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### AUGUST 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
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8 ZigZag @ Nelson School 10 – 2 pm	9 ZigZag @ Hill St. Playground 10 – 2 pm	10 ZigZag @ Blackville Park 10 – 2 pm	11 ZigZag @ Elm Park 10 – 2 pm

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# Events

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## **Blackville Canada Day Celebrations** **June 30: Fireworks**

Entertainment by Josh Norrad & Guests beginning 8 pm at the Municipal Park and will continue after the fireworks, which begin at dusk. BBQ and Curly Fries hosted by the Blackville Fire Department.

**July 1: Strawberry Social** will be held at St. Raphael's Hall from 12 to 2 pm.

**Canada Day parade** at 3pm followed by activities and entertainment in the park. At 7 pm **Lawnmower Night Races** will be held at the racing track located at 81 South Cains River Road. Admission is \$5 adults/\$2 kids under 12. BBQ and cotton candy will be for sale. [www.villageofblackville.com](http://www.villageofblackville.com)

**July 1: Canada Day Wacky Water Sports**, at the *Central NB Woodmen's Museum*, noon to 3 pm. Flag raising and singing O'Canada at noon. \$3 admission includes, photo booth, water slide and activities, treat bags, games, face painting, scavenger hunt, yard sale, and Tea & Cake with the Queen. Shake, Batter, and Roll food truck will be on site. Wear your red and white! Tel: 506-369-7214. Located at 6342 Route 8, Boiestown NB.

**July 1: 10th Annual Fishermen Powwow** Events to be held at Waterford Green in Chatham. Sunrise ceremony, parade of boats, fireworks,

cultural/artisan village, a variety of cultural entertainment, dancing, singing, music, great food and guest speakers. [www.fishermenpowwow.com](http://www.fishermenpowwow.com)

**July 9: Hospice Miramichi Butterfly Release** The 7th annual butterfly release will be held on Waterford Green from 12-3 pm. This

year we will be bringing back a family themed event complete with music, BBQ and a variety of children's activities. Butterflies are \$25 each and

must be pre-ordered by July 1st. Honor a loved one with a beautiful butterfly. Register to receive your butterfly at 12:30 pm. Release will take place at 1:15 pm. Butterflies can be ordered in person at the Hospice Shoppe located at 139 Duke Street, by phone at 773-7607 or 773-3811, by e-transfer to [info@hospicemiramichi.com](mailto:info@hospicemiramichi.com) or at [www.hospicemiramichi.com](http://www.hospicemiramichi.com).

Admission is free however donations are greatly appreciated.

**July 10: Chicken Barbeque at Woodmen's Museum** Take-out orders only. 1/2 BBQ chicken, new potatoes, corn on the cob, and cheesecake for \$20 per person. Pre-book and pay in advance by calling 369-7214 or at the museum Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 4 pm.

**July 17: Irish Festival Sunday Picnic** on Middle Island from 1pm - 4pm.

Activities and games for the children, entertainment, barbeque and more!



**July 29 - August 1: Doaktown Salmon and Fiddlehead Festival**

Includes Family Day at The Doak House on Saturday July 30, followed by a 7 pm concert in the community park. On Sunday July 31 there will be a Night Light Parade at 8pm and fireworks at 10 pm at the Doaktown Elementary School. More events to be announced on [www.doaktown.ca](http://www.doaktown.ca)

**August 1: New Brunswick Day Family Picnic** on Middle Island from 1pm - 4pm. Activities and games for the children, entertainment, barbeque and more! **Middle Island** will be open this summer 9am-9pm, Monday to Sunday. [www.middleislandmiramichi.com](http://www.middleislandmiramichi.com)

**August 13: Christian/Country Concert** Camp Sheldrake Inc. will be having a full day outdoor Christian/Country concert at their location at 89 Church Road in Bartibog on Saturday, August 13. This will kick off with a breakfast starting at 7 am, mass at 9 am and then a series of local performers throughout the day until 8 pm. Music mix will include Christian, country,

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bluegrass, country rock and Indigenous spiritual music and drumming. There will be a limited number of camping sites available for people who may want to stay at the camp site for the weekend. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

For more information or to register for a camp site, call 622-8907. Bring your lawn chair and come out to support the camp. In case of inclement weather, concert will be held indoors.



## 65th Miramichi Folksong Festival

The 65th Miramichi Folksong Festival Inc. is all set to roll, **August 4th to August 7th**. Under new leadership we welcome Melanie Ross, B.Mus., B.Ed., M.Ed. Melanie has been a part of this festival since she was ten years old.

What was a six-day event is now a four-day celebration with a busy schedule of events. This year the festival will be opened by **Fr. Stanislas Paulin**, gifted musician and very knowledgeable of the Acadian music. Opening will be Thursday, August 4th at 7:00pm. Fr. Paulin has directed many award-winning choirs around the province and received a national folklore award for one of his own compositions. He was a great friend of the late Allan Kelly and will perform some of his music. Ivan and Vivian Hicks will also perform that evening along with local guests.

There will be one **noon luncheon on Friday, August 5th** from 11:30pm to 1 pm. Performers for the noon luncheon will be, Melanie Ross, Dan Mckinnon from Nova Scotia and Jim Morrison's band. Tickets must be reserved in advance. There are 3 sittings.

