

The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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Fair Board President, Janna McCarthy, and Secretary, Doug McGregor, prepare the floor of the food booth for a new coat of paint.



Food booth painting by the numbers...
Five: The number of Fair Board Members' hands needed to paint a 2' x 2' piece of plywood. Three: The number of implements needed to apply the paint. (Photos by Bruce Dowdell)

Preparing for the Milford Fair



Members of the Fair Board, cleverly wearing light-coloured clothing to disguise any 'errors', repaint the food booth fixtures and doors.

Every single day we need our farmers...but particularly this month!

Preparations are well underway for the 68th edition of the Milford Fall Fair at which we will celebrate the members of South Marysburgh's farming community. If you are a member of that group and have not forwarded a photograph and brief description of your farming activities that will be included in the September *Mirror*, please do so as soon as possible by contacting either **Valencia Logan** at **613.476.5409** or **The Mirror** at **613.476.9104**. Additional information is on page 2.

Memorabilia Wanted

The Fair Board would like to borrow any artifacts, mementos, awards, knick-knacks or memorabilia related to our local farmers to be used in the display in the Fairgrounds' Shed. If you have anything that you think may be of interest to members of the community or visitors to the fair, please contact **Carol Branscombe** at **613.476.8275**.

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Every Single Day We Need Our Farmers

The 2014 Milford Fair is going to celebrate the community's farmers. The plans for the fair and exactly how it is going to honour our farmers are underway. The Mirror is going to help by providing readers and fair visitors with profiles of all those in South Marysburgh's farming community who make their living on a farm. The September issue will include photographs of our farmers along with a brief description of the type of farming they're involved in.

If you farm in South Marysburgh, here's how you can participate:

- ◆ Send a photograph by mail or email of yourself and appropriate family members or helpers along with the names of the people in the photograph. For those sending actual photos, they will be scanned and returned to you if you send your mailing address. The Mirror's contact information is at the bottom of page xx.
- ◆ Provide a brief description of your farming activities and how long it has been you or your family's life work. If you like, provide a general or specific address of your farm.
- ◆ This applies to active AND retired farmers in any category—cash crop, livestock or winery.
- ◆ Send your mailing/email (if applicable) addresses and phone number in case of questions.
- ◆ You can send the photograph and information any time from now until August 15th, but the sooner the better.

Let's let the community and Milford Fair visitors celebrate your accomplishments and give you the thanks you so richly deserve.



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

Meetings, Events & Announcements

Fair Board Meeting

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

Milford Market

At the Fair Grounds
Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
until October 11th

Mummers' Drama Camp

August 11th to 15th at Mount Tabor
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily

For further information, please contact Carol Rutledge
at 613.476.2312 or by email at thesinger@kos.net.

Come to the edge

Come to the edge.

We might fall.

Come to the edge.

It's too high!

COME TO THE EDGE!

And they came,

and he pushed,

And they flew.

-Christopher Logue

Come and Enjoy Summer Worship

Prince Edward South Pastoral Charge
Services for August
at South Bay United Church

August 3rd - 9:30 a.m. at South Bay United Church. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Aruna Alexander

August 10th - 10:30 a.m. at Black River Chapel. Speaker: Rev. Marnie Minaker

August 17th - 10:30 a.m. at the Carman Cairn*. Speaker: Charlie Vincent

August 24th - 9:30 a.m. at South Bay United Church. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Aruna Alexander

August 31st - 9:30 a.m. at South Bay United Church. A Special Service by the U.C.W.

*The Carman Cairn is at Babylon Road at Whattam's Road on Long Point. In the event of bad weather, come to South Bay United Church.



F. Y. I.

By Barb Proctor

Municipal Councillor for South Marysburgh

I'll begin with County stuff. The Municipality has developed an effective Communications Department. It is essential for taxpayers to be informed as to the actions of their local government. Frequent news releases appear in local newspapers, on websites and on local radio stations. The county website, pecounty.on.ca, is regularly updated and you can move on to our Facebook or Twitter accounts. Many of you know this already but it has not always been the case. A dedicated Communication Strategy has been a goal of this council and the result is real time information and greater ease to find out what is happening at Shire Hall.

