

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## Morrison Point Road Dry Stone Wall Rehabilitation

Les Stanfield (in the green vest, lower image) assembled a group of enthusiastic volunteers to undertake the reconstruction of a section of Prince Edward County's most impressive dry stone wall.





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## Milford Library Branch Check It Out

By Leah Garfield-Wright

Once the ice melts, people flow through the door of the library. Springtime rouses people from their winter habits and encourages new paths to form, with many leading right up the ramp and into this branch! Heraclitus of Ephesus, ancient Greek philosopher, spoke about rivers: "Ever-newer waters flow on those who step into the same rivers." If you attended the County Reads event last month, you heard Shelagh Mathers lauding Helen Humphreys' book "The River" with such beautiful praise that it was voted to the top of the County Reads stack. "The River" and all the County Reads candidates are worth reading. This month, let the current guide you to the library and see if it has changed since the last time you stepped foot inside...and see how your presence might shape the next 25 years. Keep reading for details on a celebration of the past 25 years and the future.

April was busy here! The Easter Hat Decorating attracted dozens of talented designers of all ages and stripes, eager to add flowers and ribbons or otherwise fancy their caps. The Stone Soup Guild continues to grow, and at our last meeting ("Getting Plants in the Ground"), over a dozen people came with food and ideas about growing food. The Milford Free Book Club had a rousing conversation about their last book, which patrons liked for different reasons. And lastly, we hosted the launch of Nature Matters! by PEPTBO – copies available at the library!

Looking ahead, we have two events, one musical, and one very Milford-al. Sunday, May 27 will be the 2nd Annual Cabaret. This is a fundraiser for the PEC M.I.L.L. (Musical Instrument Lending Library) section as part of the Picton Library expansion project, and the entertainment --with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres-- will be held at the Picton Yacht Club. This will be a very musical afternoon all will enjoy!

Next up is the celebration lunch and launch of the 25th year anniversary of the construction of the current library building in Milford! The theme is: 25 Years Ago, 25 Years Ahead. The fascinating history of what happened "25 Years Ago" is elsewhere in this issue, by Susan McDonald, Chair of the Friends of the Milford Library, who spoke with the community members who made this space possible. As for the "25 Years Ahead," it is up to you to write the story! What do you picture happening here in the next 25 years? Come to the celebration lunch and launch on June 3 to meet other Milford-ians and South Marysburgh-ites who are invested in the future. There will be activities for all ages.

Our library is always changing, a reflection of the current population, with new eddies, and novel streams, and abundant circulations in a relatively reliable shoreline. "Everything flows," said Heraclitus. Flow this way in May, check out a book, and read it and ponder the flowing nature of water, words, and...everything. A wonderful place to do that is where the Mill Pond meets the Black River.

## PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB REGISTRATION

Thursday, May 24th at 12:30 p.m.

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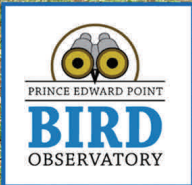
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Calendar of Events  
May 1 to October 31  
2018



**2018 Spring Birding Festival  
events begin on page 8**  
For more info go to  
[www.peptbo.ca](http://www.peptbo.ca)

Photo: John Sanders

# The South Marysburgh Recreation Board

## The Marysburgh Mummers The Milford Fair Board

### *Meetings, Events, Announcements*

#### Fair Board Meeting

Milford Town Hall  
Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm

#### Recreation Board Meeting

Milford Town Hall  
Wednesday, May 23, 7 pm

#### Art Classes with Janice Gibbins

Milford Town Hall  
Tuesdays to May 15  
10 am to noon

#### First Annual Milford Soap Box Derby

Saturday, July 7  
Special Meeting Wednesday, May 16, 7pm  
Milford Town Hall

Anyone who is interested in helping with  
The Soap Box Derby please Attend.  
We can't do it without your help!

#### The Marysburgh Mummers

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*On September 15th  
Come Celebrate our Rural Roots!*

## MILFORD FAIR NEWS

The annual Milford fall fair is quickly approaching! This year we'll be shining the spotlight on our rural roots - the foundation of what makes South Marysburgh the envy of Prince Edward County!

Love the Milford Fair? Then why not volunteer a few hours to help us put it together! We'll need people to donate food and sell it, to assemble things and take things down, run events, organize the parade, sell tickets, run games & skills competitions, help with exhibits, locate lost parents and/or children, shoo bees away and just generally pitch in. You get the idea.

