

# The South Marysburgh Mirror

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## South Marysburgh Residents and Property Owners... Vote 'Yes' or 'No' on July 14th

By Steve Ferguson



*Opposing views on either side of Milford's main street. Separated by thirty feet yet miles apart.*

Further to the article that appeared in last month's edition, *The South Marysburgh Mirror* is holding a vote on the question of industrial wind turbines (IWTs) in South Marysburgh. In order to accommodate our seasonal residents, the vote will take place on July 14th tentatively between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall, which the *Mirror* has rented.

The vote is open to all residents and property owners - full-time and seasonal - of South Marysburgh only, who are over age 18. Appropriate identification, including photo ID such as a driver's license, and a tax bill that identifies you as a South Marysburgh property owner or resident must be presented in order to be registered and given a secret ballot to mark and place in a locked ballot box.

Notwithstanding broad-based phone-in, Internet or door-to-door polls, to my knowledge this is the first vote of its kind in Ontario wherein an

entire community potentially affected by the placement of IWTs has been invited to express its opinion and quantify its views. This initiative is not affiliated with any organization or group, and is fully supported by our municipal Councillor, Barb Proctor, and our MPP, Todd Smith.

Regardless whether your loyalties are pro or anti IWTs, this vote should provide a clear opinion as to how South Marysburgh's property owners view the wpd and Gilead IWT projects. And as 'ground zero' for IWT projects in Prince Edward County, it is my opinion that our residents' views should be clearly expressed and then communicated.

Please mark the date and time on your calendar and plan to participate. Additional information will be available in the July issue of the *Mirror* and/or in supplementary flyers, and on the soon-to-be-launched *Mirror* website.

# The Milford Fair

## 'The Prelude to the Royal'

By Steve Ferguson

I'll relate a wonderful story about a little boy I'll call 'Scott' who, with his parents' encouragement, decided to enter some photographs in the photo exhibit at the fair. 'Scott' was about 10 or 11 years old and bubbling with excitement about the photographs he was entering in the children's class of the photo exhibit.

Armed with his camera, he had taken dozens of pictures of various subjects; pets, landscapes, County scenes and other scenes.

Eventually, he sat down at the computer and downloaded them with the help of his mother. Between them they decided which ones had the best chance of winning a prize.

On fair day that year, he came to the Shed with his entries mounted and framed, and watched as they were put on display with others in the various categories. "I sure hope I win something; it'd be my first prize EVER," he said with a mixture of nerves and enthusiasm before he left the building until the judging was over.

When the doors re-opened, he rushed back to the photography section to find out if his efforts had paid off. Sure enough, he had won two first prizes and an honourable mention. The expression on his face was of joy and pride and accomplishment and excitement.

Apart from the tags and ribbons that winners receive, there is also a cash component. It isn't much money but it represents a huge amount of encouragement to individuals like Scott and so many others.

The fair depends on contributions from businesses and individuals in the community to provide these cash prizes. If you would like to help the 'Scotts' of South Marysburgh with a little encouragement, please consider a donation - in any amount - to the fair to pay for these prizes. The winners will be most appreciative.

This year's fair celebrates the libraries of the County. The fair board is seeking any memorabilia about the Ann Farwell branch that you may have filed away in your drawers, photo albums or scrapbooks. Please contact Valencia Logan about anything you'd like to lend at time@lad7.ca

And finally...

We still need volunteers for fair day! If you have the time and would like the satisfaction of contributing to the success of this year's fair, please call Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891 or email vid-var@kos.net.

## 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**

Every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting)  
beginning June 3 at 2:00 p.m.  
Meet at Mt. Tabor Playhouse

#### **Fair Board Meeting**

Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m.  
at Milford Town Hall

#### **"Oliver" Auditions**

June 5, 6, 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. ages 7 to 15  
June 12, 13, 14 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. adults  
at Mt. Tabor Playhouse

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## Relay for Life 'Chick Chat'

By Barb Guernsey



On behalf of 'The Black Crick Chicks' I would like to thank the Black 'Crick' Community and all those who helped to make our fundraising event such a big success. Over \$1000 has been raised to date as the trailer of bottles has yet to be returned so there is more yet to come. We would like to send a special thanks out to Black River Cheese Factory for allowing us the use of their parking lot, John Easton who allowed us to park our wares on the corner of his lot, to Steve Ferguson for helping with advertising in the *Mirror*, to Kathleen Sabyan of The Wellington Times who chose our fundraiser to highlight in the newspaper this week, to all those who donated baked good items, to all who brought in bottles for our bottle drive, to Diane Walker who donated the monies from her Open House to our team, to our BBQ'ers Dick, Jim and Bob as well as for anyone who made a donation to our team.

For those who missed us and would still like to make a donation it can be done on-line at [www.relayforlife.ca/princeedwardcounty](http://www.relayforlife.ca/princeedwardcounty) either to the individual members or to the team as a whole, or you can contact us individually at our home numbers. Thank you all for helping us to peck away at cancer.

### ***Relay for Life Schedule***

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

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## June's Gardening Tips

By Diane Walker

*What to do in your garden this month.*

- It's not too late to plant annuals ,perennials or a shrub and trees Just remember to water well.
- Mulching your plants will help keep weeds under control and conserve moisture.
- Most evergreens are trimmed during this time period .Shape and trim a little every year even if it's small.
- Removing old blossoms will keep your summer planters looking great all summer long.
- Don't hesitate to move a plant if it does not grow well in the place you planted it.

Sit back and enjoy all your spring work this summer.

*Diane will return in the autumn with tips to prepare your garden for the winter.*

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# A Packed House

By Anne Dumbrille

Between 400 and 600 concerned residents and friends gathered on Saturday at the Community Rally at the Mount Tabor Shed.

The purpose of the event was to bring people together in a forum where they could learn about how the large industrial wind turbines (IWTs) could directly and indirectly affect them. There were information tables where questions could be addressed, and sheets of information taken home, for further perusal. The information was carefully referenced – not just propaganda financed by groups for



or against turbines.

Areas of interest included the following: effects of IWTs on wildlife, human health, property values, property sales, tourism, local jobs and economy, electricity costs (are IWTs really green?), Wolfe Island, as well as an exhibit on efforts to expand the National Wildlife Area and the St. Lawrence Islands National Park to include the South Shore.

Particular interest was shown in the *PEC Economic Development Report*, *Ontario Auditor General's Report* (2011), and position statements from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and Winegrower's Association. These, as well as the main information sheets, are available on the CCSAGE website at [ccsage.wordpress.com](http://ccsage.wordpress.com).

Behind the Shed, the community mingled and talked, accompanied by powerful live music organized by Eric Schenkman and provided by 'The Openhearts Society' and Rocky Roberts - with unannounced accompaniment by Brian Barlow and vocals by Emily Fennell. Chris Pengelly of the Milford Bistro served up a couple of hundred burgers and sausages.

