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Black River Cheese Celebrates 114 Years

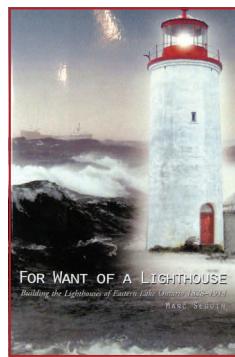
It was all hands on deck at the end of May, including the 'big cheeses', when the Black River Cheese Company celebrated its 114th birthday with balloons, clowns, hot dogs and hamburgers and cake. The South Marysburgh institution attracted dozens of people to the party, many of whom even bought some cheese!



"Big Cheese" Shareholders and Board members: back row L to R Larry Ackerman, Walter Miller, Paul Creasy, Bill Creasy, and General Manager Doug Peters. (front row L to R) Marilyn James, George Emlaw and Sandra Emlaw

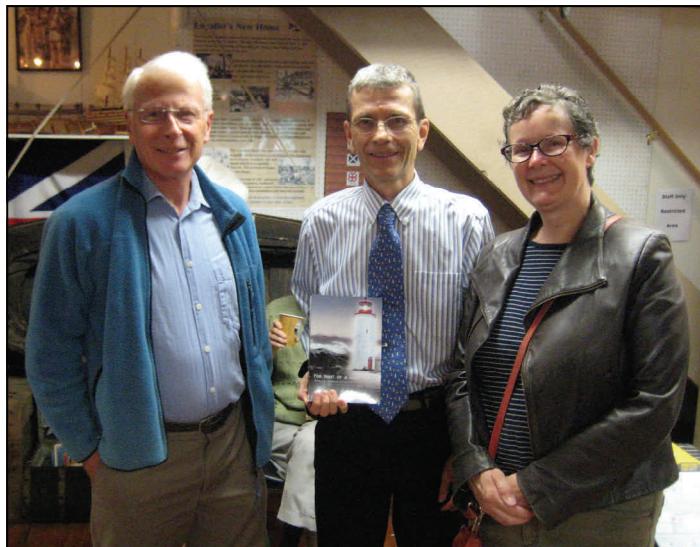


For Want Of A Lighthouse Book Launch



Marc Seguin's long awaited history of the historic lighthouses that once dotted the shores of eastern Lake Ontario was launched at a full-house presentation at the Mariners' Museum last month.. The 500-page book will be of interest to many in South Marysburgh as the ward is the home to three of these gems, the most visible of which is the Pt. Traverse lighthouse at the end of Long Point.

The book is available to purchase in hard cover or paperback at Books & Company and elsewhere.



Edwin Rowse and Elizabeth Driver flank Marc Seguin at the launch of his new book at the mariners' Museum. Below, Marc signs copies before his A/V presentation.



What's going on at The Library

By Christine Renaud



The library has a summer full of fun events for children and their families, plus live performances and activities at all branches, including our own Ann Farwell branch in Milford. As well, the TD Summer Reading Club is underway and all children are encouraged to visit the library and get their posters and bingo cards to begin logging their summer reading for a chance to win prizes...and just for the pleasure of reading, of course!

Activities happening at the Milford branch with Whitney include:

- ◆ Friday, July 3 at 2:00 p.m. ***Nature Play***. In this program, children will bring the outdoors inside with some fun nature-themed games and activities.
- ◆ Thursday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. ***Create-a-Sport!*** In this program, school aged children can have fun creating new sports crazes by adding unique twists to popular games.
- ◆ Wednesday, July 15 drop in at the Milford branch at 2:00 p.m. for ***Rainy Day Roundup!*** In this program, children (and parents) will learn all sorts of rain-themed activity ideas, perfect for those rainy summer days.
- ◆ Thursday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m. ***Let's Go Fly a Kite!*** All ages will have fun exploring the world of kites - the timeless, international summer toy.
- ◆ Tuesday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m. it's ***Graphic Novels and Super Heroes!*** In this program, school-aged children will explore the world of graphic novels and their comic book and graphic novel heroes.
- ◆ Friday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. we're calling all those who love monsters! Children will explore books, songs, and crafts all about monsters.

For a full schedule, including dates for various live performances, come in to the branch and pick up the schedule of events or see it online at www.peclibrary.org. Click on the schedule on the right side of the website homepage.

The Knit and Chat Group has decided to continue meeting during the month of July and even if you don't knit, you can always drop in to chat and enjoy good company and the air conditioning.



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Special thanks to Steve Ferguson who has amassed previously published copies of the South Marysburgh Mirrors dating back to the 90's and has made these available for viewing in the library. We will keep them for a few months before sending them to be archived.

