

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## The Elephant In The Room

By Steve Ferguson

There came a point at the wpd Canada Corporation/White Pines Wind Project meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> when Valerie, a young woman in attendance, was asked where she lived and how she would feel if her property rights were arbitrarily taken away from her, and an unpopular development that would completely alter the complexion of the community she loved was forced upon her and her neighbors .

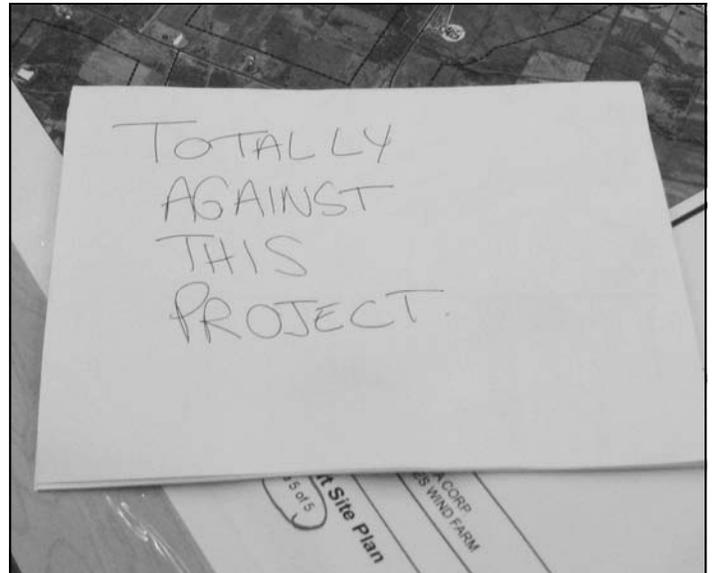
"I would be devastated," she replied, expressing how many people feel about White Pines.

Valerie is an employee of wpd.

And so it was that environmental carpetbaggers arrived at PECl, seemingly smug in the belief that their project would proceed regardless how the locals felt. This contingent was generally composed of young men and women at stages in their careers where they couldn't afford to compromise their jobs by doing anything but toe the company line. Valerie's response was something of a revelation given the palpable anger of the residents of South Marysburgh and other parts of Prince Edward County in attendance at the open house.

Armed with charts, maps, diagrams and photographs, the wpd group minimized the effects, while extolling the virtues, of a project that has the potential to entirely transform South Marysburgh. The rather glib, rote answers to pointed questions (provided you could get the attention of one of the company's representatives to ask them) were indicative of an exercise in frustration. But it's pretty easy to be glib when you are only affecting 'noise receptors', as residents and their properties are callously referred to by the wind industry and government. The only question to be answered if the wpd project moves forward is how loud the noise will be and what effect it will have on your quality of life or your ability to make an income.

The wpd project will generate 60 MWs of electricity from its 29 475' turbines, and will positively generate millions of dollars in revenue for wpd each year. According to a wpd spokesman, approximately \$860,000 of those millions will be returned annually as lease payments to the landowners who will earn that money at the expense of their neighbours. So much for rural courtesy. Additional sums will be paid by wpd to the municipality in the form of taxes, although the amounts have



A handwritten note, lying atop a photographic illustration of proposed turbine locations just west of Milford, summarized the feelings of most people attending the wpd open house.

not yet been finalized. Whether those payments will include repair to damaged roads is unclear as well.

Don't misunderstand: I am not against renewable energy and the harnessing of wind and sun to contribute to our energy mix; who could be? And I'm also not against earning a buck. But I – like so many – am very much against the placement of industrial wind turbines in locations that can affect people's futures and quality of life; that may pose adverse health effects; that threaten wildlife habitat; that are loud and ugly; and that we, as Ontarians, are subsidizing and which are not required given the surplus of electricity the province now produces. (Continued on page 3)

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### Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Saturday, April 7th 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

The Milford Easter Parade and Easter Egg Hunt  
(See next page for details)

**Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m.**

Fair Board Meeting at Milford Town Hall

**May 31 and June 1, 2, 3 at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **"Gardening"**

A Murder Mystery written & directed  
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#### **Road Bowling**

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Adults: June 12, 13, 14

More information to follow.

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## April's Gardening Tips

By Diane Walker

Here are a few things you can do in April to get your garden into shape and get the most out of it..

- Now's a good time to add well rotted compost or peat moss to your flower beds;
- Trim smooth hydrangea (except Annabelle) almost to ground level;
- Plant a deciduous tree;
- Trim red dogwood to encourage new growth for a wonderful red shrub next winter;
- Plant a pot of pansies. They have such happy faces!

Watch for tips for May in next month's Mirror!



(Courtesy of Juanita McMahan)

The Mirror's email address  
has changed to:

**themirror@kos.net**

## South Marysburgh's Annual Easter Parade

Saturday, April 7, 2012

9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Children's Easter Crafts at the  
Ann Farwell Library

11:00 a.m.

The Parade will leave the Town Hall parking  
lot and proceed to the Fair Grounds.

Wear your Easter finery, and  
decorate your bicycles and wagons .

11:30 a.m. (time approximate)

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A remarkable photo of geese flying in a heart-shaped formation taken on February 14th, 2012 (Valentine's Day).

(Courtesy of Juanita McMahan)

# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## Crafty People Wanted

The South Bay United Church Craft Group is looking for new members.

They produce quality items, and their crafts are considered by many to be the best in the county. Their sales events are well attended, particularly their annual Christmas Luncheon and Craft Sale. Thanks to generous donations of materials from their Congregation and other members of the community, their expenses are kept to a minimum.

