

# Milford Fall Fair Backs the Build

*By Dorothy Speirs*

It won't be long now until the Milford Fall Fair rolls round once again – and preparations are already well under way. Rain or shine, we'll gather at the Milford Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 14 at 8 a.m. for the annual Pancake Breakfast and 11:00 a.m. to watch the parade arrive and to begin the celebrations.

The theme of this year's Fair is **"Back the Build"**, as members of our community come together to support planning for the construction of a larger and more modern Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital by 2025.

Admission at the gate is still \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for high school students and kids enter free. You'll be given a wristband when you enter. Drop the tab from the wristband into the container at the Information Booth and you'll be automatically entered in a draw. At 2:00 p.m., the winning tab will be drawn and the winner will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.

There will be lots of parking in the field across from the Fairgrounds as well as along the road, with an expanded area for handicap parking on the Fairgrounds themselves.

And the activities! This year, you'll be able to enjoy many of your favourite Fair activities – lots of music and games for young and old.

For the adults, enjoy the music and entertainment in the afternoon at the ball diamond, play bingo or test your skills at nail driving, log sawing or chucking all kinds of things.

This year, the dog show will be bigger and better than ever. So bring along your pet – perhaps he or she will be a prize-winner!

Once again, the County Carriage Company will be providing horse-drawn carriage rides around Milford at no charge! And Archway Connection will be there with their therapeutic miniature horses.

For the first time, we welcome the Prince Edward Radio Club and the County Ukulele Band who will perform for us.

Friends of our Milford Library are in charge of the kids' tent, where the little ones will be able to build and take home a LEGO creation, make pin-on buttons with their own art work, paint pumpkins or join in a drumming circle. There will also be a playground, lots of games and races, and a fish pond.

The prize wagon draws will take place at 3:15 p.m. You can get your tickets at the Information Booth.

And there will be lots to eat at the Fair with many vendors and, of course, the Food Booth. Candace welcomes volunteers for the Food Booth, particularly for the 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. shift, and also donations of sandwiches and pies. Contact her at 613.403.4288 for details if you'd like to help out.

When the shed opens its doors at 11:30, you'll be able to check out the crafts, flowers, vegetables, fruit, hobbies and collections, art, cooking, and needlecraft displays. This year, the photography class has been expanded. Residents of South Marysburgh can compete for prizes not only by submitting a traditional photograph, but entries can now also be submitted in electronic form. You'll find the details in the Fair Booklet.

So come early and enjoy a memorable day. The parade leaves the old South Marysburgh School grounds at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade, from kids to seniors. For information, get in touch with Larry MacDonald at 613 476-0250.

And you can follow what's happening on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Fair Booklet, where you'll find all the details about the activities, competitions and prize draws, will be in South Marysburgh mailboxes in the next few weeks. You'll also find it on-line on *The South Marysburgh Mirror* website at <http://southmarysburghmirror.com>. **See you all at the Fair!**

**Back the Build**   
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## How Do Americans Perceive Canada : An Example!

By Doug McGregor

When my wife and I were newly married we embarked on a move to Saskatoon. It felt like a brave thing to do at the time as neither of us had been to the prairies before. In particular, we were concerned about how we would cope with the extremely cold winter. I remembered reading W.O. Mitchell's *"Who Has Seen The Wind"* in school and winter seemed like a lot to deal with. However as time went by we adapted, thanks to down parkas. Adapting to the length of the winter was the real tough haul!

The business I was employed by took off and within a couple of years the US market was exploding. It's hard to sell into the states from a Canadian prairie address so a second office was opened in Atlanta, Georgia. As with most expansions it was seeded with locals from HQ (Saskatoon) who then hired locals in Atlanta.

This is where it started to become evident how little the Americans knew about Canada or for that matter Northern climes.

