

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## The Milford Easter Parade



A spectacular Saturday morning on the Easter weekend brought out the best in South Marysburgh's residents who got into the spirit of the occasion for the annual Easter Parade.

*Dear Residents:*

*Thank you from the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee for making the annual Milford Easter Parade and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th such a huge success. This is the second year the Rec. Committee has run the event after 'Milford in Bloom', who started the parade about eight years ago, disbanded.*

*Thank you to former 'Bloomers', Carolyn Barnes, Harriet deBoer and Lynn Vince for helping again this year. Other members of the community who helped the Committee were Lynette Pettit, Pieter deBoer, Jim Vince, Bill Vince, Barbara Gates, Noah Gyde and Brent Walker. Christine Renaud-Wilkinson and Celeste Hill helped the children make Easter bonnets at the Library prior to the parade; and Vicki Emlaw, Sara and Carey Evans led the parade.*

*Credit must go to the following Recreation Committee members for organizing this event. Janna McCarthy, Sandi Blackford, Bob Spires, Mendy Berkson, Martin Drover, Erin Johnston, and Karen and Doug Gyde for spreading 4300 eggs on the baseball field.*

*Bruce Dowdell, Chair, South Marysburgh Recreation Committee*



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

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### **Thursdays from May 2 to August 30**

Back by popular demand Wii Bowling  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. every Thursday

#### **Wednesday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m.**

Fair Board meeting at Milford Town Hall

#### **Beginning Saturday, May 19th**

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

#### **Sunday, May 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Rec. Committee 'Open House' at Milford Town Hall.  
Meet the members and see and hear about the programs  
your Rec. Committee sponsors.  
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#### **May 31 and June 1, 2, 3 at 7:30 p.m.**

##### **"Gardening"**

A Murder Mystery, plus "Whatever You Say Is Alright  
With Me" written & directed by our own Maria Hughes  
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#### **Beginning June 3 at 2:00 p.m.**

##### **Road Bowling**

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#### **June 2012**

##### **"Oliver" auditions**

Ages 7 to 15: June 5, 6, 7

Adults: June 12, 13, 14

More information to follow.



**Check out what the 'Chicks'**  
**are up to.**

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## The Milford Fair

### 'The Prelude to the Royal'

Simply put, there is nothing on earth quite like the Milford Fair.

No mechanical rides, no hucksters or hawkers, no games with slim chances of winning, just a small, local community coming together for one day each year to show itself off. Residents and visitors routinely schedule to attend well ahead and sometimes travel for miles to come and soak up the atmosphere of an event that people thought was a thing of the past. And that is why it is so successful.

The spirit and enthusiasm of the Milford Fair is visible on the faces in the crowd, on the participants in the parade, the kids participating in crafts, the food that's served, the work that goes into the exhibits on display, and the vendors who sell their wares.

At this time of year, with only four months to fair day on Saturday, September 15th, people are already busy planning what they will enter to be judged. Perhaps it's planting produce or testing recipes for baked goods; maybe it involves taking photographs or drawing a picture; it could be starting a woodworking project, a quilt or some other craft.

But this gem of a fair doesn't happen by accident. A dedicated team of volunteers works solidly for 9 months planning and preparing all the elements necessary to ensure each year's fair is as successful - if not more - than every one of the past. No detail is left to chance but sometimes the responsibilities are stretched a little too much and some more help is needed. If you have some spare time and would be proud of your contribution on fair day or during the days leading up to it, please call Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891 or email [vidvar@kos.net](mailto:vidvar@kos.net)

As much as it may appear to be a relic of the past, each year's fair grows a little bit more by showing off its attractions, new businesses and trades. If you are a new or emerging local business with a product or service to promote and would like the exposure the fair can offer, please contact Janna McCarthy at [jcmleewis@kos.net](mailto:jcmleewis@kos.net) to reserve space in the retail area.

## Come Play with Pat

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## May's Gardening Tips

By Diane Walker

*What to do in your garden this month.*

- Divide overgrown perennials. They will be healthier if air moves through the plant.
- Plant annuals and perennials in the correct light conditions. Check the tags that come with your plants.
- When planting baskets or containers, the larger it is the easier it is to maintain.
- Plant vegetables you love in large containers on your sunny deck.
- Take the time to enjoy one of the most beautiful months of the year.

*Watch for June's tips in next month's Mirror!*

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# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## Floral Minaker will be 100 in June!

The community is cordially invited to celebrate Floral's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at her home in Milford. If the weather is not cooperative, the celebration will be held at South Bay United Church hall. Best wishes only, please. *Happy birthday Floral!!*

## ie, eg, or ex.?

The *Mirror* apologizes to anyone whose Annabelle Hydrangeas are now overgrown.

