

The South Marysburgh Mirror

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Goodbye 2011, Hello 2012

The annual South Marysburgh New Year's Levee was held this year at the Swingate Gardens B&B. Despite the wet weather, numerous guests enjoyed greeting people they knew or becoming acquainted with new residents.

Many thanks to the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee who sponsor this occasion and so many others throughout the year.



Guests mingle at the annual New Year's Levee.



(L to R) Judy Zeleny, Marg Kerr and Wilbur Miller



Hostess Sandy Blackford with a selection of the delicacies she made for guests.

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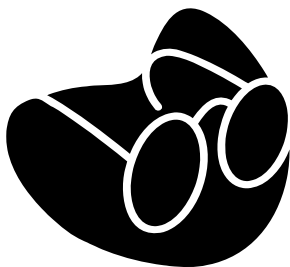
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**The South Marysburgh
 Recreation Committee, including the
 Marysburgh Mummies and the
 Milford Fair**

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday January 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee Annual General Meeting
 at Milford Town Hall

Election of Executive & voting members
 Final plans for the Winter Carnival

January 3rd to March 29th

Wii Bowling at Milford Town Hall. Every Thursday
 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Family
 bowling available in the evening by request.

**Friday, January 27th &
 Saturday, January 28th**

The Milford Winter Carnival
*See the ad to the right
 for the times and schedule of events*

Saturday March 31st

At Mt. Tabor Playhouse.
 The Marysburgh Mummies Present
 "An Evening to Remember"
 an interactive concert by David Archibald
 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the
 sinking of the Titanic , .

Saturday April 7th

The Milford Easter Parade and Easter Egg Hunt

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The 2012 Milford Winter Carnival

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 27th
At Milford Town Hall

Chili Dinner: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Vegetarian chili, and Mild and Medium chili featuring local beef; salad with Vicki's Veggies dressing; rolls; apple crisp; apple cider; bottled water; tea & coffee

Adults \$8. Children (under 8) \$3.

Fireworks 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Family Bingo 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\$1.00 per card for all night

Saturday, January 28th
At Milford Town Hall

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(supplied by QEOS)

Adults \$7. Children (under 8) \$4.

At the Millpond

(at the Fair Grounds if the ice is unsafe)

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids Games Skating

Bed Races Adult Tricycle Races

Ice Bowling Scones (curling)

Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Ice Sculpture

Free Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs & Coffee

(events subject to change)

At Mount Tabor

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free family movie, popcorn & drinks

Sponsored by The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee

Des & Barbara: An Update

I asked Josie Marcille for any information about her father's condition and she responded that he has moved into Picton Manor on a permanent basis. Because his condition is less advanced than others' at the Manor, he does not have many people to talk to and would love some company.

Readers and friends are encouraged to visit Des in room 223 at Picton Manor located at 9 Hill Street (613) 476-6140.

For the time being, Des' sister Barbara is recuperating from her broken hip at the West Lake nursing home and would also enjoy visitors.

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The Latest In Tonsorial Stylings

By George Underhill

I got my hair cut a few weeks ago, and the person cutting it did a pretty good job. The barber can't make me look like Brad Pitt because appearance-wise she doesn't have much to work with. Even so, it's possible to make me look worse if given a bad haircut. The worst hair cut I ever received was in Orleans, Massachusetts, while on holidays. There was a single barber in the shop and no customers, but he asked me to wait while he "Finished picking the wood ticks off my dog." You might well say I should have walked out right then, and you would be correct. I can't imagine what made me stay. I received a haircut that looked like I had just joined the marines. Shaved off on the sides and real short on the top. I paid him, too. What the heck was wrong with me?

I miss the old timey barber shops. When I was a kid, all the male relatives of my family went to Bernie, a slim Italian man with a pencil thin moustache. There was a long mirror behind the chair, and in front of it, on shelves, was a marvelous collection of oils, balms, salves and unguents in a rainbow of colours. I remember Vitalis, which stung a little when rubbed into the scalp because it was almost entirely alcohol. I remember Wildroot Cream Oil, too, which had a radio jingle:

Get Wildroot Cream Oil Charlie,
It keeps your hair in trim.
Get Wildroot Cream Oil Charlie,
It's made with soothing Lan-O-lin.

and...

Brylcream, a little dab'll do ya
Brylcream, you'll look so debonair,
Brylcream the girls will pursue ya,
Put a little Brylcream in your hair.

