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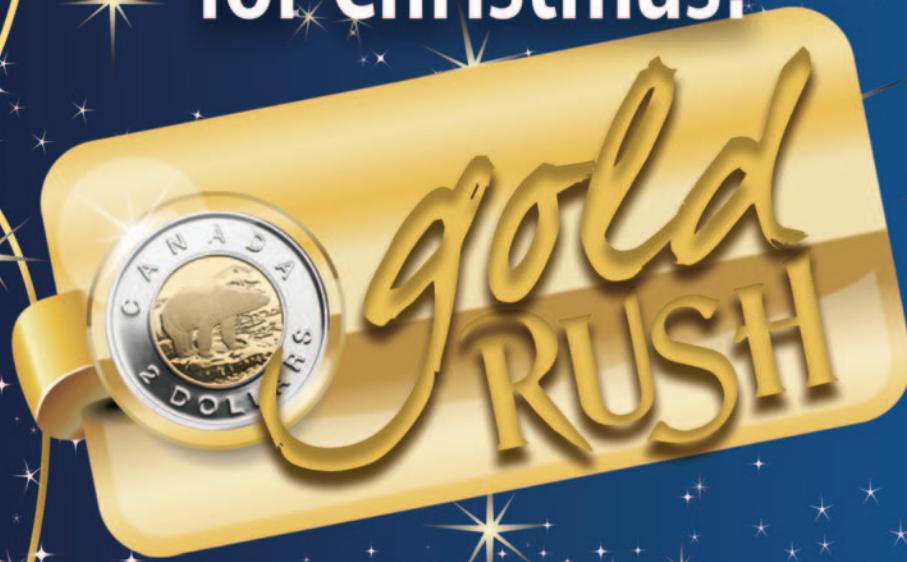


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Whisker Wonderland Home Tours - Nov. 30

The home tours event is our big annual fundraiser that helps with paying vet bills and buying food to feed feral colonies during the winter months. Visit festively decorated homes on November 30 from 6-8pm. Refreshments and prizes to follow at the Renous Recreation Centre. Tickets are \$25 and last year they sold out, so check the Facebook group for availability. Also, please consider donating a prize for the event.

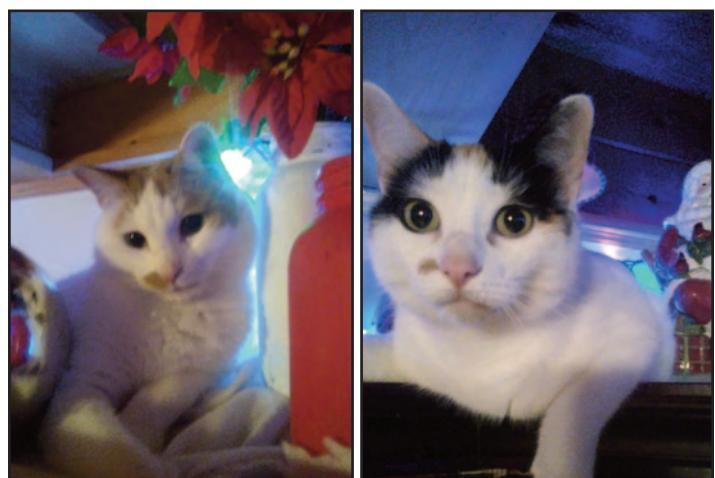
Adopt a cat.

Adoption fees for kittens are \$125, and you'll receive \$50 back once you get them spayed or neutered (when they are old enough). Cats that are already fixed are \$175. The rescue centre has a policy of not doing adoptions in December because "kitties are not Christmas gifts" they are a life long commitment and adoptions should be considered seriously.

Visit the **Facebook group, My 3 Sons Cat Rescue**, to see pictures of the cats and kittens that are available for adoption, to buy a hoodie or Christmas tree ornament, buy tickets for a Christmas draw, or to make a donation.

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EVENTS

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Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1: Dessert Theatre
 The St. J & J Drama Troupe is returning to the stage with "Christmas at the Miramichi Valley Nursing Home", a dessert theater, for three nights at 7pm (doors open at 6:15 pm) at the United Church Center, 556 King George Hwy. A heartwarming comedy about the dreams, struggles, loneliness and uplifting faith of an eclectic, lovable group of elderly people gathered in the common room of a nursing home on Christmas Eve. This play has something for everyone and is sure to leave you filled with lots of Christmas spirit. Tickets are \$20 and available at the church center, Brookdale Flower Shop and Dickison's Pharmasave.

Dec. 5-8: The MVHS Drama Club
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Dec. 6: 37th Annual Parade of Lights
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Dec. 6 & 8: Scenes from the First Christmas - A Christmas fundraiser for Our Lady of Lourdes parish, centred around a series of tableau vivant (living pictures) showing important sequences between the Annunciation and the Finding in the Temple. A series of readings, reflections, prayer, and songs will accompany the scenes. Donations for each church will be accepted at the door. A reception with light refreshments will accompany each performance. 506-210-1830

Dec. 6: (7pm) at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Barnaby River
 Dec. 8: (2pm) at St Patrick's Church in Nelson



Dec 7: Breakfast With Santa & Christmas Market - Presented by the Millerton Home & School. 8am-11am: Breakfast in the cafeteria, pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee, tea, juice. Visit with Santa! Photos available by donation. 8am-12pm: Christmas Market in the gym. Local vendors, crafts, Tupperware, baked goods, freeze dried treats & more!

Dec. 8: 25th Annual Christmas to Remember in memory of Gerry Cormier, 2pm at St Mary's Church. Featuring Choirs, duets, soloist. Admission: free will offering. Donations can be made in advance in memory of a loved one. All memorials will appear on the program. E transfers may be made to susanbutler@xplornet.com or call 506-622-1780. Money raised will be divided

between Gerry's 3 charities, Youth House, Women's Transitional House and St. Mary's Christmas hampers.

Dec. 10: Santa Claus Parade of Lights - The Blackville Fire Dpt. will host their annual Santa Claus Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec.10. The parade kicks off at Hooked 'n Cooked at 5:30pm and proceeds along Main Street to the fire hall, where Santa Claus will hand out treats. Floats are asked to line up at the starting point at 4:30pm.

Dec. 14: Country Christmas Craft & Bake Sale This annual cozy sale is from 10am to 2pm and features handmade crafts, Christmas ornaments & décor, knit socks, hats & mitts, gift ideas and lots of baking: raisin brown bread, fruit cake, white bread, shortbread cookies, sweet trays, baked beans & biscuits, chili, lasagna, meat pies (chicken & pork), mincemeat pies, banana bread. For large baking orders, call Darlene in advance at 843-7878. At Darlene's Country Cottage (formerly the Teahouse)186 Barnettville Rd, Blackville.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Celebration
 Come out to the Tuadook Village Community Centre and enjoy a Chinese/Canadian Buffet and live music by Family Tradition, beginning at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. There will be games and prizes. Call Lois at 506-836-7647 or Peggy at 506-623-8191 to reserve your spot. Location: 2282 Route 420, Sillikers. See the Tuadook Village Community Centre facebook page for more details. Tuadook Village Community Centre has seen many recent updates and is proud to offer our venue for rent for any of your upcoming events!! Be sure to contact us for more information.

The **Miramichi River Valley Thrift Store** is having a Christmas Thrift Sale in addition to their regular household and clothing items. Open every Wed, Thurs, & Friday until Dec. 13, and Saturday Nov.30, 10am-3pm each day. Cash sales only. Located in Renous at 29 Schofield Street (the old firehall). www.facebook.com/MRVthriftstore

Downtown Hidden Treasures Market & Pabi's Collectibles - 129 Newcastle Blvd on the square in downtown Newcastle. Open Mondays to Saturdays from 10 to 4. Come see our unique selection of items from local artisans and vendors, such as Christmas items, jewellery, crafts, woodwork, signs, key chains, tumblers, mugs, stickers, Miramichi souvenirs, picture frames, ladies clothing, Tupperware, baked goods, movies, LP's, lots of hobbies & collectibles, and much, much more.