Eventually the stories started to drift back from the Saskatoon crew about getting their Saskatoon cars serviced. The Atlanta mechanics were totally confused by all the electrical cords hanging out. I should explain to those that have never lived through Prairie winters that in order to get your car to start at -45 degrees you need a block heater (two of them if it was a large V8), and a battery blanket. Most cars also had an electric interior heater as well. It seems most of the Atlanta mechanics thought they must be looking at some kind of electric car. Those crazy Canucks, eh!

But my favourite story from that time came about from a phone conversation I overheard between two techs, one down the hall from me and the other, a new hire in Atlanta. I should add at this stage that the Saskatoon business was in a new business park and there was very little around except wide open prairie. It was April and while the start of hot weather in Atlanta was just around the corner, Spring was still weeks (months?) away in Saskatchewan and there was still lots of snow everywhere.

As the conversation went on, clearly the US guy was having difficulty getting his head around the differences so he asked his counterpart to look out the window and describe what he saw. As I heard this I glanced up as well to look. Just at that exact moment, as if it was meant to be, a snow sled with a team of huskies rushed by! This is a sight I had never seen before, or for that matter since, but there it was and described to the American.

To this day that American tech probably still believes we all live in igloos and dodge polar bears on the way to driving our snowmobiles to work.

Hey, can you pass the seal blubber.

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**KIDS' ACTIVITIES AT THE  
MILFORD FAIR**

Well, the Milford Fall Fair is only a few weeks away now. The summer is flying past and preparations for the Fair are already in high gear. This year's Fair, whose theme is "Back the Build", will highlight plans for the new Picton hospital. As always, there will be lots of new activities along with the old favourites.

This year, the Friends of the Ann Farwell Library in Milford are organizing the children's activities, continuing the many years of contribution made by Harriet and Peter de Boer, whom we thank most sincerely.

Four activities are planned for the kids' tent: there will be a LEGO table, where the kids can come, make their LEGO creation and take it home. There will also be a button-making machine available, where kids can design and make their own pin-on buttons with help from a volunteer from the library. Children can also participate in a drumming session and, as every year, there will be a pumpkin-painting activity. Once again, everyone can take home his or her pumpkin. There is no charge for any of these activities. So come out and have fun at the Fair on Saturday, September 14, rain or shine.



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# Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
August 1901

*Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier*

**Thurs. 1** - I helped Mr. Parks finished up thrashing and then come home and after dinner helped Whit draw in Rye. Mr. Spafford went down to Picton and so on home. Mirt and Mary went down to Picton. There was an excursion from the Orphans' home from Toronto making quite a crowd at Picton.

**Fri. 2** - I helped Whit draw in Rye and peas. Everything is looking fine now since the rain.

**Sat. 3** - I ploughed for Whit till noon. After dinner Mirt and I went down to Picton and then on down to the Bay out to Eddie Rorke's stayed all night.

**Sun. 4** - Mirt and I went from Eddie's to the Carman to Quartly meeting and then went out to Pa's. After Tea we started for home. Stirling come up with me. We stopped to Milford to church. Mr. Seath preached.

**Mon. 5** - Byron started to cultivate the corn again. About ten o'clock I went up to Leavett's. Spliced his hay rake and then after dinner we drew in barley and wheat.

**Tues. 6** - I helped Leavett draw in wheat and oats. It was very cloudy all day commenced to rain about nine o'clock PM and rain most of the night.

**Wed. 7** - Well we have had another lovely rain. Whit and Mr. Collier went out to East Lake fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Parks came out here visiting. They went home about four o'clock and I went down to Picton got a couple of lard tubs for pickles.

**Thur. 8** - Byron and I saw wood till noon. After dinner I dragged some and ploughed for Whit. It has been a nice drying day.

**Fri. 9** - I ploughed for Whit in the four noon. After dinner helped draw in wheat and oats. Looked very much like rain all the after noon.

**Sat. 10** - I ploughed for Whit till noon. After dinner helped draw in oats. threatened rain all day.

**Sun. 11** - Jake Lib Eddie and Sarah Eliz were up here visiting. They all started for home about five o'clock. Thinking it was going to rain was their hurry.

