

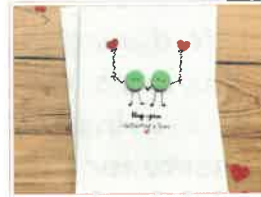
# The Doaktown Headwaters

February 2024

Issue #3



## Top 3 Valentine's Day Gifts

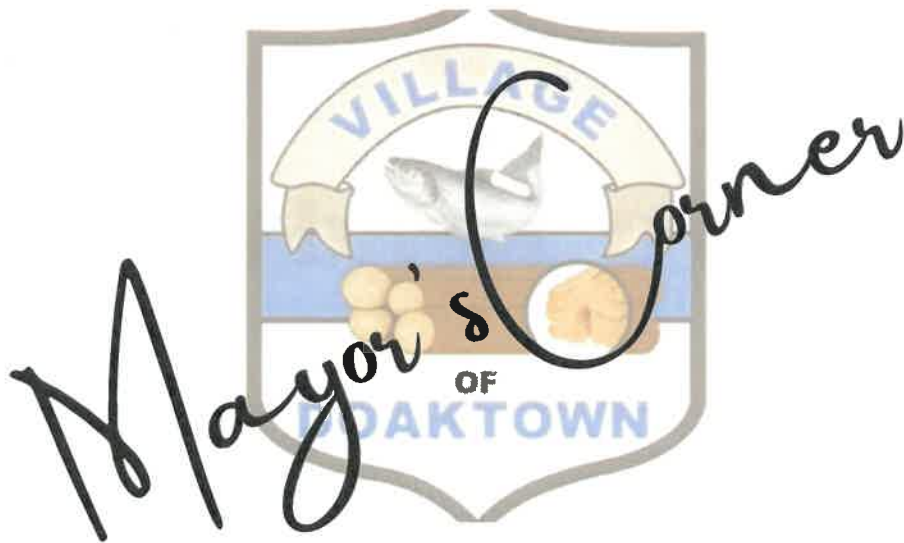


### The Origins of XOXO

The X became synonymous with a kiss in medieval times. At that time people could not even write their name, so instead they would write an X and kiss it to prove that they were honest.

### Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ♥ On average 198 Million roses are produced for Valentine's Day.
- ♥ The first heart shaped chocolate box was produced in 1861.
- ♥ Teachers are the number one recipient of Valentines.
- ♥ The first commercial valentines appeared in England at the end of the 18th century.



In this month's edition of the "Mayor's Corner", I would like to discuss the Municipal Budget. More specifically, regarding restrictions faced by Municipal Government and the major fixed costs that drive the bottom line.

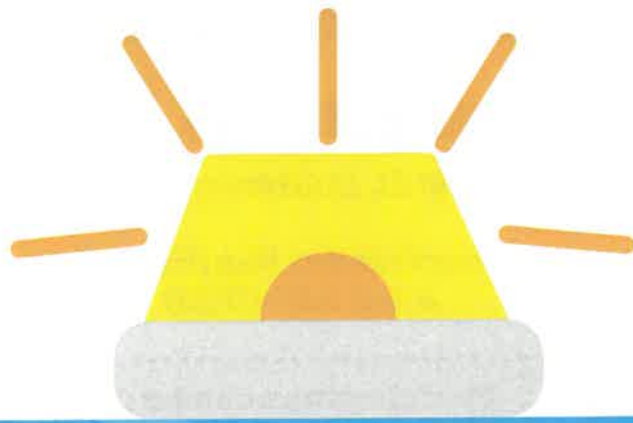
In 2023 Municipal Reform brought the Parish of Blissfield (POB) into the Village of Doaktown (VOD), two entities that had two tax rates with a large gap separating them. The Village Council was mandated to bring the POB rate even with the VOD by 2028 (five years). In order to operate effectively, the tax rates need to be increased in order to close this gap within five years to become equal. The newly joined POB will face substantial increases every year. The facilitator, that coached Council and staff, during the initial process of the Municipal Reform, made an error in calculating tax rates. Once this was identified by staff and brought to the attention of the Provincial Government, they provided a grant for the last fiscal year to compensate for their error. The grant was expected to ease the burden yearly until the five year process was complete. The Village Council requested the grant for the 2024 budget but it was rejected.

Another significant contributor to determining our budget and what Council can spend on preventive maintenance, beautification, upgrades to facilities, roads, and streets are fixed costs from outside. These items are set by outside agencies and take the majority of monies allotted to the Village. Policing 18%, Garbage 9.3%, Insurance 8.6%, and Regional Service Commission, are a few of the more substantial costs.