Many people went home smiling with raffle items – donated notably by wineries and restaurants across the County. And if they did not already have one, most left with a lawn sign to declare their hope: "The County: Naturally Green – Turbine-Free".

## Random comments from people behind the information tables

"It was impressive how well informed are the people who spoke to me. Their insight and knowledge revealed evidence of having done their homework about adverse health effects. The Premier would do well to learn from such examples."

"There was particular interest from people wanting to determine their legal options - all my information sheets on the Clearview case went by 5:00 p.m.; there were a number of deep discussions."

## Random comments from the public

"Looking at the scale model that demonstrates the size of the turbine compared to people was astonishing – and horrifying."

"We appreciate attending an event that does not increase our blood pressure or make us feel sick, while reading about the tough stuff. We feel supported."



"The government and big business are removing our democracy."

"I do not like the way the government handled the "Green Energy" issue."

"We are disgusted that this government would even contemplate industrialization of an IBA on Crown Land."

"PEC has peaceful fields and calm energy – let's keep it as it is."

"What can we do next to stop this process?"

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themirror@kos.net*

*The Mirror's new website is coming soon at  
[www.southmarysburghmirror.com](http://www.southmarysburghmirror.com)*

# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements & Random Notes*

## Tick Talk

Judging by the standing room only turnout in Bloomfield a few weeks ago to hear about deer ticks and Lyme disease, there is plenty of concern about infestation and how to avoid becoming a host to one of these critters.

Ticks are very small and favour living grass, brush and trees until they can attach themselves to a human or animal. Based on personal experience, be aware that if you dry laundry on a clothesline close to trees or shrubs there is a possibility a tick could crawl onto your clothing or be blown there by the wind. Shake your clothes well before bringing them inside.

## Thanks!

St. Philip's Anglican Church wishes to thank all who participated and helped in any way with the canoe trip down Black River on Monday,, May 21st. A special thank you to Harley, Karen and Glen Guernsey for all they did to make it such a success, and to Rita Taylor for her hospitality as she welcomed over 120 people to lunch on her lawn!

## For Sale

- Small chest freezer for this year's crop. Good condition. \$100.00
- 1950's grey arborite table with red arborite trim and chrome. Excellent condition. \$140.00
- Kayak - Red/white Formula Gale (Mystic) 14 ft, fiberglass, 40 lbs. \$ 1900.00 (approx. \$2600 plus tax new). Drop down skeg. Car blocks and straps included. Used once.

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- Baby Crib and youth car seat (24 to 80 lbs) meeting safety standards

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## Gingi-what?

Lionel Johnstone of Wellington writes:

"We attend St. Philip's in Milford, even though we live in Wellington, and pick up *The Mirror* as often as possible at church. I am writing this letter still somewhat heady from my 'gingivectomy' of Wednesday past. What is a 'gingivectomy' you ask? Having just had one, I am still not sure. I know it is a dental procedure and I now think the dental assistant, who was showing me how to use the little water faucet, was not just that, but a very highly qualified 'gingivectomist'. I was not told before I had this procedure that I was going to have it. I was not told during the procedure that I was having it and I was not told after I had this procedure that I had had it. I paid my bill and being anxious to leave the facility, as I usually am, went home, then looked at my bill. There it was: right under a less-than-modest charge for a filling, the words 'Gingivectomy' - \$75. I have heard of all kinds of similar sounding procedures but never a 'gingivectomy' I phoned the office, and in a very serious voice the person explained that, "any time a cavity is below the gum line, this procedure is performed."

"I am still not sure of the exact procedure, it's not in my dictionary or even the Scrabble dictionary, but I am sure they know what it is."

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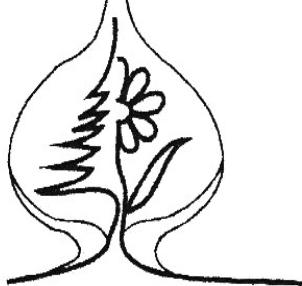
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## The South Marysburgh Mirror Short Story Contest

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 winners will receive \$50.00 each and will have their stories published in the printed and online 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 fair-grounds.

To qualify, please submit your entry by email to [themirror@kos.net](mailto: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 Munros and Hemingways!

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: A man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a boy.*

## Some statements police have received concerning accidents they investigated:

1. Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
2. A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
3. The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
4. I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
5. I was on my way to the doctor with rear end problems when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

## How to Know When You are Getting Old....

Everything hurts; what doesn't hurt doesn't work.  
The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bi-focals.  
You feel like the morning after but you haven't been anywhere.  
Your children begin to look middle aged.  
You join a health club but don't go.  
A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.  
You have all the answers but no one asks you the questions.  
You look forward to a dull evening.  
You need glasses to find your glasses.  
You turn the light out for economy, not romance.  
You sit in a rocking chair but can't make it go.  
Your back goes out more than you do.  
You put your bra on back to front and it fits better.  
Your house is too big and your medicine cabinet is too small.  
You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.  
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.  
Your last wish is to live long enough to be a problem to your kids.

## What I have found out from years of living:

If you straddle the fence  
It can't be denied  
You're a perfect target  
From either side.

The English language has some wonderful names for groups of animals. For example, a pack of lions is called a Pride, and there's a Murder of crows, a school of fish, an Exaltation of larks and presumably because they look so wise, a Parliament of owls.

Now consider the baboon. It's known to be the loudest, most dangerous and viciously aggressive of all primates. So what do you call a group of baboons? A Congress.

Sometimes the jokes just write themselves.

## *Exit line:*

Hearsay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

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# South Bay U.C.W.



The ladies met at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

President Sandra opened the meeting with a Christmas carol contest. Our theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer followed.

Joyce Minaker's devotional was on the theme of Mother's Day and celebrated Mary, mother of Jesus, most blessed of women.

Thirteen members answered roll call by telling who had the most influence on their lives. Most mentioned was mother, some grandmother, sister, friend, minister.

Secretary Carolyn Barnes read the minutes of the April meeting which were accepted as presented. Twenty-five sick calls were made.

Treasurer Joyce reviewed our finances and reminded us that summer camp at Quin-Mo-Lac would soon be here. The ladies agreed to support any children going to camp as we usually do. We also passed the motion to make our usual quarterly donation to M&S.

The ladies are providing lunch for the Marine dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup> and for Floral Minaker's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

We moved to give gift cards to our Hospice guest speaker at our June meeting and to Rev. Phil who is leaving us in June.

Nora Parker volunteered to head up a fundraiser rummage sale for next year.

Card secretary Donna reported sending one sympathy card.

Marge read a poignant story of a child who wondered who his father was. He concluded it was God. But aren't we all children of God? Her two contests challenged our thinking ability and also created some light moments.

The ladies enjoyed a lunch prepared and served by Joyce and Sandra and were thanked on behalf of the ladies by Alice.