When Diane Walker submitted her April gardening tips, the second of which was, "Trim smooth hydrangea, ex. Annabelle, to almost ground level." the *Mirror* changed her 'ex.' abbreviation assuming it meant 'except' rather than use Diane's intended abbreviation for 'example'. Presumably there exist in South Marysburgh a lot of happy hydrangeas given a reprieve from a significant trim.

## Gone 'Phishing'

The *South Marysburgh Mirror's* switchboard has noted a considerable increase in the number of phone calls from companies purporting to be working on behalf of the Microsoft Corporation to correct 'speed problems' with computers.

Typically, the caller is foreign possessing an (Indian) accent one could cut with a bread knife. Invariably a male, he asks you to log on to your computer, press 'Start' then 'Run' and asks you to type a command in the 'Open' field.

There then follows some more blathering from the caller about fixing your computer remotely upon providing a credit card number.

This is a scam. Neither Microsoft nor anyone else has remote access to your computer enabling them to detect problems. Although persistent, the callers can usually be dispatched by saying, "I have heard about this problem but think you should talk to my (wife/husband/son/daughter) who works at

Microsoft. The number is 905.568.0434, extension.251. Thank you and have a nice day." Click.

## It's 'Sale-ing' Season!

Are you planning a garage, contents or lawn sale in June or July? Send the date, time, location and a little information about what you're selling to the *Mirror* at the address on page 2 by the May or June deadline dates and it will be listed free of charge. Now there's a bargain! This month's listings are on page 17.

## Today South Marysburgh, Tomorrow the World!

The *Mirror* will be launching a new website within the month. The contents will include the current issue and an archive of previous editions that you can browse through if you think you have missed anything.

The website will NOT replace the printed edition but rather is to provide seasonal residents or people who have moved away from South Marysburgh a means by which to remain connected. It will also expand the reach of the *Mirror's* advertisers.

Although it's a bit of a mouthful, the website address will be [www.southmarysburghmirror.com](http://www.southmarysburghmirror.com). You may want to include the address in your website bookmarks to avoid typing it whenever you want to visit.

## A Vote

The *Mirror* is supporting an initiative to hold a vote for South Marysburgh's residents and property owners in June or July concerning whether they support or oppose the installation of industrial wind turbines in the ward.

This will **not** be a mail-in or on-line vote.

It will involve coming to a location in South Marysburgh between specific hours on a specific day; being registered as a South Marysburgh resident or property owner by presentation of appropriate identification; marking a ballot that will be presented to you at the time; then placing the marked ballot in a ballot box. Just like an election. The marked ballots will be tabulated by an independent, contracted third party at the close of voting.

Further details will be in the June edition of the *Mirror* or possibly sooner on the *Mirror's* new website when it is launched.

## The Great Prince Edward County Wind Turbine Saga

By Sam Lanfranco

One of the first lessons one learns as a policy maker, or an entrepreneur, is that a good idea is only good if it is done right. By that standard Ontario's Green Energy strategy is a rotten apple. It has good parts, it has bad parts, and left as it is the rot will persist. The Green Energy strategy is billed as a response to carbon emission global warming. It is a decent thing to worry about the world we will leave to our children and the children of those children. It is quite another to argue that industrial wind turbines are an appropriate response to that concern, especially under the terms that have been dictated by the Ontario government.

There are several nasty flaws with the strategy. The first was to remove any control from the local community and local community process. In the County this is clear from the history of the past several years. Contemporary notions of justice, ranging from the writings of John Rawls and A. K. Sen, stress the roll of reasoned dialogue in achieving good policy outcomes. On this issue there has been no reasoned dialogue because all decisions are made between the Province and the investors. Letters to the local papers consist of little more than re-stating polarized positions. Mandated "consultations" consist of Stantec Consulting holding a show on behalf of the investors,, counting attendance, and placing a check mark in the "consulted" box on the Ontario Power Authority check list.

Contrast this with the regulations that apply to Minimum Distance Setback (MDS) between active farm barns and adjacent residential properties. While there are flaws and problems with MDS it has two properties missing in the Green Energy Act. First, it involves the local stakeholders (residents, landowners, Council). Second, it recognizes that stakeholders as landowners have rights that have to do with both value of property and quality of life. The Green Energy Act denies those rights.

The second nasty flaw has to do in particular with the economics of wind power. Unlike hydro power, where supply can be linked to demand, or solar power, where the timing of supply is more naturally linked to demand, wind power is at the

whim of the elements and frequently poorly linked to demand. That would not be a problem if wind turbine power was sold the way farm products or sold, or if wind turbine power was for off-grid local use like my tractor. Corn, oats and soybeans sell at market prices, and the income is good or bad depending on supply and demand. My tractor costs per hour are high, or low, depending on how much I use it. The same is the case for local use off-grid solar and wind energy. I make my investment and I take my chances.