Council will continue to work on projects and reach out to Federal and Provincial Governments for financial assistance, and we will also work with stakeholders in our community to fund improvements in the Village of Doaktown.

I will leave you with one last thought, "It doesn't mean you are not supporting your party if you question their decisions". We must ensure that our representatives at the Federal and Provincial level know we deserve sufficient money to operate. We have a voice, and it is more powerful if spoken by all.

Art O'Donnell  
Mayor



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to announce that CIBC will be setting up a satellite office within the Village. The banking model will be announced in the next week. It is important for the success of this financial establishment to be supported by businesses and residents in the areas of Doaktown and Upper Miramichi.

Keep watching for  
updates!!





# Doaktown Fitness Centre

334 Main St, Doaktown NB



For more information contact the Doaktown Village Office at 506-365-7970  
or Sarah at 506-478-2099



Memberships can be purchased at the Village Office and/or the Fitness Centre



Village Office (Cash, Debit or Credit)



Monday - Friday - 9am - 5pm (closed noon-1:15pm for lunch)

Doaktown Fitness Centre (Cash ONLY)

Monday - Thursday - 8am-12 noon and 5pm-7pm

Friday - 8am-12 noon

**24/7**

**MEMBER ACCESS**



## Membership Pricing

Monthly.....	\$40.00
First Responders.....	\$30.00/monthly
Seniors (55+).....	\$30.00/monthly
Students(14+).....	\$30.00/monthly
Key Fob (one time only fee).....	\$10.00
Day Pass .....	\$10.00
6 Months.....	\$200.00
Yearly.....	\$400.00



## Come & Check Us Out

### One Day Only Pass

Monday - Thursday 8am-12 noon or 5pm-7pm or Friday 8am-12noon  
Or on the weekend by calling or texting 506-478-2099



Present this coupon during the above hours and come to check out our new facility!

# EVELOCK GILKS MEMORIAL

## CURLING FUNSPIEL & MUSIC FEST

*"He loved sports, music & fishing"*

**DOAKTOWN CURLING CLUB**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>**



- 16 Four Person Teams @ \$160 per Team
- Two 6 End Games Guaranteed
- Registration Includes Curling, Music Fest & Food
- Local Teams Curl Friday Evening
- To Register Call Delmer White at 506-365-5952 or email [doaktowncurling@gmail.com](mailto:doaktowncurling@gmail.com)

Advanced Payment by Cash or eTransfer to [doaktowncurling@gmail.com](mailto:doaktowncurling@gmail.com) required



- 1-3pm Miramichi Kitchen Party
  - Special Appearances by Matchstick Mike & Local Talent
  - Soupy Campbell & The Poor Boys of the famous *Downtown Blues Band* from 3-6pm (or whenever!)
  - Admission \$10 for the Day, Canteen On Site
- Advance Tickets can be Purchased from  
**Delmer White at The Doaktown Curling Club** (see above for contact info)

**Limited  
Tickets  
Available!**



**One Winner - Two Fishing Trips!**

**A: 2 Person, 3 Days at the Miramichi Salmon Club  
During the 2024 Season. All Inclusive**

**B: 2 Person, 1 Day Striped Bass Fishing with Upper  
Oxbow Adventures During the 2024 Season**

**\$10 Per Ticket. To Be Drawn April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE DOAKTOWN CURLING CLUB**

# Learn a Rhyme, Make a Toy & Play Outside

Remember the pleasures of feeling alive, breathing the cold crisp winter air, tasting fresh snowflakes, being mesmerized by large floating Christmas snow, being charmed by diamonds in the snow shining in the sunlight or waking up to see fascinating frost patterns on your bedroom window. So many things to look for and enjoy in winter with children. With a little research on your phone or computer, you can create free activities to help children learn new words, relations and concepts, and keep alive feelings of amazement, fascination, and surprise. Seeing a live puffed chickadee sitting on a branch covered with snow, listening to it chirping, wishing it would eat off your hand, and realizing it is actually looking at you is a real live human experience – the type of experience that keeps children connected with nature through all their senses.

