businesses, service groups, churches, schools and organizations in the community. There are also people who knit hats, mittens and scarves all year long to donate.



Ambulance NB held a toy drive at Walmart last year and donated 218 toys as well as Walmart gift cards. Photo credit: Nathan DeLong, Miramichi Leader.



Staff are filling gift bags with donated and purchased toys.

At MCG Media, we are one of 23 businesses, organizations and individuals who directly sponsored food and/or gifts for a family last year. Our staff each donates money to the pot, in lieu of buying office gifts for each other, and we go out and buy gifts specific to a certain age boy or girl. This year instead of buying groceries we only need to purchase a grocery gift card. This way the family gets to choose what they like and it allows them to stretch out the purchases instead of receiving all the food at once.

If you like shopping, this is a very rewarding experience. If you don’t have the time to shop, consider purchasing grocery store and Walmart gift cards to help support a family.

Major Vida wants to emphasize that every donation is appreciated and will help make a difference in a child’s Christmas. “Giving doesn’t have to be a burden. Whether you can afford to give a \$200 gift card or a \$25 one, it will be put to good use and we are thankful for all donations.”

Community Resource Centre in Miramichi

The Salvation Army Community Resource Centre (Family Services) in Miramichi offers assistance to people all year long by providing emergency food or clothing vouchers, toiletries, emergency accommodation and/or travel if resources are available, assistance with clothing and small household items following a fire or disaster and free meals at their Friendship Suppers.

Friendship Suppers offer a hot meal and fellowship to anyone who wants to attend. They are held every Monday, Sept. 9 to Dec. 9, 2019 and resume again in January through to May. Doors open at 3:30pm and the meal is served from 4:00 to 4:45pm. Upwards of 30 people attend each week, however everyone is welcome.

The Salvation Army is an international Christian

organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become one of the largest non-governmental direct providers of social services in the country. They offer assistance without prejudice, judgement and with confidentiality.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family, hosting a toy drive or other fundraiser, or making a donation, contact them at 506-622-7826.

"Fill a Truck or Trunk" Toy Drive was held by Towne Chrysler, Towne Ford, Towne Mazda, Trevors Nissan, Trevors Hyundai, Trevors Mitsubishi, Roussel Toyota and Lounsbury Chevrolet who collected and donated 159 toys. Photo credit: Nathan DeLong, Miramichi Leader.



Christmas Hamper Registration

Serving Newcastle, Douglastown, Lower Newcastle, Derby, Millerton, Sunny Corner, Chatham Head, Nelson, Lytleton/Halcomb and C.I. Road.

To register to receive a Christmas Hamper for 2019 please come to the Family Services Office (upstairs) on the following dates:

Registration Dates

Tuesday, October 29: 10am to 2pm
Wednesday, October 30: 10am to 2pm

Late Registration Date

Friday, November 1: 10am to 12pm

You Must Bring

- Photo ID (for adults)
- Medicare Card(s) (for all in family)
- Proof of total household Income and Expenses

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Opportunities to Give

Christmas Kettle Campaign: Nov. 18 to Dec. 24

Give the gift of your time - various shifts from Monday to Saturday at several locations. We also need kettle counters Monday to Friday mornings for approximately one hour. Call Tracy at 626-2927 to volunteer.

Sponsor a Family

Provide grocery gift cards and/or toys for Christmas. Call to register as a sponsor by November 8.

Make a Donation (new items only)

- Toys for children - Hats, mittens & knitted items
- Walmart gift cards for teens - Toiletries
- Sobeys or Superstore gift cards for families
- Turkeys (frozen, 7 to 10 kg)

Donations can be made at The Salvation Army Family Services Office at 231 Pleasant St., Miramichi NB.

Annual Fill a Truck or Truck Toy Drive: Nov. 1-29.

Drop off new toys by Nov. 29 at participating car dealerships.