And have we mentioned the compensation? It's fabulous: you'll have fun while earning the appreciation of the fair board and fair visitors, and you'll go home with the satisfaction of knowing you helped maintain a 72-year-old local tradition people will talk about long after they leave the fairgrounds.

Specific volunteer contacts will be listed in next month's *Mirror*, but if this little blurb has whet your appetite to pick up the phone, please contact the Fair Board president, Valencia Logan at 613.813.9977.

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June Edition of The Mirror  
is May 25th**



## Coming Up At The Library

**Dear Insects, Be Friends, Not Foes! [Stone Soup Guild]**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

We'll explore the benefits of bugs in the garden and beyond, and discuss ways to encourage helpful insects and to discourage others. All ages and experiences welcome!

### Milford Free Book Club Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"The Reinvention of Love" by Helen Humphreys, described by the Globe and Mail thus: "...more than the romantic story of an illicit affair...also a clever, witty inquiry into the nature of love, reminiscent of the metaphysical poets." Call to reserve yours!

**The Second Annual Cabaret Celebrating Music and Our Community—Sunday, May 27, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Prince Edward Yacht Club**

A fun-filled afternoon with talented local performers of all ages and musical persuasions. Tickets \$25, available at any branch of the County of Prince Edward Public Library.

**25 Years Ago, 25 Years Ahead: Lunch and Launch of Celebration of the Milford Branch Library**

**Sunday June 3, 1 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall,**

Lunch provided by the Friends of the Milford Branch Library, and launch of summer-long programming. Activities focused on art, reading, history, and visioning for this branch will appeal to all ages. For details, contact the Milford Branch at 476-4130 or milford@peclibrary.org.

### Regular Events at the Library:

#### Knit & Chat

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome. Feel free to bring any textile or fiber arts (embroidery, quilting, etc.). Tea is served.

#### Stone Soup Guild

Every first Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a networking and support group about how we relate to the dirt, plants and animals in the county and beyond. We gather monthly to share experiences, resources, and soup. Stay tuned for upcoming themes (and tours)!

#### Music in Milford

Every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join volunteers to learn more about the instruments in the Musical Instrument Lending Library, and meet other music-minded people.

## May at the Winery



### Upcoming Spring Events

**Mother's Day Weekend – May 12 and 13**

Bring your mom and have a complimentary taste for two on Saturday or Sunday, or treat her to lunch (Saturday only) from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**Spring Birding Festival – May 13 to 22**

Be sure to check the PEPtBO website for their events. The winery tasting room will be open daily, and our menu will include a hearty soup, chili plus our Nibble Menu selections. Available daily during the festival. Eat-in or take-out.

11:00 to 2:00

**BluZone – May 19**

Martin and Brian are back on the patio for their first appearance this season on our patio from 2:00 to 5:00 weather permitting.

We'll have the pizza oven fired up!

*Check for other event details and our menu on Facebook while our website is under construction*

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# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## Zoom Zoom

This is a neat idea! The Recreation Committee has been working with the organizers of the Consecon Soap Box Derby with an eye to holding a similar event in Milford. The Derby will be held in the GMA (Greater Milford Area) and is scheduled for July 7th. A planning meeting is taking place on May 16th; see the notice in the Recreation Board listing in this issue for more details but please attend to help pitch in.

## Speaking of Derbys...

The Recreation Committee is also looking into a Fishing Derby in association with the Black River Cheese Company sometime this summer. More information to follow.

## Speaking of the Recreation Committee

Word has come that there is a significant need for residents to pony up with their ideas and their free time to ensure local events continue into the future. A case in point is the always successful Easter Parade and Egg Hunt that draws kids, parents and grandparents from throughout The County. The Rec. Comm. wants to hear from anyone who would like to run this event in 2019. If there are no takers, the event will not occur. Further information is available from Bruce Dowdell or Leon McConnell whose contact information is in the Recreation Board event listing.



*Murphy the Golden Retriever directing traffic to veer right during the annual Milford Easter Parade*

## The AoG

Questions abound about the whereabouts of The Assembly of Gentlemen since the group was forced to take something of a contemplative sabbatical in the fall. Specifically, their key correspondent to *The Mirror* took on an assignment that involved travel outside the GMA, and the member who is generally considered to be not the sharpest knife in the drawer, realized that if meetings were put into abeyance he'd have to seek gainful employment to fill time otherwise spent at Live, Laugh, Eat, the AoG's headquarters. That said, the member who clearly has earned a university degree has been ruminating about numerous issues that will become topics of conversation among group members including the AoG's entry plans for the upcoming soap box derby.

