

The Doaktown Headwaters

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FACTS ABOUT OUR RIVER

The Miramichi River is an estuarine river, meaning that it has a tidal section where freshwater and saltwater mix. The river's mouth forms a bay where saltwater enters, creating a brackish environment. The Southwest Miramichi River enters Northumberland County and is joined by the Taxis River at Boiestown. From here the larger volume flows northeast. The river is tidal waters below Renous-Quarryville.

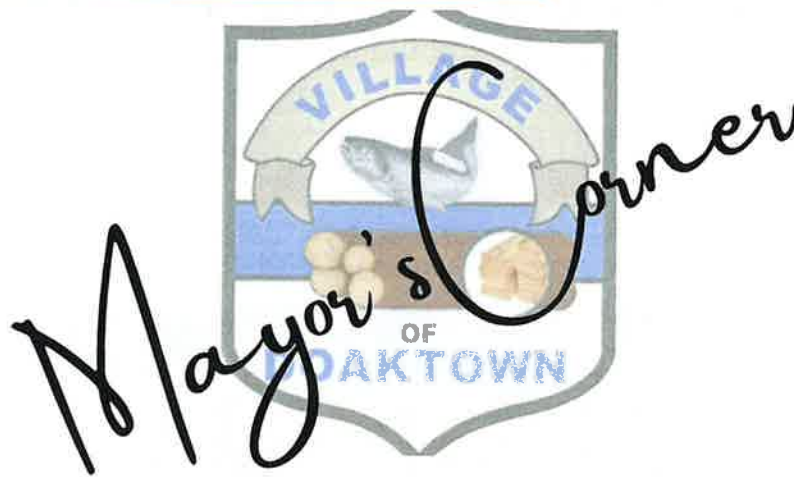
The Miramichi River length measures approximately 250 km and comprises two important branches, the Southwest Miramichi River and the Northwest Miramichi River, each having their respective tributaries.



ORIGIN OF THE NAME MIRAMICHI RIVER

The Montaignais Indians called all the land south of the Baie de Chaleur, Maissimue assi, Micmac Land. The name, spelled a dozen different ways, eventually became Miramichi, and was applied by the white men to the river rather than to the land.





Welcome to mid-summer, it's shooting by. Before you know it, the "Moose Parties" will be setting up and the ice will be covering the Pickleball courts! Now that I have left you with that comforting thought, let's dive into the community's hot topics. This month I will address two issues that have been at the forefront for a while and directly in the limelight in July.

The first order of business is the upswing in crime our Village has encountered in 2025. Each year all Mayors that belong to the Greater Miramichi Service Commission have the opportunity to participating in a briefing session from senior members of the RCMP in the Northwest Region. As the representative of Doaktown, I have had a clear mandate from the residents since our Council was sworn in. Speeding in the Village was the number one concern. This was relayed to the RCMP in this briefing session as part of each community's top three priorities in law enforcement. In 2025 the priorities changed - break and enter and property crime took top spot.

The community has had a spike in crime and the frustration of residents is felt by Council, who are residents also. The concerns brought forward by residents has been addressed through the proper channels. In the case of the NB Day celebrations and concerns of this high profile event, GardaWorld Security has been hired to provide protection & safety during the entire weekend. Council has been engaged with law enforcement. We pay over \$350,000 and feel a deep sense of frustration with several aspects of the service. We believe the coverage, the lack of man power, and the hours of community patrol have to be addressed by our providers.

I want to assure all the residents, from my perspective, the officers with boots on the ground have been exceptional in their professionalism and communication with Council. The coverage area from Miramichi City to McGiverny is unrealistic and places the RCMP in an impossible position. The announcements we receive annually that billets have been added to bolster RCMP manning means nothing if there are no recruits filling them. If you feel Council is not doing enough or you have realistic suggestions to improve our role in this situation, please feel free to approach myself or our Councillor in charge of Policing, Paige Hambrook-Storey.

Another topic that creates a lot of discussion and debate is the construction of a new Emergency Center. During our last monthly Council meeting, the final required items to officially apply for funding through Municipal Capital Borrowing Board was approved. One of those hurdles was to inform the residents of the potential tax increases that will come with this essential facility. This was passed unanimously by Council and the application has been submitted for approval.

Understandably, the residents of Doaktown are concerned with increases to taxation, and we have worked diligently to ensure every angle is taken to keep taxes as low as practical. The construction of this facility will ensure the municipality has an efficient, well-trained and long-term fire department. The building will also ensure there is a community center to provide safety and comfort in a local emergency and will house a headquarters for Emergency Measures Organization along with Search and Rescue. This in turn, will keep insurance costs stable. At this point, the Village has no insight on the impact of the property tax pause implemented by the Provincial government.

On behalf of Council, I ensure the residents of Doaktown that we will work hard to raise money through sponsorship, fundraisers, and money streams through Provincial and Federal partners.

I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating NB Day and enjoyed the opportunity to gather with family and friends, especially as we marked the special anniversaries here in the Village of Doaktown.