The Craft Group meets every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Bay United Church hall. If you are interested in sewing, quilting or other crafts, and like to socialize, they'd love to have you join them. For more information, please contact Diane Underhill at 613.476.5940 or drop by on any Wednesday.

## With Thanks

We would like to offer a huge "Thank You" to all the Firemen and O.P.P. officers who came to the call of a grass fire on our property on County Road #13 on Sunday, March 11.

Needless to say we were shocked to receive the call from Maureen Phillips alerting us to the fire. We can't even imagine how frightened she must have been. Without the dedication of such wonderful professionals and volunteers we can't even imagine what a disaster this might have been. Thank you so much for saving our land and the land of our neighbours.

Sincerely,  
Jim, Judy and Rob Plomer

## Trash Talk

Prices for curbside and landfill garbage disposal increase to \$3.00 and \$5.00 respectively in mid-April. The new tags are available at Walker's Garage.

## It's Almost 'Sale-ing' Season!

Are you planning a garage, contents or lawn sale in May or June? Send the date, time, location and a little information about what you're selling to the *Mirror* at the address on page 2 by the May or June deadline dates and it will be listed free of charge. Now there's a bargain!

## Remember that Farmer's Song?

Written and recorded by Murray McLaughlin, this tribute to a noble trade was released on True North Records in 1972. The former owner of True North, Bernie Finkelstein, (now a County resident and profiled in last week's big Picton papers) will be launching his memoirs at the Authors Festival. Over the course of his own illustrious career, Bernie has had a hand in the careers of Bruce Cockburn and countless other bands such as The Paupers and Kensington Market who emerged from the Yorkville scene in Toronto in the 1960s. It'll be an interesting read. (See the Authors Festival ad below for details)

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***We may be from the County but we're not hicks,  
We go by the name of The Black Crick Chicks!***

*By Barb Guernsey*

With our 'chick' umbrella, yellow shirts, red boas, "chick" hats and feet, and our loads of energy, you can't miss us. For the past 5 years The Black Crick Chicks + Friends have been walking the track for The Canadian Cancer Society's *Relay for Life*. We started off at the Belleville event, but once the event came to Prince Edward County in 2010 we moved our team down here.

You may ask, "Why would you stay up all night just to walk around a track for 12 hours?" Our answer is simple, "Cancer never sleeps, so for one night of each year neither will we." And as a team, we certainly don't sleep.

Other than missing out on a few laps to grab a quick bite to eat, we're up and on our feet. In fact, last year we managed to win the award for Most Team Spirit Points as we involved ourselves with many of the activities that are put on by the student committee from PECL.

Last year our team was classed as a Bronze Team (a team that raises over \$5,000; we raised \$5,432) and we're hoping to increase that amount this year. A number of us "chicks" are raising funds through bottle drives, so if you have any empty bottles from alcohol to donate to our cause, please contact any one of us and we will gladly arrange to get them from you.

We are also accepting donations (cheques to be made out to the Canadian Cancer Society) for the event. If you would like to become a "Black Crick Chick" or start your own team, you can go online to [www.relayforlife.ca/princeedwardcounty](http://www.relayforlife.ca/princeedwardcounty).

Come on out to this year's event, and when you see us around the track please ask us, "**BLACK CRICK CHICKS, HOW DO YOU FEEL?**" and we'll be sure to answer "**WE FEEL GOOD, WE FEEL REAL GOOD..YEAH!**"

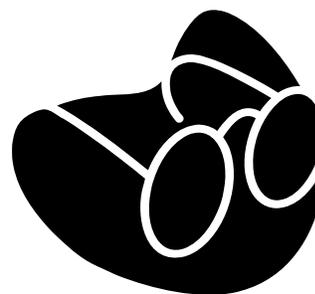
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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Thoughtful words and loving deeds help to fill empty lives.*

## A Smile for You

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu.  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When I smiled, I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.  
I thought about that smile,  
then I realized it's worth.  
A single smile, just like mine,  
could travel round the earth.  
So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick  
and get the world infected.

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A local minister was talking to the oldest member of the congregation. "I am 90 years old sir, and I haven't an enemy in the world," said the aged one.

"That's a beautiful thought," said the clergyman approvingly.

"Yes sir," was the answer. "I'm thankful to say I've outlived them all."

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Early one morning, a mother went in to wake her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school."

"But why, Mom? I don't want to go."

"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

"Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me too."

"Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."

"Give me two reasons why I should go to school."

"Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the principal."

## You Know You're from the Country if....

- Your car breaks down outside of town and news of it reaches back to town before you do.
- You go to the local fair for your family vacation.
- You get up at 5:30 a.m. to go to the coffee shop for coffee.
- All your preset buttons on the radio are on country stations.
- You call the wrong number and talk to the person for an hour anyway.
- It's not a UFO, it's a farmer working late in his field.
- You'll skip your cousin's funeral for the first day of deer hunting season.

## Mother's Dictionary

1. Defense: what you'd better have around de yard if you're going to let de children play outside;
2. Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the kid would like dessert;
3. Feedback: The result when the baby doesn't like the strained carrots;
4. Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though you're not raising them right;
5. Impregnable: A woman whose memory of labour is still vivid;
6. Independent: how we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say;
7. Show off: A child who is more talented than yours.

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If you love something, set it free.

If it comes back, it was, and always will be yours. If it never returns, it was never yours to begin with.

If it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money and never behaves as if you actually set it free in the first place, you either married it or gave birth to it.

## Exit line:

*Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach him to fish and you get rid of him for the entire weekend.*

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## South Bay U.C.W.



U.C.W. met at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, March 14 at 12:00 noon.

The ladies prepared a delicious pot luck lunch and were pleased to entertain two gentlemen, Reverend Phil and Steve Ferguson, who was guest speaker for our group.