The correspondent has returned and has provided a report in this issue about a meeting held this week concerning the municipal election.

## Information You Didn't Know You Needed to Know, and Important Dates

- ◆ Black Creek Area (BCA) resident, Marilyn Lauer, has considerable proven baking skills as evidenced at some recent business and social functions to which she made contributions.
- ◆ A garage sale to raise funds for dry stone wall rehabilitation on Morrison Point Road will be held on **Saturday, May 19th** at 542 Morrison Point Road. Watch for posters and advertisements.
- ◆ The annual Mariners' Museum BBQ Dinner takes place on **Saturday, July 7th**—save the date!

## The South Marysburgh Mirror and the Election

Questions have arisen about the fate of *The Mirror* if I am fortunate enough to win the election in October.

If such is the case, I will continue to publish each month but will not be providing a municipal update unless it is distributed to all media outlets in the County. Presumably, the newly elected South Marysburgh councillor will keep his or her constituents informed by providing news of activities at Shire Hall and elsewhere.

Readers should expect to see in 2019 and beyond the same in-depth reporting and hard-hitting articles they have come to expect from *The Mirror*.

## ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 21	Annual Black Creek Canoe Trip
Wednesday, August 8	Pork & Corn Roast
Saturday, September 29	Yard & Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 10	Christmas Tea & Bake Sale



**Good Eats with  
Ruth Gangbar**



## County Catch

Unless you've got a fishing rod and know the good spots, fresh local fish for supper can be a hard thing to come by. After centuries of commercial fishing in the County, the local industry is an endangered species.

It's been an unexpected privilege to watch commercial fisherman George Cooper and his partner Gerry work the nets for perch, whitefish, lake trout and pickerel on the Adolphus Reach directly in front of my water front cabin. I was especially sad to hear of George's recent death just a few weeks ago; his stamina, skill and kindness made a huge impression on me, fishing as he did from a 26-foot open aluminum boat. Nets under the ice with holes cut with chainsaws in winter, hauling catches with snow mobiles: This is not a trade that attracts many new recruits.

So I was heartened to hear of an unexpected union between the husband-and-wife fishery team of Kendall and Joanne Dewey of Sophiasburgh, and young Slieman Al Jasem. Since March, the couple who run the last remaining commercial operation in the County, have taken up the task of passing on their skills to him. After running all aspects of the business themselves for years, there's a lot to pass on. Despite a language barrier, it was Career Edge in Picton that brought them together, and with some inspiring results.

Slieman, a Syrian refugee, wasn't at the Dewey's home and processing facility when I went there recently, but he's clearly showing enthusiasm for the opportunity; processing fish, ramping up sales, learning more about the lake. His "County Catch" Facebook page is alluring... with family cooks enlisted to present photos of delicious looking crispy perch fillet platters while he promotes the business with a mobile number for deliveries or inquiries, and answers texts promptly! Pickerel will be in season shortly, and I'm excited about that and a chance to hear more about this unique and hopeful arrangement based on a new kind of settlement.

The original deeds for settlements in Quinte's Isle match the fishing lineages founded by the original United Empire Loyalist soldiers: the British Regiment's former soldiers - the Harrisons, Farringtons, McCormicks, Wellbanks - and those of German ancestry, the Bongards, Coles, Mouocks, and Dulmages.

The fishing villages dotting the shores are long gone, but this new fishing connection has deep roots and a lot of heart and grit behind it and a chance to continue a County legacy in its tentative, new way. Perhaps I can get some fish recipes from Slieman's family? I keep mine simple.

### **To pan fry Perch:**

Wash and dry the fish; toss it in seasoned flour (salt, pepper, a little nutmeg) with a little cornmeal added for extra crunch. Cook in a sizzling hot skillet with butter, turning a few times until crispy and the flakes separate easily (about 2 minutes per side), wiping out the pan between batches.

Drizzle the cooked fish with lemon juice and serve with homemade tartar sauce: Mayonnaise mixed with chopped gherkin and capers, grainy mustard such as Cressy Mustard's "Barely Days", minced chives, and a little lemon juice or vinegar. It's the time of year for eating weeds, so I chop up and add some Wild Garlic Mustard leaves too; you can add minced shallot if you like, instead.