The Success of I Wrote a Thing

By Sandra Bunting

Sometimes it takes chance meetings for people to know each other and go on to make a difference in the community. That is exactly what happened when three young people met in Miramichi through Yoga or Improv for Anxiety. All single and in their late twenties, and living in Miramichi, **Jacob Legere**, **Kayla Scully** and **Andréa Bertram** looked to create community and an alternative to going to bars to socialize. The result was the launch of **I Wrote a Thing**, an eight-week **poetry workshop** held over the summer at the Newcastle Public Library.

With support from partners **Words on Water Miramichi**, the **Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association**, **The Newcastle library** and a **Rising Youth Grant**, the trio developed a format of exercises, prompts and meditations each week to spark the imagination and to motivate people to write. The idea was that it does not matter what you write, as long as you write. The workshop offered a support circle and fostered creativity in a non-threatening environment.

The facilitators were surprised at how well it was received. “We did not know if anyone would show up in the beginning”, commented Jacob Legere. And, although originally aimed at youth, the workshop attracted a range of ages, from people in their 20s up to 80. Kayla Scully added that once the group bonded, it developed into something deeper.

The writing done in the sessions was fast and without edits. A selection of this raw writing by members of the workshop



I Wrote a Thing organizers, Kayla Scully and Jacob Legere (above) and Andréa Bertram (below)



was collected into a book with cover design by NBCC student Armin Soleimani, originally from Iran, and inside doodles by Melissa Raeburn.

One of the workshop facilitators Andréa Bertram has worked at the multicultural association for more than a year, after graduating from NBCC's

course in Human Services, essentially a course, she says, aimed at helping people. She sees the writing workshop as an opportunity people to open their eyes, develop their own skills and incorporate them into their lives.

In what she calls a changing Miramichi with a small increase in growth, diversity and a younger population, the project was enthusiastically welcomed. One of the participants, Bernie Walsh, said the workshop was “a gentle tantalizing seductive brain massage, dissolving the fluff and dust, refilling with light and colour.”

Another group member, Tammy Greene, said it surpassed her imagination. “This group provided me the discipline to (set time for myself) and allowed me to fall in love with writing all over again.”

She went on to say that she was thankful to the organizers, especially Jacob, for putting so much care into every detail and for providing feedback with great encouragement. She added that she was heartbroken when it came to an end.

“I hope that we can continue to meet as a group so as to continue on a lovely writing journey among kindred spirits”.

I Wrote a Thing continues through a Facebook page through which members can still share their own work and information on writing. There is talk of starting another project, perhaps in a different format such as open mic. Definitely something to look forward to!

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Allison MacKenzie was born and raised in Nelson (Craigville) and her family has lived in Napan, where they operate a hobby farm, for the past 20 years. Married to Terry Mackenzie with two adult children, Terrylynn and Lucas, Allison is a St. Thomas University graduate of political science, psychology, and sociology. Allison has worked with intellectually challenged adults as a human service counsellor in an employment and training aspect. She has also worked for a local business woman, Mrs. Rhamba Pershad, managing a local restaurant.

Allison has extensive knowledge of governing policies and regulations from sitting on local, district, and provincial boards. She has voluntarily worked with campaigns and elections for over 30 years.

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D-Day Remembered

by Johannes Bosma



“D-Day Remembered” is the theme of this years **Remembrance Dinner Theatre & Song**, organized by Susan Butler and The Miramichi Folk song Festival and co-hosted by her and John Bosma at the Kin Centre on

November 10. At 5 PM, Susan will serve another one of her culinary masterpieces - Cranberry Chicken Dinner, followed by Apple Blueberry Banana Cake with a fudge glaze and whipped cream.

Again this year, Chris Matheson and John Bosma have adapted scripts from historic resources and will feature **five presentations** which will include Matheson and his MVHS drama students and a possible guest.

The first short play is entitled *The Lieutenant and D-Day*, adapted by Bosma. This is an actual account of that day on June 6, 1944 from an officer who was a part of the A & B Companies, the first men on the beach by St. Aubin-sur-Mer. The Lieutenant writes: “Yard by yard you move in. Smoke up ahead,

and the noise... it’s like nothing you’ve ever heard before, even in the blitz in England. What a difference between this and battle camp. Brother, this is for real.”

