The Doaktown Headwaters

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Here are a few facts about Christmas for you to enjoy.

Many Canadians open their gifts on Christmas Eve, while others choose to unwrap only one gift on this day and open the rest on Christmas Day.

It takes about 15 years to grow the average Christmas tree.

Each year on Christmas Eve, children and adults across the globe visit the official Santa Tracker to see where Santa Claus is delivering gifts.

The company began in 1955 when an American newspaper misprinted the wrong phone number in a 'dial Santa ad'. The number belonged to Colonel Harry Shoup, Director of Operations at the Continental Air Defense Command, causing children to call and ask for Santa Claus.

Shoup told the children he could track Santa's location on his radar, and the tradition was born!



The Five Gift Rule for Christmas

This is a list to help you make it easy to not get carried away and keep giving under budget.

- 1. Something they want.
- 2. Somthing they need.
- 3. Something to wear.
- 4. Something to read.
- 5. Something they don't know they want.

Seasons Greeting from Mayor & Councillors

Lorrie and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas on behalf of the Village of Doaktown. May the season bring peace, love, and a joyous time spent with family, friends, and neighbours. As we enter into the Christmas season, please take the time to contemplate why we celebrate, as a saviour was born on Christmas Day.



A New Year is right around the corner and we as Village Council look forward to the challenges in 2024. There are many and progress would not be possible without the tremendous effort from our excellent staff and many wonderful volunteers!

We hope to celebrate 2024 at our New Year's Levee in partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 on January I, 2024!

On behalf of Council and staff, have a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Art O'Donnell and Lorrie



Christmas is a time of celebration. "Christ Mass", a celebration of the birth of our saviour. It's a time of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. So this year, as we celebrate the gift that Christmas brings, let us celebrate with the Hope, Joy, Peace, and love that comes with the season that our Savior brings. Be mindful of the needs of others. the less fortunate. Be kind, giving, compassionate, and helpful. Make many memories. May God's richest blessings be with you all this Christmas season. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Councilor Beresford Price and Family.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Councillor Jeff Porter and Judy



After the first year as councillor for the Village of Doaktown and councillor in charge of the fire department and EMO, I feel that we are on the road to improving the state of the fire hall. With a little more time and patience, I believe we will have a safe place of work for our volunteer fire fighters. I want to thank every firefighter for their service in protecting the people and property in our village. On that note, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

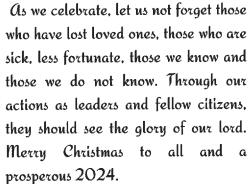
With thanks, Councillor Robert Gilks and Michele



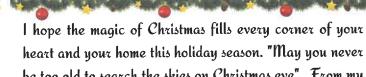


At this time may god bless each and every resident. May our dreams and hopes as a community find favour before

his eyes.



Deputy Mayor Doreen Parker & family.



be too old to search the skies on Christmas eve". From my family to yours, Have a Blessed Christmas and a

prosperous New Year.

Councillor Paige Storey, Jonathan and family





On behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #23 and the Village of Doaktown the public is cordially invited to attend our New Year's Levee.

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

2-6 pm

Doaktown Legion

Music will be provided by Eric Hendricks & Debbie Muck.







The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 Doaktown, NB, has recently completed a very successful Remembrance Campaign. This is the result of many volunteers from the Village of Doaktown and surrounding areas. The Branch wishes to thank the many residents and businesses who purchased wreaths, crosses or made donations on behalf of the many veterans of our area. All proceeds of the monies raised through the campaign are held by the local branch in a separate poppy fund for the sole purpose of supporting veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families.

Again, thank you to the many volunteers, military, RCMP contingents, donors and the many participants of the Remembrance Day ceremony from the Village of Doaktown and surrounding areas.









Santa Breakfast

Come enjoy a mouth watering homestyle breakfast with the one and only **SANTA!**

We will be serving:

- Homemade pancakes
- · Home baked beans
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon
- Toast, Jam and jellies
- Orange and apple juice
- · Tea and coffee

December 9, 2023 8am - 11am

Admission:

Adults \$12.00 Youth 6-18 \$6.00 Kids 5 & Under FREE



Don't forget to bring a camera to get your photo with Santa.

Be sure to check out our mini craft market located down stairs in the art gallery.

DOAKTOWN CURLING CLUB IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMEBERS

Ever thought about Curling?

Do not have the gear to curl with?

Want to give it a try?