Prince Edward County also has a freshened logo. "The County" is trademarked and we have an authentic identifier. Citizen engagement was part of this exercise and told us loud and clear that we are "a community of contrast and character" so our visual identity has been designed to represent Agriculture, Viticulture, Sandbanks, Water/Lake Ontario, Art and Creativity and our Rural Landscape. It was a delicate task to incorporate our strengths into a balanced visual without one pillar overshadowing another. Local organizations may adapt the logo in conjunction with their own to strengthen their individual identity. The logo will be steadily transitioned on to all County assets.

That being said, let me talk about South Marysburgh. We are really "humming" this summer. Earlier this year the municipality supported the principle of *Bee Friendly*.

You will see the yellow signs throughout the county. Reduced roadside cutting will enable the protection of habitat and nesting sites of our pollinators. Of course, we cannot lose sight of road safety and must consider pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles in this endeavor. A good plan is to declare Pollinator Zones where roadside maintenance will be reduced. Signage will identify these zones and individuals or groups can adopt these zones.

To start, an ideal stretch of road has been chosen along Long Point Road from Gravelly Bay to Prince Edward Point. The S curves on this stretch will be kept clear and cutting in September will not be harmful to the nests of pollinators. Of course residents may cut their properties as they wish in any zone.

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Calling all Kids! St. Philip's Summer Camp

When:

Monday August 25 until Friday, August 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where:

St. Philip's Anglican Church Hall, 44 St. Philip Street, Milford

Ages:

Children aged 4 to 10

Activities:

Stories - Music - Drama - Crafts - Science - Snacks - Games

Cost:

\$10 per child (each additional child per family, \$5)

For more information or to register, please call Maria Laine at 613.476.1750 or Paula Walker at 613.476.6063

Information and Registration Form is also available at the Parish of Marysburgh Web Site at www.parishofmarysburgh.ca

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Keeping the Past Alive

The 80th Anniversary of the Mariners Service

Captain Nelson Palmateer was the originator of the Mariners Service in 1934. The service was held at Cherry Valley United Church for 20 years, and then it moved to South Bay United Church. For a few years the service was missed, but with the creation of the Mariners' Park Museum it was reinstated.

The purpose of the service is to honour those who have passed away since last year's service. The honoured men and women have been members of the forces, police/fire departments, captains, fishermen, boat racers, sailors, historians, members of the Mariners' Park Committee and water enthusiasts.

Today we look back in respect and admiration to those who plied the waters and served their country. Any person who sails into dangerous waters must have trust in the Lord, and for these people we give honour and thanks.

This year we will honour C. LaVerne Cole, Grant Charles Charlesworth, Larry Comrie, Thomas A. MainDonald, Edward Riddell Palmer, William Edwin Stevens, Charles Russell Burrows, Walter Ernest Ruggles, John Stanley Sibthorpe, Allan A. Ralley and Stanley James Russell with the sounding of the ship's bell.

Special guests as well as family and friends are invited to join us on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at South Bay United Church at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served at the Mariners' Park Museum following the service and everyone is welcome.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

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Children's Special Events this summer!

All free!

Summer Launch Concert with Jake Differ!
Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m. Picton branch library

Don't miss the award winning Jake Differ. Jake is a Parents' Choice Winner with a Juno nominated children's album!

The popular Barefoot Players Return
Saturday, July 19 at 2p.m. Wellington Branch Library

Mad Science!
Friday, August 8
11 a.m. Picton library (pre-school) and 2 p.m. (school aged) Wellington Branch Library

Registration required due to space limitations. A fun, educational and interactive experience! It's science like you've never seen!

Eureka!

Queen's University Department of Drama presents:
dream a Little dream
An Adaptation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Children's Author Holly Sedgwick TD Summer Reading Program Closing Event
Saturday, August 23 at 11 a.m. Wellington Branch library

In addition, the Library has a great lineup of special activities at all branches, 5 days a week!

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Rube Goldberg Machine Madness



Tea Parties!



Cardboard Mania



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Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Thanks, Barb!

As you may now know, Barb Proctor will not seek re-election to Council in October. Although she won't be sitting around the horseshoe, she will remain engaged on other committees for the benefit of the residents of South Marysburgh and Prince Edward County.

On behalf of the readers of *The South Marysburgh Mirror*, I extend our thanks to her for her four years of service on our behalf.

MIA in the Middle of South Bay

Lost Canoe (with two paddles). Weathered, grey metal with red marks. Last seen on July 8 in South Bay off the shore of Port Milford. If you have any information, **please call 613.438.0572**

Rear-View Mirror

Through the courtesy of Carol and Kevin Sweeney, the new owners of Des Marcille's house and its contents, I have come into possession of hundreds of copies of past issues of *The South Marysburgh Mirror* dating back to when Des took over publishing responsibilities in July, 1995. In addition to the hard copies, there were also dozens of CDs containing the digital versions of many issues.