Ending the first act is the second presentation, a dramatization of *In Flanders Fields*, detailing how the poem came to be written by Lt./Col. John McCrae. Previous to that, we will hear the beautiful, harmonic voices of The Villagers and the smooth, calming voice of Jimmy Lawlor.

Act Two will begin with the recitation of a letter which had been featured on Stuart McLean’s Vinyl Cafe followed by the musical genius of singer/songwriter, Ian Craig. His final song, *The Last Letter*, will be aptly followed by Chris Matheson’s dramatization of Archie MacNaughton’s last letter home. **Major Archie MacNaughton** was Commander of A company, the first unit on the beach near Saint Aubin-sur-Mer.

“They were just kids from New Brunswick; never even left the North Shore before. Dad trained them the best he could



Maj. Archie MacNaughton,
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but how could they possibly be prepared. This was the biggest operation the world had ever seen. He had already served in the First World War and earned the right to stay home and help raise his children. But how could he send these boys into battle and not be by their side. Many were killed that day (June 6, 1944). One was my father.” - Margaret Catherine MacNaughton.

The final short play, adapted by Chris Matheson, features three Miramichi lads who are listed on the Harkins High School plaque, now hanging in MVHS’s Harkins Hall, which reads: “To Commemorate the valor of the men and women who went out from this school to fight in World War II and to perpetuate the memory of those who fell.” The three soldiers featured are Aloysius John Daley, Donald Grant Houlston and Fay Howard Kitchen. It also includes the North Shore (NB) Regiment Chaplain, Rev. R.M. Hickey. All four will be played by MVHS students, in uniform.

Keeping to tradition, the evening will wrap up with the ever-popular, beautiful Butler Sisters, Mary and Susan, who will again share some **popular music from the war eras**. They will be joined at the end by an ensemble of the evening’s performers.

The **Annual Remembrance Dinner Theatre & Song** will be held at the Kin Centre on November 10, and will begin at 5pm. **Reservations are by phone only**. The cost is \$35 and may be reserved by calling Susan Butler (622-1780).

A shout out of deep appreciation to those brave lads who risked and gave up their lives on this tragic but victorious day, forever known as D-Day - the beginning of the end of World War II. Our lives would have been greatly altered if not for their supreme sacrifice and I wouldn’t be here today living in this beautiful country of Canada.

THANK YOU, lads and ladies, and my heartfelt condolences to the families who lost their loved ones for our freedom and betterment of life.



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Jimmy MacKinley

New Stand-up Comedy Shows this November



Jimmy MacKinley has been performing stand-up comedy for nearly a decade after working up the courage to try it at an open mic at the Wilser's Room Capital Complex in Fredericton NB in 2011. Despite waiting until he was 27 years old to first take the stage, he says he's been writing comedy since he was a kid.

"I was always funny with my friends, cracking one-liners, doing impressions of our high school teachers, anything could be material, really. It's a cathartic experience when you allow a little bit of truth to come out through a comedic medium. Cathartic for both sides that is."

"**The first joke I ever wrote** was about the "KFC Chicken bowl", a popular dish at the time made up of seemingly every KFC item combined into one bowl. The punchline was something about how we've reached a point in society where Popcorn Chicken is no longer Combo 3, yet simply a garnish on Combo 6."

Jimmy says his success in comedy in New Brunswick can be attributed to working hard on his act and building relationships by treating people with kindness and always being thankful for the stage time. He says he's definitely

made a lot mistakes but claims, "if you're comfortable, that means you're not growing."

Jimmy adds, "I always feel thankful for every gig because the first time I was paid for comedy, I was paid with a bag of Fiddleheads."

In 2016, Jimmy got his first break with a live, nationally broadcasted recording of Laugh Out Loud on CBC Radio One. He's since been featured at the HubCap Comedy Festival and two New Brunswick tours with comedian Gerry Dee, of CBC's hit show Mr Dee.

