

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## Winter Carnival!

The thin ice on the mill pond didn't prevent the community coming together on January 25th & 26th to enjoy bingo, a chili dinner, movie, various outdoor activities and, most importantly, time with family, friends and neighbours. **THANK YOU** South Marysburgh Recreation Committee and volunteers!



### Community Liaison Representative for White Pines

wpd is pleased that Jason Alford of Sophiasburgh has taken on the role as Community Liaison representative for the White Pines Project.



Jason is available to discuss any questions or concerns with members of the community.

Jason can be reached by telephone at 613-471-1444, or by emailing him at [jason@wpd-canada.ca](mailto:jason@wpd-canada.ca).

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## The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee, including the Marysburgh Mummers and the Milford Fair

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Recreation Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m.  
at the Milford Town Hall

#### Free Community Movie Nights

At the Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.  
every Tuesday until February 28th.  
(See separate program and schedule)

#### Mummers Audition

*'Godspell'*

Sunday, February 3rd at 3:00 p.m.  
at Mt. Tabor

#### Wii Bowling

At the Milford Town Hall from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
every Thursday until March 28th.

#### Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m.  
Starting at the Milford Town Hall

## ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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### 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yard & Rummage Sale	May 4th
Canoe Trip	May 20th
Pork & Corn Roast	August 7th
Turkey Supper	Sept. 18th
Yard & Rummage Sale	Oct. 5th
Christmas Tea & Bazaar	Nov. 9th

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

**Copy & Advertising  
Deadline for the March  
Issue of the Mirror  
is February 22nd**

# Dale

By Steve Ferguson

When we bought our property here in June, 2008, one of my first missions was to locate the dump to deposit some refuse that had been left behind by the previous owner. A stop at Hicks' store on a Wednesday morning yielded directions from Ray as to where



it was located. I was also informed gently that the 'dump' is referred to as the 'landfill'.

With that lesson learned, I drove along Old Milford Road, eventually found the landfill at Jackson Falls Road, and met its custodian, Dale Hughes, for the first time.

Dale instructed me to unload my

car-load of material at various places in the landfill: metal here, recycleables there, construction material in the blue skip. "What about wood?" I asked. "If it's clear or brush, on the burn pile; if it's plywood, pressure treated or painted, with the construction material. We don't burn that in the County. Yup."

Although I was already aware of the fact, Dale had reminded me that burning treated wood is bad for the environment.

"I've got a bag of garbage too," I said, "How much do I owe you for all this?"

"Looks like ten dollars. Yup."

On most Saturdays in the ensuing years, Dale and I would have conversations the lengths of which were dictated by how busy he was directing people to drop-off points or how much stuff I had to dispose of. He was always polite, accommodating and helpful, and I have to believe that he has been that way from the day he started at the landfill in 1991 until the day he retired earlier this month.

So thank you, Dale, for your 22 years of service to the community and best wishes for your well-deserved retirement. Saturday mornings will now be different. Yup.



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# LIBRARY NEWS

By Christine Renaud

Did you get an e-reader recently and want to know how to use it? Or are you just curious to see how they work and want to try one that the library loans out?

We will hold a 2-hour "Learning to Use E-readers" workshop at the Milford Branch on Friday, March 22, from noon to 2:00 p.m., if there is enough interest. Please contact me to register at: [crenaud@peclibrary.org](mailto:crenaud@peclibrary.org) or call the branch at 476-4130.

Our new hours seem to be working well, offering the opportunity to come to the library every day of the week, except Sunday and Monday, and it has meant that book clubs and French clubs can still meet during closed hours and have the library to themselves.

Library patrons may have noticed that there are three or four different staff that work in the branch. Rotating shifts between all branches of the library allows them to have full-time employment, as the overall hours at one branch would not add up to full-time work. As well, staff can get to know all of our library members and feel comfortable in the branch by working in each one. This is helpful too when a staff person is ill, so that another can fill in easily and feel comfortable doing so. Staff enjoy working in various branches as well because each one has its own character and reflects its unique community. This also allows the community to get to know all of us.

Our 6-week Absolute Beginner French group is well underway at the Milford branch and we're enjoying learning 'en français!' together. Thanks to all who have been coming out.

