

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## The Annual Milford Winter Carnival

Friday & Saturday, January 24th & 25th

(Sponsored by South Marysburgh Recreation Committee)



### Friday, January 24

At Milford Town Hall

#### Family Bingo

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
\$1.00 per card all night  
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### Saturday, January 25

At Milford Town Hall

#### Pancake Breakfast (supplied by QEOS)

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Adults \$7.00 - Children \$3.00

At the Fairgrounds inside the Giant Igloo

#### Kids games

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Free wagon rides around the village



At Mt. Tabor

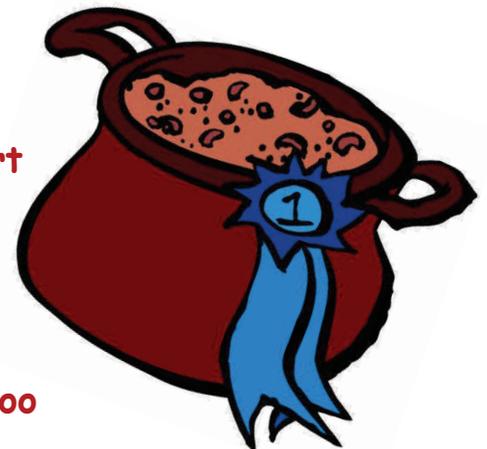
#### Free Family Movie

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Popcorn & Drinks

At Milford Town Hall

#### Chili Dinner with rolls, dessert

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Bottled water, tea & coffee  
Adults \$8.00 - Children \$4.00



At the Fairgrounds

#### A concert inside the Giant Igloo

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
\$10.00 per person (limited seating)  
(All proceeds go to the Music Club at  
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# How to be a Good Conversationalist

By George Underhill

It's pretty simple to be perceived as a good conversationalist, even though I can't follow the one simple rule: Keep your mouth shut and listen. If you are able to do that, the inveterate talkers will see you as a wonderful person with whom to converse, be it only a one-way conversation. If you must speak, here are some things not to speak about.

First on the list is your health. I don't care to hear about your hospital trip for a liver transplant or any other operation. I don't want to know about the lousy food, or the uncaring bureaucracy, or even if by some miracle you received gourmet food and caring people. I don't want to know. In Montreal, Diane was in the hospital for our first child, I went to visit, and they were serving lobster! Did you want to hear about that? No! I don't care to hear how you contracted the racking cough and runny nose, and I definitely don't want to hear about the woes of hemorrhoids. I just don't want to know, and I turn off my hearing aids.

Ever had someone describe in excruciating detail their experiences in sports? "I was on the sixteenth hole, shooting just one stroke over par, when my drive went into the rough. I removed my trouble club from the bag, addressed the ball..." Yada, yada, yada...and on it goes. Golfing tales seem to be the most common, but I've had it happen with skiing exploits, bridge, all manner of sports and entertainment. Think about it. It means something to the teller, but does the listener really care?

Don't talk about your dreams. If you remember them, and they are interesting, they are only interesting to you. I had an old guy tell me about his dream once. I say "old guy" because he was older than me. As a kind of joke, I interpreted the meaning of his dream psychologically for him. Total horse manure, of course, but to my amazement, he lapped it up like a cat on cream. After that, whenever I met him, he felt compelled to describe his latest dream in hopes I would interpret it for him. So forget describing your dreams. They frequently make no sense, and even if they did, they're imaginary. Nobody cares. This is why fortune tellers can make a living.

If you're talking to the host, for gosh sake don't be critical of the food, the parking, the beverages, or anything remotely to do with hosting. One guy told me he had a couple for dinner, and before

it was served the guest asked who else he was expecting. He told his guest he was not expecting anyone else. His guest replied, "Then you're not saving the liquor for any other arrivals?" Of course, booze lubricates the vocal cords and makes conversation easier, but it's just a little crass to ask for it.

Maybe you can talk briefly about your recent trip, but don't talk about how you got there. "We drove down the I85 to the Mass Pike, then we took the exit to Providence so we could connect to..." and on it goes. Even if I knew the route, I wouldn't care. If the most exciting thing about the trip was how you got there, you're much better off not talking about it.

In some places, gossip is a hot topic. "Did you know Louise is running around on Albert? I saw them last Wednesday..." The thing is, if you're talking about people in the County, you may be talking to one of their relatives. Kiss of death. Be quiet.

