

Do you want industrial wind turbines installed in South Marysburgh like the ones proposed by wpd Canada and Gilead Power for their projects near Milford and on the south shore?

By Steve Ferguson

I was stunned to learn that this is the first vote of its kind in Ontario, if not in Canada. Just like any vote, the results could go either way. What I do know - and the reason *The Mirror* is undertaking this initiative - is that it is important to know the result so we understand how the community feels.

I cannot recall a time when I have felt such a mixture of emotions as I do now about our provincial government and the stripping of our rights through the Green Energy Act. With the stroke of a pen, it eliminated any democratic input from Municipal Governments concerning an issue it knew would affect hundreds of thousands of people, particularly throughout rural Ontario. It has made a mockery of our democratic process: Why elect representatives when they can arbitrarily change the basis under which you voted for them in the first place?

The vote is not about whether we should or shouldn't harness the wind to generate electricity; the vote is about whether it should or shouldn't be done in the South Marysburgh community using Industrial Wind Turbines.

Let me explain for those who may not know, an Industrial Wind Turbine stands approximately 480 feet from the ground to the top of the turbine blade. It is not the same as the small turbines at Cherryvale Organic farm or at other residential and farm locations in the ward.

The vote is also about letting our government know that we - the residents and property owners of South Marysburgh - will not allow our rights to be stripped from us especially when it could have such profound effects upon our community.

On July 14th it will be important for you to express your views by voting either 'yes' or 'no' to the question above. You must do your own research and look at the issue from all angles to decide how to vote, and there is abundant information available on-line, in newspapers, books, magazines, and by talking to your neighbors and friends.

At the end of the day, this vote is all about the future and values of our community.

Voting Hours and Location

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 14th at the Milford Town Hall, 3076 County Road 10, Milford.

Proxy Voting

If you are unable to vote in person on July 14th, you may designate another person (a proxy) to vote on your behalf. Please see page 18.

Identification

In order to cast a ballot, you must present identification with your name and South Marysburgh residence and/or property address on it. This may be a driver's license (preferred), the name and address portion of a property tax bill or an Income Tax Assessment, or a utility bill.

Eligibility

Residents and/or property owners 18 years of age and over of South Marysburgh **ONLY** who can show identification containing a South Marysburgh ward address. One vote per person, not one vote per property in the case of multiple property ownership.

Voting Procedure and Instructions

Available at Milford Town Hall on the morning of July 14th.

To The Editor,

Something is happening very quietly in the Royal Rd. area of South Marysburgh township but it is something of which we should all be aware. It could happen (and is happening) anywhere.

Farm after farm after farm is being purchased by a single individual.

We should all be aware that this is a process that is going to change our community from one that is made up of many small family-owned farms to one largely made up of residential dwellings and a privately owned megafarm. And we should question whether this is what we really want.

It represents a huge loss of power to the family farm and to ordinary people who just want to produce good food in a responsible way on a manageable scale and make a living and a life for themselves and their families.

Not only do land buy-ups like this cause small family farms to disappear, they prevent them from ever coming back: a land holding the size of the one that's being created here can only ever be purchased by a large corporation or another billionaire.

We should also be aware that this is not an isolated incident but part of a growing trend in agriculture all over the world that is putting the control of the world's food supply in the hands of the richest one percent of the world's population.

Last but not least we should be aware that as ordinary people we have the power to stop this trend and turn things around. All it takes is awareness and action.

Two good places to start might be to gain an understanding of the many problems in Canadian agriculture today which contribute to making this kind of sellout seem like a small farmer's best or even only option, and to support our local farmers.

Rosalind Adams, R.R. #1 Milford

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wii Bowling

Back by popular demand! 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. every Thursday until August 30th at the Milford Town Hall

Milford Market

Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
At The Shed at the Milford Fair Grounds

Road Bowling

A great family event - good friendship and exercise!
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Coffee In The County

By Nora-Lyn Veevers



Elyse Graff McKittrick (left) and Nora-Lyn Veevers.

As part of the June 7th County-wide coffee party morning in support of Hospice Prince Edward, over 40 people gathered at the Milford

Bistro to sip the special house blend, munch on yummy oat-

meal raisin cookies and share in Jill Hill's birthday cake, baked by husband John. Guests of party organizers Nora-Lyn Veevers and Elyse Graff McKittrick



Coffee Party Convener Carolynn Whiteley with Hospice Prince Edward Board Member Bob McKittrick

were joined by those invited by Marilyn Kennedy and Marilyn Lauer as well and all were delighted to participate in a door prize draw for a Waterford crystal vase--- won by Avalon McLean-Smiths. Hospice Board Member Bob McKittrick was also on



Chris Pengelly and staff of the Milford Bistro

hand to provide an update on the progress towards the ultimate goal of a residential hospice for the County.