There will be a **BBQ on Saturday**, from 11 am to 1 pm hosted by Frankie Mckibbon and featuring local performers. Children's show will follow, hosted by Melanie Ross.

First ever **"The Very Best Pub Night"** will be held Saturday, August 6th at the Kin Centre from 9 pm to Midnight at the Beaverbrook Kin Centre, featuring Rob Currie and The Corner Boys and The Beaulieu Family. Tickets are limited and are moving quickly.

All shows are presented at the Beaverbrook Kin Centre, except closing dinner concert with John Gracie and Jimmy

### Wilson's Point Historic Site Summer Programs

#### Davidson Makes a Point

Join William Davidson, Miramichi's illustrious founding father as he takes you on an impromptu personal tour of his beloved Point. Meet him in front of the little church and listen to his tales of triumph and defeat, then follow along with him as he tours the St. James Church replica, trading post and the historic graveyard where you will learn interesting tidbits of its residence and see William's final resting place. Tours begin when you arrive. Admission is free, but the experience is priceless.

Saturdays 2-4pm, July and August,  
Sundays 1-4pm, September and October.

#### Piper at the Point

Does the sound of the bagpipes stir your soul? Join us under the pines as members from the Moncton District Pipe Band entertain on Sunday afternoons all summer long. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic and make it a full day affair. The acoustics are amazing and some pipers will meander along the trails as their melodious notes float atop the sparkling Miramichi River that cradles the shore of the Point. Sundays 2-4pm all summer long free admission.

Lawlor at Carrefour Beausoleil, by reservation only. Other special guests for the festival include, Mike Bravener, Miramichi Fiddlers, Jason & Melissa Barry, Sydney Travis and many local performers.

Tickets on sale at Brookdale Flower Shop, on our website, by e-transfer, by calling 506-622-1780 or email [susanbutler@xplornet.com](mailto:susanbutler@xplornet.com), For brochures go to [www.miramichifolksongfestival.com](http://www.miramichifolksongfestival.com)

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Fr. Stanislas

Rob Currie & The Corner Boys

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**Welcome New Director of the Miramichi Folksong Festival**  
**Melanie Ross**

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# Festivals and Events



**June 24-25**

**Rogersville Country Festival**  
[www.rogersvillebluegrass.com](http://www.rogersvillebluegrass.com)

**June 25-26**

**Chalk Art Festival**  
[www.HistoricChatham.ca](http://www.HistoricChatham.ca)

**July 1-2**

**Fishermen Powwow**

**July 12-16**

**Miramichi Exhibition**  
[www.maea.ca](http://www.maea.ca)

**July 14-17**

**Eel Ground Powwow**  
[www.eelgroundfirstnation.ca](http://www.eelgroundfirstnation.ca)

**July 15-17**

**Canada's Irish Festival**  
[www.canadasirishfest.com](http://www.canadasirishfest.com)

**July 16-17**

**Miramichi Kite Festival**  
[www.HistoricChatham.ca](http://www.HistoricChatham.ca)

**July 22-24**

**Downriver Music Festival**  
[www.neguac.com](http://www.neguac.com)

**July 23-31**

**Brussel Sprout Festival**  
[www.rogersvillenb.com](http://www.rogersvillenb.com)

**July 23-24**

**Barnaby Days**

**July 29-31**

**Rock 'n Roll Festival**  
[www.miramichirocknrollfestival.com](http://www.miramichirocknrollfestival.com)

**July 30-31**

**Metepenagiag Powwow**  
[www.metpark.ca](http://www.metpark.ca)

**August 2-5**

**Doaktown Salmon & Fiddlehead Festival** [www.doaktown.ca](http://www.doaktown.ca)

**August 4-7**

**Miramichi Folksong Festival**  
[www.miramichifolksongfestival.com](http://www.miramichifolksongfestival.com)

**August 11-14**

**Napan Agricultural Show**  
[www.napan.ca/show](http://www.napan.ca/show)

**August 12-14**

**Miramichi Buskers Festival**  
[www.HistoricChatham.ca](http://www.HistoricChatham.ca)

**August 15**

**National Acadian Day**

**Aug 19-21**

**Miramichi Scottish Festival**  
[www.highlandsociety.com](http://www.highlandsociety.com)

**August 20-21**

**Burnt Church Powwow**

**August 26-28**

**Bluegrass Music Festival**  
[www.rogersvillebluegrass.com](http://www.rogersvillebluegrass.com)

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**July 16-17**

**The Bricks Field, General Manson Way**  
**Free children's kite kits while supplies last.**

A weekend of kite flying fun with a general public and kid's kite flying zone, professional kite fliers, an entertainment stage each afternoon, and vendors.

**August 12-14**

**Waterfront & Water Street**  
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Professional street theatre performers from around the world perform on two outdoor waterfront stages.





# Miramichi Folksong Festival

## Changing Guard on a High Note

By Nathan DeLong for the Miramichi Leader

Being involved with the Miramichi Folksong Festival is old hat for Melanie Ross Breen.

The renowned Miramichi musician and educator first performed at the annual festival around 1980, when she was 10.

Now, more than four decades later, she's taking over as the festival's volunteer director after award-winning singer Susan Butler's 39 years at the helm.