Then there's politics and religion. Both are to be avoided. In fact, in a social setting there's damn little to talk about. That's why it's better to just stand around in silence. I don't do it, but it doesn't mean you shouldn't.

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

### Meetings, Events & Announcements

#### Recreation Committee Meeting

Milford Town Hall  
Wednesday, January 8, 2014  
7:30 pm

#### Wii Bowling

Milford Town Hall  
Every Thursday starting January 23, 2014  
2 - 4 pm

#### Movie Night

Milford Town Hall  
Tuesdays 7 pm to 9 pm  
Jan. 21 to March 25, 2014

#### Games Night

Milford Town Hall  
Friday January 31, February 14 & 28  
7 pm - 9 pm  
Ping Pong, Wii bowling or golf & board games

#### Winter Carnival

Saturday, January 25, 2014  
Milford Town Hall and at the  
Giant Igloo at the Baseball Diamond  
(See separate notice of events)

## Bob Spires

You might have heard that Bob died very suddenly last Thursday afternoon (2nd) just outside his home on County Road 10.

I can't say that I knew him well, but whenever we met he was friendly and cheerful, and would offer assistance if needed. He also made contributions to local volunteer organizations including the Recreation Committee and the Milford Fair.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Aline, and son, Sean, as they cope with their incalculable loss.

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## South Bay U.C.W.



U.C.W met at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, December 11 at 12:00 noon for a bounteous pot luck lunch.

President Sandra Emlaw chaired the meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The officers for 2014 are as follows: **President - Sandra Emlaw; Vice-president - Maureen Rudd; Secretary - Brenda Minaker; Treasurer - Joyce Minaker; Press secretary - Alice Miller.**

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

Lynn Colwell's devotional was based on Luke 1, verses 57 to 66. She began with a poem entitled 'A Wish for You'. The hymn 'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness' was sung by all.

Nine members answered roll call by revealing their favourite carol with one verse being sung by each one. Twenty-two sick calls were made. A lovely Christmas card was received by the U.C.W. members from Irene Robb.

Collection was received and dedicated.

We've been notified that the Spring Fling will be held in Wellington on Wednesday, May 7 with South Bay responsible to introduce the guest speaker.

The following dates were discussed for the following events in 2014:

- Fish fry – Wednesday, July 9;
- Luncheon and Craft Sale – Saturday, November 15, 2014.

After closing with our U.C.W. prayer, the ladies wrapped the gifts for two children from the Angel Tree.

Karen Guernsey volunteered to deliver the hats and mitts donated by the U.C.W. to Athol school.

### Upcoming Friendship Circle and U.C.W. Events

**Milford Friendship Circle ladies:** Don't forget we have no meetings in January or February. Mary Creasy will have our first meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 8** – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional—Sandra Emlaw; Roll call—New Year's resolutions; Program—Alice Miller; Lunch—Maureen Rudd and Karen Guernsey; Objective—Bring a Valentine card to be sent to a sick or shut-in next month.



## Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
January, 1901  
Transcribed by Sarah Moran

*(Dear Reader: For some reason, Nelson's January, 1901 diary begins on January 14.)*

**Mon. 14** - Mr. Spafford come up and we went to Picton. I had a couple of teeth out. It was a lovely day and the sleighing just fine.

**Tue. 15** - Mr. Spafford and I got home at noon. We were at Uncle Nath's all night. Sleighing lovely.

**Wed. 16** - Rained all the day Four Noon nearly spoiling all the good sleighing. Visitors at night Wesley Wattam and wife, Nelli Wright and Maggie Hilton. Very rough night. Wind blew a gale.

**Thur. 17** - I went up to the Black Smith shop. Got my jumper iron off and Blaise shod on his front feet. Archie got home about five o'clock. Ida come down with him from N. Ostranders.

**Fri. 18** - I washed and grease my harness today. Nelse Ostrander was down. Ida went up with him. It has been very cold all day. John Loney was over tonight and we had a game of Lost Heir. Mirt and I were the Champions.

**Sat. 19** - It was a very cold day 18 below zero. Pa, Ma, Archie, Mirt and I went up to Nels Ostranders. Nels and Annie Maud were over to Picton. Nels fetched home with him a new cutter. It is a dandy. Annie Maud had a roast goose for Tea which we all enjoyed eating. Ida and Hugh were there and come down with us.