This November, Jimmy will be featuring all new material in two back to back shows, in partnership with the Miramichi Salmon Association. One show will be at **The Vogue Theatre in Miramichi on November 22nd** and the other at the **Central New Brunswick's Woodsmen's Museum on November 23rd in Boiestown**. All shows will feature opening acts and special guests. Tickets are available for purchase at www.miramichisalmon.ca

Jimmy offers clean material and is also available for corporate functions and events. He can be reached at Jim.mackinley@gmail.com

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Everything in This House Breaks

Book Review by James M. Fisher

Burnt Church resident poet and author **Sandra Bunting** has released her second book of short stories, *Everything in This House Breaks*. Her first collection, *The Effect of Frost on Southern Vines* was published in 2016, so I have been waiting for something new from Ms. Bunting for some time. There are 21 stories in this

collection, and they range in length from a few pages to about twenty. Ms. Bunting writes in a very mature style, and as such, there is little quirkiness or edginess to the stories like one finds among some contemporary fiction writers.

Space does not allow me to cover every story, but there are several that I enjoyed, the content and style of which typifies the stories in *Everything in This House Breaks*.

One of my favourite stories and the longest one is "Pearls". It is about a retired single woman, Kitty McCabe who lives next to Penny, a young girl. Over time, Kitty starts to show signs of dementia, such as leaving a pot on the stove which started to burn. Nora, Penny's mother runs next door:

"Kitty, what are you doing?" cried Nora. "Did you not see the smoke?"

Kitty just continued to look out the window.

"Mother, let me ... My baby ... I want ..."

Nora left her with her thoughts and went to the kitchen to make her a cup of tea and some toast. This town fed stress. As a result, there was more than a fair share of overweight souls.

The toast was ready. Nora brought it in and sat with Kitty. She felt there was no point in telling her that she had no baby, that she had never married and that her own mother was long gone. She stayed until Kitty's head fell and a slight snoring



could be heard. Then she covered her and left.

Kitty has some secrets from her past when she served in WWI as a nurse. "Pearls" shuffles between the past and present, which makes for impactful storytelling including a wee bit of a twist at the end.

Many of the stories are little sketches of relationships, families

and childhood tales. There's even a little thriller called "The Meeting" which is something right out of The Twilight Zone! Then, in "Reunion" Lillian unexpectedly meets Claudia at a country fair in France. Claudia and Lillian were roommates at one time twenty years ago, but after Claudia stole Lillian's boyfriend, they parted ways. All the dread of the past resurfaces for Lillian as Claudia recognizes her and approaches.

If you like the short story genre as much as I do, then I'm sure you will like *Everything in This House Breaks*. You can purchase Ms. Bunting's books locally at Mill Cove Coffee in downtown Newcastle.



Sandra Bunting writes poetry, fiction, non-fiction and journalistic articles. She is a member of the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick, the Miramichi writers' group Words on Water, Quebec Writers' Federation, Elan (The English Language Arts Network) and the Galway Writers' Workshop.

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Christopher Doiron

His Future is Set in Clay

Christopher Doiron is from Antigonish, Nova Scotia and received a diploma with honours in Fine Craft – Ceramics, from the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design.

Since graduation, Christopher has established a studio in the Blackville area, where he is honing his skills as a potter. He is a juried member of the NB Crafts Council and instructs workshops for the College of Craft and Design Continuing Education Series.

We've been seeing Christopher's pottery at local shops and markets and asked him a few questions to learn more about this talented artist.

Find him on Facebook at Christopher Doiron Pottery and make plans to visit his studio or attend a workshop.

What styles or mediums do you work in? - I usually work with clay that is bought from a pottery supply company but also source local area clay deposits in the area, which is my favourite as I get to work with a completely natural, local medium. This allows me to feel more expressive and appreciative of it. I also make Raku pottery, a process that produces some beautiful pieces.

