

# ***THE DOAKTOWN HEADWATERS***

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This month we celebrate St. Patrick's day on Sunday, March 17 and Easter is Sunday, March 31.



According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs.



Hello folks, I hope the winter months have treated everyone well, and, as the longer and warmer days of spring come, we are feeling refreshed and energetic! In this month's edition of the Headwaters, I will begin by touching on a few items that are in the forefront of Council business.

The closure of our current bank and pursuit of a new form of banking, through CIBC, has occupied much time from attending meetings and formulating how this institution can best serve our area. The Financial committee has met face to face with CIBC executives and staff. This group will be present for a Town Hall meeting on March 7, 2024 at 6:30pm to answer questions from the public and the business sector.

The Councillor in charge of the fire department has been working closely with representatives in the department to develop and adjust our fire boundaries with our neighbours. This is expected to be completed in March.

The Deputy Mayor and I are meeting with the Tourism Minister and other community members to discuss maximizing the Doak Historical property as a hub for tourism including an information center.

During our monthly meeting in February, Council voted unanimously to complete the Well Project on the north side of the river. Ensuring that the water volume is more than sufficient is crucial to guarantee the smooth functioning of the entire system whenever needed. This proactive approach helps in addressing any unforeseen emergency requirements or potential water scarcity issues that may arise from the ground source on the south side.

The final highlight is the record number of people visiting Prospect Place. The hours of usage is up, minor hockey is back and has surpassed previous numbers since the opening of the facility. The senior hockey team has brought a new surge of interest, and, through diligent efforts from our Manager, many openings have been filled from outside groups. A huge thank you to the volunteers that have brought the senior group back, the volunteers developing our youth in minor hockey, and the staff of the facility which certainly includes our canteen staff.



Finally, I would like to address the interest in By-Law enforcement. It was unanimously voted on by the GMRSC that By-Law enforcement would be a great benefit to all the partners in the Commission and this will keep the cost to a minimum. The Village of Doaktown will pay less than any other of the partners, under \$4000.00 annually. The Enforcement Officers will be in our community a couple of times each month for routine business and on demand if there are any pressing issues. This initiative is extremely beneficial when dealing with unsightly premises and this in itself will be worth the cost. The agency will also assist in updating current By-Laws, some of which have not been updated since the 70's. They will also assist in the collection of delinquent payments on water and waste water bills. This alone would pay for their service for approximately ten years. By-Law enforcement has no jurisdiction in areas of policing, that fall under the RCMP or Public Safety's scope, but they will work closely together to ensure there is an open line of communication for community needs. Have a great month and to all the volunteers that keep our community a wonderful place to live, a big Thank You!!

Art O'Donnell  
Mayor



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**TOWNHALL  
MEETING**

**POSTPONED DUE TO PENDING  
WEATHER.**

**NEW DATE: MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**Royal Canadian Legion 6:30 pm**

At Royal Canadian Legion Br#23

8 Dr Hamilton Dr, Doaktown, NB E9C 1E2

...CIBC, will be in  
...take questions, and to discuss  
...distribution/Personal & Business Banking.

# Doaktown Fitness Centre

334 Main St, Doaktown NB

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**Do you want to become a member but feel lost  
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Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

**Cost: \$10.00**

for a demonstration on how to use all of the equipment in the Fitness Centre and how  
to target certain Muscle groups!

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Students(14+).....	\$30.00/monthly
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Day Pass .....	\$10.00
6 Months.....	\$200.00
Yearly.....	\$400.00





# Church Services

## Good Shepherd 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 - 10:30am  
Wednesdays - 7 pm

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

Sunday, Mar. 3 & Mar. 10  
9 am - Ludlow  
11 am - Doaktown

Sunday, Mar. 17 & Mar. 24  
9 am - Doaktown  
11 am - Ludlow



# Holy Week & Easter Services

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

Mon. Mar. 25 - 7 pm - Doaktown  
Tues. Mar. 26 - 7 pm - Ludlow  
Wed. Mar. 27 - 7 pm - Doaktown  
Thurs. Mar. 28 - 7 pm - Ludlow  
Good Friday, Mar. 29 - 3 pm - Doaktown  
Sat. Mar. 30 - 8 pm - Ludlow  
Easter Sun. Mar. 31 - 10:30 am - Doaktown