Lastly, we'd like to encourage everyone to continue to support the library by coming in and checking out materials, whether a book, DVD or magazines. We are always happy to recommend titles as well if you come in and need an idea or two for a good summer read, or a recommendation of a movie to enjoy on a rainy day or after a day out in the garden.

If you would like us to get a new book in, or have a recommendation not in the collection, remember to let us know and we will get it on the shelves.

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The 2015 Milford Fair Volunteers & Food Contributions Needed

The Milford Fair food booth needs volunteers to serve pie and sandwiches on September 19th. If you can spare a couple of hours to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

We need donations of pies and sandwiches for Fair Day.

For more information (and to advise what you are offering to contribute so we don't have too much of any one thing....) please call **Sandy at 613.476.6041 OR Maria at 613.476.1750**. Food contributions can be dropped off at the food booth on the morning of the fair.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2015 Milford Fair!

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The South Marysburgh Recreation Board

**The Marysburgh Mummers
The Milford Fair Board**

Meetings, Events, Announcements

Milford Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m.
Milford Town Hall

Milford Market

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
in the Shed at the Fairgrounds
until October 10th

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Too Big! Too Many! Too Close!

By Gord Gibbins,
Chair, Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC)

Over the past eight years the men and women who have been part of and supported the Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC) have come to have different understandings of what Too Big, Too Many, Too Close means to those of us who call South Marysburgh home on either a full time or part time basis.

Over the next three months we will share with you what those simple words mean to the community of South Marysburgh; what we as an organization are working toward on behalf of the community we love and cherish; and how you can help. We write this and upcoming articles as a means to rally our community.

The Alliance was formed with the announcement by wpd Canada (IPC) of its White Pines project eight years ago. It has been a while since many of you probably have thought about White Pines, but preparation and vigilance is necessary. The Alliance is prepared and willing to go to court on your behalf but we need the support of this community to win. And we know you are supportive based on the result of the plebiscite sponsored by this newspaper in July 2012.

- ◆ If you are not yet a member, please join APPEC
- ◆ Please make a donation to APPEC
- ◆ Attend an upcoming APPEC fund raiser

So what exactly does "Too Big" mean to our community?

◆ Turbines: Too Big and Too Many! A single wind turbine planned for South Marysburgh will stand over 50 storeys tall. The White Pines project proposes to erect 29 of these monsters on the south shore of our community. Each and every one of us will be impacted by these intrusions one way or another.

Trucks: Too Big! To transport each of these turbines into our community will require four tractor trailers. That means to just bring in the turbine parts, the roads in South Marysburgh will bear the weight of 116 fully loaded flatbed tractor trailers. And remember the same number of trucks will depart our community on the same roads.

In ancient Greece , tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.



The 2015 Milford Fair September 19th

This year celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Marysburgh Mummers

"Mum's" the Word!

- ◆ Big Parts on Too Many Big Trucks! The turbine parts on these trucks are BIG. And HEAVY. The approximate size of the housing that holds the main parts of the generator, the gears and the controller etc. is about the size of a small bungalow. The truck traffic to deliver the turbines, hydro towers, construction equipment, concrete and so much more, means the roads we depend upon in South Marysburgh will experience wear and tear we can only begin to imagine.
- ◆ Blasting: Too Close and Too Big a Boom! Each turbine must be anchored in a bed of concrete. For any of you who have ever tried to dig a hole in the limestone shield of South Marysburgh, you will understand why blasting to erect turbines and bury power lines will be required. Blasting and its shock and vibration will affect wells, cisterns, home foundations (particularly heritage structures) and water tables.

The Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County: What it has done. What it is doing.

- ◆ APPEC is committed to going to court and fight both Big Government and Big Industry
- ◆ APPEC located and continues to use the only lawyer who has ever won an REA appeal
- ◆ APPEC has a wealth of intellectual capital based on 13 years fighting wind turbine development
- ◆ APPEC contributes both its time and money to the ongoing fight
- ◆ APPEC continues to seek out and support expert witnesses in the areas of health, environment and heritage
- ◆ APPEC conducts research into the latest information and knowledge related to the impact of industrial wind turbines globally
- ◆ APPEC has supported those individuals and political parties locally, provincially and federally who see the value in protecting our community

APPEC has never given up the fight and never will.

Gossip!

Personal Notices, Announcements & Random Notes

Rear-View Mirrors

As Christine Renaud writes in her column this month, copies of the South Marysburgh Mirror dating from 1995 -2011 are now available to peruse at the library before they make their way to the Prince Edward County Archives. These copies represent almost all of the editions published by Des Marcille that were salvaged from his house by the new owners, Carol and Kevin Sweeney.