The CDs make it a fairly straight-forward job to add back issues to the *Mirror's* archives on the website, a job I will undertake on a gradual basis as time allows. Editions that do not have a corresponding digital file will be scanned and added, again, as time allows. My intention is to build a complete archive containing every issue of *The South Marysburgh Mirror* for the simple reason that it may serve to illustrate to future generations what life in this community involved. In addition to the archive I build, I have arranged for additional hard copies to be donated to the Prince Edward County Archives in Wellington and to the Milford branch of the Prince Edward County Library.

"Gee, Steve, that sounds like a lot of work. How can I help?" Thanks for asking!

I know many readers of *The Mirror* have hung onto every single issue going back to the 1980s. For those of you who fit into that category, I

would like to borrow those copies I don't have so they can be scanned, added to the archive and then returned to the owner. In future issues of *The Mirror* I will detail what editions are missing and needed in the hope you can go to the attic or garage and dig them out and lend them to me.

I - actually all of us - should be grateful to the Sweeneys for their perseverance to donate Des' archive for the good of the community vs. adding it to a burn pile or a recycling box. And if you find yourself in a similar situation with old documents, maps, photographs, deeds etc., please consider the benefit they may have if they are accessible through the archives or library.

Hi Janice

Hi Steve,

I wanted to say thanks for the art coverage in the SM Mirror. Also, the notes on Nelson Hicks diaries added so much to the understanding of his life and times in SM and farming in general. Well done and much appreciated.

Janice Gibbins

And Speaking of the Election...

I am announcing that I have filed nomination papers to run for council to represent South Marysburgh in the October election.

The decision to put my name forward was not made lightly and considered family obligations as well as my other responsibilities including those to my clients, the Milford Fair Board, the Prince Edward Historical Society, the Museum Advisory Committee and, of course, *The South Marysburgh Mirror*. In the case of the latter, I assure you nothing will change; I will continue to publish the paper every month.

There are many issues facing South Marysburgh and Prince Edward County including the threat of Industrial Wind Turbines; the preservation of our history and heritage assets; the importance of Prince Edward Memorial Hospital; the protection of wildlife habitat; the state of the County's finances; and numerous infrastructure issues. I believe I have the background and the experience to be the voice of the community, and that I possess the necessary leadership skills to ensure that our issues are well represented at Shire Hall.

To those of you I know, I hope I can count on your support; to those I don't know, I hope over the next few weeks I can earn your trust to enable you to support me.

I have set up a new email address specifically for the election. You can get me at ward9@kos.net.

Vacation

By George Underhill

We just returned from a week's vacation. I know, I know, you think, "He's retired, every day is a vacation!" You're right of course, what I should say is that I spent a week in a different place. It's like people who live in Barbados or Bermuda. They say once a year they have to get off island for the change or they'd go a little nuts.

We went to Cape Cod. Salt air and sea food. My spouse and I have difficulty communicating because we're both half deaf. Like a lot of old people, the man has difficulty hearing high pitched voices, the woman low pitched. That almost guarantees we can hardly understand one another. My sister introduced me to the Associate Pastor of her church. "This is our Associate Pastor," she said. "A socio-path?" is what I heard, and unfortunately asked.

I was asked to pass forward the Coleman cooler in the car. "What's a colon cooler?" I replied. "Is it a big plastic doughnut full of ice cubes to sit on?" That's what I mean by a failure to communicate.

We were having lunch at a Cracker Barrel restaurant and a guy walked by with a T-shirt that said, "If I don't remember it, it didn't happen." I was staggered by the philosophical depth of that statement. It's not just true when you're drunk, it's true all the time. Ponder it.

We stayed in a beach house looking over a tidal estuary and Cape Cod Bay. Nothing is OK any more. Our two grandsons spent considerable time in the tidal flats catching crabs. They were catching green crabs, listed as one of the ten most harmful invasive species on the Cape. These relatively small crabs eat voluminous quantities of small shellfish, oysters and clams. Shellfish are prized by many, including me, and I dislike anything that eats them except me. No matter where we go, no matter what we do, it's a smaller world and alien species are populating it.