It is definitely not the case for OPA feed-in-tariff (FIT) wind turbine power. Producers are guaranteed a purchase price whether there is or is not demand, even if Ontario has to pay foreign users to take the unwanted power. Unlike the farmer, producers face no price risk. To use Warren Buffet's phrase "they have no skin in the game". Also, OPA has no independent budget to cover the costs of exported energy. To add insult to injury most of such costs, amounting to as much as \$0.33kwh, are passed on as higher bills to Ontario hydro customers who cannot even have access to that power.

The health issues, the property value issues, or the quality-of-residence issues that are raised around the locating of wind turbines are identical to those legitimate concerns associated with residences and barns in the MDS regulations. However, in the case of wind turbines the Ontario government has mandated that such considerations are allowed no role in the decision making process. Those who raise such issues are accused on being NIMBYs (not in my back yard complainers).

The tragedy here, and one our children will suffer from, is that while wind turbines are guaranteed profit cows for the investors, they will be excessively costly to both the present generation and its children, continuing to generate non-storable power at inappropriate times. This leaves unanswered how the power grid will deal with its own peak demand generation capacity. Given the expected increases in natural gas supplies (currently at historically low prices) the likely outcome will be more gas-fired capacity, incurring further capital costs to be passed on to hydro customers. What has happened to policies to support for energy conservation?

*(Continued on Page 10)*

# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Ideas are funny little things, they don't work unless you do.*

A wife, returning from a fishing trip with her husband, was telling her troubles to a neighbour.

"I did everything wrong again today. I talked too loud, I used the wrong bait, I reeled in too soon, and I caught more fish than he did."

## Cream of Asparagus Soup

- 1 lb. asparagus, washed and cut into 1" pieces
- 2 cups chicken broth or water
- 1 small onion finely chopped

Place the above ingredients in a saucepan and cook until tender then puree.

In another sauce pan:

Melt 3 tbsp. butter

Stir in 3 tbsp. flour and cook until smooth and bubbling

Add 2 cups milk and salt and pepper to taste.

Cook stirring constantly until sauce thickens and comes to a boil.

Add asparagus puree and more salt and pepper if necessary

May be served hot or cold.

1. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
2. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
3. A lot of money is tainted: 'taint yours and 'taint mine.
4. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
5. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
6. When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
7. Acupuncture: A job well done.

## News from the World of Medicine

Scientists are working on a process whereby different tests could be done by using a person's saliva instead of a blood sample. These could screen for cholesterol and liver enzymes, blood sugar levels in diabetics, retinal damage and kidney failure.

*(Reader's Digest)*

A woman was talking to her friends about her husband who had passed away.

When her husband was on his deathbed he told her he had three envelopes in his desk drawer that would take care of all the arrangements. He died shortly after so the wife retrieved the envelopes.

On the first envelope it said 'for the casket.' There was \$5,000 in the envelope so she bought him a nice casket.

The second envelope said "for the expenses" and had \$4,000 in it so she paid all the bills for the funeral.

The third envelope said "for the stone" and had \$3,000 in it. She then held her hand out to her friends and said, "Isn't it beautiful?"

### *Exit line:*

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Q: I have always wanted to have my family history traced but I can't afford a lot of money. Any suggestions?

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## South Bay U.C.W.



U.C.W. met at South bay United Church hall on Wednesday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

President Sandra Emlaw opened the meeting with a very appropriate reading concerning spring and the beginnings of new life.

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

Carolyn Barnes' devotional was based on John 20, verses 10 to 16. Because Jesus was resurrected, everything comes to life in the springtime and everyone can savour the taste of hope.

Eleven members answered roll call with show and tell items, some being a book of poetry from the 1960s; special Milford Fair programs; a blouse from Mexico; a memoir book; a member's mother's autograph book; and a report on the Easter Parade held at Milford. (A note of interest: 4000 eggs were hidden for the children to find.)

March minutes were read and any corrections made.

Marge, Maureen and Carol are celebrating birthdays and Alice has an anniversary.

Treasurer Joyce reported our finances and also that we received thank yous and receipts from all the organizations to which we had made donations.

For program, Sandra demonstrated all different types of wool and all the various implements needed to prepare the wool to the knitting stage. Thanks, Sandra, it was very interesting and informative.

Our meeting closed with the U.C.W. prayer and a delicious lunch was enjoyed served by Nora and Carol. Joyce thanked our hostesses on behalf of the group.

### Upcoming Events

Maureen, Irene and Sandra will be attending Spring Fling at Bloomfield on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our U.C.W. is preparing lunch for the marine Archives group on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our church anniversary service will be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> with a pot luck lunch to be enjoyed afterwards. Please note the service will be at

10:30 with Cherry valley joining us.

U.C.W. will prepare sandwiches to be served at Floral Minaker's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday, Floral.