To Bee or Not to Bee

To Bee, of course! For those wondering where to get the 'Bee Friendly' sign that is popping up on the roadside with more frequency, they're available from Robin Lunn at 613.476.6265 or robin-lunn@hotmail.com. The price per sign is \$10.00 which is her cost.

'Are Are' Three

Owing to several queries, *The Mirror* is now distributed to RR3 residents' mail boxes by an independent contractor and not by Canada Post. Copies are made available to her on the same day they go to the post office but depending on her schedule there may be a one or two day delay in delivery.

Flags

In an effort to demonstrate to visitors that Milford is, in fact, open for business, the recreation committee has purchased a number of "OPEN" flags and poles and brackets. The rec. comm. Is subsidizing 50% of the cost for local businesses that want one and commit to putting it up asap. Business cost is \$35. Please call Bruce Dowdell at 476.8891 if you want one.

"South Marysburgh" Facebook Page

Thanks to the Rec. Comm. And Erin Johnston we now have a page on Facebook dedicated to all things South Marysburgh. Log onto Facebook, type 'South Marysburgh' and make comments or post notices.

"The Ward is Alive with the Sound of Music"

It might not have the same ring to it as the song Julie Andrews made famous but it's no less true. This summer, South Marysburgh will be host three music events. The "Old School Bluegrass Camp", being held at the old South Marysburgh school from July 5th to 10th, and the "PEC Country Jamboree" taking place at the Milford Fairgrounds from August 28th to 30th are both new this year. From July 12th to August 9th, "Music at Port Milford" returns for its 28th year, welcoming talented classical musicians to participate in its renowned festival and school. A warm welcome to all students, musicians and teachers!

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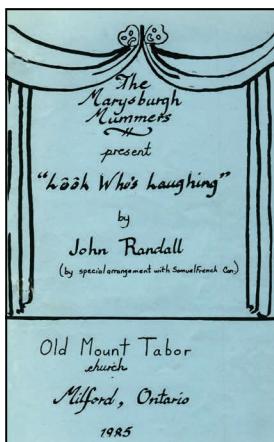
The 2015 Milford Fair Celebrates Thirty Years of the Marysburgh Mummers The Mummers Rescue Mt. Tabor

By Bruce Dowdell (part one of three)

It was seventeen years after Mt. Tabor United Church closed its doors after serving the community for one hundred years. The South Marysburgh Township Council had bought the church for one dollar with the proviso that it be used as a community centre. The Milford Fair used it once a year for their evening show. Otherwise, it had become a home for raccoons.

In the fall of 1984, six women - Bev Walker, Gerry Fralick, Nancy Freeman, Alice Miller, Olive Adams and Muriel Allsop - got together to form The Marysburgh Mummers. Their objective was two-fold: 1) To provide entertainment in the community during the February "blahs" and, 2) To prove the continuing usefulness of Mt. Tabor church, and to emphasize its importance as a historical building in the area.

That fall, a play was selected and cast. Members of the community were enlisted to cover the pulpit and choir loft to create a stage. A set was built and Joel Walker provided the lighting.



On January 25, 1985 the first rehearsal was held in the then newly renamed Mt. Tabor Playhouse. After 11 rehearsals, two of which were cancelled because of severe snowstorms, *Look Who's Laughing* opened on February 28, 1985. The show received rave reviews, and the one hundred dollar loan that had been borrowed from The Milford Friendship Circle to finance the production was repaid.

Accomplishing the second part of The Mummers' objective occurred on January 28, 1986 when a by-law was passed designating Mt. Tabor church as a heritage building.

The Mummers produced a comedy every spring for the next eleven years. With each show the productions improved and a small profit was realized. All the money was reinvested to improve Mt. Tabor as a theatre. In 1989 Peter Walford-Davis wrote, produced and directed the pantomime, *Little Red Riding Hood*, performed in December, a play that is now ripe for revival.

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Cucumber Salad

By David Larkin

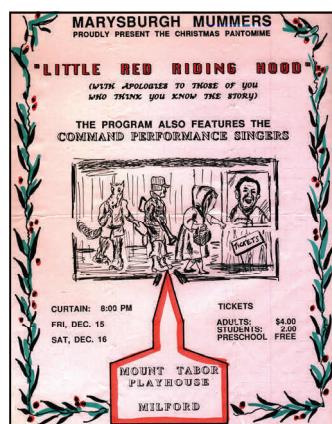
The Scandinavians love a cucumber salad. It is very good and goes well particularly with pork or chicken. This is a Danish version:

- 1 cucumber (English)**
- 2 Tspn. salt
- 3 Tbspn. white wine vinegar**
- 3 Tbspn. water
- 3 oz. sugar
- 1/2 Tspn. pepper**

Wash the cucumber and slice it very thinly without removing the skin (a mandolin is very handy for this). Put the slices in a bowl and mix with the salt. Let stand until the juices have been released. Squeeze well with your hand or between two saucers to remove moisture, and then put the cucumber into a clean bowl. Pour the dressing, made from vinegar, water, sugar and pepper over the cucumber. Mix well and leave the salad to chill before serving. You may wish to drain it before serving.