Cheers,
Art

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Deadline for the September 2025
issue will be

Aug. 15, 2025

Church Services

Good Shephard Parish - Our Lady of Annunciation

Fridays - 6:30 pm

Saturdays - 4 pm

St. Bridget's - Renous St. Raphael's - Blackville

Mondays - 11 am

Tuesdays - 9 am

Sundays - 11 am

Sundays - 9 am

Abundant Life Church

Morning Worship & Sunday School

Sundays - 11 am

Bible Study

Tuesdays - 7 pm

Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church

Sundays - 11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday - 7 pm

Anglican Parish

St. Andrew's - Doaktown

St. James the Greater - Ludlow

Sun., Aug. 10 & 31

9 am - Ludlow

11 am - Doaktown

Sun., Aug. 17 & 24

9 am - Doaktown

11 am - Ludlow

Miramichi Valley Church

Sundays - 10:30 am

Mid Week Study Wednesdays - 7 pm

United Church

Boiestown & St. Thomas United

Sundays - 10 am

Aug. 10 - Boiestown

Aug. 17 - Doaktown

Aug. 24 - Boiestown

Aug. 31 - Doaktown

Monthly Council Meeting

Regular meetings are held on the
third Wednesday of every month.

Aug. 20, 2025 - 7:30 pm

Sept. 17, 2025 - 7:30 pm

Oct. 15, 2025 - 7:30 pm

Garbage & Recycling Schedule



Aug. 11 - Garbage & Recycling

Aug. 18 - Garbage

Aug. 25 - Garbage & Recycling

Sept. 1 - Garbage



Please note that garbage will not be picked
up in a blue bin or a painted blue bin.
Bins must be placed curbside by 6 am

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Thursday: 12:30 – 4:30 pm and 5:30 – 8 pm

Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on programs and services.

We have Curbside Pick-up!!! Call (506) 365-2018 to book an appointment!



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WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

GAMES IN THE LIBRARY

Mondays & Tuesdays 1 pm



BRIDGE

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4 pm

KEEPING ACTIVE

CHAIR EXERCISES

Tuesdays 2 pm



The library will be closed on Monday,
September 1 for Labour Day.

THANK YOU

Joey's Independent Grocer for
donating an abundance of seeds to
our SEED LIBRARY PROGRAM!!

Summer Reading Club



Tuesdays – 1 pm & Thursdays – 6 pm

Pop-Up activities every Fridays at 1 pm!!



Join us until August 15 for crafts, stories, activities and
more!! Open to kids of all ages. Our Club theme is
"Space" and the slogan is
"Limitless Reading!!"



Please call the library to register (506) 365-2018

Science East - Cookie Mining - Friday August 8 at 1 pm

Teen Reading Challenge



August 7
August 14



6 pm

Don't forget
Literacy tutoring
appointments with
Natalie are available
until August 15.



Thank you Christian Cailliau and Suzanne
Major for volunteering to facilitate
French Classes at the Doaktown Library.

Classes will resume in September.
The library will be starting a French
Conversation Circle group on Mondays at
1 pm and a Beginner French Classes on
Thursdays at 6 pm.

Please call the library to register.
(506) 365-2018

**Upper Miramichi
Community Meals**

**AUGUST
COMMUNITY
MEAL!**

BBQ Night!

*Join us for Hotdogs or Hamburgers served with
coleslaw! Dessert, juice, coffee and tea included!*

WEDNESDAY August 20th 2025

RSVP BY FRIDAY August 15th 2025

CALL: 506-369-7435

**Upper Miramichi
Lions Club
Boiestown NB
4:30p.m.-6p.m.**



**Cost:
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Kids Under 16: \$2**





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Day Pass	\$10.00
6 Months	\$200.00
Yearly.....	\$400.00

Memberships can be purchased:

Doaktown Fitness Centre

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Happy 70 Anniversary Mom & Dad



July 30, 1955



Love Always, Wanda, Ricky, Kenny ,Shelley and Families.

Blueberry Cobbler

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 4 cups fresh blueberries

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place butter in an 8-inch, square baking dish. Melt butter in the preheating oven, about 5 minutes. Remove from oven.

Meanwhile, mix flour, sugar, and milk in a bowl until combined; pour batter over melted butter in the baking dish. Scatter blueberries over batter.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 1 hour.



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Answer



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



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Did you hear about the frog that lost its car?

Apparently, it got toad.



What do you give a thirsty crocodile?

Gater-aid.



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Living in Doaktown for 18 years, raising her family here, working at Ledges Inn and the Atlantic Salmon Museum, volunteering for the Doaktown Library—Hannah is deeply connected to the region.

✓ Ready to Work for You

As Chief of Staff to the Government Caucus, Hannah works directly with Premier Susan Holt and Cabinet. She's ready to hit the ground running and be a strong voice for Miramichi West at the government table.

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Memorials & Thank You



IN LOVING MEMORY



In memory of our brother, Larry Amos.
"A Brothers Love"

Your love was a guiding light,
always there to Brighten Our Day.

Always missed and loved,
Mom, Dad, Wanda, Ricky,
Kenny, Shelley and Families.