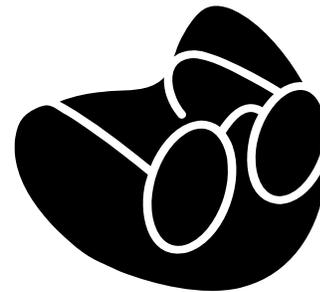
**Thursday, May 3:** Milford friendship Circle will meet at the home of Jean Burrows in Cherry valley at 1:30 p.m. Jean has Thought for the Day; Roll Call: bring items for the food bank; Marg Crouse has program.

**Wednesday, May 9:** U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional: Joyce Minaker; Roll Call: the person who had a large influence on your life; Program: Marge Drury; Lunch: Joyce Minaker and Sandra Emlaw; Objective: plan anniversary pot luck and fish fry on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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*The 29 turbines, each more than 500% higher than the old pine trees, will: kill birds and destroy animal habitat, make people sick, cause sleeplessness, destroy tourism, lower property values, and increase electricity rates throughout Ontario.*

### **A Community Rally!**

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May 26, 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
At The Shed, Mt. Tabor

- Hear how turbines will affect you, your family, your livelihood, our home, our wild life, and habitat
- BBQ
- Music
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*(‘Saga’ continued from page 6)*

There is no way to store the energy from the wind turbines in Ontario. In the past month the Ontario power authorities have had to divert water away from hydro generators at Niagara, running it over the falls, while wind turbines generated unneeded power that Ontario paid neighbouring states to consume. This is in sharp contrast to California where off-peak power is used to pump water behind dams, for later use to irrigate farmland and produce peak-power. Interestingly, one such dam project in California was at the instigation of a California farmer, J. E. O’Neil, who emigrated there from the Ottawa Valley.

The only recent good news with regard to wind power is that one early in March the winds on Wolfe Island were so strong that the blades on every last turbine had to be “feathered” and braked to a halt, so as to not damage their transmissions, and produce no unneeded energy.

It is understandable why some farm families support the wind turbines since installations occupy little farmland, and they stand to earn revenue, even if there are longer-term risks to future land use. Those families would likely be less supportive if wind turbine power was subject to market forces, with site rents tied to profitability. As it is, along with the investors, the landowners have “no skin in the game”. Their revenues are assured, paid by hydro consumers, independent of demand for the energy. While that is a sweet deal for the landowner it is a rotten deal for the present and future citizens of Ontario.

Until such time as policies surrounding wind turbine projects are subject to processes similar to those for MDS, and until such time as wind turbine projects are grid-tied to ways to store non-peak demand wind turbine energy, wind turbine projects are a badly flawed and costly way to pursue a good idea. I would prefer my children and my children’s children to reflect on how we brought wisdom and insight to the challenges of green energy. I do not want them to lament how short sighted we were giving up our political rights, and passing costs on to them, foolishly thinking we were doing the right thing.

*(Sam Lanfranco is a South Marysburgh resident and Professor Emeritus and Senior Scholar (Economics) at York University)*

## Are Women Perfect?

*By George Underhill*

Are women perfect? Not quite, yet in last month’s article, I critiqued men, accusing them of immature behavior and attaching to them several other attributes that were not admirable. I received several comments, all positive, and all from women. They found the criticisms accurate and well founded. Is it possible, I thought, that if I seized on a few womanly imperfections, that they would find these equally accurate?

Maybe I’ll try.

First is the female rhetorical question. An example is, “Would you like to go to Kingston today?” What is being said is, “You are going to Kingston today.” It is posed as a question to give the gentleman the illusion of free will. If he says yes, then she will deign to accompany him, specifying exactly where it is they are going to go. If he says no, then he’s going, whether he planned to or not.

I mentioned that men are unable to see stains on their clothing. They are also unable to enter into the world of colour matching. There is no statement more feared than, “Are you planning on wearing that tonight?” It would be nice to answer, “Oh my God no! You must be kidding!” The trouble is that you would then have to select something else that just might be even worse.

On the positive side, men are not fashion slaves. What else would you call a person who wedges their tender tootsies into shoes that come to a point and have fragile heels six inches high? There is no practical use for such footwear, and those shoes are known to cause great foot agony and ultimately deformed and mangled feet. Yet women wear them. Why? Because they are slaves to fashion. Men are smarter than that.

Men wear underwear that costs very little. Women wear underwear that is five times more expensive. It’s not that their hind ends are that much more tender. It’s that they’re slaves to fashion that *you cannot even see!* Thank heavens that girdles are a thing of the past. But makeup is not: lipstick, eye liner, blush, false eye lashes, plucked eyebrows, and all kinds of things I don’t know about. Yes, appearance and fashion are a major weak point of women.

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Teens with their eyes all made up look to me like raccoons just shot out of a tree.