## ***Learn a Rhyme, Make a Toy & Play Outside***

Last summer and fall, we very carefully observed the birds that came to visit our bird feeder. It seemed to us that there are few of them in our area. We saw woodpeckers, Black Cap Chickadees, Gold Finches, Blue Jays, and the occasional eagle passing by. Scientists like Dr. Matt Betts confirm my impression in his article, "Forest degradation drives widespread avian habitat and population decline." One more sign of our times and a good reason to provide our feathered friends some bird houses to encourage them to hang around. Different birds need different types of houses, different sizes of entrances and prefer specific locations. Bird houses are easy to build, and all specifications can be found on the Internet.

We do have a new flock of pigeons around our bird feeder. They lost their home a few weeks ago when the building they were living on was torn down. They are now looking for another spot and are trying out our roof and that of our neighbor. So, we wondered about them... Did you know that pigeons are doves? Our pigeons are called Rock Pigeons and they come in different colors of grey, white, black, purple, and green. Some are good racers, some are acrobats, many are bred for shows because of their spectacular features. Our pigeons are rural birds, and they eat seeds, insects, and spiders. They are monogamous and mate for life. They are good parents, and both feed their babies called squabs. They always have two eggs in the hope they both survive. They grow up very fast doubling their weight every week.

Pigeons can live 15 years and fly up to 50 miles an hour. They use their beaks like straws to drink water and to give the milk they produce to their young. They have special feathers for flying and other feathers to keep warm. They can fly up straight, hover and go forward. They can be tamed and are quite affectionate. They can recognize colors, so if the entrance of their coop is colored, they will recognize that specific spot as their home. If the pigeon coop has space for ten couples at one point, they will stop having eggs because the space does not allow more individuals. That is a simple way to control their population. Apparently in many countries they are raised as a source of protein and are quite tasty having large meaty breasts. Some pigeon coops can house hundreds of individuals. They do require specific maintenance to keep their homes clean.

We do enjoy their presence and respect their resilience. Its always interesting to make eye contact with them as they seem as interested in us as we are in them. They are part of our environment and probably do their part to encourage other birds to hang around our neck of the woods. Let's look at them with new eyes and see what might come of it.



Contributed by: Suzanne (Sue) Major, 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: 9 am – 11:30 am and 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Thursday: 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm – 8 pm

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 1 pm  
Tuesdays 1 pm



#### BRIDGE

Wednesdays 12:30 pm – 4 pm

### KEEPING ACTIVE

#### CHAIR EXERCISES

Tuesdays 2 pm



### TANGLED TALES

#### KEEPING YOU IN STITCHES

Thursdays 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

#### BUSY BEE QUILTERS

March 7<sup>th</sup> & March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm



### FOR CHILDREN

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

Wednesdays 9 am -11 am



#### Preschool "Virtual" Storytime

March 15<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am



\*\*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!



## French Classes

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



## SEED LIBRARY!!



What would you like to grow in your garden?



We have seeds to help you get started!!

We even have Pumpkin Seeds!



## Pumpkin Growing and Pie Baking Contest!

Can you grow the **BIGGEST** pumpkin?



Can you bake the **BEST** pie?



Judging will take place on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Gardeners and Bakers of all ages are welcome to participate!



Call the library to register!! 365-2018



The library will be closed on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> for Easter.

