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It's Birding Month in South Marysburgh



Mayor Robert Quaiff demonstrates perfect birding form outside Shire Hall (PEPTBO photo)

Migration Monitoring at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory is in full swing. The colourful warblers in their spring breeding plumage are starting to arrive at Prince Edward Point – and to feed on the midges that have emerged in the Traverse Woods and beyond.

This year Mayor Robert Quaiff is a “guest birder” in the Spring Bird Count. As an independent charity and organization, the Bird Observatory depends on the funds raised with the Spring Bird Count, so if Mayor Quaiff approaches you for a donation – dig deep!

(Full story on page 14)

Milford's New 'Lending Library of Things'

By Christine Renaud

On Saturday, May 16th, drop by the Emporium in Milford at 11:00 a.m. and learn about the new *Lending Library of Things* (LLOTs) starting in the County. While you're there, check out all the great, funky vintage goodies at the grand opening of The Milford Emporium!

Similar tool lending libraries exist in many cities in the U.S. and are popping up around the country here, too. Toronto, Hamilton, Halifax and Vancouver all have them, and now, so do we Prince Edward County!

The idea is to share what we have as a community for free, especially things that we may not need all the time. In addition to building and carpentry tools, we hope to gather gardening and yard tools, crafting tools, sewing machines, specialty cooking equipment like dehydrators and specialty pans, and anything that people might need to borrow short term.

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South Marysburgh in May? Not just for the birds!

The Spring Birding Festival attracts hundreds of enthusiasts from Southern Ontario as well as hundreds of others from around the world. If you're in the South Marysburgh area for the opening of the Festival on May 16th there's plenty of other stuff to do while you're here.

Live, Laugh, Eat in Milford can supply you with take-out food; **Vicki's Veggies'** tomato seedling sale takes place on Morrison Point Road on the 16th and 17th with plenty of other vendors on hand; the **Black River Cheese Company** on County Road 13 will launch its new sheep cheese (and the '**Black Crick Chicks**' will be on hand in the parking lot to serenade you, sell treats and collect money for the *Relay for Life*); and the **Emporium** and '**Library of Things**' will be opening in Milford.

When you've done all that, visit **Half Moon Bay Winery** and the **Mariners' Museum** on County Road 13, and **Long Dog Winery** on Brewers Road on your way to the **Milford Bistro** for a good lunch or dinner.

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Milford Market Kicks Off Its 8th Season



On Saturday, May 16th, the Milford Market opens for the season as part of the Victoria Day weekend celebration. The Market will be held every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Milford Red Shed (next to Mt. Ta-

bor Playhouse in Milford) through to Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Started in 2008, the Market provides a wide array of products for both County residents and visitors: Fresh Veggies in season, Home Baked Treats, Jams and Preserves, Pottery, Used Books and CD's, Photography, Jewelry, Hand Knits Fashions, Craft Work and Flea Market items. The Market Café provides wonderful light lunches and refreshments.

Jim and Michelle Lambton will provide overall management for the coming season, taking over from Janet Richardson and Don Gyde whose past market coordination saw the growth and increased popularity of this "very County" week-end attraction. For each of the previous seven years, new vendors and new features assure visitors and shoppers of always discovering something different and interesting. As the 2015 season unfolds, this trend will continue.

The Milford Market operates under the auspices of the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee whose support is critical to the Market's success. Every Saturday Bruce Dowdall, representing the Committee, sets up the tables and offers assistance to the vendors. The Market provides a warm welcome to all visitors and to new vendors who are always invited to join the established vendors in the big Red Shed. If you are interested in becoming a vendor please contact Jim Lambton at 613-813-3804.



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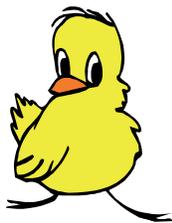
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The 'Black Crick Chicks & Friends' are back and warming up for the 2015 *Relay For Life* walk which celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers; remembers loved ones lost to cancer; fights back by raising awareness; and helps fund support for the work of cancer societies and cancer research.

The 'Chicks' continue to raise funds and will be participating in their ninth Relay. They recognize that this would not be possible without the ongoing support of the community for which the 'Chicks' are extremely grateful. Last year they raised \$8,000 and hope to meet or exceed that amount this year.

Please help the 'Chicks' peck out this awful disease and come to their **Annual Chick Shack Bake Sale**.

Where: Next to the Black River Cheese Factory

When: Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 to 3:00

As in previous years delicious items will be available for purchase including muffins, cookies, pies and, of course, their famous mouth-watering hot dogs. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. In addition, luminaries will be available for purchase.

Bring your empty beer/wine/spirits bottles for the 'Chicks' ongoing bottle drive. And with any donation by cash or cheque the 'Chicks' will perform the 'The Black Crick Chicks Chant' and the Bird Dance!!

**We may be from the County but we're not hicks/
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Milford Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.
Milford Town Hall

Milford Market

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
May 16th to October 10th
in the Shed at the Fairgrounds

Recreation Board Meeting

Milford Town Hall
Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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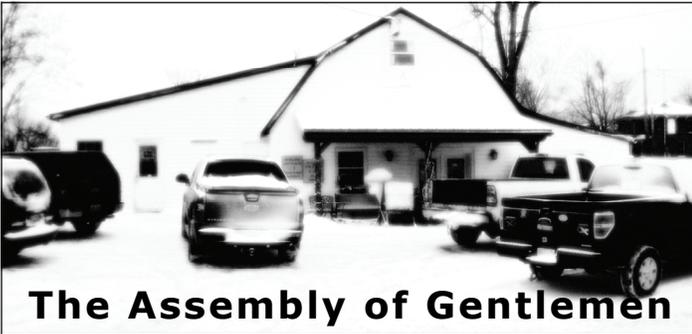
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The Assembly of Gentlemen

With the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal to overturn the lower court's approval of the Ostrand-er Point industrial wind turbine project because of its threat to the endangered Blandings Turtle, the Assembly of Gentlemen have initiated a Blandings Turtle breeding program.