Americans are nice people. I have to say that because I was one, but I don't know how the average Joe survives. There was an ad in the Stop & Shop grocery store stating that positions were available, all shifts, at \$8.00 to \$9.00 an hour. Rents are sky high on the Cape in the summer, and you couldn't afford to live anywhere but on the beach at that pay scale...and no health insurance so don't get sick. Still, when I was in that store, one employee went cheerfully out of her way to get some fresh quahogs for me so I could have them on the half



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shell with lunch. We tried the automatic check out and, predictably, made an error. A watermelon came through at \$89! An employee was courteous and helpful with the pathetic people who were tying this new-fangled stuff. Eight bucks an hour didn't make these people surly.

We went to a Cape Cod League baseball game, the Hayannis Harbor Hawks versus the Falmouth Commodores. These are college players recruited from all over the U.S.A. Presently, two graduates of this league are with the Blue Jays: Brett Cecil and Adam Lind. The Hyannis Hawks have put an Osprey nesting platform atop one of the light standards and it's occupied by a family. Most appropriate.

Finally, my grandson was fascinated by the Gander Mountain Store in Syracuse ("Your Firearms Supercenter"). He tried not to stare at the bikers with their tattoos and sleeveless leather vests inspecting the wares, and admired a small pistol for women in blue or pink. I guess if you're going to shoot someone in the face, it's more satisfying if your weapon is in pastel.

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"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

- William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Sometimes one pays the most for the things you get for nothing.

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead will walk into the courtroom."

He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all watched eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked with anticipation. I therefore put it to you that that there is reasonable doubt as to whether anyone was killed and insist you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury retired to deliberate. A few minutes later they returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we did look but your client didn't."

A woman was driving with her husband down a particularly rough road. She wasn't used to handling the large pickup truck, and made for a very bouncy ride.

Embarrassed, she offered a lame excuse, "The sun shadowing through the trees make it hard for me to see all the potholes."

"Don't worry," her husband replied. "You're getting most of them."

John invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how John and his roommate, Julie, looked at each other.

She had suspected an intimate relationship between John and Julie and was now convinced. John, reading his mother's thoughts, volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking but I assure you Julie and I are just roommates."

About a week later Julie commented to John, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

John said, "I doubt it but I'll email her just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from my house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take the ladle but it has been missing since you were here for dinner. Love, John."

His mother sent this response. "Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Julie and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Julie. But the fact remains that that if she were sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now. Love, Mom."

Exit Lines:

- ◆ *Do you realize that in about forty years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?*
- ◆ *The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.*

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St. Philip's Calendar of Events 2014

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Pork & Corn Roast (5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) | August 6 |
| Turkey Supper (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) | Sept. 17 |
| Yard & Rummage Sale (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) | October 4 |
| Christmas Tea (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) | November 8 |

Chicken Vol-au-Vent

By David Larkin

My mother's favourite dish for a buffet meal was Vol-au-Vent, which, as you probably know is chicken and mushroom in a white sauce served over puff pastry. You can either bake a large vol-au-vent case, or you can bake a number of individual ones, or you can just get the frozen patty shells from the supermarket and bake them. Alas, I never got my mother's recipe for the filling, but it is probably the one in Mrs Beeton. One day I came across a recipe for, of all things, Chicken-a-la-King, in an Australian cookbook. For chicken-a-la-king it is very up-market and I found it made a delicious filling for Vol-au-vent, which is how I have been serving it. It looks good, is absolutely delicious, and can certainly be served either to company or when you want to give the family a treat. And it isn't difficult to prepare.

- 1 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 medium red pepper (chopped coarsely)
- 1 medium green pepper (chopped coarsely)
- 250 gms. button mushrooms, sliced thinly
- 700 gms. chicken breast fillets chopped coarsely (4 breasts)
- 2 tbsps. dry sherry (I use the LCBO Spanish Alvear medium dry)
- 3 tbsps. corn starch
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tbsp. coarsely chopped parsley

Heat 1 tbsp. of the oil in large frying pan, cook peppers, stirring 2 minutes. Add mushrooms, cook stirring about 5 minutes or until mushrooms are almost tender. Remove from pan.

Heat remaining oil in same pan, cook chicken in batches until lightly browned all over.

Return pepper mixture to pan with chicken. Stir in sherry, cook stirring, about 5 minutes or until sherry has almost evaporated. Stir in blended corn starch and stock, then cream. Stir and allow to thicken.

