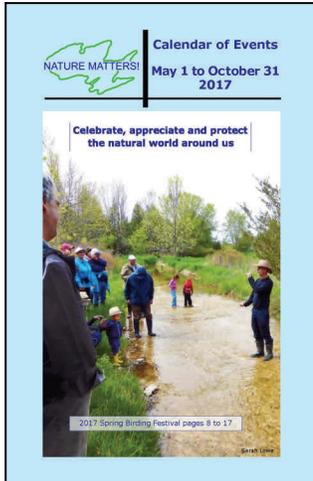


Nature Matters! in South Marysburgh

By JC Sulzenko



In a bold move, members of the Board of Directors of the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) decided it was high time to showcase events and activities about the natural world in and around the County from May to October. To this end, they developed the **Nature Matters!** project which will launch at the Observatory at the end of Long Point Road right after the April long weekend.

A print and online 48-page booklet in full colour, **Nature Matters!** pulls together for the first time programs and activities offered by local outdoor, naturalist and environmental groups for the enjoyment of County residents and visitors alike.

Conceived and designed by PEPtBO Board member Borys Holowacz, who led the production team, **Nature Matters!** contains a detailed calendar and descriptions of events and programs in South Marysburgh and around the County from May 6 until October 31. Copies of **Nature Matters!** will be available across the area by the end of April. A PDF of the booklet is downloadable now from the PEPtBO website at www.peptbo.ca

"This part of the County, South Marysburgh, offers unique opportunities to celebrate, appreciate and protect nature and our natural heritage," Peter Fuller, President of PEPtBO, explained. "The programs described in **Nature Matters!** provide everyone and every age group with chances and choices to connect with the beauty and diversity of nature along the County's South Shore."

The project turns the spotlight on South Marysburgh, where many events take place. Highlights include PEPtBO's Spring Birding Festival (with programs for children, hikes, and a bus tour) and its fall Migration Matters Festival; Prince Edward County Field Naturalists (PECFN) outings and their BioBLITZ excursions to discover flora and butterflies on the South Shore; St. Philip's Anglican Church's Annual Black River Canoe Trip; anniversary and dog-friendly celebrations at the Mariners' Park Museum; a guided walk to the Point

Traverse Lighthouse; a taste of bee-keeping at Long Point Honey Co., and of heirloom tomatoes at Vicki's Veggies; and exploring the dark sky at Point Traverse in October.

This project is a first for PEPtBO and underlines the registered charity's roles in monitoring migrating birds at the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, and as the official caretaker for the Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA.)

Forty kilometers of Lake Ontario shoreline in South Marysburgh and ninety square kilometers of land and water habitats now carry the environmental distinction of being designated as globally significant. PEPtBO acts as steward of the IBA and remains devoted to protecting the ecological integrity of the area and to advocating for its unique environment.

Presented with the support of the Gosling Foundation, NatureHood Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada, and embraced by County advertisers, **Nature Matters!** extends an invitation to all comers to enjoy the natural wonders found along the South Shore and in the County.

Detailed descriptions and contact/registration information on individual programs are now available online in **Nature Matters!** at www.peptbo.ca

For further information on PEPtBO, please contact Cheryl Anderson at 613.849.7743 or cherylander-son23@sympatico.ca.

For further information on the **Nature Matters!** brochure, please contact Borys Holowacz at b.holowacz@sympatico.ca.

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ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 29	Yard & Rummage Sale
Monday, May 22	Annual Black Creek Canoe Trip
Wednesday, August 9	Pork & Corn Roast
Saturday, October 7	Yard & Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 25	Christmas Bazaar & Tea

The South Marysburgh Recreation Board

The Marysburgh Mummies
The Milford Fair Board

Meetings, Events, Announcements

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"Nonsense"

March 31, April 1,2,7,8,9
Mt. Tabor Playhouse

Wii Bowling

Milford Town Hall
Thursdays until April 27th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Music Circle

Sunday, April 9
Milford Town Hall
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Art Classes

Tuesdays from April 11 to May 30
10:00 a.m. – noon
Milford Town Hall
(To register please contact Bruce Dowdell)

Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Milford Town Hall

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 2017
(Details elsewhere in this issue)

Recreation Board Meeting

Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.
Milford Town Hall

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The Annual Milford Easter Parade & Festivities

Saturday, April 15, 2017



Decorate Your Bonnet

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the
Ann Farwell (Milford) Library

Milford Easter Parade

Assemble by 10:45 a.m. at the
Town Hall Parking Lot

(Treats for children under 12!)

At 11:00 a.m. the parade
proceeds to the Fair Grounds

*The Knitting of the Giant
Scarf, Easter Egg Hunt, Hot
Chocolate & Loonie Hot Dogs*

Begins at 11:20 a.m. (or so) at
the Ball Diamond



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Add more joy and balance to your life and
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I have recently become a Yoga instructor with
certification from Sivananda Yogo Centre in the
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home at 106 Morrison Point Road beginning on
April 3rd.