I have noticed, when driving in downtown Picton, that women will rarely stop to allow you to enter a line of traffic. Men will. Not women. I don’t think it’s just because they’re mean, though that may enter into it. I think it’s a matter of focus and concentration. They know where they’re going, and they are going to get there, and will brook no interference. In order not to feel guilty or selfish, they have a concentrated gaze on the road ahead. There will be no eye contact. As an aside, I notice that guys driving trucks with farm license plates rarely signal. Maybe it’s because sheep and cattle pay no attention to directional signals, and this just carries over when the farmer is in town. I’m just saying.

The trouble with identifying womanly traits that are less than admirable is that I am married to one of them. Anything I mention may be taken personally by my spouse and that means I will pay. Women are like elephants. They never forget.

I think I better stop now.

**Happy  
Birthday  
‘YT’  
from all of us  
in the South  
Marysburgh  
community !!!**

## Grow Your Own

*By Sarah Moran and Nancy Butler*

Vegetables, of course!

When we asked him recently what would be a good time for vegetable growers to get started preparing for the Milford Fair, Murray Head said, “Well, it’s May already.”

So we are starting a column of hints and advice for all of us who grow vegetables. We’re not experts, but because we help out with Exhibit Class B at the Milford Fair, we have an interest in encouraging as many vegetable exhibits as possible.

We hope to include some growing secrets from Murray every month. He must have a good seventy years of success under his belt by now. Please also pass on any helpful ideas you have to us at [growyourown4thefair@gmail.com](mailto:growyourown4thefair@gmail.com).

If you’d like to have a vegetable plot, but don’t have time for the digging or the weeding, here’s an easy way to prep your ground for planting. This method has been called “lasagna gardening.” You’ll see why when you read the gardening recipe below!

- Lay down thick layers of newspaper onto the area you have planned for your vegetables;
- Soak well with water;
- Lay a layer of cardboard over the top of the newspaper;
- Weight down with stones;
- Keep moist;
- Wait a month or so and you should find that grass and weeds underneath the paper and cardboard are dying off;
- Cut holes through the cardboard where you intend to plant;
- Plant your vegetable plants as usual;
- The remaining cardboard covering acts as excellent mulch.

“Lasagna gardening” isn’t pretty but it works. You can always disguise the cardboard with a layer of mushroom mulch if you like.

Soon we can buy seedlings from any of the great suppliers we have in South Marysburgh, or plant out our own.

It’s not too early to think about what you might like to enter for the Milford Fair and becoming part of a long South Marysburgh tradition. Next month we will include an advance list of the categories.

## Stuck

By Gordon Gray

For many people, home ownership provides not only a place to live and raise a family, but also an investment. To many it is their single biggest asset and will form the basis of their retirement plan when they reach the point where the nest is empty and the upkeep of a property becomes too much of a burden.

Typically, the house would be sold and the owners would move to a condominium or perhaps a seniors' retirement home. The equity from the sale of the property safely invested and used to pay for a more relaxed and manageable lifestyle.

But let me paint you a picture.

White Pines and Gilead come to South Marysburgh with no real opposition and install all 38 proposed turbines. Imagine if you live within audio or visual range of one or more of these things.

Now imagine any of these scenarios that might force you to sell your house: you are incapable of managing the property and want to down size to smaller accommodation; or you run into personal or business financial difficulty and need to sell to use the equity of your house to pay debts; or you or a member of your family become ill, can't work and you have to sell to pay your (their) bills and expenses; or you want to borrow on the equity of your house to pay for the education of a child; or...or...or....

Histrionics? Not realistic? I don't think so. As far as I am concerned, the biggest threat from IWTs is the freedom to guide one's own destiny. Imagine a 450' monstrosity producing electricity perhaps 30% of the time but affecting your ability to alter your lifestyle 100% of the time for at least 20 years.

Ask any PEC real estate agent how much interest there is to buy real estate in South Marysburgh, a community currently only *threatened* with the installation of IWTs. Then ask the same agent the probability of selling a property within range of an IWT once they are built. If properties in South Marysburgh aren't selling now with only the threat of IWTs, what do you think will happen if they actually are built?

I for one would not be comfortable with a foreign company, run by a Canadian with Prince Edward County connections, putting a stranglehold on

my largest asset. And just because Gilead and wpd CAN build IWTs here under the cockamamie Green Energy Act, doesn't mean they *SHOULD*!

It's time to get very restless. It's time to show that restlessness to the municipal government, Queen's Park, landowners who leased property, and to both Gilead and wpd. Anyone else feel the same way? You better, or this community will be toast. We will all be stuck.



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## Queen Visits Milford

On Thursday April 19th, she attended a royal feast at St. Philip's Anglican Church celebrating her 86th birthday. This included a showing of the film *The Queen*, starring Helen Mirren.