According to a senior member of the group, their plan is to expand the specie's population and donate pairs of Blandings Turtles to Ontario municipalities under threat of IWT development. "We're trying to accomplish a couple of things with the program," according to the AoG member who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on behalf of the group. "First, increase the numbers of an endangered species and maybe get them removed from that list; second, give them a home in habitat threatened by IWTs elsewhere in Ontario so those communities can have the same weapon we have had that led to the recent court decision. Now we just have to find the turtles; they're pretty scarce."

It was pointed out by an enlightened member of the group that the Blandings Turtle doesn't normally breed until about 18 years of age hence results won't be seen anytime soon, the spokesman replied, "Many of our members will never witness the success of the program. We currently view this as a legacy project"

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Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes

The 'Renewed' Milford Bistro

It's great to have the Bistro back up and running in the capable hands of Lindsay McCarthy and Angela Stamp. *Mirror* staff has had two dinners and one lunch since the Bistro opened in mid-April and was suitably impressed with the menu selection, the excellent quality of the food, the generous portions, the service, and – best of all - the prices. Wisely, Lindsay and Angela have opted to create a community restaurant atmosphere in which visitors and all residents of South Marysburgh can feel comfortable.

While they are managing through some growing pains and making adjustments, they are a welcome addition to the community. I encourage you to drop by for lunch or dinner and have a great, reasonably priced meal. They're open for lunch and dinner on Fridays and Saturdays until mid-May when hours expand. 613.476.0004 for reservations.

Januszkiewicz's No Frills

Andrew and Emily's (Januszkiewicz) No Frills store has been awarded one of six Foodland Ontario Awards of Excellence and one of twelve Platinum All Seasons Awards (their second in a row) in recognition of their in-store promotion of Ontario food.

The awards were created in 1987 and are presented by the Ontario government in partnership with fruit and vegetable growers' associations to raise consumer awareness about fruits and vegetables grown in the province. As all Ontario grocers are eligible for the award, Andrew, Emily and their produce manager(s) should be proud of their achievement.

Of particular interest may be the fact that during the growing season, Andrew and Emily purchase \$10,000 worth of produce per week directly from Prince Edward County farmers who are then paid promptly.

This could only happen in South Marysburgh...

Gord and Janice Gibbins report some difficulty sending and receiving faxes at their house on Royal Road. Although there was no apparent problem with the telephone line or its connection to the fax

machine, there was a problem with the machine's internal roller mechanism. Somehow a small snake had crawled into the machine and wrapped itself around a roller, presumably mistaking it for another, larger snake. Or whatever...

CLIC!

The Clic photo show returns in July at Books and Company in Picton and the call for submissions has commenced. Information is available at the website below.

Clic offers interesting work from professional, amateur and student photographers. There are numerous categories for the photographs. *The Mirror's* photography department usually attends and observes some great work and some that, well, (we're purists, believing images should be presented as the photographer saw them through the viewfinder with minimal computer assistance and printed on paper only). Some images in the Altered Reality category are not necessarily representative of great photography although they do represent great manipulation of a photograph. Go and judge for yourself from July 25th to August 9th. Admission \$3. Under 18 years are FREE

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B2B

Chris Pengelly and Erin Johnston did a great job convening the first South Marysburgh 'Business to Business' meeting at the Town Hall in mid-April. Several newcomers attended to share ideas about promoting our local businesses to visitors and residents alike. In the June issue, *The Mirror* will begin publishing a directory of businesses including those that attended the meeting.

Perhaps the B2B meeting can be the catalyst to forming 'The Greater Milford Area Business Association' similar to those that exist in Bloomfield, Wellington and Consecon. Those organizations help their members with everything from advertising to distributing 'Open' flags for their businesses, the latter being something South Marysburgh and Milford could sorely use.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.



Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
May 1903

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Fri. 1 - Cold with the wind from the North froze ice last night. Byron and I drew manure all day on where I intend to put tomatoes.

Sat. 2 - I ploughed. Byron went out to Jake's towards night. Jen. and Frank were down to Picton They heard that Florance had a big Boy and it was dead but that Florance was smart.

Sun. 3 - Ina Mirt and I were over to Mary E. Dan and Ida were up. There was a funeral to day Mr. Martin on the ridge road little boy. Mr. Martin shot his little boy through accident thinking it was a wood chuck.