It is very tasty and refreshing. Serves 4-6

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Kind words cost little and accomplish much.

Helpful Hints From My House

1. Keep your kitchen clean. Eat out.
2. A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen. This one is delirious.
3. A clean house is a sign of a misspent life.
4. Housework done properly can kill you.
5. How to roast pot roast:

1 small roast beef
1 large roast beef

Put both roasts in the oven. When the little one is burned, the big one is done.

Mary was married to something of a chauvinist. They both worked full time but he never did anything around the house -- and certainly not any housework. That, he declared, was "woman's work".

One evening, Mary arrived home from work to find the children bathed, a load of was in the washing machine and another in the dryer, dinner on the stove and a beautifully set table complete with flowers. She was astonished ad immediately wanted to know what was going on.

It turned out her husband, Charlie, had read a magazine article that suggested working wives would be more romantically inclined if they weren't so tired from doing housework and holding down a full-time job. The next day she couldn't wait to tell her friends in the office.

"How did it work out? they asked.

"Well, it was a great dinner. Charlie even cleaned up, helped the kids with their homework, folded the laundry and put everything away."

"But what about afterward?" her friends wanted to know.

"Oh , that part didn't work out," Mary replied. "Charlie was too tired."

According to the hospital regulations, patients are required to be escorted out in a wheelchair when being discharged. A student nurse was having some trouble with an elderly gentleman who insisted that he did not need a wheelchair. After some discussion about rules being rules, he reluctantly agreed.

As she was wheeling him out, the student nurse asked the man if his wife as going to pick him up? "I don't know," he replied. She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

- Rodney Dangerfield

An English teacher announced to the class, "There are two words I don't allow in my class. One is gross and the other is cool".

From the back of the room a voice called out, "So what are the words?"

The mind is a wonderful thing. It starts working the minute you're born and never stops until you get up to speak in public.

Exit Lines:

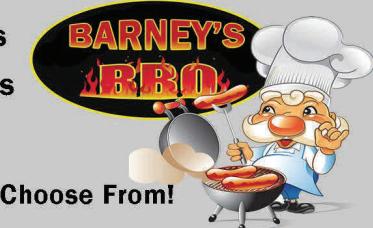
- ◆ *Speak when you are angry and you'll make the best speech you'll ever regret.*
- ◆ *A bikini is like a barbed wire fence. It protects the property without obstructing the view.*

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Milford Friendship Circle

Mary Creasy welcomed the Friendship Circle ladies into her home on Thursday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. President Margaret Crouse opened with this advice – “Let the words I speak today be soft and tender for tomorrow, I may have to eat them.”

Mary’s “Thought for the Day” raised a very pertinent point. A gentleman attending church left his hat on. Several members objected to this and asked him to remove it. In answer, the man replied, “I have attended this church for several months and no one has spoken to me. Today, I have met several members for the first time including the minister.” Something to think about wouldn’t you say?

Seven members answered roll call with their ‘Y’ words. We learn lots of new things by doing this.

Maureen read our May meeting minutes with one correction being made.

Treasurer Wilma brought us up-to-date on our finances. The ladies donated a tidy sum to be given to the food bank. Card secretary Mary remembered several members of the community – special birthday, sympathy, get well.

We all enjoyed Mary’s contest that tricks our memory processes.

Margaret closed with some thoughts on the positive side of life.

A delicious lunch served by our hostess and a lovely social time finished off a very enjoyable afternoon. Wilma thanked Mary on behalf of us all.

U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Coming Events

Wednesday, July 8: Annual fish fry at South Bay United Church starting at 4:30 p.m. Perch, salads, baked beans, rolls, homemade desserts, tea and coffee. Adults \$16.00 and those 10 years and younger \$8.00, take-out available.

Ladies of U.C.W. and Friendship Circle: Please note – there will be no meetings in July and August. See you in September.



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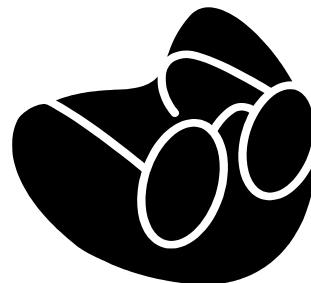


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South Bay U.C.W.



South Bay United Church hall hosted a delicious U.C.W. pot luck lunch ion Wednesday, June 10 at 12:00 noon.