St. Philip's has a pot luck supper and film about once a month and everyone is welcome. Feel free to join us on Thursday May 31st when the film will be *Secondhand Lions* starring Michael Caine and Robert Duvall. The pot luck supper starts at 6.00 p.m. and you never know who might show up!



(Pat Back in full regalia)

# ROOTS + WINGS

HAPPENINGS AT ST. PHILIP'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH, MILFORD

## **Shannen's Dream** Pursuing Justice and Equity in First Nations Education

On Thursday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m., St. Philip's Anglican Church, Milford, will host an evening with Dr. Marlene Brant Castellano, speaker, researcher, writer, educator and advocate for First Nations rights and reconciliation between peoples.



Dr. Brant Castellano was the first student from Tyendinaga to attend Belleville High School and the first to attend Queen's University. Following her graduation she worked as a social worker in Child and Family Services. She was instrumental in founding the Indigenous Studies program at Trent University where she was professor and Chair until 1996. She was Co-Director of Research for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. Prof. Brant Castellano is Professor Emeritus of Trent University, has LLD degrees from Queen's, St. Thomas and Carleton Universities, and is a recipient of the Order of Ontario, the Order of Canada, and, most recently, of the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Dr. Brant Castellano is married and the mother of four sons.

With her focus on *Shannen's Dream*, Dr. Brant Castellano "will shed light on the systemic roots of ongoing inequities in First Nations education, and invite conversation on how citizens can make a difference."

Shannen Koostachin was a 13-year-old student from Attawapiskat who started a youth movement using social media to advocate for "a safe and comfy school and culturally based education" in her home community. Shannen was not afraid to stand up to officials from every government level in her fight for what she saw as a matter of injustice. Sadly, the life of this remarkable young girl was cut short by a traffic accident in 2010 when she was only 15.

Work continues towards fulfilling her dream for Attawapiskat and other First Nations communities through others such as members of the *First Nations Family and Caring Society of Canada* and *The Elementary Teachers Federation of Canada*. As Christians we uphold the right of every person to decent housing, medical care, and education. We hope you will join us for an evening of information about a subject which should concern all of us. Dr. Brant Castellano will be available to answer questions following her address.

Free with a donation in support of First Nations education. Light refreshments will be served.

*(Photo courtesy of Luke Hendry of the Belleville Intelligencer)*

## ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH MILFORD

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yard & Rummage Sale	May 5th
Canoe Trip	May 21st
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.*

## **June's Mirror Deadline**

**Advertising and Copy Deadline:  
May 28th**

## Relay for Life 'Chick Chat'

The 'Black Crick Chicks' will be holding a fundraising event at the 'Chick Shack' next door to the Black River Cheese Factory parking lot on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plants, popcorn, hotdogs and cancer victim remembrance luminaries will be available for sale. There also will be a beer/wine/liquor bottle drop off. Make those empty containers do some good by donating them to the 'Chicks'! Donations by cash or cheque will also be accepted and receipts can be provided. All proceeds from the event go to the Black Crick Chicks *Relay for Life* team in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Last year, the 11-member 'Chicks' team raised more than \$5,400 at the *Relay for Life*; their goal this year is \$7,500 and to become the #1 fundraising team at this year's event. Several members of the 'Chicks' have committed to individual goals of \$1,000.

Over the past 5 years, the 'Chicks' have raised more than \$22,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. That amount of money is enough to pay for the entire transportation program for the Society's Prince Edward County branch or to pay for a significant portion of a 1-year cancer research project.

If cancer has ever touched your life, please come out on the 19<sup>th</sup> and support this group of extraordinary women and their worthy event as they try to make cancer 'fly the coop!'

### Chocolate 'Chick' Cookies Anyone?

If you would like to help the Black Crick Chicks achieve their fundraising goal, why not bake some cookies, bread, a pie or tarts for them to sell at their event on May 19<sup>th</sup>? Just deliver all donations on the morning of the fundraiser. All money raised from the sale of baked goods will go to *Relay for Life*.

And if you are having a garage sale that weekend, how about donating a portion of the proceeds to the Chicks?

### Relay for Life Schedule

**Wednesday, May 2 at PECl:** 6:30 p.m. - Team Registration; 7:00 p.m. - Team Captain's Meeting/Information night (all are welcome).

### Relay for Life Schedule (Continued)

**Wednesday, May 30** in Picton (time and location TBA) - Site Night / Information night / Team Captain Meeting.

**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.

For information on any of these events please contact [pecrflteams@gmail.com](mailto:pecrflteams@gmail.com).

Team Kits, Survivor Forms and Luminary Forms can be picked up at Scotiabank in Picton or Wellington or at the Belleville Cancer Society office.

## Milford Friendship Circle

Maureen Rudd hosted the Circle members on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

President Margaret opened our meeting with the following apt statement: We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names and all are different colours. But they all exist very nicely in the same box.