I never got any of this stuff on my hair. I was a kid and only men who needed to attract women dared put this stuff on their hair. Bernie came to the house to cut my grandfather's hair, and I think it was there where my mother conveyed the instructions on how my hair should be cut when I went into his shop. She wanted me to have a 'whiffle', that's what it was called. Today, I believe, it's called a brush cut

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*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

South Marysburgh artist's solo show being held at The Painted Peppercorn Restaurant

A one-month solo show by Sarah Renaud-Wilkinson will be held beginning Thursday, January 6th at The Painted Peppercorn restaurant, 172 Main Street, in Picton.

Sarah, who will be 17 years old this month, had paintings accepted in both the 2010 and 2011 juried *Art in the County* shows; was a featured student artist at Arts on Main Gallery in Wellington; and was profiled in the inaugural edition of *Square2* art magazine. This will be her second solo show at The Painted Peppercorn. Her first was in 2010.

Closer to home, the Milford Bridge mural and the Ann Farwell branch library mural are group projects Renaud-Wilkinson enjoyed working on a number of years ago.

Update on the Miller Family Nature Reserve

Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust (HPELT) is very excited at the response to our campaign to raise funds for the Stewardship Fund for the Miller Family Nature Reserve. We have received amazing support from the citizens of Prince Edward County and surrounding areas.

I am delighted to report that we are well on our way and we are highly confident that we will achieve the \$85,000 goal by the mid-January deadline.

Thank you to everyone !!

Patti Wolfe
Board of Directors, HPELT

I hadn't received my copy of *The Mirror*, before several people asked me if the OPP would target a business by enforcing R.I.D.E. in front of an establishment that serves alcohol. I asked them to what they were referring, they answered a letter in *The Mirror*. The letter dealt with a R.I.D.E. program that ran on a cold wet November night in Milford. I then read the published letter in *The Mirror* and realized where people's concerns were coming from.

The men and women of our police service do take into account the history in areas of our community. For example, if you have an area where break and enters are occurring, they would concentrate patrols in that area to combat that activity. If you have a liquor establishment where drunken fights are occurring, yes they will be there to address the issue. The Milford Bistro, to my understanding, has no such history, but our community - yes, South Marysburgh - isn't exempt from the tragic loss which so often follows impaired driving. After all, we are the home of the 'horn trip.'

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere, or R.I.D.E., is a keystone program in keeping our highways safe. I congratulate the officers who were in Milford and I hope they can make appearances in our community a regular event. I, perhaps more than most, know the pressures and time restraints the officers work under, and I for one am glad to see they are making that effort to show their colours in our community.

To the author of the letter, Judy Lamb, I congratulate her in acknowledging that she supports R.I.D.E. programs, it is a shame that negative words about the police's motivation were based on an assumption. You know what happens when you assume?

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The 2012 Milford Fair is only 9 months away. It's time to start thinking about your parade entry.

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or a flat top. Fortunately, Bernie was on my side, maybe because no self respecting Italian would consent to having most of his hair chopped off, so he would cut my hair like I wanted it. Any style but a ‘whiffle’.

Just before the deer hunt three years ago, I noticed a hair colouring tube on the barber’s shelf in bright orange. I asked if it was possible to have my hair dyed a bright orange for the hunt, and she obliged me. Picton barbers are very obliging. When she was finished, I asked how much the additional fee for the dye job would be. She stepped back, looked at me with her face all screwed up, and said, “Oh, I don’t think there will be any charge for that.”

On the drive up to Manitoulin Island where I hunt, it’s necessary to stop a few times. People would look at me, look away, then look back at me again. They were wondering, I think, if I had a rare disease or was an escapee from an institution. Nobody said I looked stupid to my face except my hunting friends.

That year, I shot a very nice buck on opening day, then several of my companion hunters dyed their hair, too. I believe they thought it made them (and me) look less human, and thus made the deer curious and unafraid.

A friend of mine had a huge fishing lure, a Pikey Minnow, with three enormous treble hooks that whapped him in the head while casting it out. It was securely attached to the side of his face and he was forced to get a companion to drive him to the hospital. He was in a strange town, and didn’t know where the hospital was and so was forced to ask for directions a few times. When he stuck his head out the window with this monster lure affixed to his face, he received looks that I believe mirrored the ones I got with blaze orange hair. He opines they thought it was the last word in facial piercing.