We have your covered!! Male or female, young or young at heart, beginner or experienced we would love to have you try curling. We have all the gear at the club to get you started plus we have an eager group to help you along the way. For anyone with stiff, sore knees, or just not able to get down to throw the rock, we also have sticks so you can stand and deliver the rocks.







Join us on Facebook and continue to watch your local newsletters for more information. You can also contact one of our Executive members

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Garbage & Recycling Schedule

Dec. 11 - Garbage

Dec. 18 - Recycling

Dec. 27 - Garbage

Jan. 2 - Recycling

Jan. 8 - Garbage

Jan. 15 - Recycling

Jan. 22 - Garbage

Jan. 29 - Recycling

Please note that garbage will not be picked up in a blue bin or a painted blue bin

ATTENTION

Notice re: Bank Closure

On October the 31, 2023, the Village received notification that our local bank would be closing their doors and relocating their services to 490 King Street in Fredericton, NB. As you can understand, this is very upsetting for the communities. We are growing communities with new expansions on businesses happening daily and yet losing the bank is a big setback for all who rely on that service.

There has been a committee formed to connect with other financial institutions to inquire about serving the banking needs of Doaktown and surrounding communities.

We will be collecting data so we can better prepare information of what our communities needs are. This will be in the form of a survey for residents and businesses of the Doaktown, Boiestown and Blackville areas. When you receive the survey or the link to the survey, please take the time to fill this out and return.

Scotiabank will be opened until June of 2024, but we ask that the public be patient and not move to quickly on your banking changes. Please know that we are being proactive to try and rectify this situation.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments that may assist us, please email Joy Amos at office@doaktown.ca or call (506) 365-7970 Ext. 3





This month's edition of the Mayor's Corner will deal with the building at 328 Main Street. The Doaktown Fire Hall has been condemned for a portion of the building that previously housed the Call Center; it also provided the Department with a training and administrative area. This area was utilized for the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO), it was the headquarters and communication center in case of any emergency in Doaktown. The only part that remains open is the portion of the building that houses the apparatus, a pumper, tanker, first responder, suburban, and off-road rescue vehicle.

The building has had some issues with the roof over the last few years and the Village has performed its due diligence by having the roof evaluated by Robichaud Roofing Ltd in April 2018. Eastern Roofing was hired by the Village to take action on the required repairs in June 2019 and they were again called out for more work in March 2022. There continued to be more issues and damage was occurring internally, leaking throughout the upstairs rooms and into the municipal garage at the rear of the building. The damage throughout this period was causing issues that initiated Council and leaders of the Fire Department to call in Public Health and Work Safe to inspect that portion of the building. There was a myriad of issues that had to be rectified to keep it safe enough to enter and then we were hit with COVID. We were unable to enter the building except in emergency situations and the structure continued to regress.

The insurance company employed by VOD, Marsh Canada Limited, was contacted and they brought Claims Pro into the picture to assess the damage. Claims Pro brought in an independent engineering company to determine if a claim was warranted or this damage was due to neglect on part of the Village. Stantec did an inspection of the building in July of this year and submitted a report back to Claims Pro which did not find the Village negligent. Claims Pro decided at this point to have another company, Roof 1 Consultants Ltd, perform another inspection. We are awaiting results as the inspection has been conducted.

The Minister of Local Government met with our MLA (Mike Dawson), Councillor Gilks, and I to discuss what steps can be taken to begin the process of replacing our Hall. It was determined the following actions will be taken immediately. A contractor will be hired to demolish the west end of the building. The area that houses the truck bays will be fixed to temporarily hold the department over until a new facility is designed and built. This process may take up to two years, but we are moving in the right direction. As of print time for this newsletter, council has not received a decision on our claim for the building.

Next month, BUDGET!

Doaktown Community-School Library

430 Main Street, Doaktown, N.B.

Phone: 506-365-2018



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9am - 11:30am and 12:30pm - 4:30pm Thursday: 12:30pm - 4:30pm and 5:30pm - 8pm

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

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



JOIN US FOR OUR LIBRARY PROGRAMS!!

