



Stanley awaits departure to lead the second annual South Bay Canada Day Parade. Bottom right, the Minaker family reunion gathered at the roadside to wave the parade participants on.

Canada Day in South Bay

The second annual South Bay Canada Day Parade took place on July 1st along County Road 13. Led by Stanley, the West Highland Terrier, the event departs from Half Moon Bay winery and makes its way to a local residence for a pot luck dinner with friends and neighbours followed by fireworks.

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This year we'd like to see your social media contributions on the fair. Check us out on Facebook, Twitter (MilfordFallFair) and Instagram (milfordfallfair).

See you at the fair!



Dry run set up of one of our new tents

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We have a variety of work: acrylic, watercolour and oil paintings, fabric creations, photography, wood work and wire sculptures in a variety of price ranges.

We operate and staff the gallery ourselves. We are open weekends and some other days until Labour Day and love to welcome visitors.

You can follow us on Facebook at: the pARTnershop at Black River. For further information: Renay Weissman-Stanners renayweissman@gmail.com

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The deadline to file nomination papers is Friday, July 27th.
South Marysburgh is the only ward with NO candidates running in the October election!



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- All classes are \$15 each and held indoors in brand new studio at 1873 County Road 13 unless specified otherwise
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 - Bring your own mat and water bottle
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Milford Library Branch Check It Out

By Leah Garfield-Wright

What a pleasure to delve into local history at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the library building here in Milford. Thanks to the Friends of the Ann Farwell Branch Library who did a stellar job organizing the event, as well as those who came to celebrate.

We are excited to announce a new program series we are calling Entries Aplenty! Young residents of South Marysburgh (and students from the Athol-South Marysburgh School) are invited to work on an entry for the Milford Fair. We will have the materials and some ideas on hand. Please refer to the schedule below. On Wednesdays, we will have an extra pair of hands to help you with your creation, and the materials will be available all week.

Vroom Vroom! Good news travels quickly! The news is that the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee will be hosting a Milford's first Soapbox Derby on Saturday, July 7. The library opens when the first wave of racers leaves the starting line (10 a.m.), and we will be open until 3 p.m., long after the last racer crosses the finish line. Drop by for some cool refreshments and air-conditioning, and a vehicle-related activity. (Hint: no driver's license required.)

A Story Salon is a platform for sharing stories. This month the theme is water - we can't live without it. We're inviting everyone to share their stories on Saturday, July 21, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come ask a question, or listen and learn from your neighbors. All are welcome! The burning question I have is: does it hurt when you jump into the Mill Pond? The next Saturday Story Salon themes will be Creativity (August 18), and Community (September 22).

Don't miss the Tech Train! As part of our children's summer events, on Tuesday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m., we'll have robots, coding toys and more, available to try. We're also planning a beginner's ukulele camp for the Milford Branch Library in August - and it's not too early to reserve your spot! Sign up at peclibrary.org/register or call Tracy at (613) 399-2023.

Overheard at the Library:

"Knitting makes everything better." Yes, this was overheard at the library and if you agree, come join the knitters and chatters (and quilters and laughers) on Tuesday mornings.



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Ask the Librarian

Q: I'd like to improve my French. Can you help?

A: Oui bien sûr ! I lead a conversation group (Les Amis Français) at the Picton Branch Library on Wednesdays, from noon to 2 p.m. For beginner to intermediate speakers. Drop in! In July and August we will explore the stories of "Le Petit Nicolas." Want to learn French on your own time? Mango Languages is linked from the library home page and you'll find self-guided modules, tests, and lessons (on 70+ languages). Lastly, for books and film, let me help you find one in our collection!

Do you have a question for a librarian? Ask and I will answer in this column.

Coming Up At The Library

Entries Aplenty: Get Ready for the Milford Fair at the Milford Branch Library!

June 10-14: Fiber Arts: All material provided!

June 17-22: Book Making: All material provided.

June 25-28: Photography. Bring your camera, or ask us in advance about borrowing one.

Material for these will be available all week, and again in July and August. Extra help will be available on Wednesdays. Come anytime!

Tech Train

Tuesday, July 10 at 10:30 A.M.

Join us to try out robots, coding toys and more. We'll tackle some interactive challenges for all ages. All welcome!