**Sun. 20** - I was home all day. After Tea we all went out to Carman to meeting.

**Mon. 21** - Pa, Ma, Mirt and I went over to Picton with the cutters. Our business was to get things to prepare for keeping house in the Spring. We made some very good bargains. I got a stove of Sarah Ellen Thurston for \$8,00. Mirt purchased a set of dishes for \$8,00 which I think was a good bargain. There is many other things which I will not mention in my diary.

**Tue. 22** - Sleighing is nearly spoiled on account of soft weather. Pa and Ma and Archie went up to Milford. Drove the buggy wheeling fine. The news came to Milford today that Queen Victoria is dead. Every one is sorry to learn of her death for I don't think we will ever have another to fulfil her place.

**Wed. 23** - Pa, Ma, Ida went down to Andrew Blakeley and so on down to Uncle Dan's. Mirt and I, Maggie Wattam went around to South Bay league. Had a fine time.

**Thur. 24** - Archie and I worked at the wood most of the day. It was rather warm but not much snow. Rival Meeting going on at the Carman this week.

**Fri. 25** - Pa and Archie went around to Mr. Pierson's. Bought 26 bushels of Rye @ 50 cts. for bushel. Took it up to Milford and got it ground for the pigs. There were a light fall of snow last night improving the sleighing some.

**Sat. 26** - I was making a music rack for Mirt. Dan come down after Ida. Sleighing is very good again.

**Sun. 27** - Mirt and I, Ida and Pa went up to Jake's. Sarah E. and Eddie Rorke were up there. A very lovely day. Ida and Dan went up home after noon.

**Mon. 28** - Mirt and I left Jake's and went up to Joseph Collier's. Stayed till after dinner. Had a look around at the house we intend to live in. And then went up to Dan's.

**Tue. 29** - Mirt and I left Dan's and went down to Picton. Did some more trading and come on home. It was very cold. Mr. William Ostrander's Funeral Sermon was preached at the Carman Church today at Eleven O'clock.

**Wed. 30** - Archie had the accident to cut his foot yesterday helping Smith McLaughlin cut wood. I helped Smith today in the woods.

**Thur. 31** - I helped Smith in the woods. It was a very fine day. Snowed some. Jake and Lib were down.



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# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## **Maybe it's Me**

I have had occasion to donate used clothing and household goods to the two charity shops on Main Street, Picton. My assumption is that as we don't have a need for these things perhaps someone else in the community does, and besides, the donations help the organizations that run the shops.

My last two visits have made me reassess this practice and look for alternatives. In one case there was not so much as a thank you from the somewhat surly clerk as I dropped off suits, shirts, pants all of which were clean, folded and ready for re-sale. On another occasion, at the other store, a box full of useable household items was met by complaints from another surly clerk who complained of "too much of this and too much of that."

If any local, read South Marysburgh, organization is looking for donations or knows of others that may be, please let me know. In the mean time, perhaps the Picton store managers will read this and undertake some training courses.

## **Hydro Heroes**

I'm not one to complement Hydro One (particularly their over-paid executives), but the various crews from throughout the province that got our power back on deserve our thanks in spades. They gave up their Christmas plans to help us out thereby minimizing inconvenience and making it possible for us all to enjoy the holidays. Thanks guys!

## **More on Kidney Stones**

I read a piece in the Globe and Mail or Toronto Star reporting that Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon and one of the richest men on the planet, had suffered a kidney stone attack and had to be airlifted to a hospital for treatment.

I'm hopeful that he read last month's Mirror and got to Prince Edward Memorial where they would have dealt with his problem as quickly and efficiently as they did mine.

## **And speaking of PECMH...**

This issue of the Mirror has a double-sided medical history/medication card for you to cut out, fill in and carry in your wallet. Provided you keep it up to date, this little document could save you valuable time and help your medical practitioners if and when you need them.

## **Thanks...**

The 14th annual tree lighting was a frigid success! It started in early December when Glenn Guernsey came up with his bucket truck to help Pieter DeBoer and I put up the lights.

On Saturday night, Bob Spires threw the switch right on cue to light the tree and Lynette Pettit braved the cold and snow to lead us in some carols. It didn't take long for the hot cider to cool right down. However, the success was due to the thirty plus people who came to take part and the children who put decorations on the tree.

The event finished off with hot chocolate and cookies in the warmth and the hospitality of St Philip's Anglican Church and then back out into the cold again for Blaine Way's wagon ride around the village.