"I really love this festival," said Ross Breen, who lives in Nova Scotia. "I feel very honoured and humbled to take this on."

Ross Breen became interested in the festival after singing in her church choir and learning her first song, a 25-verse tune about the Great Miramichi Fire of 1825. She later took lessons over the phone from Miramichi-area folksinger Marie Hare and recorded Hare's music onto cassette tapes to rehearse.

Ross Breen currently serves as vice-principal of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. She studied music at Mount Allison University in Sackville and has performed around the world, often introducing Miramichi folksongs to international audiences.

Ross Breen has played alongside Butler's children and other musicians. For at least two decades, she has emceed portions of the folksong festival. She said Butler has long been grooming her to lead the festival, but only asked her in recent years to consider taking the reins.

"I have a lot of respect for [festival founder] Louise Manny, [past director] Maisy Mitchell, and Susan, who were strong women and have carried this on," she said.

Blending the past, present, and future The festival is entering its 65th year and is set for Aug. 4 to 7. Ross Breen said she plans to switch it from a week-long event to a weekend format, and opening-night acts will include tunes from previous fan favourites.

A pub night will also be added in 2022, Ross Breen said, and family activities will coincide with the kids' show. A noon luncheon will take place Aug. 5, and the festival will return to its roots at the



Melanie Ross Breen, left, is taking the Miramichi Folksong Festival reins this year from fellow musician Susan Butler, right, after Butler's 39 years at the helm. Photo: Nathan DeLong/Miramichi Leader

Beaverbrook Kin Centre.

"It's about honouring the past while also acknowledging the present," said Ross Breen. "We need to celebrate what we have on the Miramichi because it's valuable."

"I hope to carry on Louise Manny's legacy of hosting a festival for and about Miramichiers, with lots of Miramichi content."

Butler, who turns 76 in October, said her time as director was "an education in itself," but she's eager to move into an advisory role and see Ross Breen put her stamp on the festival. She said Ross Breen headed up the 2020 virtual festival – held due to the pandemic – that allowed the event to maintain its status as Canada's longest-running folk festival.

"There comes a time when change is needed," said Butler. "Having Melanie take over is a huge relief. You can't just nab anyone and ask them to take on this festival without them knowing the background or what's involved."

Anyone interested in volunteering at the festival or learning more can contact Ross Breen at [melanierossbreen@gmail.com](mailto:melanierossbreen@gmail.com).



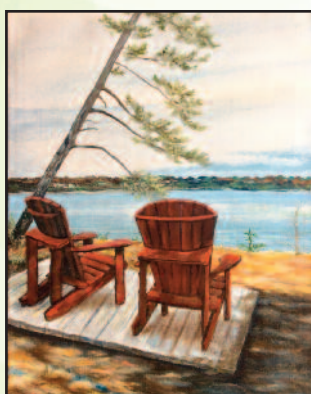


# Beaubears Island Summer Programs

## Opening June 19

Beaubears Island has a full line-up of events and programs going on this summer – something for everyone! The interpretive centre opens for the season on June 19 along with ferry service to the island. Located at 35 St. Patrick's Drive, Nelson. For more information or to register for an event call the centre at 506-622-8526. Visit us online at [www.beaubearsisland.com](http://www.beaubearsisland.com) and also on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.

### Fundraiser: Win the *Red Chairs on Beaubears* painting.



Raffle tickets are \$5 each to win a framed painting (14" x 18") of the iconic red chairs on Beaubears by artist Laura Lea Comeau.

Tickets can be purchased at the interpretive centre, at local events, or by e-transfer to [ED@beaubearsisland.ca](mailto:ED@beaubearsisland.ca). If you do e-transfer, please include your name, address, phone and email in the message and the amount with the number of tickets. There are only 1500 tickets being sold for this painting and tickets are being sold Canada-wide. The cost of shipping is at the winner's expense. Don't wait, get your tickets early. Draw date Sept 1, 2022.

### Beaubears Shipbuilding Archaeologist Tour

Only offered two days this summer July 23 and August 20 at 1 pm, by reservation only. \$20 per person.

By 1870, all shipbuilding had ceased on Beaubears Island. The island began a very slow process of being reclaimed by nature, erasing the evidence of human activity. An archeological report was conducted on the Island in 1977. Even then, what was still visible was fading into the ever-increasing forest.

Today, there are some traces of what was happening back in those days of wooden sailing ships but they too will slowly recede into the shadows of the trees and eventually be lost. A tour will be conducted for those who wish to see what still remains and what is overlooked when visitors don't know what to look for. It will be a gentle walk into the past, from the east end of the island to the west end shipbuilding sites. Put on your walking boots and come for the journey through time.



**Trail Conditions/Maintenance - June until the end of August** - From Wednesday to Sunday, a Beaubears Island trail report will be provided on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and our website. This will provide walkers/hikers with up-to-date information on trail conditions.

### Artists on Beaubears Island - Summer Plein Air

Last year's plein air weekend event was so amazing we decided to have a full summer of artists on Beaubears Island this year. Each week this summer, we will have a different artist in residence on the island. They will be painting on the island and open to visitors interacting with them. Then, on Saturdays, the artist will have a small art display within the interpretive centre for the public to see their Beaubears Island-themed art. At the end of the summer, an art exhibit will be held in the Bicentennial Park (date TBA).