Speaking of haircuts, the somewhat crazed dictator of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, is grooming his chubby son, Kim II Sung, to replace him. The son sports a weird coiffure that precisely emulates that of his aging father, and it is now popular in North Korea wherever a male has enough money to afford a hair stylist. Thank God I didn’t have to emulate the styling of my father, a slicked back, semi-balding look, and I’m sure most of the males in the readership would choose to look different than their Dads.

So there it is, the last word in haircutting.

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Every person is the architect for his or her own future.

Recipe for a Happy New Year.

Take a charitable heart, add two generous parts of truth and goodness. Into the kindness of genuine courtesy, mix the ability to face the future with faith.

Sweeten with love and let rise in the warmth of serenity.

Add a measure of New Years resolutions, a peal of laughter, a note of song. Blend in common sense.

Take the spice of variety, sprinkle with fruits of labour and simmer gently in the glow of shining loyalty to friends old and new.

Garnish with the innocence of childhood, the tenderness of motherhood.

Serve to the tune of Auld Lang Syne in the middle of the family table.

This recipe is sufficient to serve all men and women under the sun, with all that is necessary for a Happy New Year.

Funny Answers from Kids

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and ketchup

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

After learning the Lamaze Method of natural childbirth, a couple entered the delivery room at the local hospital.

To the husband it seemed like an eternity before the doctor finally announced, "I've got the head now; just a few more minutes."

"Is it a boy or a girl?" the husband asked excitedly.

The doctor replied, "I don't know. It's hard to tell by the ears."

The Rural Folks' Guide to Computer Terms

Modem: What you did to the hay fields

Dot Matrix: Farmer Matrix's wife

Lap Top: Where little kids feel comfy

Keyboard: Where you hang your keys

Softwear: Them plastic eatin' utensils

Mouse: What eats the horses' grain in the barn

Main Frame: The part of the barn that holds the roof up

Enter: C'mon in!

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit. He wrote: "I would like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and well-behaved. Would you permit me to keep him in my room with me?"

The hotel owner replied: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog for being drunk or disorderly or run off without paying the bill.

"Yes, indeed your dog is welcome at my hotel. And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay too."

Exit Line:

"Now that looks like a happily married couple," remarked the husband.

"Don't be too sure, my dear," replied his wife. "They're probably saying the same thing about us."

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South Bay U.C.W.



A pot luck dinner at noon was enjoyed at South Bay United Church on Wednesday, December 4th by the ladies of the U.C.W.

President Sandra Emlaw opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a message from a Christmas card illustrating the spirit of Christmas.

Our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer were recited together to remind us why we meet.

Irene Robb's devotional was based on John I, verse 14. Jesus gave His gift of personal presence. We can follow his example with visits, phone calls, cards, letters and prayer. Irene closed with a prayer by Joyce Rupp, a Catholic Sister, called *A Christmas Blessing*, some of which includes:

May there be harmony in all your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts, and hostile feelings be dissolved.

May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.

May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains.

May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind and spirit.

May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted.

Roll call was answered by thirteen members recalling a memorable Christmas thought or memory. Forty-four sick calls were made and several cards sent.

Treasurer Joyce Minaker reported our finances which were still acceptable even after bills and donations were made.

Thankyous were received from Steve Ferguson, Alternatives for Women, Hospice Prince Edward County, Prince Edward County Hospital and Carol Branscombe.

The ladies decided to join Picton United Church for World Day of Prayer in 2012.