Milford Bistro owner Chris Pengelly not only provided the coffee and cookies and venue, but also generously donated the proceeds from the sale of additional bags of these goodies towards the success of this event--which generated over \$1,000 for the day. The participation of Chris and his staff was much applauded by the party hosts and all those in attendance.



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Milford Friendship Circle

Marg Crouse hosted the Circle ladies on Thursday June 7th at 1:30 p.m.

Margaret's Thought for the Day: We usually make a mistake when we make an excuse. Also, Thoughts Lead to Purposes.

Six members answered roll call with Sing, Say or Pay.

Card secretary, Mary, sent two sympathy cards and one get well. Thank you cards were received.

Treasurer Wilma reported our finances with no bills to be paid.

The ladies voted to give donations to Christian Children's Fund and Camp Quin-Mo-Lac if needed.

Margaret ended our meeting by reading a humorous poem entitled, 'A Woman's Poem'.

Alice tested the ladies with a word contest from The Reader's Digest.

Margaret served the ladies a delicious lunch (it replaced supper for most of us) and was thanked by Wilma on behalf of the group.

The War of 2012!

(The second of a three-part series)
By Derek Wolfe

Last month I referenced the war of 2012 - basically a financial war within the County - that we know from past experience will target institutions that have a difficult time "defending" themselves and are easy prey for a cash strapped Council. How we got into this situation and who is responsible was not my point. It is what it is - and since my last article, our CAO has made moves that have begun to address issues that will hopefully put our financial affairs - to use an appropriate term - on an even keel.

My point was, and remains, that institutions such as the Mariners' Park Museum were envisioned and brought into being by proud County people who understood the rich fabric of our maritime history, wished to preserve it and understood that tradition is priceless. However, once those institutions are gone, they are usually gone for good.

Thus the War of 2012 is all about recognizing that we are going to have to draw upon a time honoured County tradition and "get on with helping ourselves." We are not the big city where costs always seem to get absorbed across a broad tax base, where upper level government funding comes easier because all those people in a city represent a lot of provincial and federal votes. Our destiny lies substantially in our own hands. We have to show we care; that we support local businesses, causes and events. This is our war and we have to show up!

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On behalf of the Mariners' Park Museum I want to "enlist" you, your family and your friends to show up in large numbers to send a message to Council that you do care about the fabulous maritime history of PEC, that it matters to you, and we will not let this part of our heritage die - at least not without a damn good fight! Two dates I would like you to book on your calendar right now are:

July 7th @ 6:00 p.m.

**Fish Fry at Mariner's Park Museum, South Bay
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August 12th @ 1:00 p.m.

**Mariners' Memorial Service,
at South Bay United Church.**

More information on both events can be found in all local papers or call Mariners' Park Museum (Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) 613-476-8392.

Lets all help to protect and preserve over 200 years of Prince Edward County history.

(Derek Wolfe is Chair of the Friends of Mariners' Museum)

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*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Turtle Talk

George Underhill has written a great piece for this issue about turtles needing assistance crossing roads to lay their eggs, something with which I have had recent first-hand experience.

While out biking on June 21st I happened upon a very large, not particularly attractive snapping turtle of surly disposition attempting to cross Old Milford Road.

Dismounting from my bike, I tried to coax it on its way with my tire but it would have nothing of it. Several cars slowed and passed us until the occupant of a red mini-van stopped and got some wood out of his trunk for us to push the turtle out of the way.

Thanks George for bringing the subject to everyone's attention, and thanks to the driver of AXCP 737 who stopped to help me.

Thanks Myrna!

Hi Steve,

I would like to make a donation of \$25 for a cash prize at the Fair in the name of the Ann Farwell Library to encourage the "Scotts" of the community.

Please let me know how to make out the cheque and where to mail it.

Myrna Wood, Picton

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I know, it's a bit of a mouthful but the *Mirror's* website is now up and running. It contains the current month's issue as well as an archive of previous issues. Additional content will be uploaded as time and my expertise allows.

To reiterate, the on-line *Mirror* is not to replace the printed version but to allow much broader distribution throughout the County and elsewhere to people interested in what's going on in the ward.

...and speaking of printed versions

In case you're unaware of it, copies of the *South Marysburgh Mirror* are available at various locations in the County including all the public libraries. It also goes to Books & Co., Thorne's and Scott's in Picton; Hicks, the Cheese Factory and post office in Milford; Macs in Bloomfield and the Wellington Convenience store.