Greater Miramichi Community Markets

13th Annual Sunday Christmas Markets will be held on Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15 at Miramichi Valley High School, 12pm to 4pm. Contact 506-210-2197 for tables and more information.

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A Christmas Photo

By Johannes Bosma

Fourteen years old and he couldn't believe it. He was fourteen and he still had to spend Christmas Day at his grandparents' place. He was much too old for one of those boring, family gatherings. Yet, here he was, already on the way, sitting in the back seat, and counting telephone poles while he still had something interesting to do.

With any luck they'd have a flat tire or maybe the bridge would be out as it was so often whenever he really wanted to get across. It was too late for that now. His father had already turned into the lane. In fact, his parents and pest of a baby sister were already in hysterics, inexplicably looking forward to the torture that loomed ahead.

The torture had already begun as the car stopped and his family collapsed into uncontrollable laughter. Then he saw the reason. It was Uncle John, the clan clown, who had started his antics earlier than last year. He was on the front lawn, propped up against Gramps' blue spruce, wearing nothing but a one-piece suit of red underwear, a blackened nose and an old top hat under which a super wide grin stretched itself to both sides of the brim. What a way to begin Christmas '94.

Once inside the door, he was faced with the almost impossible task of weaving, like a focused running back, through the receiving line of relatives which included huggers, kissers, hair-mussers, and cheek-pinchers. In concert with this horror came the barrage of demoralizing comments: "Will you look at how he's grown!", "Is this our little Jeremy?", "Don't tell me he's already potty-trained!", and the kicker, "He's still sooo cute!" Jeremy thought he was Indiana Jones trying to escape the Temple of Doom as he desperately tried to find a way out. If only he could find a way out of Christmas Day.

Then, as they shifted their attention and pounced on his baby sister, Jeremy slipped unnoticed into the extra bedroom, referred to by Gramps as the Blue Room. It was blue alright. The curtains, walls, rug, and bed covering were all in different shades of the colour. And yet, even in combination, they were no match for the depressing layers of blue inside of him. Somehow, the room looked different this year. The usual junk piles of odds and ends were gone. On the far wall, Gramps had built a bookcase but instead of books on the shelves there were old and new photo albums, all crowding against each other. The years, crudely



printed, were taped to the outside of each spine. Jeremy wondered if they had ever caught Uncle John on film. Yeah, right. That was probably why there were so many albums. He might as well have a look before they came looking for him. His eyes searched the titles and landed on the Christmas section.

Christmas, 1942. That was before Jeremy's father was even born. In fact, that was the Christmas he repeatedly asked his grandfather about because as a boy he found it so fascinating. The "old country," as Gramps referred to it, had been occupied by a foreign army. His grandparents and eldest aunt looked happy enough in the photo but Gramps had pointed out that only practical gifts were exchanged and even St. Nicholas couldn't get through because of the war. Nevertheless, Gramps always had a way of making the best of things; there he was carving a small chicken for Christmas dinner. Was that a tear sliding down his cheek?

Christmas 1955. That was the family's first Christmas in Canada, their adopted country. They had only few possessions in this photo but their faces showed nothing but genuine contentment. There was his dad, just six years old. He looked exactly like that Grade 1 picture of Jeremy, still prominently displayed on his grandparent's mantle out



in the living room.

Suddenly remembering the living room, he stopped to listen to their voices. They were roaring with laughter again. No doubt Uncle John had traded in his red underwear for some other outlandish costume. Jeremy, however, had no desire to see his uncle's latest fashion statement. Instead, he pulled out another album.

Christmas 1963. He remembered his father telling him about that year: the first Christmas without his father's hero, John F. Kennedy. For some reason, Jeremy was drawn to the photo of the family Christmas dinner.

Upstaging everyone was his dad. It could have been himself. His dad was fourteen then, making faces at Gram as she was trying to eat her dinner. Although she tried to look bothered by his nonsense, her eyes told you that she was loving every minute of it.

Jeremy's dad looked so happy. That was long before the two kids, the bankruptcy, and the mild heart attack. Despite all of that, his father never complained, choosing instead to make the best of what he had left - his family. Maybe he had time for another last album.

Christmas 1980. Jeremy couldn't remember that Christmas very well. He was only seven months old. Was he really that chubby little kid propped up on that small plastic bike? Next to that snapshot was his father's favourite picture. Cradling his first-born in his arms, his dad was just sitting there, gazing lovingly and proudly into the innocent and promising eyes of his son. It was as if he, Jeremy, represented the only true Christmas present that year. He thought he would take out one last album.

Christmas 1993. It was his first year as a teenager, the year everything changed. He wanted more independence, more freedom, less responsibility and a TV and phone in his own room. And there was his dad, carving a turkey and smiling as if all his problems of the past and present had no place in his home at Christmas.

Below that was another photo of his father. He was opening the gift from his son: that wooden sign with his dad's name which Jeremy had taken so long to make in wood shop and had finished just in time for Christmas. His father's eyes seemed so bright, so proud and so appreciative and yet the flash from the camera made something glisten in the corners. Until that moment, as Jeremy stared at the photo, he had no idea how much his gift had meant to his dad.

"Jeremy! Whatcha doin' in here? Studyin' to be a cloistered nun?" The door and his uncle's mouth had opened simultaneously. Jeremy's heart leapt up to his throat. He felt like he had been awakened from a deep and

comfortable sleep. Awakened and terrified by a... giant chicken?

"Need any eggs?" At that, Uncle John cracked himself up as the gigantic chicken staggered out of the room and down the hall. 'He's really lost it this time,' thought Jeremy but he smiled anyway, just a little, as he filed all the albums back onto the shelf. For some reason, he now seemed unaffected by the blue shades that surrounded him.



Gently closing the door behind him, Jeremy ventured into the world he had deserted just over an hour ago: a world of cigar smoke, loud talk and laughter, and a very noticeable surplus of Christmas cheer. Attempting to blend in was not possible.

"Jeremy!" his dad called out from a large sofa chair in the far corner of the room. "Where have you been hiding?"

'In my own self-pity,' he thought. Then, remembering his very first Christmas from the album, he moved to where his father was sitting, plopped down on his lap and cradled himself between his dad's loving arms.

"Merry Christmas, Dad. I hope I'm not too late." His father just shook his head reassuringly and held his son like he had fourteen years ago. The crowded room seemed impervious to the two of them as Jeremy threw his arms around his father: the most important man in his life. The man who had never given up on him. "I love you, Dad." he whispered.

"I love you too, Son," his father returned. As he sat there, holding his son, oblivious to the living room packed with relatives, he could feel a tiny drop of moisture sliding slowly down his face below his thinning, gray-tinted hair. Suddenly, a flash of light indicated that the moment had been captured for this year's album: a Christmas photo for the next generation.





Every Community Needs an Army

Ways to Support the Salvation Army in Miramichi

The Salvation Army in Miramichi continues to support those citizens of Miramichi who are the most in need in several ways. One of the most iconic ways is with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign. All funds raised remain in Miramichi and are used throughout the year to support those in need.

There are several ways you can support and be a part of this Army that seeks to Give Hope today:

Adopt a Kettle: This gives families, small groups, community organizations, and businesses such as service clubs, churches, banks, car dealerships etc. the opportunity to adopt a Salvation Army kettle for a day, two days, a week or the entire Christmas Kettle season. To sign up or for more information, contact (506) 622-7826

Angel Tree: These will be located at various businesses throughout Miramichi. Pull a tag off a tree with a child's age and gender and then return with an age-appropriate toy to any location that has an angel tree OR to The Salvation Army at 231 Pleasant Street.