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES **GAMES IN THE LIBRARY**

Mondays 1pm Tuesdays 1pm



BRIDGE

Wednesdays 12:30pm - 4pm

KEEPING ACTIVE CHAIR EXERCISES

Tuesdays 2pm



TANGLED TALES

KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES

Thursdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

* No meeting in December



FOR CHILDREN

PLAYGROUP (Chipman Care 'N' Share) Wednesdays 9am -11am

Preschool "Virtual" Storytime

Friday, December 22nd - 10:30am



Winter Reminder All library programs will be cancelled on any day school is closed due to weather



Holiday Hours

Monday, December 25th - Closed Tuesday, December 26th - Closed

Wednesday, December 27 - 9am-11:30am & 12:30-4:30pm Thursday, December 28th - 9am-11:30am & 12:30-4:30pm Friday, December 29th - 9am-11:30am & 12:30-4:30pm



Monday, January 1st - Closed



The library is collecting Christmas cards for Canadian Soldiers working overseas this Christmas Season. Please drop your cards off at the library by Monday, December 11th and we [122,122] will forward them on your behalf!

Join Miss Patty online as she reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas!"



Sunday, December 24th at 6pm





Access the Storytime through our Facebook page!

French Class **Program Dates** 2pm-3:30pm

December 4th December 11th





THANK YOU to the Busy Bee Quilters who made donations in honour of Lillian Russell!





Nelvana Stewart Mary Ellen Molasky Shirley Arbeau

Belva Brown Hazel Morris Kathy Arbeau

Do you ever wonder why all the small-town banks are closing? When will Canada create a Central Bank Digital Currency, CBDC?

The Bank of Canada has announced that it's exploring the idea of issuing a digital currency and is considering the insights from public consultations on what features could be included in a CBDC. Similar to other central banks worldwide, the bank is studying the viability of a digital currency in Canada. If you are NOT happy with our banks closure you can call the FCAC (Financial Consumer Agency of Canada) at 1-866-461-3222. You can also write your comments in a letter and ask for a Town Hall meeting.

Address your letter to 427 Laurier Ave West, 6th Floor, Ottawa, ON KIR 1B9.

Bruce Montrose - Doaktown - (506)860-0401



The high school Lady Nighthawks will be hitting the court in December.

Dec. 9-10 - Tournament at Oromocto

High School

Dec. 16 - Head to Bathurst to play

Dec. 20 - Play in Sunny Corner



Doaktown Legion Branch 23 Every Friday Night in December 7–10 pm

> Gary Long & Friends (Gary, Jamie, Dave & Scott)

\$5 cover at the door

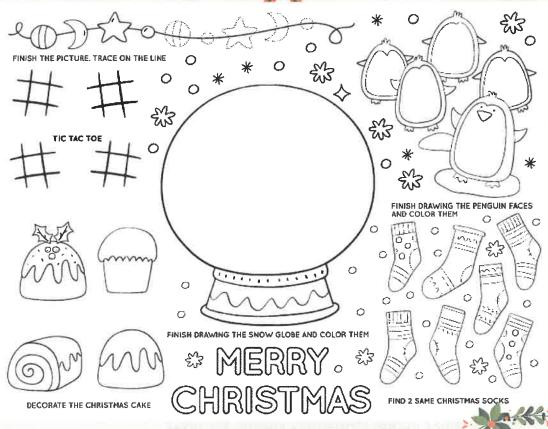
Enjoy great music & try your hand at singing.



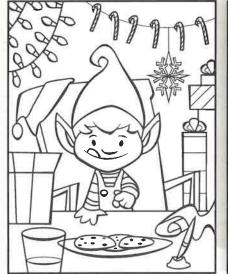
What makes Christmas special for you? Here are some of your responses.

- Town tree lighting with prayers and Christmas carols
- Looking in the sky to see if we can find Santa after listening to the radio telling us where he is in the world. Another is listening to the radio Santa every night! "Santa will try!"
- Christmas eve service at church, Christmas dinner with my mom and siblings. My favourite is Boxing day, I get to sped the day with my children and grandchildren.
- Gathering at mum's with the family and having lunch. Then taking my mom to see all the lights





A mischievous elf wants one of Santa's cookies. Can you find the seven differences between the two pictures of Santa's office?











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Learn a Rhyme, Make a Toy & Play Outside

Looking out the window early in the morning, we all take a quick peek to see what state our world is in as the light of day rises. And yes, again this day, all is reassuringly quiet and peaceful as usual. December is just around the corner as we settle in our prewinter daze. We wonder if winter will be snowy or cold as we recall past winter storms and bad weather systems. We are probably all discreetly worried about changes in the climate and those doomsday tales about nature's possible wrath. But for now all seems all right along the Miramichi river. One has to wonder if things are really changing as we are not all scientists. Would it not be interesting though, to see what is staying the same? What about what is adapting and how it is doing so? One way of doing this with the children is composing a nature calendar on the playroom wall, in a handmade book or a screen visual display to be revisited next year. Go outside and notice what's there. Have discussions with the children about their knowledge and souvenirs. Take pictures or make drawings. Together, lets be comforted with all that is familiar from year to year and from one generation to the other. Learn a rhyme like this one: "I heard autumn singing. A lullay soft and low, as she tucked the flowers and grasses in a cradle of warm and deep. Like a loving nurse and tender, crooning them all to sleep" (L. M. Montgomery). Make wonderful our thoughts about nature.