Steve gave us some background information pertaining to his association with the South Marysburgh Mirror. Welcome, Steve. We are privileged to have you as the editor of our historic little paper.

President Sandra continued our meeting with the theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer.

Maureen's devotional demonstrated that sermons are lived, not preached and sometimes silence is the best answer. We need to remember that Jesus was the greatest communicator.

Ten members answered roll call with an Irish show-and-tell momento.

Secretary Carolyn read our February minutes which were approved.

Maureen, Irene and Karen reported on the World's Day of Prayer at St. Mary Magdellan on March 2.

A thank you was received from Bruce Dowdell and his sister Barbara.

Our collection was dedicated. The ladies also donated toiletries to be taken to Alternatives for Women.

*The Spring Fling* will be held at Bloomfield United Church on Wednesday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Sunrise Service will be held at Little Bluff on Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 a.m. Our U.C.W. will provide a light breakfast at the church following the service.

We have been asked to cater a lunch for the Marine Archives Convention for Wednesday, May 16 for twenty-five people.

The ladies will be privileged to cater lunch for Floral Minaker's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in June.

Our U.C.W. prayer concluded our meeting.

### Coming Events

**Thursday, April 5:** Milford Friendship ladies will meet at the home of Maureen Rudd at 1:30 p.m. Maureen has Thought for the Day; Roll call is to bring toiletries for Alternatives for Women; Alice Miller has Program.

**Wednesday, April 11:** U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional - Carolyn Barnes; Roll Call - show and tell; Program - Sandra Emlaw; Lunch - Pat York and Nora Parker; Objective - items for the food bank.

### Did You Know....

South Bay United Church Hall is available for use for your family reunion, birthday party or other special event. Any function can be catered by the United Church Women or you can do it yourself.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

By Christine Renaud

Join us at the Milford library before the Easter Parade on Saturday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. for children's crafts including "Make an Easter Bonnet". You bring your bonnet (or cap) and we'll supply the decorations – a collaboration of the Recreation Committee and the library.

We will also be holding a book sale all day with great deals to be had.

The library held its first meeting of the Milford Branch Knitters Club in March. Good fun, with knitting, chatting and an exchange of patterns. The next get together is on Thursday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m. Come and knit or crochet, absolute beginner to advanced are welcome.

The Intermediate French Club continues each Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

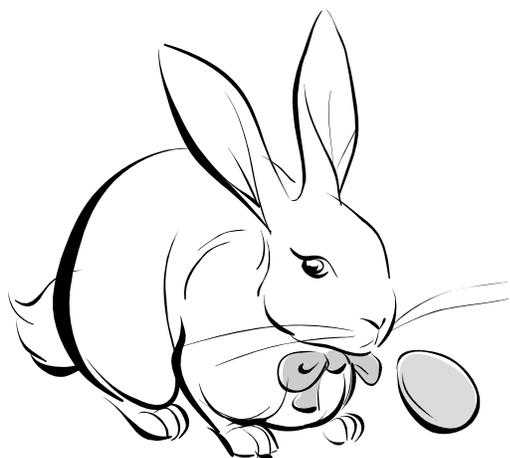
The first Thursday of each month, the Milford Evening Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. and the afternoon book club meets the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming programs in the planning stages include "An Introduction to Facebook and Social Media" for May as well as a needlefelting workshop. If interested in either of these, please contact Christine at [crenaud@peclibrary.org](mailto:crenaud@peclibrary.org) or call the branch at 476-4130.

Happy Easter!

**Library Hours**

Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
 Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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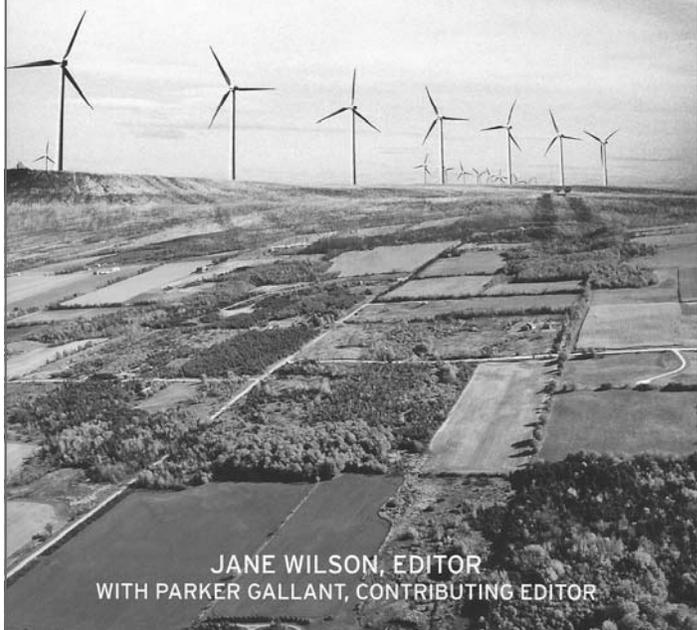
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yard & Rummage Sale	May 5th
Canoe Trip	May 21st
Pork & Corn Roast	Aug. 8th
Turkey Supper	Sept. 19th
Yard & Rummage Sale	Sept. 29th
Christmas Tea	Nov. 10th