In closing, do you know that the library sends out a weekly e-mail announcing all the new books and DVDs that are added each week to the collection? You can be added to the list to receive these by simply going to our website and clicking on the New Books & DVDs link under the "What's Happening" header. Alternatively, just call us and we can add your e-mail address to the list.

You can also order your own books 24/7 right from our website as well as manage your

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Looking forward to seeing you in the library,  
Christine

***"More people in the library,  
more library for the people!"***

## Library Hours

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## Pictures Anyone?

If anyone has pictures or any information (posters, leaflets etc.) on past Milford Fairs, Please contact Bruce Dowdell at (613) 476-8891. He will scan them and return them to you.

## Website Updates

The South Marysburgh Mirror's website has undergone a bit of an update. A couple of new sections have been added including pages and photographs dedicated to the Milford Fair. There are also announcements or ads that have tight deadlines so check frequently for new additions.

## Doug McGregor's Wolf Trumps My Coyote

Not that it's a contest or anything... Doug's photograph of a wolf having a bit of a scratch on frozen South Bay near his property is much more impressive than my coyote eating bird seed from a few issues back. Anybody got a picture of a cougar?



## Treasure Hunt!

South Bay United Church is having a yard sale on **Saturday, May 18th**. Please keep them in mind when you are spring cleaning—they would be delighted to accept your unwanted treasures! For pickup service, please contact George Underhill at 613.476.5940.

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## The Milford Film Festival

*This is a free event on Tuesday evenings at the Milford Town Hall. Films will start at 7:00 p.m. All welcome!*

**Tuesday, February 5: Cocoon** (Fantasy/Drama, 117 min.) A heartwarming drama about a group of Floridian senior citizens who discover that their fountain of youth is a breeding ground for aliens.

**Tuesday, February 12: The Full Monty** (British comedy, 91 min.) Out of desperation, a group of laid off Yorkshire mill workers devise a unique plan to make some extra money.

**Tuesday, February 18: My Cousin Vinny** (Comedy, 119 min.) A Brooklyn 'lawyer' who took the bar exam six times before passing, travels to the deep south to defend his innocent cousin and a friend.

**Tuesday, February 26: The Mouse That Roared** (British comedy, 83 min.) With its wine export business going under, the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, a tiny desperate country, declares war on the U.S. in the hopes that the U.S., after its inevitable triumph, will revive the conquered nation.



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## South Bay U.C.W.



South Bay U.C.W. met at the South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, January 9th at 1:30 p.m.

President Sandra Emlaw opened with a reading about a store that sells new husbands.

Our purpose, theme hymn and Lord's Prayer followed.

Irene Robb's devotional was based on the gospel of Ruth. In the new year we should collect all our worries and give them to God. She closed with prayer.

Eleven members present wrote their New Year's resolutions on a slip of paper to be opened in June to see how many carried through.

Twenty-three sick calls were made.

The ladies brought Valentine cards to be sent to sick or shut-in members of the community next month.

The December minutes were read and approved.

Thank you notes were received from Dick and Shirley White, Faith Orphans' Fund and Steve Ferguson.

It was suggested the U.C.W. hold a coffee meeting in June to raise funds for Hospice Prince Edward.

Carolyn Barnes will put notices for our fish fry on July 3rd and our luncheon and craft sale on November 16th in the following magazines: *Water-shed, Fifty-Five Plus, The Link, Breakaway, County Roads, On-Line Calendars, Taste of the County and Whattams.*

Collection was taken and dedicated.

Brenda Minaker's program was about the history of the Yule log and also a brain teaser contest.

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

Carolyn and Nora prepared a delicious lunch and were thanked by Pat on behalf of the ladies.

**Ladies: Don't forget to send your Valentines to the person suggested to you.**

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, February 13, 2013** – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Maureen Rudd has devotional; Roll Call: wear red and bring ideas for a healthy heart; Karen Guernsey has program; Maureen and Karen are providing lunch; our objective is to donate our collection to Heart and Stroke.