In loving memory of
TENNYSON STOREY

whom god called home 5 years ago
August 9, 2020

Beautiful memories are wonderful things
They last thru the longest day
They never wear out
Never grow old
Or can never be taken away
Those who have a husband
Treat him with love and care
For you never know the loneliness
Until you see his vacant chair

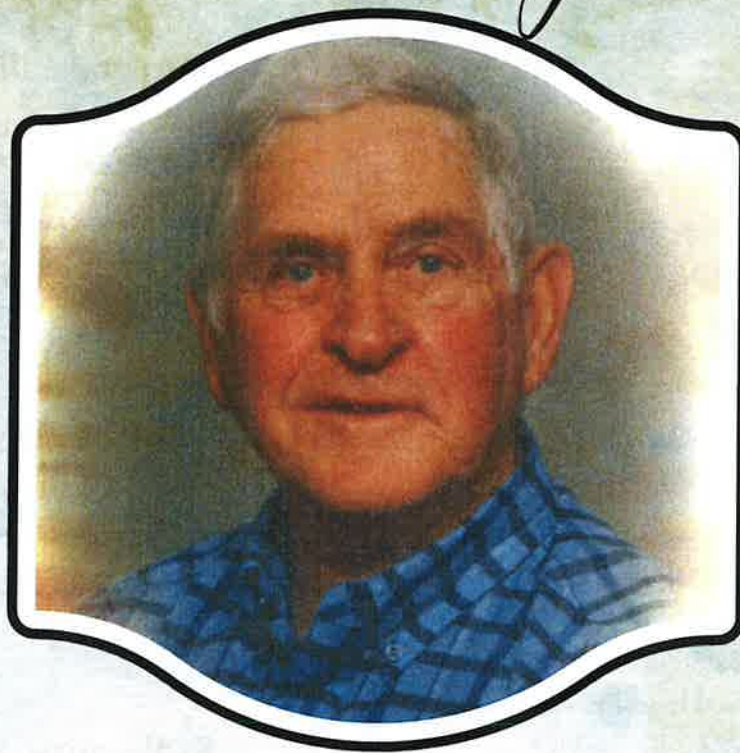
Sadly missed and remembered
Elizabeth and Family

In Loving Memory
Kimberly Dawn Price

Kim, it's been five years
since you left us, but we still
feel the loss.

We miss you every day.
Until we meet again you will
always be dearly loved and
remembered by Mum &
Dad, sisters, Dina & Jenny,
sons, Brett & Cody, nephew,
Noah, niece, Laine.

Thank You



We, the family of the late Vingie R Ward, would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for remembering us in this time of grief. Thank you to those who travelled far and near; for the visits, food, text messages, phone calls, cards, donations, floral arrangements and most importantly, words of comfort.

Thanks to the church family for fulfilling his wishes by taking part in the service. Special mention to Becky O'Donnell (Amazing Grace) and Everett, Derek and Darcy Munn (Far Side Banks of Jordon) for singing the hymns Vingie requested. To the church ladies for providing a delicious lunch following the service.

Also, thanks to the honorary pallbearers for taking the time from their busy day and the grandsons for being pallbearers who once again did what "Gramp" wanted them to do.

A very special thank you to Pastor Carroll for his kindness and compassion; for all the visits and prayers at the home and in the hospital. His kind words that were spoken at the service and the singing of "I Won't Have to Cross Jordon Alone."

Most of all, thank you all for the prayers which continue to give us strength and comfort. Your kindness was overwhelming and will never be forgotten.

The Ward Family

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August Astronomy Events

Perseid Meteor Shower:

- Active from July 17 to August 24, peaking around Aug. 12 - 13.

Planetary Alignment:

- On Aug. 10, several planets will align in the morning sky, including Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

Conjunctions:

- Venus and Jupiter will be close together on the mornings of Aug. 11 - 13, and the Moon will be near both planets on Aug. 20. The Moon will also be near Mercury on Aug. 20 and 21.



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Grilled Breaded Haddock Dinner \$16.

2 pc Fish & Chips (Haddock) \$15.

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served with Garlic Bread

Chicken Parmesan - Seasoned Breaded Chicken Breast topped with Meat Sauce and Mozza Cheese \$22.

served with Spaghetti and Garlic Bread

Charbroiled Smash Burger \$15.

served with Bacon and cheese served with Fries

Hot Sandwiches with Fries (turkey or hamburger) \$14.

Hamburger Steak Dinner \$16.

served with Gravy, Onions, & Fries

Chicken Finger Dinner with Fries \$15.

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Pancakes or Cinnamon French Toast \$13.

With choice of meat, home fries & fresh fruit

Breakfast on a Bun \$13.

With home fries & fresh fruit

Toasted Western, Home Fries and Fresh Fruit \$14.

The Classic Breakfast \$13.

With choice of meat, 2 eggs, home fries, toast & fresh fruit

KIDS Breakfast Special \$10.

(12 and under ONLY)

1 egg, 2 bacon or 2 sausage, home fries, 1 slice homemade toast,
and a small beverage.

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