Classes are every Monday, Tuesday &
Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and are
limited to 5 people per class, so reservations are
recommended. Private classes are also available.

Please call or text Vicki Emlaw at 613.848.7791
for more information and to reserve your space.

Rearview Mirror

Nostalgic Images of People and Life
in South Marysburgh



On the William York farm (about a quarter of the way along Morrison Point
Road), apples and other farm produce were sent to Kingston and New York
State. This dock was also used by the Cardwell Post Office to send out and
receive mail and parcels. Today, the post office building is the roadside store
for Vicki's Veggies. (The community of Cardwell was later called Black River
Bridge and then shortened to Black River.) Excursion steamers such as the
Aletha also docked at the Jarvis Wharf to pick up and drop off day travellers.
This was the beginning of tourism in this area of the County.
(Caption and photograph courtesy of Conrad Biernacki)

Embarrassing Situations

By George Underhill

You've done it, I know. You've committed some social faux pas that you remember clearly and regret. Here are a few of mine. At a seminar in Toronto of dedicated conservationists, I was seated at lunch with a group of eight, none of whom I knew. Predictably, lunch was vegetables and other things good for you. Playing the good person, I had on my plate several miniature tomatoes. I don't know the proper way to eat these things. Popping an entire miniature tomato in my gaping maw seemed a little boorish, so I opted to bite one in half, thinking that's how a gentleman would do it. When I did, the half tomato not in my mouth gave in to the pressure and exploded, expelling its contents violently into the face of a heavy woman next to me. She reared back in her chair as though I had slapped her face. There was nothing I could do but apologize extravagantly, particularly as others at the table had witnessed my hideous mistake. After she had cleared the tomato from her face, I was forced to point out some residue on her blouse which she had missed. She did not take all this as a joke, but acted as though I had spit on her, which in a way I did. Yes, it was an embarrassing social faux pas. Alas, it was not my first and only.

This one wasn't my fault, but it sure was embarrassing. My father worked for Carters, a company that makes and sells underwear. I was probably in the fifth grade when one of my parents volunteered me to model some of the current year's product line. It was underwear! I had to walk about in front of a crowd of people wearing only tighty whities! I had no choice; I had to do it. If I was in the first grade, I might have been able to do it easily because you're not really modest at that age. I remember my grandson got in trouble in the first grade because he was showing off his spiderman underpants on the playground. If he tried that in the fifth grade they would have imposed a more onerous penalty than a little talking to. Anyway, I did it, but I was mentally scarred for years. Probably still am.

I was teaching a friend fly fishing when he whipped his line around me and impaled my finger with his fly. At the hospital, the lady doctor deftly cut the hook out and I remarked that I was glad he hadn't hooked me in my hindquarters. She responded that she had removed fishhooks from every part of the human body.

That wasn't really embarrassing, but I thought when I started this piece that I would remember many humiliating errors, but I can't. Like you I have forgotten the names of friends and acquaintances, forgotten appointments, arrived late for meetings, the "normal" social mistakes. I do it so often now they don't embarrass me anymore. I regret them, yes, but am not embarrassed by them.



April at the Winery

Spring is here and we are busy bottling our '17 new releases... Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Riesling

Easter Weekend

The Bunny is delivering eggs early, so we are serving up an Egg Inspired Nibble Menu, including our Wood-fired Pizzettas. Served only on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 From 11:00 to 2:00. Bring your binoculars and check out the vineyard and scout for returning birds. Enjoy a glass of wine on the patio or inside the tasting room

Happy Easter to All...
may the Bunny bring you extra eggs!

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South Bay U.C.W. and Milford Friendship Circle Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thurs. April 6th: Milford Friendship circle will meet at the home of Barb Balsillie at 1:30 p.m. Barb has Thought for the Day; Roll Call – an old adage; Program – articles for Alternatives for Women.

Wed., April 12th: U.C.W. will prepare a pot luck lunch for 12 noon to which anyone is welcome as we are having special speakers to tell us of the many benefits of the Prince Edward Learning Centre. Our roll call is an Easter thought.

Please reserve the following events:

Wednesday, July 5 – Fish Fry, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
\$16.00

Saturday, November 18 -luncheon and craft sale 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. luncheon \$10.00

Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Something's Cookin'

David Larkin's unfortunate passing last year left The Mirror without a cooking column, a problem that will be remedied beginning next month by occasional contributor, George Plow. In response to his question about parameters for submissions, he was instructed that recipes shouldn't be too complicated; to use locally-sourced ingredients whenever possible (and provide information about availability); and to pay attention to seasonality and special occasions (April, for instance would not be the time to submit a recipe involving rabbit!). Hopefully, readers will find his contributions useful.