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By Bill Cowan U.E., Milford

Gordon Lightfoot's song, "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald" made reference to the terrible conditions in November on the Great Lakes for any ship that dared to tackle the wind, sleet, rain and huge waves. The ship graveyard off Point Traverse is the home of numerous ships that went aground in foul November weather. This story is about a storm that hit Prince Edward County on November 27, 1860. The tale relates the courage displayed by those on shore at Point Traverse who witnessed the fate of the barquentine, St. George, when she was driven ashore at Poplar Bar near the Point Traverse Peninsula. She was carrying a cargo of 20,000 bushels of wheat in her hold.

A young lad, Nelson Palmateer, later to become Captain Palmateer relates the following:

"My first recollection of the lake and its tragedies was at the age of six when a big square-rigged barque, the St. George, came around in a howling gale just a quarter mile from our farmhouse. Father had remarked to my mother as we sat in the kitchen before the big stove that it would be a terrible night for any sailors who were unlucky enough to be out tonight. He then suddenly got up and went outside."

Nelson's father, Captain John Y. Palmateer, who fished as well as farmed, had left his fishing boat hauled up and turned over on the beach of Lake Ontario. He was anxious lest the gale should roll the fishing boat over and fill her with snow. This was the reason he suddenly got up and went outside.

Nelson continues, "It had been freezing cold, and snow and sleet was driving in from the lake. Father had been gone only a few minutes when he dashed back to the house, telling my mother to heat up all the water she could and get food ready, as a vessel was aground with the seas washing over her. At the time he couldn't tell my older brothers Albert and Ephriam..... I went out to watch the rescue.

"We could see the sailors huddled up in the gaffe, most of them leashed with rope to keep them from being washed overboard. The sea was terrific, although the bar on which they had struck was not very far below the surface. The alarm had spread, and our neighbours, most of them mariners themselves, gathered on the shore to do what they could to help, but it looked hopeless with that sea running.

(Continued on page 14)

## Lancashire Hotpot:

### A Victorian Solution to a Modern Problem

By David Larkin

During the Industrial Revolution, families found themselves in the situation where both parents were working and there was nobody at home to prepare supper for the returning workers. The solution was a meal which cooked itself and was ready when the workers came home. In addition, it is a one-dish meal and very tasty while quite inexpensive. You only require three basic ingredients - lamb or mutton (beef is an excellent alternative), onions and potatoes.

Choose a casserole dish which has a tight-fitting lid. Layer some lamb or mutton using a cheaper cut such as shoulder chops or stewing meat, on the bottom. Season with salt and pepper and some Worcestershire Sauce, then add a layer of sliced onion, followed by a layer of overlapping sliced potato. Season again. Repeat the process leaving a potato layer on top. Some recipes call for the addition of stock, but you will be surprised how much juice comes out. Philip Harben says that adding stock is unnecessary, and that has been my experience too.

You can, if you wish, chop up some carrot and add it with the onions.

Put a few pats of butter on the top layer of potato and put on the lid. Put the casserole in the oven at 250°F and cook for at least 2 hours, although far longer - even all day - works well. When you return, lift the lid and crank the heat up to 350° or higher for about half an hour to brown the potatoes. We like to prepare some peas separately while the potatoes are browning.

That's all there is to it. You can either put the Hotpot in the oven and allow it to cook all day, or you can use the oven timer. Enjoy!

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Worry is like a rocking chair – it keeps you busy but gets you nowhere.*

## Some tombstone engravings

Here lies the father of 29  
There would have been more  
But he didn't have time

Here lies the body of Ephraim Wise  
Safely tucked between two wives  
One was Tilly and the other Sue  
Both were faithful, loyal and true  
By his own request in ground that's hilly  
His coffin is set tilted toward Tilly

Sharon, the self-appointed arbiter of the town's morals, stuck her nose into everyone's business. She made a mistake, however, when she accused her neighbor, George, of being an alcoholic after spotting his pickup truck in front of a bar one afternoon.

"George, everyone who sees it there will know what you are doing," she told him in front of their church group.

George ignored her and walked away. Later that evening, he parked his pickup in front of Sharon's house and left it there all night.

## Some more paraproductians

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- Evening news is where they begin with, "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- Money can't buy happiness but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.

Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting home-bound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was just about a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been lent out, but she could wait until it was returned.