### Artists and their scheduled weeks:

June 29-July 3: Jennifer Robyn Burke  
July 6-10: Kelly Hay Hambrook  
July 20-24: John Hayward  
July 27-31: Gloria Savoie  
Aug. 3-7: Gerard J Godin  
Aug. 10-14: Alvin Whyte  
Aug. 17-21: Anne Maloney Assaff  
Aug. 24-28: Cathleen Richards-Green  
Aug. 31-Sept 4: Laura Lea Comeau  
Sept. 7-11: Kim Lichty



## Symphony at Sunset

July and August Sunday Evenings

Starting on June 19 to the end of August, join us on Sunday evenings to come listen to local favourite performers while sitting on the beautiful banks of the Miramichi River. Bring your lawn chair and/or blanket to the Bicentennial Park in Nelson. June and July times will be from 7-9 pm and August will be 6-8 pm. Water, pop, and snacks available and 50/50 draw. Admission is free, thanks to the sponsorship of Friendly Neighbour Seniors Citizens in Nelson.

## Freedom Mic on the River

Friends of Beaubears Island Inc offers Saturday afternoons under the gazebo at Bicentennial Park to artists of any kind to share their talent. We understand the struggle is real to get noticed or the need just to entertain others. Just reserve the day in advance and bring your friends.

**Wellness Days** On various days throughout the summer, we will offer yoga, tai-chi, and forest bathing on the mystical

Beaubears Island. Dates TBA.

## July 25 – Haunted Graveyard

**Walk** A spooky night tour at the old graveyard at Wilson's Point Historic Site. Meet the characters who are buried there as they wander the woods and tell their stories. Admission \$10. More information will be shared on our media sites.



## August 1 - New Brunswick Day Treasure Hunt

This free event is by registration. Last year, more than 60 kids and family members enjoyed the first Annual NB Treasure Hunt. Get ready to gather clues, play games, and find the treasure! Come dressed in your favourite pirate suit, suitable footwear, and bring your treasure hunting skills. Donations will gladly be accepted.

## August 14 – Annual Campfire

A free event where visitors are entertained as our creative staff put on their own talent show, and serve small fire-cooked finger foods.




## July 3 - Annual Picnic

Friends of Beaubears Island offers an afternoon of music, characters, and authentic cuisine on Beaubears Island for \$20/person (includes ferry service to the island). The Heritage Players will be there to delight us with their folklore songs (pictured on the right).

In the early 1900's, picnics on Beaubears Island were a regular occurrence with hundreds of people in attendance (pictured above). Let's make this happen again! We encourage all of Miramichi and surrounding areas to come to our July 3rd picnic, let's connect and support our local organizations and talent. This event is like no other, and all who have attended loved the experience. Call 622-8526 to reserve a spot.



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Check us out on our Facebook page! 





# Miramichi Scottish Festival

**August 19-21**

The Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi is happy to announce that the Scottish Festival is returning this August with three fun filled days with something for the entire family to enjoy.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

### Tartan Candlelight Banquet

6:30 pm: *Miramichi Golf and Country Club, Bushville*

Beginning at 6pm meet and greet your fellow clan members until 7pm when the candlelight banquet gets underway with the piping in and ode to the Haggis, Introductions of Clan Tartans, speeches, and grace will take place prior to the meal being served. Once the meal has finished the William Davidson Medal Presentation will take place along with the Ernst Hutchison Scholarship presentation and the passing of the Mull. Enjoy the rest of the evening with entertainment by McAulay Ross and Rowen Matthews, two Fochabers Fiddlers straight from Scotland. Both fine musicians have played as part of an amazing group in past festivals, and we are pleased they are returning to entertain us with their version of well-loved songs.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

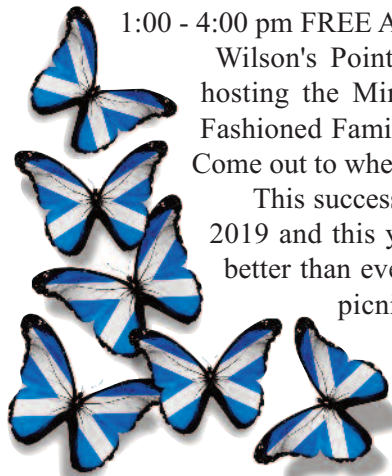
### Old Fashioned Family Picnic

*Wilson's Point Historic Site, Derby Junction*

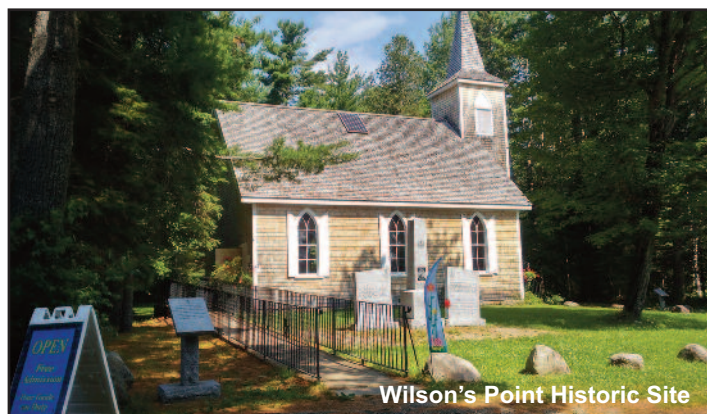
1:00 - 4:00 pm FREE ADMISSION

Wilson's Point Historic Site is proud to be hosting the Miramichi Scottish Festival Old Fashioned Family Picnic once again this year. Come out to where it all began and enjoy!