Story Salon: Water (Fishing, Boating, Aquatic Life)

Saturday, July 21, 12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Story Salon series is an exploration of different themes.

All are welcome to share a story or simply listen.

Milford Free Book Club Meeting

"The Cat's Table" by Michael Ondaatje. Says the Quill and Quire, "Certain experiences are galvanizing and become indelible, shaping a life. Such is true of the sea voyage at the heart of Michael Ondaatje's sixth novel, a story so enveloping and beautifully rendered, one is reluctant to disembark at the end of the journey."

Knit & Chat

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*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

The Quinte Dolphins Swim Club (swimming at PEFAC Picton) is proud to have six members from South Marysburgh (of a total membership of approximately 25 children). The local swimmers, Theo and June Wollenberg of County Road 17; Veronika, Ellie and Kayla Buys of Morrison Point Road; and Kate Jones of County Road 13, were thrilled with South Marysburgh residents purchase of numerous raffle tickets. The strong investment by the South Marysburgh community paid off as two of the five raffle prizes were won by Milford's own. The "Let Us Entertain You" package was won by new Milford resident Maurice Hynes and "The Man Cave" package was won by our own Post Mistress, Shirley DeMille.

Thank you for supporting the physical fitness of the children of our great community!



(L to R) Kayla Buys, Veronika Buys, Ellie Buys and Kate Collins (rear)

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The Great Cycle Challenge

By Don Ross



This June, you may have passed me in your car or seen me riding along our county roads as I took part in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer! Why? Because right now, over 1,400 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, and it's the biggest killer of children from disease in

Canada. As any parent or grandparent would say, all kids should be living life, not fighting for it. So I am raising funds through my challenge by riding each day in June and into July to help these kids and support SickKids Foundation to allow them to continue their work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

As of near the end of June, all across Canada, 1,797,493 km had been pedalled and \$3,572,790 had been raised. Please support this ongoing effort by making a donation to give these kids the brighter futures they deserve. Your support will carry on the fight and change little lives.

Here is the link to my page:

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Observant readers of the deliberations of the AoG will have noticed that many of their proposed initiatives for the betterment of the community have involved transportation: PERTS (the Prince Edward Rapid Transit System); building a causeway across South Bay; and last month's recommendation that the PEC fire department invest in a water bomber.

At a hastily-organized meeting late last week, the aforementioned projects received cursory updates before discussion turned to another more whimsical transportation initiative that appeared to have gone awry: The AoG's vehicle for the soap box derby in Milford had been rejected by the organizing committee of the event.

"She said it was too wide for the track," said the



member who clearly isn't the sharpest knife in the drawer, and whose vehicle design was the subject of the discussion. "Then she said the track could get damaged from the wheels and maybe hurt another little kid participant."

He continued, "They didn't get that our entry was built entirely of recycled materials for use after. It's not like there'll be water in the wheels I got from old lawnrollers. It's not THAT heavy."

(On occasion, members of the public attend AoG meetings and may ask questions or make comments, but they may not vote on matters. At this meeting, a bespectacled litigator was in attendance and observing the proceedings with interest.)

"Did the derby organizers bring up the issue of insurance or anything about noise by-laws?" asked the lawyer.

He was informed that the matter of insurance had been discussed previously and agreed to, but the noise bylaw was out of the AoG's purview.

Leaning forward in his chair, his hands on his knees with fingers intertwined, the lawyer voiced his concerns in a somber manner. "The lawnroller drum wheels may or may not damage the roadway but they sure will be noisy."

The nodding of members' heads indicated thoughtful consideration while he continued. "There's also the rear stabilizer or spoiler that I see as problematic. Based on the photograph of the vehicle, the driver—likely a child—could suffer a head injury or, worse, decapitation, in a sudden stop."

The litigator's comments, particularly employing the "D" word, gave the group pause for sober second thought, and the realization that sometimes the AoG's reach exceeds its grasp.

PEC FEST is Coming to Milford!

by Jay Chetwynd

Hopefully by now you've seen signs or posters of "Sheldon", the turtle promoting Milford as the place to be this August 10th and 11th for the first annual PEC FEST.

