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38th Anniversary

New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame - October 16th



Ivan and Vivian Hicks, New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame members and this year's Official Host, Susan Butler, are pleased to celebrate the 38th Anniversary in Miramichi. It will be a double event with 2 seatings on the same day, to allow social distancing.

The Gala reception, banquet, induction ceremonies and concert, will be on **Saturday October 16** at Carrefour Beausoleil, 300 Beaverbrook Rd.

The **first sitting:** meet & greet at 11am, 12pm banquet, 2:30pm Gala Concert featuring Hall of Famers.

The **second sitting**: meet & greet 5pm, banquet 6pm, 8:30pm Gala Concert featuring Hall of Famers.

Tickets are \$65, by reservation only. Call Susan at 506-622-1780 or email susanbutler@xplornet.com. The evening gala is sold out with a few tickets left for the noon sitting.

This year's inductees include **Blaine Morrison** from Miramichi, A multi- talented musician, he plays guitar, bass, dobro. His bands were; The Limelighters, The Ranch Rockers, and the Morrison Big Iron. Blaine founded a full-service music store, the first of its kind in Miramichi to offer instrument repairs, music lessons and sales all under one roof. He headed the repair department when Miramichi Music was incorporated in 2002 and was manger for 6 years.





He developed CowboyMusic.com (now the Cowboy Music Channel on YouTube), to ensure music, particularly

country, would survive by offering free lessons. He covered several sub-genres including Carter Family, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, Ernest Tubb, Alan Jackson, and Hank Williams. Much of the work for these 78 videos was done behind the scenes and he played lead guitar and bass on some of the tracks. Blaine is a true humanitarian, has a big heart and played countless benefits and fundraisers over the years.

Other inductees include Gary Hooper, formerly from St. Stephen now living in Ontario, Flo Durelle, formerly from Baie Ste- Anne, now living in Dieppe, Cheryl Ellis, Moncton and Elmo MacDonald (posthumously) from Fredericton Junction.

Events leading up to the Galas: Wednesday, October 13th, Jim Morrison, Susan Butler, Barb Somers, and Elmer MacDonald will be entertaining at Parkland Retirement Home in Douglastown, 2-3pm.

Thursday, October 14th, 4 Dollar Bill will be performing at Riverside Entertainment Centre from 6pm to 10pm and Friday, October 15th, Steve Lyons and Friends will be at Mike's Bar & Grill from 6pm to 9pm.

This year's celebration is sponsored by City of Miramichi, Towne Chrysler, Travelodge, Province of New Brunswick, Days Inn, and WoodPecker Tree Care. This is the fifth time that the Miramichi has hosted this event.

Cover Photo: The lighthouse at Île-aux-foins Park (Hay Island) in Neguac. Photo by Derek Deredin.

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Oct. 9: Dare the Dark

Something is stirring in the depths of French Fort Cove. A buried power is straining to break forth. On October 9th, it will be freed. Part of the City of Miramichi's Haunted Happenings, the challenge to Dare the Dark will once again be laid down, as the intrepid, and the careless, will journey into the midst of the Cove at 7pm and 9pm at a cost of \$10/ticket.

The Cove is known for its connection to local lore. Legends of a buried treasure, dating from the time of Boishébert, and guarded by a headless ghost, are well known. Folklore also speaks of a naval engagement in 1758 occurring near the site, some versions going so far as to state that the British ships involved had been blown off course when attempting to return the remains of General James Wolfe to Great Britain. In the fall of 1886, it was reported in the local press that human bones were unearthed in Fish's quarry and that, for several nights thereafter, lights were seen and the telephone at the office was ringing at odd hours. Local historian Louise Manny wrote in reply to a question, "is the Mill Cove Haunted?" that she had heard of a restless spirit who was known to slap trespassers. A trick of the mind, or perhaps something outside our everyday experience?

Join your guides, brave the darkness, and test your courage this October. Who can tell what may occur, and, with the usual gallery of rogues that are known to inhabit the Cove on nights like these, there is an even greater chance for mayhem. Do you possess the daring necessary to journey through the cove at night? The darkness beckons you to come and find out, because once you enter those woods, you may never leave the same!

For further information, and to

reserve your place (two tours: 7pm and 9pm - limited space) call 210-1830

Oct. 9: Miramichi Zombie Walk 12-3pm on Waterford Green in Chatham. \$5/zombie. Walk starts at 1pm and proceeds down the Water Street sidewalk. Also there will be a cash canteen plus free photo booth photos for anyone dressed as a zombie. All ages are invited to participate walking in the zombie horde while in costume. 100% of the profits are being donated to the volunteers group, Miramichi Ground Search & Rescue

Oct. 30: Rotary Halloween Dance

Featuring The band Shaydid from Halifax, join us for a Halloween Dance at the Miramichi Civic Center on Saturday Oct. 30. Tickets are \$20 in advance at Kingston Fuel locations or \$25 on EventBrite or at the door. Only 1175 tickets available. There will be prizes for Best Costumes! Miramichi Timberwolves will host the bar. All net proceeds to Rotary projects.

Nov. 5 & 6: Christmas Craft Market at the Woodmen's Museum

With over 30 vendors featuring products made here in the heart of NB, you are sure to find the perfect gift or item for yourself. Friday 4-8pm (Homemade Fudge Sale) Saturday 10am to 2pm (serving Pumpkin Spice Lattes). Admission is Free. Gift Shop items will be 10% off. To book a table contact woodmen@nb.aibn.com or 506-369-7214.

November 13: Quilt Show & Craft Market - At Seamen's Hospital from 10 am to 4 pm. The quilt show and crafts will feature work by the Craft Group members and this will be a good opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Refreshments will be available.