Goodbye to a Good Guy

The fact that South Marysburgh and the rest of Prince Edward County hasn't been overrun with industrial wind turbines is, in large part, due to the efforts of Bill Wightman, who passed away at the beginning of March.

In his own considerate, thoughtful and quiet way Bill was a tireless and determined fighter for the causes he believed in, among them the imposition of the Green Energy Act on rural Ontario.

He was easy to like and someone who was easy to follow; one always learned something when in Bill's company. A gentleman to the end, he stood up whenever a woman entered a room, regardless of the circumstances, attired as he usually was in a jacket and tie for most occasions.

Bill will be missed by so very many people in this community whose lives he touched with his intelligence, wit, insight and determination.



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April 29, 2017

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10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE

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(NO ELECTRONICS)
PLEASE BRING BAGS

New Plans for the Milford Market

Dan Murphy and I attended a meeting of the South Marysburgh recreation committee in March on behalf of the Milford Market. The committee is looking forward to hosting the market at the Milford fairgrounds again this summer. The market will open on Saturday 20 May (Victoria Day weekend) and will run until Saturday 7 October (Thanksgiving weekend) from 9am to 2pm.

This year, in an effort to attract more vendors (and more shoppers) we will be expanding the scope of the market beyond our usual fare of food and crafts to include antiques, collectibles, salvaged and upcycled goods, vintage finds, and more.

As in previous years, we will have permanent booths set up in the red shed, with tables and chairs provided, for \$10/week. New this year will be \$5/day outdoor booths available for those who wish to participate for just one day, a few days, or the whole season. This option will replace our annual Boot Sale and will be available throughout the summer for anyone who has something interesting to sell.

If you know of anyone else who might be interested in participating in the market, please feel free to forward this article. Please call 613-503-2234 or email nacomeau@me.com to let us know if you would like to reserve a space.

We look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and planning for an exciting 2017 season in Milford!



Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
April 1927

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Fri. 1 - Wind North East blowing quite fresh. We all went up to Stephen Dulmage for the evening. Floral came home with Elmor

Sat. 2 - Some colder to day didn't work at anything much. Mira and I went up to S.S. Harrington for the evening had a good time.

Sun. 3 - Mirt Floral and I went down to Mr. Spafford's and Clayton Dulmage. After Dinner Lloyd and Kathleen came down Luise stayed in Picton.

Mon. 4 - Royden and I drew out manure around the apple trees.

Tue. 5 - Worked in the orchard trimming trees

Wed. 6 - Mirt Royden Wrex and I went up to John McCaws to a party Earl Macintosh and Annie went up with us.

Thu. 7 - Change in the weather colder froze quite hard last night.

Fri. 8 - Royden went around selling seed to day. Floral didn't come home.

Sat. 9 - Mirt Wrex and I went over to Picton Floral and Kathleen came home with us.

Sun. 10 - Wait and Kiddy were up to day visiting weather stills continues cold.

Mon. 11 - Took the Girls over to Town Scarlet Feaver in the school so closed the school for awhile Floral came home again.

Tue. 12 - I plaster some up stairs Mirt and Floral in the house cleaning

Wed. 13 - I went Back to Lloyds drove the Star Back. Royden back there had new brakes put in her.

Thu. 14 - I sowed some sweet clover and Timothy on the Rye. Royden Rolled it. Kathleen has a few hollow days now and she is back to Lloyds

Fri. 15 - I plowed here in the orchard. After Dinner Royden went down and cultivated the ground I had corn on last year

Sat. 16 - Plowed in the Four noon after noon cultivated on the Flats. Lloyd and Luise came down Kathleen came down with them Lloyd Luise went out to Mr. Hudgins

Sun. 17 - All went around to church Easter Sunday a very large crowd out Lloyd and Luise out for tea Wrex went home with them.

Mon. 18 - Cultivated on the Flats A very nice day

Tue. 19 - Mirt and I took Kathleen over to Picton Royden cultivated on the Flats.

Wed. 20 - I sowed the orchard here by the house with Wheat. After Dinner went to the Flats and sowed 81/2 bus of Peas & Oats on the corn ground Lloyd and Mr Parlement were down after their Pigs Lloyd took my car home with him and left his down

Thu. 21 - We started to work Back quite nice weather

Fri. 22 - Rained last night some didn't work much on the land

Sat. 23 - Change in the weather Colder dragged the grain in the Flats.

Sun. 24 - Mirt Floral and I went up to Archies. got Archie and Ina and went back to Lloyds took his car back and got ours The weather was very cold.

Mon. 25 - Royden and I went Back Wind blew a gale and cold

Tue. 26 - Commenced to rain about Ten Oclock and we had quite a rain stopped work. Took sow down to Collins

Wed. 27 - Royden went out to the net. Got six white fish and one salmon Mirt and I cleaned the cellar to wet to work on the land Rolled the field.