**Mon. 12** - I helped Leavett pull peas. It was a nice cool day for working.

**Tues. 13** - I helped Mr. Losser draw in oats. It was some warmer and it was my first time working for Mr. Losser and I like them fine.

**Wed. 14** - Helped Mr. Losseer draw in today. It was a very warm day. And looks like rain again.

**Thurs. 15** - I helped Mr. Losser till noon. Draw in oats. Then it rain I come home and Byron and I went back and sawed wood. Mirt and Bertha were out to Ida's.

**Fri. 16** - When Mirt came home last night she run in a cow with the buggy. And this morning I saw the damage that was done. This four noon we went down to Picton I got the buggy fixed. After dinner I ploughed for Whit.

**Sat. 17** - I helped Mr. Losser draw in oats. Whit and Mary went down to Napanee. After Tea Mirt Byron and I went down to Picton. Byron got a new hat Mirt got some dishes. Last Friday when Mirt and I went down to Picton I got Byron a new suit of cloths.

**Sun. 18** - Mirt and I went out to the Valley to meeting then come home and after dinner went out to West Lake to meeting. Byron went out with us had his new suit on.

**Mon. 19** - I helped Mr. Loser pull peas. It was rather a nice cool day. Whit and Mary got home about five o'clock from their visit at Napanee.

**Tues. 20** - I helped further Leavett thrash I had a hard days work. Byron went down to Mary Ellen's. Mirt baked bread and washed.

**Wed. 21** - I helped Mr. Loser finish pulling peas. Mirt took Byron down home and intend to stay for a few days.

**Thur. 22** - I helped Mr. Leavitt thrash. It was a very hot day. I stayed all night.

**Fri. 23** - Helped Leavitt's pull peas till noon then there came up a little shower of rain and stoped the business. Mirt got home about three o'clock. Maud Dulmage came up with her.

**Sat. 24** - Helped Whit pick apples till noon After dinner Mirt Maud Dulmage and I went down to Picton seen a number from the Point.

**Sun. 25** - Mr. and Mrs. Collier were over for dinner Mirt and I went out to Sunday School. And on out to Dan's. it was a lovely day.

**Mon. 26** - Work for Leavitt pulling peas till noon. Then after dinner I helped Loser draw in is peas.

**Tues. 27** - I finished up working for Losser traded Blaise with Mr. Loser for Flora got five dollars difference. I am not able to say what kind of a trade I made Time will tell. Well now I expect to commenced to pick tomatoes and I suppose I will have lots of work to keep me busy till frost comes. Mirt is gone to meeting tonight and I am alone.

**Wed. 28** - I picked tomatoes today for the first. Time. Mirt helped me most of the day. We only pick 21 crates. After dinner we went down to Picton after some grocers.

**Thurs. 29** - I finished picking over my tomatoes at noon. And run over Whit's. After dinner I went down home after my hay.

**Fri. 30** - I got home with my hay at noon. Pa come up with me Whit took in the first load of tomatoes 22 bush. About three o'clock Pa and I went out to Dan's. Pa stayed.

**Sat. 31** - We had a frightful rain last night. I started to plough for Whit. It commenced to rain and I quit the job then Whit and I cleaned out the barn. After dinner Pa and I went down to Picton roads were very muddy.

# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## For those keeping score at home....

The Nelson Hicks entries in the July and August editions of The Mirror have been repeated from previous editions. In his later years, Nelson appears to have become less prolific in his dedication to his journals. Nelson's transcriber, Sarah Moran Collier, is investigating.

## The Black River Fall Festival

As usual, there will be an abundance of activities to keep everyone busy including the Black River Fall Festival. Taking place on Saturday, August 31st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the event will compliment Vicki Emlaw's Tomato Tasting at her former farm on Morrison Point Road. Visit other participants along the road as well as on County Roads 13, 16 and 17 in the Black River area. Food, farm produce, cheese, tomatoes, art, pottery, and fibre and wood arts will all be on offer. Roadside poppy signs will identify participating venues. Additional information is available at [BlackRiverSpringFest@gmail.com](mailto:BlackRiverSpringFest@gmail.com).