**Remember your  
Dad on Father's Day June  
17th**

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, June 7:** Milford Friendship Circle ladies will meet at the home of Marg Crouse at 1:30 p.m. Our roll call is Sing, Say or Pay and Marge Drury has program.

**Wednesday, June 13:** U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 12:00 noon for a pot luck lunch. We also welcome Nancy Parks from Hospice Prince Edward to join with us to enjoy our food and tell us more about what the group does. Alice Miller has devotional; roll call is to bring an interesting photo; program is Hospice representative Nancy Parks.

**Wednesday, July 4:** South Bay United Church annual fish fry starting at 4:30 p.m.. Adults \$15.00, 10 years and under \$8.00.

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***The deadline for the July issue is June 27th.***



## New Summer Nibble Menu

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*Menu items to include*

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## Camouflage

Funny how we lie to ourselves  
When we sit down to write about  
The things we feel...  
And then deny the feelings.

Craftily, we construct a camouflage,  
To protect us from the things  
We want so much to free...  
And yet can't.

We are certainly laughable,  
Struggling vainly for direction,  
While ignoring the magnet  
That pulls us.

*By Karen Vance-McCrea*

## Mr. Hudak, Please End Your Nuclear Fantasy and Stop Blaming Renewable Energy and the GEEA

*By Don Ross*

As Ontario Opposition Leader , you recently released your strategy to lower electricity rates, namely, cancelling the Green Energy Act's feed-in-tariff for renewable energy and embarking on a major nuclear spending program to ensure that nuclear power will meet "half of our power needs." Unfortunately, based on the actual facts, it appears that you have got your recipe for lower power costs absolutely backwards:

- According to a recent Ontario Energy Board (OEB) report, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is one of the worst performing nuclear operators in the world. In terms of generating costs per kWh, OPG ranks 16th out of the 16 nuclear companies surveyed.
- According to another recent OEB report, 45% of the increase in Ontario's electricity generation costs since 2006 are the result of subsidies for the nuclear industry, while only 6% of the increase is due to green power.
- An analysis of nuclear spending plans in the United Kingdom by Citi Bank bluntly states that "new nuclear power plants in the UK are not commercially viable." Reports this week note that projected costs of new reactors there have close to doubled in the past year alone and will require a government subsidy equal to about 70% of the cost of generating a kWh of electricity with new nuclear.

The truth is that if you really wanted to lower Ontario power costs, you would call on the government to immediately begin shutting down the woefully underperforming and badly aging Pickering nuclear station and toss out the fantastical cost projections for nuclear that, despite having zero credibility, seem to underpin all the government's – and your party's -- energy planning. Time to develop a credible, fact-based strategy to cut the real waste in Ontario's electricity system - nuclear power.

## Contributions to the Mirror are always welcome!

**Send a letter or a picture, list an article for sale or make an announcement.  
Please see page 2 for details.**

# Those Darn Birds

By George Underhill

On a rainy and miserable day last month, a tailor-made day for introspection, I was watching the birds at the feeders and wondered, "At some level, do they appreciate what I do for them?" I have a platform feeder, a suet feeder, a peanut feeder, a nyjer feeder, and one that sort of looks like a spaceship. Each of these serves different species, though not exclusively. It's not cheap to keep them all filled up. The dollars could easily be spent elsewhere.

The birds give no overt demonstration of gratitude. They must think, if indeed they think, that somehow these feeders are large plants that grow sunflower seeds, suet and so on. They must see me filling them with food, but maybe they conclude I am just getting in the way. The birds pay me back for my largesse by crapping on the car and on the laundry hanging on the line. I have noticed though, that they poop more on our stuff when the feeders are empty or almost empty. Maybe that's their way of showing displeasure, or reminding me that I should do whatever I do to that makes seeds magically appear.

There's lots of room on the feeders for several birds, but they feel they must be quarrelsome. One grackle will be on the platform feeder and a second will appear and attempt to push him off. There's lots of room for both of them but they are unwilling to share. One will stand on the feeder and begin a posturing ceremony to illustrate supremacy. He will look skyward, beak pointed perpendicular to the heavens. Apparently this is to demonstrate that a supreme bird in the sky is on his side. If that doesn't work, or the supreme 'bird being' is away, he will inflate himself like a beach ball and spread his wings. Mostly neither strategy works, but what else is a bird to do?

The doves, symbol of peace, will not share. In fact, one will stand on the feeder, not eating, and repel all other doves that attempt to land. He has had his fill, he just doesn't want to share with any other dove. Very human-like, really. I cannot like doves. Greedy feeders, and they make a haphazard-nest from which the babies frequently fall out and die. And the nyjer feeder, meant to feed those cute little goldfinches, has eight separate perches for them. However, they are so intent on making sure that no other goldfinches can get a good meal they chase each other away, assuring that nobody gets a belly full of nyjer.

I'm thinking of instituting a bird feeding hiatus. My bird feeders are swarmed by different kinds of glossy black birds: starlings, grackles, red-wings, cowbirds, even crows. There's no reason why I should dislike black birds, but I do. The grackles, with their shining, reflective ebony plumage, their croaking cries and yellow eyes are particularly satanic. I still get nuthatches, goldfinches and three kinds of woodpeckers, but only when the damned black birds take a break.

It's like that in life, too. Give something away and frequently, along with the likeable and deserving, come the greedy, malevolent and undeserving.

Do you believe that squirrels are precious and cute? Many refer to squirrels as tree rats. My bird feeders are free of squirrels. They are forced to root about on the ground like swine, occasionally looking up at the mother lode of seeds above them. Chipmunks are the same, only to my mind they are kind of attractive. Is it because squirrels are more rat-like? The unattractive are just as deserving as the good looking, but we treat them with favoritism. Again, a similarity to humans. I guess it's tough being a squirrel, but I don't care.

Boy, do I ever need an attitude adjustment.

Printcraft

# Grow Your Own

By Sarah Moran and Nancy Butler

Vegetables of course! It's not too late to be inspired by that abundant growth all about us in the County. Have you ever seen so much Dame's Rocket as this year, and so tall? Crops are just popping up out of the soil in the fields around here.

If you haven't grown vegetables before (or if you're a bit of a procrastinator) you couldn't have a better time to get started, in warm soil, with warm season vegetables. Squash, tomatoes, cucumbers and beans are all easy to grow and great producers.

Any help you might need is simple to find on the internet (eg. at [www.garden.org](http://www.garden.org)) Better still, ask a gardening neighbour. What gardener doesn't like to be asked for advice? Here are two rules of thumb, green thumb, that is:

- Plant what you like to eat best;
- Don't overwhelm yourself - decide how much to plant and cut that by half.

We promised a summary recap of vegetable exhibit categories at the Milford Fair, as a reminder of all the possible paths to local fame and glory when you enter vegetables from your garden. Plan your entries from:

Melon, Potatoes, Turnips, Cucumbers, Beets, Carrots, Corn, Parsnips, Onions, Pumpkin, Squash, Tomatoes, Peppers, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Zucchini, Eggplant, Gourds, Garlic, Leeks, Herbs, Salad Vegetables, Pickling Vegetables, Ground Cherries, Tom Thumb Tomatoes, Organic Basket, Vegetable Basket, Oddities and Any Other.