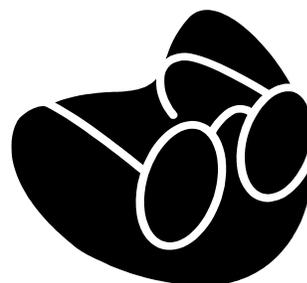
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I hope many of you were lucky enough to get a good book or two under the tree this year. In case you didn't, I'd like to suggest you drop by the library (or order online from our website) a couple of novels that I enjoyed in the last part of 2013.

***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*** by Rachel Joyce is the story of the recently retired Harold, who sets out one day to post a letter to a dying friend but, on impulse, decides he'll deliver the letter in person. It's the start of a journey that has him walking hundreds of miles, woven with chance encounters and reflections on events from his past that transformed his life and, consequently, alters the lives of the people he meets. A charming story, well written, the book was nominated for the Man Booker prize.

If you're a mystery fan and haven't read any Alan Bradley, I think you'll enjoy his ***Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie***. It features the fearless Flavia DeLuce, an 11 year old with a darkly imaginative mind and super sleuth abilities. Set within an eccentric home life in 1950s England, Flavia uses her abilities to acquit her father of a mysterious death that involves stamp collecting and poison making. Filled with plot twists and interesting characters, this is a mystery that's fun and the first in a series of books by Bradley that feature Flavia DeLuce. Interestingly, Bradley had this published in his 70s and has since written five more in the series, proving to us all that you're never too old to start something new!

Happy New Year, and please support your local branch of the library by dropping into the Milford branch in 2014.

### Library Winter Hours

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week.*

We are starting a new year. Let's assume we have a clean sheet of paper to make a mark on. Here are a few ideas we might consider:

- ◆ I will try to be friendly with everyone I come into contact with.
- ◆ I will try to see the good in every situation and look for something to praise in everyone I know.
- ◆ I will be thankful I don't live somewhere in which I have to do backbreaking work in horrible circumstances.
- ◆ I will feel happy that I'm able to work, that I'm alive and well, and not in a combat trench or in a hospital awaiting surgery.

## Death of the Pillsbury Doughboy

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. He rose quickly in show business but later had many turnovers. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

## Food Puns

- ◆ The snack bar next door to an atom smasher was called 'The Fission Chips'.
- ◆ On April Fool's Day a mother put a firecracker under the pancakes. She blew her stack.
- ◆ A couple of kids tried using pickles for a ping pong game. They had the Volley of the Dills.
- ◆ A friend got some vinegar in his ear. Now he suffers from pickled hearing.

Did you hear that NASA has launched several cows into orbit? It was the herd shot around the world.

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey." The horse says, "You read my mind, buddy."

A garden centre customer picks up a container of insecticide and asks, "Is this good for red ants?" "No," says the salesperson, "it'll kill them."

*Exit Line: Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough.*

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## German Potato Soup

(A Soldier's Soup)

By David Larkin

4 rashers streaky bacon, chopped  
1 onion, peeled and thinly sliced  
225 gms. potatoes, peeled and diced  
600 ml. beef stock  
1 bay leaf  
Salt

Freshly ground pepper

Good pinch of nutmeg or mace

3-4 frankfurters, sliced (I use Schneider's 'Grill'ems')  
15 ml. tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Fry the bacon gently in saucepan until the fat begins to run. Add the onion and continue cooking until it begins to brown slightly. Stir in the potatoes, stock, bay leaf, salt and pepper to taste, and mace or nutmeg. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 25 minutes or until the potato has broken down. Add the frankfurters, taste and adjust the seasoning and simmer for a further 5 minutes. Remove the bay leaf. Stir in most of the parsley and serve sprinkled with the remainder.

## Carrot Soup

2 oz. butter

1 onion, peeled and chopped

1 lb. carrots, peeled and sliced or chopped

1 small stalk celery

1 rasher bacon, chopped

900 ml. water

1 chicken and 1 vegetable stock cube

Bouquet garni (cheese cloth square containing bay leaf, 4 cloves, 10 peppercorns,

1/2 tsp. coriander, 1/2 tsp. thyme, 1 tsp. parsley)

2 Tbsp. lemon juice

300 ml. milk

Melt butter in large saucepan, add bacon and vegetables, fry gently for about 10 minutes, stirring constantly, until softened. Do not allow to brown. Add the water and stock cubes, bouquet garni and lemon juice.