Radio PEC

I ran into Mary Sinclair at Vicki Emlaw's tomato seedling sale where she was front and centre selling memberships for the proposed County FM radio station.

I've worked with Mary before on other volunteer projects and came to learn that any cause she's involved with is well worth hearing about or investigating. You can read about the plans for the station in this issue.

From Bev Walker

Mr. Ferguson,

Bruce Dowdell phoned me last evening and we caught up on the doings of *The Mirror* and the township. I was sorry to hear that Des (Marcille) was in failing health and no longer involved with the wee journal but delighted to know that it was still an ongoing project.

Having read the on-line June issue, I was also delighted to see that it is still fulfilling the purpose for which it began, namely to inform the township of South Marysburgh of issues and events of interest and importance to it.

I am tremendously impressed that through *The Mirror* democracy is being restored to a small part of the world. The idea of having a vote by all the citizens with legitimate claim on life in the township to express the desire of said citizens is what democracy is all about. When those persons representing us at the lowest level of government no longer know us, their constituents, as other than blocks of voters that they want to influence, there is no longer the need to provide good governance, just sops to the vocal few.

I will follow this issue in future editions of *The Mirror* and look forward to hearing more.

Beverly Nelson-Walker, editor emeritus

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In this day and age, the magic of good, sound writing to allow a reader to be taken to another place through the use of creative language, proper words and sentence structure is being lost to the simplicity and laziness of texting, instant messaging and Facebook.

To coincide with this year's Milford Fair and the honouring of our library system, the Mirror is launching a short story contest for residents of South Marysburgh. Two cash prizes will be available, one for the best short story submitted by an adult over the age of 18, and one for the best story written by a youth under age 18. The prizes will be named after the Mirror's founder, Bev Walker, and it's second publisher, Des Marcille.

The winners will receive \$50.00 each and will have their stories published in the printed and on-line editions of the *South Marysburgh Mirror*. In addition, copies of the winning stories will be circulated to all the libraries in the County and on the Prince Edward County library's website. Winners will be announced on Fair day in September and copies will be available at the *Mirror's* booth in the fairgrounds.

To qualify, please submit your entry by email to themirror@kos.net in a recognized computer software program such as MS Word. Entries can be no longer than 2000 words and must include the writer's name, civic & email addresses, and phone number. The deadline for entries is August 31, 2012. All submissions must be previously unpublished, and the winners must agree to allow the Mirror to publish their work and distribute it as outlined above.

Good luck to all aspiring Steinbecks, Munros and Hemingways!



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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

A few paraprofessionals: in case you don't know what that is, it's the latter part of a sentence that gives an unexpected outcome or meaning.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. They begin the evening news with, "Good evening," then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Since this is exam time, I thought this story fit in but I hope no student follows this example.

It was the final exam for a biology course at the university. It was designed to weed out new students among the 500 applicants.

The exam was two hours long and exam booklets were provided. The professor was strict and told the students if the exam was not handed in at the end of two hours, the student would fail.

One student came rushing in, half an hour late. When he asked for an exam booklet, the professor told him he wouldn't have time to finish but the student insisted he would.

When the professor called for the booklets to be handed in, the students all complied but the one who was late. He wrote for another hour and attempted to put his exam on the pile.

"No you don't. I won't accept it."

Student: "Do you know who I am?"

Professor: "No I don't and I couldn't care less."

"Good," replied the student who lifted the stack of exams in the middle, inserted his exam and walked out of the room.

A little girl had just finished her first week at school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk."

A white-haired gentleman walked into a jewellery store one Friday evening with a beautiful young gal on his arm. He says he's looking for a special ring for his new girlfriend. The jeweller brings out his special stock and shows him a stunning ring for only \$40,000. The old man seeing the sparkle in the young lady's eyes says he'll take it. He gives the jeweller a cheque and tells him to call the bank on Monday to verify the funds, and pick up the ring.

The jeweller phones the old man on Monday and tells him there's no money in that account. "I know," says the old man, "but let me tell you about my weekend."

Exit line:

Why did the cowboy buy a dachshund? Because someone told him to get a long little doggie.

Back by popular demand.....

The Milford Fair Square Dance



Thursday, September 13, 2012

The Shed at Mount Tabor

Additional information to follow



South Bay U.C.W.



Our June meeting was held at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, 13th in the form of a pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon.

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Nancy Parks, Executive Director of Hospice Prince Edward. She outlined the many ways the sixty volunteers help people who are experiencing sickness and bereavement. She was thanked on behalf of the group with a donation to this worthy cause.

President Sandra opened the meeting proper with a reading asking if we are ready to retire. Our theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer followed.