Children can enter any of these, plus their own drawing, decorating and collection vegetable categories; you could call that an unfair advantage!

For tomatoes particularly, South Marysburgh is a historic and special place. Murray Head says that some of the best varieties for farmers here were the closely related *Bonnie Best* and *John Baer*, key to production since early last century. Should you find either of them, give them a try in your garden for old time's sake. If you'd like to know more about the history of these varieties, let us know at [growyourown4thefair@gmail.com](mailto:growyourown4thefair@gmail.com).

Now that the hot, dry days are coming, be sure to mulch your plants well. BUT, we've been advised by one of our expert readers to pass on this caution: If you do use mushroom mulch, be sure to use it sparingly.

Keep the hoe handy and enjoy the garden. We'd love to hear any ideas or advice you have to share.



SPOTLIGHT

## THE ACCIDENTAL GARDENER

BY CYNTHIA DAVID • PHOTOGRAPHY BY STACEY BRANDFORD

Vicki Emlaw, Owner Vicki's Veggies, Milford, Ontario

Vicki Emlaw's Heirloom Seedling Sale is a rite of spring for thousands of gardeners. They descend on her Prince Edward County greenhouse in late May to choose from up to 280 varieties of heirloom tomato seedlings, from candy-sweet jewels small as a fingertip to strapping black giants. "I might be a little obsessed," she admits. This enthusiastic gardener and seed saver is also busy harvesting greens for her roadside stand, filling orders for chefs and greeting loyal customers at urban farmers' markets. Let the growing season begin!

### Homeward Bound

As a young girl on a County dairy farm, Emlaw didn't even like tomatoes, and didn't intend to become a ninth-generation farmer. Instead she travelled the world for more than a decade, returning occasionally to garden and wait tables. Meeting designer-woodworker Tim Nixon brought her home for good in 2000. The two now co-own Vicki's Veggies.

### Her Favourite Things

"I like being outside and walking in the soil in bare feet," says Emlaw. "It makes me happy, but it takes a lot of work to produce healthy plants that will become nutritious food. I'm passionate about growing good food and teaching others that they can do it, too."

### Heirloom Hurrah

Along with the famous tomatoes, Emlaw grows more than 50 veggies and herbs in her 10-acre organic garden. "If one thing doesn't work," she says, "something else will." She advises home gardeners to keep planting until late August, as spinach and kale thrive in the fall. And everyone's invited to her Heirloom Hurrah on Labour Day "to really taste the difference."

Buy Vicki's Veggies on Saturday mornings at Evergreen Brickworks and Wychwood Barns in Toronto, or stop by her farm stand when you're in the County. For directions, times and details about farm events, visit [www.vickisveggies.com](http://www.vickisveggies.com) or call 613-476-7241.

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*In case you didn't see it or if you don't frequent the LCBO, Vicki Emlaw was profiled in the recent Food & Drink magazine which likely helped her annual seedling sale (top) a great success this year.*



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# ROOTS + WINGS

HAPPENINGS AT ST. PHILIP'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH, MILFORD

## Is There a Better Way to Shell Eggs?

By Dave Larkin

It has to be said that the Egg Salad sandwich is the signature dish of the County. It is served at every significant occasion - there is no doubt what the Queen would be offered if she came here. And very good they are too. At our 'Sandwich Sundays' at St Philip's, the lunch table is laden with them sometimes to the exclusion of any other kind of sandwich. I always felt they were the best in the County, but to say that would be to neglect the honour of those served at South Bay United Church! Don't ever miss a chance to consume those, either. But the secret has not got out of the County - don't ever order an egg salad sandwich in Kingston at the Kingston General Hospital.

But there is a problem. Shelling hard-boiled eggs can be a very tedious task, particularly late at night on the day before an event. So I set out to find a better way. Who better to ask than a farmer's wife, I thought. On the way to meetings at The Grange, I have often bought eggs from Elliot's farm. So I consulted the charming and helpful Mrs. Elliot. She agreed about the difficulty but said she had no solution. She did, however, say that she understood that white eggs were easier to shell than brown eggs. This was a generous concession seeing that her hens, having done their own market research, insist on laying brown eggs.

So I tried white eggs, and yes, they are marginally easier to shell. So I continued my research and this is the method I have come up with:

I put the eggs (white) in a saucepan of cold water and bring them to the boil. I turn off the heat and wait 10 minutes. Nothing earth-shattering here. Next I pour off the hot water and run cold water on the eggs, but, and this is the important bit, I stop as soon as the eggs are just cool enough to hold, but still quite hot. I take an egg and tap it all over on the counter to crack the shell, then roll it gently on some paper towel on the counter until the shell seems slightly loose. With luck the shell will then come off in relatively few pieces rather than a million tiny shards.



**Swans with their young on the Black River**

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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.*

### July's Mirror Deadline

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## Designing Your Own Fabrics

By Sara Wetmore

Keeping with last month's theme on what to do with kids' art, this project might be something that you artistically-inclined readers and your young friends might be interested in trying. If your kids are old enough to draw and doodle (mine isn't yet, so this is going in the 'to do one day' file), wouldn't this be a great project? I found this on the website, Pinterest but it comes originally from the great and very colourful blog, Absolutely Beautiful Things. A note about Pinterest: If you're not signed up yet, run, don't walk, to your nearest computer and set up an account. I'll warn you of the addictive qualities of this site, but it really is a fantastic source of inspiration for anything craft, food, art, design, or hobby related.



**Author**  
 Anna Spiro and her husband had this little chair covered in white fabric, and they drew all over it with fabric marker for their little boy's first birthday. I had one of those "why didn't I think of that" moments as I

read the blog post and instructions; such a good idea that will last him ages. Alternatively, you could have your kids go crazy with fabric markers and white fabric and make a cushion with their creation. Wouldn't that be a cute keepsake? Maybe now is a good time to start planning those homemade Christmas presents from your kids to their grandparents?

Fabric markers can be found at most craft stores, and after they're applied, the fabric is washable as long as you remember to set the colour with an iron before throwing it in the wash.

# What's the Point?

By Richard Copple

## Why an expanded National Wildlife Area and an expanded St. Lawrence Islands National Park?

To ensure complete and permanent protection to the PEC South Shore Important Bird Area (IBA), species at risk, biodiversity, unique alvar habitat, maritime historic shipwrecks (national treasures) from any industrial development, Point to Point PEC is completing the work started 30 years ago.

There are a variety of terms used to describe Point to Point's proposal such as:

Nature Reserve

Sanctuary

Wildlife area

Environmentally protected area

Regardless what it is called, Point to Point's proposal would protect the area under Parks Canada's jurisdiction, which is part of Environment Canada (federal = National Parks). For simplicity, we use the term '*National Park Proposal*'.