Slated as "Classic Rock & Smokin' Blues in The County", this family-friendly weekend of some of Canada's best music played in the great outdoors is set for fun times straight ahead. PEC FEST isn't messing around. For the first year, folks will have an array of Juno-winners, Juno-nominees, Maple Blues winners, East Coast Music Award winners and the list goes on. And since nothing goes better with music than some cold refreshments and good eats, we've got a great selection of local vendors, crafts, food, wine, beer, spirits, County Tie Dye clothing, instruments, local charities and much more.

Folks have been wondering why Milford Fair Grounds was chosen as the venue for this event and it can be explained with one word: "Charm". There is a certain charm at Milford Fair Grounds, and there is also the fact that the event will attract folks who might only venture as far as Picton or Wellington to travel a little deeper into The County and see all of the marvellous splendours the region has to offer. This will be a grass roots event with heart, soul and great tunes. A portion of every ticket sold will be going to three local charities that centre around nurturing the Arts in our youth: Reaching for Rainbows, County Kids Read and The Roc are those three charities for year one.

Another unique aspect to the event is that folks will be offered the option to camp onsite. Though there is not a ton of space, it'll be a fantastic setting and very likely that some acoustic jams will break out after the stage music ends at 11:30 each evening. The PEC FEST stage will see the likes of Lee Harvey Osmond, featuring Tom Wilson from Junkhouse and Blackie & The Rodeo Kings on Saturday night as the headliner. Friday night's headliner is going to be a trip back in time for fans of Jimi Hendrix, as Wild T, the former guitarist for David Bowie, will be bringing his Hendrix tribute to the fairgrounds. Other acts throughout the weekend include Chris Antonik, Blues & Company, Crown Lands, Beauwater, Sweet Talk Jackie and local entertainers Little Bluff, Moon Sugar and Crimson Cay. There will also be an Open Mic on Friday and Saturday before the bands start.

So grab your crew of friends, mark your calendars and show some support for the first PEC FEST, coming to Milford Fair Grounds August 10th and 11th. Kids 12 & Under FREE. Parking by small donation. Day and weekend passes, as well as camping available at the gate, or online at www.pecfest.ca. For readers of *The South Marysburgh Mirror* we have a SPECIAL DEAL..... If you want to buy tickets and get a "Locals Discount", we will offer a BUY-1-GET-1 FREE deal until July 14th on any passes. If interested in more information, please email pecfestinthecounty@gmail.com and mention *The Mirror*.

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Keep words soft and tender for tomorrow you may have to eat them.

Pat and Mike went into a fancy restaurant and ordered the deluxe dinner with all the trimmings. Then, Mike haughtily called for the manager. "There's a fly in my soup," he said angrily to the distraught man. "This is terrible, horrible, awful. I never expected such a thing to happen in this place of all places."

"Shh," pleaded the manager. "Not so loud. These things can happen. Won't you gentlemen have dinner on the house?"

After dinner the two men left and Mike pointed to a drugstore across the street. "Could you go for an ice cream soda?" he asked Pat. "I've got one more fly left."

A local preacher, explaining the secret of his success: "Each time I enter the pulpit, I pray this silent prayer: Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff – and nudge me when I've said enough."

- ◆ Take time to work. It is the price of success.
- ◆ Take time to think. It is the source of power.
- ◆ Take time to play. It is the secret of youth.
- ◆ Take time to read. It is the foundation of knowledge.
- ◆ Take time to worship. It is the highway of reverence.
- ◆ Take time for friendship. It is the source of happiness.
- ◆ Take time to love. It is the one sacrament of life.

Two little mice in heaven were approached by St. Peter. "And how are you enjoying your stay?" he asked.

"Heaven is great! Said the first mouse, "but it's such a big place, we're finding it difficult to get around."

"Don't worry about it," St. Peter replied. "I'll see that you're both fitted with roller skates first thing in the morning."

A few days later, he asked the same question of a newly arrived cat.

"It's fantastic!" Exclaimed the cat, "and I really must congratulate you for setting up such a great Meals on Wheels."

Alex, a widower, went to a senior citizen's dance. There he met Ruth, a woman also advanced in years. Alex and Ruth danced every dance together. Afterward, they went out for coffee. As they walked home, Ruth said, "You remind me of my fourth husband."