Think about when you step on new thin ice and how it makes the sound of breaking glass. It is a fascinating experience as you need just the right pressure with your foot to break the ice and hear the sound. The sheet of ice is kind of white and is not really transparent. It seems to have crystallized over air pockets. When it breaks, it creates all different patterns. One has to wonder about ice. It forms because of temperature and pressure and is different if it forms with fresh or salt water. There are all these different names for ice. For example, there is pack ice, ice breccia, brash ice or slush, floeberg ice, glaze ice or black ice on pavements, nilas ice and frazil ice. There are also different crystal forms for ice like cubic, tetragonal, monodinic, rhombohedral and non-crystalline. A world of wonders to notice and explore!

February is upon us, and the rays of sunshine are brighter and warmer. Did you notice? It is always this time of winter when I am reminded of my garden because seeds placed in humid earth in small containers by a south or south-west windows can and will sprout. It's a good time to start off basil, parsley, rosemary, sage, and oregano to get them ready for Easter offerings. Seeds are already in stores. A bit of potting earth and recycled plastic bottles with holes in the bottom, and there you have it! Fun to watch during the remaining cold winter days.



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

# 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!!

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### 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

February 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm



#### FOR CHILDREN

#### PLAYGROUP (Chipman Care 'N' Share)

Wednesdays 9am -11am



#### Preschool "Virtual" Storytime

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am



\*\*Winter Reminder\*\*

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

## ♥ ♥ Read-to-Ride ♥ ♥

A reminder to the Doaktown Elementary School students to fill out your Read-to-Ride ballots and return them to the school!



## FREE French Classes

Advanced Class – Mondays @ 2pm-3:30pm  
Beginner Class – Thursdays @ 6pm-7:30pm



Please call the library to register 365-2018



Congratulations to the winners of the Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest!

Abbie Colford's poster will be submitted to Command for the provincial competition. Congratulations Abbie!

Front Row (Left to Right) Kindergarten: Wyatt Walsh, Grade 2/3: Alan Bucasan, Grade 5: Abigail Colford, Grade 3/4: Paige Price  
Back Row (Left to Right) Patty Beek, Beresford Price.  
(Absent Grade 1: Libby Arbeau)

The library will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Family Day



# SCHOOL NEWS

## **Central New Brunswick Academy**



Yearbooks for the 2024 graduating class are now available to order. To purchase one please contact CNBA at (506) 365-2090 or ask a 2024 Graduate.

Central New Brunswick Academy students and staff send out a huge thank you to community members and businesses who contribute to the food programs at our school. In the fall, the Anglican Parish of Ludlow and Blissfield held a fundraising breakfast to support the breakfast programs in the three local schools. Their generous contribution from the proceeds have helped us immensely in sustaining the breakfast program. Our communities continued their support as we strived to host a couple of meals leading up to the Christmas break. On December 20th, students and staff were provided with a turkey dinner and sundae bar. On December 22nd, all were offered a breakfast of ham, eggs, fried potatoes, pancakes and toast/ bagels. It was through the generous donations of our CNBA families and local businesses that we were able to host these two special events. Thank you to J.D. Irving Limited, who donated the turkeys, and DBM Logging (Daryl & Brandi Munn), Storeytown Cottages and MLA Mike Dawson who made monetary donations, along with all the donations of money and food items from the many families and community supporters. The support surpassed our expectations. A shout out to our cafeteria staff, Cheri & Susan, who volunteered their time on both days to support this great initiative. Teachers, EA's and custodians all chipped in to help out in the kitchen and/or for clean-up duties. Students were so polite when served and appreciative of these meals. Definitely, a highlight in our year. Another example of how fortunate we are to have the ongoing support of our communities and parents/guardians/families. Our heartfelt appreciation to all!

## **Doaktown Elementary School**

Encorp Atlantic is a new school recycling program fundraiser that supplies schools & students all the tools and connections necessary to make recycling beverage containers easy. Luckily DES has been accepted into this program. It allows us to raise money for our school by collecting and recycling deposit-bearing containers. DES is doing this throughout our building daily. Grades 3-5 students will be looking after our school recycling. Community members can also donate the money from your recyclables to DES. To donate, take your recyclables to Porter's Bottle Exchange and tell them you are donating them to Doaktown Elementary School. Our account number is 33. We are excited to start this new initiative! All funds will go towards educational materials and/or extracurricular activities.