Each park is unique and zoned in accordance to the need of protection and conservation for the area. There is always complete consultation process with all stakeholders before anything is agreed upon. This would occur once the proposal is accepted by all levels of government.

What the proposal means to South Marysburgh:

1. There is no need for a new local PEC National Park. Instead, St. Lawrence Islands National Park could be expanded to include the many shipwrecks in the waters around the South Shore to Main Duck Islands. Currently Main Duck Island and the lighthouse at Point Traverse are part of St. Lawrence Islands National Park. This is where the National Marine Conservation Area designation occurs to include the many shipwrecks in our area.

2. Expanding the existing Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area to include Ostrander Point and potentially all other provincial land such as Point Petre and Timber Island.

3. By designating this area under Parks Canada, it would protect these lands and water from any environmentally destructive industrialization such as quarrying, fracking, industrial wind turbines, mining, high rise buildings, etc.

4. Property values would remain at market value.

5. Landowners could voluntarily become involved with land stewardship programs

6. Some landowners may choose to sell (at market value) or donate their land to the National Wildlife Area.

7. Parks Canada does not expropriate land like they used to

8. Commercial fishing would not be affected (under the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, not Parks Canada)

9. Maintain the bird migration corridor and protect habitat from fragmentation (one of the biggest threat to the survival of many species at risk) for both marine and wildlife.

10. Preserve natural spaces for future generations.

Please check out our website

[www.pointtopointpec.ca](http://www.pointtopointpec.ca).

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns

please contact Richard at 613-476-8074

or Richard@pointtopointpec.ca

## Milford Friendship Circle

Jean Burrows hosted the Circle ladies on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

President Marg Crouse opened with this little pearl: Life is filled with ups and downs, like getting up in the morning and getting down to work.

Jean's Thought for the Day was a humorous reading entitled, The Outhouse Poem.

Secretary Marge jogged our memories with the minutes of the April meeting which were accepted as written.

Seven members answered roll call by donating items for the food bank.

Get well cards were sent to Patti Wolfe and Robert Logan. We were reminded of the celebration of Shirley McCaw's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at her daughter Rosemary's on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Happy birthday, Shirley!

Treasurer Wilma advised us of our finances. We voted to give a money donation to the 4H members for their sewing project.

Marg closed the meeting with a fitting reading, Among Retirees.

Marg then taxed our knowledge of the history of Prince Edward County. We need to do more homework in this department.

The ladies were then treated to a very delicious lunch provided by Jean and thanked by Mary.



# Life In The Past

**Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' Journals: May, 1903**

*Submitted by Vicki Emlaw*

Fri. 1. Cold with the wind from the North froze ice last night. Byron and I drew out manure. All day on when I intend to put tomatoes.

Sat. 2 I ploughed. Byron went out to Jakes towards night. Jen and Frank were down to Picton. They heard that Florance had a big Boy and it was dead but that Florance was smart.

3. Ina Mirt and I were over to Mary E. Dan and Ida were up. There was a funeral today. Mr. Martin on the ridge road little boy. Mr Martin shot his little boy though accident thinking it was a wood chuck.

4. Byron ploughed. Ina Mirt and I planted some early potatoes in the garden.

5. I made a cooling bed for tomatoes . I think we are going to have nicer weather now. Today has been fine.

6. We have been working two teams today. Balling with the one and the other we were dragging and out watering. And today is has been fine my tomatoes are ready for transplanting. Ina is snoring around with a cold in her head.

7. Byron cultivated most of the day. I started to transplant my Tomatoes.

8. I drilled in part of another field of oats. That finishes me all up sowing.I sowed about 55 bushels.

9. Planted my potatoes. Ina and Emmet dropped them for me. We had them all in at noon. 10. Jake and Lib came out visiting. It was a lovely day very warm. Mirt was put in a very restless night with the tooth ache.

11. Byron finished rolling the grain. Ina and I transplanted plants still the weather continues warm. Mirt is some better today with her tooth.

12. Ina helped transplant. We are having nice warm weather. 13. Byron finished ploughing the young orchard. I finished transplanting.

14. Mirt, Ina and I went back to the Woods. I went back after some bars. Ina and Mirt went after some lillies. It threatened rain but never amounted to anything.

15. I helped Emmit plant some potatoes. Then I went down to Picton after some groceries.

16. We are having very warm and dry weather. I wish we could get a nice rain. Along in the evening Ina, Mirt and I went over to Mary E and then who

should come along but Ida, Annie Maud, Dan, Nelson Ostrander. We all come over here and stay awhile.

17. Ina went down to meeting. Byron was out to Tom Wattams. After dinner Mirt and I drove down to Dan's. Nelse and Annie Maud were there. Emmet and Mary Ellen Nelse has a new buggy and it is a dandy. He was telling us that Jake got a new buggy.

18. I went out to Bloomfield with a grist the roads were very dusty. Along about noon we got a little shower of rain.

19. A day a excitement. Mirt was taken sick in the morning. Emmet went down to Picton after Aunt Lib and the Doctor. They arrived about Eleven Oclock. And at three oclock a lovely Boy baby came to our happy home. I felt pretty proud when I knew that Mirt was alright.

20. I am feeling like a differn person since I can think. We have a nice boy baby to put our time in duith. Mirt is smart today. We are having very warm weather and dry. Ina is here with us doying the house work. We did a big washing today.

21. Ina and I wash today again. Mirt and the boy is real smart and doying as well as can be expected. Aunt Lib is with us get nursing and tending to Mirt and the baby.

22. Byron is fitting up the corn and tomatoes ground. I am staying around the house most of the time looking after the boy and Mirt. Richard Wattam came here tonight after his mother we were sorry to have her go.

23. We were glad to see Mr. Spafford and Wife drive up this four noon. There were quite anxious to see the boy. Mirt is still improving.

24. Mr. Spafford and Wife started for home after dinner. It threated rain some. Mirt and the baby are getting along fine. Archie was here for a while to see the boy. After tea Ina and I drove up to the Banks. Mary E and Emmet , Archie and Edward Farrington were there we had some sport on the Banks.

25. I planted some beans and marked out my corn ground. Some change in the weather cooler.26. Ina and I washed again today. Then I planted some field corn. Look very much like rain all day. Mirt and the baby are getting along fine. Mirt was up today setting in the chair.

27. I cultivated rolled and mark out the young orchard for tomatoes. It rained some last night and it worked up very good.

28. Byron and I set Tomatoes plants all day. We had a fine little rain last night. Mirt is still improving all the time.

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# Saved: The Heritage Maples on Maypul Layn Road

By Garth Manning Q.C.