Seamen's Hospital Events

12 Vye Street in Douglastown



Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser

We are now taking orders for apple pies which will be made with fresh Cortland apples from Belliveau Farms in Memramcook, NB. Call Seamen's Hospital at 778-2349 and leave a message or contact us through Seamen's Hospital Facebook page. Required: your name, phone number and the number of pies you want. We'll make them and you can take them home to bake or freeze right away. We will call you towards the end of October when pies are ready. The price of one pie is \$9. Get your orders in soon!

Weekly Seniors' Card Games have resumed on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Auction 45s is the game of choice. Masks are optional for fully vaccinated folks. Proof of two vaccinations is required to show at the door. Folks who are not fully vaccinated will not be admitted. This is due to the lack of social distancing which is experienced at card games, and the sharing of cards.

The Craft Group has resumed their weekly sessions on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch, \$3 for the day, your project, enthusiasm, and perhaps a plan to teach or learn something. As before, masks are optional for those fully vaccinated and mandatory for those who are not fully vaccinated.



A Walk Through Time

By Charlotte Loggie, Miramichi Historical Society | Photos by Brian Loggie

There are many beautiful, historic buildings in Miramichi that have stories to tell us if we take the time to listen. The idea for these historic walks was conceived in 2010 as an Enrichment Project for students at Dr. Losier Middle School. Students worked all year on identifying historic buildings, doing research, and creating recordings of the descriptions of each property. Lois Martin, a well-known personage and local historian, helped us immensely with this work. We researched the properties using her books *Historic Homes of Chatham*, Vols. I, II and III, and Lois was invited to our final presentation of the walking tour. The students developed a series of walks all through historic sections of Chatham.

This first walk began on Holy Hill and was printed in the annual Mighty Miramichi River Guide (www.riverguide.ca). Now the walk takes us down University Avenue in Chatham to view some of the historic homes in the neighbourhood.

A Chatham Historic Walk - University Avenue



47-51 University Avenue - This is a small group of houses that all display traces of Italianate architectural influences. The houses all have hipped roofs, wide eaves, and a rather tall, rectangular look. Italianate architecture

was very popular from the mid-1860s to about 1885. 51 University Avenue was built by a prominent local builder, John McDonald. The Murdoch family lived here. Father Murdoch, a well-known priest and author grew up in this house.

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36 University Ave.

36 University Avenue - This historic home was likely built prior to 1853 when there is a record of John Townley renting the property from Samuel Flemming. It came into the possession of the Maher family around the turn of the 20th century and at one time was the original location of Maher's Funeral Home (now located across the street). It is built in the vernacular style with a Gothic peak in the centre of the roofline.

34 University Avenue - This house was constructed sometime around 1881 by the Malachy Dwyer family. The Dwyers ran a general store in Chatham. An extensive description of the interior features and building materials used in the home's construction appears in *Historic Homes of Chatham Vol. III* (Lois Martin). A central dormer, typical of architecture of the period, breaks the roof line and features a triple pane of glass.

39 University Avenue - This house appears on a map of Chatham dated 1881 but is believed to have been built prior to that date. A detailed account of its construction may be found in "Historic Homes of Chatham" Volume II. The bricks used to construct the chimneys have "Glasgow Scotland" stamped on them. The glassed-in sun porch that extends across the entire second story is not original; it replaces a large central dormer window. This

house also functioned as an Alms House in the late 1890s.

26 University Avenue - This historic home was built by its first owner, Alexander Robinson, in 1896, after the original house was destroyed by fire in 1895. Alexander Robinson was a carriage builder and sold farm implements. He produced "Slovens" a kind of low wagon hauled by horses used by tradesmen to deliver goods. The home is built in true Victorian style with a steep roof, highly decorated window peaks, and a verandah on the side of the house where the entrance is also located.

24 University Avenue - The C.P. Hickey house was constructed in 1906. Clifford P. Hickey was a prominent pharmacist in Chatham and very active in community work, serving as mayor twice. The house is a very large, two and a half story design that is called "Foursquare". This means the shape of the house is boxy like a square, but the design allows for large rooms inside. This style of architecture was very popular at the beginning of the 20th Century. The house was built by John McDonald, who was Chatham's most prominent builder, responsible for many of the buildings in town. On the south wall of the home is a lovely stained glass Of particular interest is the front of the house facing University Avenue, with the balcony guarded by a low railing, and the diagonally placed square bay windows. This is called a "wedding cake" facade and is very unique to this magnificent historic home.















Tips from a Reluctant (at first) Meditator

by Stacy Underhill

I never used to meditate. I didn't think I had time. I thought it was silly -I was wrong. Now I realize I don't have time NOT to! When I first started meditating, I could barely sit still for 5 minutes. I'd squint my eyes open to sneak a peak at the timer and realize only a few minutes had passed.

Now I can't go a day without meditating for 20 minutes. And when I do skip it, I feel "off", a general feeling of something missing, and being "out of whack". There's just something about quieting your mind, letting go, and plugging into the core of who you are, your source energy, that just makes the day go easier. And the more you do it, the easier it gets, and the positive effects it has on your life, and general wellbeing become very apparent.

There's a lot of advice out there about meditating, on how to sit, how to breathe, if you should say a mantra or listen to music, etc. I say just do what feels best for you. As long as you sit comfortably, take slow gentle breaths, and intend on quieting your mind, you'll be fine! First thing in the morning is best - before distractions.

Yes, I know. Quieting THIS mind sounded hilarious to me too at first. But over time it happened, slowly at first. Now there are times, especially when I sit out in nature, that I reach a whole new level of awareness and calm, of being nothing and everything at the same time. That feeling of tapping into pure positive energy, source energy, your inner being, the universe,



whatever you want to call it, is the reason I was inspired to write this article and maybe inspire you to try it.