Donation: Monetary Donations are also an option. For those using cheques please make it out to "The Salvation Army Miramichi CRC"

Sponsor a Family: One family or group adopts a registered family and brings gifts and food for a Christmas meal. Sponsors are assigned to families by Mid-November and are asked to bring the Christmas items to the sponsored family during the week of December 16 to 20.



Christmas Assistance Registration: The Salvation Army assists individuals, couples, and families living in the Miramichi area. Information required at time of registration: Piece of identification for each member of the household (including children) and proof of income for the entire household.

Registration takes place on a first come first served basis and is accepted on the following dates: October 29 to November 8 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 at the Salvation Army Community Resource Centre (2nd Floor), 231 Pleasant Street, Miramichi. Tel: (506) 622-7826

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For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 506-623-2205.

The awards will be presented at the Mayor's New Year's Levee on Wednesday, January 1st from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Loggieville Community Center, 19 Highfield St., Miramichi.

Power Soccer - Innovative Top Level Training

Building Soccer Skills, Confidence, and Sportsmanship

By James Manderville

Miramichi families, get ready to celebrate a new addition to our community that promises to bring excitement, skill development, and healthy activity for your children: Power Soccer!

Established in Toronto in 1996, Power Soccer was founded with a vision to create a comprehensive soccer coaching resource tailored to the needs of Canadian players and coaches. Over the years, this vision has blossomed into one of Canada's most respected player development programs, renowned for its commitment to nurturing young athletes and advancing their soccer skills.

Power Soccer offers a diverse range of programs including year-round soccer schools and summer camps. This robust framework of training and development has now come to Miramichi, bringing the opportunity **for children aged 4 to 11** to experience this exceptional program right in our own backyard.

What makes Power Soccer stand out is its inclusivity and adaptability. The program is designed to accommodate players of all skill levels, ensuring that every child, whether they are new to soccer or have some experience, can thrive. This approach not only focuses on improving technical soccer skills but also on fostering essential life skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and friendship. Coaches at Power Soccer employ innovative techniques to maximize each player's involvement, allowing them more time with the ball compared to

traditional game settings. This encourages creativity and imagination, helping children develop a deeper understanding and passion for the sport.

We are particularly excited about the opportunity Power Soccer offers to keep children active and engaged throughout the year. Traditionally, soccer activities have been associated with summer months, but Power Soccer's arrival in Miramichi means that kids can now enjoy quality soccer training year-round. The program operates in convenient



classes, running from **November 3 to December 15**. These sessions are a wonderful chance for your child to stay involved in the sport, continuing to develop their skills and enjoy the camaraderie of a vibrant soccer community during the colder months.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to enrich your child's



seven-week blocks, making it easy for families to fit into their schedules. The recent summer session was met with positive feedback from both players and parents.

Looking ahead, Power Soccer is set to launch its next block of

life with the joys of soccer and the benefits of a well-rounded sports program. To register and secure a spot for the upcoming session, visit www.powersoccer.ca and look for Miramichi under locations. Email: info@powersoccer.ca

Christmas at Macdonald Farm

Have you ever wondered how our ancestors celebrated the Christmas season?

Bring the whole family to MacDonald Farm and get a glimpse of how things may have been. The halls will be decked, the fireplace will be crackling and the hot chocolate will be tasty as the doors are opened to welcome visitors to Alexander and Grace MacDonalds 18th century home.

You are received at our welcome building and from there you can take the horse and wagon ride through the enchanted forest or stroll through the mystical torch lit trail to the magical MacDonald Farm Wonderland Village. Warm yourself by the fire and enjoy the old-fashioned ambiance.

Join us on these dates:

Dec 7th 1-4pm & 6-9pm
Dec 8th 1-4pm
Dec 13th 6-9pm
Dec 14th 1-4pm & 6-9pm
Dec 15th 1-4pm (Santa will be visiting!)

Admission

Adults - \$7.00
Seniors - \$5.00
Ages 6 - 16 - \$5.00
Family of 4 - \$20.00, extra persons \$5.00 each
Ages 5 and under - No Charge

Our canteen will have refreshments such as hot chocolate, apple cider, soft drinks, bottled water, hotdogs and chili.

Location: MacDonald Farm Heritage Site, #600 Route 11, Bartibog. www.macdonaldfarm.ca



MacDonald Farm, photos by Bonnie Coughlan

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Little Blue Heron (Juvenile)

Who May Be Flitting Around Your Neighbourhood?

By Peter Gadd, Nature Miramichi

One never knows who might be around. The “who” in this case is referring to birds.

In the Miramichi region this past year we have had visits from a number of birds that are not often seen. This of course is true every year. Some of these birds belong here but are considered rare, perhaps because they are at the extreme of their normal range. Others are vagrants, perhaps a little lost, taking a break before they are on their way again. Birders are always on the lookout for something unusual, one never knows “who” might show up.

In May of this year a **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** found its way to Hay Island, Neguac. This bird is usually found in central and south America but occasionally makes its way north. With its extremely long tail, its glide as it returns to its perch after snatching its insect prey in mid-air, is lovely to watch.

Also, in May this year a **Glossy Ibis**, a colourful bird that probes for food in wet, muddy soil, paid a visit to Miramichi Marsh in Chatham, at the very extreme of its normal range that includes the eastern seaboard of the United States.

In August, a **Little Blue Heron**, whose normal range is very similar to the Glossy Ibis, also paid a visit to Miramichi Marsh and stayed for about 6 weeks. This



In May this year a Glossy Ibis visited Miramichi Marsh in Chatham. This colourful bird was at the very extreme of its northern range.

was a juvenile of the Little “Blue” Heron species (about 2/3 the height of the more familiar Great Blue Heron) and as such was almost entirely white.

Speaking of birds that are white (usually), in October, a number of migrating **Snow Geese** spent some time in the Napan area feeding in agricultural fields along with **Canada Geese**. This species, travelling from their breeding grounds in the far north, are more

commonly seen passing through western NB.

Another northern breeding species is the **American Golden Plover**, seen during its south ward migration on Hay Island, Neguac. This individual was still in its breeding plumage and is very similar to its “cousin”, the more common **Black-bellied Plover**.

The **American Coot** is a medium sized wetlands bird, that occasionally visits the area and paid a brief visit to Miramichi Marsh this spring, again at the extreme of its usual more southerly range.

Those who maintain bird feeders in their garden, or yard, from time to time are treated with brief visits from such birds as the **Indigo Bunting** and **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**. **Northern Cardinals** are being seen a little more often in north-east NB, but to see juveniles of this species is rare.

In July of this year an albino **Chipping Sparrow** was observed in Nelson, on St. Patrick’s Drive. This is a common species of course but its appearance was very unusual.

These special sightings often take place because they happen in locations frequently visited by people. Birders however also go searching in other more remote spots. Checking out Ballast Island, just off-shore from Douglastown, a **Lapland Longspur** and **Harlequin Duck** were seen last May.

There are many birds whose remote habitat is deep in the woodlands, not places people get to on a regular basis, so sightings of these birds are not made often. These birds include **American Three-toed Woodpeckers**, **Bicknell’s Thrush** and **Boreal Chickadees**. Of course there are a number of owl species, but due to habitat and their mostly nocturnal behaviour, any sighting is considered rare. A **Great Horned Owl** was heard in a couple of locations nearby last winter.

Not quite in the immediate Miramichi region there are two rare birds worth mentioning. In February, in the Tabusintac area, a bird that spends summer in Florida and winters even further south, the Purple Gallinule, was found on a lawn in the snow. How it arrived there, then, no one knows. A valiant rescue attempt unfortunately failed and the bird died at a wildlife recovery centre. More positively a **Wilson’s Plover** was found at the Cormierville Marsh, south of Bouctouche, the first such sighting in NB.

More than two dozen sightings of birds considered rare were made in the Miramichi region so far this past year. Many visits are during the spring and fall migrations where some birds can get a little lost,



Indigo Bunting



American Golden Plover



Above: A rare sight, an albino Chipping Sparrow was spotted in Nelson this past summer, on St. Patrick’s Drive.

similarly, after severe weather events. Climate change is also affecting the normal range of birds bringing them further north.