## What this means to South Marysburgh residents who don't want wind factories

Just a few short months ago, a large work crew from Hydro One was poised to demolish dozens of maple trees on both sides of Maypul Layn Road, many of them almost 100 years old. Also, WPD was having survey work done on the road by a Trenton firm of surveyors. Why? Because Hydro One would be paid by WPD to prepare the way for the feeder and main transmission lines which WPD has planned for that scenic rural by-way. The work involved cutting down the trees in preparation for the installation of large poles on the road shoulders to carry the feeder line from two turbines south of Bond Road to a sub-station near Royal Road and the main transmission line from all 29 turbines on its way to its eventual connection with the Hydro grid beyond Picton.

Remember that WPD has no permit to do anything yet, and relatively speaking is in the early stages of its quest for a taxpayer provided bonus of an usually large nature and duration (which it would probably repatriate to its European homeland). Who of us who were there can ever forget the charade of its recent "public meeting" in Picton? On the other hand, Hydro One has the legal right to do work on municipally owned land but not when privately owned.

Only two homes exist on Maypul Layn, one on either side. The owners were frantic at the apparent probability of the mindless destruction of their iconic maples. So they started thinking and pushing buttons. One of them made a deputation to Council.

Maypul Layn is an old 'forced road'. These originated in rural Ontario in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as an informal and inexpensive way of moving around and were common in South Marysburgh. The concept is simple. Prompted by local geography, a farmer permitted others to travel on his land. Everybody benefitted – the farmer by gaining a way out, neighbours by being able to move from place to place and the local municipality (think the former Township of South Marysburgh) by not having to establish a formal public road with all the incidental costs. These forced roads continued to exist, in many cases until the municipal amalgamations imposed by the Harris government in 1998.

One of the buttons pushed was to search the title to Maypul Layn as recorded in the Land Registry Office beside the Picton Court House. This disclosed that from a date after the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward was created (i.e. post 1998) it became the owner of "a travelled road also known as Maypul Layn Road." Now exercise your common sense. People don't travel on ditches, shoulders, fences and trees but only on the road surface itself, be that grass, dirt, gravel or pavement. Thus it could be strenuously argued that all the County owned was the travelled road surface of Maypul Layn (and the land underneath it) but nothing to either side, not the ditches, not the shoulders and not the fences nor the trees.

This argument was advanced to Shire Hall in different ways and at different times. By letter dated May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Mayor Mertens confirmed, "... that the County of Prince Edward only owns the travelled portion of Maypul Layn Road, and the trees and fences are in fact on private property. Staff have also advised WPD, Gilead Power Corp, and Ontario Hydro of same.."

The bottom line clearly is that all land to the east and west of the edges of the travelled road surface of Maypul Layn is privately owned. Hydro One has no legal right to do any work on privately owned land without the owner's express consent. WPD cannot have its feeder and transmission lines installed on poles beyond the road surface without that same express consent. The atmosphere has thus now dramatically changed from one of helplessness in the face of callous corporate indifference to one where private owners will have the final decision.

How does the Maple Layn situation affect other South Marysburgh residents? Quite simply, in this manner. Gilead and WPD between them have published plans for feeder lines on the shoulders of Babylon, Helmer, Whattams, Hill Top, Brewers and Dainard roads, in addition to Maypul Layn. Some or all of these were former "forced roads" so the possibility exists that the County owns only the travelled road surfaces, preventing feeder lines from being installed on the shoulders without the consent of private owners. For good measure, throw in Royal and Bond Roads, although the situation here is not so clear.

Thus, any person who owns land adjoining any of the roads named should get out his/her title deeds, plans, surveys, reports from lawyers and any

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# The War of 2012!

(The first of a three-part series)

By Derek Wolfe

Remarkably, given the state of the world, Canada is able to celebrate 200 years since blood was last spilled in a war on our soil. However, if you have followed the local papers, there is no shortage of "county battles", thankfully bloodless, that call out for our allegiances. Unfortunately, local dust-ups, too often drive wedges between friends, families and acquaintances.

Not the war of 2012! The state of County finances has put us all into a battle where the casualties will be mainly institutions. The government of PEC has painted a rather large bullseye on many of the usual and too frequent targets: museums and libraries. Museums are governed by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. It is indeed strange that the word 'culture' is part of the department's name because Council, so often, appears intent to destroy PEC culture. A culture that was part of our ancestors' DNA, a culture that is deep, rich and strong - a culture that should not be subjected to death by a thousand cuts.

A wonderful repository of County history/culture is to be found at the Mariners' Park Museum. In no small part, the County exists because of water. Native North Americans and European settlers used the waters surrounding PEC as their highway. Waters that are now primarily used for recreational purposes once served the same utilitarian purposes as our current road system.

The marine history of the County must be protected and preserved. Thus, I want to recruit you to join the War of 2012! The Mariners' Park Museum exists because of our ancestors. We cannot fail them by letting local government diminish

mis-directed pen strokes. In a more distant past, it was County families whose daring and sacrifices are the foundations upon which the museum is built. In a more recent past was a newer generation who toiled to make Mariners' Park Museum a reality.

You can join our 2012 battle by planning to attend two of our annual events at the museum: the annual Fish Fry on July 7th and the Mariners Memorial Service on August 11th. Doing so will send a clear message to Council that we hold our institutions dearly and we fully intend to be part of the solution to preserve them. Filling the park and the church will be a wonderful message that we are resolute in our determination to prevail in the war of 2012!

In 2012, more than ever, museums will be under the microscope of local government. It is imperative that we demonstrate we can 'help ourselves' to get the job done. Put the above dates on your calendars - let's show the same spirit as our ancestors - "We are here to stay!"

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

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*(Nelson Hicks continued from page 15)*

29. Lewis Martin help me set tomato plants. We are having very cold night all most frost some places they got it.

30. Emmet help me and we set tomato plants till noon. Pa and Ma are up they are to Dan's. Pa and I went down to Picton after dinner. When I got home to my surprise I found Eddie and Sarah Elize here. Pa and Ma came up and stayed all night. Last night was another cold night. I was afraid of frost but we escaped it.

31. Sarah Elize and Eddie started for home this four noon. Pa and Ma went this after dinner.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

*By Christine Renaud*

When was the last time you visited your community library? I hope it was recently and if not, please do drop by the Ann Farwell Branch in Milford. Not only are there books to borrow, but there are also magazines and lots of DVDs. You can use a computer or access the high speed WiFi while getting a chance to meet your neighbours. You can have photocopies made, or get a burn permit or dog tag at the library.

Have you discovered a book you want to read but you're not sure if we have it in the collection? Come in and see. If we don't have it, we can order the book for you from libraries across the province.

Want to meet some people or learn something new? We have a lively conversational French Group that meets each Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Milford branch.

The evening book club meets the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the afternoon book club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

The new Knitting Club (experienced and absolute beginners welcome) meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Come knit and chat.

The library is also air conditioned so it's a comfortable spot to take a break or to read the paper.