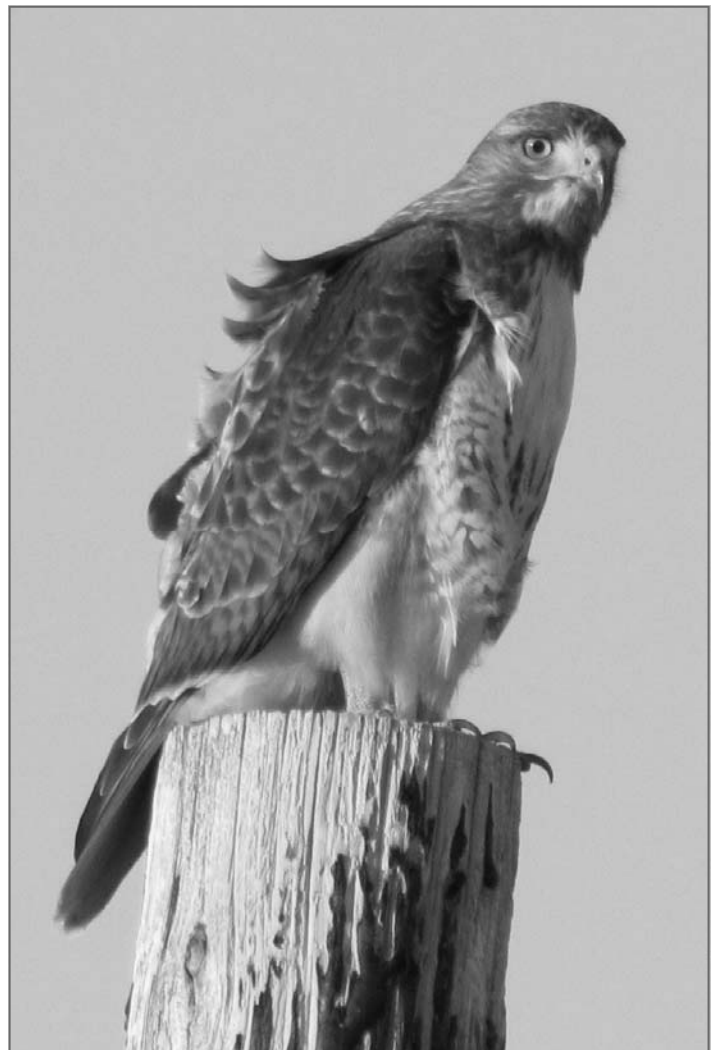
Our offering was received and dedicated.

The ladies wrapped the gifts that Skip and Irene purchased from our U.C.W. for 2 children from the Salvation Army angel tree. The gifts were lovely and were for a thirteen month old girl and a three year old boy, children of one parent families..

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

Coming Events

Wednesday January 11th – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church Hall at 1:30 p.m. Carol Branscombe has devotional; Roll Call: our hopes for the year 2012; Program: Alice Miller; Lunch: Karen Guernsey and Maureen Rudd; Objective: Bring apple juice for our suppers.



Red Tail Hawk overlooking Old Milford Road,
December 2011

(Photograph Courtesy of Juanita McMahon)



12 Reasons to Visit Milford's Ann Farwell Branch Library in 2012

1. Save money this year by getting free reading materials at the library, including new bestsellers, non-fiction books on politics, health and fitness, cookbooks, and more. There are magazines and e-books available too.
2. Borrow from over 1400 DVD titles, from documentaries to front running movies, plus you can keep them for one week or longer.
3. Library membership is free and there are no fines for overdue materials!
4. Learn new skills. The library offers free workshops on a variety of subjects. For example, we recently offered a needlefelting "crafternoon" and held yoga classes in the spring of 2011. We welcome suggestions for workshops or classes, so let us know if there is something you would like to see offered or if you have a skill or talent to share.
5. Get free computer skills training. Whether you're an absolute beginner or have a specific need such as learning to download photos from your camera, we can help. We provide both small group instruction and one-on-one sessions. We can help with e-readers too.
6. Access free computers in the library and high-speed Internet for your laptop. The Wi-Fi connection is even available from the exterior of the branch when the library is closed.
7. Join the afternoon or evening book club, or start your own club. You can order multiple copies of your clubs book choices and if we do not have enough copies in our system, we will order them for you.
8. Borrow almost any book title you want through our interlibrary loan service. In addition to the approximately 80,000 items in the County of Prince Edward Public Library system, your library card allows you access to hundreds of thousands of books from libraries across the province through interlibrary loan.
9. Want to practice your French? A lively group of intermediate French speakers meets each Tuesday

at 2:00 p.m. Interested in an absolute beginner French class? Let us know at 476-4130 or email crenaud@peclibrary.org

10. Want a spot to work, to relax quietly with a magazine, or do you want to reserve a computer to study? Give us a call at 476-4130 and we can reserve a computer for you and let you know when the library is quietest.

11. Groups are invited to use the library, and may be accommodated outside of regular open hours. We are also interested in hosting and starting new group activities such as the knitting group being organized for February. Please contact us if you are interested in joining this group. We have delicious coffee available as well thanks to the fundraising efforts of The Friends of the Ann Farwell branch.