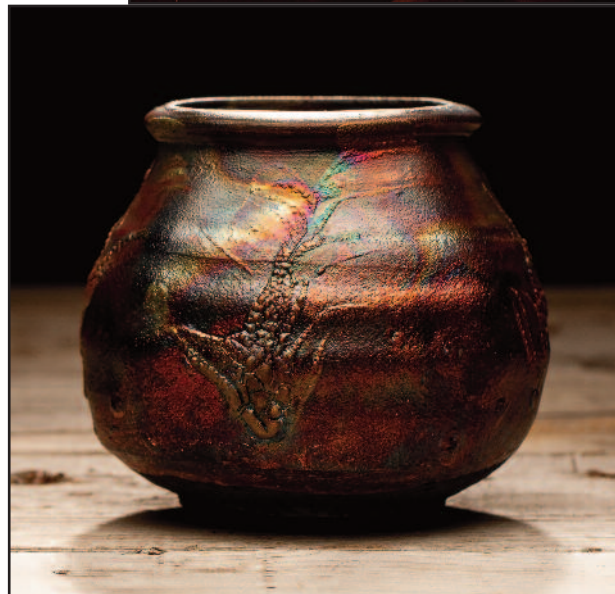
What inspires you as an artist?
Working with clay is working with the earth, literally, so I can't help but be inspired by nature's colors and textures.

Why do you do what you do?
I believe it is super important for people to find a creative outlet as this allows for finding your place in developing your thoughts and memories that occur in your life and other peoples. Everyone has a creative nature, we just have to spend our time shaping it. I think that children totally realize this. As adults we often put it to the backburner unfortunately.

What advice do you have for young artists? - Don't stop creating. If you truly believe in yourself, that is what really matters. Be persistent and people will see this when interacting with you. There will be setbacks and mistakes but it's how we learn. The trick is to not let it defeat you. No one is perfect.

Describe your process in creating a piece. - When making pottery, sometimes I'll have an idea to start with and sometimes I don't. I usually begin with a ball of clay and form the vessel of choice. After this sets up a bit, the bottom of the piece is trimmed and then allowed to dry. It is then put in a kiln, fired up to bisque temperature, then taken out when cool. The pottery is then glazed and put back in the kiln to be fired again, to mature the glaze that was applied to the piece, left to cool, and then you have a finished piece of pottery. I am drawn to wood-firing, for its unique qualities and unpredictable results

What does the future hold for you as an artist? - I simply hope to be able to keep on creating with clay. As an ancient art form, ceramics holds the old and the new in its grasp and I hope to be able to develop new ideas as I grow as an artist. I have recently begun teaching more workshops to beginners and enjoy seeing their love for the art form. I was recently approached about teaching an after-school children's art class, which I think will be super fun! I don't know what the future holds for me, but perhaps that is the beauty of it. The future isn't written in stone, so it can be anything you want it to be.



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A fiery sunrise by Jean Joudry.



Miramichi Centennial Bridge at sunset by Sharon Stewart.



Plum trees lush with fruit at McAllister Farm. Photo by Laura Lea Comeau.



Photo by Chrissy Dolan of her 9 year old Bullmastiff.



A Common Tern with a freshly caught Sand Lance returns to Portage Island to feed his young. This summer, the southern tip of Portage Island in Miramichi Bay was home to hundreds of Common Terns who use the protected island as a nesting ground. This area, also known as "The Entrance" to Miramichi Bay, is a very productive feeding spot for birds and fish, with Sand Lance being one of the common forage species. Photo: Copyright Phil Riebel 2019



Bald Eagles at Beaubears Island, taken with a 400 mm lens from the deck of the Max Aitken. Photo by Greg MacDiarmid



Right: Fall colours taken at Little Black River Bridge. Photo by Patricia Quinn.



Left: Bike Miramichi donates five cedar picnic tables to French Fort Cove. The tables were built by Billy Savoie of Loggieville.

Pictured from left to right are executive club members Charles Fives, Paul Hill and Dave Kane.

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