Mon. 4 - Byron ploughed Ina Mirt and I planted some early potatoes in the garden

Tue. 5 - I made a cooling bed for tomatoes I think we are going to have nicer weather now to day has been fine

Wed. 6 - We have been working with two teams to day Balling with the one and the other we were dragging and cultivating and to day it has been fine my tomatoes are ready for transplanting Ina is snorting around with a cold in her head

Thur. 7 - Byron cultivated most of the day. I started to transplant my tomatoes

Fri. 8 - I drilled in part of another field of oats. That finishes me up sowing. I sowed about 55 bushels

Sat. 9 - Planted my potatoes Ina and Emmet dropped them for me We had them all in by noon

Sun. 10 - Jake and Lib came out visiting It was a lovely day very warm Mirt was put in a very restless night with the tooth ache

Mon. 11 - Byron finished rolling the grain Ina and I transplanted plants still the weather continues warm. Mirt is some better to day with her tooth

Tue. 12 - Ina helped transplant we are having nice warm weather

Wed. 13 - Byron finished ploughing the young orchard. I finished transplanting

Thur. 14 - Mirt Ina and I went back to the woods I went back after some bars Ina and Mirt went after some lilies. It threatened rain but never amounted to anything

Fri. 15 - I helped Emmet plant some potatoes then I went down to Picton after some groceries

Sat. 16 - We are having very warm and dry weather. I wish we could get a nice rain. Along in the evening Ina and Mirt and I went over to Mary E. and then who should come along but Ida Annie Maud Dan Nelson Ostrander. We all come over here and stay awhile

Sun. 17 - Ina went down to meeting Byron was out to Tom Wattam's After dinner Mirt and I drove down to Dan's Nelse and Annie Maud were there Emmet and Mary Ellen.

Nelse has a new buggy and it is a dandy. He was telling us that Jake got a new buggy

Mon. 18 - I went out to Bloomfield with a grist the roads were very dusty. Along about noon we got a little shower of rain

Tue. 19 - A day of excitement Mirt was taken sick in the morning Emmet went down to Picton after Aunt Lib and the doctor They arrived about eleven oclock And at three oclock a lovely Boy baby came to our happy home. I felt pretty proud when I knew that Mirt was alright.

Wed. 20 - I am feeling like a differen person since I can think we have a nice boy baby to put in our time in with. Mirt is smart to day. We are having very warm weather and dry. Ina is here with us doying the house work. We did a big washing to day.

Thur. 21 - Ina and I wash to day again Mirt and the bot is real smart and doying as well as can be expected. Aunt Lib is with us yet nursing and tending to Mirt and the baby.

Fri. 22 - Byron is fitting up the corn and tomatoes ground. I am staying around the house most of the time looking after the boy and Mirt. Richard Wattam came here to night after his mother we are very sorry to have her go

Sat. 23 - We were glad to see Mr. Spafford and wife drive up this four noon They were quite anxious to see the boy. Mirt is still improving

Sun. 24 - Mr. Spafford an wife started for home after dinner It threatened rain some. Mirt and the baby are getting along fine. Archie was here for awhile to see the boy. After tea Ina and I drove up to the Banks Mary E and Emmet Archie and Edward Farrington were there we had some sport on the Banks

Mon. 25 - I planted some Beans and marked out my corn ground Some change in the weather cooler

Tue. 26 - Ina and I washed again to day Then I planted some field corn. Look very much like rain all day. Mirt and the baby are getting along fine Mirt was up to day setting in a chair.

Wed. 27 - I cultivated rolled and mark out the young orchard for tomatoes. It rained some last night and it worked up very good

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: A good neighbor doubles the value of a house.

Why some women would rather have a dog:

- ◆ Dogs miss you when you are gone
- ◆ You can train a dog
- ◆ Dogs understand what NO means
- ◆ When dogs play fetch, they don't laugh at how you throw
- ◆ Dogs are colour blind
- ◆ Dogs understand if some of their friends aren't allowed to come inside

Why men are happier:

- ◆ Car mechanics tell you the truth
- ◆ The world is your urinal
- ◆ Same work, more pay
- ◆ Wrinkles add character
- ◆ Wedding plans take care of themselves
- ◆ Wedding dress \$5,000. Tux rental \$100.
- ◆ You can never be pregnant

The pastor shocked the congregation when he announced that he was resigning from the church and moving to a drier climate.

After the service a very distraught lady came to the pastor with tears in her eyes. "Oh, Pastor Bob, we are going to miss you so much. We don't want you to leave!"

The kindhearted pastor patted her hand and said, "Now, now, Carolyn, don't carry on. The pastor who takes my place might be even better than me."

"Yeah," she said, "That's what they said the last time too."

A young lawyer was defending a wealthy businessman in a complicated law suit.

Unfortunately, the evidence was against his client, and he feared the worst. So the lawyer asked the senior partner of the law firm if it would be appropriate to send the judge a box of expensive cigars.

"The judge is an honourable man," the partner exclaimed. "If you do that, I can guarantee you will lose the case!"

Weeks later the judge ruled in favour of the lawyer's client. The partner took him to lunch to congratulate him. "Aren't you glad you didn't send those cigars to the judge?" the partner asked. "But I did send them," replied the lawyer. "I just enclosed the plaintiff's lawyer's business card."

Jake had proposed to young Gina and was being interviewed by his prospective father-in-law.

"Do you think you are earning enough to support a family?" the older man asked the suitor. "Yes, Sir," replied Jake, "I'm sure I am."

"Think carefully now," said Gina's father. "There are 12 of us..."

Exit Lines:

- ◆ *Marriage is like any other job – it's much easier when you like your boss*
- ◆ *Men who don't understand women fall into two categories: bachelors and husbands.*
- ◆ *Never argue with a woman when she's tired – or rested*
- ◆ *A man's age commands respect, a woman's age demands tact.*



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Milford Friendship Circle

Barb Balsillie welcomed the Circle ladies to her home on Thursday, April 2nd, 2015.