Weeding the garden provided some delicious dandelion and wild garlic mustard greens (saving me a trip to town to buy spinach) Rinse them well and add still dripping to a sizzling hot skillet with butter. Stir until wilted and just softened with a drizzle of maple syrup, and fresh squeezed lemon and salt and pepper to taste. Do pick them before they bloom and become too bitter to eat, and you'll be getting lots of calcium, potassium and vitamin A. Winter is over, finally.

### **Links and Information:**

The County Catch Slieman Al Jasem  
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<https://www.facebook.com/The-County-Catch-1810796799226295/>

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Share your burden with a friend; two can carry a pail easier than one.*

A preacher went to call on a member of his flock, a bachelor farmer, and found him milking a cow. "Be with you in a moment," the farmer said. When he finished milking, he lifted the pail to his mouth, drank from it deeply, gave the rest to the dog and cats and hung up the pail.

Turning to the preacher with a sigh of accomplishment, the bachelor farmer said, "Milking's over, supper's over, chores are done and the dishes put away. What can I do for you?"

### An old farmer's advice:

- ◆ Don't interfere with something that isn't bothering you.
- ◆ Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- ◆ If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- ◆ Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- ◆ Most of the stuff people worry about aren't ever going to happen anyway.
- ◆ The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- ◆ Speak kindly, care deeply, leave the rest to God.

Did you hear about the new supermarket? It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Before it goes on you hear distant thunder and smell fresh rain. When you approach the milk case, you hear cows mooing and smell the scent of fresh hay. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle. The veggie department features the smell of buttered corn. Needless to say, I don't buy toilet paper there anymore.

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"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one

"Yes, I know", said another. "My cataracts are so bad, I can't even see my coffee.

"I couldn't even mark an X at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you."

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fourth to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your blessings," said a woman cheerfully. "Thank God we can all still drive."

"Hello, Mrs. Miller," said the bearded guy behind the counter at the bagel shop.

The lady and her husband looked at him but drew complete blanks. "I'm sorry, do we know each other?" she asked.

"Yeah, you was my English teacher."

Leaning over, her husband whispered, "Good job, Honey, good job."

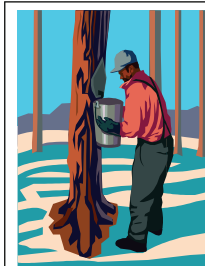
### Exit lines:

**Q. What does a liar do after he's dead?**

**A. He lies still.**

**Q. Why did the coffee file a police report?**

**A. Because it was mugged.**



## Local Maple Syrup for Sale

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## Life In The Past

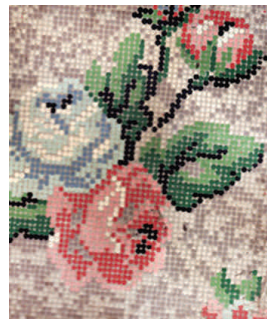
**Nelson Hicks' Journals**  
Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

For those readers who are unaware, Sarah escapes the cold, dreary winter in Prince Edward County to spend it in damp, dreary Wales. Prior to her departure, she transcribes and submits several months of Nelson's journal entries for publication while she's away. Her time in Wales was extended this year so we're giving her the month off, and only including some research she did while away.

It takes considerable time and effort to transcribe Nelson's hand written journal entries, and this column receives more complements and positive feedback from readers than anything else in *The South Marysburgh Mirror*. On behalf of those readers, thank you, Sarah, for all the effort you put into keeping our past alive.

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

In early spring, Nelson has some time to help Mirt out with spring cleaning and redecorating. On a trip to Picton, they buy "a linoleum", perhaps for the kitchen they were painting. Linoleum, invented in 1863, was still popular. By the 1920's, "a linoleum", as Nelson describes their purchase, is possibly a linoleum rug, very fashionable around 1928. The linoleum designs often borrowed patterns from carpets; sometimes fibres and textures were imitated within the pattern. Promoted not just for their beauty but also for being sanitary and convenient, "a linoleum" for a large room could easily have cost over \$1,000 in today's prices.



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

Wed. May 9 – South By U.C.W. will meet at South Bay Church at 12 noon for a pot luck lunch. Devotional – Joyce Minaker; Roll call – Mother's Day verse; Program – Alice Miller; Objective – donation to food bank.