Other less common sightings of birds in the Miramichi region this past year include: **Scarlet Tanager, Black-billed Cuckoo, Whip-poor-will, Virginia Rail, Sandhill Crane, Caspian Tern, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, and Varied Thrush.**

An international data base, e-Bird (ebird.org), was an important reference for this article as were Nature Miramichi members, Deana, Holly, Kamissa, Mathieu, Melanie, Pam, Phil and Sonya.

American Coot



Snow Goose, adult with juvenile nearby



Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Northern Cardinal (juvenile female)



Northern Cardinal (juvenile male)





Wreath Night

By Doug Dolan

Mid-November 1966, I was thirteen years old, sitting in the warmth of my parent's kitchen. It was the annual wreath night when Mom and her sisters gathered to make Christmas wreaths. My brothers and me had collected the fir tips a week earlier and deposited them on the cold outer porch floor. This night I brought them into the kitchen and arranged chairs for my aunts in a large circle.

The three sisters, Ovilda, Millie, and Julia, were starting to arrive. Ovilda, was the first. As a child, she learned the craft of wreath making and taught her sisters the art. This night, she came early to inspect the quality of the tips we had collected. I watched as she picked out some samples. She looked at me and sensed my curiosity. "The tips can't be left outside too long after picking. If they freeze, they won't stay together when we twist them into the wreath. The same thing happens if they are left inside too long; they dry out. You did a good job, Douglas!" she exclaimed. I breathed a sigh of relief, now proud of my work.

After brief greetings, the ladies threw themselves into their work. The production began by forming a round frame from two metal coat hangers. The size of the wreaths was determined by using the largest cooking pot in Mom's collection as a measure. Ovilda assumed the role of curving and bending the steel hangers. She would hand the frame off to Millie and Julia, who wrapped two layers of fir tips around the edges, using rabbit wire to secure them. Rita (Mom), the last person in the production line, made a bow from a large roll of red ribbon. It too was secured by wire. She created a hanger by using a double strand of wire. The completed wreath was placed into a box, then on to the next. At the end of the evening, each sister would collect the required number for her windows at home.

Wreath night was as much a social event for the sisters as it was a Christmas rite. The women were of Acadian stock, and a good feed was expected when they

came together. They devoured Mom's clam chowder and meat pies while catching up on family and community news. As wives and mothers, they accepted hard physical labour, maintained a family budget, and kept their husbands and children well-fed and clothed. Each of them also served as the moral compass for the family.



Making Wreaths, illustration by Terry Matthews

When age and infirmity took a toll on their number, the women pressed into service any child who might have wandered innocently into the kitchen.

Many traditions from previous generations have not survived the transition to our society today. Fortunately, wreath making still brings family and friends together. Many young people are eager to connect with their past. Wreath making is an activity where they and older folk can gather for an enjoyable learning experience and leave with a tangible reminder of a good time had by all.



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Book Review

By James Fisher

Our December Guest: Maritime Christmas Stories by Wayne Curtis

My copy of this book arrived in early September, not through Canada Post, but by a surprise appearance in my dooryard by the author himself. He was in Miramichi to drop off copies of his newest release and he was kind enough to stop by and hand deliver a copy for this review.

I have reviewed many of Wayne's compilations of short stories over the years, and I'm always glad when a new release comes along. While I am likely 20 years his junior and come from another part of Canada, his stories of growing up in rural New Brunswick always strike a chord with me, as they are by turns melancholy, cheerful and reflective. They are stories that can be read again and again because they are more of a reminiscence than a story with a beginning, middle and end. You can pick up Wayne's books and delve in at any point.

Our December Guest: Maritime Christmas Stories is a bit of a misleading title as the titular story is not about a bearded man in a red suit coming down the chimney, nor are all the stories about Christmas, which I liked to see, as not everyone has fond memories of this time of year. Many of the stories are set in the time before (late fall) and around the holiday, such as "Autumn in the Country", "A Fall Story" and "The Bonfire", just to name a few.

As with all of Wayne's stories, there is an autobiographical tone to them, although names are different throughout each story, and one ("Winter Road") is even told in a female voice.

"The Growing Season" one of the shortest stories in the collection, showcases Wayne's gift for framing a story through a reflective lens. Two days before Christmas, Billy, the narrator and his cousin are playing golf in Ontario, they jump in a car and drive straight to New Brunswick through a snowstorm to make a surprise visit to his folks and his younger siblings, who are still living at the old homestead. Ten years later, he reflects:

The old home as we knew it is no longer visible; the house and buildings have been burned and a log cabin constructed on the house's foundation. The fields have



grown up with alder and spruce. Sally, Joey and I get together but rarely now. We have each grown in our own way, in different directions. But like our family ties that stretch across an entire continent, and beyond, the old home as we knew it lives like life's most valuable possessions, those of the mind.

Our December Guest is another fine collection of Wayne Curtis stories, many of which have been published in different journals over the years. They have (and will) stand the test of time.

James Fisher is a resident of Miramichi along with his wife Diane, Eddie the Tabby Cat and Buster the Border Collie. James works at the Miramichi Hospital in the MRI Department.

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The photo was taken on National Peacekeepers Day and show members of CPVA Miramichi paying tribute to Canadian Peacekeepers. The reviewing officer was the Honourable Lt Governor of NB Brenda Murphy. Following the ceremony was a luncheon at Legion Branch 3.

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By Darlene Jardine

I've been experimenting with gluten-free baking, trying and tweaking different recipes, and this one has been popular with my taste testers. I hope you enjoy it, and I hope to see you at my annual Bake Sale on December 14 at Darlene's Country Cottage (see the events section in this magazine).

Ingredients

2 large over-ripe bananas
1/3 cup honey
1/4 cup canola oil
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 1/4 cup almond flour
1/2 cup oat flour
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking powder
2 tsp baking soda
1/3 cup raisins or nuts or chocolate chips



Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a mixing bowl, mash the bananas, and add in the honey, oil, and vanilla. Mix until well blended.
- Stir in the dry ingredients, and add in your choice of raisins, nuts, or chocolate chips... or try a combination of all three!
- For best results use a small loaf pan, 8 x 4.5 inches. Line the pan with parchment paper and add in your mixture.
- Bake for 40 minutes. Insert a toothpick in the center to test for doneness. If it comes out with excess batter on it, return to the oven for 5 minutes. Let cool before slicing.

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New Book Teaches Listening to Our Inner Guidance

Book summary by Tyler R. Tichelaar, editor, Superior Book Productions.

Conrad Toner's new book *Tapping into the Power Within: Your Journey to Empowered Success* starts with a powerful opening sentence: "We all know better than to spend our time living in fear, but too many of us do exactly that every single day as if there were no alternative." Toner then goes on to state, "None of us should be living in pain. We were not put on this earth to suffer." Toner knows it's time to change that, and that change can happen by changing our thoughts first.

Toner compares changing our thoughts to learning to ride a bicycle. He recalls that no matter how many times he fell off his bike when he first learned to ride, he was determined to get back on and try again. By staying focused on the process, he achieved the balance and success needed. The same is true with our thoughts. If we make a conscious effort to change them, and we persevere and stay focused, despite setbacks, in time we will succeed, and that change will open us up to new possibilities.

Toner has had a successful career as a life coach who helped others achieve clarity and joy, but his life started out very differently. He was raised on a farm in Grand Falls, NB, and as a young man, he accompanied his brother on a missionary trip to South America. Toner's eyes were opened to what life was like in Third World countries. When he returned home, he took over the family farm, believing growing food was important since there was so much poverty and hunger in the world.