This successful family event was added in 2019 and this year is going to be bigger and better than ever. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and spend the afternoon on the grounds where in every corner there will be something for the whole family to enjoy.



William Davidson, the Founding Father himself will be giving tours of his beloved settlement. The **Healing Farm Petting Zoo** and McKenna Entertainment **Face Painting** will be behind the St. James Church Replica Interpretive center for the young and young at heart to enjoy, while inside there will be a gorgeous quilt display from a local quilt guild and a guide to answer any questions about the history surrounding the site.



**Plein Air Artists** from the Miramichi Art Core and beyond will be scattered throughout the grounds capturing the essence of the hidden little gem on a variety of mediums that will be on display and for sale after 130pm inside the interpretive center.

**Frantically Atlantic's** Don Rigley and Michelle Daigle are back to entertain everyone with historical instruments and toe tapping music. The Big Cheese Food truck will be on site as well with the option of Haggis Burgers on the menu. Miramichi Accessible Transit will be shuttling picnic goers along the route from designated parking areas being tended to by volunteers. The Food Truck and Art Sale will be cash only all other vendors are free.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

### **Memorial Church Service**

*Saint Andrew's United Church,  
Wellington Street.*

11 am: Kirk'n of the Tartans - Moncton Pipe and Drum will be playing at the Service.

12 pm: Laying of the Memorial Wreath at the Scottish Monument Elm Park.

### **MacDonald Farm Heritage Site Bartibog, NB**

2:00 - 4:00 pm, FREE ADMISSION

Spend the afternoon on the grounds of the gorgeous historical MacDonald Farm. Catch a **ride on the horse and wagon**, check out the animals and take of tour of the big, beautiful stone farmhouse where costumed guides will answer any questions you may have then sit under the big tent along side the beautiful Miramichi river and be entertained by the **Miramichi Fiddlers, Landry Highland Dancers, The Junior Lumber Jills, Mcaulay Ross and Rowan Matthews** of the

**Fochabers Fiddlers** are back as well and the **Moncton Pipes and Drums**. There will also be a chance to speak with legendary historical characters.

Once again, our popular **Scottish Tea** will be served under its own tent with tickets being sold in advance, watch for details in the coming weeks, as there will be no tickets available that day. The MacDonald Farm staff will have a **barbeque** for those not enjoying

the tea. Don't miss your chance to experience a haggis sausage. Cash only.

Bring your own lawn chair as seating under the big tent is limited. It's always a beautiful day at the Farm don't miss out!

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# Miramichi Ground Search And Rescue How A Search Starts

By Paulette Arsenault

In this issue of *Giv'er* magazine, I wish to describe the process of an actual search and rescue operation, how it is activated and how it can save lives:

"Philippe it's the police on the phone".

That was my greeting to Philippe, coming back from a wood carving class at the Sawdustmakers on a Thursday afternoon at 2:55 pm. It was a police officer from the MPD, the acting incident commander requesting the help of the Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue (MGSAR) in finding an elderly person suffering from Alzheimer's that was last seen at 10:30 am outside the old Seamen's Hospital. I forwarded the call to the president and search manager of the organization who quickly sent phone, text, and email messages to all MGSAR members thru SarQ, our activation protocol system. By 3:10 pm the search was officially activated.

From this point on, all the member training kicks in, and an orchestrated ballet of actions and events take place simultaneously. I arrive at the base at 3:15 pm where all our equipment is kept. The first step is composing the command structure according to the available members answering the call to action: search manager (in charge of the search), planning, operations, and logistics chiefs, who will be responsible for their part of the search operation.

The two operational trailers that we bring to the hospital, the command post (CP) and the logistics trailer, are loaded with the required search equipment and members support equipment (food, beverage, protective gear, first aid, etc.). A small tactical strike unit called a hasty team is dispatched at 3:35 pm to the search area, with maps, compass, GPS, and the person's description, scouting roads and trails that are the most accessible to the

lost person.

Once the gear is prepped and ready, the rest of the members are sent to a defined place called the IPP (the initial planning point of the search) where the CP and logistics trailers are installed at 4:15 pm. The IPP is where everything starts, and time is of the essence. There is only



Debriefing following a successful search.

five hours of daylight left, the weather forecast calls for below 0°C during the night, and our lost person wears only a shirt.