Alex said, "Really? How many times have you been married?"

Ruth said, "Three."

I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not so sure.

Exit lines:

- ◆ *She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.*
- ◆ *No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.*
- ◆ *A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.*
- ◆ *Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.*
- ◆ *A hole was found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.*
- ◆ *Don't join dangerous cults. Practice safe sects.*



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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
July 1928

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Mon. 2 - Tom has a colt from last Monday. We are going call it Sir Sidney Frisco. Took Kathleen over to Picton after supper Eddie Brooks went over with us. stopped for the show.

Tue. 3 - Mirt Floral Wrex and I were up to the Out let to a Sunday School Picnic. A very nice day had a little shower at night.

Wed. 4 - Cultivated corn and Potatoes Royden and Wrex help some.

Thu. 5 - I Painted the motor boat We are having nice warm weather now. Garnet down now.

Sat. 7 - Royden help Collin draw hay Mirt Wrex and I went over to Picton Davis Duetta went down with us. Nice warm day

Sun. 8 - Royden went back to Lloyds to help him Monday make cheese

Mon. 9 - I took Kathleen over to Picton After noon I sprayed the Potatoes rather warm.

Tue. 10 - Cultivated the corn and Potatoes We are having very warm weather now.

Wed. 11 - Royden took a small Grist over to Picton with the truck. Kathleen and Agnes came home with him Straw berry Social at Milford We all went up Kathleen and Agnes went over to Picton with Albert Welbanks

Thu. 12 - Ongman Walk in Picton we all went over at night to the show.

Fri. 13 - Mirt and I went back to Lloyds Garnet not feeling very well and went home. Lloyd is making 13 and some in cheese. He put a new fly wheel in my car for me.

Sat. 14 - Mirt and I were back to Lloyds We had a big rain last night. Just what we need. We came home after dinner Kathleen came home with us

Sun 15 - Rained some along about One Oclock Chuck and Lillian McKinzie came down from Tronto.

Mon 16 - Royden went back to Lloyds to help him make cheese I started to cut Hay.

Tue. 17 - Raked and cocked up the Hay Quite a nice day

Wed. 18 - Cocked up the Hay I cut back and drew in 2 loads from the Flats.

Fri. 20 - We had another big rain

Sat 21 - I tinkered at the truck fixing up a wheel. Floral took of from here After dinner Lillian McKinzy and I went over to Picton.

Sun. 22 - Lloyd and Luise down went out to Mr. Hudgins Collin and Laura Knight here at night

Mon. 23 - Royden and Floral went in Back to lloyds Kathleen went over to Picton with them Wrex and I sprayed the Potatoes.

Tue. 24 - Cultivated the Potatoes and corn After dinner drew in some Hay.

Wed. 25 - Royden helped Mervin Hudgins.

Thu. 26 - We all went to the show at Picton it was a nice day.

Fri 27 - I started to cut grass Back about Eleven Oclock we had a big shower of rain

Sat. 28 - Mirt and I went over to Picton We met Frances Davenson there from Toronto. She is going to stay for a couple weeks

Sun 29 - Lloyd and Luise came down Went out to Mr. Hudgins. After dinner Mirt and I and the girls went to the Lake with the truck.

Mon. 30 - Finished drawing in the grass Back.

Tue. 31 - I went out on Geo Collier and cut the Hay Quite a nice day.

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

Sunday School picnics were a much anticipated social event of the year. Often there would be informal games and organized races: a pie eating contest, a potato race, sack races or a "married ladies race". Food was a highlight with cakes for sure. Photos were often taken and the event covered in the local paper too, with the names listed of everyone who attended. This excellent photo of a Sunday School picnic in 1928 shows fashions of the time for children and adults quite clearly. Everyone dressed up for the occasion in their Sunday best, pretty dresses and clean dress shirts. It was always a nice day for it of course, just as it was on July 3 1928.



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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

An Update on Wpd Canada / White Pines Wind Project

Acronyms:

- ◆ IESO: The Independent Electricity System Operator, a provincial government agency – until early June under the auspices of the Liberal government;
- ◆ APPEC: The Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County.