Thu. 28 - Work Back cultivating Very cold

Fri. 29 - I took Five calves and my Old sow over to Picton It was very cold

Sat. 30 - Sowed 8 bus Back Floral came home with Hamilton. After Tea Mirt Royden and I went over to Picton Kathleen came home.

Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

On April 11 Nelson reports that "Scarlet Feaver" has closed the school. Scarlet fever had been a significant killer of children and young adults throughout the nineteenth century. When epidemics broke out, at times it would have been the most significant killer. Even though by 1927 there were protective anti toxins available, the occurrence of scarlet fever at the school in Picton would surely have struck fear into the hearts of parents. This quarantine sign, dating from 1927, would have been a familiar sight to people of Nelson and Mirt's age.



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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: A good name is obtained by many actions and lost by just one.

- A sign on the lawn of a drug rehab centre said "Keep off the grass."
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- The man who survived pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- Don't join dangerous cults, practice safe sects.
- What's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist? A. An optimist is the guy who created the airplane. A pessimist is the guy who created the parachute.

"I had an accident opening a can of alphabet spaghetti this morning," said Murphy.

"Were you injured?" inquired Seamus.

"No, but it could have spelled disaster," concluded Murphy.

Sandra was out getting groceries and while stopped at a red light, her car died. It was a busy intersection and the traffic behind her was growing.

The guy in the car behind her started honking his horn continuously even though she was trying her best to start her car. Finally, Sandra got out of her car and approached the guy in the car behind her.

"I can't seem to get my car started," Sandra said, smiling. "Would you be a sweetheart and go and see if you can start it for me? I'll stay here at your car and learn on the horn for you."

Finnegan – "My wife has a terrible habit of staying up 'til two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her of it."

Keenan – "What on earth is she doin' at that time?"

Finnegan – "Waitin' for me to come home."

Written by a Wife of Many Years

I'm in the kitchen every day as I have been for years.

Early morning, noon and night, cooking for my dear.

I mince and chop and peel and pare

I boil and stew and fry with care

Saute and roast and make a cake,

I whip and beat before I bake.

Now I'm getting old and weary
and tired of standing on my feet.

Why doesn't my dear husband
ever take me out to eat?

Her Husband's Reply

My poor wife is all put out and that's
what this poem's all about.

She doesn't want to cook anymore and
says it's not what she lives here for.

In my fashion I try to help some,
she knows that Mars is where I come from.

Cooking and cleaning are no easy task,
but if she wants to eat out, why doesn't she ask?

When NASA started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work at zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 million developing a pen that wrote at zero gravity, upside down, underwater and on almost any surface from freezing to 300°C.

The Russians used a pencil.

What's the difference between a man and a woman?

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Exit Line: Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.



The flyer features a blue border and a central illustration of a branch with orange blossoms. The text is centered and includes the church name, event title, date, location, time, phone number, menu items, and ticket information.

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APRIL 26, 2017

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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

Council received deputations from Kingston Hospital Foundation; the Canada 150 / PEC 225 Ad Hoc Committee (of which I am a member) concerning local events to celebrate these milestone anniversaries; the Picton Splash Pad Committee nearing its goal to raise funds to begin construction; and the Ministry of Transportation concerning the reconstruction options of the Highway 49 Skyway Bridge. Rick Conroy, the publisher of the Wellington Times, made a well-reasoned and researched deputation concerning the immediate need for new housing development in the County for the sake of affordability and young families.

A number of important agenda items were deferred until this month owing to the Picton Harbour emergency, including the special events by-law; municipal and school board voting alternatives for 2018; Picton Harbour development; and updates to the procedural by-law.

Apart from involvement in the Canada 150 / PEC 225 Ad Hoc Committee, I attended the monthly PEHAC meeting in my role as council representative, and the Museum Advisory Committee meeting to hear of their exciting plans for this anniversary year, all of which are available at the museum's website.

Along with Mayor Quaiff, I was brought up to date about the C3 icebreaker expedition that will travel around the perimeter of Canada to promote our 150th anniversary, including its first stop in Prince Edward County on June 2nd which is certain to attract significant publicity.

The expedition will involve a number of well-known artists, musicians, politicians and writers as well as members of the public who will disembark and tour the County, and participate in some special planned events, before departing on June 4th to continue the voyage.

Plans are still evolving but more details should be available soon.

The Picton Harbour water emergency underscored a number of issues that council will need to consider in the near future including a review of the source water protection plan for Picton. Although the fuel spill amounted to only 30 litres, it could have been much worse had it involved a larger ship. Members of municipal staff, led by Mayor Quaiff, did an exemplary job of keeping the public informed and providing contingencies for their needs.

On a local level, PEPTBO is launching their informative Nature Matters! Booklet this month, and our hard-working recreation board have organized another day of events around the annual Milford Easter Parade.

Have an enjoyable Easter!