We have a great new Fundraising Book Sale that you can browse whenever the library is open. It's across the street at the old Emporium. Special thanks to Erin Johnson and Martin Drover for allowing us the use of the building and also to Celeste and Keelan as well as Sarah Renaud-Wilkinson and Jim Lambton for volunteering to work in the store. Please drop in to see the great selection of books at prices that can't be beat - \$3.00 for an entire bag of books, or \$0.50 for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardcovers.

If you have any programs you would like to see offered at the library, just let us know. Give us a call at 613.476.4130 or e-mail me at: [crenaud@peclibrary.org](mailto:crenaud@peclibrary.org)

In closing, I'd like to offer this suggestion for how to pass the time some Saturday: Cycle (or drive if need be) to visit the Milford Market at the Shed, stop by the Library's used book sale at the Emporium and buy a book or two, pick up the *South Marysburgh Mirror* or another paper at Hicks's store, come to the library to read it and relax, take

home a DVD for later that night, and then go across the street for lunch at the Milford Bistro.

Yes, it's a sweet life in South Marysburgh!

## Library Hours

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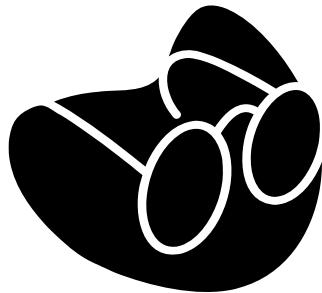
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other relevant material obtained at the time of purchase. See whether any of them assist in establishing whether or not you own right up to the edge of the travelled road. Talk to your own lawyer, if you wish. Lobby your Councillor. Question Shire Hall. Push a few buttons of your own!

If you're in favour of wind factories in South Marysburgh, you're wasting your time even reading this article, although you can't change the facts. If you are against them, as on Mapul Layn, you might have an opportunity to throw significant spokes into the wheels of the uncaring and unfeeling juggernauts who would despoil the County for profit.

(Garth manning lives in Hillier, and is a retired lawyer and a former President of the Ontario Bar Association.)

# F Y I

*By Barb Proctor  
Councillor for South Marysburgh*

On May 22, 2012 Prince Edward County Council approved the first lap of our Community Development Strategy which will take us “beyond economic development and beyond collaboration” to a plan that will align our direction with our financial capacity, our Official Plan and our natural heritage. To develop our local economy we must “sharpen” our current policies and support our current businesses to bring everyone forward together. Organizations such as Taste the County, Prince Edward Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Community Futures Development Corporation, Federation of Agriculture, BIA’s, Arts Council and so many other outside agencies have indicated their interest in being part of the plan. A municipal service board has been established, *The Community Development Commission*. Community partners will be invited to apply for appointment to the Commission. This working group (voting members will be 2 councillors, one member from PECCATAC and one member from Taste the County, three members that reflect the diversity of the community) will explore, identify, develop and present for council’s approval, a strategy that will bring about appropriate practice to further economic successes. The CAO and Community Development Coordinator and other resources as required will be non voting members.

In October 2011 Council met at Demorestville Hall to “explore key issues related to economic development strategies.” Out of this day-long session came the consensus that we want to *“provide leadership and readiness”* that *“enhances the county as a destination for visitors and for business.”* Agreed future goals include:

- Provide readiness for varied and sustainable jobs to encourage growth and settlement;
- The need for consultation and collaboration with external agencies;
- Eliminate duplication of services;
- Need to build on our existing strengths;
- Protect our environment;
- Increase our tax base.

In March 2012, the Municipal Planning Department issued a document providing analysis of our local Economy based on the needs to be considered when updating our Official Plan. Some facts:

- According to 2011 census data, permanent population declined by 138 people in PEC since 2006;

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- We rely heavily on seniors’ incomes;
- 19 of 20 industrial sectors do not have enough jobs to employ every resident who works in that sector;
- At least 4,500 residents **commute out** of the county for work;
- Sectors with **most** commuters are manufacturing, construction, education and retail;  
**Fewest** commuter-out sectors are real estate, arts and entertainment, recreation, finance, insurance, information and cultural industries.

We will utilize such data to structure a managed growth plan strategy in the context of our four economic pillars, Agriculture, Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

I have been driving past a sea of green signs along County Road 13 through South Bay and Black River, and Milford. The number of signs (some tricksters with 2 signs on 1 property but I’ve regarded it as extra emphasis) indicates the momentum of opposition to all wind energy in The County. The diligence and organization to fight this cause cannot go unrecognized and Orville Walsh and CCSAGE are to be congratulated. There will be a vote at Milford Town Hall on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> conducted by the *South Marysburgh Mirror* inviting South Marysburgh residents and property owners to vote on the industrial wind energy question. Please see elsewhere in this issue for additional information about this event that I fully support and hope you will too.

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# A Family Tradition

By Doris Houston

In the mid 1960s, Rube & Vi and 4 of their 8 children (along with their spouses) purchased a piece of property here in the County. The guys then built 5 cottages on this property, one for each family, with the thoughts of weekends and summer vacations being spent here, and then when retirement years rolled around we could move here permanently. This did happen.

In 1974, Joan and Dave (one of the cottagers) had finally paid off their mortgage in Toronto and decided they would like to hold a celebration with the family. And so they would throw a luau. Mom and Dad (Rube & Vi) thought this sounded great and as they were just retiring they asked permission to join in with the preparations and cost. We had a great time and the food was excellent. We really had such a good time that it was decided that we should do it again the following year but with a different Country and their foods. Everyone had suggestions as to what it should be, so finally we all wrote down the Country we would prefer, then they were put in a hat and one was drawn out.

We are still doing this each year on the August long weekend.

So that no one has to cover the total cost or preparation of food, each cottage family prepares a dish from that Country, keeping track of how much it cost them. They hand their cost into the person in charge of the money, it is totalled up and then divided out by the number of people attending. It could be anywhere from 35 to 90 people. As our children grow older, they are also joining in on making a dish. We have had from one to three meals on this day and it has never cost anyone more than \$15.00 for the entire day. We fly the flag of the chosen Country (usually made by Pat but sometimes purchased), play their music and we used to dress in clothing that would be appropriate to what they wore, either in the past or present times. The young ones play games and are given a gift from the 1974 PICTON PIRATES, which has carried on over the years.

There is really only one RULE to this celebration and that is that we cannot repeat the same Country. We have now eaten foods of Hawaii, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Poland, China, Israel, Mexico, Italy, France, U.S.A., Sweden,

Thailand, Jamaica, Australia, Greece, Denmark, India, Russia, the United Kingdom, Philippines, Columbia, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Canada, Chile, Turkey, Japan, South Africa, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Brazil, Egypt, Croatia, Uruguay, Morocco, Indonesia, Panama and this year it is Malta.

Over the years, we oldsters have enjoyed this TRADITION that was started so long ago, and now that we can't do as much as we use to, it is nice to see that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are also getting a lot of fun from it and hopefully also learning a little about other countries.

## One Night in One Room

*A night of music in SS#13 one room schoolhouse*  
featuring Suzanne Pasternak, Mark Despault,  
Lori Farrington, Steve Mee, Jen Legge,  
and guests!