Since the nun was on her way to visit a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to her patient. Always resourceful, she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas and carried it back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two men watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic."

*Exit line:*

*The best way to entertain people is to listen to them.*

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# F Y I

By Barb Proctor

Municipal Councillor for South Marysburgh

The Fireworks display in Milford last Friday night made the sky glow to true Disney proportions! Thanks to our South Marysburgh Fire Fighters and the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee, the 2013 Winter Carnival was a crowd pleaser for young and not so young. Thanks also to Sage, Max and Monica for providing such a rousing night of Bingo.

The County provides annual grants to each Ward's Recreation Committees based on a per capita basis. With this assistance and the remarkable innovation of our community volunteers, we are provided with events such as the Winter Carnival, Milford Fair, Bloomfield, Wellington and Picton Santa Parades, Pumpkinfest and many more. Our communities showcase our culture and sustain our sense of place---a valuable commodity.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> a delegation from Quinte Healthcare Corporation (QHC) came before Council's Committee of the Whole with "Problems and Solutions" facing QHC in order to reduce their entire budget costs by \$10 million dollars. They are required to come up with a plan to accomplish this by April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Some proposed impacts for Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital are to reduce by 9 beds; eliminate remaining outpatient physiotherapy services; divert appropriate emergency patients to Belleville General Hospital; and eliminate remaining maternity services. Are we telling our young mothers that they will have to travel out of the County for prenatal and postnatal care, or for dedicated care for newborns and young children---that their healthcare is no longer a priority in Prince Edward County? Will the County need to purchase a second ambulance vehicle at roughly \$140,000 per vehicle fully funded by municipality? These are scenarios that could escalate into problems rather than solutions.

Council did push back openly to QHC. Mayor and council articulated the trickle-down effect of such service reductions not only to the healthcare of residents but also to the economy of Prince Edward County.

Over recent years, County residents have

rested, assured that we will be seeing a new hospital in the future based on the planning and initiatives of our local health service providers, our Family Health Team and local fundraising. If our services continue to be diluted, how will these primary care initiatives be supported?

Our responsive healthcare teams are a definite appeal for our new settlers. Our Family Health Team requires a support system in our local hospital that enables them to practice comprehensive family medicine. A vacuum of services will take away any appeal our area has for future settlers as well as future healthcare professionals. Neighbouring municipalities have been forced to spend thousands of tax dollars to recruit family physicians to their area. We have not had to use your tax dollars to provide you with healthcare providers.

Dr. Elizabeth Christie, president of the Family Health Team, countered the QHC proposal at Committee of the Whole on January 24<sup>th</sup> by saying that it does not endorse these cuts, and although they support the principle of hospital-at-home planning they are nowhere near the point of filling the gap of services that will exist if QHC proposals go forward at this time. Dr. Christie states this is "the cart before the horse thinking".

Prevention is key to reducing healthcare costs. We know that. We participate. But it is not that simple. Care is also a key component of the continuum and one component cannot replace the other.

Once again our community is faced with protecting our access to healthcare in the right place at the right time. QHC must meet their budget obligations mandated by the Southeast Local Health Integration Network. So here we go again: Please send your comments and /or suggestions to QHC. They are listening.

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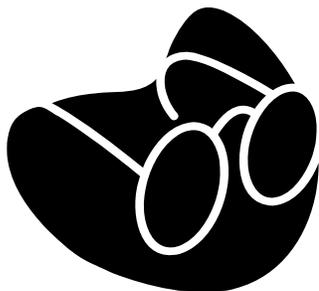
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## Construction Opportunities with White Pines Wind Project

In anticipation of an approval of its Renewable Energy Approval (REA) application for the White Pines wind farm, wpd is looking to compile a list of contractors and suppliers who might be interested in participating in the construction phase of the project.