Toner was a farmer for more than thirty years before he retired and went back to university. That was when he truly had his awakening. He studied leadership and philosophy, and he didn't quit studying even after he graduated. He

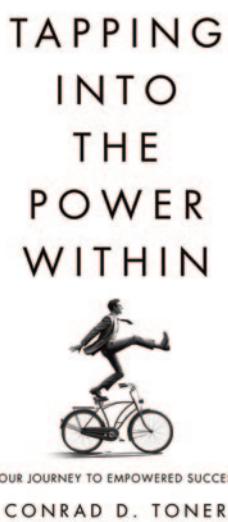
remained open to learning, and soon after, he discovered the Law of Attraction.

One of the book's most powerful moments for me was when the National Farmers Union and Canadian Universities Overseas (CUSO) asked him to go to Nicaragua to help the farmers there. On that trip, he met a young man who had lost both his legs during a civil war. Toner was amazed that the young man was still alive. The man explained that he had survived not because of the minimal medical care he had received but because he believed he still had a purpose in life. His goal was "to free my children's children" (to free future generations of Nicaraguans). And to accomplish that, given the meager resources available, he, in effect, had to heal himself. Toner was incredibly moved by this man's words, which forever made him understand the importance of knowing your purpose in life.

Ultimately, Toner reveals that we are responsible for our own happiness. He cites many famous thinkers from Norman Vincent Peale to Abraham-Hicks and also his own mother, who have all said that no one can make us happy except ourselves. To become happy, we have to develop new thought patterns. Toner offers several practical exercises for doing this, such as recognizing the abundance around us, making lists of what makes us happy, and keeping a list of our accomplishments to give us a lift when needed. Each chapter also ends with reflection questions to help us think further on and apply what we have learned in the chapters.

Tapping Into the Power Within is full of inspiring stories, wise advice, and practical tools so you can experience daily joy and peace and spread it to the world.

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Roll a Rock Over

By Gail Collette

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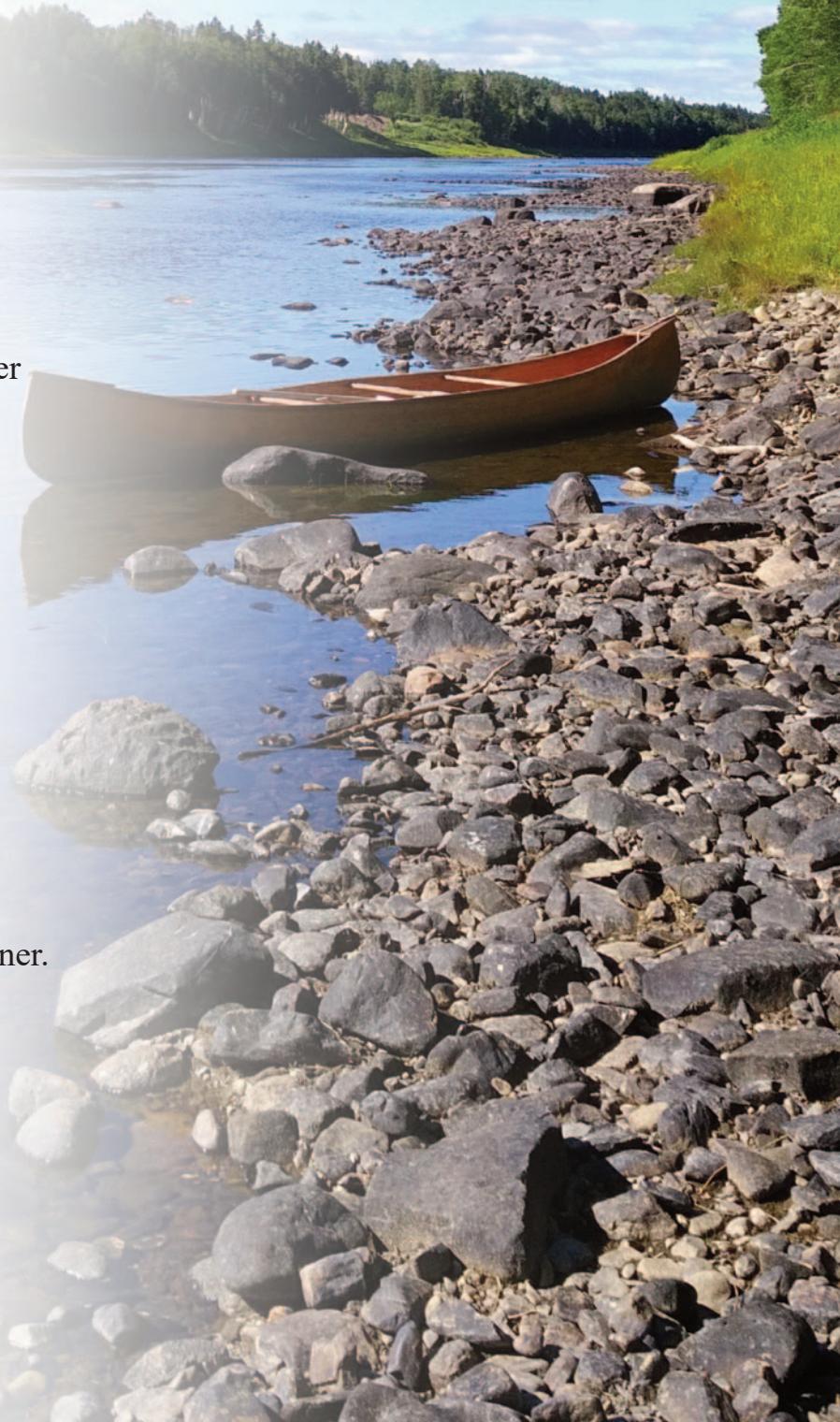
May a chick-a-dee-dee-dee
Or dove, delight you with its song.
Bless the birds and give nature a care.

Welcome the smell of the wild rose bush
Before its buds are exhausted by exhaust.
Toss an apple seed, not core, into the soil.

Here's hoping paper cups get picked up,
Before they roll up in the river.
Keep it clean for fish that might be our dinner.

Along your way, feel the green grass
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Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club

Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Deana Gadd, MCCSC

The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this season! In 1975 a group of people got together to form a club dedicated to bringing the growing sport of cross country or Nordic skiing to local people of all ages. Providing outdoor recreation through skiing continues to be the focus of the club today.

In the early days of the club we had no facilities, members met at different locations around Miramichi to ski as a group, sharing the work of breaking a trail through the snow.

Today we have a **modern clubhouse** at 131 Nelson Street, along route 126 in the Nelson area of the city. The old clubhouse, further back from the road, has moved locations several times but has been in Nelson since 1991. It is still used for various events in all seasons, most recently as the base for the **Owls' Rest Disc Golf Course**. **Trails** are now groomed with mechanical equipment, with fundraising ongoing to acquire a new machine to handle our changing

winters. The club offers 25 km of ski trails for all levels of experience and ski styles. Distances range from the 0.3 km Pink Trail to the 12 km Silver Trail for classic skiers, and 2.5 km to 10 km trails for skate skiing.

The clubhouse is open several evenings a week for **skiing a lighted trail**. Four km of **separate snowshoe trails** wind their way through the woods, these are not lit but may be used by night with headlamps.

You can join the club by taking out a **yearly membership** for skiing, which includes snowshoe trail access, or for snowshoeing only. Non-members can use the trails by paying a daily trail fee. Inside the clubhouse you will find a **rental area** with skis and snowshoes for all ages. You can bring a snack or buy snacks or tea or coffee from the lodgekeeper.

The ski club has a number of social and recreational opportunities



during the winter. Social events last year were **Ski and Lunch sessions** on weekdays and evening **Moonlight Skis**.

The **Jackrabbit program** is an eight week learn to ski program for youth aged 4-9 held in January and February. During those months we also have a few informal adult and teen lessons.

If you have an interest in combining target shooting with an aerobic workout, biathlon may interest you. The club has one of the few biathlon ranges in the Maritimes, **Biathlon Miramichi** is a separate club and has a Facebook page under that name.