I like to sit in a comfy chair, feet on the floor, with pillows behind my back. I first started by listening to guided meditations, particularly those by Abraham Hicks (you can find them on YouTube). Now I prefer to just sit in silence. Thoughts will pop in, and that's okay. When you realize your sitting there making a grocery list or replaying a conversation in your head, just let it go and quiet your mind again. Focusing your mind on a simple mantra that you

repeat, or on your breathe, or just listening to a mundane sound like the refrigerator running can help to clear thoughts. Sometimes I repeat the words "in and out' in my mind as I breathe. Also I find that placing my hands on my heart helps me to get out of my head and go more within, to my quiet place.

In meditating we are releasing resistance and changing our frequency. The more you release resistance (worry, angst, overwhelm, fear, limiting beliefs, etc.) the better you feel. The better you feel, the more you allow. We are all vibrational beings. Sending out waves of energy, vibrations, through the thoughts we think, the words we speak and the way we feel. This vibration becomes our point of attraction,

As Abraham Hicks says, "When you quiet your mind you stop thought. When you stop thought you stop resistance. When you stop resistance, then you are in a state of allowing." Allowing what? Allowing the wellbeing that is naturally at our core, allowing inspiration, allowing answers, allowing opportunities and that which we often call "coincidences and luck" to cross our path.

In addition to editing Giv'er magazine, Stacy is a ThetaHealer and nature loving tree hugger, enjoying this spiritual journey. Learn more at www.cleanspirit.com







Living Dearly in Miramichi

By Dr. Terence Laverdure

As a new arrival to Miramichi I was happy to be called dear by so many friendly locals. It made me feel endeared and it reminded me of a program for health that I have been developing for a fair bit of time. I call this program the **DEAR System of Natural Living**. Its still in the works and as a dynamic system designed with individuality and the whole in mind, it will always be in the works per se. This model along with using energetic and physical treatments such as Acupuncture, Shiatsu and Magnetic Therapies compromise the base of my therapeutic strategies.

How do we hold ourselves Dearly? Let's call ourselves dear! Focus on our own well being with the DEAR system of natural living. For when we are well, all is well.

The **D** stands for diet. With a focus on whole and nutritious foods that are digestible and assimilable by the individual. The **E** is for exercise, which means different methods for different people. The **A** stands for attitude. Attitude colours, or greys, our worlds; it can be changed for the better and is fundamental for life. The **R** is recuperation, which means resting and recharging along with focused reengagement with ones Mind-Body-Emotional-Spiritual self.

Acupuncture places a special role in helping human



beings live dearly. Acupuncture can help the bodies energetic self healing functions by providing stimulation to key points. Sometimes it is effective in one or two treatments. Most often though with chronic conditions, multiple treatments in the 8-12 range are needed to see if a lasting effect can be had. The key to all recoveries is work on the individual's part and dearly living our own lives is the reward and the answer.

A special note on the attitude in DEAR. When we make the decision to make change our brains change. When we move into taking action our brains and our bodies change.

Right inside you...right now...there are millions of small miraculous displays where your own body is doing everything it can to help you. So make a decision. Move along a path of helping your body to help you, live a naturally wonderful life.

Natural living does not mean having to be an extremist with diet or exercise. It means finding out what is right for the individual and supporting them on their journey with good advice and kind words of encouragement.

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Favourite Nature Walks.

By Nature Miramichi Members



The Loggieville Trail by John Colborne

My fiancé and I are particularly fond of the trail that goes down the old rail line past Taintville to Loggieville. The abundance of birds and butterflies, the beaver and muskrat, all make us feel that we are truly in a nature preserve. It is a walk that can last for a few hours if you take time to observe what it has to offer.

It is a mixture of wetland, forest, and field amid human habitation. I am particularly excited at the presence of so many red-winged blackbirds. It also creates in me a desire to learn more about what I am seeing and enjoying. This trail is a dream for an avid photographer.

Ile-aux-Foins by Deana Gadd

A favourite walk of mine, about 35 minutes northeast of Miramichi, is a beach walk at Ile-aux-Foins park in Neguac. This municipal park, also known as Hay Island, is connected to the mainland by a one lane bridge. At one time a boardwalk led to a swimming beach, but storm surges have made this unusable. It is about a two kilometre walk around the northern tip of the island. At this time of year, you can see several species of shorebirds, stopping by on their migration from northern breeding grounds. Some can be small and well camouflaged, feeding among



seaweed. Beachcombers will find a variety of shells and wildflowers such as seaside goldenrod in bloom. I enjoy looking at the views of the coastal communities of Burnt Church and Neguac and the islands that mark the division of the inner Miramichi Bay from the outer bay - the Neguac sandspit and Portage Island being the nearest.

Beaubears Island by Ken Walker

I have been walking Beaubears Island for 6 years now and I have had my mind and my senses changed by the experience. I no longer experience a forest growing on an island but a series of interconnected micro-environments responding to one another and creating an ecological community. This begins under the surface with microbes and fungi, making the floral life possible on the surface. This, then, makes life possible for the fauna of the Island, which has given us many surprises as to what is there when we don't see it! This, in turn, has been and always will be affected by the climate -- which is undergoing change and will have an impact upon the Island. Thus, I and others, are engaged in a climate study to understand what the Island may look like in 2100.