Remove from heat; stir in egg yolk and parsley. Serves 4.

Serve in Vol-au-Vent/patty shell cases which have been heated for 18 minutes @ 400°F. These cases can be purchased or made from puff or rough puff pastry. Serve with rice, or riced potatoes.



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Please provide your comments to the municipality or to me. The birds, bees, monarchs (and Julie) do thank you.

The sounds and smells of summer in South Marysburgh are enriched by the Music from Port Milford musicians and Festival Players at Mt. Tabor. Fish fries, winery events, art and culinary are right in our own back yard. Lake Ontario waves are lapping at Pt. Traverse. Maybe you will see the schooners and fishing vessels of days gone by sailing through. Enjoy the sight of the Pt. Traverse lighthouse now since it is deteriorating rapidly from neglect so we will not always have this piece of our Marine history to admire.

Congratulations to Jennifer Ackerman on her new Milford business, Live, Laugh and Eat. Stop in for a treat. The Bistro has a take out menu now---great idea. Hicks General Store---we miss you.

Decades of events have drawn crowds to the Milford Fairground and Mt. Tabor site. I recall coming all the way from Wellington (as far back!) as the sixties to watch a special fellow play soft ball there. Who would have guessed that as one rounded second base on the Milford Ball Diamond, you were off public land and onto private property or when you ate your hotdog or piece of pie at the food booth you were actually standing on Anglican Diocese property. Well over the years the Anglican Parish of Marysburgh, St. Philip's and St. John's, offered its land for public events. Without this arrangement the Milford Fair, Easter Egg Hunts, ball games, parades or parking for Mt. Tabor and Shed events could not have happened.

The Anglican Rectory and property is now for sale. Prior to the sale, the Diocese and parishes arranged to make a gift to the municipality of 2.5 acres of their property so traditions at the fairground site will continue. This Christian gesture of generosity must be commemorated. Come to the Milford Fair on September 13th where we will honor this gift in true South Marysburgh style.

The municipal election on October 27th is approaching. It has been an eventful past four years. I congratulate this mayor and council for the dedication and due diligence demonstrated in a challenging environment for a single tier local government. Resources and powers are limited and expectations are high. The intent for all decisions was based on the probable benefits for the County as a whole. Community engagement has been keen. Citizens have devoted large amounts of their time to provide council with information that assisted our local governing. Thank you.

I will not be seeking re-election for council. My bucket list is getting longer and it's time to start crossing things off. It has been my privilege to serve as a member of PEC Council. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with so many great people. I encourage those of you with the drive for change or the desire for status quo to please put your name on the ballot. It will be a valuable journey.

Have a good summer. See you at the Fair.

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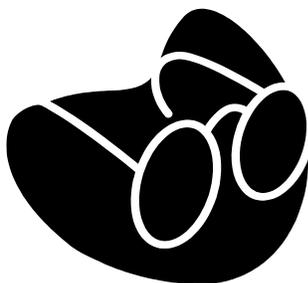
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There was a catchy marketing line in one of our local magazines for farm fresh produce. It read, "Pick. Eat. Love". Doesn't that sound easy? Well, if you grew up on a farm or grow your own vegetables, you'll know it takes a little more work than that to grow wonderfully delicious and life-giving vegetables for families.

But working on the land has its own rewards, one of which is being able to observe so closely what is going on around us and see details we might otherwise pass by. At this time of the year we are in a phase of nurturing in the vegetable garden, when we are taking care to protect and nourish the plants so that they can do the best they can for us.

Now is when you need to "stop" your tomatoes (cutting off the growing tips and keeping shoots in check) to divert the energy from foliage and encourage fruit to swell and ripen. Take the time to be eagle-eyed in order to stay on top of pests, picking off the caterpillars and the beetles and the unbidden eggs that are hiding away under the leaves.

To do this careful work, you really do need to settle right down in amongst the rows of greenery and flowers and you will be rewarded with tiny dramas and beauties of all kinds: bees dusty with pollen teetering about on squash flowers, and tender tendrils of beans groping into the air. Even the munching monsters that are tomato hornbeam caterpillars, capable of demolishing a productive plant, are beautiful in their own way.

Some of this close observation can even serve purposes you might not have imagined as a vegetable gardener. If the weather forecast isn't ready to hand, you can do your own forecasting. Signs of sunny days to come are: heavy dew on the grass, swallows soaring high and beetles flying in the evening. Signs that you've no need to water are: spiders reinforcing their webs, trees turning up their leaves and clover contracting their leaves.