President Marg Crouse opened the meeting with this suggestion – Be a good listener. Ears will not get you in trouble.

Barb's thought was the definition of a procrastinator – some die young and others leave it to the last minute. Justification for leaving things til tomorrow?

Secretary Maureen read the minutes of the March meeting which were passed.

Seven members gave their thoughts and ideas about what spring meant to them.

Treasurer Wilma reported our finances.

Card secretary Mary sent two sympathy cards, one get well and three phone calls.

A discussion took place where our plaque might be placed for public display. The town hall and Milford Library were suggested but will be further investigated.

Mary closed the meeting with a reading about the Benefits of Green Tea.

Barb marshaled us into the dining room to partake of a scrumptious lunch and enjoy a delightful social time. Maureen thanked her for her hospitality.

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

Thursday, May 7 – Milford Friendship Circle will meet at the home of Alice Miller at 1:30 p.m. Alice has Thought for the Day; roll call – a word beginning with the letter X; Brenda Minaker has program.

Wednesday, May 13 – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Brenda Minaker has devotional; Roll Call – something about Mother; Program Carol Branscombe; Lunch – Karen Guernsey and Alice Miller; Objective – plans for our anniversary.

Wednesday, July 8 – Fish fry

Saturday, November 7 – luncheon and craft sale



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(Life In The Past continued from page 6)

Thur. 28 - Byron and I set tomatoes plants all day. We had a fine little rain last night. Mirt is still improving all the time

Fri. 29 - Lewis Martin help me set tomato plants. We are having very cold nights all most frost some places they got it.

Sat. 30 - Emmet help me and we set tomato plants till noon Pa and Ma are up they are to Dan's. Pa and I went down to Picton after dinner. When I got home to my surprise I found Eddie and Sarah Elize here. Pa and Ma came up and stayed all night. Last night was another cold night I was afraid of frost but we escaped it.

Sun. 31 - Sarah Elize and Eddie started for home this four noon. Pa and Ma went this after dinner.

Sarah's Research Notes

Historical Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

When this country entered the twentieth century, around half the population lived on a farm. It was a hard working life with little mechanization to help with chores. The majority of farms were family-run, providing subsistence and hopefully some income from the sale of surplus. So, most people would have been very familiar with what Nelson was doing when he was "rolling" (to break down clods on the surface of the earth,) "dragging" (to loosen and even out soil after plowing and to pull up large rocks which could be removed manually) and drilling (to sow seeds with a drill at a uniform depth and rate improving germination and yield.)

Definitions:

SMILE: A curve that can set a lot of things straight!

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South Bay U.C.W.



A delicious pot luck lunch was enjoyed by members of the UCW at noon on Wednesday, April 8. The ladies were pleased to welcome our minister, Janelle Shaw, to this bounteous feast.

President Sandra opened the meeting with our theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer. Maureen's devotional showed how women can claim their place in the world starting with Mary pacing her hand on Jesus when he was on the cross.

Six members had some very interesting items for our show and tell roll call: e.g. – pictures taken on a cruise, keepsake book of a member's life, necklace made from Bancroft stones, a brooch that had belonged to a member's mother and a beautiful sweater in the process of being knitted.

Twenty-four sick calls were made.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as read.

Coming events for UCW:

Sunday, June 7 – South Bay anniversary service

Wednesday, July 8 – Fish fry

Wednesday, August 13 – Lunch for women at noon

Saturday, November 7 – luncheon and craft sale

Thank you cards were received from Linda McCormack and the Miller Family.

Brenda's program gave us predictions about the weather and some trivia that everyone should know.

The meeting closed with our UCW prayer.



Grow Your Own

By Sarah Moran Collier and Nancy Butler

"April is the cruellest month," or so wrote T.S. Eliot. After the month of April we just experienced, you may have a few reasons for agreeing with him and are feeling pretty happy that we have put April behind us.

Now we can focus on the growing pleasures that May brings. On asking around amongst our neighbours about what the first signs of spring might be for them, it seemed their different answers covered all the senses: from the sound of the red-winged blackbird to the sight of green spears pushing up through curled and crunchy, brown leaves, to the smell of earth – or simply being able to open a window so that you can *smell* the earth.

These are signals that beckon us into the garden again, signals that some of the dreamy ideas we might have been imagining for this year's vegetable garden can begin to turn into real plans.

So here are a few simple principles to remember as you order up your seeds, source manure or prepare the vegetable plot:

- grow what you love to eat
- try something new for fun
- choose varieties you won't find in the supermarket
- whatever size you plan for your garden, make it smaller
- remember the magic of mulch in this dry region of South Marysburgh

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Planting Maples

By Deborah Hudson

Over the last 200 years, 80 percent of the original forest cover in southern Ontario was removed for farming, forestry and urban development. In 1871 the Ontario government passed legislation to encourage landowners to plant trees from their woodlots along the roads, in part for flood control and as "snow fences". The municipalities were to pay farmers and landowners 25 cents per tree for the trees



planted along the roads. Most of the trees planted were native maples.

Alva Grimmon ran the post office and general store at Black River Bridge as the community was called. (Today the old post office/general store is now the site of the store at Vickies' Veggies.)

Alva's wife, Lavinnia (Breakenridge) Grimmon planted maple trees along Morrison's Point Road under the government program in the late 1800's.

Morrison's Point has always been a special place to walk because the maples have provided shade from the hot sun, shelter from the wind and habitat for animals. In recent years some of the old maples have come down because of age, disease and wind etc. but it is encouraging to see that young trees have been planted to take their place.