French Fort Cove - Solitude by Sonya Hinds

Rain or shine The cove is the place To be when I need Time away

I have stood Mesmerized By a tiny mushroom Making its' way up Through a dried Maple leaf

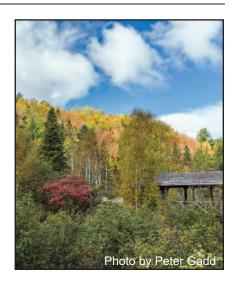
For a brief time in Spring the Lady Slippers Entertain me with Their beauty

I often spend long Hours in May listening, Sometimes seeing Migrating birds Heading north

In winter snowshoeing On glistening snow Hearing the silent Melody of the forest

Beech trees Swaying in the Wind making Happy sounds I hug the nearest one

All this and more is Good for the soul



What We Can't See in Nature

By Verna Shelden, M.Ed., MPH

"It was something amazing and beautiful, but I couldn't name what it was!" Many of us have had this experience while meandering through a wooded area or waterway. Some of us research sources and even contact experts to help us identify

what we witnessed. But others of us simply accept that we have witnessed something extraordinary and can relish the moment without defining what it was. Our interactions with nature sway between the scientific modes of interaction and the artistic and spiritual.

Here in the Miramichi and most of New Brunswick, we are blessed with a rich bounty of forests, rivers and ocean environments. There are so many wonders surrounding us from the Bay of Fundy to the sightings of rare animals thought to be extinct in New Brunswick, to the new arrivals of plants, animals and fish as our climate continues to change. A simple outing to our preserved lands and waterways can be a source of adventure, learning and mystery.

Not so long ago, our forebears toiled to harvest the bounty of the

forests, to farm food from the lands, to raise livestock, hunt for meat, fish the rivers and oceans, and harvest seaweed and mollusks. Their lives were interwoven with the cycles of nature as well as its unpredictable storms, draughts, and fires. Henry David Thoreau wrote: "Most men, ... through mere ignorance and mistake, are so preoccupied with the factitious cares and superfluously coarse labors of life that its finer fruits cannot be plucked by them." Who then had time for appreciating the sublime aspects of nature? Most transcendentalists of the time were armchair philosophers, not people who had worked on the lands and waters to survive. But today, the same could be said

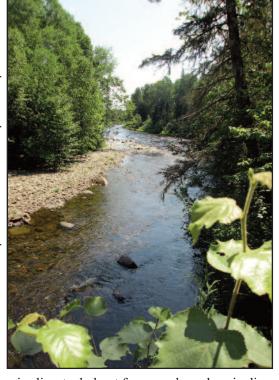
about our current attitudes about nature. Though many of us are not so burdened by the "coarse labors of life", we are instead confined to indoor environmentally controlled work spaces. Our inattention has caused us to take for granted the relationship with

nature that has sustained us.

Today, scientists and environmental specialists are making discoveries that are enabling us to better understand just how intricately we are a part of nature. When we walk through a forested area, we see only what is on the surface. What we don't see or appreciate is the complex community of microbes underground that nourish and support all that is above. And this is true of our oceans and waterways as well. Microbes on this earth make up about half the weight of all life on earth, but they are too small to see. They consist of bacteria, fungi, viruses (though not defined as a living organism), archaea (single celled organisms lacking a nucleus) and protists such as alga, amoebas, and diatoms. So many of nature's microbes live both on us and in us. Many of the microbes that help restore soil fertility are similar to the microbes in our gut that help reduce

modern chronic diseases. The tiniest creatures on earth have a vital role in the interconnected systems supporting all life on earth. And the atmosphere surrounding this beautiful earth makes this life possible.

What we know about all of life on earth can fill millions of volumes of books, but what we have yet to learn could fill many more millions. And as Thoreau once wrote, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."







Connie Doucet Discusses Volunteer Opportunites at Hospice Miramichi "I have been blessed with the privilege to sit at many a bedside over the years."

"I wish he would talk to me." These are the words that Hospice Miramichi's Executive Director Connie Doucet vividly remembers as she sat at the bedside with a dying patient. "Who?" she asked. "The angel over there in the corner" responded the patient as he stared intently at a corner to the right of the room Connie could have attributed the exchange as medication induced but in that moment she decided to go wherever the conversation would lead them. "You see an angel over there in the corner?" she asked. "Yes" responded the patient. "Does he frighten you?" she asked. "No" the patient answered weakly, "I just wish he would talk to me." "He will" Connie replied. Twenty-

four hours later the patient died peacefully in his bed surrounded by loved ones.

"This is what the palliative approach to care is all about" states Doucet. "Palliative is not a word to be feared. If the individual has been diagnosed with a progressive illness no matter what the cause, at some point in the progression of the disease cure will not be an option and medications will no longer control the illness." The fear associated with the word palliative is related to the fact that the individual is labelled palliative by their care team in the late stages of their illness and as a result the patient hears "there is nothing more we can do so go home and get your affairs in order." What should take place however early in the illness trajectory, is to determine when the person would benefit from the



introduction of the palliative "approach" to care. The palliative approach to care can be introduced at the same time the individual is receiving care that is designed to control or cure the illness. If this occurs the individual will have the time to decide what their future health care will look like, what treatment options they will or will not want, open the lines of communication with family, friends, and their health care team, plus seek out community resources that would be of assistance to them.

One such resource is Hospice Miramichi. As many in the community are aware, Hospice Miramichi Inc. (HMI) with the assistance of the Losier Foundation is expanding their role in the

community with the construction of a **Residential Hospice**. Residential Hospice is a facility that will provide end of life care to individuals in the last weeks of their life. This care will be delivered in a home like environment by professional staff employed by Hospice Miramichi. The care of the patient will be under the direction of the individual's doctor or Nurse Practitioner along with Registered Nurses from the Extra Mural Program.