*Watch for further details about these events in future issues of the Mirror.*

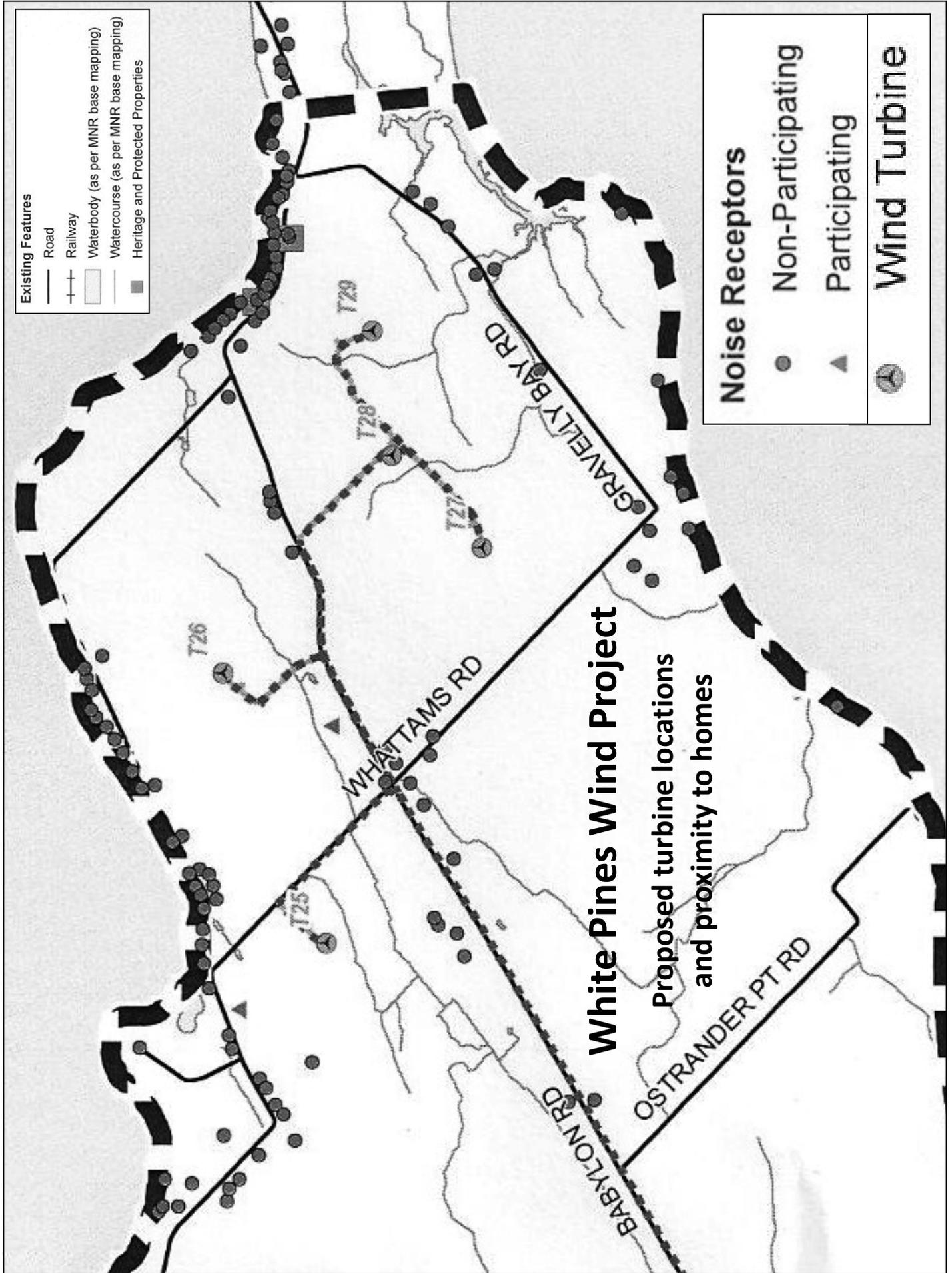
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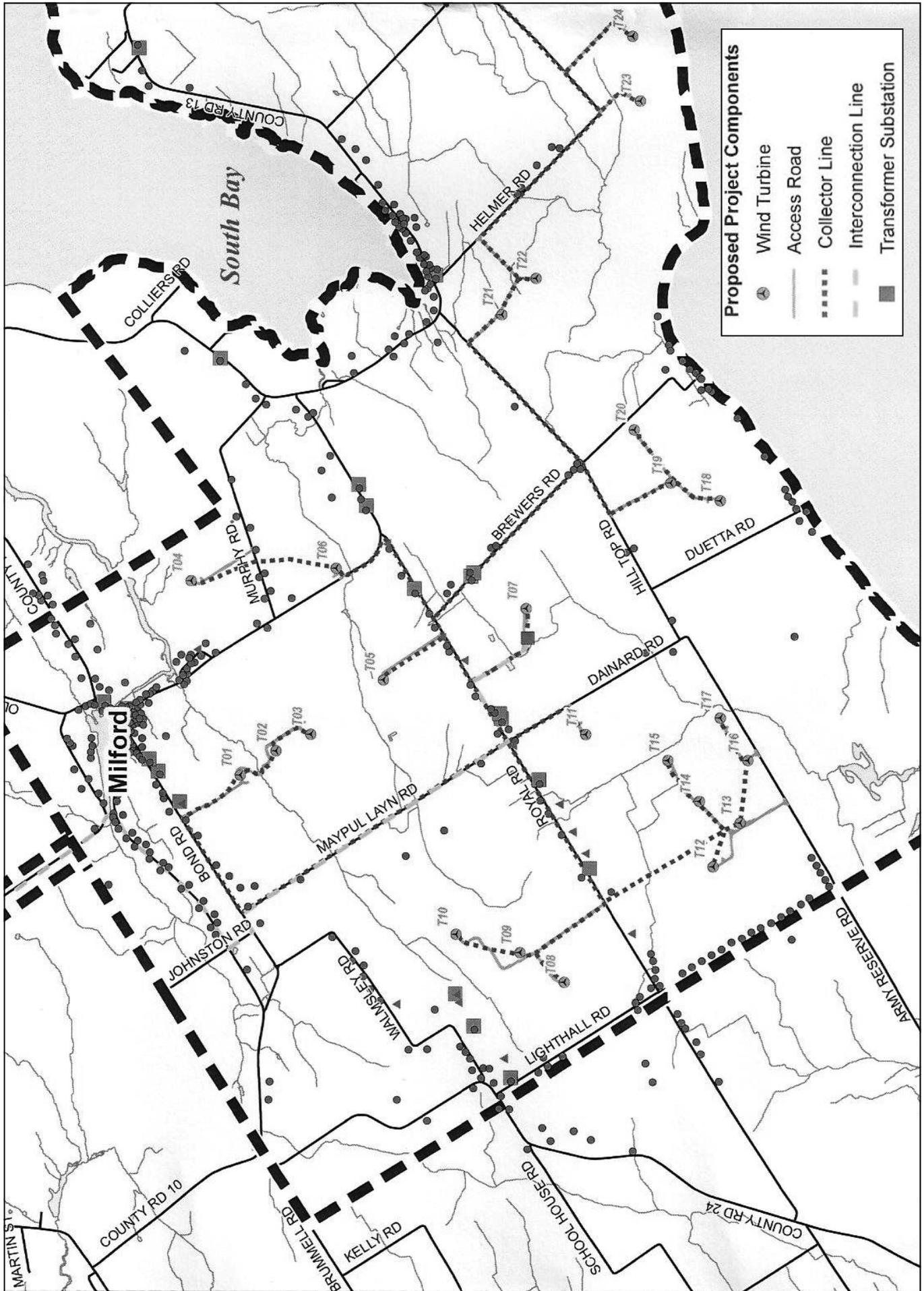
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## Life In The Past

Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' Journals: April, 1903

Submitted by Vicki Emlaw

Wed. 1 I took the Hogs down to Picton. Sold them to Clapp for 6 1/4. There was eight of them and they were weighed on the market scales 960 lbs. I think there was some roughing done they ought to of weighed more.

Thurs. 2 Mr Spafford and wife were here they came up yesterday. And went home this afternoon. Byron is working with the team cultivating.

Fri. 3 I intended to drill oats today just nicely got to work and it commenced to rain and rain steady the day threw.

Sat. 4 Froze quite hard last night and the ground covered with snow this morning. Emmet and I drove the colts down to Picton on his buggy and bought a pair of pigs. After dinner we killed my hog.

Sun. 5 It was cold. Mirt and I intended to go out to Jakes but we thought the roads were too muddy.

Mon. 6 I cut my hog up and packed it in the barrel. Then Byron and I drew out some manure. Old Douken snagged himself some way or other.

Tues. 7 Rained some in the four noon. After dinner I drew out some manure and ploughed my garden spot. The weather has been some finer today. I sowed my tomatoes seed.

Wed. 8 When I went out to the Barn this morning I found there was an increase. Byron and I drew out manure and put it around the apples trees.

Thurs. 9 Drew out manure and put it on the young orchard. We are having quite back ward weather. I haven't done any sowing yet.

Fri. 10 I went down to Mr. Spafford after Ina stayed to Pa's till after tea and them went on down. It has been a fine day.

Sat.11 Ina and I came up home. Roads were not very good. We got home first noon. After dinner Byron and I drew out manure.

Sun. 12 Easter Sunday Visitors of the day were Ida and Dan Emmet and Mary Ellen Ina & Byron. After dinner we all went to Church but Mirt and Byron and Emmet.

Mon. 13 Byron started the cultivator. I drilled 18 bus of oats in.

Tue. 14 I drilled 8 bus of oats in. After dinner it commenced to rain and rain all the afternoon. Frank



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killed one of his hogs.

Wed. 15 Haven't been doing much all day the land is pretty wet.

Thurs. 16 I shelled some corn for to get ground for my pig. Went out to Almon Leavitt to pay him for some oats.

Fri. 17 Byron and I drew out manure till noon. Then after dinner we went to cultivating. We are having very cold and backward weather. Nothing seems to grow.

Sat. 18 Ina and I went down to Picton. The roads were very fine. Ina did some marketing and we got home again at noon. Byron finished the back field and I finished sowing it this after noon. I sowed about 28 bushels on it.

Sun. 19 Ina Mirt and I went out to Jake's. It was a very fine day. We struck the house without much difficulty. Archie and Hilton Whattom were there. Mr & Mrs Lighthall drove out in the afternoon.

Mon. 20 Started to cultivate another field it was some wet so after dinner Byron went to rolling and Frank and I went and took the young stock out on Land to Pasture.

Tue. 21 Cold and spiting snow. We have had frost every night for awhile back. The wind is keeping from the North & North East and that makes it keep cold. Byron has been rolling all the four noon.

Wed. 22 Byron rolled all the four noon. It was cold. We drew out manure all the after noon.

Thur. 23 Byron cultivated till noon and after dinner I ploughed at the tomatoes ground.

Fri. 24 I made another hot bed and put in some more tomato seeds. Byron cultivated after the nights work was done. Mirt, Ina and I went for a little drive with Gespy today has been warmer.

(Continued on page 13)

# ROOTS + WINGS

HAPPENINGS AT ST. PHILIP'S  
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We invite you to join us at St. Philip's on Thursday, April 19 at 6 pm. We will be celebrating Queen Elizabeth's birthday and the 60th anniversary of her reign with a "Royal Feast" and the showing of the film "The Queen" starring Helen Mirren. You are invited to bring royal memorabilia to add to a display. Also please bring a "dainty dish fit for a King (or Queen)", plus your cutlery and dishes, and, of course, your friends. These evenings are usually advertised in Whattam's Community Calendar and via a few posters in Milford, so please keep an eye out for future events too.