While the two hasty teams of four members each, are out, the rest of the MGSAR volunteers organize the command post and the planners start organizing team tasks for groups of five to seven searchers. The planning is done with regards to the lost person's physical and

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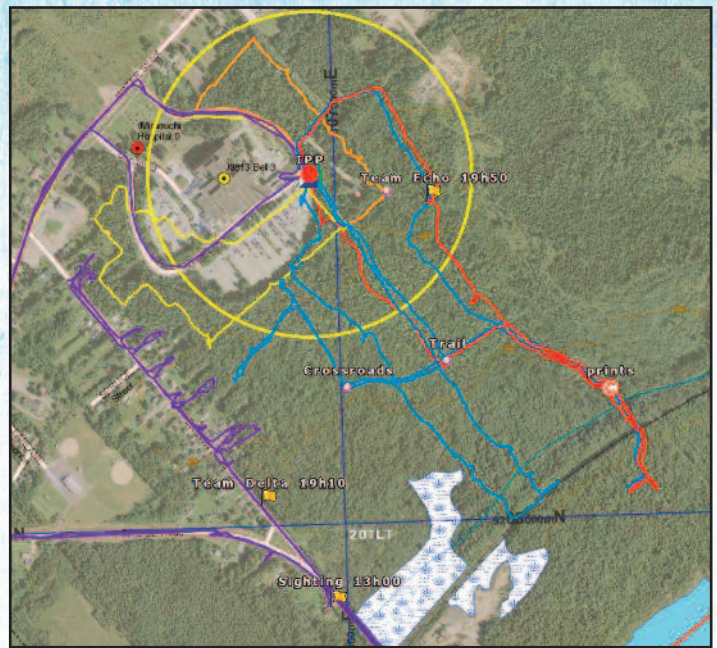
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psychological profile called lost person behavior (LPB) and the terrain features such as dense forest, bogs, farmland, etc. The hasty teams return to the CP with their observations on land conditions that are incorporated into the next assigned tasks. Three teams called Alpha, Bravo and Charlie are dispatched to specific zones with specific search patterns.

Once the teams complete their task, their GPS tracks are inputted in our mapping software called SARX which visually shows the planner what areas have been searched and helps prepare the next tasks. All this while the teams are in constant radio communication with the CP with punctual updates on clues of all kinds. This went on until we received a "Sierra Lima" (subject located) radio dispatch at 8:00 pm. Our lost person was well but suffering from hypothermia, two kilometres from the hospital. A great ending to this search, but not all searches have good endings.



A view of searchers' GPS tracks.

Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue membership is composed exclusively of volunteer women and men, of all ages. MGSAR is always looking for new recruits, if you're

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# A Sparkling Tribute to the Miramichi from a Blossoming Young Gem and Jewellery Artist.

Contributed

Introducing an up-and-coming gem-cutting phenomenon, Miramichi's own, Ameigh Scott; wild artist, silversmith and lapidary, whose passion and commitment are a marvel to behold.

At just 20 years of age, Ameigh has mastered her craft here along the Miramichi River and learned to produce some of the most stunning and captivating wearable art produced today, while working with some of the rarest and most precious natural materials on Earth.

Ameigh is inspired by the beauty that is Miramichi and works with locally sourced materials like Chalcedony and ultra-rare Beryllonite gemstones, that she personally extracted from the Mighty Miramichi River herself.

She designs and laboriously cuts and polishes each and every gemstone to produce these captivating and hand-crafted rings that are fashioned in 99.9% pure fine silver. Even the ring boxes are designed and hand-crafted by the young artist; who even makes the hand-cast-pewter hearts that adorn them.

Ameigh began her career by manufacturing her own tools and components, even initially making, from scratch, the faceting machine that cuts and polishes the gemstones, forming and manipulating hard stone crystal

into marvels of light and colour. She has invested thousands of hours in her craft, turning rough gemstone into spectacular heirloom jewelry that will surely stand the test of time. Her skills are ever evolving and

growing, recognized by some of the most respected gem-smiths in the world.

Wanting to present her marvels of stone, she progressed into silversmithing, to deliver the stunning and unique jewelry that house her magnificent gems.

With a desire to honour the city and river that is her home and community, Ameigh has created this beautiful and sentimental heirloom ring, suitable for both men and women alike, using rare

materials sourced completely here along the Miramichi.

Hers is a one-woman operation delivering unadulterated artistic expression to true connoisseurs of quality and craftsmanship.

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# Memories of Harkins Reunion 2022

By John Bosma

*I watched Harkins High School come down;  
Saw the bricks and heavy girders  
Come crashing to the ground.  
And though it did cause me some pain,  
The memories of Harkins still remain.  
I started there in 1955  
As Readin' and Writin' came alive.  
Byrdie Goodfellow, Dick, Jane, and Spot  
Sure taught this little Dutch boy a lot.*

John Harkins left a trust fund to erect the original Harkins School, built of wood in 1867, burned to the ground in 1893, replaced by a stone structure in 1894, extended to its present appearance in 1909, and known as Harkins Academy.

John Harkins died in 1847 and would not see the school built to service all children of the parish, regardless of financial situation or faith. Nor did Harkins see the construction of Harkins Academy High School in 1924, its extension in 1955 or the building, right next to it, of Harkins Academy Junior High School, completed in 1960. It was just as well. Fifty-eight years later, all three came tumbling down.

Prior to that in 2017, the Graduation Class of 1967, held a 50-year Reunion get-together. The former graduates were able to tour their Alma Mater just one last time.



Harkins Academy High School. Photo by Brian Richard.

*In June of sixty-seven, we were gone.  
But the memories of Harkins lingered on.  
After 50 years, Centennial Grads came by  
The last to be inside old Harkins High.*

Consequently, the participants in the Harkins Reunion of 2017 were indeed “the last to be inside old Harkins High.” They had so much fun at that event they asked if the organizers could do another one in five years time. Nancy (Russell) Smith, Rose Theriault, Marion (O’Connell) Fitzpatrick, Ernie Maltby, Ellie Hubbard, Brian Richard, Donnie O’Neill and John Bosma answered the call and formed the organizing committee.