## The significance of the Labour Day Weekend (LDW)

Although LDW is generally associated with the end of summer or a return to classes, it also reminds members of the South Marysburgh community that the annual Milford Fall Fair is fast approaching, this year being held on September 14th.

As always, there is plenty of need for volunteers to help put it all together. If you have some time to spare and would like to offer your services (or your sandwiches and home baking to sell at the food booth), please visit the fair's website, the address of which is conveniently located under this last line in the column.

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## Believe It or Not

### Leisure Time Observations

Sitting on my deck with a cup of coffee in the early morning is a great time for thinking and observing. I live in a picturesque setting with lots of trees and colourful neighbours so there is plenty to see and hear.

What a soulful sound to hear a loon pass overhead, calling to his mate. And the crows are complaining in their own inimitable way. Not to be left out, a tiny wren squeaks repeatedly for attention.

As the sun rises, it enhances the sparkle of the spider web strung across the entryway. What a perfect place to trap something or – somebody.

There's a male cardinal hopping under the spruce tree, picking up his breakfast. And, there's his subdued wife joining him to partake after a brief exchange on the way. With their bright colouring, how do they escape their predators?

And there is the neighbour's family of squirrels scurrying for cones from the conifers. Oh, oh. Here comes their cat but the young ones don't seem to be concerned. Maybe they haven't learned the lesson of survival yet.

The wind swaying the branches of the trees has a mesmerizing effect on the mind. How does a tree survive hurricane force winds, freezing, thawing and drought? After all, it must stand in one place and endure whatever comes.

What is all the ruckus about? That little banty rooster flew on the neighbour and knocked his hat off. It's quite amusing to see this feisty little rascal take on anything that moves.

The buzz of the passing cars is disturbing the morning serenity. Not everyone has the privilege to sit, relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

*B.I.O.N.*

## ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 22	Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, September 28	Fall Yard & Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 23	Christmas Bazaar & Tea

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## COUNCIL CORNER

By John Hirsch, Councillor Ward 9, South Marysburgh

Last week, members of council, the mayor and I participated in an all-day tour of four farm operations hosted by the Agriculture Advisory Committee with big support from the Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture.

This was a tremendously educational endeavor and we all asked lots of questions and learned a lot. We toured beef, sheep, cash crop and specialty market garden operations gaining greater appreciation for the obstacles and opportunities our farming community face.

### Council Activity

Committee of the Whole (COTW) heard deputations from:

- Save Picton Bay – providing an update on their court case against Picton Terminals and the recent compliance orders from the Director, MECP.
- PELASS on progress of their Housing revitalization program which is funded in part by the County
- Patrick Maloney and Barry Davison on progress of the Millennium Trail project and plans for trailheads
- Jen Ackerman on the WPD closure regulations

All deputations can be viewed on the County's live stream or can be read in the agenda package for each meeting on the County website at [thecounty.ca](http://thecounty.ca).

### Council and Committee of the Whole dealt with:

- The farming assistance grant program
- Possible user pay parking for downtown Bloomfield and Wellington
- A report from staff on incorporating the value of tree lines/fence bottoms into our Official plan
- Creation of a reserve for modernization with \$700,000 provided by the province for the purpose
- An instruction to staff to develop plans for a 10% cut in operating expenditures during our 2020 budget process.

Speaking of the modernization reserve mentioned above, I am disappointed at some of the reaction in the media to our decision to eliminate paper agenda packages for Councillors which is accomplished by equipping us with Apple iPads.

It seems various commenters did not bother to enquire of Councillors how these devices will be used and the benefits they provide.