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(*'Life In The Past' continued from page 12*)

Sat. 25 I drilled in about 8 bus of oats with Gespy all alone. We are having some nicer weather.

Sun. 26 It was a lovely morning and Mirt and Ina propose to drive over to Wellington. We had a very heavy lug across the beach for Gespy. And there we had a very narrow escape crossing the outlet. Drove in the wrong place and got in the quicksand and come within one of drowning Gespy. We were all three about scared to death. I got her on unhooked and she got out leaving the buggy in the lake. It was my first trip to Wellington and I hope the next time I will enjoyed the trip better.

Mon. 27 The weather is some finer and I hope it continues so. I finished sowing another field put on it about 16 bus of oats.

Tue. 28 I ploughed for my tomatoes, Byron has been dragging all day. The tomatoes seed I sowed last Friday is all up nice.

Wed. 29 I ploughed it is some colder. Mirt and Ina worked all day.

Thurs. 30 We are having cold weather again and not much growth yet.

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## Prince Edward County *Relay for Life 2012*

By Barb Guernsey

Relay for Life is a 12-hour walking event from which money is raised (through sponsoring and fundraising) in support of The Canadian Cancer Society. Last year's event exceeded its goal of \$175,000 and surpassed \$205,000.

This year's Prince Edward County *Relay for Life* takes place on a track behind the Picton Arena from 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 8th until 7:00 a.m. Saturday, June 9th. Teams of 10 or so gather together in advance to raise funds (suggested minimum amount is \$100 per person) and take turns walking the track behind the Picton arena. Many of the teams have a theme and catchy 'uniforms' to help make the night fun.

A huge part of this event revolves around the survivors of cancer. Once the opening ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. are complete, the first lap of the night is taken by our survivors. There is an amazing sea of yellow (the colour of survivors' t-shirts) which walk the track at that time. If you are a survivor of cancer and would like to walk the track, please stop by the Picton Scotiabank to pick up a survivor form. The rest of the teams then begin their laps and the night continues with music, fun and entertainment. At 10:00 p.m. there is a Luminary Ceremony in which Luminaries (paper bags with candles inside) are lit. Each of these bags have been purchased (generally in advance) for \$5 each and have a sticker on them stating whether it is 'In Memory' or 'In Honour' of a loved one who has battled cancer.

If you know of anyone involved in the Relay and would like to purchase a luminary from them, please let them know and they can get a form to you or, if you prefer to decorate your own, you may do that as well. If you are unaware of anyone taking part in the event but would still like to purchase one, you may do so at Scotiabank in Picton or Wellington.

If you would like to come to the ceremony at 10:00 p.m. on the night of the event, please feel free to do so and take part in this amazing event. The luminaries are then lit for the remainder of the night, and what a sight it is to see.

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The first Team Captain's meeting / Information night / registration will be held Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at PECCI (see below). For more information about teams, you can send an e-mail to [pecrflteams@gmail.com](mailto:pecrflteams@gmail.com) or call the Belleville Cancer Society.

To register a team, register yourself as a survivor, purchase a luminary or donate to a specific team, please go online to [www.relayforlife.ca/princeedwardcounty](http://www.relayforlife.ca/princeedwardcounty)

### **Relay for Life Schedule**

**Wednesday, April 4 at PECCI:** 6:30 p.m. - Team Registration; 7:00 p.m. - Team Captain's Meeting/Information night (all are welcome).

**Wednesday, May 2 at PECCI:** 6:30 p.m. - Team Registration; 7:00 p.m. - Team Captain's Meeting/Information night (all are welcome).

**Wednesday, May 30** in Picton (time and location TBA) - Site Night / Information night / Team Captain Meeting.

**Friday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 9 at 7:00 a.m.:** - The Prince Edward County *Relay for Life* supporting the Canadian Cancer Society.

For information on any of these events please contact [pecrflteams@gmail.com](mailto:pecrflteams@gmail.com).

Team Kits, Survivor Forms and Luminary Forms can be picked up at Scotiabank in Picton or Wellington or at the Belleville Cancer Society office.

## Rain Barrel Sale to Help Fund Student Bursary

The County Sustainability Group (CSG) and Pitch-In Prince Edward County (formerly known as Trash Bash) will host a truckload sale of rain barrels on Saturday, April 21st at the Picton Community Centre/ Crystal Palace from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rain barrels will be sold for \$55 each and 100% of the profit from funds raised will go to support CSG's annual PECE Environmental Bursary Fund, which provides cash awards to deserving local students graduating from high school into environmental fields of study. The sale is sponsored by the CSG, Pitch-In Prince Edward County and all their local partners.

Rain barrels capture and store rain water collected from roofs through downspouts. They provide chlorine-free and fluoride-free water which is ideal for flowers, vegetables, lawns, shrubs and trees. Rain barrels divert clean water from sewer systems and can provide cost savings for homeowners who currently pay to have water trucked in or who have a water meter installed.

Each rain barrel available through CSG is equipped with a mosquito and leaf debris filter basket, an overflow hose, an outlet to join rain barrels together in series and a spigot at the bottom which can be connected to a standard garden hose. These environmentally friendly products were once used to import fruits and vegetables and have been refurbished and repurposed to offer years of reliable service as rain barrels. They are available in three colours including grey, terracotta and black.