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Rain Barrel Fundraising Sale

The County Sustainability Group is selling rain barrels and composters to raise funds for their PECE Student Environmental Bursary.

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Rain barrels include a leaf & mosquito filter, spigot, connector and overflow hose. Many accessories are also available.

Ordering:

Orders must be placed online by May 24th at www.rainbarrel.ca/csgpicton for guaranteed availability.

Pick up:

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What's going on at The Library

By Barbara Sweet, CEO

Thanks to everyone who came out to the March Break programs in Milford! Thanks to Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory for the great Feathers and Feeders & Finding Feathered Friends programs. Thanks to the members of Grampa's Goodtime Gang who came out to share music with everyone in the community. Rave reviews from everyone who came!

While we're talking about music, you will be happy to know that our esteemed Musical Instrument Lending Library volunteers, Don Hinde & Mario Panacci are back from vacation and will be at the branch on Saturday mornings to help you decide which of our many instruments to try.



Functional Fitness is starting at the Milford Branch Library on April 6! It will run weekly on Thursdays

from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Functional fitness is chair based, incorporates some standing exercises and promotes strength, balance, flexibility and mobility. These contribute to continued independence, fall prevention and increased well-being: \$3.00 per class. You can come for the whole series or just drop in for a class. Register by contacting Tracy at (613) 399-2023 or by e-mail register@peclibrary.org. We have a good-size group registered already and look forward to it.

If you're starting to think about Easter, we're very excited to announce that we'll be holding our annual Easter Bonnet decorating on Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Bring your own bonnet or hat and we'll provide all the decorating supplies. Whitney will be here to help you design your own look for the parade.

In literary news, the Prince Edward County Authors Festival in April is approaching with authors including Joy Fielding, Steve Burrows, Marilyn Simonds and more. Drop by to pick up the schedule and to borrow books by any of the authors. There's a great slate of titles and presenters for The County Reads, too. The great debate will take place on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Books and Company and you can purchase your \$5 ticket at Books and Company.

April is Poetry Month, so we're celebrating in every branch of the library with a "Poetry Creation Station" where you can create your own poem to share. It's a fun way to get involved with the written word, and people of all ages are invited to participate.

With the nicer weather approaching, why not drop by the library and pick up a gardening book? Get inspired to get your hands in the soil. If you don't have a library card yet, drop by the library to register for your free card and borrow books, DVDs, magazines and more.

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South Bay U.C.W.



U.C.W. met at South Bay United Church Hall on Wed., March 8 at 1:00 p.m. President Sandra opened with "Ten Commandments of Retirement" after which we repeated together our theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer.

Maureen's devotional was based on Ruth 1, verses 1 – 15. When Ruth's husband died, she accompanied her mother-in-law to her home instead of rejoining her own family. We need to ask ourselves, "How do we receive people from other countries with their different religions and cultures?"

Six members answered roll call with the "wearing of the green" for St. Patrick's Day. Fifteen sick calls were made.

Sandra and Maureen attended the Presbyterian meeting at Westminster U.C. on Feb. 28th. We thank them for gathering and dedicating the collection for our U.C.W.'s responsibility.

Maureen and Carol volunteered to prepare breakfast for after the Sunrise Service on Easter, April 16th.

The ladies set dates for the following events: Wednesday, July 5th, our annual fish fry, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$16.00 each. Sat. Nov. 18th, luncheon and craft sale 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. luncheon is \$10.00 per person.

Collection was received and dedicated.

Karen's program was a reading about a container of buttons that brought back many memories.

Our U.C.W. closing prayer sent us all on our way home.

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Milford Friendship Circle

Margaret Crouse graciously received the members into her home on Thurs. March 2nd at 1:30 p.m.

President, Margaret opened the meeting with the truism – Happiness is like a disease. It spreads. Margaret's Thought for the Day was a reading entitled "Thank Heaven for Friends."

Collection was gathered from seven members and our finances were reviewed.

Sympathy cards and phone calls were reported. We received a thank you card from the Picton Food Bank for our money donations.

Margaret challenged our memories by displaying several household items which we had to make a list of later. Thank goodness our lives didn't depend on how many we could remember.

The ladies then spent a pleasant time enjoying the lunch supplied by our hostess and catching up on everyone's activities. Maureen voiced our thanks to Margaret for the enjoyable afternoon.

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The subject of a stylistic facelift to the South Marysburgh Mirror discussed in February was brought forward at one of last week's AoG confabs by the arts review sub-committee who had gone so far as to commission some mock-ups of new designs.

By way of explanation, the sub-committee's Chair presented some of the logic behind the new proposed branding, all of which were mounted on foamcore and displayed on an easel for all to review.

"Well, all things considered, we have to make sure the visual appeal of The Mirror attracts not only long-time residents but also all those new folks moving here. That's why we came up with "South Marysburgh Life"; it'll make all those Toronto people feel at home and shouldn't offend the locals."