Volunteers will play an integral part in Residential Hospice. There will be opportunities to volunteer in housekeeping, the office, kitchen, reception, and the Café/Gift Shop. There will also be a need for volunteers with the Day Hospice Program as well as at the bedside in the Nursing Unit of the facility. HMI will be looking for



hairdressers, massage therapists, musicians, and artists who would want to volunteer monthly and share their talents with the participants of the Day Hospice Program.

HMI will also need volunteers to visit individuals in the community as part of the **Outreach Program**. "A visit

at home means the world to a person with a progressive illness" states Doucet. "The person will feel as if they matter because the volunteer has taken the time out of their busy schedule to visit them in their home." Our volunteers act in the capacity of a friendly visitor. They aren't there to do housework or personal care. They are there to be with the person, to go for a walk, take the person for a drive to the store or to an appointment, read to the person, look at pictures, play games and most importantly listen to the person as they talk about things too difficult to bring up with their family for fear of upsetting them" says Doucet. "The volunteer may be the only person with whom they feel comfortable talking about these things". It's humbling and rewarding to be with a person who is facing the uncertainty of a progressive life limiting illness." states Doucet "I have been blessed to have had the privilege to sit at many a



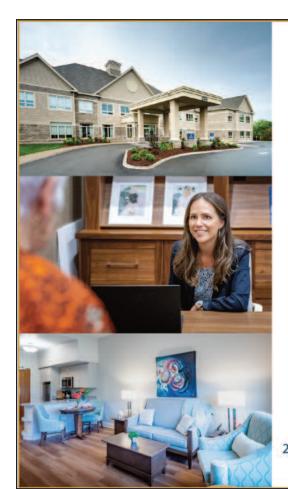
bedside over the years and walk alongside the person and their family as they take this journey. Everything I have learned from those living with a shortened life expectancy will help me when it's my turn to go."

For those who may be interested in volunteering with Hospice Miramichi there will

be a volunteer recruitment event at the Friendly Neighbor Senior Citizens Hall (the Little White School) located at 26 Sutton Rd in Nelson on **October 25th from 6-8 pm**. Doucet will be present to talk about Hospice Miramichi and what it means to be a volunteer with HMI. She will give out the volunteer application packages and will answer any questions from potential volunteers.

Except for those who wish to volunteer at the **Hospice Shoppe** it is mandatory for the individual to take part in a volunteer training program. This program will be offered in November. Exact date and time to be determined.

For more information on HMI please call (506) 773-7607, visit the website at www.hospicemiramichi.com or on Facebook at Hospice Miramichi Inc. For more information on The Hospice Shoppe check out the Facebook page or drop in to the Shoppe at 139 Duke St, Miramichi.



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Book Review

MIRAMICHI LADS & LADIES: We Will Remember Them! (Book 2)

Book Review by Robert McKay

As John Bosma writes at the beginning of this book, "This is a tribute to our brave Canadian Veterans of World War I and World War II." The book is dedicated to Morrison Jordan (World War I) and Robert Currie Sr. and Bill Weeks (World War II) and all their brave comrades who served Canada so honourably.

John obviously put a great deal of effort into this excellent anthology of information, photos and personal stories gleaned from many sources. Special mention is made of Gary Silliker, Bruce Morton, Harold Adams and Bob Currie Jr. for their contributions. These people, along with many other contributors, provided massive amounts of material without which a work such as this would not have been possible.

While reading through these



Above: Billy Dunnett

nearly 400 pages of great stories, I gained a greater understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices that were made by all who served in so many ways. Some of the veterans' names were very familiar to me, such as Morrison Jordan and Bob Currie Sr. Many of them paid the ultimate price, giving their lives for the cause of freedom.

If you have an opportunity to read this book, you surely will feel a renewed sense of love and respect for those who served to ensure that freedom prevails forever in Canada. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Book Launch November 6 and 13

MIRAMICHI LADS & LADIES: We Will Remember Them! (Book 2), edited by Johannes Bosma, will be launched on **Saturday, November 6**, at Mill Cove Coffee Shop in Newcastle from 10am until noon. And later that same day at Creative Grounds in Chatham from 2-4pm.

Another launch of the book will be held in Sunny Corner on **November 13th** from 10am until noon and in Blackville from 2-4pm at locations to be named later.

The proceeds of the book will go to a \$1000 and \$500 scholarship to graduates from N.S.E.R. and Blackville high schools.

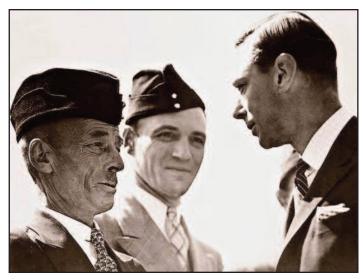
Books are for sale for \$20 and can also be obtained by contacting John Bosma 506-773-5174 or bosmajo14@gmail.com.



Above: Robert Currie Sr. one of the veterans to whom this book is dedicated.



Above: Ella Mountain Curtis



Above: King George VI is shown here speaking to former Lieutenant Morrison Jordan (1st left) of North West Boom, awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and bar (twice) and the Military Cross in World War I. With him is former Major Pierre Landry of Dorchester, NB who was awarded the Order of the British Empire, serving in the 3rd Canadian Pioneer Battalion and the R.C.A.F., son of Chief Justice Landry.

Right: Flight Lieutenant William "Bill" Weeks of Loggieville, NB, was a member of the 442 Squadron and completed 148 missions. Demonstrating great determination, enthusiasm and devotion to duty, he was awarded the DFC - Distinguished Flying Cross on March 2, 1945.







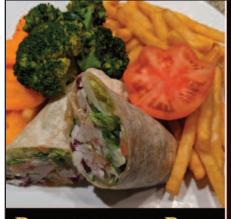


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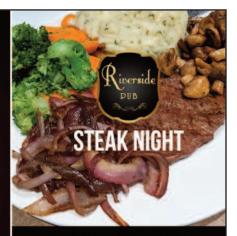
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Why Start a Craft Distillery?