Having toured the turbine site areas every day for the past several days and weeks, and hearing from many people interested and concerned about this matter, here's an update. I will be as brief as I can be.

As you likely saw two weeks ago on social media, I posted correspondence delivered to residents in "the project area" concerning the delivery of turbine components to the nine turbine locations in South Marysburgh and Athol. I also posted online a photograph of two turbine bases being delivered to sites located north of Royal Road. Residents throughout PEC have witnessed the oversize loads, pilot vehicles and escorts as they make their way from Highway 401, down County Road 49 and eventually to County Road 10 through the main intersection in Picton. As wpd's activities continue, the remainder of the 81 oversize loads – including the 140' turbine blades – will travel the same route, and under terms specified in the provincial government-approved REA (Renewable Energy Approval) and The County's RUA (Road Use Agreement).

Until two weeks ago, the matter of a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to wpd Canada by the IESO (considered to be a crucial last hurdle to getting any green energy project up and running, and providing electricity to the hydro grid) remained very much in limbo.

However, on Friday, June 22nd at 2:30 p.m., news began to circulate on the Internet that the IESO had given wpd its Notice to Proceed. By 4:00 p.m. an email from MPP Todd Smith's office stated that unbeknownst to them, it was their understanding the NTP was issued on May 11th. Shortly thereafter, the approval of the NTP was confirmed on the IESO's website. You can find it here at <http://www.ieso.ca/.../supp.../transmission-connected-generation> (scroll down to IESO 'Active Generation Contract List' and in it, to line 1531).

The alleged timing of the NTP approval is troubling for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that the provincial election campaign began two days earlier. From what has been discovered so far, none of the local candidates in the election had been informed of the decision during their campaigns in May; the newly elected PC government - particularly PEC's MPP, Todd Smith, and the PC government's transition team - were not informed at, or after, meetings with the IESO held immediately after the election; and, most egregiously, the municipality of Prince Edward County and the hundreds of people whose lives will be affected by the nine industrial wind turbines sanctioned through the approval, were kept entirely in the dark that the White Pines project had reached this milestone.

Much can and will be read into this series of events and their timing, but this fact is unimpeachable: Prince Edward County – inclusive of elected officials who are on record as opposing the White Pines Project; Prince Edward County's well-known status as an "unwilling host" to IWT development; several citizens' organizations whose tireless activities have raised in excess of \$1.5 million and led to the elimination of 30 proposed wind turbines; and the majority of County residents – has been a thorn in the side of the provincial Liberal government for years. It has caused the government to spend excessive amounts of time and *our* money fighting the diligent efforts of those groups and individuals who have appealed its approval of the project, and who have worked so hard to ensure that the laws the provincial government itself has enacted to protect species at risk, natural habitat and heritage landscapes are upheld.

Over the years I have come to understand many things about the communities we care so much about - be it South Marysburgh, Hillier, Ameliasburgh or the other wards - and those of us who call any one of them home. One of the most important is the knowledge that "sticking it" to The County should be done at one's own peril. The action and timing of the IESO's decision – bearing in mind its overseers at the time – raises the possibility that such is the case.

Between the appalling discovery of the NTP and the swearing-in of the PC Government, there has been much conjecture as to the status of the White Pines project given the alleged timing of approval and the financial burden it will place on taxpayers having to pay for electricity at an exorbitant rate that is not required. Obviously, for those most affected – the residents and businesses of South Marysburgh in and around Milford – a thorough investigation as to what led to the NTP is in order. I intended to introduce a motion calling for same at last week's council meeting but I withdrew it on advice from staff on the basis of legal concerns.

In addition, any investigation should also focus on how what had been an approved and contracted 27-turbine project, was quietly allowed to proceed on the basis of only nine turbines that can't generate the contracted amount of electricity.

As of this writing, one turbine is almost fully assembled and is visible from Walmsley Road just east of County Road 24. Parts will continue to arrive for other turbine sites on a daily basis until about July 19th. In the meantime, MPP Todd Smith, now sworn in as Government House Leader, is investigating this debacle and should be able to provide a status update in the near future, likely this week.


Inasmuch as the NTP is perceived as a last step in the process to get the White Pines project built, for many in the community it is a clarion call to redouble efforts to ensure it never sees the light of day.