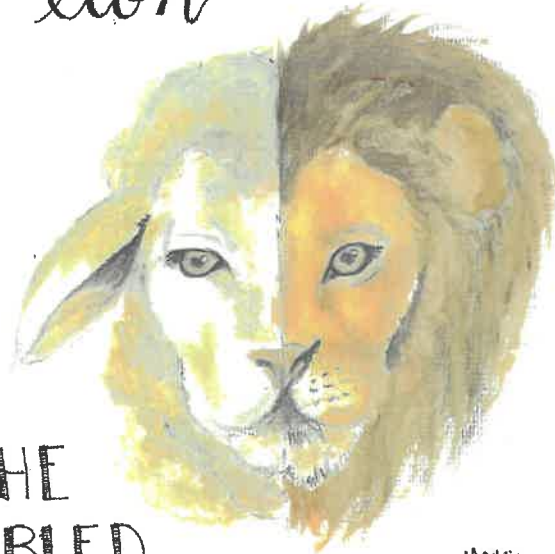
# Student Spotlight

The artwork was submitted by Grade 12 student, Maddison Munn of Miramichi Valley Christian Academy.



HE ROARED  
like a  
lion

HE CARRIES  
MY HEALING  
IN HIS HANDS



HE  
BLED  
as the lamb

- Maddison  
Munn ('25)

## Most Romantic Thing Your Spouse has done for YOU?

R O M A N C E

- Having a bonfire by the river with a bottle of wine.
- He plans surprise trips away

- He picks me wildflowers.
- Laying on a blanket in the front yard watching the stars.
- He took me to the dump in 1978 to watch the bears.



XOXO



# FUN CORNER



## Valentine's Day WORD SEARCH

QOHLOIENVBLMOJN  
 GAXALSCHEARTSSH  
 ICHOCOLATECKDNG  
 FNLMKSRLZIAWSXS  
 THODFWVGOFRCCZK  
 SOXJTERAXVDSARH  
 VLSGGEHFLZERNTY  
 VIOHMTDLMEJCDHB  
 RDRMHHAODWNJYFA  
 OACYUETWPYVTDKP  
 MYPPGAEEQWOTIPN  
 AROYCRFRIENDSNQ  
 NFOENTXSXCUPIDE  
 CZKISSXEWKZJPGJ  
 EOUZAKAVYCBSXKT

- |            |           |           |         |
|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Sweetheart | Valentine | Chocolate | Romance |
| Friends    | Flowers   | Holiday   | Hearts  |
| Cupid      | Candy     | Gifts     | Love    |
| Kiss       | Date      | Card      | Hug     |

Who always has a date on Valentine's Day?  
 A calendar.



Knock, knock.

Who's there?  
 Howard.

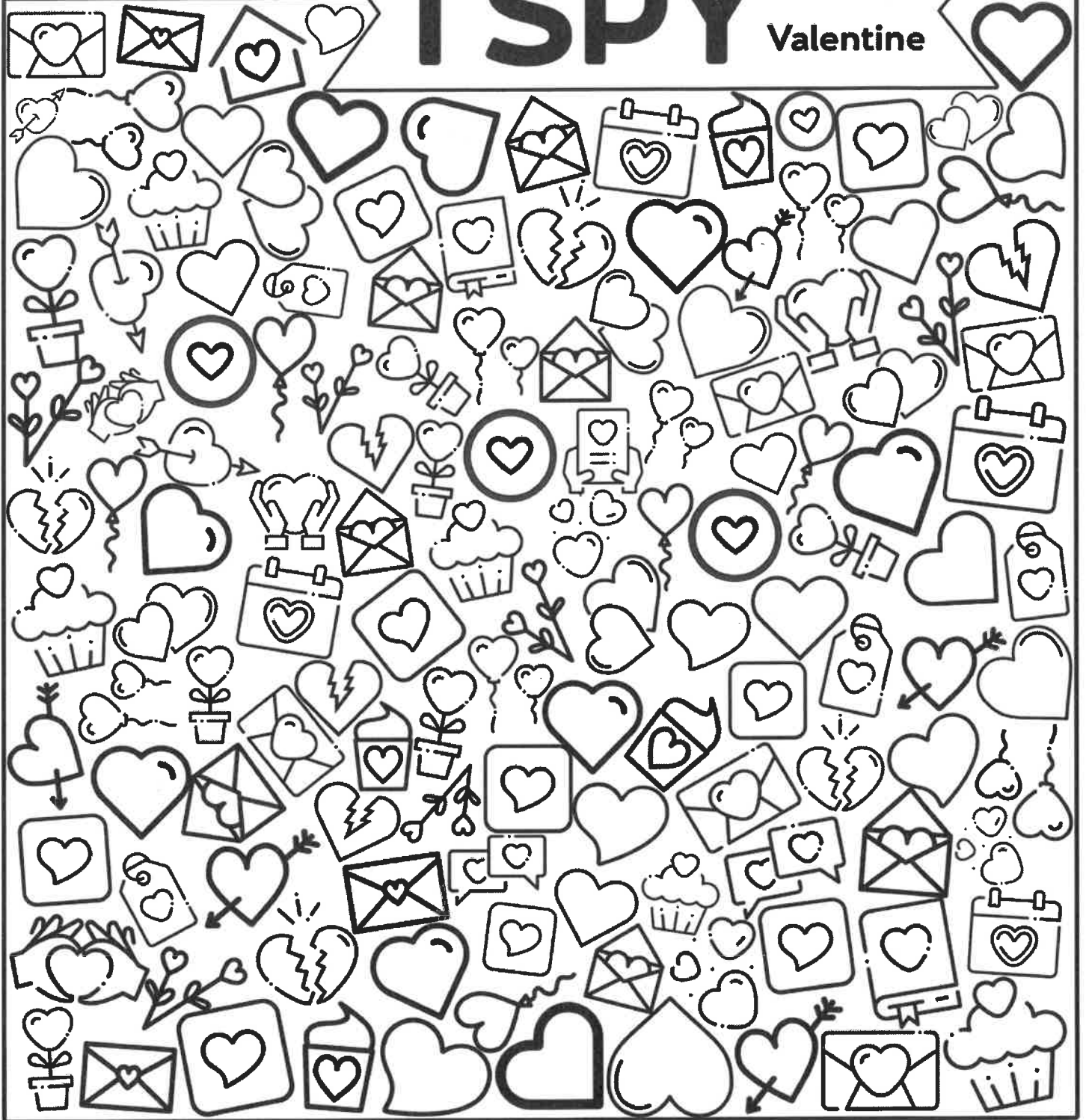
Howard who?  
 Howard you like to be my Valentine?