For devotional, Alice Miller read some excerpts from the Statement of Faith outlining some additions being proposed to be added to our United Church doctrine.

Roll call was answered by each member presenting an interesting photo.

May minutes were accepted as read.

One sympathy card was sent and several thank you cards received for services rendered.

Treasurer Joyce Minaker reviewed our finances and reported donating \$400 to send several of our young folk to Camp Quin-Mo-Lac.

The ladies are setting up tables on Tuesday July 3rd at 9:30 for our fish fry on Wednesday, July 4th.

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

Upcoming Events

Ladies of the U.C.W. and Friendship Circle please note that there will be no regular meetings in July and August.

Wednesday, July 4: South Bay United Church are holding their annual fish fry starting at 4:30 p.m. Served will be yellow perch, whitefish, potato salad, Caesar salad, baked beans, rolls, desserts, tea, coffee and lemonade. Adults - \$15.00, children 10 years and under - \$8.00. Plan to visit the craft sale next door in the heritage schoolhouse!

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Pork Crackling that Really Crackles

By Dave Larkin

We seem to get really good pork in The County, and often at a reasonable price. It is obviously popular with County folk as the turnout for the Pork and Corn Roast, at St Philip's, demonstrates. Of course we have Harley Guernsey there with his portable BBQ/roisserie and that helps to make it a memorable occasion. And there is local corn and I would be remiss if I didn't mention the sterling efforts in the kitchen of Diane Walker, Sally Cowan and the ladies of the ACW.

But what to do when Harley isn't to hand? I have heard people say that Pork is great because you can't overcook it. I beg to differ – if you want to be able to get the full taste, you must not overcook it, but still you need to use a meat thermometer to see that it is cooked enough. But only enough.

In North America, cooks tend not to take their pork crackling seriously, and the butchers aren't much help. However you can get a good roast of pork at Metro if you check the Picnic roasts, which have rind on them, or buy your pork from a local farm. My son has promised me a roast of pork loin from a local farmer he knows, complete with rind, but promises, promises, promises.....

Two nations do take their pork crackling really seriously: the Brits and the Danes. There are a zillion recipes for pork crackling, all different and all purporting to be the best way. Most of them work, despite the contradictions. But I usually favour a Danish recipe which has proved reliable.

Get yourself a roast which still has some skin (rind) on it. Score the rind (I use a box-cutter knife with a fresh blade) deep into the fat. The score lines should be about 1/4 inch apart. Rub coarse salt into the rind, and, for flavouring insert some bay leaves or fennel seeds. The roast is put on the rack in the roasting pan and placed in a very hot oven (480°F). Check after 30 minutes. The rind should be starting to bubble. If not continue for a few more minutes until the bubbling starts. Then pour a quart of boiling water into the pan (without touching the meat) and continue cooking at 340°F.



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Allow 40 to 50 minutes per lb, but check with a meat thermometer (180°F). If the water boils away (it usually doesn't) add more. When ready, remove from the oven. Slice the crackling off when still warm and place in an uncovered dish. It must never be put in the fridge. Allow the roast to rest for 20-30 minutes. Reduce the liquid in the pan to make gravy. (if you are visiting the UK, bring back some Knorr pork stock cubes to add).

This method will give you a moist, flavourful roast of pork with real crackling. If the crackling isn't crisp enough it can be made more crisp by putting it under the grill. But this is risky, stay by the oven and watch it like a hawk – it is very easy to burn. It will only take a very few minutes to crisp.

The County FM Radio Project

What Kind of Station is Planned?

A community-owned, not-for-profit “over-the-airwaves” radio station is planned which will cover the whole of the County on the FM band. It is also quite possible that the station’s programs would be streamed over the internet.

What’s the Reason for a Local Radio Station?

Prince Edward County is a unique, diverse island which encompasses a wide array of different communities which all share a common appreciation of the County’s natural beauty, agricultural heritage, rugged self-reliance and spirit of mutual support. A community FM radio station could play a vital role in the ongoing development of the County by enabling the various communities to learn about and from one another. It would also support the local economy by providing a cost-effective vehicle for local businesses to reach residents and tourists. The County is currently served by several commercial AM and FM radio stations on the “mainland”, but the County is only part of the audience they serve and they are not devoted exclusively to developments in the County.

What Would The Station Offer?

The programming will serve the specific needs and interests of County residents and visitors including: recorded music which reflects local interests and which showcases local musical and artistic talent; interviews of long-time County residents to capture their unique experiences and stories; summertime programs for tourists to let them know what’s going on; public affairs programs to deal with important local issues; timely information on local weather, funerals, and community events; news from the wards; news and communications from County government and from local organizations and groups such as the women’s institute, 4-H club, etc.