Well, liquor is fascinating. By Mathieu Carroll, Business Operator, Carroll's Distillery

A liquor store can seem like a strange place. Why are there so many bottles? Well, partially because there are many kinds and categories of liquor.

The way the alcohol is created has a drastic affect on how it turns out. For starters, alcohol can be made from most things sweet. Yeast is then used to break down the sugar into alcohol. From there, the sugar source, yeast strain, fermentation temperature and configuration of the still, will all affect the properties of a distilled spirit.

There are many bottles on the shelf because most of them are quite different from each other. The raw product the alcohol was made from mostly determines what category a sprit is in. Rum for example, is made from sugarcane. When making rum, the sugarcane is usually in a molasses state.

Reading about distilleries, we discover many of them have a rich history going back hundreds of years. This is particularly true for rum. Many West-Indian countries have traditions of producing unique styles of rum - a source of national pride to this day. In no other spirit category does there exist such a large variety of styles. There is, in fact, a rum for every occasion.

As a full-blown rum geek, I started small-batch distilling in 2016, to experience artisanal rum-making first-hand. A few years later, a section of Carroll's Bakery was renovated into the distillery. Today, Carroll's Distillery is open for business and has been selling liquor on-premise since March 2020.

The concept is to make light-bodied rums that are easy to appreciate while also creating full-bodied rums for the dedicated enthusiast. At the time of writing, the distillery carries four products. Gannet, a coffee liqueur, spiced rum and a vodka.

Gannet is a light-bodied spirit made from Crosby's Fancy Molasses. Think rum and cola, mojito. The name is inspired by the Northern Gannet, a species of seabird that nests in the Maritimes, and is associated with the beach and summertime



- the perfect time to enjoy this style of spirit.

Our coffee liqueur was created from a collaboration with Cali.co Café. Distillery produced alcohol is infused with Cali.co Café's proprietary blend of coffee beans. The result is sweet and perfect for white Russian cocktails.

The newest product is Fall Duck, a moderately spiced rum, barrel aged one year and infused with baking spices and

flavourings. The base rum is the same light blend as Gannet.

Come in and try a sample! We are located at 2289 King George Hwy, Miramichi. Follow Carroll's Distillery on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news and visit our website for more information at www.carrollsdistillery.ca



Right: Mathieu Carroll



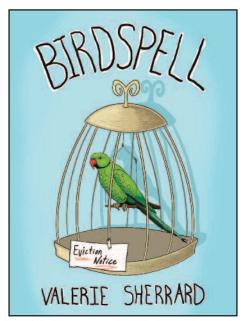
Birdspell, a Novel by Valerie Sherrard

Book Review by James Fisher

Don't let the whimsical David Jardine cover art of *Birdspell* fool you into thinking this is one of Ms. Sherrard's "fun" YA novels like *The Rise and Fall of Derek Cowell* or *Random Acts*. No, Birdspell is more like *The Glory Wind* or *Driftwood* in that it deals with a mature subject wrapped in a young reader novel. Her writing excels at being relevant to issues that face young people and Birdspell is no exception as it deals with a Grade-sixer named Corbin Hayes that must deal with his mother Rhea's uncontrolled bipolar disorder.

Corbin has lived with his mother's issues so long that he is independent by necessity. His mother finds jobs, then gets fired. With no income, they eventually get evicted and they have to move. Corbin prefers to remain friendless and detached due to such an itinerant lifestyle.

One day, a schoolmate, Izelle, offers Corbin her pet parakeet Sitta, which she can no longer keep at home due to allergy concerns. Corbin jumps at the opportunity of having a pet, and a bird seems like a good choice for how they live, a "minimalist" lifestyle, as he



tells people. It makes it easier to move when you have no furniture. Sitta soon becomes his confidante as Corbin is reluctant to tell anyone anything about his life.

"Don't get me wrong. I love my mother, but it's hard, the way life is with her. And I try to protect her, but there's only so much I can do, or hide. I know, for example, that old Mr. Zinbendal across the hall has been hearing things. And that old geezer has troublemaker

written all over him."

Sitta dropped an oystery splotch on the cushion and flew back down the hall

Eventually, the longer they stay at their present address, the more Corbin feels grounded enough to make some tentative steps towards friendships with Izelle, Mr. Zinbendal and Taylor, a young girl he babysits for in his building to make a few extra dollars. Things seem to be going well when Rhea crashes hard and requires hospitalization for an extended period in the psych ward. How will Corbin fare now?

An extremely good middle-grader read, *Birdspell* truly had me engrossed from page one. A serious mental health issue, a single-parent household and a young boy called upon to live by his wits during his mother's ups and downs, there is no shortage of drama in Corbin's life. A highly recommended read for middle-graders on up.

James Fisher is the Editor-in Chief of The Miramichi Reader, an online Canadian literary journal. He and his wife live in Douglastown with their tabby cat, Eddie.







The 1st Miramichi **BPSA Scouting Association** is Looking for Volunteers.

Keeping the OUTING in SCOUTING is the main focus of BPSA Miramichi. The appeal of true scouting has been

the fact that it caters to the outdoor curious, adventurist, pioneer, and explorer, which is part of our nature and is at its most evident in our youth.

1st Miramichi BPSA Scouting is a fun, safe and inclusive association that promotes good citizenship and wholesome physical and mental development for boys and girls by teaching useful life skills in the great outdoors. The activities include backwoods camping, trail hiking, canoeing trips, bushcraft, and campfires.