12. Supporting your local branch of the library through borrowing materials, joining in groups, using computers and regular visits ensures its continued contribution to the fabric of our great South Marysburgh community. Today's libraries are more than places from which to borrow books. They are hubs of education, entertainment and inspiration. Please drop by. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Happy New Year!
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Life In The Past

Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' Journals: January, 1903

Submitted by Vicki Emlaw

Thur.1 New Years day Archie is here with me. Mirt is down to the Bay. It has been a very fine day. We drew up some wood.

Fri.2 Archie and I worked at the wood up on Wright's. Snow is leaving very fast.

Sat. 3 Rained most all day. Mirt is not home yet. Archie is doying the house work. I have been tinkering around the barn most all day.

4. A very fine day. Archie and I hitched Gespy on the cart and went out to Whitford Colliers stayed till after dinner. We expected to find Mirt home when we came back but was disappointed.

5. Archie and I worked at the wood. Frank went to Picton with his beans. Along about Five Oclock Pa and Mirt drove up came up with the buggy.

6. Archie and Frank drew in corn stalks till noon. I filed up the saw. After dinner Pa started for home. Archie and I went down and helped Dan with his wood.

7. Frank and I drew up wood till noon. Archie went down to Davis'. Rather a blustery day.

8. Archie and I went out to Mr. Calbiro after the rest of my corn stalks. Mr. Stephen Bowerman baby died Tuesday and was burried to day.

9. Archie and I went down and helped Dan saw wood in the woods it was a very stormy day.

10. Archie went down to Picton with Frank. I tinkered around the barn all day. Along about Five oclock Jake, Lib and the children came up. Emerson Hineman came home from Picton with Archie.

11. Jake and Lib, Emerson, Archie were here all day snowed like fury. Archie and Emerson went down to meeting and towards night. Jake and Lib went down to Dan's.

12 Snowed and drifted the whole day towards night. Archie, Emerson, Mirt and I went down to Dan's. Jake & Lib were there yet.

13. Still drifted and snowed all day. Archie and I drew up two loads of wood. The roads are filled up pretty well.

14. I went down to Dan's helped kill his cow she was nice and fat.

15. Archie Frank Emerson and I went back and broke out the cross road then fetched out a gag of wood. In the afternoon Emerson went home.

16. Mirt and I went down to Picton. Archie and Ida went down. We did considerable trading. I had four teeth pulled. The roads were very good. Frank went out to Mill with Oats & pecs to grind.

17. Archie and I drew up two loads of wood and then sawed some for the stove rather a nice day.

18 I went down to Meeting. Archie went down to Dan's. A very cold day.

19. Frank and Archie started to day for the shanties back of Madoc. Mirt and I are alone tonight.

20. I went down to Picton got Gespy shod on her front feet stoped to Mary E for dinner the roads are fine.

21 Emmet and Mary Ellen came out to day. Emmet bargened with Byron Hyatt for is place to work on shares. Nelse and Annie Maud, Ida & Dan were up for the evening.

22. Annie Maud and Nelse went down to Emmets. After dinner I went out to Bloomfield with Mr. Hyatt contracted 4 acre of tomatoes. We have lots of snow for good sleighing.

23. A very cold day. I tinkered around the barn preparing for a cold night.

24. Another very cold day. mirt and I are alone. Mrs Huff is over to the Point visiting.

25. Mirt and I went down to Dan's.

26 Along towards night Pa and Ma drove up we were glad to see them come. The sleighing is good. Whitford Collier & Wife were here for an evening visit.

27. Pa and Ma are here to day it has been a nice day. Towards night Pa and Ma, Mirt, I all went down to Dan's to a feast eating Salmon.

28. Not felt very well all day I guess I eat to much Salmon for the Stomach. Pa and Ma stayed down to Dan's last night but come up again this afternoon.

29. I didn't to anything to speak of only do the chores. Pa and Ma here with us to day.

30 I took Franks Cow down to the Hepburn farm this after noon. The wind blew a gale all day drifting some sand over from the Banks. Emmet and Mary Ellen came here drew writing with Byron Hyatt for his place for 1 year. Commencing the 1. March.

31. Emmet and Mary E went home this morning. Pa and I fixed the Hen house over some. Along about Five Oclock who should drive in but Eddie and Sarrah Elize we were glad to see them come. Pa and Ma went down to Idas. This month ended like a Spring Month warm. A couple of days ago we had very heavy thunder and I think we will have it open from this off.