All orders must be placed online in advance at [www.RainBarrel.ca/CSG](http://www.RainBarrel.ca/CSG) or by calling 613-476-8016 if you don't have internet access.

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## The Road To Discovery

Young and reckless  
Wild and free...  
In conflict, always,  
With family.

Each of us drawn.  
By a magnetic unknown;  
Together, we challenged them,  
We had to be shown.

For what could they know  
Those outdated "old folks",  
Who disliked our friends  
And didn't laugh at our jokes.

They just didn't get it,  
Things are different today!  
So, we packed up our bags  
And we went on our way.

On a road of discovery  
That led us, at last,  
To learn that Today  
Is the same as the Past.

And that each generation,  
In their own given style,  
Will challenge their Parents  
While the Grandparents smile.

Peacefully knowing  
They were once just as bold...  
And that youth must be youth  
To enjoy being old.

By Karen Vance-McCrea

## A Brief Essay on the Sexes

By George Underhill

Lady Astor once said, "I married beneath me. All women do." I sympathize with her view. I have two daughters, and when they brought various boys home, I consistently felt that these ambulatory towers of testosterone were not worthy of them. Bill Gates or Warren Buffet might have qualified as acceptable suitors (except for age), but not these guys. I can hear you thinking, "Well, you're a father, of course you would think that way." Too true, but it doesn't change anything.

When pursuing my wife, her mother was four square against her going out with me, and she was right. In fact, my own mother was probably against my marrying any decent girl. Of course, I have changed since my youthful peccadilloes into an upright, stable and thoroughly deserving husband, probably one of the best in the world, but that's my opinion.

In the old days, there used to be dances on Saturday night at Castle Hall to the sweet music of Earl Mitton and the Valley Rhythm Boys. Boys and girls would attend, not as couples, but in the hope they would be able to couple up at the Hall. It never happened in my case, nor did it happen for any of my friends, but I suspect we weren't highly sought after by the fair sex. Even if we did hook up, I'm pretty sure we wouldn't have known what moves to make to close the deal. Still there was vigorous competition. Bald men fighting over a comb, as they say. You might win, but you wouldn't know what to do with the prize. After dating a Castle Hall girl a few times, a friend remarked, "I killed myself getting to the top of the ladder of lust, only to find it was leaning against the wrong wall."

This is not to say men don't have a lot of advantages given to them just because they are men. We are unable to see wrinkles and stains on our clothing. The world is our urinal. If we get married, a tux rental is a few hundred bucks while a bridal gown is in the thousands. We don't have to give birth to babies. There are many such things that give us a much easier life. That's why women are so hard on us. They're jealous of our natural advantages and I don't blame them.

If, for any reason, we lose some of these advantages, we whine and bleat like children. When we get sick, even with a cold, we moan, cry, and seek attention and care like infants. I haven't asked my doctor, but I'd bet he'd prefer to have stoic, long suffering women as patients than self-absorbed pitiful men.

Don't get me wrong. There are lots of things wrong with women. Way lots. I could go on and on and on about that. I'm just afraid to.

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## Milford Friendship Circle

The first meeting of the year was held at Mary Creasy's on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

President Margaret opened with this advice: Be brave even if you're not. Pretend to be even if you're not as no one will know the difference.

Mary had two thoughts for the day:

- Take time for ten things;
- Housewife's prayer: Be thankful for family.

Our November minutes were read and okayed. Nobody could remember that far back anyway.

Eight members answered roll call with a limerick.

Card secretary Mary reported sending numerous get well cards, and several thank you cards were received.

Our Treasurer Wilma's financial report was healthier than it has been for some time. This means that our recipients for donations should be even happier than usual.

Member of the year chosen for 2011 is Jean Burrows who will have her name engraved on the plaque and may display it for the year in her home. Congratulations, Jean!

President Marg's closing story was about celibacy which sent us all home in a shocked state.

Mary enticed the ladies to the table to partake of delicious goodies and enjoy a social time together. She was thanked on behalf of all present by Alice.

## Superior to What?

In the market for propane? Here is pricing data from the local suppliers below. All prices were quoted by phone on February 27th, 2012.

Supplier	Cost/litre	Tank Rental
Fergusson Energy	69.9	\$50.00 / Year
Gerow	57.0	\$65.00 / Year
Greers	62.9	\$60.00 / year
Rosebush	71.9 > 69.9	\$94.24
Tyandenaga	69.9 (Net)	\$65.00
Superior	83.0	\$150.00

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*Another drop of sap in the bucket  
(Courtesy of Juanita McMahan)*

# Reflexology and You

By Irene Robb, RRP.

I came across the following article on Reflexology recently and thought, "I could not have said it better myself!" I received permission from its author, John Ireland, CST, RRP, BA, to share it with you.

"Your feet are the foundation of your body and carry you through every aspect of your life. It's not just that they deserve a break – your entire mind and body will feel unbound from tension and freed up to make the most of life. After a reflexology treatment many people are surprised to discover how much tension is stored in our feet. You may realize your feet actually had been numb or felt wooden compared to this new sensation. Reflexology is more than just a foot massage; it is a massage created from traditions in foot zone therapies from around the world (Native American, European, Egyptian, etc.). The Ontario College of Reflexology describes it as: *'a focused pressure technique, usually directed at the feet or hands. It is based on the premise that there are zones and reflexes on different parts of the body which correspond to and are relative to all parts, glands and organs of the entire body.'* Reflexology triggers the nervous system to clear blockages in those zones when the reflexes are stimulated through thumb pressure and manual massage. You will feel this as a gradual or sudden change in relaxation during the session and undergo a state of balance that can last up to five days."