Maureen had two Thoughts for the Day:

1. Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, someone moves the ends.
2. A budget is what you stay within if you go without.

Maureen read the minutes of the march meeting in the absence of secretary Marge. As usual they were impeccable.

Seven members answered roll call with hygienic articles for Alternatives for Women.

Card secretary Mary sent one sympathy card.

Treasurer Wilma reported our money situation which we are pleased to say looks pretty good.

If the 4H members are going to help with cleaning up the area, our group will make a donation to be used for their projects.

As usual, Alice's contest put the pressure on our old brains with Jean Burrows winning the fabulous prize offered as an incentive.

After the ladies indulged in a fabulous lunch, our hostess Maureen was thanked by Barb.

## What to Do with the Kids' Art

By Sara Wetmore

With the end of the school year fast approaching, some parents might be wondering what to do with the stacks of art that their kids have produced over the last few months. With clutter-maintenance and space-saving in mind, some might opt for digital storage, but unless the digital files end up in a homemade art book, like those found on Picaboo or Blurb, they tend to get lost deep in the recesses of the computer. And it's no fun if you can't find them to see the art!

Here is an idea that allows you parents (or grandparents) to show off the masterpieces of your kids, without completely covering the fridge or having piles of paper on the kitchen counter. It looks fantastic and it's a chic and subtle way to brag about your little Picassos!



All you need to do to create your own display is pick up a frame designed for multiple photos (usually available at Michael's, Giant Tiger

or Canadian Tire), scan the original works of art and resize them according to the openings in the frame's matting (4"x 6", 5"x7" etc.). Or, if you want to show off even more art than a standard store-bought frame allows, pick up a large frame and simply tape resized images all over a piece of white Bristol Board. Tada! A completely original piece of art that looks great from across the room, and even better up close!



## A Mother's Love

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By Karen Vance-McCrea

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# Expansion of the National Wildlife Area

By Richard Copple

Since the 1960s, the best usage of the South Shore of Prince Edward County has been designated as recreation/conservation. 'The Prince Edward Region Conservation Report' released in 1968, identified this area as being environmentally sensitive.

As early as the 1980's this region had been the subject of several federal government assessments and reports identifying the unique terrestrial and marine aspects represented here. The importance of this area to Canada's shipping industry in the early development of our nation has been identified yet under appreciated.

In 1993, PEC Council asked the Government of Canada to declare their land holdings at Prince Edward Point in of South Marysburgh Township a National Park. As recent as October 2011, Council supported further investigation into Point to Point's proposal.

Point to Point PEC is not suggesting a land base National Park. It is proposing the expansion of the already existing Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area (designated in 1978) to include Main Ducks Islands Nature Reserve, designated in 1977 (currently part of St. Lawrence Islands National Park as of 1998), Timber Island, Ostrander Point, and Point Petre Provincial Wildlife Area.

Timber Island, one of the False Duck Islands, was designated a Provincial Wildlife Area in 1985, the same year Point Petre crown land transferred to the province and designated a Provincial Wildlife Area. The Ostrander Point crown land was transferred to the province in 1972.

The major significance of the proposed expansion of the National Wildlife Area and the National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) is to include the fly zone for the bird migration corridor, the Important Bird Area and the unprotected shipwrecks in the area. These historical and environmentally significant areas need to be protected from any industries that would fragment habitat and threaten the survival of species at risk.

Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) became a member of the Canadian Migratory Monitoring Network in 1995 because of the significance of this area with respect to the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario bird migration corridor.

In 1998 the South Shore received "global" designation of Important Bird Area (IBA). And because of the importance of this area for birds, in 2001 the 'Prince Edward South Shore Important Bird Area Conservation Plan' was presented.

Early in 2000, Daryl Kramp, MP and Leona Dombrowski, former MPP, were both involved with the same topic because in 2001 this area was selected as a candidate for a NMCA.

Here we are today working towards completion of this plan to provide a sustainable project for environmental protection of wildlife (at least 22 species at risk), unique alvar habitat, environmentally protected wetlands, the major bird migration corridor, an International Monarch Butterfly Reserve (designated 1995) and hundreds of shipwrecks.

This is not a new idea. Point to Point PEC's proposal is a natural progression of the assessments and facts collected over the past 40 years. All information concludes this area needs conservation and protection. Many organizations recently have expressed the importance of protecting our South Shore.

Expansion of the National Wildlife Area and designating a NMCA is long overdue. As a Wildlife Area the South Shore will be preserved so future generations may continue to experience this area relatively untouched by human while marine and wildlife have protected area to raise their young and thrive

For more information please visit our website [www.pointtopointpec.ca](http://www.pointtopointpec.ca)

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# The Milford Market

By Sandy Blackford

It's that time of year again, folks!