'LLOT' continued from page 1)

To get started, we're looking for:

1) people interested in becoming part of the LLOTs Collective to help organize and work on the project;

2) suitable items to be donated to the lending library; and

3) people who are interested in becoming members of LLOTs. Membership will be an annual fee of \$25. This is to help pay for the cost of insurance needed to create the library.

LLOTs is a community, non-profit project. Funds will be used only to sustain it. Note that no one will be turned away from borrowing from LLOTs for lack of funds.

Please come out to the Emporium in Milford on May 16th at 11:00 a.m. to learn about this project and see if you would like to get involved. If you can't make the date but are interested, please get in touch with me, Christine, at: pec.foodnotbombs@gmail.com or call 613-476-9141.

Special thanks to fellow organizer of this initiative, Erin Johnston, who is donating space in the Emporium to make LLOTs possible.

Note that this is not a County of Prince Edward Public Library project, but the Milford branch of the library will eventually have a music instrument lending library, which will be a great and complementary project to the PEC Lending Library of Things.



Local Maple Syrup for Sale

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The Not-So-Humble Pork Chop

By David Larkin

This one is not so much a recipe as a tip. I don't know why, but pork chops rarely if ever appeared on the dinner table at my parents' home. But in the RCAF Officers' Mess they were regularly on the menu and if not outstandingly good, were never all that bad.

When Fran and I were married, at our reception Mrs. O'Gorman kindly gave us a Corning Wear serving dish which is still in service. She told us that when she got married, all she could cook was pork chops, so her husband had them every evening for supper for the first year of their marriage! She hoped my wife would do better. She could, and did. Some kind soul gave her Chatelaine's *Adventures in Cooking* - a marvelous cookbook and I benefited from the results.

Here, in the County, we are well supplied with good pork. I have been well satisfied with the pork I get from Metro. But there is a myth that you cannot overcook pork: you can and too many people do.

Getting back to pork chops, I am a great aficionado of Laura Calder's TV series *French Cooking at Home*. Ms. Calder is a great cook and put her time in France to good use. Someone told her his secret to a good pork chop. You season it, as you would expect, on each side, with salt and pepper. But, in addition, you sprinkle a light dusting of sugar on each side of the chop. The sugar helps the caramelization and improves the flavour without making the pork sweet. I fry each side in butter, with a little olive oil, for about 1 minute at medium to medium high. Then I continue to fry each side for about 3 minutes at a lower setting. The exact time depends, of course on the thickness of the chop - a thick chop will take longer. What you are aiming for is to just, or even almost just, get past the pinkness stage. If there is some pink liquid on the top of the chop, keep going.

By all means cut into the chop and check the doneness. The result will be a tasty and tender chop. If you overcook the pork it will approach the consistency of shoe leather, which is not what we want.

No I'm not suggesting you have pork chops every night for a year!

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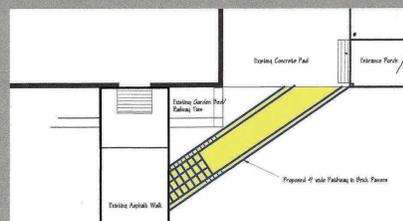
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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

I realize that much of the information I have included below is available through the Internet or local papers so please excuse any redundancy. Here are some of the issues council is dealing with including some background information that may not have been reported elsewhere.

Size of Council

On April 16th, Mayor Quaiff called a special Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the issue of size of council. I won't delve into the whys and wherefores of the meeting other than to say there were several very good deputations followed by reasonable comments from the members of council as well as the mayor. The agenda for that meeting can be accessed through the County website. It contains the plans for a reduction of council presented by Gary Mooney and John Thompson as well as Mayor Quaiff's plan for two wards consisting of five councillors each. We are at the point now where those three plans are on the table for consideration, along with leaving council size as is.

On May 6th, council will gather at Shire Hall to discuss the three options. Based on the outcome of that meeting, the public consultation will begin. The exact timing and format has yet to be developed for the consultation process, however, I would anticipate town hall meetings of a somewhat formal nature involving registration, comments, addresses to be provided at the door followed by presentations and comments. As I learn more, I will keep you apprised. Additional information about the plans is also available at this link:

<https://princeedwardcounty.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=95155>

This is a very important matter and deserves your attention and consideration. Please go to the link and read the deputations and plans, consider the merits and obstacles of each, including those of keeping the current council size.

Property Standards By-Law Enforcement

I have received numerous complaints from residents concerning property standards in South Marysburgh. These have been compiled and submitted to the municipality for by-law enforcement.

I think it is fair to consider that dis-repair of property can have several effects:

- Impact on real estate values;
- Effect on nearby or adjacent businesses;
- Safety hazards;
- Effects on tourist traffic in the ward and subsequently the local economy.

If you have a complaint related to this issue or any other, please contact me.

The Picton Splash Pad

The knives have been drawn about this issue for quite some time but here are some facts to consider about Council's approval of the plan to fund operating costs estimated at \$70,000 per annum:

- The Splash Pad Committee is undertaking raising a minimum of \$250,000 to get it built. Any surplus above that amount is to go to future annual operating costs;
- The Committee's fundraising initiatives, including applying for provincial and federal grants, could not begin until it had municipal support;
- The timing for construction of the Splash Pad – *if* fundraising is successful – is estimated for 2017 or 2018;
- The entire idea of a Splash Pad may appear to be a vanity project but such investments are sometimes necessary to attract younger families to the municipality, particularly if members of those families create employment and broaden the tax base;
- The Splash Pad Committee's perseverance to do the fundraising themselves, rather than seeking the capital costs from the municipality, sends a message to other groups who rely on municipal grants. Frankly, I like the idea of pointing to the Splash Pad Committee as an example of fundraising grit.