How Did the Idea Develop?

The idea has been discussed for a long-time. An ad hoc organizing committee started to work in June 2011, culminating in a public meeting last November where 31 people voted unanimously to proceed and elected an interim board to get things underway.

Who Will Decide How It’s Run?

A not-for-profit corporation (“Prince Edward County Radio Corporation”) has been set up with

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membership based on a nominal \$10 fee. As of May 8th over 100 County residents have signed up as members and we hope to have 250 members by the time the license application is submitted. The founding Annual General Meeting was held on May 30 at which the members elected a Board of Directors and set the direction for the Station.

Who Will Do The Work?

Although the type of work involved will be different during the development phase and the operating phase, most of the work will always be done by volunteers. During the development phase, there will need to be volunteer teams, reporting to the Board, to work on the program plan, licensing, technology, legal, fundraising and community outreach. Once the station is operational, the priority will shift to producing and delivering programs over the air.

Where Will The Money Come From?

The station will depend on individuals and businesses in the local community for its funding. Funding sources will include company and individual donations, sponsorships and on-air advertising.

How Long Will It Take to Get Up and Running?

Getting a license from the CRTC is the most time consuming part of the process. We plan to submit our license application as soon in June in the hope of going on the air for summer 2013.

How Can I Help?

There are many ways to help. Make a pledge for the capital campaign. Become a member and help chart the station’s course. Or become a volunteer and share the work of putting the station on the air. Please contact info@county-community-radio.ca for more information..

The newly elected board of the station is comprised of:

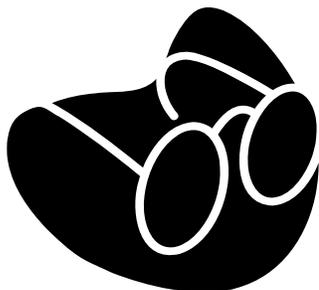
Treat Hull, Chair of the Board. Mr. Hull has a background in management consulting and is a retired marketing executive.

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Mary Sinclair, Director of Communications. Ms. Sinclair was a marketing and communications expert with Warner Brothers Canada and is active in the Picton Arts community.

John Mather, Co-Director of the programming committee. Mr. Mather has 42 years of experience in commercial radio, largely focused on news.

Angela Stever, Co-Director of the programming committee. Ms. Stever has twelve years experience in radio and television in both news and as an on-air host.

Bernie Finkelstein. Mr. Finkelstein has been involved in the Canadian recording industry since the 1960s, as founder and owner of True North Records, and many other industry organizations. He has also been a shareholder and board member of private commercial radio undertakings.

Doug Monk. Mr. Monk is a retired public servant, having spent most of his career at the Canada Revenue Agency. He is also accomplished in technical matters and has served as our Technical Director.

Shelagh Mathers. A graduate of Queen's Law School, Ms. Mathers has been in private legal practice in Picton for over 12 years and has served as the Board's legal advisor.

Peter Fleming. For the past 15 years Mr. Fleming has worked as a consultant to a variety of Canadian radio and television broadcasters. Previously, he spent 25 years at the CRTC serving as Director General Radio, DG Television, DG Corporate Affairs and DG Broadcast Planning.

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HAPPENINGS AT ST. PHILIP'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH, MILFORD

Justice and Equity in First Nations Education

By Paula Walker & Fran Larkin

Shannen Koostachin was a resident of At-tawapiskat who, at age 13, started a national campaign for safe and comfy schools and culturally based education for First Nations children and youth. Tragically, Shannen died in a car crash in May of 2010 when she was only 15, but her campaign continues under the name, "Shannen's Dream".



To paraphrase Bishop Peter Mason's welcoming remarks, "We come out to hear some speakers because we want to. We come out to hear other speakers because we need to. I suspect that this evening's address falls into the latter category."

Dr. Marlene Brant Castellano, noted Canadian aboriginal educator, writer, speaker, recipient of many national service awards - including the Order of Canada, and an unyielding advocate for the rights of First Nations Peoples had a mighty, if disturbing, message for those gathered at St. Philip's Anglican Church in Milford, Ontario on June 7th. Quietly passionate and sometimes emotional, she articulated the history of a sadly deficient education system for aboriginal children.

Thankfully the emotionally scarring residential schools have gone. However, in many First Nations communities the current educational facilities are sub-standard. Compared with off-reserve pupils, First Nations students receive between \$2,000 and \$3,000 less per person per year in educational funding. Run down buildings with inadequate heating and washroom facilities, never mind the lack of a

library, computer and science labs, or a gymnasium are common in remote areas. Teachers are frequently inexperienced new graduates from the south with no knowledge of the history or culture of the children they teach. They stay a year or so then move on to better working and living conditions somewhere else.