Brett Gallant, a leader for 7 years from another organization said, "The BPSA Traditional Scouting program offers a chance for our youth to learn practical skills, make new friends, and enjoy the wonder of nature. The youth of our community are

more capable than they know; we just provide the backdrop for them to discover it."

Miramichi BPSA is starting their fall session Sept 13 for Explorers (Ages 11 to 15 years) and Sept 14 for Timberwolves (Ages 8 to 11 years). So, now is the time for you to **volunteer as a leader** or serve in a supporting role.

About volunteering, Brett said, "A lot of people hesitate to volunteer because they don't know if, or how, they can help. That's what makes it fun: volunteers learn too! Even if you've never put together a tent, built a campfire, or been in

a canoe, we can still use your help."

Even though Mr. Gallant is an IT guy, he encourages the

youth of the community to disconnect from electronic devices and reconnect with nature. "A lot of behavioral issues stem from too much screen time. It is amazing to see the transformation of our BPSA youth after they've spent time hiking, cooking, and canoeing together. Add in campfires, a sky full of stars, and a little hot chocolate, and they forget all about electronics."

On a different note, Covid 19 has taken a toll on our connection to community. Volunteering for BPSA can help you forge new connections, create lasting memories, and experience a new level of meaning in your life.

Brett said, "Covid, has been a really isolating experience for most people. Getting out into nature, reconnecting with

the community, and bringing joy to our youth does more than restore a sense of normalcy; it makes people happy."

BPSA encourages the Miramichi youth, parents, and volunteers to participate in programs that take advantage of being out-of-doors in a way that is challenging and fosters a sense of cooperation and mutual respect. They achieve that by encouraging observation, discipline, and self-reliance.

So, what are you waiting for? Volunteer today, by emailing Brett at info@bpsascoutingmiramichi.com. You'll be glad you did!





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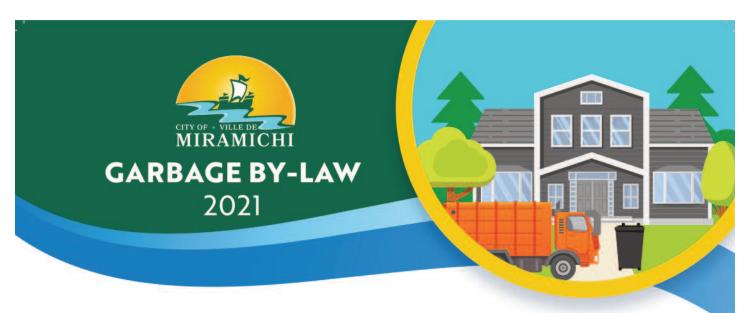
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CITY OF MIRAMICHI WILL BE DISTRIBUTING 360-LITRE GARBAGE CONTAINERS TO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCES AND SMALLER APARTMENT BUILDINGS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTING 8-YARD FRONT LOAD CONTAINERS TO LARGER APARTMENT BUILDINGS

RESIDENTIAL - 360 LITRE CONTAINERS

INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCES AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS UP TO 6 UNITS

- Starting August 30th, owners of individual residences and the owners of apartment buildings with 6 units or less can register for a City issued 360-litre container by phoning 625-7096 or by emailing: garbagecontainer@miramichi.org.
- Registration for the garbage bins must be submitted by the legal owner of the property (not tenants).
- Required information: PID number (if available), civic address, phone number and full name.
- Owner must indicate if pickup or delivery is preferred

DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENTIAL CONTAINERS

- No containers will be issued unless the owner already registered as above.
 Registration will not be accepted at time of pick-up.
- Distribution or pick-up will take place starting September 20, 2021 from 8:00 am 3:30 pm Monday to Friday.
- Pick up locations: North side 147 Mitchell Street (Kenny Building) & South side 94
 General Manson Way (SALT SHED ZONE)
- One 360-liter container will be issued per household.

BY-LAW PROVISIONS RELATED TO 360-LITRE CONTAINERS

- Garbage pick-up will be limited to one 360-liter rolling bin (either issued or approved by the City)
- Additional bags and yard waste will be picked up if approved stickers are affixed.
- Stickers will be sold for \$2.00 each and will be available for purchase at City Hall, Miramichi Police Station and Miratech.
- Yard waste will be picked up if tied in a bundle, measure no more than 2 feet by 2 feet and have a maximum weight of 20 pounds

RESIDENTS CURRENTLY OWNING AN APPROVED 360-LITER CONTAINER

- If a resident currently owns an approved 360-liter container, they are eligible for 20 free coupons for additional bag collection.
- Owners will be responsible to ensure their current 360-litre container is approved by the City by providing details of type and model and, if necessary, a photograph.
- Owners of approved containers must still register their container, and provide the following: PID number (if available), civic address, full name of the owner of the property.
- Registrations will take place from November 1st to December 1st, 2021

LARGER APARTMENT BUILDINGS – 8-YARD FRONT LOAD CONTAINERS

APARTMENT BUILDINGS OF MORE THAN 6 UNITS

- Starting September 15th, the owners of apartment buildings with more than 6 units can register for a City issued 8-Yard front load container by phoning **625-7096** or by emailing: **garbagecontainer@miramichi.org.**
- Registration for the garbage bins must be submitted by the legal owner of the property (not tenants).
- Required information: PID number (if available), civic address, phone number, full name of owner and number of residential units in building.

DISTRIBUTION OF 8-YARD CONTAINER

- Delivery of 8-yard containers will start October 1, 2021.
- The city will deliver containers to the apartment sites.
- The owner must be present at the delivery to indicate the area designated for the container.