F Y I

By Barb Proctor
Councillor for South Marysburgh

Once again, the annual South Marysburgh New Years Levee was a roaring success. Hosted by the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee on January 1st at Swingate Gardens in Black River, it was attended by many local celebrities such as Wilbur, Bruce, Steve, Judy, and Deb to name just a few. Many thanks to our wonderful Recreation Committee for all their well planned community events. Don't miss the fun at the Winter Carnival in Milford on January 27th and 28th. Sandra: be ready for another match; I've been practicing!

The stage is being set at Shire Hall for budget deliberations for 2012. An overview will take place on February 8th with a Capital budget forecast on Feb 9th and the Operating budget forecast on Feb 10th. Deliberations throughout February and March will involve staff and council prior to any approvals that are scheduled to take place April 25th and April 26th.

The matter of size of council will not be examined further at this time. There are those who wish to see governance take precedence over budget and strategic planning. Council will, however, be placing their focus on other matters that will affect the sustainability of the municipality at this time.

The issue of our governance structure will continue to be discussed and, for your information, I would like to provide you with some documented facts for future reference.

The Composition of Council Committee (CCC) Report of October 15, 2008 (submitted after a comprehensive review of municipal models that had already downsized) concluded that:

"If reduced council size is to be considered, and if the goal of equitable distribution of population is achieved, it will be necessary to change existing ward boundaries."

Our Council of that day decided that instead of proceeding with a public consultation process, the following October 2010 election ballot question would be appropriate:

"Are you in favour of Council commencing a public consultation process to review the size of council?"

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*I'm off to Argentina
in January. Watch
the next issue of the
Mirror for the dates
and menus of
February's special
events - Seafood
Night and Italian
Night.*

Chris



3048 County Road 10, Milford

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A notice was sent out by the County Clerk to the electors on April 22, 2010 with the wording of the question and also included the following information:

“The results of the vote on the question will be binding if 50% of electors vote on the question, and more than 50 % of those votes are in favour.” The final results for the election were as follow:

- There were 22,403 eligible county electors. Voter turnout was 10,614 (or 47.38%) of the electors;

- Of the 10,614 voters who cast ballots, 9,381 (or 41.87%) voted on the ballot question;

- Of the 9,381 who voted on the question, 7,578 voted ‘yes’.

If there is any other information that you require please call or email me 613-476-4097 bpocor@pecounty.on.ca

I traveled to India this past November. I’m very glad I went. The culture and the people are beautiful. The peaceful coexistence of the vast differences in this developing country is remarkable. Unfortunately the infrastructure does require major rehabilitation. Nudge me if you hear me rant about potholes ever again.

My best wishes to all for a peaceful coexistence in 2012.

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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yard & Rummage Sale	May 5th
Canoe Trip	May 21st
Pork & Corn Roast	August 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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Sunchoke & Roasted Garlic Soup

Yields 10 portions:

2lbs Sunchokes (aka "Jerusalem Artichokes") roughly chopped
2lbs Potatoes (roughly chopped)
1/4 lb. Garlic (roasted, see below)
1 tbsp Dried English thyme
2 cups Yellow Onions - Sliced thinly
4 Bay leaves (fresh if possible)
3L Vegetable or Chicken stock
3 tbsp Olive oil
1/4 tsp Red Wine or Sherry Vinegar

For the roasted garlic: Peel garlic cloves and put in an aluminum foil pouch with 1 tsp olive oil, salt and pepper. Seal pouch and roast in a 300-325 degree oven for 45 min-1hr until soft and light brown, place in a bowl and set aside.

For the soup:

In a large soup pot over med-high heat add remaining olive oil and saute onions stirring frequently until soft and just starting to brown. Add sunchokes and saute stirring frequently until sunchokes and onions are nicely caramelized (make sure to scrape the bottom of the pan!!). Add bay leaves, chicken stock, and potatoes, bring to a simmer over high heat (skim off any foam that rises to the surface), then drop heat to low and simmer until sunchokes and potatoes are very soft. Add dried thyme and roasted garlic and simmer for 5 more minutes. Remove bay leaves and puree soup. Season soup to taste with salt pepper and vinegar. Try garnishing with some small diced sunchokes and bacon!!!

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