Often no secondary schools exist in more remote communities so children are sent off to centrally located high schools. If they have had a poor academic beginning, many native children lack the basic skills to cope with high school level work. Far from home and family in a culture they can't relate to and struggling to manage their workload, many just give up - tragically, some take their own lives. The drop out rate for native youth is 50%. What a terrible waste of all that potential!

The issues of First Nations Peoples, including education, are not simple and have been further complicated by government indifference and broken promises. Money gets thrown at the problems haphazardly, but no cohesive plan, or means of evaluating programs, has been worked out in collaboration

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Mariners Park Museum - July 7

"1812 Market"

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11 am to 4 pm

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Grow Your Own

By Sarah Moran and Nancy Butler

Since they were married, fifty-four years ago, Murray and Leona Head have always worked together. They've also always been key organizers, officials, and entrants in the Milford Fair, a major part of making the fair special and successful over so many years.

South Marysburgh's first agricultural fair was organized in 1946 to celebrate victory in World War Two and to welcome home the many who had enlisted in the military. Murray remembers this first Milford Fair. At the time he was a (very) young farmer whose work on the farm was crucial in supporting Canada and helping win the war overseas. Since then, the fair has been held every year and residents of South Marysburgh have showcased their skill and passion for growing food.

Many of you are aware that last year Murray and Leona decided not to be so actively involved, and began recruiting others to encourage and promote farmers and food growers in South Marysburgh. We're among Murray's recruits, and both of us are aspiring rather than accomplished gardeners. We're asking every farmer, gardener, and grower in South Marysburgh to enter your best produce in the fair.

Murray and Leona believe (as all real farmers do) in the do-it-yourself approach to everything, including growing the crops - vegetables, fruits and grains - that have been the mainstay of their lives. This means they eschew telling others 'how to do it' and urge them to simply do it.

Murray continues to be a guiding hand in planning and preparing for the fair. For instance, it is through his network of contacts in Prince Edward County agriculture that Larry Matheson has kindly agreed to be our judge again this year. Currently president of the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation (PECMH), Mr. Matheson is a retired Agricultural Representative, an office that no longer exists in Prince Edward County. Perhaps it will be revived, given our area's farming heritage, the trend toward local food production and growing interest in agricultural sustainability.

The Milford Fair is an opportunity to savour this history and to showcase our abilities.

Let's follow Murray and Leona Head's example and get down to growing food, if only for ourselves. Plan to enter your fruits, grains or vegetables in the Milford Fair. Your produce may win and then you can eat it! What more could you ask?

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

MILFORD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pork & Corn Roast	Aug. 8th
Turkey Supper	Sept. 19th
Yard & Rummage Sale	Sept. 29th
Christmas Tea	Nov. 10th

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



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Turtles

By George Underhill

I write one article a year about turtles, and this is it. I have seen several pronouncements about wind turbines and their possible effect on the Blandings Turtle, which is categorized as "a species at risk." I've picked up one of these turtles from the road by Little Bluff, one off the road on County Road 17 on the way to town, and another at the Bird Banding Station. They're very pretty, with a rounded shell and bright yellow under parts. I sympathize with the concern about the Blandings Turtle but what about snappers? They're also categorized as a species at risk. The trouble is they are perceived as ugly and dangerous, thus less concern about them. Here's the thing, if you're ugly all kinds of uncomplimentary tales get spread and you're held in low regard, whether you be human or turtle. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) designates "Species at Risk" and while the snapper is one of those, the MNR allows trapping of two snappers a day with a possession limit of five. Apparently, people trap them for their flesh, and I have recipes for them. I'd rather root through the trash bin at McDonalds for food. Not only do they not appear to be the stuff of gourmands, 25% have toxin levels at which no meat is safe for human consumption and 75% are not safe for children or women of child-bearing age. Given this, why on earth allow them to be trapped for the purpose of dining? Talking to a guy who used to live by turtle trappers on East Lake, he tells me they would bait their traps with sunfish and leave them out overnight, and when they cleaned the snappers, the most repugnant odor of all time emanated from the eviscerated carcass. I don't doubt it. And you would eat them??

In fact seven of the eight species of turtles found in Ontario are in the species at risk category. It's simple. Mortality rates. It is very difficult for turtles to overcome an increase in mortality rates. These poor animals lay their eggs on warm ground, and to make it there, frequently cross roads where they are squashed by speeding cars. Once the eggs are laid, a variety of predators welcome them as a food source. Turtles don't reproduce until maturity, which varies from eight to twenty years. Only one-percent of the hatchlings will reach maturity,

because they must cross the same roads to reach water and are subject to predation as they scamper to the water. Only half of those are females. The math says 200 eggs and 18 years are needed to produce one egg-laying female, and it's the females that cross the highway. Long odds.