Cover and simmer for at least 30 minutes. Remove bouquet garni. Liquify. Add the milk. Heat up and check and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

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# F. Y. I.

*By Barb Proctor*  
Municipal Councillor for South Marysburgh

Thanks to the SM Recreation Committee for hosting our annual Community New Year's gathering January 1<sup>st</sup> at the Milford Town Hall. Good food and good conversations. I heard from those in attendance that everyone was satisfied with plowing, sanding and trimming by our county workers following Mother Nature's season's greeting with her polar vortex. I forwarded this positive feedback to Commissioner McAuley and the crews.

Everyone is saddened by the sudden loss of Bob Spires of Milford, husband, father, grandfather and friend, and a dedicated member of the SM Recreation Committee. Thoughts and prayers go out to Aline, Sean and family.

In the spring you will see our Friends of the Mariners Museum working hard to rehabilitate an old municipal boat launch at the head of South Bay next to the South Bay Pioneer Cemetery. The municipality has agreed to support this initiative by searching land titles and providing fill or gravel for parking areas. Quinte Conservation has committed to in kind for any necessary environmental permits. This project will enable kayaks, canoes and small motor craft to launch into the channels of that wetland area. Congratulations to our volunteers who will make this happen.

The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee has agreed to work with CAO Dewing and the municipality to establish an agreement whereby the recreation committee will receive a budget to administrate the operations and maintenance of the Milford Town Hall. This plan is predicted to be more cost effective and we will evaluate this pilot at the end of 2014. We will be recruiting volunteers and I am optimistic that this project will keep our Town Hall doors open well into the future. Other Ward Recreation Committees have been approached to participate with their respective town halls and I believe they will be taking the lead from our pilot.

Taxes are up –Yikes! The Cole's Notes explanation shows the municipality needing close to \$44.7 million to operate services and sustain reserve funds for 2014. Our property tax dollars will provide \$29 million (63.5%) of the total requirement and the remaining 36.8% of necessary revenues must come from user fees, government funding, transfers from the reserves and payment in lieu of taxes for federal and provincial lands in the county. Government

owned lands in PEC are in excess of 10,000 acres; examples would be Mountainview Airport or Sandbanks Provincial Park. The approximate 10,000 acres represent only 1.6% of our tax levy. Perhaps that could change someday.

The Prince Edward County Municipal Capital Budget spending for 2014 Capital Renewal will be \$9.5 million. This is an increase from the \$5.5 million dedicated to capital in 2013. These capital dollars are in the reserve funds established over this term of council and that reserve will be sustained each year. Commissioner of Finance Susan Turnbull and Treasurer James Hepburn and their staff have led council well towards sustainable spending habits for your capital tax dollars.

We will be spending \$2.6 million capital dollars on roads this year. The works department has developed a roads needs plan that will equitably rehabilitate county roads over the next 5 years. A portion of 2014 dollars will finally complete that last lap of the Scott's Mill Bridge /road project. The South Marysburgh Fire Department will be getting a much needed new Tanker Truck. The culvert replacement and repair at County Rd. 17 and Bailey Rd. corner will be happening at long last.

It's reassuring that we are moving forward in spite of the reductions in funding from provincial coffers. The associated burden on our property tax dollar will be there but I believe this council has deliberated carefully to prevent wasteful spending of your tax dollars.

We said goodbye this past fall to an icon in the South Marysburgh Community. Murray Head was a dedicated family man and local farmer and a leader on the Milford Fair Board. He loved his community and leaves behind a larger than life legacy. We will miss you Murray. Thank you.

Good health and happiness to all in 2014.

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We are all so busy working during the warm months that it is sometimes hard to connect with the people in our own neighborhood. In 2014 we look forward to offering you more services including a weekly Sunday brunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$15.00 per person, and free for children under 5 years of age (taxes and gratuities extra). These will begin on Sunday, February 16th with a Valentine's Day theme. Please make reservations for brunch by telephone or email.

With our new liquor license now in place, Paul is planning his 'locals' pub nights with games, food, music and good cheer. Details will follow in February's *Mirror*.

We would also be happy to host your special occasions in the school house - birthdays, reunions, anniversaries, meetings - if you require a location and want someone else to do the cooking and cleaning. Please call or email for availability and prices.

We hope to see you soon, and wish you all the best for a happy and healthy 2014!

Sincerely,

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