**HAPPY EASTER**

# Fun Corner



Color Me



Fill in the Vowels

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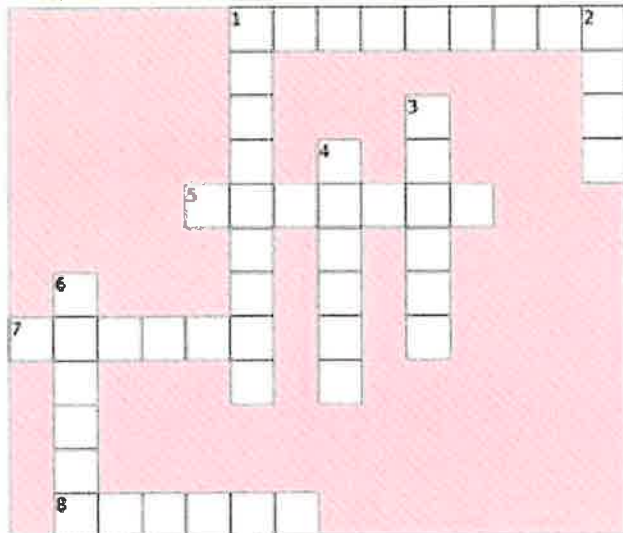
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## Easter Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 WHAT PEOPLE DO ON EASTER
- 5 RHYMES WITH SHOPPING
- 7 A WOVEN CONTAINER TO HOLD OR CARRY THINGS
- 8 A LONG EARED ANIMAL THAT HOPS

### DOWN

- 1 A FAVORITE EASTER TREAT
- 2 THESE ARE DECORATED FOR EASTER
- 3 EASTER IS ON THIS DAY OF THE WEEK
- 4 ONE OF THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE YEAR
- 6 A HOLIDAY IN THE SPRING

## Easter Word Search Puzzle

R S J O M M O F V H V F F W Q  
S M G W X I L Y A R W H E T L  
C P N G P D S C C I O L Y Y Z  
B B I B E T A T I L T N C L S  
X D R L M R I F I S N H D I H  
X G P Q U B W D F U Z E Z M U  
F L S R B T A C B O B Z R A N  
L U D A U Y O K A K D E C F T  
O P R C C H I C K S T I R X N  
W V T E K S A B G S R W L W T  
E U G J Z V E T A L O C O H C  
R C A N D Y B E L S B S K S M  
S Z Z G U J U S Q K I T D I K  
E I Y S U N D A Y L Z G G L E  
N O I T A R B E L E C E M R B

BASKET BUNNY CANDY CELEBRATION CHICKS CHOCOLATE  
DAFFODIL EASTER EGGS FAITH FAMILY FLOWERS  
HOLIDAY HUNT RABBIT SPRING SUNDAY TULIPS



# St. Patrick's Day

word scramble

IIRHS \_\_\_\_\_ LDOG \_\_\_\_\_

OABIRWN \_\_\_\_\_ KAPCIRT \_\_\_\_\_

ADIELRN \_\_\_\_\_ NEEPHEARCU \_\_\_\_\_

MHSOKCRA \_\_\_\_\_ HRCMA \_\_\_\_\_

YKLCU \_\_\_\_\_ ENRAGE \_\_\_\_\_

BACBAEG \_\_\_\_\_ ORLECV \_\_\_\_\_

NETESENEV \_\_\_\_\_

TISNA \_\_\_\_\_

ARDEAP \_\_\_\_\_

ACDNE \_\_\_\_\_



**What kind of spells do  
leprechauns use?  
Lucky Charms**









# School News

Doaktown Elementary School

We are excited to announce that we now have an Epinephrine Auto-Injector (Epi Pen) cabinet in the breezeway. It holds 1 regular and 1 junior Epi Pen for school and community use.



## Favourite Easter Traditions

-  Attending church to celebrate what Jesus did for us
-  The Easter egg hunt.....my children loved it, I hid eggs until they were well into their teens....hopefully they have as much fun hunting eggs with their children as I did with mine
-  Easter Vigil Mass service
-  Easter Cantata at Miramichi Valley Church
-  Our Easter egg hunt. We do an outdoor hunt rain, snow or shine and have been for over 23 years with family and friends.
-  When I was a child, I put an easter basket under my bed. When I woke up the basket was filled with candies.

*Happy Easter!*





# STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



This month's student highlight is from Doaktown Elementary. As part of their school improvement plan they are participating in one kindness project per month. Here is a sample of kindness posters created by our students.