President Sandra Emlaw presided over the meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m. with our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce Minaker's devotional compared our spiritual lives with the boilings of maple syrup. The more you boil it the sweeter it gets. We are also compared to salt –salt enhances the taste of everything. When the water (XXX) is boiled off, it leaves the salt, thus we become "thje salt of the earth."

Seven members answered roll call by recalling memories of thei fathers. One father's saying in him time – "A dollar was so big you couldn't get it in your pocket. "My, how times have changed."

Brenda Minaker reviewed the minutes of the May meeting which were accepted read. Three members are celebrating birthdays and three anniversaries. Seventeen sick calls were made. Joyce reported our finances which are rather light-weight.

Our fish fry on Wednesday, July 8 was discussed. **"Ladies, please note: We are meeting on Tuesday, July 7 at the church at 9:30 a.m. to prepare food for this supper. Plan to attend as all help is needed."**

Our U.C.W. is catering a lunch for Woman Around Noon on Thursday, August 13. Set up on Wednesday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Our church is having a coffee party on Sunday, June 21, to collect funds to support Hospice Prince Edward.

Mariners Museum is having a family day on Sunday, July 19 and our U.C.W. has been invited to have a yard sale at this tine.

The Fall Rally is being held at Wellington United Church on Wednesday, September 23. South Bay is to introduce the guest speaker.

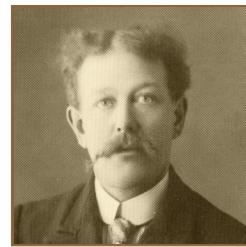
As usual, Karen Guernsey had a very interested program – a 1997 quiz about Canada. I'm embarrassed to say we have a lot to learn.

Our meeting terminated with our U.C.W. prayer to speed us on our way home.

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Life In The Past

**Nelson Hicks' Journals
July 1903**

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Wed. 1 - A nice warm day I worked at the cultivating. Tomatoes are looking very well but corn is not extra

Thur. 2 - The same old thing cultivating baby has been worrisome to day

Fri. 3 - I helped McDonald build fence on the Island till noon.

Sat. 4 - Byron and I helped Emmet cultivated his tomatoes in the four noon. I haven't been feeling very well at all. And this after noon I haven't been doying very much. After tea Mirt Jen and a old woman by the name of Griffins went up to the banks Byron and I is home keeping the baby.

Sun. 5 - I went down to Meeting Mirt stayed home with the baby. Mr. and Mrs. Collier came home with me after church. It was very warm all day. Along about Five O'clock Mirt and I had just started to milk and to our surprise Stratton and Lida drove in we were glad to see them.

Mon. 6 - Mirt and I thought as Stratton and Lida were here we would take a little picnic. So Emmet MaryEllen Ida Dan Stratton Lida Mirt and I all went up to the Banks we had a fine time We took the baby and he was a lovely boy never cryed any. We came home about Four O'clock and Stratton and Lida started for Philips McCrimmons

Tue. 7 - I helps Emmet with his hay part of the after noon it was a nice hay day.

Wed. 8 - I helped Mirt wash most of the Four noon. After dinner helped Emmet put up hay

Thur. 9 - Helped Emmet draw in Hay all the after noon it was a very warm day and I tell you we sweat

Fri. 10 - Helped Emmet get in a load of hay then it come on to rain and finished the hay drawing for the four noon. After dinner the sun came out very bright and I help Emmet finish drawing in his hay. Byron cultivated corn.

Sat. 11 - Mirt and I went down to the point we went to Pa's stayed till after dinner They were glad to see the baby. Then we went on down to Cockers I thought they would eat the boy up.

Sun. 12 - We went up to Kitties for dinner Eddie Roche and wife were there. After dinner we started for home stoped to Pa's for tea and then come on threw. Valera came up with us.

Mon. 13 - Byron finished cultivating the corn. It has been cloudy and cold. Looks like rain all the time.

Tue. 14 - Still the weather is looking rainy I took the pork out of the berel and boilt the brin. Mirt is canning up peas.

Wed. 15 - I went out to Bloomfield with some grain to get ground afor the Hogs. Mirt washed. The Boy has been cross today. *(Continued on page 15)*

The 2015 Milford Fair
The Blitz is Still On
Until July 10th

For over 65 years, the Milford Fair has relied upon contributions of time and money from individuals and businesses in Prince Edward County, particularly those in South Marysburgh. As a not-for profit event, their generosity has enabled the fair to remain the most popular one of its kind in the County.

Every year, the Milford Fair Board undertakes what it refers to as 'The Blitz'- a concerted effort to solicit contributions and donations from individuals and businesses throughout the County. Like any other fundraising endeavour, this involves going door-to-door and visiting retail businesses asking for money. It is a big job requiring a lot of forethought and planning, numerous volunteers and exacting record keeping.