## CSG's Annual \$60 Rain Barrel Sale

In support of The County Sustainability Group's PEI Student Environmental Bursary in memory of Fred Holtz

Pre-Order your rain barrels & supplies  
online before May 17<sup>th</sup> at:  
[www.RainBarrel.ca/CSGPicton](http://www.RainBarrel.ca/CSGPicton)

Pick up on May 26th, 2018 between 10:00 a.m.  
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## It Takes a Community to Build a Library

By Susan McDonald

What does a community do when it discovers its little one-room library is in such disrepair that to fix it would be throwing good money after bad? Well, in South Marysburgh and Athol Townships, the community gets together and works hard to raise the funds to build a new library.

The South Marysburgh Public Library was founded by Ann Farwell, a local South Bay sheep farmer and former Toronto librarian, and Jeanne Minhinnick, a South Bay resident and former Toronto bookseller. In 1951, with the support of Reeve Carson Scott, they established the library in the Milford Town Hall. It was the first rural library in Prince Edward County. In 1952, operations moved to a small one-room library, built on donated land with a \$1650 loan from South Marysburgh Township. In 1976, the library was renamed The Ann Farwell Public Library, following her death. In 1982, Tom Huff, Chair of the Library Board, in an effort to increase funding, successfully appealed to Athol Township to affiliate itself with the renamed Ann Farwell Library. When the time came to build a new library, both townships worked together to raise the building funds.

In 1991, the Library Board, having secured a government grant for an accessible washroom, realised the library building was in such disrepair that a new building would have to be built. Although the board was allowed to keep the grant for the washroom, the Athol/South Marysburgh community would have to raise an enormous amount of money. And raise it they did! Vernice McConnell and Cheryl Reed planned the fundraising efforts and enlisted the many people needed to make a fundraising campaign successful.

The committee held many successful events, including an auction which took place in the shed at the Milford Fair grounds. The community generously donated a large variety of items, including many antiques. John Rorabeck, auctioneer for the event, started bidding at 6:00 pm. The auction ended around midnight and raised over \$7,000, a testament to John's auctioneering skill and the quality of the donated goods.

To keep the community engaged, the committee came up with some unique and fun ideas. A "Wild West" themed dance was held at the shed, complete with hay bales, horseshoes on the walls, a saloon style bar, a corral for barn animals, a live band and square dancing demonstration. Cornmeal was spread on the floor to make dancing easier. Halfway through the festivities, the bar was "robbed". The culprit was jailed in the corral and those in attendance were required to "raise bail" to get him out!

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## BLIZZMAX Gallery

3071 County Rd.13, South Bay



During the summer of 2018, we invite you to celebrate with us the 25th season of **BLIZZMAX** Gallery.

**Please save these dates:**

**JUNE 2:** "The 3 D's" (3 German artists)

**JULY 2:** "3D/Sculpture"

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## 25 Years Ago, 25 Years Ahead

### A Celebration of the Milford Branch Library

In 1993, the Milford Branch Library moved into a brand new building at 3053 County Road 10, thanks to the community's fundraising efforts. What will the next 25 years bring? Come to the Milford Town Hall for lunch and the launch of summer-long programming at this Branch of the Prince Edward County Library on Sunday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall, 3076 County Road 10. Activities focused on art, reading and history will appeal to all ages.

For details, contact the Milford Branch at 476-4130 or [milford@peclibrary.org](mailto:milford@peclibrary.org)



## 23RD ANNUAL ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH VICTORIA DAY BLACK RIVER CANOE TRIP

On Monday, May 21, bring your\* canoe, kayak or paddle board to 17 Chapman Crescent in Milford. Launch time is at 11:00 a.m. and the destination is the dock at Black River Bed and Breakfast at 68 Morrison Point Road.

Enjoy BBQ and refreshments after docking including pulled pork courtesy of Hawkridge Homestead, and cheese courtesy The Black River Cheese Co.



Further information:

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**Organized by St. Philip's &  
Everyone is welcome!**

*\*If possible, please bring your own canoe,  
kayak or paddle board.*

## Milford Friendship Circle

The first meeting for 2018 was Thursday, March 1 at Margaret Crouse's home at 1:30 p.m. President Margaret opened with one of her sayings: Remember, if people talk behind your back, it means you are two steps ahead.

Her Thought for the Day was another idea to think about. If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow we're not really living.