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"But," continued the Co-chair, "we took it a step further. What if The Mirror was renamed "Prince Edward County Life", without a border around the words? It could thus be omni-geographical—for all wards!"

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There was some head scratching and quizzical looks about the meaning of the term "omni-geographical" but no comments or questions were posed as the presentation proceeded.

The Chair continued, "Or, 'South Marysburgh' could be dropped from the masthead so it'd just be "The Mirror" which is what people call it anyway. Shirley at the post office always has people coming in and saying to her "Is The Mirror out yet?" or "The Mirror's late again!"

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"We toyed with the idea of calling it "The SM Mirror", said the Co-chair, "but that may have created the wrong impression."

There was general consensus that the sub-committee had done a good job but that public opinion would be important prior to recommending any implementation strategy. The sub-committee was tasked with taking the new renderings to the public for comment and reporting back later in April.

Owing to the time devoted to The Mirror, the other agenda items—discussion of a condominium development at the site of the Black River Cheese Co., and the role of some members of the AoG in the Blue Whale exhibit in Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum - had to be deferred to a future meeting.

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Black River: Schooners, Commerce and Tourism

By Conrad Biernacki

When looking at the 1784 map of Marysburgh showing surveyed lots in preparation for the arrival of refugees from the American Revolutionary War and disbanded military regiments, it is immediately apparent that there are no roads (or towns) yet. The lots were long and narrow to give as many settlers as possible access to the water. In the beginning, travel by boat was the only method of transportation. (Owners of landlocked properties were less fortunate and were dependent on roads that would soon be constructed.)

Dependence on water transportation necessitated shipbuilding. Vessels of all kinds were made in several locations in South Marysburgh: Point Traverse (Long Point), Port Milford, and Cole's Landing in Milford (located about seven kilometres upstream from the mouth of the Black River—then a relatively navigable river with the assistance of some dredging). Milford's wharf was not only a location for building schooners and steamships, but a regional centre for shipping goods in and out of the area. However, such activities were not confined to Milford.

Although Milford had sawmills, a blacksmith and hotels to accommodate shipbuilders' craftsmen, building a schooner could take place anywhere there was an adequate supply of wood (either from a sawmill or cut from live trees) and nearby water deep enough to launch a vessel.

From the 1860s to 1880s, the Black River was an active waterway from Cole's Landing to John McDonnell's property just beyond the mouth of the Black River on Prince Edward Bay. Along this stretch of the river there were several wharfs and warehouses.

1. Andrew Minaker Wharf. It was located on the south bank of the Black River downstream from Jackson's Falls.

2. Alva Grimmon Wharf. East of the bridge where Black River Cheese is today, this complex also included a warehouse where local produce was stored to be shipped out and manufactured goods arrived. Local farmers worked collectively to bring in their grain for export to Oswego, just across Lake Ontario in New York State. Schooners were loaded using a small wooden cart on narrow rails. Tender fruits grown by Alva Grimmon, as well as locally grown apples, were sent by schooner to Kingston.

3. Gilbert Jarvis Wharf. On the William York farm (about a quarter of the way along Morrison Point Road), apples and other farm produce were sent to Kingston and New York State. This dock was also used by the Cardwell Post Office to send out and receive mail and parcels. Today, the post office building is the roadside store for Vicki's Veggies. (The community of Cardwell was later called Black River Bridge and then shortened to Black River.)

Excursion steamers such as the Aletha, Reindeer, and Ella Ross (renowned as the "glamour ship" of the Deseronto Navigation Company fleet) also docked at the Jarvis Wharf to pick up and drop off day travellers. This was the beginning of tourism in this area of the County.

4. John McDonnell's Wharf. On his 300-acre farm (half way along Morrison Point Road) near the mouth of the Black River, there was a large grain storehouse and a loading dock for two and three-masted schooners.

At least three schooners are known to have been built along the Black River somewhere between the Black River Bridge and the mouth of the river.

Gold Hunter (1862). William Dulmage laid the keel and added some of the ribs in the fall of 1861. The partly constructed boat was sold to Captain Cummings Hume who partnered with William Ellis and Jacob Jackson (who established and taught at the Jacob Jackson School at Jackson's Falls). Shipbuilder David Tait finished the job. This two-masted schooner was 114 feet long with a capacity of 13,000 bushels of grain. Jacob Jackson then bought out his partners to become the sole owner. The launch of the Gold Hunter was celebrated by giving an orange to all those in attendance. For many, it was the first time they had seen or tasted an orange. At the age of 22, Captain John D. Van Alstine bought the Gold Hunter in 1865 and traded barley from the Bay of Quinte to Oswego. Later, the ship transported lumber on the upper Great Lakes. The Gold Hunter was under Captain McLeod when it was wrecked on the Georgian Bay side of the Bruce Peninsula at Little Pike Bay in 1889.