The funds raised during the blitz, along with gate receipts on Fair Day, are used in several ways: to provide cash prizes to winners of the various classes of exhibits; to buy prizes to be won during the raffle draw; to pay for expenses to put the fair on in the first place; and to upgrade damaged or obsolete equipment. Without the money to pay for these things, given by the community, the Milford Fair would not be what it is today.

The Milford Fair Board is appreciative of every single penny it receives. That appreciation is expressed through acknowledgement on fair day, and listing in the fair booklet distributed in August each year. **For those who have already made a donation, many, many thanks for your generosity.**

The Milford Fair is a community event at which everyone is welcome and invited to enter an exhibit or participate in any way they can. **If you can volunteer some time to help with the blitz or if you would like to make a donation, please contact and/or make cheques out to The Milford Fair Board and mail them to Noel Laine, 463 Bond Road, RR1, Milford, KOK 2PO 613.476.1750.**

We understand that there are numerous organizations seeking money and volunteers and appreciate whatever you can do to help keep the Milford Fair the annual tradition it has become.

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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

June was an extremely hectic month for municipal council, dealing with issues including size of council, provisions for a licensing scheme for special events, a review of the official plan for Prince Edward County (due in the autumn) and a variety of other issues. Mixed within the month were committee meetings and special events which involved participation in the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting and the Chamber of Tourism and Commerce meetings; and attending the opening of the new Consecon fire hall, a tour of the McFarland home in Picton, the Chamber open house and BBQ, a presentation about the Vital Signs report update and the well-attended meeting in Picton concerning Hospice Prince Edward. While I can't go into detail about specific South Marysburgh issues with which I was involved but there were several of those as well! In July and August, thankfully, the municipal schedule is reduced somewhat.

I'm only going to elaborate about a couple of the things from the preceding issues.

Size of Council

A list of 19 proposals concerning size of council was whittled down by council to four including the current structure, or status quo. The proposals for the consideration are the N.E.W. plan for three electoral wards and 9, 12 or 15 councillors; a plan for 10 councillors and the mayor with weighted voting; and John Thompson's Plan 13 of nine wards and 13 councillors and the mayor.

For an issue that has seemingly become very important to many people, it was very surprising that only four people attended the special Committee of the Whole meeting on June 25th to listen to the deputations and deliberations about proposals. A municipal press release is available at this link on the Internet:

<http://www.pecounty.on.ca/pdf/33CouncilShortlistsSizeofCouncilProposals.pdf>.

The link allows access to the specific proposals being considered. Also included is a schedule of Town Hall meetings planned for September. South Marysburgh residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on September 30th at the Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. As part of the public input process, residents will be able to answer a questionnaire about their preferences.

Please take the time to review the proposals and consider the advantages and disadvantages of each. Two of the three plans could lead to the loss of local representation in rural wards in favour of councillors who reside in urban areas.

Additional council meetings about this issue are scheduled for July 16th at 6:00 p.m. and on July 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Special Events Licensing

For the purpose of confidentiality I can't get into specifics about an issue that arose in June having to do with a special event being held in South Marysburgh. Suffice it to say that when advised of the by-laws being

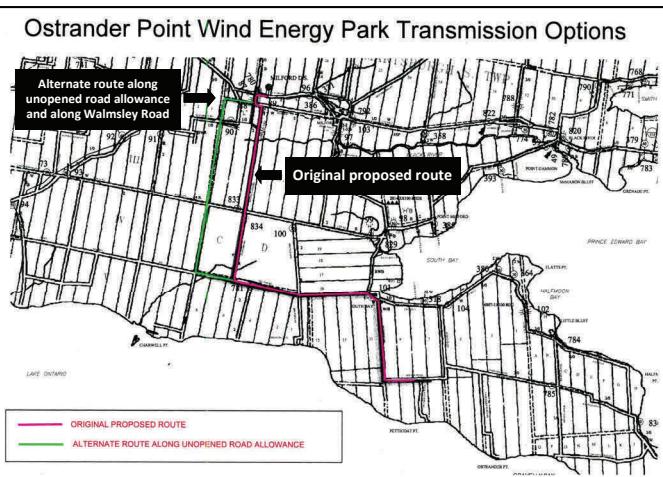
imposed by the municipality on the event in question, I and several others on council developed a motion that was unanimously passed to create a licensing system whereby one-time special events could occur provided other rules and by-laws were observed (safety, health, burning etc.).

The purpose of creating this motion is to encourage business progress, job development and economic benefit before the municipality weighs down the business opportunity with onerous red tape and delays.