A word about winter; every winter is different, but our winters are getting shorter and milder. I feel that this makes it even more vital to get out and enjoy the snow. For up-to-date information see our new website www.skimiramichi.blog or our Facebook page. See you on the trails!



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Dear Santa... And a Thank You Too!

There's something magical about a child writing a letter to Santa. The excitement of sharing their wishes, the thrill of the big day approaching, and the hope of seeing that carefully written list come to life.

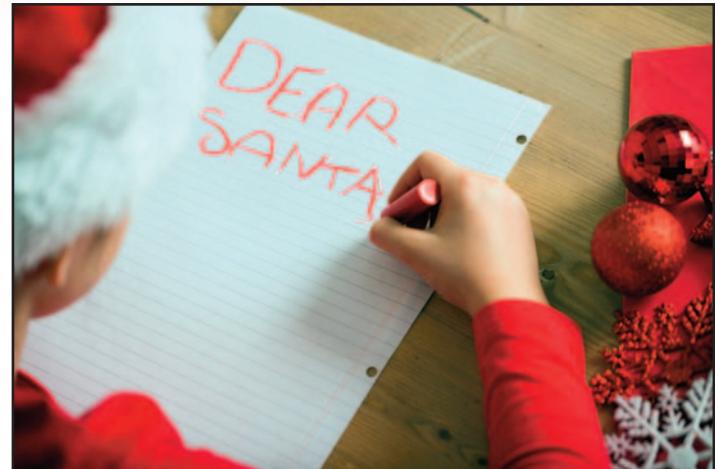
But what if we added a little twist to this cherished tradition? What if, alongside telling Santa what they'd love for Christmas, children also wrote about what they're **already grateful for**?

And why should kids have all the fun? Take a few moments to sit with your children and write your own letter of gratitude and share what brings you joy. Modeling gratitude helps teach children that it's a lifelong practice, and it creates a beautiful bond as you reflect together. It reminds them of the joy they already have in their lives, from the warmth of family and friends to the simple pleasures like a favorite toy or a sunny day for playing outside.

So, when your little ones sit down to draft their letter to the North Pole, prompt them to also think about the good things they already have. Maybe it's a pet that makes them laugh every day, a teacher who's always kind, or even their favorite family meal. Writing it out and sharing it with Santa and their loved ones, teaches children to appreciate the present while dreaming of what's to come.

Benefits of Including a Gratitude Letter:

- Reflect on Positivity:** Children take a moment to think about the joys they already experience.
- Builds Empathy:** Recognizing what makes them happy helps them appreciate others and their feelings too.
- Creates a Balanced Tradition:** The focus is not only on asking but on appreciating and giving thanks.



This holiday season, why not make it a family tradition to embrace a little extra cheer by balancing wishes with gratitude. After all, recognizing what you already have makes the magic of Christmas shine even brighter!

If you mail your letter to Santa no later than December 6, the Canada Post elves will do their best to get it to him to reply before the holidays. With the current postal strike, delays are expected in getting letters to and from Santa, but the program runs until the end of January each year, so you may still receive a response.

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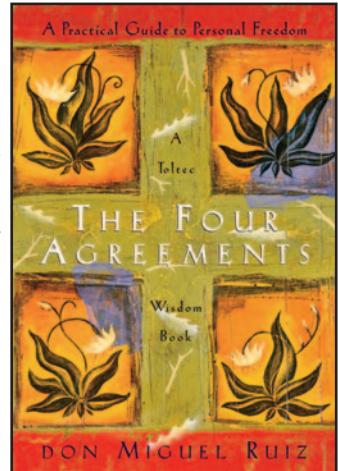


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Below is a summary from the book.



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Don't Take Anything Personally

Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

Don't Make Assumption

Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

Always Do Your Best

Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgement, self-abuse, and regret.

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PHIL COMEAU

2024 Visual Arts Award's Laureate

Phil Comeau is a documentary and fiction filmmaker whose work has been screened at film festivals around the world, winning over 700 awards. A key figure in Acadian cinema, Phil Comeau's films bear witness to contemporary Acadie. Examining history, culture, and identity, his work is a remarkable fresco, tracing the resilience and emancipation of a people. His independent film, *Belle-Île en Acadie*, has earned him a Guinness World Record for the most awards won by a documentary. Phil Comeau lives in Moncton, New Brunswick.



VALERIE SHERRARD

2024 Literary Arts Award's Laureate

Valerie (Russell) Sherrard is a celebrated author of children's and young adults' literature. Her work has been recognized on national and international levels and has been translated into several languages. She has won or been shortlisted for more than fifty awards, including the Governor General's Literary Awards, the TD Children's Literature Award, the Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Young People, the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction, the Ann Connor Brimer Award, and many others. Valerie works and lives in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

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2024 Performing Arts Award's Laureate

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Marshall has been recognized by the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Moncton, and has received an honorary doctorate from St Thomas University. He lives and works in Moncton, New Brunswick.



TARA FRANCIS

2024 Indigenous Artist Award's Laureate

Tara Francis is a Mi'kmaq visual artist from Elsipogtog First Nation. A master of traditional Mi'kmaq porcupine quillwork, she is a multidisciplinary artist whose work also includes surface design and painting. Drawing from her spiritual and artistic journeys, Tara's work incorporates the connection she maintains to her ancestry. Tara is dedicated to preserving and revitalizing the traditional art of porcupine quillwork, and has also shared the tradition by teaching throughout Atlantic Canada and Maine. Her work has been included in public and private collections around the world. She lives and works in Shédiac and Fredericton, New Brunswick.

About the awards

The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts are designed to recognize the outstanding contribution of New Brunswick artists. These four awards recognize and reward artists who have distinguished themselves by the excellence of their achievements. Awards of \$20,000 are conferred every two years. Funding for the Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts is provided by the Arts Development Trust Fund and sponsors. artsnb has received additional funding this year from the Secretariat of Official Languages of New Brunswick to promote the Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts. More information on these awards, past and current laureates is available on our [website](#).




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The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus

Author: L. Frank Baum Source: Public Domain

The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus is a 1902 children's book, written by **L. Frank Baum** and illustrated by **Mary Cowles Clark**.

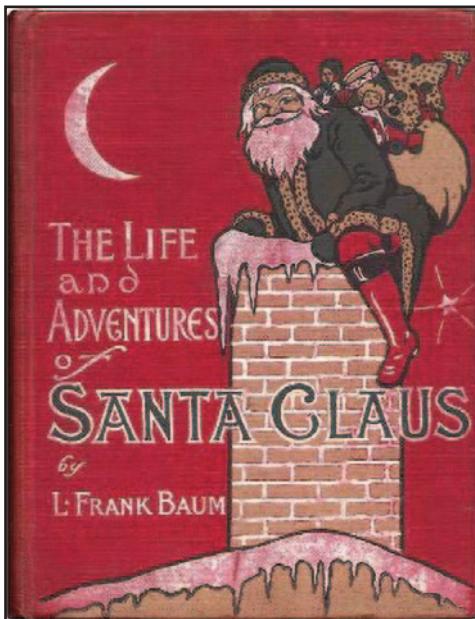
This enchanting tale centers around Claus, a human child discovered in the mystical Forest of Burzee and adopted by the woodland nymph Necile. He grows up among Fairies, Gnomes, and other immortals and eventually builds a house in the nearby Laughing Valley and embarks on a mission to bring joy to children everywhere. The following is Chapter 2 of the book.

Chapter 2. How Claus Made the First Toy

Truly our Claus had wisdom, for his good fortune but strengthened his resolve to befriend the little ones of his own race. He knew his plan was approved by the immortals, else they would not have favored him so greatly.

So he began at once to make acquaintance with mankind. He walked through the Valley to the plain beyond, and crossed the plain in many directions to reach the abodes of men. These stood singly or in groups of dwellings called villages, and in nearly all the houses, whether big or little, Claus found children.

The youngsters soon came to know his merry, laughing face and the kind glance of his bright eyes; and the



parents, while they regarded the young man with some scorn for loving children more than their elders, were content that the girls and boys had found a playfellow who seemed willing to amuse them.