You can see turtles, a cold blooded animal, basking in the sun on logs, absorbing the heat into their bodies. I'm sure as they cross a grassy field and exit onto the warm pavement, they must think, "Oh man, that feels *soooo good!* Hot on top of my shell AND heat on the bottom. I'm staying here to luxuriate in the warmth." It feels great until a car crushes them.

If you see them on the road, stop and move them. Picking up a big snapper can be intimidating, because with their long necks they can reach back and inflict a nasty bite. Not only that, they ingest large amounts of water prior to their land excursion (in case the ground is hard where they're digging). I know from personal experience that this water will squirt on your legs and shoes as you pick them up. Tempt them with a sturdy stick, and when they snap it, drag them to a safe spot.

As I write this, it is the 7th of June, and I saw the first snapper on my road today. Not a big one, probably early in her egg-laying career. I saw her on my way to the mailbox, but she was gone when I returned. The thing is, snappers don't entirely fit into their shell, and when they want to move they can lift the shell off the ground and pretty much scamper on their little fat legs for short distances. You can see a snapper looking for egg laying spots a long way from the water. It's a long way back for the babies.

So...you can't do much, but do what you can.

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with aboriginal educators. However Dr. Brant Castellano sees hope. She cited the fact that more First Nations students who do make it through high school are achieving college and university accreditation. Prince Edward Hastings School Division is seen as a model for the future. Not only is education on Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory delivered in modern up to date buildings with all the requisite resources in place, including culturally based learning, but non-native schools within the district are intro-



ducing First Nations history and culture modules into their curriculums. This kind of inter-cultural exchange provides hope for breaking down barriers and establishing the respect which has been denied our First Nations Peoples for far too long. But we must pay attention to the Attawaspiskats of this country, and not forget about them when the media moves on to another story. They represent Canada's shame in denying basic human rights to indigenous peoples. For that, we all bear some responsibility.

Following her address, Jean Dalziel of the Belleville University Women's Club presented Dr. Brant Castellano with a cheque for "Shannen's Dream" - a result of their event in Belleville in April. As a mark of our sincere appreciation, the St. Philip's Outreach Committee presented Dr. Brant Castellano with a collage of exquisitely designed, ancient aboriginal pottery shards, found in Prince Edward County, and framed and donated by Judy Cole. She also received a beautiful hand woven scarf created and presented by June Anne Johnstone. This event raised \$1384 in support of "Shannen's Dream". We thank everyone who responded so generously.

St. Philip's, Milford is a small Anglican church in rural Prince Edward County, Ontario with a membership of about thirty-eight households. We believe that putting our faith into action is central to following Jesus' mandate to love your neighbour as yourselves. In the past, our Outreach Committee has hosted events to raise awareness and funds for Al Gore's climate change program based on *An Inconvenient Truth*, education of women and girls in Afghanistan, a vocational training centre in Atorkor, Ghana, plus many smaller initiatives. With the recent publicity about Attawaspikat, we felt compelled to research the issues faced by our own First Nations Peoples. What we found shocked and appalled us. Hopefully, this event was just our first step in trying to understand and help to address this injustice.

Some things we can all do:

a. Accept that the First Nations are the original founding peoples of this country with a rich history and culture of their own. Have respect.

b. Get to know your First Nations neighbours. Leave your stereotypes behind and make an effort to break down barriers.

c. Become aware of, and try to understand, aboriginal issues. Support First Nations Peoples in their struggle against government decisions which adversely affect their lives (ex. cuts to health, social, and education programs, pollution of traditional lands and exploitative land use, etc.

d. Join KAIROS an international, inter-denominational organization which focuses on the rights of First Nations Peoples as part of its program. Check out their web site at www.kairoscanada.org.

e. Support "Shannen's Dream". Your donation can help to further educational efforts for First Nations children. Make your cheque payable to the First Nations Family & Child Caring Society with Shannen's Dream in the Memo Section.

The address is: Suite 401 - 309 Cooper Street, Ottawa ON K2P 0G5. See their web site at www.fncaringociety.com/

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It's time to get out your calendar and circle dates because the library has a full schedule of great, free activities for all ages this summer - many right at your neighbourhood branch in Milford! Here's what's on for the month of July.

On Thursday, July 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. come to the "Circus Carnival" at the Milford branch. There'll be a pie throwing contest, penny arcade games and prizes to be won, as well as crafts and snacks. Fun for all ages, and free!