Additional information to follow.

PLEASE NOTE: SOUTH MARYSBURGH HAS THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF BEING THE ONLY WARD WITH NO CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR COUNCIL IN THE OCTOBER MUNICIPAL ELECTION. THE DEADLINE TO FILE PAPERS IS FRIDAY, JULY 27TH.

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Dancing School

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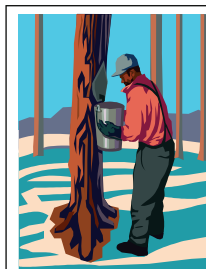
I was reading a book a few weeks ago about life in the early 50's in Boston, and the author made reference to "dancing school". Well, I attended one of these with about forty of my grade 8 and 9 classmates. Dancing school was held on Saturday nights for about eight weeks. The parents of the participants were charged a fee and Mrs. Payson, the instructor, ruled the school with an iron hand.

Girls sometimes invited boys and girls to their homes for cake and ice cream prior to the class. This, I suppose, was so as to gain experience in the social aspect of etiquette. My finest moment at one of these pre-dance school soirees was when I was able to spit out a loose tooth on the table.

At dancing school, there was some kind of music, a guy playing records, but not any that you would want to hear. Waltz, Fox Trot, the kind Mrs. Payson was instructing us to dance to. It's not necessary to tell you that the boys were not anxious to participate, but were forced to. We were also forced to dance. There was no sitting out. The boys sat in chairs on one side of the dance floor, the girls on the other side. When a dance number was announced, you were to select a partner. You were not permitted to cross the floor, but were compelled to walk around it to request a dance. Girls were not permitted to refuse an invitation.

These rules precipitated an active competition for the end seats because the closer to the end you sat, the better chance you had to make it to a pretty girl. It must have been unpleasant to be one of the last selected, as the boys passed you by until the last few boys asked the last few girls. The boys had to go through a similar experience when baseball teams were selected on the playground.

I remember being envious of my close friend who had broken his wrist after falling out of a tree and was unable to dance for a couple of weeks. Still, he had to select a girl and shuffle around. The parents paid, so they made you go.



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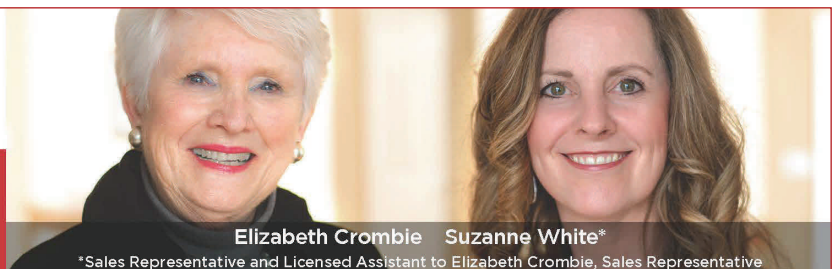
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South Bay United Church hall was the scene of a delicious pot luck lunch Wednesday, June 13 at noon.

At one o'clock, the ladies were enlightened on the services provided by Alternative for Women by Rahne Boutilier. The organization has been active in Picton for thirty years helping abused women and their children. Anyone can help by providing personal care items, kitchen utensils, bathroom items, furniture, anything needed to set-up a home. We thank Ms Boutilier for her informative presentation.

The ladies then held their meeting, opening with theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's prayer.

Eight members answered roll call by telling something of their fathers in honour of Father's Day.

Sandra's devotional began by reciting the 23rd Psalm. Her theme was based on Isaiah chapter 13, verses 1 to 7. It discusses guarantee. God's lifetime guarantee of love is without cost even if we aren't worthy and is always there for us.

Minutes and finances were reviewed.

The fall rally will be held at Wellington September 26th.

A beautiful letter was read from our church to Cherry Valley congregation thanking them for items they had donated to us and inviting them to join us for our services.

We are catering a car rally on Sat., August 4th.

Our meeting closed with our U.C.W. prayer.



Milford Friendship Circle

The ladies were welcomed at Jean Burrow's home on Thursday, June 7th, 1:30 p.m.

In the absence of our president, the ladies had no trouble getting things rolling. We discussed politics, voting, carbon tax, forests needed to produce oxygen, a good place to live – namely Price Edward County.