**Saturday, June 16th @ 8:00pm**

SS #13 Schoolhouse  
(beside South Bay United Church)  
Call Suzanne to reserve tickets. 613-476-6143

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The Prince Edward Historical Society

# Newsflash!

Participate in our '**Car Boot Sale**' on **Saturday, June 16th at the Wellington and District Community Centre!** Find new homes for treasures you no longer need or take home some that you do! Please contact Bill McMahon at 613.394.9914 or [bmcmahon@bellnet.ca](mailto:bmcmahon@bellnet.ca)

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## Special Events

### Fish Fry

Wednesday, July 4th from 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday Service featuring Music at Port Milford students

Sunday, July 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

### Music at Port Milford student concert

Saturday, July 28th at 2:00 p.m.

### The annual craft sale and luncheon

Saturday, November 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2029 County Road 13, South Marysburgh  
(next to the Mariners' Museum)

All Welcome

# Happy 100th Birthday, Floral!





We first met Floral about ten years ago. We didn't live in the County full-time yet but every now and then attended the Sunday morning service at South Bay United Church. Floral was one of the first members of South Bay's friendly congregation to welcome us, and she always said hello when we were there. After a time she noticed a trend: "You always seem to be at church when there's something to eat afterwards." Just a coincidence, Floral, honestly!

Frank Artés and Carolyn Barnes

Happy 100 Birthday Flora

Cecil & Emily

Dear Floral - It isn't everyone who can accomplish what you have. Not only have you put in a century of time but you have also accomplished much in this time. Congratulations on the many things you have done. Alice

Happy floral. Much love.

Happy Birthday floral. Many good wishes to you, the you my love.  
Love STP?

Nelson Miller

I will always think of you as my family was growing up.

Happy birthday, floral, and all our very best wishes.

Dorothy & Charlie Vincent

Happy happy Birthday to an amazing lady. . . . one of a kind. Rock On

Vivian & Ian  
Robb

Floral, you have given your family a great heritage of faith, and the whole community, a great example of true Christian character. God bless you as you celebrate. Rev. Phil

Elmer Bentel Happy Birthday  
Floral

Such a milestone! Many good wishes as you celebrate 100 years. Good health for many more years.  
Love, Skayne & Carol

Happy Birthday Floral  
Wow 100 years - Amazing  
George & June Underhill

Dear Floral -

I have many fond memories working with you in CGIT & organizations at the church. Thanks for some very special memories. You were like a Mother to me and I appreciate your friendships over the years. Sid always remembers how he teased you at the pot-luck suppers. Great times!!

Marge, Sid, Lucy

Thank you Floral for ~~all~~ your patience with HH as I was growing up.  
Karen

Happy Birthday Floral - in life and cricket, 100 not out is a fantastic achievement! All the best, Nova & Ed Peter

Happy Birthday Floral all the best  
Janet & Ken  
Fraser

# Rear-view MIRROR

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### Vicki Emlaw's Account of Her Volunteer Work in Costa Rica

Last fall Vicki Emlaw, after some energetic fund raising and with community help, set out for Costa Rica. She had been selected by Youth Challenge International to do volunteer work in that country with little idea of the type of projects with which she would be required to assist or just what kind of conditions she would face.

Following is an account of some of her experiences there:

#### Friday, Dec. 15/95 Lagarita, Costa Rica

We arrived last night at 10:00 p.m. in San Jose, Costa Rica. It was dark and we can see nothing, but there were people waiting for us to take us where we needed to go. They loaded us on a bus and took us about 20 minutes away from the airport. It's all so weird, there's no snow and quite hot in December. We had some food, chatted amongst ourselves and went to bed. It seems a bit freaky with all of these people (close to 50 of us) here to do the same thing. Everyone feeling, thinking, wondering what is going to happen and what am I doing here?

#### Sunday, Dec. 17/95 Lagarita

3 days only and I now know the 50 other people. We are here in Costa Rica for 2 1/2 months volunteering for Youth Challenge International from all over Canada, Australia and Costa Rica and we have no clue what we will do. We are to spend 5 days here in Lagarita to get to know one another, adjust to Costa Rican life and learn some Spanish.

#### Friday, Dec. 22/95 Guayabo National Monument.

Yeah! I am at my first project site. We've been here for 4 days and it's beautiful. This national park is the most important archeological site in Costa Rica and we are working here. Today Celeste found the coolest thing. A small alligator head made of clay. I held onto a piece of history that some person made about 3000 years ago and it's still intact. I have trouble comprehending this. The people in my group are brilliant. While in Lagarita there were so many volunteers that we were split up into 5

groups. Our group has 6 Canadians, 2 Australians, 1 New Zealander and 2 Costa Ricans. We will be here in Guayabo for 3 weeks and then head to our second project in a place called San Juan de Dios to help build an aqueduct for 6 weeks. Everything here is great - the weather is warm, the mountains are beautiful and the people are so friendly. The work isn't too bad, the only thing I'm finding a bit hard to handle, other than the wet clothes all the time (I guess that's what being in a rainforest is all about) is the black beans and rice. I don't understand how these people survive eating this everyday. I guess the little things that I take for granted at home make me realize how lucky I am in Canada. A variety of foods, hot water to shower, washing machines, dryers, a pillow, not having to sleep in the same room with 10 other people who snore and talk in their sleep. But I'm also feeling as though these things really aren't all that important. The majority of people in this country live this life everyday and are healthy people. I'm only here for 2 1/2 months - it's not so long - I think maybe I can do better if I also know there will be an end to it sometime.

#### Monday, January 29/96 San Juan de Dios

I'm hanging out with the locals after a very good day of work. We are dirty and sweaty and sitting at the pub having our daily coke. We laid 24 pipes today and buried most of them and also broke a machete. We quit at 1:45 p.m. We had some easy digging today through the rainforest. Now we are working up to the river and it's hard terrain a lot of picking, digging and moving big rocks.

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The Prince Edward Historical Society in association with Heritage Canada and other community groups presents

### A Celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee

Friday, June 15, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
&  
Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Wellington and District Community Centre  
111 Belleville Street  
Wellington, Ontario

#### Schedule of Events

Friday, June 15, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tea Room and Displays open

Saturday, June 16, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Car Boot Sale in the parking lot  
9:00 a.m. Displays open  
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies with dignitaries  
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Music, Diamond Jubilee cake, displays and guest speakers  
12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tea Room open  
3:30 p.m. Displays and tea room close  
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Diamond Jubilee dance with 'Little Bluff' featuring Drew Ackerman



## What's Up For June

Opening hours and dining options until June 14th

Lunch & Burger Bar\* from 11:30 to 2:30

Friday to Sunday

\* Weather permitting

Apres Lunch from 2:30 to 5:00

Friday to Sunday

Dinner from 5:30 p.m.

Thursday to Sunday

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