So spend some quality time with your plants and be rewarded with your own discoveries as well as some great entries for the Milford Fair, of course!

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The aim of the newsletter is "sharing information and inspiration for a better, more just world." Two issues have been published so far. It is available to read as a pdf online at the blog: kindradical.wordpress.com <http://kindradical.wordpress.com> or you can go directly to the pdf by typing: <https://kindradical.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/upfront-newsletter-2.pdf> <https://kindradical.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/upfront-newsletter-2.pdf> (for issue 1) and <http://kindradical.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/upfront-newsletter-july.pdf> <http://kindradical.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/upfront-newsletter-july.pdf> (for issue 2).

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Two years ago on July 14th, 2012, in a secret ballot referendum sponsored by *The Mirror*, the citizens of South Marysburgh were asked the following question: “Do you want industrial wind turbines installed in South Marysburgh like the ones proposed by wpd Canada and Gilead Power for their projects near Milford and on the south shore?”

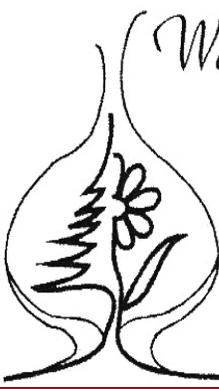
90.2% voted “No”. Those referendum results were widely publicized.

Now, over two years later, neither the wind developers nor the Ontario government have shown any signs of complying with the wishes of the people who still live peaceably in the neighbourhoods where developers are planning wind factories. Instead, the Ontario government and the developers continue to fight against South Marysburgh citizens, both in court and with bureaucratic processes.

To the citizens of South Marysburgh, “No” means “No”. We will not give up this fight.

Jim McPherson, Milford

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
August, 1901

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Thurs. 1 - I helped Mr. Parks finished up thrashing and then come home and after dinner helped Whit draw in Rye. Mr. Spafford went down to Picton and so on home. Mirt and Mary went down to Picton. There was an excursion from the Orphans' home from Toronto making quite a crowd at Picton.

Fri. 2 - I helped Whit draw in Rye and peas. Everything is looking fine now since the rain.

Sat. 3 - I ploughed for Whit till noon. After dinner Mirt and I went down to Picton and then on down to the Bay out to Eddie Rorke's stayed all night.

Sun. 4 - Mirt and I went from Eddie's to the Carman to Quartly meeting and then went out to Pa's. After Tea we started for home. Stirling come up with me. We stopped to Milford to church. Mr. Seath preached.

Mon. 5 - Byron started to cultivate the corn again. About ten o'clock I went up to Leavett's. Spliced his hay rake and then after dinner we drew in barley and wheat.

Tues. 6 - I helped Leavett draw in wheat and oats. It was very cloudy all day commenced to rain about nine o'clock PM and rain most of the night.

Wed. 7 - Well we have had another lovely rain. Whit and Mr. Collier went out to East Lake fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Parks came out here visiting. They went home about four o'clock and I went down to Picton got a couple of lard tubs for pickles.

Thur. 8 - Byron and I saw wood till noon. After dinner I dragged some and ploughed for Whit. It has been a nice drying day.

Fri. 9 - I ploughed for Whit in the four noon. After dinner helped draw in wheat and oats. Looked very much like rain all the after noon.

Sat. 10 - I ploughed for Whit till noon. After dinner helped draw in oats. threatened rain all day.

Sun. 11 - Jake Lib Eddie and Sarah Eliz were up here visiting. They all started for home about five o'clock. Thinking it was going to rain was their hurry.

Mon. 12 - I helped Leavett pull peas. It was a nice cool day for working.

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Tues. 13 - I helped Mr. Losser draw in oats. It was some warmer and it was my first time working for Mr. Losser and I like them fine.

Wed. 14 - Helped Mr. Losseer draw in today. It was a very warm day. And looks like rain again.

Thurs. 15 - I helped Mr. Losser till noon. Draw in oats. Then it rain I come home and Byron and I went back and sawed wood. Mirt and Bertha were out to Ida's.

Fri. 16 - When Mirt came home last night she run in a cow with the buggy. And this morning I saw the damage that was done. This four noon we went down to Picton I got the buggy fixed. After dinner I ploughed for Whit.