## **Ham & Potato Scallop Supper St. Raphael's Catholic Church Hall Blackville**

Sunday March 17

Music 2-4 pm and supper served at 4 pm

Adults - \$15

Youth - \$8

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**Garbage & Recycling Schedule**



- Mar. 11 - Recycling**
- Mar. 18 - Garbage**
- Mar. 25 - Recycling**
- Apr. 1 - Garbage**
- Apr. 8 - Recycling**

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

**Monthly Council Meeting**

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

- Mar. 20, 2024 - 7:30 pm**
- Apr. 17, 2024 - 7:30 pm**
- May 15, 2024 - 7:30 pm**







# Memorials



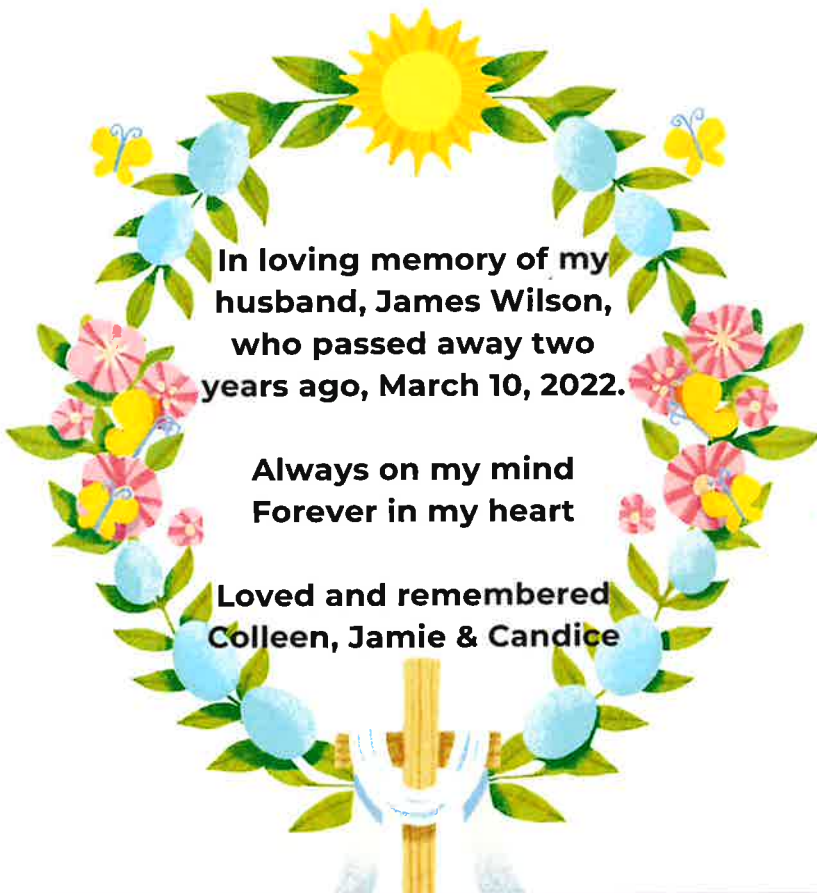
**In loving memory of  
our dear friend Mae Green  
who left us March 18, 2023  
Loved and missed  
by Vem & Linda**



**In memory of our wonderful  
mother, Helen Amos.**

**In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Sweetly, tender, fond and true.  
There is not a day dear Mother,  
That we don't think of you!**