So the children romped and played games with Claus, and the boys rode upon his shoulders, and the girls nestled in his strong arms, and the babies clung fondly to his knees. Wherever the young man chanced to be, the sound of childish laughter followed him; and to understand this better you must know that children were much neglected in those days and received little attention from their parents, so that it became to

them a marvel that so goodly a man as Claus devoted his time to making them happy. And those who knew him were, you may be sure, very happy indeed. The sad faces of the poor and abused grew bright for once; the cripple smiled despite his misfortune; the ailing ones hushed their moans and the grieved ones their cries when their merry friend came nigh to comfort them.

Only at the beautiful palace of the Lord of Lerd and at the frowning castle of the Baron Braun was Claus refused admittance. There were children at both places; but the servants at the palace shut the door in the young stranger's face, and the fierce Baron threatened to hang him from an iron hook on the castle walls. Whereupon Claus sighed and went back to the poorer dwellings where he was welcome.

After a time the winter drew near.

The flowers lived out their lives and faded and disappeared; the beetles burrowed far into the warm earth; the butterflies deserted the meadows; and the voice of the brook grew hoarse, as if it had taken cold.

One day snowflakes filled all the air in the Laughing Valley, dancing boisterously toward the earth and clothing in pure white raiment the roof of Claus's dwelling.

At night Jack Frost rapped at the door.

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"Come in!" cried Claus.

"Come out!" answered Jack, "for you have a fire inside."

So Claus came out. He had known Jack Frost in the Forest, and liked the jolly rogue, even while he mistrusted him.

"There will be rare sport for me to-night, Claus!" shouted the sprite. "Isn't this glorious weather? I shall nip scores of noses and ears and toes before daybreak."

"If you love me, Jack, spare the children," begged Claus.

"And why?" asked the other, in surprise.

"They are tender and helpless," answered Claus.

"But I love to nip the tender ones!" declared Jack. "The older ones are tough, and tire my fingers."

"The young ones are weak, and can not fight you," said Claus.

"True," agreed Jack, thoughtfully. "Well, I will not pinch a child this night—if I can resist the temptation," he promised. "Good night, Claus!"

"Good night."

The young man went in and closed the door, and Jack Frost ran on to the nearest village.

Claus threw a log on the fire, which burned up brightly. Beside the hearth sat Blinkie, a big cat given him by Peter the Knook. Her fur was soft and glossy, and she purred never-ending songs of contentment.

"I shall not see the children again soon," said Claus to the cat, who kindly paused in her song to listen. "The winter is upon us, the snow will be deep for many days, and I shall be unable to play with my little friends."

The cat raised a paw and stroked her nose thoughtfully, but made no reply. So long as the fire burned and Claus sat in his easy chair by the hearth she did not mind the weather.

So passed many days and many long evenings. The cupboard was always full, but Claus became weary with having nothing to do more than to feed the fire from the big wood-pile the Knooks had brought him.

One evening he picked up a stick of wood and began to cut it with his sharp knife. He had no thought, at first, except to occupy his time, and he whistled and sang to the cat as he carved away portions of the stick. Puss sat up on her



haunches and watched him, listening at the same time to her master's merry whistle, which she loved to hear even more than her own purring songs.

Claus glanced at puss and then at the stick he was whittling, until presently the wood began to have a shape, and the shape was like the head of a cat, with two ears sticking upward.

Claus stopped whistling to laugh, and then both he and the cat looked at the wooden image in some surprise. Then he carved out the eyes and the nose, and rounded the lower part of the head so that it rested upon a neck.

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Loaded Spinach Dip

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 8-10

Ingredients

16 ounces softened cream cheese

1/2 cup mayo

1/2 cup sour cream

10 ounces thawed spinach (300g frozen pkg)

14 ounces drained canned artichoke hearts, roughly chopped

1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces

1 cup Parmesan cheese

1 cup mozzarella cheese

1 tablespoon garlic powder

1 tablespoon onion powder

salt and pepper to taste

pretzel bites, toasted baguette slices, crackers or veggies, for serving



Instructions

- Heat oven to 375 F.
- In a large bowl, mix cream cheese, mayo and sour cream. Add spinach, artichoke hearts, bacon, Parmesan and mozzarella. Mix in garlic powder and onion powder. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Spoon into oven-safe skillet or baking dish and bake 20-25 minutes. Serve with pretzel bites, toasted baguette slices, crackers or veggies for dipping.

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Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue

Becoming the Training Center for NB

By Paulette Arsenault

Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue (MGSAR) stands as an important pillar in the community, offering vital assistance in locating and rescuing individuals in distress. Recognizing its strengths and strategic location, there's an initiative to establish MGSAR as the primary training center for all New Brunswick and PEI.

Why Miramichi? - The choice of Miramichi as the central training hub is rooted in several factors. Firstly, its **strategic geographic location** makes it accessible to various parts of New Brunswick, facilitating easy travel for trainees from across the provinces. The area boasts a **diverse landscape**, offering a realistic training ground that mirrors the varied terrains rescuers might encounter in real-life scenarios—from dense forests to rugged coastlines. Moreover, MGSAR already possesses a solid foundation of experience and expertise. The team's **proven track record** in successful search and rescue missions has earned them a reputation for excellence. Leveraging this expertise to train others ensures that best practices and advanced techniques are disseminated throughout New Brunswick's search and rescue operations.

Establishing the training center here involves **upgrading and expanding current facilities** to accommodate the training programs. This includes having dedicated classrooms, simulation environments, and acquiring equipment to provide hands-on training. Such infrastructure is crucial to simulate real-life search and rescue situations, offering a realistic and immersive learning experience.

A centralized training center allows for the development and implementation of **standardized training programs**. This consistency ensures that all GSAR personnel across NB and PEI receive the same high-quality education and preparation. Trainees will benefit from a curriculum that



encompasses a wide range of scenarios, from basic navigation and first aid to advanced rescue techniques and response.

Establishing the training center in Miramichi creates job opportunities by **stimulating the local economy** and promotes Miramichi as a hub of excellence in emergency services. The presence of a training center also fosters a culture of safety and preparedness within the community.

While the initiative is promising, it does come with challenges. **Securing funding** for the infrastructure upgrades and operational costs is paramount. Additionally, recruiting and retaining qualified instructors who can deliver the training programs effectively is essential. Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative effort between the government, local businesses, and the community.

Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue membership is composed exclusively of volunteers, women and men of all ages. MGSAR is always looking for new recruits, if you are interested, please contact us at: join@mgsar.ca

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Puss hardly knew what to make of it now, and sat up stiffly, as if watching with some suspicion what would come next.

Claus knew. The head gave him an idea. He plied his knife carefully and with skill, forming slowly the body of the cat, which he made to sit upon its haunches as the real cat did, with her tail wound around her two front legs.

The work cost him much time, but the evening was long and he had nothing better to do.

Finally he gave a loud and delighted laugh at the result of his labors and placed the wooden cat, now completed, upon the hearth opposite the real one.

Puss thereupon glared at her image, raised her hair in anger, and uttered a defiant mew. The wooden cat paid no attention, and Claus, much amused, laughed again.

Then Blinkie advanced toward the wooden image to eye it closely and smell of it intelligently: Eyes and nose told her the creature was wood, in spite of its natural appearance; so puss resumed her seat and her purring, but as she neatly



washed her face with her padded paw she cast more than one admiring glance at her clever master. Perhaps she felt the same satisfaction we feel when we look upon good photographs of ourselves.

The cat's master was himself pleased with his handiwork, without knowing exactly why. Indeed, he had great cause to congratulate himself that night, and all the children throughout the world should have joined him rejoicing. For Claus had made his first toy.