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## Harkins Reunion Schedule July 1 to 3, 2022

That brings us to the Harkins Reunion of 2022 happening from July 1-3 at the Kin Centre, the “old” Town Hall back in the day. Following is the agenda:

### Friday, July 2nd - Meet & Greet (Kin Centre)

**7-8 pm:** Registration, meeting & greeting. Memories of Harkins song & cheer.

**8-8:30 pm:** Welcome & prizes. Introduction of former teachers. In memoriam to fallen grads '66, '67, '68

**8:30-11:59 pm:** Meeting & greeting. Music from the '50s & 60s. Contests & prizes. Photos in front of the Harkins High School banner.

### Saturday, July 2nd. Informal Gathering at the Miramichi Golf & Country Club; City activities

**10:30 am-1 pm:** Book Launch for books by Doug Underhill and John Bosma, and lunch. Ask for the Harkins Special - Soup & Sandwich \$9.99

**9-11:59 pm:** 50's-60's Rock n' Roll Dance with a live band at the Kin Centre.

### Sunday, July 3rd

10 am-12 pm: Grad Brunch at the Riverside Entertainment Centre on the Miramichi River in Douglastown



Although the Harkins Reunion 2022 is featuring grads from '66, '67 & '68, all those who graduated from Harkins Academy Sr. High are welcome to register after June 2nd, if spaces are still available. (Email Brian Richard to find out.) There is room for 160 participants. The first 160 featured graduates & partners to register will be accepted.

The registration fee, which includes Kin Centre rental, finger foods, decorations and a live 50s & 60s Band, is \$25 per person. Email: [brianrichard1945@yahoo.com](mailto:brianrichard1945@yahoo.com). The organizing committee will accept e-transfer or cheque (made out to Harkins Reunion 66 67 68.)

After June 1st, they will accept e-transfer or cheque from any other Harkins Grad. Earlier requests will be put on a waiting list. See you at the reunion.

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# Cindy Lou's Corner

## Emotions and Perceptions

Our perception of life and the events we observe, trigger our response to life. From anxiety to depression to happiness to joy.

Sometimes when we experience an emotion and instead of just feeling it and processing the events leading up to the it, we get stuck in it. The emotion then becomes our point of reference for life.

There are no good or bad emotions. There are just emotions we label and judge.

When we experience happiness or joy, we expect it to be short lived. We let the joyful moments pass and we reside back into the emotion we feel most comfortable in.

Have you ever asked yourself why it's easier to let the feelings of happiness or joy pass, yet we hang onto depression or grief or anger? They are all just emotions we experience triggered by life events. One is not more powerful than the other.

I understand it's a loaded question, and the answers are not always simple or concrete.

Here is a tip you can apply in your life and see what happens.

Give yourself a time limit when an uncomfortable emotion appears.

For example: if you are angry decide how long you are going to allow yourself to feel anger; five minutes, an hour,



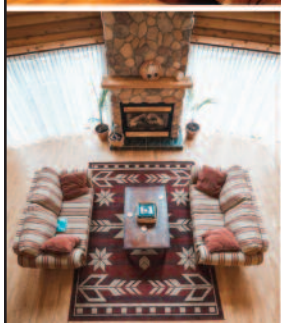
a day, and stick to the time limit. Be consistent with this strategy and see what happens. Apply it to any feeling you are wanting to shift, such as disappointment, fear, envy, jealousy, etc.

Also apply it to the emotions you enjoy feeling, give yourself a goal of sustaining the good feelings.

The key is being honest with yourself about what you can stick to, and build on that time frame. This is how you train the brain to allow emotions to flow freely through your life experience. Enjoy the journey!

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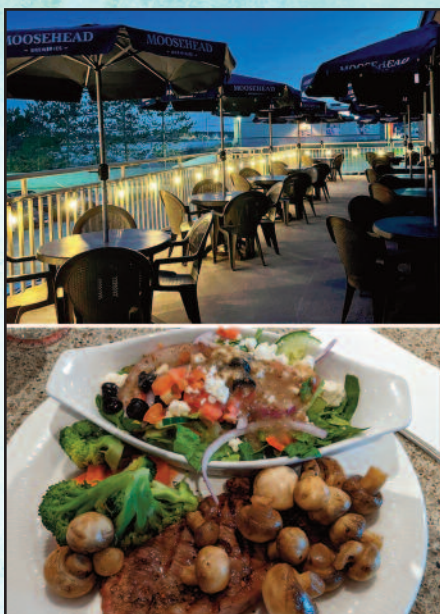
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# Equine Massage Therapy

By Isabelle of Equi-Zen

Yes, horses get massages too! Equine Massage Therapy is the manipulation of soft tissues (muscles, tendons, ligaments, fascia) on the horse's body to help remove restrictions, tension, and discomfort. Very similar to a human massage, it can be general, for overall relaxation, or focused on specific areas that are sore or tense.