Following the Circus theme, on Tuesday, July 10th we have an extra special treat! A professional stilt walker will be on hand (and feet) to teach stilt walking from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Try your hand at juggling and learn other circus skills too. Free!

On July 19th, at 3:00 p.m., don't miss the re-enactors from the Blades of Glory Knight School as they bring the myths and legends of medieval times to life through storytelling. You'll hear the story of brave Robin Hood, majestic King Arthur and others. The costumed characters will grace the library, reliving their memorable moments in historical literature. Free!

For adults, the library presents a unique opportunity to hear one of Canada's leading gardening experts at the Regent Theatre.

Marjorie Harris, author of numerous gardening books, editor of *Gardening Life* magazine, frequent gardening advice contributor on CBC radio and gardening columnist for the *Globe and Mail*, will be speaking at The Regent Theatre on Saturday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Her lively presentation, amusingly entitled "Let's Stop Making Ugly Gardens" will help us all learn what to do and not to do to create beautiful yards and green spaces. Tickets are only \$10 and the event is a fundraiser for the library.

Four people from the audience will have a chance to win lunch with Marjorie following her presentation. Tickets are available at The Regent Theatre box office.

Also in Picton in July, this time at the Picton branch of the library, The Barefoot Players Theatre Troupe will present live theatre for young people.

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There are many other events at all library branch locations into August as well. For the full line up, visit the library's events calendar online at www.peclibrary.org or drop by any branch for a printed calendar.

The Intermediate French Club continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Milford branch. There are also two book clubs – an afternoon and evening club. For more information, contact the branch at 476-4130 or drop by.

Additionally, don't forget that the library's book sale continues at the old Emporium across from the library in Milford. Special thanks to Erin Johnston and her family for allowing us the use of their space.

Should you have any questions, want to order a book, or have any comments about the library, we invite you to contact us. E-mail: crenaud@peclibrary.org or call the branch at 476-4130.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library soon!

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- A copy of a document such as a drivers license; or
- A copy of the name and address portion only of a property tax assessment, an income tax assessment, or a hydro or telephone bill to show proof of residency or property ownership in South Marysburgh.

Your proxy must be over the age of 18 and must also provide proof of their residency and/or property ownership or they will not be able to vote on your behalf. Proxies may vote for a maximum of 4 other South Marysburgh residents or property owners.

Proxys will vote for the people they represent at the voting table(s) corresponding to the designees last name(s).

The Proxy shall have the authority to vote "Yes" or "No" entirely at their discretion, or as directed to them by you, to the following question on the ballot:

Do you want industrial wind turbines installed in South Marysburgh like the ones proposed by wpd Canada and Gilead Power for their projects near Milford and on the south shore?

PROXY

I/we, the undersigned (The Designees), am/are a resident(s) of or the owner(s) of property located in South Marysburgh ward and as such am/are entitled to vote on the question about wind turbines in South Marysburgh being held on July 14, 2012.

Name(s) and address(es) of the Designee(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I/we designate and appoint _____ (Name of Proxy), of _____ (address of Proxy in South Marysburgh) as the Proxy for the Designee(s).

By this designation of proxy, the Proxy may attend and represent the Designees named above with the full power to vote and act for him and/or her in the same manner, to the extent and with the same effect as if he or she were personally present.

This designation of proxy shall be effective immediately, and shall continue in effect until the end of the day on Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Signature(s) of Designee(s):

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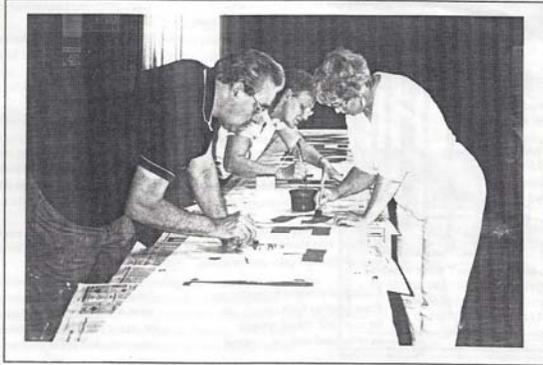
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The Milford Fairboard would like to hear from any and all current South Marysburgh residents who served in the armed forces during World War II. Please call either Murray Head at 476-3778 or Rita Laramy at 476-7281.

ATTENTION VENDORS

If you are interested in renting a table at the Milford fair Saturday, September 14th please call Muriel Brown at 476-4513 as soon as possible to reserve your space.

PARADE

Remember that the parade start time has been moved forward to 11:00 A.M. Interested entries may contact Ian Balsillie at 476-3813.

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