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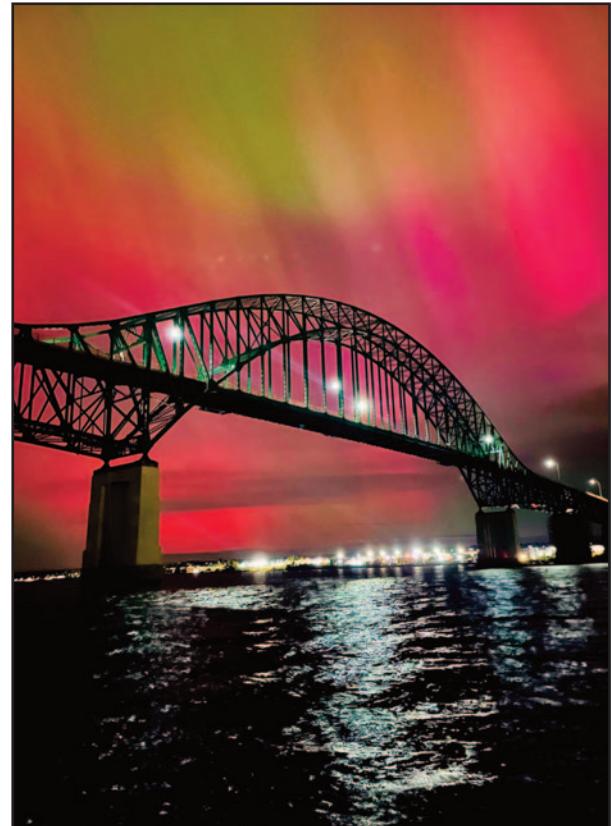
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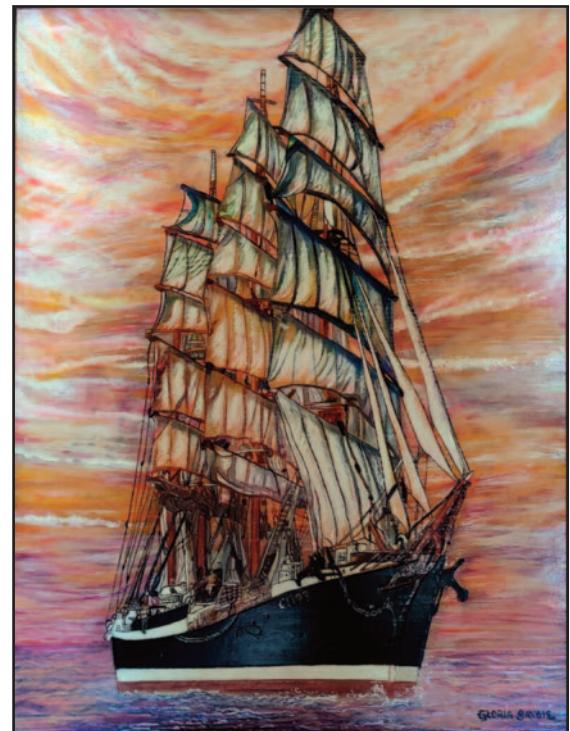
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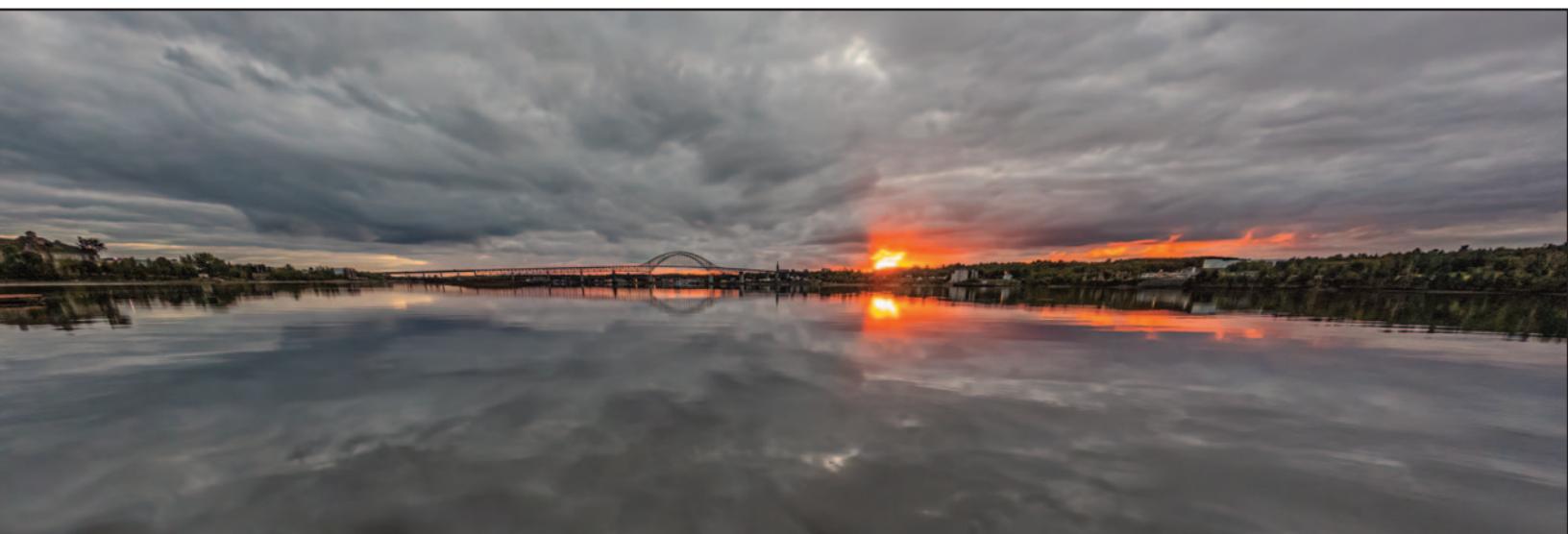


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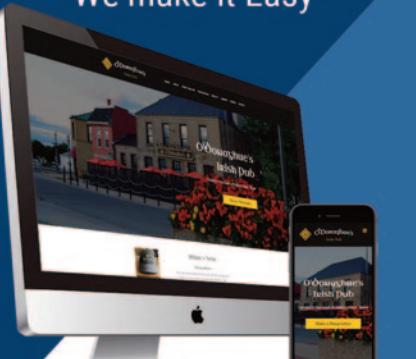
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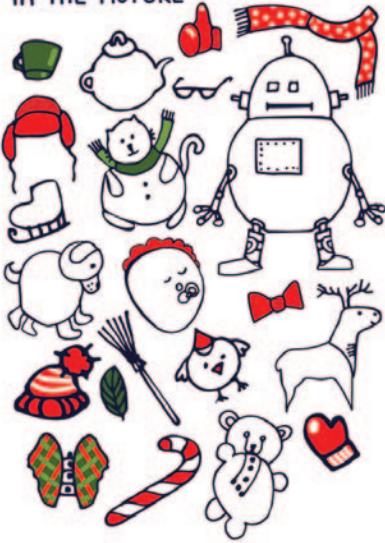
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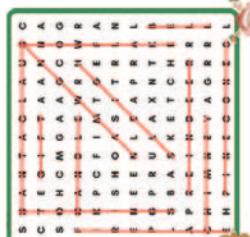
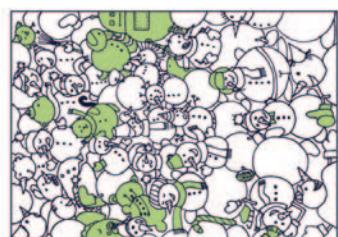
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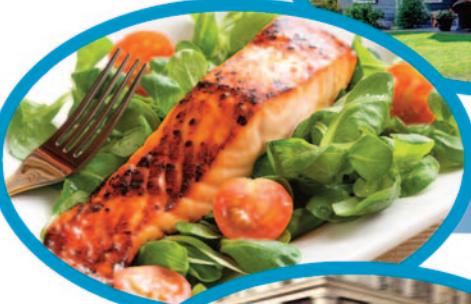
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