So, to set the record straight:

- ⇒ 12" iPads are needed (not a smaller size) because the very clever software we use to view agendas and their attachments requires a split screen view that would not work on a smaller model, or worse, render the text and images difficult to read.
- ⇒ The electronic pencil replaces a mouse and is used to make notations and record notes on documents which we used to write by hand on our paper copies. These comments are most helpful as we address agenda items, reminding us of which issues we want to address, and are kept in perpetuity so we can refer back at any time in the future
- ⇒ Internet access – essential for on-the-fly research (wifi is not everywhere) and the ability to reach important County info from anywhere
- ⇒ Cost saving is much more than the cost of paper – toner, wear and tear on printers are big items – as is the elimination of the overtime usually paid every second Friday evening as the clerk's office prints and assembles the agenda packages for our study over the weekend.

All in all, I believe the iPads are an excellent piece of modernization that save costs as well.

### LOCAL EVENTS

Elsewhere in this issue of the Mirror you will find information about the plans of the South Marysburgh Management Committee to replace the siding on the SM Town Hall and other refurbishments to keep this important heritage building in good condition. I was happy to have been able to help the Committee obtain the requisite heritage permit from the County Planning Department. It should be noted that the County does not have to fund this effort. The Management Committee accumulates its funds through the rentals of our buildings and other activities. Hats off to Eric DePauw and the rest of the committee for this initiative.

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Faults are thick where love is thin.*

## Would you hire someone who did the following?

- ◆ She used an iPad and said she could listen to me and music at the same time.
- ◆ Announced she hadn't had lunch and proceeded to eat a hamburger and fries in the interviewer's office.
- ◆ When I asked him about his hobbies, he stood up and started tap dancing around my office.
- ◆ During the interview, an alarm clock went off from the candidate's brief case. He took it out, shut it off, apologized and said he had to leave for another interview.
- ◆ Candidate said he really didn't want a job, but the employment office needed proof that he was looking for one.

*Dearest John:*

*I have been unable to sleep since I broke off our engagement. Won't you forgive and forget?*

*Your absence is breaking my heart. I was a fool. Nobody can take your place. I love you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Linda xxxooo*

*P.S. Congratulations on winning this week's lottery.*

A couple was getting ready for bed after a long day's work. "I look in the mirror, and I see an old lady," the woman says to her husband. "My face is all wrinkled and I'm sagging and bagging all over. And, look at this flab on my arms?" The husband is silent.

"Hey," she says turning to him. "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

"Well," he says, "your eyesight is still great!"

The front door was accidentally left open and the dog was gone. After unsuccessfully whistling and calling, the owner got in the car and went looking for him. He drove around the neighbourhood for some time with no luck. Finally, he stopped beside a couple out for a walk and asked if they had seen the dog.

"You mean the one following your car?" they asked.

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.

A lady was poking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but couldn't find one big enough for her family. "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

An old man was close to death. His wife and their four children stood by his bed waiting for the inevitable. Three of the children were tall, good-looking and athletic. However, the fourth and youngest was the runt of the family.

"Darling wife," the husband whispered, "assure me that the youngest child really is mine. I want to know the truth before I die. I will forgive you if..."

The man died, happy that he had finally asked the question that had bothered him for so many years.

The wife sighed under her breath, "Thank God he didn't ask about the other three."

*Exit Lines: An old fashioned woman is the girl who tries to make a husband last a lifetime.*



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## QHC

By Doug McGregor

Our region is stuck in a time vortex when it comes to health care, and the most direct evidence of this is the chronic under funding of Quinte Health Care (QHC). After years of aggressive expense reduction, and external studies to confirm they had done what they could, QHC declared at their last board meeting they could cut no more and they are facing a multi-million dollar shortfall in funding.

This is a difficult and bold decision for any hospital board to make. Under Ontario law deficits are not permitted and can cause the board to be dismissed and some of the senior management team to be fired. This actually happened not that many years ago at the Brockville General Hospital.

Further complicating things is QHC's working capital (cash in the bank) which has been drawn down bit by bit for years. A deficit of this size can only be sustained for 1-2 years at best before the cash dries up.

So how did it come to this? Well the sad part is it isn't news. This has been going on for years and the LHIN, the Ministry and both Liberal and now Conservative governments are both very well aware.