Seven answered roll call with "present" and considered ourselves fortunate that we could still do so.

We read a very nice thank you from Steve Ferguson for our donation to *The South Marysburgh Mirror*.

We talked about our life experiences as folks are wont to do as they get older.

We enjoyed Margaret's reading about an encounter between a golfer and a leprechaun. I'd love to enlighten you all on the story, but it would take too long and too much room.

We contributed to our meagre funds which we will share with others later in the year.

We partook of Margaret's bounteous and delicious lunch and did more reminiscing. Maureen thanked Margaret for opening her home and for an enjoyable afternoon.

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## Municipal Councillor

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The ladies met at South Bay United Church hall on Wed. Apr. 11, at 1:00 p.m. President Sandra opened the meeting with our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer.

Eight members reported making forty sick calls. Thank you notes were received from the various groups to which we had made donations. Treasurer Joyce reported our finances, and the collection was received and dedicated.

Dates were set for the coming year:

- Fish fry - Wednesday, July 4
- Luncheon and craft sale - Sat. Nov 17

A motion was passed to make a donation to Camp Quin-Mo-Lac

Brenda's program was a reading of a new version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. The ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared by Maureen and Carol for which we heartily thanked them.



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The most ambitious fundraising endeavour was a unique community gathering called The Great Ponderama, which took place on the Saturday of the Easter Weekend. The main event was a beach ball race on the Milford Millpond. Participants bought a beach ball for \$5 to enter the race. Two school busses were stuffed with 500 beach balls which were deposited at the Old Milford Road end of the pond. Commercial fishing nets secured the balls until race time. Over 3,000 people lined the banks of the millpond to cheer on the race. There was a strong wind that day and the race was over in 20 minutes.

Although the beach ball race was the main event, the festivities continued throughout the day. The "School of Vendors" at South Marysburgh school gym offered an indoor market of local crafters and merchants. Lunch was served at the teachers' lounge. The Children's Carnival was held at the Milford Town Hall. Children enjoyed games, crafts, and a puppet show. A sports card trading show and a sports memorabilia silent auction took place at Mount Tabor. The Great Ponderama was such a success that the committee decided to hold the event the next Easter Saturday. That year there was very little wind and the race took over 2 hours to complete! The Great Ponderama raised over \$12,000.

These events are just a few examples of the sustained fundraising effort which lasted over two years. With enormous dedication and huge support from the community, the committee raised over \$45,000 for the construction of the library.

With fundraising well in hand, construction of the new library started the summer of 1992. Under the watchful eye of the librarian, Dody Dance, thousands of books were boxed up and library patrons were asked to store them in their homes during construction. The former library building was sold to the Model Railroad Club. The Library Board hired Terpstra Builders to construct the library. Many community trades people donated their services and expertise, including plumber, Bill Dance and electricians Gordon Brookes and Bob Anthony. A building committee, spearheaded by Bill Vloeberghs and assisted by Leon McConnell, oversaw the project and volunteered many hours of labour. Once the library building was complete, a community group got together to put the library back together. New book shelves were installed and Dody made sure the books were properly organised back onto the shelves. Of the thousands of books that were stored by library patrons, all but two were returned! The brand new Ann Farwell Library opened 25 years ago on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1993 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Friends of the Ann Farwell Library would like to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of our library. Please join us on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at The Milford Town Hall as we recognise the efforts of our library community over the last 25 years and look forward to what the next 25 will bring. Thank you to Vernice and Leon McConnell for sharing their memories for this article.





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## In A Bad Mood?

*By George Underhill*

Have you ever woken up in the morning in a rotten mood? You feel kind of tired and angry. Well of course you have. You think, "I don't need anger management, I just need people to stop doing things that annoy me." If you don't meet anybody that you dare to show your mood to, (not counting your spouse) you can simply direct it towards Donald Trump or some other public figure.

It seems the older you get, the more frequently this occurs. Listen to a table of old people sitting around Tim Hortons, McDonalds, or some other gathering place having their morning coffee. If they're not talking about their physical ailments (organ recitals, they are called by the author Ram Dass), there are "Gee, ain't it awful" discussions. I shouldn't call them discussions because no one actually listens, they just talk, but they have plenty to say, and they rarely have anything positive to reference.