Sat. 17 - I helped Mr. Losser draw in oats. Whit and Mary went down to Napanee. After Tea Mirt Byron and I went down to Picton. Byron got a new hat Mirt got some dishes. Last Friday when Mirt and I went down to Picton I got Byron a new suit of cloths.

Sun. 18 - Mirt and I went out to the Valley to meeting then come home and after dinner went out to West Lake to meeting. Byron went out with us had his new suit on.

Mon. 19 - I helped Mr. Loser pull peas. It was rather a nice cool day. Whit and Mary got home about five o'clock from their visit at Napanee.

Tues. 20 - I helped further Leavett thrash I had a hard days work. Byron went down to Mary Ellen's. Mirt baked bread and washed.

Wed. 21 - I helped Mr. Loser finish pulling peas. Mirt took Byron down home and intend to stay for a few days.

Thur. 22 - I helped Mr. Leavitt thrash. It was a very hot day. I stayed all night.

Fri. 23 - Helped Leavitt's pull peas till noon then there came up a little shower of rain and stoped the business. Mirt got home about three o'clock. Maud Dulmage came up with her.

Sat. 24 - Helped Whit pick apples till noon After dinner Mirt Maud Dulmage and I went down to Picton seen a number from the Point.

Sun. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Collier were over for dinner Mirt and I went out to Sunday School. And on out to Dan's. it was a lovely day.

Mon. 26 - Work for Leavitt pulling peas till noon. Then after dinner I helped Loser draw in is peas.

Tues. 27 - I finished working for Losser traded Blaise with Mr. Loser for Flora got five dollars difference.

I am not able to say what kind of a trade I made Time will tell. Well now I expect to commenced to pick tomatoes and I suppose I will have lots of work to keep me busy till frost comes. Mirt is gone to meeting tonight and I am alone.

Wed. 28 - I picked tomatoes today for the first. Time. Mirt helped me most of the day. We only pick 21 crates. After dinner we went down to Picton after some grocers.

Thurs. 29 - I finished picking over my tomatoes at noon. And run over Whit's. After dinner I went down home after my hay.

Fri. 30 - I got home with my hay at noon. Pa come up with me Whit took in the first load of tomatoes 22 bush. About three o'clock Pa and I went out to Dan's. Pa stayed.

Sat. 31 - We had a frightful rain last night. I started to plough for Whit. It commenced to rain and I quit the job then Whit and I cleaned out the barn. After dinner Pa and I went down to Picton roads were very muddy.

(See also "Nelson's Notes" on page 14)

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We need people who are interested in keeping the museum alive and prosperous. Approximately 2500 people visit the museum each year and spend their time and money enjoying the facility and its wonderful stories, artifacts and information. It employs local summer students and offers community events.

The museum needs volunteers who can give a couple of hours on a particular project, help with fundraising events, do some painting, gardening or minor repairs, help at special events, become a board member, helping with children's camp, and bring in new ideas.

If you have some time to offer to the museum in any way we would like to hear from you.

Please call or email:

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South Bay U.C.W.



No meetings of either the Milford Friendship Circle or South Bay U.C.W. in August

Nelson Notes... Anecdotes and background about Nelson's diary entries.

Why would there have been an excursion of orphans from Toronto to Picton (August 1)? It may have been a connection through the True Blue Lodge. That group of charitable ladies was involved in orphanages in Toronto and also in the opening of the Loyal True Blue Orphanage in Picton (pictured below). A building had been purchased in 1899 in Hallowell for the purpose of this orphanage. So perhaps this was a visit from a "sister" orphanage in Toronto to a recently opened one in Picton.



In a pre-refrigeration era food storage was laborious. Nelson picks up lard tubs (August 7) for making pickles. Lard could be stored in wooden tubs, making it a much more dependable source of fat than butter. His plan is to use those wooden tubs for pickling; he could have been pickling fish just as easily as vegetables. In this way he managed the "necessity of storing up the abundance of one season to meet the deficiencies of another."

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In this month's column, we offer news about an interesting collection for you to browse in the library branch, highlight more children's summer programs, and recommend two interesting reads.

Steve Ferguson has offered to share a large collection of back issues of *The South Marysburgh Mirror*, dating back to 1995. *The Mirror* has been an integral part of our community for many years and the Ann Farwell Library branch is happy to be able to have the collection on display for you to browse through over the summer. We'll have it a little later in August so stop in and have a look.