Some years ago the Health Ministry introduced a new funding allocation system. It's pretty complex and was designed to drive cost out of the system and

essentially move procedures away from less cost effective who couldn't deliver the right costs with the right quality. In some small ways it has worked and common surgeries such as cataracts, hips and knees are costing far less than they did thanks to new well researched standardized approaches.

But there were flaws in the allocation methods and QHC was hit especially hard because of its multi-site operation. It's important to note that a single administration of our four hospitals *HAS* saved the province a lot of money and delivered other benefits as well. Nevertheless it's still four separate sites with multiple overheads with everything from snow clearing to sterilization equipment.

This nonsense needs to stop now. QHC needs to be adequately funded. We need to get the leaders of our health system focused on what they can do to improve this badly overloaded system, not fighting rear guard funding life and death battles over and over again.

Todd Smith ... as our local MPP, you are intimately aware of this situation. It's time to get this fixed once and for all.

*Doug McGregor is a retired engineer resident in Prince Edward County and is a former board member and Chair of Quinte Health Care board of directors.*



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The Federal Department of the Environment is extending the comment period for comments on the proposed regulations amending the Wildlife Areas Regulations as they apply to the Prince Edward Point Wildlife Area (at the end of Long Point). <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/national-wildlife-areas/locations/prince-edward-point.html>

Notice with respect to the extension of the public comment period to September 30, 2019, for the proposed Regulations Amending the Wildlife Area Regulations and Other Department of the Environment Regulations

The Department of the Environment is issuing this notice to inform Indigenous groups, stakeholders and the public of the extension to the comment period for the proposed Regulations Amending the Wildlife Area Regulations and Other Department of the Environment Regulations. Given the reception of several comments requesting an extension to the comment period, the Department has decided to extend this comment period in order to provide everyone who wishes to participate in the consultation process with the opportunity to do so. ***The period during which comments may be submitted for this initiative is now from June 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.***

The proposed Regulations Amending the Wildlife Area Regulations and Other Department of the Environment Regulations, along with a description of the changes, can be found in the June 1, 2019, edition of the Canada Gazette, Part I.

All comments may be submitted to [ec.ReglementsFaune-WildlifeRegulations.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.ReglementsFaune-WildlifeRegulations.ec@canada.ca).

You may also go to the consultation page to find out more about the proposal and to provide comments. All comments received will be carefully considered by the Department of the Environment before the final Regulations Amending the Wildlife Area Regulations and Other Department of the Environment Regulations are made.

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- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
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## The Milford Town Hall Project

By Eric De Pauw

Hello everyone. On behalf of the South Marysburgh Management Committee (SMMC) I would like to update you on work planned for the Milford Town Hall. An article explaining the functioning of the SMMC appeared in the August 2017 issue of The South Marysburgh Mirror.

We have been concerned for some time with the general condition of the Town Hall and last year decided to see what we could do to renew the luster of this building.

John Hirsch, in his column, will explain some of the work done behind the scene to comply with municipal and provincial regulations pertaining to Heritage properties and write about the funding for this project. I would like to address the scope and complexity of our project, the constraints we face and launch a general call for volunteers.

In the next couple of weeks you will likely notice that we will be removing some of the vinyl cladding to ascertain what work needs to be done before putting on new siding. Initially we looked at repairing the existing vinyl but we soon realized that would not suffice. We are

also committed to sprucing up the signage on the face of the building. While the work associated with removing vinyl siding and replacing it with new materials is comparatively straight forward, our preliminary evaluation has shown that we need to refurbish some damaged wood beneath the siding, improve the fit of the vinyl around the windows, improve ventilation under the exterior cladding as well as ensure potential issues are identified and corrected prior to installing the siding.

Some of the challenges we face include planning to maintain the traditional look and feel for this period building. The work has to take into account any rental agreements signed or pending, we have to limit construction mess, and we must not interfere with the fire and rescue operations next door to the town hall, and the list goes on...

We have been working closely with our ward councillor and PEC staff to ensure awareness of the project and the project's compliance to policies and standards.