Hibernia (1863). This two-masted schooner held 7,000 bushels and was also built by David Tait. It was constructed "at the mouth of Black Creek" and was owned by William Ellis and Patrick McMahan. In 1866, William's brother Hiram bought McMahan's share and later that year sold the schooner to a Toronto owner. The Hibernia transported grain to Oswego and other U.S. ports, and later took lumber to Toronto and further west.

Morning Star (1873). Built by John Tait for Patrick McMahan, this schooner held 5,000 bushels. Under Captain John Brown, it was wrecked just east of Oswego.

So when you're paddling down the Black River during the annual Canoe Trip on May 22 (leaving the Guernsey's home adjacent to Cole's Landing and arriving at the dock at Black River Bed and Breakfast in the midst of the ghosts of past wharfs and storehouses), take a moment to reflect on what a busy highway of commerce the Black River once was. In the tradition of the launch of the Gold Hunter, everyone will be handed an orange by several folks welcoming your arrival who will be dressed in 19th-century schooner-days attire courtesy of The Marysburgh Mummies.

Thank You....

Despite a very cold day the 1st. Milford March Musicfest held at Mt. Tabor was a success. A good crowd enjoyed the 3 hrs. of music from Country to bagpipes. Special thanks go out to all the volunteer entertainers, sound operator Paul Johnson, Bruce Dowdell, Mummers, and Ken Fraser for his generosity in re-donating the 50/50 draw. A total of \$830.00 was raised.

Dayton Johnson



Pat Johnson makes the donations to both the Milford Firemen's Assoc.. and the PEC Paramedics teddy bear fund .

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Hello Steve

A happy new year to you.

I am glad to continue receiving the mirror. I get to read about my uncles, aunts and cousins in the Hicks journal. Jake and Lib were my grandd' parents. (Father & mother of my mother Inez.

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Hugh

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Join the Fun on Victoria Day Monday 22nd Annual Black River Canoe Trip

By Conrad Biernacki

The cultural vitality of South Marysburgh is highlighted by many longstanding annual events such as The Milford Fair, Winter Carnival, The Marysburgh Mummers, Music at Port Milford, and Vicki's Veggies' Victoria Day Weekend Heirloom Tomato Seedling Sale and Labour Day Weekend Heirloom Hurrah Tomato Tasting.

But another annual event has enjoyed great longevity, too. St. Philip's Annual Canoe Trip has been a time-honoured tradition for the last 22 years.

It all began in the spring of 1995 when members of St. Philip's Anglican Church in Milford, along with anyone else who wanted to come along, took a canoe trip down the Black River. Ever since, it has been a popular annual event.

All residents of South Marysburgh are invited to participate. On Monday, May 22, bring your canoe, kayak or paddle board to Harley and Karen Guernsey's home at 17 Chapman Crescent in Milford. Launch time is 11 am. The destination is the dock at Black River Bed and Breakfast run by Conrad Biernacki and Brian Musselwhite at 68 Morrison Point Road. It's just beyond Black River Cheese (Black River Bridge, County Road 13). Look for the brightly coloured fish windsock on your left. (McMahon's Bluff is on your right and Prince Edward Bay is straight ahead.)

It's not a race! But a gentle paddle down one of the longest and the most picturesque rivers in the County. The ever-changing views along the winding Black River will keep you in awe for the entire two hour, six kilometre trip. It's not that strenuous—you're going with the current!

Most of the trip is through areas of forest and farm pastures. Watch for Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, Mute Swans, Swamp Sparrows, Baltimore Orioles, Marsh Wrens, Common Yellowthroats, Belted Kingfishers, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, and Mallard, American Black and Wood Ducks. Painted and Blanding's turtles may be seen sunning themselves on rocks and logs.

Keep track of the different birds you see along the river. After you've docked (and stretched your legs), you'll notice a board displaying photographs of all the birds likely to be seen at this time of year. Put a sticker on the ones you saw. Those with the greatest number of stickers will win prizes!

Black River, known as the largest river in the County, is actually the third longest: Consecun Creek is 34.5 km, Sawguin Creek is 19.3 km, and Black River is 19.2. We lost second place by only one-tenth of a kilometre! But we'll keep the bragging rights about being the "largest," eh?

The drainage area of Black River begins in the north just this side of Lake on the Mountain and Waupoos. From Picton, it runs from Mcaulay Mountain south to almost as far as Soup Harbour. The eastern boundary

stretches to South Bay. Before the last ice age, Black River is thought to have flowed into Soup Harbour instead of making the abrupt turn eastward at Milford as it does today. The drainage basin for Black River is almost 150 square kilometres, approximately half the area of the eastern part of the County.