The Lieutenant Governor

Council and the mayor had the privileged opportunity to meet with The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell on May 1st. As Lieutenant Governor, it is her job to listen to Ontarians and engage them in meaningful dialogue about what they can contribute and learn from others. Her Honour's aim is to bring multiple perspectives to the table, encourage innovation, and cultivate new ideas for the betterment of Ontario and the world.



She is a very interesting and engaging person who is interested in the activities within Prince Edward County. At one point during her remarks she was asked where else she was going to visit in the County. "I'd like to visit the cheese company," she replied, to which I pointed out that "it's in South Marysburgh, the ward I represent!"

Contact Me!

My municipal business card with my contact information is included in each edition of the South Marysburgh Mirror; it's on page two this month. I have a Facebook page at **Steve Ferguson for Ward 9** that I update as time allows and issues warrant.

A Little Bit of Fashion

By George Underhill

I had an article written for this month, and I was changing a little something in it when the entire article disappeared. I suppose I must have hit a wrong key somewhere, but it's gone, gone, gone, and I can't find it anywhere. That's what computers do. The original article had been prompted by a story in the paper that the French government is close to passing a measure to ban ultra-thin models. The models would require an attestation by their doctor that their weight was at an appropriate level for their height and that they were healthy enough to perform on the runway.

It is apparent men don't buy the clothing that is displayed on the runways in Paris, for if asked for a preference – a starving skin-and-bones apparition wobbling down the runway, or a fully curved Victoria's Secret model with jaw-dropping cleavage – you know which one would get the male vote. It is even more obvious when clothing for men is considered. This year on the Paris runways, a couple of designers featured men with long flowing locks wearing dresses. You heard me...dresses! I suppose they have to wear what the designers ask them to if they want to work, but give me a break! Dresses? Have they no pride?

And if men are wearing suits, the fit appears generally to look several sizes too small. The coats bulge when buttoned and the pants need a shoe-horn to get them over the feet. If you doubt me, check the trousers on George Stroumboulopoulos on Hockey Night in Canada. They look like leotards (invented by a Frenchman, Jules Leotard). I just threw Jules in there for edification.

As well as being painfully thin, it seems like female models want to slap someone in the face or stick needles in their eyes. No smiles, just irritation and anger. Perhaps they don't like the work. Who would if a prerequisite was to forgo eating?

It's May now, summer is on the way thank heavens, and soon the tourist influx will begin. We want them, at least anyone who works or has a business in the County wants them. I certainly do because I'm trying to sell my house.

I don't believe the residents of the County are in the forefront of the fashion trends, so if you see a guy wearing a dress, smile and be pleasant. It may look a trifle bizarre, but we can't expect them to mail their money. They come with it, and many of them are real nice people. It's just that there are so many of them.

The influx of fisherman in Smith's Bay used to annoy me. They're catching my fish! Fish swimming around waiting for my hook! I would be sitting on the deck thinking this, too indolent to be out thrashing the water to a foam with the latest cannot miss fishing lure. That's what happens though. We get used to the uniqueness and beauty of the County, and the summer visitors revel in it.

The Life Cycle of the Honey Bee Hive

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It's Birding Month in the County

Migration Monitoring at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory is in full swing. The colourful warblers in their spring breeding plumage are starting to arrive at Prince Edward Point – and to feed on the midges that have emerged in the Traverse Woods and beyond.

On the water, there are thousands of Long Tail Ducks chattering away and pairing up before they move on to Hudson Bay and further north to raise this year's brood. The colourful Harlequin Ducks have visited again this year, as well. We only get a few of these flashy waterfowl come through Prince Edward Point, they then move on to the northern part of the Labrador coast for breeding. Birders flock to add them to their "life lists" as soon as the alert goes out.

Along the South Shore in the centre of the Important Bird Area, Great Blue Herons can be found sitting on nests in the Lighthall Rd. marsh. Shorebirds are arriving daily – Killdeer perhaps being the first species to arrive and announce their presence with their unique call and some are already sitting on eggs.



Birders are emerging too. More and more people are joining into this popular pastime encouraged by movies such as *The Big Year*. In the south east corner of the County, we are fortunate to have the Bird Observatory where

everyone is welcome to visit and see our small feathered creatures before they are released after they have been banded. The **Spring Birding Festival** will be held this year from **May 16-24**. The festival celebrates the return of the birds with birding hikes, workshops and banding demonstrations.

Celebrating 20 years of operation this year, the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory is totally self funded and volunteer run. It is one of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network's member stations and is the Caretaker of the PEC South Shore Important Bird Area. As a research organization, the Bird Observatory also has a mandate to educate and inform people and welcomes the public. Specially designed programs are available for school classes.

Bird Observatory members and friends are working hard to find sponsors for their fund raising **Spring Bird Count**. Birders count as many species as possible in a 24-hr. period in May and are sponsored either by species or with a flat rate donation. This year Mayor Robert Quaiff is a "guest birder" in the Spring Bird Count. As an independent charity and organization, the Bird Observatory depends on the funds raised with the Spring Bird Count, so if Mayor Quaiff approaches you for a donation – dig deep! For more information or to find out what birds we are seeing at the Bird Observatory please visit www.peptbo.ca

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Easter Parade Thank You...