People who wish to experiment with a business idea (as this particular event will) they will be inclined to look elsewhere to municipalities where such rigid restrictions don't exist to the same degree. From time immemorial, Prince Edward County has encouraged the entrepreneurial spirit, let's not stop it now!

Gilead Power

Hydro One has been told by Gilead Power to begin the mapping of the transmission line route from their Ostrander Point turbine farm. As part of the process, hydro has advised property owners on Walmsley Road that it may be necessary to remove old growth trees on their properties to make way for the hydro poles. The proposed route is on the map below.



Because the Ostrander Point project is still under review, no work can begin. That said, I urge residents along the route to remain vigilant and advise me of any work being undertaken in this regard. My contact information is located below.

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Let's Have A Party Outdoors!

By George Underhill

The definition of al fresco dining is "in the open air." Well, I've eaten outdoors a lot. For several summers I was timber cruising and because we were tramping far back in the bush we carried our lunch. Gobbling down a cheese sandwich half crushed in your back pack, washing it down with a canteen of lukewarm water while fighting off swarming blackflies, mosquitoes and deer flies, that's not the kind of outdoor eating I enjoy. I'm talking about celebratory eating. Sean Robinson gave me a big old Canada Goose once, and we deep fried the thing in a special deep frier a friend had that would do a turkey. You plunged the bird into a cauldron of bubbling fat and you are supposed to enjoy a crispy fowl, like a Kentucky Fried Turkey. Maybe we did something wrong because we dined on a greasy tough old bird that we only ate out of sheer hunger... and lots of beer.

Now a nice barbecue on the patio, prefaced by some cold beer, well that's a different matter. Add the Perlick Kegerator and you've got something. Buy a keg of beer (sold at the beer store), stick the keg in the Kegerator which is a kind of a keg sized refrigerator with taps, and Bob's your uncle; you can professionally fill a glass from a bar-type handle with your favourite suds. Don't let the price ("from only \$4,572") intimidate you. After all, you want your friends to have a good time don't you? By the way, I hate the phrase "from" when it's applied to cost. What's it really cost?

Not in the mood for charred meat? I'm always in the mood for that, but you could try the Kalamazoo Artisan Fire Pizza Oven. The promotional blurb says you can get a Neapolitan-style pizza in under three minutes! What? How can you get a pizza in under three minutes? Anyway, that's what they claim. The company has announced a model that can be installed into a wall or masonry structure, and you can get one "from only \$8,126". I don't know, but that seems a bit steep. Eat one pizza each week for five years and each one would cost about thirty bucks just to cook it. I know what you're thinking, if you're going to spend eight grand for a pizza cooker, the price is irrelevant. Still, at that rate a pizza and a Kegerator beer would be an extravagance only the truly wealthy could contemplate.

Al fresco dining has reached new levels of sophistication. Remember the Hibachi? A little portable thing you carried to a picnic, threw in some charcoal, added nice smelly fire starter, seared off your eyebrows, and then charred your burgers. It worked pretty well. The new Cal Flame Gas Hibachi Grill can be yours for \$1,251. Is this an improvement on the old Hibachi? Maybe so, maybe not, but it's a lot sexier.

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Sarah's Research Notes

Historical Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

Nelson tells us that "The baby", born on May 20 is now named on July 19. It was not uncommon at this time, when an infant's chances of surviving were lower, not to name the baby until after the period of highest vulnerability (death rates were highest the first day, dropping after that and dropping again after the first two months.) Some commentators have noted that this may have been to avoid attachment to a child and help diminish the grief if the child died.

Neither of their chosen names for "the boy", Lloyd nor Leroy, appears to have been a family name, but both were reasonably popular; Lloyd was ranked #72 and Leroy #64 in popularity in 1903. Lloyd was actually trending up quite fast in the first decade of the 20th century. Whether or not this fact had any influence on the men in on the name choice, it is of interest that the first gasoline-powered car built in quantities in Canada was launched in 1903 and was called Le Roy.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

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for \$3,495. I Watched a video of this thing, and it's pretty neat. It would have to be for the price. But still, three grand to cook pancakes? A frying pan sitting atop your BBQ wouldn't create equal quality pancakes? Well, you be the judge. It's your money.

Harry Rosen has an ad that asks the question, "Is there really such a thing as BBQ attire?" The ad features several chefs in what is deemed appropriate attire. The first guy is wearing a "Burberry Brit" short sleeved shirt for \$215 with Jacob Cohen jeans for \$598. These are not familiar brand names to me, but when I compared them to a Giant Tiger ad that asks "Why pay \$10?" for a man's short sleeved shirt because they sell them for \$7, I ask myself what's the big difference? There's a difference I'm sure, but can it be that large? As for the jeans, I would assume they are made of denim and still cost over 500 bucks. I guess I am not a Harry Rosen kind of guy.