I tend to be one of these guys, witness these articles I've been writing for twenty years. I keep vowing to write positive, uplifting articles, and I might actually have written one, but I can't remember it. I'm making a mid-year resolution to be more positive in my views (perhaps after this one, or maybe the next one, or the one after that). Someone call me and give me a hint on a subject. Maybe it's one of those resolutions I'll never keep.

The morning newspaper is a rich source of material to annoy me. There are plenty of articles to get me going, but I'm talking about more basic things. The physical size of the paper is too large to make folding it easy. Worse than that, the size of the print is way too small. I have to use a magnifying glass to read the darn thing. Once I have found a way to fold the paper so I can see the print, I read article after article which expound on bad news. If I begin the day in a bad mood, this is a sure way of making it worse.

On the radio, I heard a man talking about customer service. One example he gave was a pharmacy that had a magnifying glass attached to the shelving holding over-the-counter medicines. We know how small the printing is on the packaging for these, so the magnifying glass allows customers to read them. Good for them.



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The AoG attended a hastily-called all-members meeting when news began to circulate that the councillor for South Marysburgh had filed papers to run for the mayor's position in the October municipal election.

In what developed into a wide-ranging discussion, the agenda included ways in which to assist the councillor's campaign; how proposed AoG projects might influence voters; and who among the AoG membership might be put forward as contenders for the council position.

"The way I see it," opined the member who clearly had earned a degree, "he's got to have a strong platform that addresses plank issues. Without those, and a commitment to carry through, people will not pay much attention."

"Agreed," said another member, "Steve-O will be poached without the planks and the platform."

Discussion ensued about important platform issues that require action by the local municipal government.

"I think there are a bunch," stated a relatively new member to the group, nicknamed Piledriver. "There's healthcare, and houses and jobs. And the roads. The roads are bad."

"Any of those need to be part of the platform," said a longstanding and respected member of the AoG. "But there will be other planks affecting other parts of the county. What about the heritage stuff he's always talking about, could some of that be used to deal with housing? Just throwin' it out there."


The degree wielding member asked another question that prompted some introspection among the others. "So what about the new councillor for South Marysburgh. Maybe one of us should consider the job and we can build that platform too."

"Okay, perhaps" said someone else, "But let's deal with one thing at a time. We came up with the causeway idea a couple of years ago to get people from Long Point to Picton Hospital. That was followed by PERTS." Acknowledging the relatively new members, he explained the acronym, "It stands for the Prince Edward Rapid Transit System we proposed for all the tunneling wpd was to do for the turbines wiring."

"Actually," began another member, "It's been proven time and time again that transportation routes encourage growth in housing and jobs. I think the County appropriated our idea and made it the basis for presentations they made a few weeks ago about affordable transit."

There was general consensus among those gathered that the topics that had been discussed were valid concerns in the upcoming election. The matter of an AoG candidate for councillor was deferred to another meeting to allow members to check their calendars for the next four years.

The meeting had run over the usual amount of allocated time before members dispersed to their jobs or other responsibilities. The member of the AoG generally considered to not be the sharpest knife in the drawer who had listened but not made much of a contribution to deliberations, got up to leave, placing his baseball cap somewhat askew on his head. "I've been sitting here thinkin', how come municipal politics involves so much carpentry? At last count we needed a bunch of planks to build a platform and now we're talkin' about a second platform for a new councillor. I'm pretty good at building stuff so give me the dimensions and the types of planks and I'll build 'em both. And there sure won't be any platform issues because I'll build the platforms right the first time. You can ask anybody about my work. And I guess they'll need to be portable to take to all them fish fries and pig roasts that seem to occur during elections."



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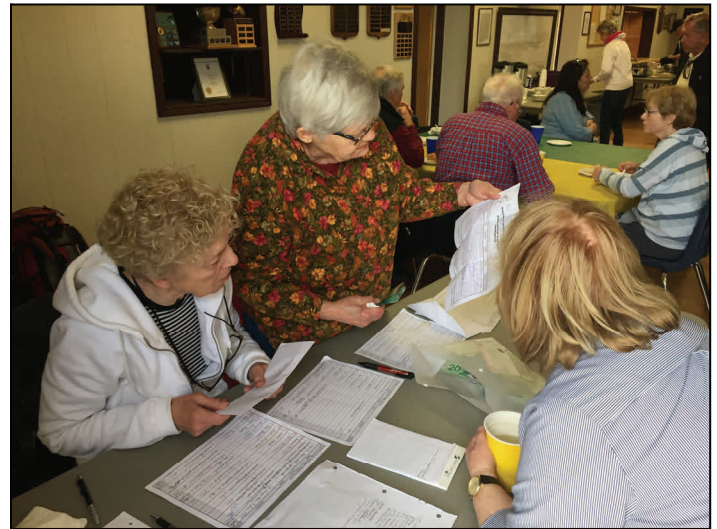
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## Blandings Turtle Walk-A-Thon