It was a cool but sunny Saturday for this year's Easter Parade. Fortunately, the snow had disappeared and the ground wasn't muddy for the egg hunt at the Fairgrounds. Karen and Doug Gyde purchased and scattered close to 6000 foil wrapped Easter eggs. Within ten minutes, after Janna McCarthy started the hunt, about 300 children and parents stripped the Fairgrounds bare of all the eggs. Then it was over to the food booth for hot dogs and hot chocolate prepared and served by Sandie Blackford with help from Janet & Lesley Richardson and Michelle Lambton.

But leading up to the egg hunt, Janna had decorated the parade route with plastic Easter eggs hanging from the tree branches. Whitney was at the Ann Farwell Library helping people decorate their bonnets for the parade. Fire Chief Randy York along with volunteer firemen Tim Noxon and Rick Leavitt brought out the fire trucks to block traffic along the parade route. Parade Marshall, Leon McConnell, recruited our two ministers, Janelle Shaw (South Bay United Church) and David Smith (St. Philip's Anglican Church) to lead the parade on our adult tricycles. Jennifer Ackerman brought her donkey and piglet to the parade and they were both a hit with the children after the egg hunt.

I want to thank the members of the South Marysburgh Recreation Board, the volunteers and everyone who took part in making this annual tradition a huge success.

**Bruce Dowdell,
Chair, South Marysburgh Recreation Board**

What's going on at The Library

By Christine Renaud



Good news for the frequenters of the Ann Farwell branch in Milford and gardeners around the County: The *Seedy Saturday* organizers have donated \$300 worth of new gardening and gardening related books to the Library's collection.

Seedy Saturday has become one of the most well attended public events in Prince Edward County. Held annually on the third Saturday of February, it has grown from a handful of enthusiastic seed savers organizing a few tables of free seeds in the basement of St. Andrews Church in Picton, to an experience that this year attracted hundreds of people to the upstairs venue of Books & Company. One tidbit many may not know is that two of the founding members of the *Seedy Saturday* group are locals Michelle and Jim Lambton. The Lambtons are well known to those who frequent the Milford Market in the summer.

The *Seedy Saturday* annual event is free, however, donations are accepted to help with incidental costs such as printing and advertising and, this year, the organizers used some of the money raised to enrich the community with this donation.

The books, most of which have now been added (a couple are still in processing) include two that focus on permaculture: *Edible Landscaping with a permaculture twist* by Michael Judd and *Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture* by Toby Hemmenway. Permaculture, briefly, is the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient.

For those interested in growing their own healthy food, *Grow All You Can Eat In Three Square Feet* by DK Publishing, *Kitchen Gardening for Beginners* by Simon Akeroyd, *From Seed to Table: A Practical Guide to Eating & Growing Green* by Janette Haase, and *The Mini Farming Bible: The Complete Guide to Self-Sufficiency on ¼ Acre* by Brett L. Markham are all titles that will be particularly helpful.

The newly updated version of *The Garden Primer* by Barbara Damrosch was also purchased and is a must read for all gardeners, while *Seed Sowing & Saving: Step-by-Step Techniques for Collecting and Growing More Than 100 Vegetables, Flowers, and Herbs* by Carole B. Turner focuses on the topic closest to the heart of the *Seedy Saturday* event.

Lastly, we know the importance of children getting involved in gardening and the *Book of Gardening Projects for Kids* by Whitney Cohen and John Fisher is the perfect one to do just that, with lots of fun and useful activities for all ages.

In addition to the new books, check out the Seed Giveaway Library in the Ann Farwell branch. You'll find a wide variety of seeds free for the taking with your library membership. Just look for the display as you come in by the beautiful photo of peas, which was donated to *Seedy Saturday* by photographer Dayna McIsaac and is on loan to the library.

Happy spring and look forward to seeing you in the library.



Left to right: Library CEO Barbara Sweet and some of the *Seedy Saturday* organizing members - Michella Kaduc, Natalie Comeau and Fred Holtz.

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St. Philip's Celebrates 20 Years of Paddling

By Emily Sanderson

On a sunny Victoria Day weekend, 20 years ago, Bruce and Paula Walker decided to take a canoe ride down the Black River with members of St. Philip's church and anyone else who wanted to come along. Two decades later Bruce and Arthur Cole are still rounding up as many canoes as they can find to outfit those who wish to make the journey from Chapman's Crescent to Morrison Point Road via the mighty Black River.



Over the years the fleet of canoes has grown from four (on a particularly rainy Victoria Day weekend) to upwards of 20 canoes, kayaks and various sea-faring vessels. What started out as a way to come together as a parish by enjoying a shared interest, became a time-honoured tradition for the congregation of St. Philip's, the village of Milford and beyond. Parents, children, grandchildren, family pets and long weekend guests have come to expect a little canoe "race" at the end of their May long weekend.

If you were to stumble upon Harley and Karen Guernsey's yard on Victoria Day Monday morning you'd find canoes strewn about the place, kids running amok armed with paddles and life jackets and dogs jumping in and out of vessels sniffing out which one they fancied riding in. Karen and Harley have been our gracious hosts at take-off since almost the beginning and we can't thank them enough for their sacrifice of lawn and generosity of spirit. Karen sees us off every year - she's our good luck charm!