For the first time, the landing party will enjoy live music. This year by Bill McBurney. Some of you may have already enjoyed his performances around the County or have his CD. And off the BBQ will come not only sizzling hotdogs donated by the Gurenseys, but delicious pastured pork and bacon burgers courtesy of Bob and Shelia Burkinshaw of Morrison Point Farm. Once again, Bill Cowan will be our BBQ master. Salads are provided by the volunteers at St. Philip's Church.

Many of you already make this an annual must-do event. The weather has never defeated the spirit of the St. Philip's Annual Victoria Day Canoe Trip! It's where old and new friends meet. New participants are heartily welcome! It's the perfect way to end the May long weekend.

Remember to bring life jackets and any extra ones that you might have. Don't forget to bring your camera and binoculars. No canoe? No worries. Let us know and we'll try to find one for you. If you have canoes, paddles or lifejackets that you would kindly lend for the Canoe Trip, please let us know. They will be picked up and promptly returned by members of the Canoe Trip committee.

Further information:

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The Woolworth Connection

By Bill Cowan

In 1850, nearly 165 years ago, a girl named Eliza Jane Creighton was born in a log cabin overlooking the Bay Of Quinte. Her family had emigrated from Ireland and with them came the Morrison's. Eliza Jane's grandmother was a Morrison. I offer this only because it is relevant to the story.

I had a tour of the St. John's cemetery recently and observed a well-cared-for plot containing the tombstones inscribed "Creighton" adjacent to a tombstone inscribed "Morrison". The Creighton's buried there are the grandparents of Jennie Creighton.

To get to the point of this tale, Jennie Creighton, who attended St. John's Church as a girl, went to Watertown, New York, with her cousin, Margaret Morrison, to learn dressmaking. Maggie, as she was called, sent Jennie down to Moore's store to buy a spool of thread and the young clerk that waited on her was none other than Frank Woolworth. It was love at first sight and Frank and Jennie became an "item". Jenny and Frank married in 1876 and it was said that the couple attended St. John's church in Waupoos when visiting the Creighton's.

While he worked in Moore's store, Frank came up with the idea of a "five & ten cent" store. Mr. Moore let him have a counter to try the idea out. The items for sale included pins, thread, combs etc., and they sold so quickly that Frank wanted to set up an entire store selling inexpensive products; much like the "Dollar" stores of today. Anyone over 50 years of age will remember a Woolworth's in nearly every town; I recall a great soda fountain with ornate stools in the Kingston store.

Frank and Jennie borrowed \$300.00 from Mr. Moore and started a 5 & 10 in Utica, New York. The business and Frank's health failed so they went to live with Frank's parents on a farm near Watertown. After a year of farming, they decided to follow their dream. They borrowed \$500.00 from the Morrison girls who were prospering in the dressmaking business, and opened a store in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Their first child, Helena, was born at that time and the story goes that the baby slept in a clothes basket under the counter, while Jennie served the customers.

To save money, Frank came up with the idea that the products sold would be wrapped in newspaper (@ \$0.02 cents a pound) instead of the usual wrapping paper (@ \$0.10 cents a pound). (All of this information was found in the June 21st and 27th issues of the 1947 Picton Times.)

An interesting article appeared in the February 19th, 1925 issue of the Watertown Times:

"Word was received here today of the death of Miss Margaret Morrison in her 94th year. She was a former widely-known resident of this city who had been living in Picton, Canada for 26 years. For the last 14 months she had been cared for by her half-sister, Mrs. W. Welbanks, of Milford, Ontario, in the latter's home. Frank

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Woolworth termed her "the Mother of The 5 and 10 cent Business". She was a friend of various members of the Woolworth family and was a frequent guest in their New York home."

Needless to say, the F. W. Woolworth Company became a worldwide success. In 1913 the Woolworth building in New York City was the tallest building in the world. F.W. paid for it with a cheque in the amount of \$13,500,000.00. President Woodrow Wilson opened the skyscraper by pressing a button in the White House in Washington and 80,000 lights in the Woolworth building immediately lit up the New York skyline.

It should be noted that in the early 1800s, travel between places like Watertown and Rochester N.Y. was very common as the border was of little consequence. Many marriages took place and we remain connected to this day.

On June 20th 1979, Fred Hennig, Senior Vice President of F.W. Woolworth Company made a surprise visit and toured the cemetery. He had traveled to the County to present a cheque to the Rose Museum in recognition of its display featuring F.W. Woolworth and wife Jennie Creighton (1).

We are undertaking a project in the Parish to raise funds for the maintenance of the St. John's cemetery. This cemetery holds the remains of many Loyalist pioneers and our fundraising group will attempt to reach out to relatives to ask for their help.

(1) The material in this article was from the book, *Ladies of the Five & Ten - The Creighton, Morrison, Woolworth connection* by Carolyn Love, 1979, and from the *Picton Times* (June 1947), the *Watertown Times* (Feb. 1925) and the *County Weekly News* (September 15, 2000).



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