Nature's picture calendar

1. First snowflakes



5. Yellow needles of the larch trees have fallen off



2. Rose hips shine red



6. White pine sticking out of the forest



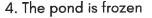
3. Tips of the cedar tree have grown back.



7. The hostas have blanketed their roots with their leaves



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8. Chickadees are there



Contributed by: Suzanne Major (Sue), PhD, Anthropology of Early Childhood Education and Christian Cailliau, MA, Policy, and Practices in Adult Education

Church Services

Good Shephard Parish -Our Lady of Annunciation

Fridays - 6:30 pm Saturdays - 4 pm

Abundant Life Church

Morning Worship & Sunday School Sundays - 11 am Bible Study

Tuesdays - 7 pm

Boiestown United & St. Thomas United

November - December 2023

Boiestown, Sundays - 11 am

- Dec. 3 Communion & potluck
- Dec. 27
- Dec. 31

Doaktown, Sundays - 11 am

- Dec. 10
- Dec. 24 7pm

Miramichi Valley Church

Sundays - 10:30am Wednesdays - 7 pm

Anglican Parish St. Andrew's - Doaktown St. James the Greater- Ludlow

Sunday - Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 31

- 9 am Ludlow
- 11 am Doaktown

Sunday - Dec. 17

- 9 am Doaktown
- 11 am Ludlow

Sunday - Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

- 9 am & 8 pm Doaktown
- 11 am & 5 pm Ludlow

Sunday - Jan. 7 & 14

- 9 am Ludlow
- 11 am Doaktown

Sunday - Jan. 21 & 28

- 9 am Doaktown
- 11 am Ludlow

Christmas Church Services

Abundant Life Church

Christmas Program

• Sun. Dec. 3 - 11 am Gospel Sing Song (basement of church)

• Sun. Dec. 10 - 6 pm

Christmas Eve Service

 Sun. Dec. 24 - 11 am New Year's Eve Service

Sun. Dec. 31 – 11 am

St. Thomas United

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Doaktown, Sunday

- Dec. 24 7 pm Boiestown, Sunday
- Dec. 31 11 am

Anglican Parish St. Andrew's - Doaktown St. James the Greater- Ludlow

Sunday - Dec. 24 -Christmas Eve

- 9 am & 8 pm Doaktown
- 11 am & 5 pm Ludlow

Good Shepard Parish - Our Lady of Annunciation

Christmas schedule is not vet finalized. Please watch the Facebook page and the Village site for an announcement.





Wayne – age 11, Tommy – age 6, Carol Ann – age 5, Shirley Mae – age 4 and Bonnie Lou – age 2

A chance to say thanks with gift of gratitude.

Sixty one years ago on December 13, 1962, my home in Bettsburg, NB, burned down taking the lives of five of my eight children and babysitter (my youngest sister) with it.

Needless to say; I was devastated, on arriving home for lunch on a cold December day to find my home on fire and just two of my young boys outside and the rest of the children trapped inside.

I had no fire insurance as I as just out of ranger school less than a year and was trying to get bills paid up that we had charged while I was in school. I wasn't able to get my children, sister or anything out of the house. I was left with no home, clothes or furnishings whatsoever to put in another one and winter coming on us fast and furious.

I have never been able to thank everyone that helped me. Now, I wish to say thank you to all the people of the community for finding us another house and the many furnishings to live in through the winter, until another could be built, which wouldn't be until the following summer. I also wish to thank everyone who donated money for the new home for us.

A special thanks to Russell & Swim mill crew who donated unselfishly, and the NB Forest Service from all over the province.

A very special thanks to the people of the Village of Doaktown and surrounding areas. Thank you to those who gave from PEI, Nova Scotia, Fredericton, St. John and the many other cities as far away as Maine and New York. This was such a sad and devastating time for me that I wasn't capable of doing what needed to be done, to provide for my little family that was left.

However, the people of the Village started a fund for us and come summer there was enough to buy a new home. So by late summer 1963 we moved into the new home. Still sad from the loss of our children, but so very grateful for all that had been done for us, when I wasn't able to help myself because of the grief.