Opportunities could exist in the following fields:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricians</li> <li>• Backhoe / Loader operators</li> <li>• Dump truck drivers</li> <li>• Water truck drivers</li> <li>• Excavator operators</li> <li>• Bulldozer operators</li> <li>• Plow operators</li> <li>• Wheel or chain trencher operators</li> <li>• Packers (smooth drum and/or sheepsfoot)</li> <li>• Graders</li> <li>• Construction workers for power lines and trenching</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy lift crawler crane operators</li> <li>• Surveyors</li> <li>• Concrete workers</li> <li>• Form workers</li> <li>• Reinforcement workers</li> <li>• General labour</li> </ul> |
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Construction of the project, should approval be given to proceed, is anticipated to begin in the Fall, 2013. Inclusion on the distribution list does not necessarily indicate participation in the project.



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# Preserving Our Historic Landscape

## Help Identify South Marysburgh's Special Views

By Liz Driver

An opportunity has arisen for County residents to let wpd Canada know what buildings and landscapes in the White Pines Project area have special meaning to them and should be protected from the impact of industrial wind turbines. This article is a request for broad public input on the effect the White Pines Project will have on the cultural heritage landscape of South Marysburgh.

First, some background. In September 2012, our local Council decided that it was not able to comment to the Ministry of the Environment on the "Protected Properties and Heritage Report" prepared by Stantec Consulting about the White Pines Project because the report was inaccurate and incomplete. Subsequently, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport directed Stantec to consult with the Prince Edward Heritage Advisory Committee (PEHAC) and other members of the heritage community, who might have additional information that would inform a revision of the report. At a consultation meeting with Stantec in Picton on October 19th, the heritage community identified two principal concerns with their submitted report: First, that Stantec had not identified all "cultural heritage landscapes" and historic buildings; and second, that no visual analysis on the impact of the turbines was included as part of the heritage impact assessment. Early in January this year, Stantec requested a tour of South Marysburgh's cultural heritage landscapes and "viewpoints of cultural heritage significance." The tour is tentatively planned for February 12th and 13th and will involve Stantec staff and members of the Prince Edward County heritage community.

Members of the public now have an opportunity to add their voices to this discussion. PEHAC and the heritage community have identified a preliminary list of cultural heritage landscapes, as well as viewpoints of cultural heritage significance. In the interest of ensuring a complete and thorough examination of the effect of turbine placement, input from the community affected would be greatly appreciated. According to the *Provincial Policy Statement 2005*, a cultural heritage landscape is defined as "a geographical area of heritage significance which has been modified by human activities and is valued by the community. A landscape involves a grouping(s) of individual heritage

features such as structures, spaces, archaeological sites and natural elements..."

Though not exhaustive, on a local level PEHAC has identified the following as cultural heritage landscapes and significant views: Mount Tabor, its steeple and the grounds southward over forested hills; the Mill Pond from the north shore; the roadside maples of Maypul Layn; the open fields and heritage buildings, including the Cheese Factory, along Royal Road to the north and south; the curving route of Walmsley Road, with tree canopy and vistas; the string of historic buildings along County Road 13 seen from the water on South Bay; perspectives through the historic buildings of Milford; and Bond Road, with views southward.

Are there other special views -- **from public or private property** -- that you believe may be affected by turbines? If you do, please send a submission **before February 12** in the following 3-point format:

1. Identify significant landscapes and buildings with associated views and/or viewpoints;
2. State the significance of the element - historical or personal;
3. Identify turbines (using wpd numbering) that may impact the view and briefly explain how. For example, will the proposed turbine obstruct a significant view? Does the turbine's placement negatively impact the context or relationship of natural or structural elements in the landscape? The turbine numbers and locations are available at the wpd Canada website or by contacting wpd's local liaison representative, Jason Alford, at 613.471.1444, or by email to [jason@wpd-canada.ca](mailto:jason@wpd-canada.ca).

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Our hope is that Stantec will gather sufficient information to create visual models which will illustrate the impact of the twenty-nine 45-storey tall industrial wind turbines on South Marysburgh’s historic and natural landscapes and on its “sense of place.”

E.R.A. Architects Inc. has agreed to accept the submissions. You can send them to E.R.A. in three ways:

1. By email to [scottb@era.on.ca](mailto:scottb@era.on.ca)
2. By postal mail to E.R.A. Architects Inc., P.O. Box 136, Milford, ON K0K 2P0
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In a perfect world, a formal study would be done to describe the rich cultural heritage landscapes of South Marysburgh, such as the one the Region of Waterloo is undertaking for its entire area. Despite the few short weeks to respond to Stantec’s request for information and the government’s proponent-driven process for Renewable Energy Approvals, it is important for residents to express thoughtfully how much we value South Marysburgh’s unique and special qualities: the green energy policy does not change the inherent value of our landscape.