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## Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

You may have heard that last week I filed papers to run for the position of mayor of Prince Edward County in the upcoming municipal election. The decision to take this step – originally intended to evaluate whether I should run for re-election to council - has involved several months of introspection and many, many conversations with family members, constituents in South Marysburgh and other wards, and with fellow councillors and members of municipal staff. Their responses, as well as unsolicited encouragement from others including Mayor Quaiff, have been extremely humbling and gratifying. Ultimately, the mayor's decision to run in the provincial election opened an unexpected door to an opportunity for greater service to the community I have called home since 2008, and my spiritual home since the 1980s when first I visited.

I am deeply passionate about Prince Edward County, and have thoroughly enjoyed serving on council for the past three years. My engagement and enthusiasm is best reflected in my attendance record at Council and Committee of the Whole meetings whereby of a total of 173 meetings, I have missed 5 (Jim Dunlop and I are tied as the gold star winners among our fellow councillors!). In addition, I hope it is recognized that a position on Council involves looking after the best interests of **ALL** in Prince Edward County, not just those of the ward one represents. On that basis, decisions have to be made based on careful, thorough and considerable analysis from all angles. Although some will argue about a few of the decisions I have supported, each one has been arrived at after that analysis.

I do not underestimate the work that will be involved in fulfilling the expectations of The County's residents, businesses and visitors. If I am fortunate enough earn the trust and confidence of the majority of voters on October 22nd, the work to do so will begin on October 23rd.

Prince Edward County faces a number of challenges that have to be addressed with thoughtful deliberation and analysis, and with sleeves rolled up and a mindset to face the issues and overcome them. Of particular concern is the state of health care to our residents and the ongoing effort for the hospital, a critical pillar of the foundation of our particular community; the need to create housing to both retain and attract residents to the County who will participate in our economy; and ensuring that those among us who are struggling, for whatever reason, have access to the support they need to live fulfilling lives and participate in everything we have come to love about Prince Edward County. We have a responsibility to recognize and encourage the upholding and supporting of our heritage and its values including our agricultural community, our built heritage, recognizing indigenous groups, and understanding the needs of ALL wards.

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That said – and in recognition of the fact that council and council members must act on behalf of all ratepayers, businesses and business sectors in the County - I was asked yesterday what the first things are that I would do if I won the election. As I mentioned above, that work would begin on October 23rd and would involve 'Councillor Training' sessions typically organized by the Clerk's office before the official term begins on December 1st. Apart from the more academic aspects of the training process, here's the beginning of a list of a few other things I'd add to it to make sure we hit the ground running:

- ◆ Familiarity with the attributes and challenges facing each individual ward and its impact and influence on the County through visits to each, organized by respective new or returning members of council;
- ◆ A tour of agricultural enterprises, be they traditional farming operations or new ones, to understand innovations they have embraced and the challenges this important economic sector faces;
- ◆ Meetings on-site at existing, new and emerging businesses throughout the municipality to understand their contributions to our economy and any barriers or limitations to greater success;
- ◆ And lastly, and importantly, face to face meetings with the municipal staff members and departments upon whom every ratepayer depends.

I am looking forward to the challenge. I thank the many who have expressed their endorsement at this early stage, and I hope to earn the support of those undecided on October 22nd.

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## Vulture Culture Some Kind of Right of Spring Thing

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This species and dozens of others may be seen during the annual birding festival at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory from May 13 to 22.



## Jars Needed

For the past several years, a group of friends from the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary have been getting together to make jams, jellies and preserves. South Bay United Church has been kind enough to let us use their kitchen facilities for our work.

The jams, jellies and preserves are sold as part of the preserves and baking sale at the Auxiliary's Festival of Trees in late November. All the money raised at the Festival goes towards the purchase of equipment for our Picton hospital.

In order to keep our costs down, we send out a plea each year for donations of jars which you may no longer need. We're looking in particular for 125 ml. and 250 ml. canning jars.

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