Jean's Thought for the Day was as follows:

Keep your face always toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

For roll call, six members produced very interesting wedding pictures which provided more topics for discussion.

Our ladies are invited to join South Bay U.C.W. Wed. June 13 to hear a speaker for Alternatives for Women.

For roll call, we were to tell old sayings. Some were: Far circle, near storm; New circle, far storm; Heavy dew, no rain; If we get frost on Easter Sunday, we'll have it for 40 days; A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush; Bless you little cotton socks.

The meeting ended with an excerpt from an old-fashioned autograph book:

*Beware of boys with eyes of gray
They'll kiss you once and turn away.
Beware of boys with eyes of brown
They'll kiss you once and turn you down.
But the boys with eyes of blue
They'll kiss you once and ask for two.*

We enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by our hostess along with more entertainment and Barb thanks Jean for a lovely afternoon.



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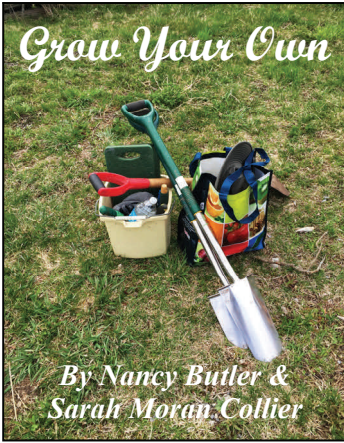
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On one of the first days of July we visited the garden of two inspiring growers who transplanted themselves to South Marysburgh two very busy years ago. Jess and Elis lived here part-time for years, and each had considerable gardening experience when they began to plan and implement their garden in what had been pasture land. In building their

garden here, their ideas about plants and planting have grown drastically.

Their garden looks quite different from most. Not only is it extraordinarily beautiful, in an architectural or sculptural way, it is also one of the most orderly, tidy and downright clean gardens we've seen. There's not much dirt to be seen. Everywhere, the dirt is covered with a thick layer of straw, shielded the soil from the drying effects of sun. Under the straw, the dirt does its thing, churning with good bacteria, with worm and bugs, with minerals and moisture, all generating food for plants.

When asked about their approach to gardening, Jess described it as "homesteading light," and went on to explain that they are part of a movement called "permaculture." Like many, we were mystified by this term (I should speak for myself, I was mystified). Like most good things, it's quite simple. Bill Mollison, the Tasmanian educator and scientist who coined the term in 1978, summed it up in 1988: "[p]ermaculture (permanent agriculture) is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems." (from Mollison's book, *Permaculture – A Designers' Manual* (1988)). The idea is to listen and learn from what happens in nature, to facilitate what already happens in the lives of plants and animals – and people.

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This philosophy suits (and also describes) Elis and Jess perfectly. Jess said their efforts to transform the patch of land they cultivate is about "creating an ecosystem versus putting in a garden." They have different skills, Jess has more experience as a grower, but much of this was in a very different – wet, coastal B.C. climate - where it was impossible to grow Ontario staples, notably tomatoes and onions. Back in Ontario, Jess and Elis produce what can only be described as divine garlic (Milford Fair award winners) and tomatoes.

Both are observers and planners, qualities critical in permaculture. Jess and Elis think constantly about growing things, improving the soil, building the infrastructure of their land. Jess stressed that being in place, living and working in South Marysburgh, "season-over-season is key" because it means they can finally see "how shade acts and where the water flows" at their home. Their South Marysburgh ecosystem is only several years in the making, but it shows years of thought and planning and hope and patience. They've kept the maps and notes they make every winter, and can chart the course of their successes and failures.

They've planned meticulously and put a lot of work into setting up the infrastructure and tweaking the system they've created. This all sounds very rational, and it is, but we got a very strong sense of the delight that Elis and Jess derive from their garden and their home(stead). Jess describes plants with words that we usually associate with people: a tomato plant is muscular, a pepper plant is shy, an eventually towering amaranth plant will protect others. And she describes people in ways we associate with food: one friend is peppery, another is crusty. The world Jess and Elis have made in South Marysburgh has been built up by connecting one thing with another: plants, people, places.



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