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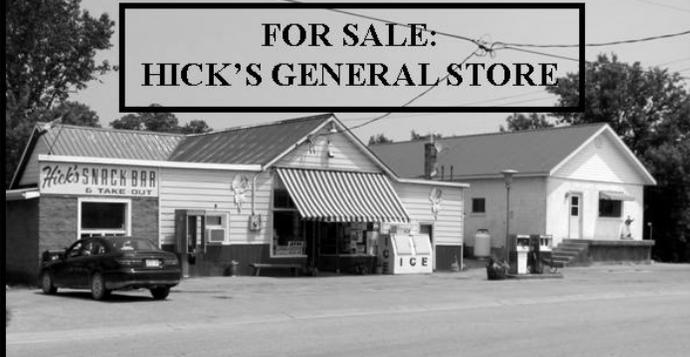
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Lines were thrown from shore but they all fell short. A boat would never have lived in that sea. Finally my father brought out a team of horses, and loaded his fish boat onto the wagon and drove them through the surf until he had gone what I would estimate now as fifty yards from shore. From there they were able to get one small boat to float and row it to the wreck, with a line. The line was made fast to the mast. The one fish boat could not take all the men off at once but they did their best to take off what they could. Eventually one by one the crew, all ten told, were hauled ashore.

"As soon as they reached land, they were picked up and carried into father's house, given hot food and put to bed. Not one of the crew lost his life, and the next morning they were able to get up and around. But I will never forget how I felt when I saw them brought into the house, almost frozen from exposure. One young chap named John Wilson was so overjoyed when he realized they were really safe that he danced up and down on the kitchen floor. Others were so frost bitten they could not get on their feet for days. They stayed a month with us.

"It was a few days later that the real cold weatherset in and finally the St. George was frozen in solid. My father was given the contract for salvaging

the cargo of wheat she carried, and he sold it to the farmers of the district. In the spring she was hauled off the bar, empty, and taken to Kingston for repairs." (Ironically, on October 1st 1861, the St. George was driven ashore and wrecked near the same spot she had been previously salvaged from.)

"That same night, Nov. 27, 1860, the St. George went aground near my home. The Red Rover, a fore and aft schooner out of Oakville with 7000 bushels (aboard), went aground two miles down the east shore but we were so busy with our own wreck, we didn't have time to bother with her. Others got that crew off safely, although she later broke up where she went aground."

It should be noted that also in November 1870, during a terrible snow storm, Nelson, now sixteen, found the crew of the Sassy Jack wandering around the rear of his farm. Their ship had been driven onto the same Poplar Bar as the St. George ten years earlier. The crew of five, including the Captain's wife, were all saved.

I would suggest that on some evening, when a late November gale is blowing, go down to Point Traverse and stand on the shore and envision the heroic rescue conducted by Captain Palmateer, his family and neighbours.

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## Bad Jobs

By George Underhill

With the passage of time, some jobs disappear. In 19<sup>th</sup> century England, Luddites attempted to destroy the machines that were making their occupations obsolete. They enjoyed minimal success, delaying the process of automation by a few milliseconds. Progress lumbers on relentlessly, seemingly unaffected by anything else. We don't see switchboard operators, elevator operators, milkmen, bowling alley pin setters, ice men or river drivers for logging any longer. I once was employed in a vanishing occupation, that of a golf caddy.

From the age of twelve, until I could get a real job, I worked as a caddy. As I grew older, the caddy job was replaced with pumping gas at the Gulf gas station, a job that has pretty much disappeared and a gasoline brand that has disappeared as well. Gas was 28.9 cents a gallon when I worked there.

Today, golfers have electric carts or special devices looking like baby carriages to push their golf bags around the course. Caddys are not needed. We would show up at the local golf course and take our place on the caddy's bench. As golfers appeared who wanted a caddy, the golf pro, Mel, would appear in the door of the pro shop and point at or call the name of the caddy he wanted. Good golfers and members would get good caddys. Jobs were based solely on Mel's choice; didn't matter who was next in line.