We are busy making plans for the 2012 Milford Market and you are all included. Whether it is by being a vendor or by visiting the market each Saturday to sample local products - or both - we look forward to seeing you all again.

The Market will open on Saturday May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will run every Saturday until the Thanksgiving weekend. Please mark it on your calendar.

We have many returning vendors from past years and look forward to welcoming some new ones too. Each Saturday is different with the progression of the season with fresh produce coming along and changing every week. We expect to have a wide variety of products for sale including home baked goods; jams, jellies & preserves; knitted & crocheted items; woodworking; books, tapes & memorabilia; dried soup mixes; art & pottery creations by local artists; and plants and gardening products. If you are looking for something different, you might just find it at the 'Market'.

Why not come out with a friend and browse the local products. While you are there, sit at our 'cafe corner' and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, maybe a piece of freshly baked pie or cookies, and catch up on the local news. We look forward to seeing you!

For information on renting a table and becoming a vendor, please call 613-476-6041 or 613-471-0429

# Garage Sales

**May 19th & 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day: 2126 County Road 17 (across from Mt. Tabor)**  
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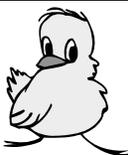
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*Miss the 'Chicks'?  
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By Barb Proctor  
Councillor for South Marysburgh

The budget for Prince Edward County for 2012 has been established. I am including a press release prepared by Municipal Staff that provides an overview, but first some comments.

I have a sense that discussions around the development of a sustainable plan for 2013 and beyond will be fast on the heels of this year's budget talks. Council is faced with the task of developing a sustainable plan for your future with the expectation of affordability for all tax payers -- clearly a delicate task.

We listened carefully but we were not always able to meet expectations. The garbage bag tag increase has not pleased a number of taxpayers. The fee increases will remove some stress from the tax levy and more equitably distribute the cost to the users of this service. This is one method of blending affordability and sustainability. I believe that those who do not dump garbage in ditches now will never support that type of behavior.

Community grants met with considerable discussion. In 2011, for example, the tax levy supported over half a million dollars in community grants. This year, council made the decision to reduce 2012 grants with incremental reductions over the next 3 years. We did our best to stick to that plan, and this year's grant amount was reduced to just under \$250,000. A few "in kind" grants were provided which will ultimately impact on the Recreation, Parks and Culture (RPC) Department's ability to generate revenues to support their budget. The RPC Department budget includes Town Halls, Museums and Libraries.

This is just the start of a plan for 2012 to keep most of what we want and everything the County needs. A community Growth and Development strategy is in the works and you can hear more about this at public meetings at the Milford Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1; Wellington Town Hall at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2; and PECl at 7 p.m. on Thursday May 3.

(Read the Municipality's Press Release on Page 19)



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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Council Adopts 2012 Budget Positive and incremental transition to sustainability**

Picton ON – Prince Edward County Council has adopted its 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets. The 2012 Operating Budget of \$51.9 million is a positive step towards achieving fiscal sustainability while maintaining service levels. The 2012 Capital Budget of \$6.8 million includes fleet purchases and road rehabilitation projects aimed at maintaining the County's assets in a state of good repair.

The County will levy municipal taxes of \$26.4 million in 2012, an increase of 7.7% over 2011. For the average residential household assessed at \$240,000 in 2012, the municipal tax bill will increase by \$120. for a final tax bill of \$2,041.

Overall, departmental operating budgets decreased for the second year in a row. A rigorous budget review process was aimed at maintaining service levels and controlling costs. Fees and charges were increased for specific services to shift costs from property taxes to those who used and benefitted from the service.

Despite lower operating costs, the tax levy increased over 2011 by \$2.7 million. The increase is attributed to:

- reinstating unsustainable reductions made in the 2011 budget - \$1.1 million
- establishing annual funding for Fire Department equipment replacement - \$600,000
- establishing annual funding for ongoing road maintenance and construction - \$750,000
- external agencies' budget increases (police services, library services, land ambulance, MPAC, Quinte Conservation and the Health Unit) - \$460,000

"This is a fiscally responsible budget that begins a positive and incremental transition toward sustainability," said Mayor Peter A. Mertens. "By building reserves for future equipment and infrastructure needs, we can avoid large, one-time tax increases in the future. We have a great deal of work still to do but the momentum is there, and I believe that Council, staff and the public are ready to make the changes necessary for the financial health and prosperity of the municipality."

The County is projecting a 2011 operating surplus of \$1 million. The surplus is being used to reduce the impact of the 2012 budget increase and to replenish reserves.

Full details of the Operating and Capital budgets can be viewed on the County website at [www.pecounty.on.ca](http://www.pecounty.on.ca).

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For more information, please contact Mayor Peter A. Mertens, Corporation of the County of Prince Edward at 613.476.2148 ext. 230 or Treasurer James Hepburn at 613.476.2148 ext. 288.



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