I hope you have an  
**A-MAZE-ING**  
 valentine's day!



# I SPY

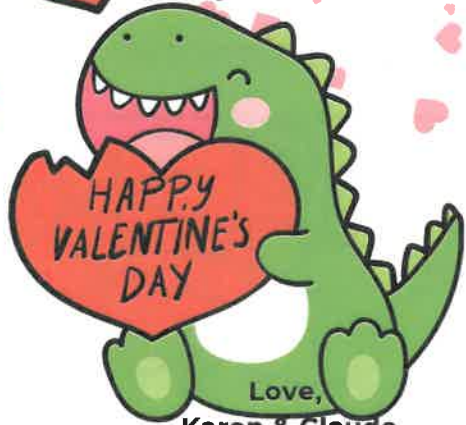
Valentine



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To

Sydney & Ryker



Love,  
Karen & Claude



To Alivia & Lauryn

HAPPY  
VALENTINE  
DAY

Love Krissy, Tim, Dusty & Rosie



Be my Valentine

Happy Valentine's Day Grammie  
Love Sonya, Jennifer, Callie & Kate

To  
Alexis  
& Thea



Love  
Nina &  
Pops



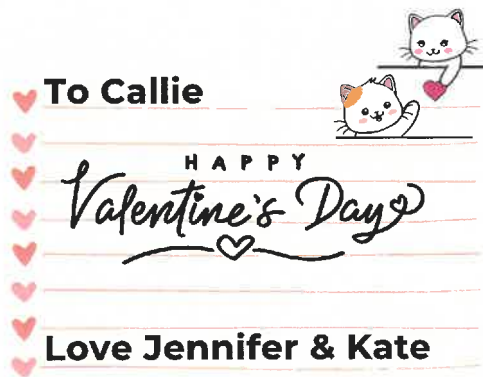
To Ben

Love, Krissy, Tim,  
Dusty & Rosie



Nana Nilah

Love Kate



# 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

## Miramichi Valley Church

Sundays - 10:30 am  
Wednesdays - 7 pm

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

Sunday, Feb. 4 & Feb. 11  
9 am - Ludlow  
11 am - Doaktown

Sunday, Feb. 18 & 25  
9 am - Doaktown  
11 am - Ludlow

## Boiestown United & St. Thomas United - Doaktown

Every Sunday  
Feb. 4 - Doaktown 11 am  
Feb. 11 - Boiestown 11 am-Communion  
Feb. 14 - Doaktown 7 pm  
Feb. 18 - Doaktown 11 am  
Feb. 25 - Boiestown 11 am