I was a lousy caddy. Skinny, self-absorbed, disinterested in golf, and badly needing glasses, I would trudge around the course behind my golfer who quickly learned I would be of minimal help other than to carry the bag. Most of the caddys were tough kids from West Roxbury. Few, if any, were local boys from the relatively affluent community where the golf course was located.

One of their favourite games was "belt". A kid would remove his belt, usually a wide leather belt called a garrison belt and hide it in reasonable proximity to the caddy's bench, but not too close. Then, the other caddys would search for it. Once found, it was secretively held until an approach was made to an unliked competitor, then the finder was allowed to whip that person unmercifully until he

managed to return to touch the caddy's bench. I was never whipped because my search parameters never stretched beyond six feet of the bench.

Another indoctrination was "pink belly". Here, an unfortunate was held down by a gang of kids, shirt pulled up, and his belly was slapped repeatedly until it turned scarlet or he vomited, whichever came first. Fun? Wow!

Okay, so I was usually the last caddy to be selected and if Mel had miscalculated or was feeling particularly sadistic, I would end up carrying "doubles". Two bags. One on each aching, skinny shoulder. Still, at \$2.50 per bag plus tips, it was OK, except my tips were poor because my caddying was abysmal.

Some poor soul would slice his drive off the fairway, and the caddy was supposed to find it. Needing glasses and being inattentive, I rarely knew where the damned thing went, but I would pretend to know. Basically, the golfer was on his own.

Once, as the golfers were carefully lining up their putts on the green, squatting down to assess each undulation, I was holding the flag as I was supposed to but also trying to spit on a beetle that was creeping about on the manicured surface of the green. Suddenly, I was startled as one of the golfers, his concentration destroyed by my antics, screamed, "Stop it for God's sake!" That encapsulates my caddying skills and explains poor tipping.

I learned that I could make as much money by wading in the muddy ponds on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> holes and retrieving golf balls that I could sense with my bare feet. It beat caddying. This was a two-boy operation because Mel would appear scooting along the fairway on a fat wheeled bicycle, and if he caught you big trouble would ensue. At least we thought that would happen, but it was all speculation because we never got caught. The lookout would cry "Mel!" and I would slosh out of the water and run into the woods where my shoes were hidden. Later, we would accost golfers from the woods, offering our cut rate golf balls.

A caddy is very much like a golfer's slave. Some jobs are not missed.

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## Why save Ostrander Point?



Ostrander Point, located on the south shore of Prince Edward County, is threatened by industrial wind turbines.

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- Ostrander Point is at the heart of the internationally recognized Important Bird Area, where over 1% of the planet's Long-tailed Ducks, White-winged Scoters and Greater Scaup have been seen in the winter.
- Over 12 million birds migrate through the area centred on the south shore of Prince Edward County. Wolfe Island, on the same migratory flyway, has the highest bird-kill of all industrial wind turbines across Canada, 7 times the national average, and the second highest in North America.
- Ostrander Point is an International Monarch Butterfly Reserve for its importance to migratory monarchs. 
- The area is equally important to migrating bats.
- Ostrander Point is home to two endangered species, the Eastern Whip-poor-will and Blanding's Turtle, as well as 17 other species at risk.
- The area is home to a Provincially Significant Wetland and is a candidate for an Ontario Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, that is, an area with the highest value for conservation, scientific study and education.
- Ostrander Point has two types of alvar habitats. In North America, alvars are found only around the Great Lakes and are globally rare.
- Wind turbines at Ostrander Point would violate 11 federal guidelines for siting industrial wind turbines. They would even violate the Ontario Ministry of Resources' own Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide which says that migratory stopover areas should be preserved in their entirety, especially within 5 km. of the shores of the lower Great Lakes.

Please help us save Ostrander Point. All donations are welcome.

Thank you from Prince Edward County Field Naturalists.

## Valentine's Day

*(From Wikipedia)*

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly known as Valentine's Day, or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed on February 14 each year. It is the second most celebrated holiday around the world second to New Year's Day.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").



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