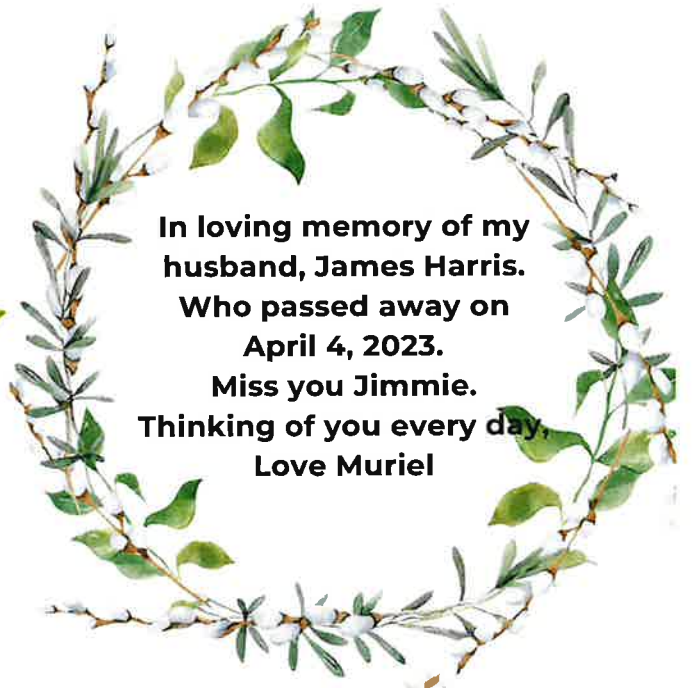
**Lovingly remembered by your  
family**



**In loving memory of my  
husband, James Wilson,  
who passed away two  
years ago, March 10, 2022.**

**Always on my mind  
Forever in my heart**

**Loved and remembered  
Colleen, Jamie & Candice**





**In loving memory of my  
husband, James Harris.  
Who passed away on  
April 4, 2023.**


**Miss you Jimmie.  
Thinking of you every day,  
Love Muriel**



**TABATHA GRACE MARGARET  
&  
TODD ANTHONY DALE  
March 6, 1994**

**Remembering our twin children on their 30th birthday anniversary. We were blessed with the birth of our miracle children. Our hearts were so full of love, hope, excitement at the thought of having a son & daughter, a brother & sister, for our son Gary . Our "twin jewels" are missed and thought of everyday. God knew their pain, the struggles in their tiny bodies. We thought about so many things as we held you and your tiny hands. We prayed you would be stronger . We struggled with our selfish thoughts-we wanted you to stay. There's a secret place within our hearts where our memories are tucked safely away. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever truly know. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE when we are reunited with them in Heaven with our LORD.**

**Dad & Mom/ Dale & Cindy Morehouse**



**In Memory of my Dad, James Harris.  
Dad, it seems just like yesterday we were sitting in your kitchen telling stories and reminiscing of past adventures. Days passed and there are faint memories, but other days I can feel your presence. We had some difficult times and memorable times but when God saved us "he drew us closer in our man ways". Words never really had to be spoken; we just seemed to connect. I thank God every day for the time we had, and I know you are with God forever.**

**Love and miss you lots Dad,  
Keith**







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HAPPY  
Easter





**DEADLINE**

Deadline for April Newsletter  
issue will be

**March 15, 2024**

**AD SIZE**

**PRICE**



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\$20

1/4 Page

\$30

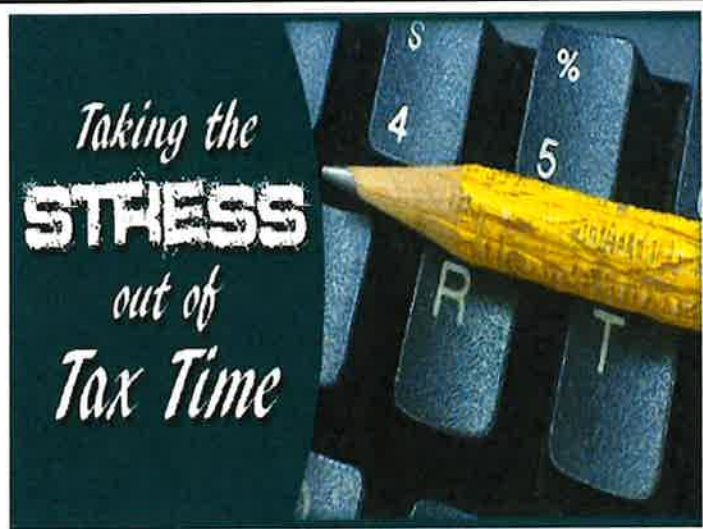
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**Arthur O'Donnell**

Oversees all Village concerns.

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## Deputy Mayor

**Doreen Parker**

Transportation, Economic development/grants, Tourism, Doaktown Community Park & picnic site

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