The moral is, "You can overdo anything." Charring a cheap steak on a gas BBQ with a cold beer, wearing your old clothes, that's al fresco dining by my rules.

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(Life In The Past continued from page 9)

Thur. 16 - I started in to cut my hay. Got a nice peace cut down. Mirt is still canning up peas. She and Valera and the boy went back to the Garden. When they come back they left the bars down the cows got in and destroyed all the corn and peas some of the cabbage.

Fri. 17 - I mowed hay all day it is quite light

Sat. 18 - Looked so like rain I drew in a couple of loads of hay. Just got the last load in as it commence but didn't rain very much.

Sun. 19 - Visitors Jake and Lib were here. Jake and I went up to the banks for awhile. It was quite warm. Ida was up for tea. Mirt went over to the Baptis church at night left the baby with me. We fully decided on the name. We are going to call the baby Lloyd Leroy Hicks

Mon. 20 - I finished mowing the hay in the Back field rather warm.

Tue. 21 - Byron and I drew in a couple loads of hay.

Wed. 22 - I finished putting up the Hay in the Back field

Thur. 25 - Raned some last night so Byron and I cultivat-ed the corn. It has begun to grow like fun.

Fri. 24 - Byron cultivated in the Tomatoes till noon then Emmet come over and helped me finish drawing in the Hay in the back field.

Sat. 25 - Mirt and I went down to Picton. Left Lloyd with Mary E. and Valera. It was very hot.

Sun. 26 - Mirt and I went out to Whitford Colliers We had a fine visit they think the boy is growing fine

Mon. 27 - Started to mow the field by the Barn. It was very hot.

Fri. 28 - I finish mowing the Barn field and in the after noon Emmet came over and we got it all piled up. Then after milking I drove out and got Jessie Wattam to help Mirt make her dress.

Wed. 29 - Rained last night like fury and has rain most all day I am thinking my hay is pretty wet. There has been a bea today moving a house for Lige Cunningham. Jessie and Mirt is making things fly to day.

Thur. 30 - The weather looks settled again. Mirt Jessie and Valera and I went down to Ida's. Harry Wattam and Ina came out and then we all come home after dinner

Fri. 31 - Dan come up after dinner. We drew in hay Emmet helped me also. Found the hay in a better shape than I thought for. (See Sarah's Research Notes on page 14)



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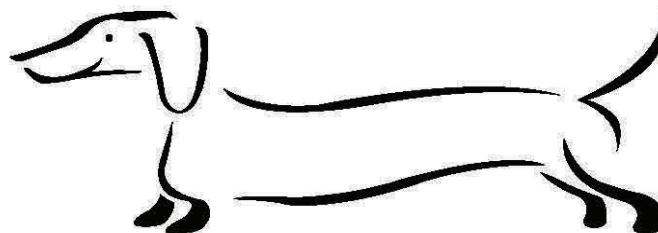
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By Sarah Moran Collier and Nancy Butler



Summer is here and the fish are jumping. So are the beans, jumping up out of the soil and hurtling towards the sky, thanks to the lovely bit of rain and the encouraging heat we have been having here in South Marysburgh.

It's a very rewarding time if you're growing your own vegetables. After all that hard work of preparation and sowing, it's exciting to see the seedlings pushing their way into this world, no matter how many times you have seen it before.

If you've been paying attention to the peas in farmer's fields around us, they are exploding this month with leaves and curly tendrils and pods doubtless coming.

Here in the county, peas have long been an important crop. In 1889, an account reports that the pea seed was of such high quality in Prince Edward County that the best dealers in the US and in England "found it advantageous to procure their seed from this district." You won't be surprised to learn either that some years there was a crop failure, with no seed being formed, due to drought, of course. Such a year was 1883; this was a serious problem for those farms, of which there were some, that had dedicated their entire production to peas.

You can catch up with some pea harvesting nostalgia on YouTube; there's great footage to be found there entitled Pea and Tomato Harvest in Prince Edward County 1950's and 1970's. Perhaps you'll spot a recognizable, if younger, face.

There are still seed producers here who are part of that long tradition of local excellence and from whom you can purchase locally produced seed. A few that come to mind are: Antique Edibles, Upper Canada Seeds and Vicki's Veggies.

And now for our annual last call plea to those of you who as yet haven't started growing exhibits for the Milford Fair. There's still time to join in the fun. Don't be discouraged by a feeling of being too late to plant, just because of some arbitrary date. Every season and every garden is different but you could certainly sow seeds for cucumber, beans, squash, melons, beet, chard and scallions for example.

And here's a little tip for a way you can add to the pleasure of weeding and harvesting your crops. Sow fragrant basil alongside the veg and enjoy some spa therapy with your farming work!

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