What can you expect of your reflexology treatment at *HEAVENLY FEET*? You will be requested to complete a confidential health record on your first visit, so a few extra minutes will be needed for information and discussion. Clients will have one whole hour in a quiet, peaceful surrounding dedicated to their comfort alone. The most often requested treatment is the Deluxe Reflexology which commences with a relaxing head massage followed by a full foot reflexology treatment, complimented by a soothing foot and hand massage. Ahhh.....Heavenly!

In my seven years of practise, the benefits my clients and I have observed include relaxation of the body and mind; improved circulation; sinus relief; and a sense of well-being and stress relief.



## Pitch-In Prince Edward County

formerly The Trash Bash

April 21, 2012

9:00 – 2:00

Filled Pitch In garbage bags can be taken to the following locations:

The Hillier, Ameliasburgh, South Marysburgh & Wellington Landfill Sites and Picton Fair Ground (MacSteven Drive entrance).

► Tires will ONLY be accepted at the landfill sites listed above.

► Electronic Waste will be accepted at the High School in Picton (PECI)

► NO Hazardous waste and NO Shingles will be accepted at any site.

### Please register and pick up Pitch-In Kits at

Cherry Valley Convenience Store	Milford Hick's General Store	Picton Chamber of Commerce Office	Carrying Place Four Corners Restaurant
Rossmore Stop	Consecon Variety Store	Wellington Foodland	

### \$55 RAIN BARREL SALE

In Support of the County Sustainability Group Environmental Bursary Fund for PEGI Graduating Students.

Order Online @ [www.RainBarrel.ca/CSG](http://www.RainBarrel.ca/CSG) or call Don Ross at 613-476-8016

Pick up on Pitch-In Prince Edward County Sat. April 21 between 9 - 2:00 pm at the Prince Edward Community Centre, Picton

For more information, phone 613-961-7920 or e-mail [sandral@unb.ca](mailto:sandral@unb.ca)



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**The deadline for the May issue is April 26th.**

# F Y I

By Barb Proctor  
Councillor for South Marysburgh

Over the past several weeks, communities across the County have jumped to attention. Everyone is taking notice of the low hanging fruit which could fall victim to the 2012 municipal budget. The message has been "cut spending."

Where will the spending cuts make a difference and what kind of a difference do we want?

No reductions in our library services. We are hearing a resounding "save our libraries" from all corners of the County. Citizens believe the tax contribution entitles one to expect this service to be close to home, accessible for young and old.

Every municipality must provide library services for its citizens. Prince Edward County's libraries receive \$3.62 of every \$100.00 of our property tax dollars. The Ann Farwell Branch in Milford ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in level of importance in a County Council survey, 3<sup>rd</sup> only to Picton and Wellington branches. Closure of some smaller branches has been suggested to save the level of services and programs now offered County-wide by the library board.

According to Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture calculations, Milford Town Hall operates at a yearly average operating expenditure of \$20,000 (ranking lowest with North Marysburgh and Benson Hall for expenditures ) and revenue of \$4500 received from rental of the small adjoining office space.

Mt. Tabor is also listed in the Town Hall category. **Mt. Tabor is not a Town Hall.** It is a venue in the Economic Driver category. This adjustment will be addressed during further budget discussions.

A Master Fire Plan has been underway for the past 2 years. County staff, one member of council and fire department officials have been studying municipal needs, standards and possible efficiencies. The plan is scheduled for release to council and to the public in the near future.

Difficult times, but I am not just hearing "stop the cuts." I am hearing and seeing the "here's how we do it" solutions.

The Head of South Bay site has the potential to be a strong economic driver for tourism in the

County. We have The South Bay Church and School, the Cemetery, the Museum and Fort Kente, and classical notes resonating from Port Milford. Here lies a synergy that has the potential of connecting the dots of a huge piece of Marine History. Volunteers for these facilities already overlap. Perhaps our new Economic Development Strategy could include some municipal investment to turn this dream into an economic success.

These are the possibilities spawned by innovative thoughts from council and the community. Come out and listen to council budget meetings, and you may make a deputation to council at any council meeting if it pertains to an item on the agenda. Contact the county clerk for direction.

Congratulations to this community that has rolled up its sleeves in readiness. I recently listened to Professor Mark Kingwell of U of T speak about Political Civility. He tells us it is the essence of democracy. We are experiencing democracy in a pure form with citizen engagement and a receptive audience.

## The Prince Edward Historical Society

# Newsflash!

**April 29, 2012**

at 1:30 p.m. at the Picton Town Hall

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Prince Edward Historical Society. Copies of proposed amendments to the Society's Constitution and the Society's new heritage funding process will be distributed to members prior to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

**June 15 & 16, 2012**

at the Essroc Centre in Wellington

The Prince Edward Historical Society, with the participation of Heritage Canada and local community groups, celebrates the **Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.** The hall will be decorated and there will be music, and displays of memorabilia, period newspapers photographs, china & period clothing.

**Further details to follow.**



## *April at the Milford Bistro*

The Bistro will be Open on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
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April 7<sup>th</sup> – Italian \$25

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Seafood \$30

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Cajun \$25

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Cheese \$25

Wines available for \$25 plus tax per bottle

***Dinner served from 7:00 p.m.  
and by reservation only!***

### **Upcoming Special Event!**

***Guest Chef Night at the Bistro on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>***

We have the honour of having a Cordon Bleu Chef prepare a gourmet dinner!  
Watch for further details in the May issue of *The Mirror*.

For those with Internet access, please visit my website at [www.milfordbistro.com](http://www.milfordbistro.com)  
for details about the theme dinners.

***All lunch and dinner prices are per person and do not include taxes or gratuities.***



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