Our children's summer programs, which happen at all six branches of the library, have been exceptionally popular this year and new ones are in the works for August.

On August 1st, at 3 p.m. join Brianna Logan, the Senior Museum Assistant from the Mariners' Park Museum, for a fun and informative program about shipwrecks. At 4 p.m. on the same afternoon, stay for *Strike Up the Band*, a musical themed activity that includes making a musical craft to take home.

On August 19th, the library is holding a *Kids Can Cook* program at the Milford Town Hall at 11 a.m. Registration is required in advance with Whitney for this program since space is limited. Call 613-476-5962 or e-mail: wlee@peclibrary.org to reserve your spot.

On August 21st, also at 11 a.m., come to the Milford branch library for *Grocery Games* and a supermarket stampede. Participate in different games all revolving around groceries. This program is suitable for all ages.

To see all of the programs and special events at the library, visit the online events calendar on the library website at: www.peclibrary.org

With fall just around the corner – yes, sorry to bring that up – we are looking at programs that might be of interest starting in mid-September. Maybe a weekly knitting club? New book club? Workshops? If you have any ideas, or would like us to bring in an expert on any topic, or to teach anything, please get in touch with us.

Lastly, I'd like to recommend two historical novels I read recently. One is by Kate Alcott entitled *The Daring Ladies of Lowell*. The story spins local history about the death of a mill girl into the life of women who laboured to

build the textile industry in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1832. Anne Barrow, the protagonist, recalls characters in Louisa May Alcott's writing. The plot weaves everyday hardships of the times, labour grievances, a love story, and the murder trial based on an actual account into a satisfying read.

The second novel is by Canadian writer and award-winning journalist Sally Armstrong. *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor – the first woman settler of the Miramichi*, like *The Daring Ladies of Lowell*, is based on historical accounts. In fact, Charlotte Taylor was the great, great, great-granddaughter of the author.

Taylor, who escapes a domineering well-to-do family in England with her family's butler to sail to the West Indies, was a courageous woman in any time, but especially in her time. A series of adventures eventually lands her at a settlement on the Miramichi River in what was then British North America. Her journey is perilous, but rich with relationships with ship captains, immigrants, local Mi'kmaq and Loyalists. It's a lively telling of a fascinating slice of history.

If you have read a good book lately that you would like to recommend, please let me know so that we can share the title with others in this column. E-mail me at: crenaud@peclibrary.org or call the Milford branch at 613-476-4130.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! Christine

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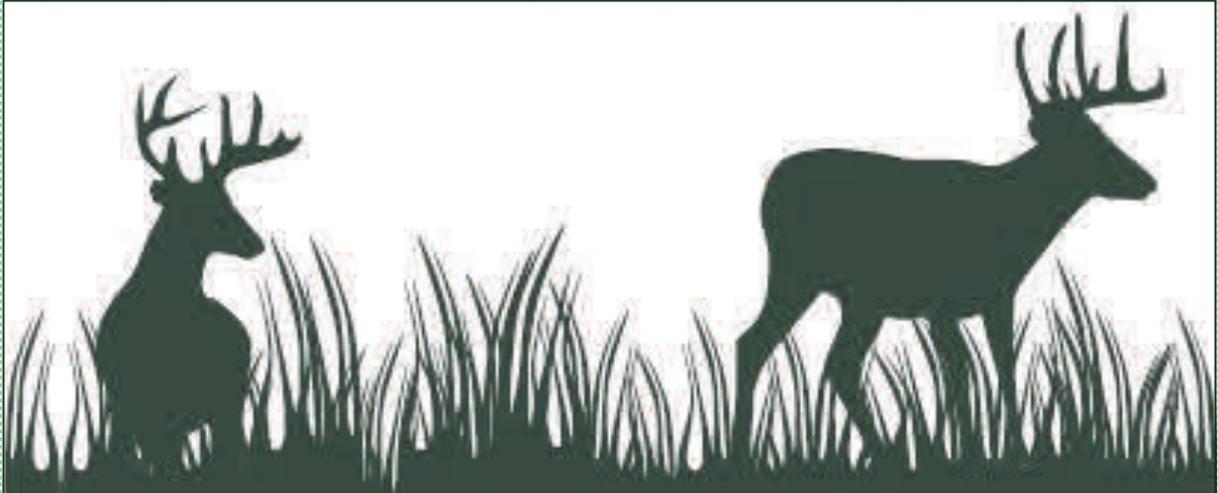
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