An appointment typically begins with an assessment of the horse's whole body to identify areas of tension and discomfort. Horses don't speak with words, but they do communicate a lot with their body language, so the assessment helps identify areas that should be focused on during the massage. The massage involves different manipulations on the horse's body with varying levels of pressure. The total duration depends on the horse and the situation, but on average it is around 1 hr to 1.5 hrs.

The massage takes place wherever the horse is most comfortable: it can be in a stall, the aisle, the ring, an outdoor shelter or even in the middle of the field. If the footing is flat and dry, and the environment is fairly calm, the massage can take place anywhere. Horses usually stand during the massage and are attuned to it. They sometimes doze off, and they might even lie down, but horses can sleep standing so they typically stay in the upright position.

There are different situations when a massage could be beneficial. There might be a specific concern: the horse doesn't move as usual or has a lameness, is showing a behaviour change (for example, the horse is grumpy for no obvious reason), or is sore when being brushed or saddled. A horse owner might incorporate massage therapy on a routine basis for preventative care (for example, regular visits during the show season for competing horses, which helps prevent

injuries, release body tensions and improves muscle performance), or seasonal visits for older horses or arthritic horses to help manage their pain. And some horse owners



Isa and Sierra during equine massage therapy.

simply book an appointment occasionally, just to give their horse a little make-you-feel-good gift.

Equine massage therapy has many health benefits, including tension relief, improved circulation and mobility, and overall wellbeing. It is a complementary and preventative therapy; it is not a replacement for a veterinarian's advice. For more information or to book an appointment, contact Isabelle at [equi-zen@hotmail.com](mailto:equi-zen@hotmail.com) or 506-251-4895.



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Camp Sheldrake hosts the Great Miramichi Duck Race in conjunction with major sponsors, Maurie's Ice Cream and 99.3 The River. There will be 25 prizes with a value exceeding \$6000 where the first duck to cross the finish line will earn the winner \$3000! This year's event will feature a barbeque at the race and a draw for a free night stay at the Rodd Inn.

**Duck tickets** will be sold at various locations and events throughout the summer. Got your duck yet? If not, contact the camp at 622-8907.

## Miramichi Quilt Guild

The members of the Miramichi Quilt Guild are selling tickets on "The Garden Patch" quilt pictured here. The quilt measures 80" by 90" (queen size) and was designed by Edyta Sitar from Laundry Basket Quilts. It is hand quilted. **Draw date is October 1, 2022.**

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The guild is a non-profit organization that prepares quilts, upon request, for other charities to sell tickets on as a fundraiser. Profits from this quilt will be used to purchase fabric, batting, backing and to pay for quilting.

It is uncertain if the bi-annual quilt show will be held this year. Visit [www.facebook.com/MiramichiQuiltGuild](https://www.facebook.com/MiramichiQuiltGuild) for updates.



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Wildflower Foraging  
Photo by Kristen Mutch, Halcomb Honey & Hives



Emma Wormell, ducks at Ritchie Wharf.



More spring blossoms by Astride Miousse of Baie Ste-Anne who also took our cover photo.



Laura Lea Comeau



Spring Fishing by Andrew Sullivan.



Edna Moorhouse





"I don't think we have quite finished." A pair of Pied-billed Grebes constructing their floating nest at Miramichi Marsh. It is made with material from plants grown in the pond, bringing it up from below. - Peter Gadd



Positively Purple Hyacinth, by Edna Moorhouse.



Two cormorants chatting up a seagull. Photo by Bonnie Coughlan



*Miramichi Life.* We took this photo around the campfire on the river in Blackville. It's that exact moment in time that can only be captured by a perfectly toasted marshmallow on a perfectly Miramichi night. - The Mersereaus



Newcastle Business District.  
Photo by Bonnie Coughlan





I have been spending a lot of time outdoors with my brothers, watching and taking many pictures of wildlife. I am sending a couple of my favorites from this spring. Above: Mourning Dove. Right: A pair of Wood Ducks.- Luke Stewart, Age 14, Lockstead.

Vincent, Luke's brother, also likes to spend time outside watching wildlife and taking photos.

I would like to submit two of my favorites. One is of a Scarlet Tanager (far right) that dropped by for a visit and the other is of our neighborhood ground hog. - Vincent Stewart, Age 16, Lockstead.




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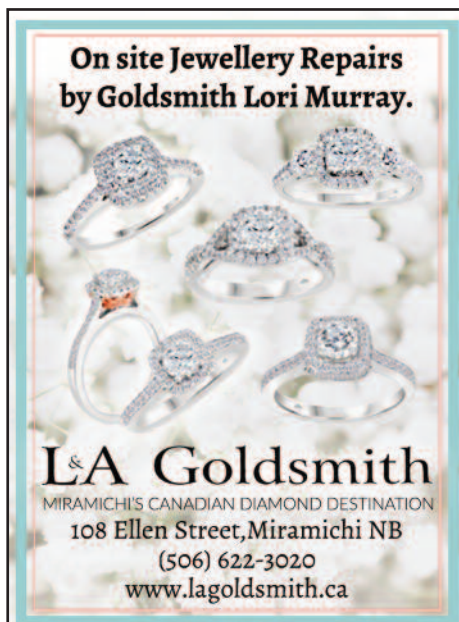
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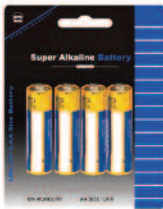
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