After this you may be wondering who is going to perform the work. The SMMC is accountable for the whole project and will work with skilled professionals but is also committed to doing some of the work using volunteer labour, but we need to recruit local help. We are intending and attempting to 'package' small sets of activities that an individual or group with limited availability could accomplish in a time frame independent of the main project time line. So we are not necessarily looking for long term or huge time commitments from individuals. We are trying to establish a bank of individuals who may have time available and have mature skills so we can match them with planned tasks. If you have skills you can contribute please let us know at [SMMC@kos.net](mailto:SMMC@kos.net) Share with us what you can contribute, when you can be available and the time commitment you are willing to contribute. The same is true for equipment which could be useful in our project.

I will end this by saying that this project is not our first, and it is but one of several we have under consideration. An important new project which will be coming up soon is work on Mt Tabor.

More to come, soon. 613-476-1742 [edepauw@kos.net](mailto:edepauw@kos.net)



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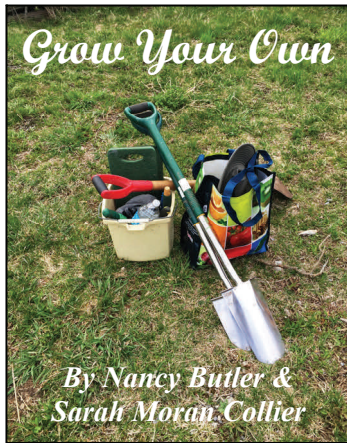
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Nothing quite shows community pride like the tables loaded with exhibits at the Milford Fair.

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important.

Let us explain: this year, the fair theme is "Back the Build" in support of building a new Picton Hospital. Hmmmm. We were stumped at first, about how to connect the grain, vegetable, fruit and honey exhibits to this year's fair theme. Well, the smart and creative Trevor Collier came to our rescue, with a great solution; make a donation to match the number of entries.

Here's what we're going to do: for each entry into any of the grain, vegetable, fruit and honey categories, we will donate 50 cents to "Back the Build". All you have to do is put together as many entries to exhibit as you can, because the more you enter, the more money we give to "Back the Build".

The math is simple; if there are 100 entries in total, it would be a \$50 donation from us, but if you bring lots of entries and help reach 300 entries in total, we'd make a \$150 donation. Please go above and beyond this year and find as many entries in your garden as you can. When you come along and take part, you really feel how our fair is all about community. So is pulling together behind our amazing local hospital.

Every year when the doors of the Milford shed are thrown open after judging and everyone pours in to view the exhibits, we overhear people saying they wished they'd entered their tomatoes (or melons, squash, beans, honey, apples.) Maybe they thought their produce was not absolutely perfect (whose is?) or that they didn't have the spare time it takes (who does?)

If you've never entered anything in the vegetable, fruit, grain or honey competition in the Milford Fair, this is year to do it. And if you have entered before, this is the year to enter more of your great growing work.

The purpose of our column is to encourage everyone to make entries. The most important piece of advice we can give is that you read the fair booklet, early and often. Find all the categories you could make an entry in, and make note of the rules and the times to bring your entries in. In the week (or so) before the fair take a look at your garden with an eye to what would make a good entry. From the beginning of September keep the Fair in mind and plan to make as many entries as you can.

Whether your garden/honey/grain this year is the best or the worst it's ever been, we encourage you to put in as many entries as you can. We all gain: you can win prize money, we raise more for the hospital fund, and the fair continues to be a lively and important community event. We appeal to your pride in being a part of South Marysburgh, in what we produce here and in the people who make it such a vibrant community.

It's a great theme. You can help make it a success. We look forward to seeing all our old friends at the fair, and to making new friends too.

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**South Bay U.C.W.  
Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Wed. Sept. 11** – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church at 1:00 p.m. Joyce Minaker has Devotional; Roll Call – a summer's story; Program - Nora Parker; Objective – Terry Fox Run; Lunch – Maureen Rudd and Carol Branscombe

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## Buried Roots

By Braydon Scully

### *It's gold medal season in the County!*

The National Wine Awards of Canada medals were announced in July and a number of County winemakers took home a solid array of medal hardware. With 1,815 wines submitted by 259 wineries across Canada, this competition shows the true scale of Canadian wine production. All wines are tasted blind by the panel with no knowledge of producer, origin or price, but they are categorized by grape variety and/or style.