So to all that helped, and to the families of those who have passed on, who helped me in any way, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Ever grateful,

Glen Parker











What Makes Christmas Special for you?

Here are some of the responses we have received.

- Midnight mass with family. •
- Family Christmas party & Christmas dinner with family.
 - Having a cheese ball, spinach dpi and shrimp on Christmas eve.
 - Watching the Christmas parade with the family.
- On Yule, the grandkids come over and we do some holiday crafts, build a bonfire, have hot chocolate, and toss in our Yule log to burn while we talk about all the things we are hopeful for in the coming year.



605 Main Street, Doaktown, NB Telephone 506–365–4667

Season Greetings from Stewart's Service Station Billy, Carlotta & Staff

Thanking you for your Patronage over the past year!



4 Gift Cards Draw- \$50.00 each Drop your Ballot off..... or email

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Name	 	
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One entry per family..... Draw Dec. 18th E-mail: stewartsgarage1996ehotmail.ca



wishes all her clients a very

Merry Chismas

Thank you for being such wonderful clients this past year and for the great support I received during my transition to my new location.

Thank You Rebecca O'Donnell

449 Carrolls Crossing Road Carolls Crossing NB Phone: 506-442-0516

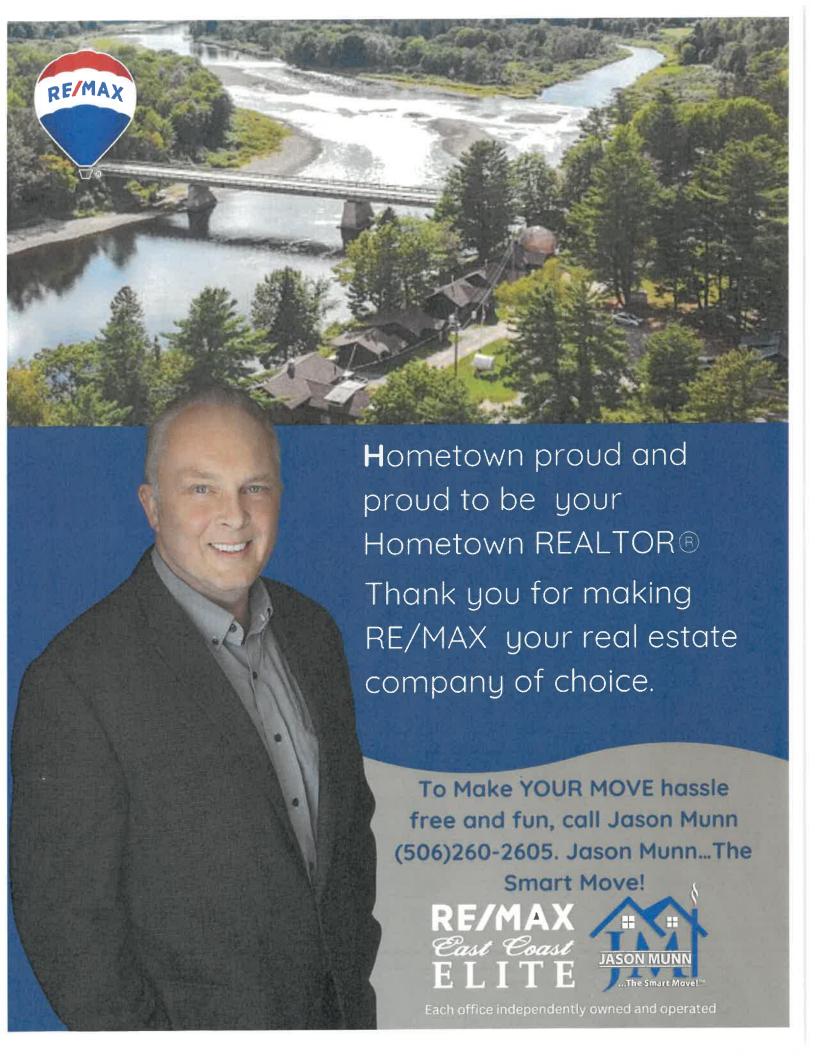
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Saturday, December 9th 10 am to 3 pm

Doaktown Legion 8 Hamilton Dr. Doaktown Need more info? contact Allison: 506 365 5027







Season's Greetings

To the friends Poe been fortunate to make and those to come and to you families and friends . .



Best wishes for a happy and sufe Roliday Scason

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Due to Holidays please note that there will be no Jan. 2024 Issue.



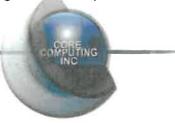


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