BY-LAW PROVISIONS RELATED TO 8-YARD FRONT LOAD CONTAINERS

- It will be the building owner's responsibility to provide safe access for the garbage truck and a screened area for the container.
- It will be the building owners responsibility to provide appropriate screening for the garbage container.

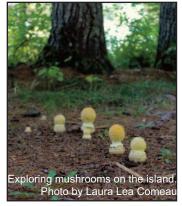
Beaubears Island

Off-season Ecological & Historical Programs

The 2021 Beaubears Island Season is coming to an end we want to thank everyone from near and far who came to the

Interpretive Centre, attended one of our events, or took the ferry to the island.

Even though our centre and ferry will be closed for the winter, it doesn't mean we, the Friends of Beaubears Island, go into hibernation. We can still offer an array of services to our community throughout the fall, winter, and spring Exploring mushrooms on the island months.



We are available to partner with schools and other organizations to offer educational sessions on ecological and historical information about Beaubears Island. The island is rich in flora & fauna and has a diverse multicultural history.

We are more than happy to create meaningful and long lasting partnerships with different organizations throughout NB and Canada. Call 506-622-8526 anytime or visit our website at www.beaubearsisland.com for more information. We look forward to seeing everyone in the 2022 season.

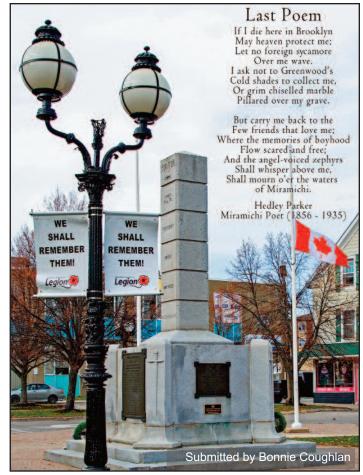




























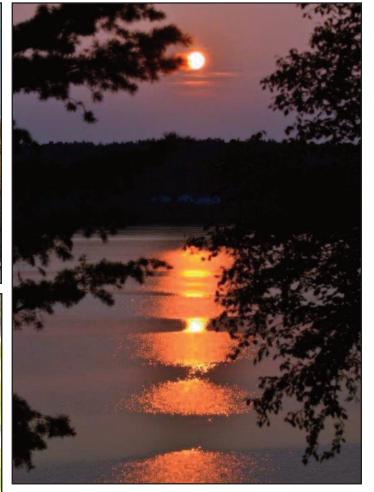
Photo Submissions

If you have photos, stories, tips or tidbits to share we always welcome your submissions. Send submissions to submit@mcgmedia.net. For photos, please send high resolution jpg's (not resized for email) and remember to include your name for the photo credit and the location where the photo was taken or description of the subject matter. Next deadline is Oct.25 for Christmas.







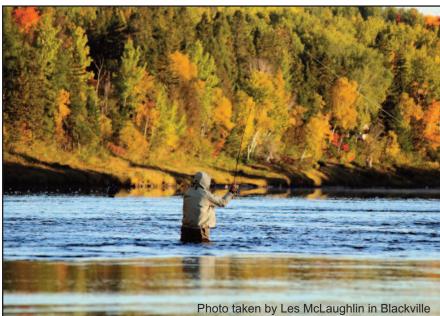




Above: Sunlight on the water. Photo was taken by Anne Woods in early august in South Nelson.

Left: This porcupine looks to be caught in the act! Photo was taken by 14yr old Luke Stewart of Lockstead.









Above: A Summer day at Pabineau Falls by Barb Parent.



Above: A beautiful lime Luna Moth, photo by Dave Bucklow.

Left: Colourful forest canopy, by Bonnie Coughlan.





October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

Why Does Your Business Need a Cyber Security Risk Assessment

Cybercrime is so common these days, hackers attack a computer every 39 seconds. This is an average of 2,244 cyberattacks per day!

The average cost of a cyberattack is \$3.86 million with worldwide cybercrime costs hitting \$6 TRILLION in 2021.*



Since the COVID-19 Pandemic, the FBI has reported a 300% increase in reported cybercrime across the world.

The advances in technology throughout the years have caused a surge in cybercrime. With advanced technology comes the ability for cybercriminals to automate their cyberattacks, artificial intelligence is being used to counteract your current cybersecurity plan. Even the strongest cybersecurity protocols can be breached, and improving your security is not going to be enough to keep out cyber-threats. It is not IF but WHEN your business is breached. Your business needs a team of experts, a more resilient cybersecurity plan with a combination of offensive and defensive cybersecurity methods to keep cybercriminals from wreaking havoc on your company.



20% OF BREACHES ARE CAUSED BY REMOTE WORKERS

On average, every employee has access to 11 million files and the average cost per lost or stolen record per individual is \$146. Given these stats above, the costs that remote workers have on businesses across the world is upwards of \$1.6 trillion. Are your employees a risk to your company? The Answer is YES.



77% OF ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT HAVE A CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN WHEN THEY ARE HACKED

Worldwide, cybercrime costs will hit \$6 trillion in 2021. The cost of cybercrime is increasing daily, and is expected to get much worse by the end of this year. With recent cyberattacks like the Zoom and Kaseya breaches that affected millions of users worldwide. Were you affected?

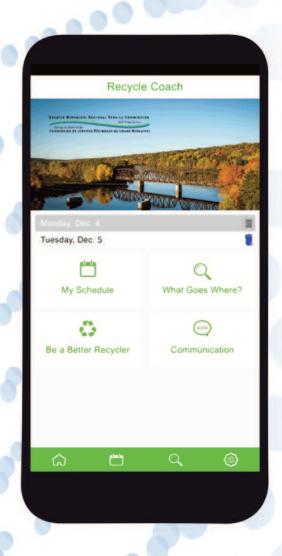
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