## Monthly Council Meeting

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

Feb. 21, 2024 - 7:30 pm  
Mar. 20, 2024 - 7:30 pm  
Apr. 17, 2024 - 7:30 pm



## Be my Valentine

### Garbage & Recycling Schedule

Feb. 5 - Garbage

Feb. 12 - Recycling

Feb. 19 - Garbage

Feb. 26 - Recycling

Mar. 4 - Garbage

Mar. 11 - Recycling

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

# Memorials & Thank You's

**A special thank you to  
the Doaktown  
Christmas Angels for  
the beautiful gift basket  
and throw that we  
received for Christmas.  
Thank you so much for  
thinking of us.  
Love Rita & Trudy Porter**

**In Loving Memory of my Dad  
Charles Howe  
Who left us February 1, 2014  
What I'd give if I could say "Hello Dad"  
in the same old way. To hear his voice,  
see his smile, to sit with him and chat a  
while.**

**So if your father is still here, cherish  
him with care. For you will never know  
the heartache until you see his empty  
chair.**

**Love, your son  
Roger**

**The family of Lawrence  
McDonald would like to thank  
everyone for the condolences,  
food and cards. Special thank  
you to Dana Jardine at Jardine  
Funeral Homes, the Royal  
Canadian Legion Branch #23 and  
all the family who travelled from  
away at short notice. Also, the  
extra-mural nurses who took  
care of him.**



# Advertisements

## the TAX PLACE

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### We Offer

- ⑤ Income Tax Preparation
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Monday – Thursday  
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9 am – 6 pm  
Saturday  
By Appointment

**ARE YOU BEHIND IN FILING YOUR TAXES?  
GET BACK ON TRACK**

**Whether it be one year or several years, we can help!  
Call for a Private Appointment!**

**\$ We make your life less taxing \$**



[peggy@thetaxplace.ca](mailto:peggy@thetaxplace.ca)

**DEADLINE**

Deadline for March Newsletter issue will be  
February 15, 2024.

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AD SIZE	PRICE
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1/2 Page	\$40
Full Page	\$50

Ads can be purchased by cash or e-transfer. Questions and e-transfers can be forwarded to [headwaters@doaktown.ca](mailto:headwaters@doaktown.ca)



**DOG TAGS**

All dogs residing in the Village of Doaktown must possess a tag. Tags can be obtained from the village office during the weekdays, Monday to Friday, between 9 am and 5 pm, at a cost of \$10.  
**CASH ONLY**




Seniors are seeking reliable individuals to assist them with various tasks such as shoveling and putting in wood. If you are interested, please send an email to [headwaters@doaktown.ca](mailto:headwaters@doaktown.ca) to acquire an advertisement, and we will create an advertisement for you in the upcoming edition.



**What did the tater tot say to the French Fry?**

**You are one hot potato!!**





*Be my Valentine* 



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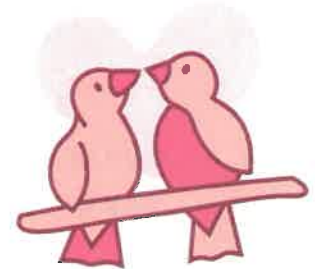
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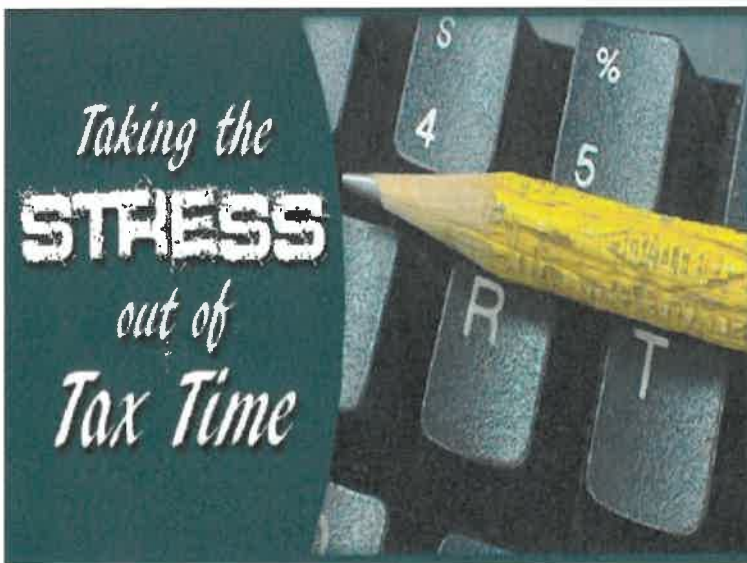


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365-0411 cell

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