I have highlighted gold medal winning wines from the County below. Many of these local wineries also won additional awards.

#### **Gold Medal Reds:**

- Rosehall Run - Cabernet Franc Single Vineyard 2016 - \$34.95 - 91 points
- Rosehall Run - JCR Pinot Noir 2017 - \$39.00 - 91 points

#### **Gold Medal Whites:**

- Closson Chase - Churchside Chardonnay 2017 - \$44.95 - 92 points
- Huff Estates - South Bay Chardonnay 2017 - \$30 - 91 points
- Karlo Estates - Chardonnay Estate 2017 - \$45 - 91 points
- Norman Hardie Winery - County Chardonnay Unfiltered 2016 - \$45 - 91 points
- Trail Estate - Chardonnay Vintage 2 Unfiltered 2017 - \$35 - 92 points

Scores noted above are the aggregate of the judges' scores at the competition. Full listings of all award winners are available at [winealign.com/awards](http://winealign.com/awards)

Notably, Rosehall Run also made the list of Top Ten Ontario Wineries, having received two gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals, giving them the largest haul amongst local producers.

In addition to the wineries listed above, other award winning Prince Edward County wineries included Exultet Estates, Casa Dea, Lighthall Vineyards, Morandin Wines and Sandbanks.

The above listing is intended to be used as a starting point only, in order to get everyone out to support the great things happening with wine here in the County. There are many more excellent and unique wines to be had at all our wineries. Having said that, many of the award winning wines from the 2019 competition are already or will soon be in short supply, so please visit them soon to ensure you have a chance to try and to buy them!

Recently, I was excited to take part in a great tasting event here in the County hosted by the inimitable Keith Tyers, winemaker at Closson Chase. Keith led a small group of enthusiasts through a blind tasting of eight Chardonnay's. Six wines from Burgundy, mixed in with two from Closson Chase, including the gold medal winning 2017 Churchside bottling.

Keith, having recently returned from a sojourn in Burgundy, was excited to share some unique bottles and his enthusiasm for all things wine with the group. The bottles ranged in price from approximately \$35 to \$90 Canadian and included 2016 and 2017 examples from Burgundy including Chablis, Puligny Montrachet and Meursault.

The lineup was outstanding and my personal favourite turned out to be the 2016 Chablis Premiere Cru, Les Vaucopins from producer Albert Bichot. It had a pale yellow colour, medium body with very well rounded mouth feel and very good persistence on the palate. Tasting of white peach, stone fruits and with a clear mineral edge, this was a very composed wine.

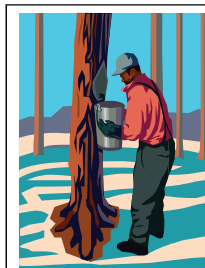
While touring Burgundy, Keith found what he believes to be the closest soil conditions to the Closson Chase vineyards, in a Saint Aubin bottling. Specifically, the 2017 Saint Aubin Premiere Cru of Sur Le Sentier Du Clou offered a great insight to the impact of terroir and soil conditions in the vintage.

The Closson Chase examples more than held their own amongst the international lineup. As we tasted blind, I tried to spot the local wines in the lineup and only managed to pick one of them out. To my mind, this speaks to both the quality of the wine making as well as to the similarity of the terroirs. It's clear that Prince Edward County wines fit seamlessly into the mix. The tasting, paired perfectly with a seasonal lunch prepared by Keith himself, was a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon.

Thankfully, this is just one example of the great events and tastings being put on by our local winemakers and wineries. I encourage everyone to get out and attend one to see what we have on offer right here at home!

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[Note: only a portion of last month's column was published in the print edition. To read the complete article, please visit [southmarysburghmirror.com](http://southmarysburghmirror.com) and check out page 13]



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