As the cacophony of casual canoeists makes its way down the river, the participants get a rare opportunity to see Milford from another perspective: Way's horses are always a treat to watch and the bird displays are never dull! One year we saw a

Red Winged Blackbird attacking a swan, quite a sight - talk about David and Goliath! The famous "Black Crick Chicks" have even been spotted canoeing in all finest yellow plumage (and we try to raise a little money for their cause while we're at it!). We've had competitive canoeists breaking their backs to get to the "finish line" first and we've had couples take such a relaxed approach we weren't sure whether or not to send out a search party...! One year we were surprised by a couple of young ladies giving out cookies and lemonade from a pontoon boat in the middle of the river!

We have experienced just about every weather occurrence imaginable but nothing has stopped the canoe ride from taking place! We can paddle in parkas and ear muffs, we can get soaking wet in a spring downpour and we can broil under the mid-May sun - where there's a tradition to carry on, we'll get in our boats!

Eventually, canoes start dribbling in to Rita Taylor's on Morrison Point Road. Disembarking may have proved tricky over the years but so far we've not lost a participant (for long). While our arms might be jelly and our knees may never extend again, the scent of freshly cooked hot dogs lures us home - along with the cheers of faithful on-looking land-lubbers. Sadly, Rita has sold her home and she and David have moved out of the County (with promises to return regularly), but the couple who purchased Rita's home, Conrad Biernacki and Brian Musselman, have generously offered to continue the tradition of hosting our landing party at the Black River B&B (formerly Colleen Cottage B&B). What truly wonderful people to host a gaggle of goofy boaters on their nice, quiet lawn without even meeting us! Thank you, thank you, thank you both for your generosity!

So, if you haven't taken part in our little tradition, what better time than the 20th anniversary? We're always looking for more paddlers (and canoes!) so come and join in the fun, all are welcome! And here's to 20 more years!



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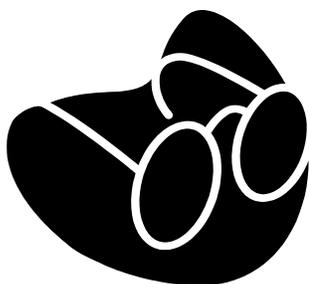
St. Philip's Calendar of Events 2015

Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m. from Guernsey's ending at Morrison Point Road)	May 18
Pork & Corn Roast (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)	August 5
Turkey Supper (5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Sept. 16
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Though it's a bit late in coming, I wanted to thank all of the kind and thoughtful people who helped me out at both my farm and shop while I took a two-week holiday in February. To Jamie Miller for keeping the parking area clear of snow (all winter) and also for his quick response - with Dan and John - in helping the fallen horse.

Thank you to John Lammes for checking on the farm animals and helping with watering and hay, and at the shop for his attempt at doughnuts.

Thanks to Janelle - though new to the area - for volunteering and covering some "open hours" at the shop along with Ted who came in regularly to do some volunteer shopkeeper hours.

Thank you to John Lammes, Sr. for unlocking each morning, keeping snow shoveled from the doorway, bringing in the newspapers and generally overseeing the shop for many hours while I was gone.

Thank you to Leon McConnell for his continuing help with everything from plumbing to assembling shelving and unlocking the shop doors at 7:00 a.m. each day.

Thank you to "Chuck" Ewan Calendar for his many hours in poor weather taking care of the farm.

Thanks to Sandra Ingram for working her regular hours as scheduled.

Thank you, too, to all the customers that kept *Live Laugh Eat* going through a long, slow season!

Jen Ackerman

Built Heritage Grant Announced

In August 2010 the precipitous demolition of the 135 year old Methodist Episcopal Church, an iconic landmark on Main Street, Picton, brought concerned citizens together to discuss how important historic structures in the County could be saved. The realization was that without intervention there was the distinct possibility that many of these buildings could be lost to us – and to future generations. Thus the first Christmas House Tour Committee was formed and the first Christmas House Tour was held in December 2010. The reputation and success of the annual tour grows every year, with proceeds mounting in a fund designated for the preservation and protection of built structures determined to be important to the community and the history of Prince Edward County.

After five years of increasingly successful Christmas House Tours in the County, the County Community Foundation, which administers the Prince Edward County Built Heritage Fund, will award the first "Save-The-Day" Grant. The house tour organizing committee, consisting of Libby Crombie, Stephanie Lynn, Marilyn Kennedy, Jackie Soorsma, Carolyn Clarke, and Marilyn Lauer, are delighted to be able to offer some of the proceeds back to the community. The deadline for applications is June 15th, and further details including eligibility of project and of applicant can be found at www.countycommunityfoundation.ca or by calling 613-476-7901 x 218.



Back row, L to R: Elizabeth Crombie, Stephanie Lynn & Jackie Soorsma. Front row, L to R: Marilyn Lauer, Marilyn Kennedy, Carolyn Clarke.

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William displays his excitement upon the arrival of his new companion.



After William settled down a bit, he escorted his as yet unnamed new companion on a tour of her new home.



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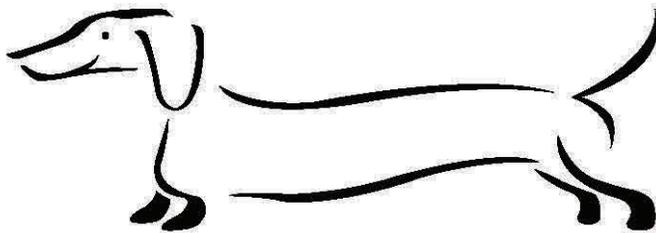
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