

The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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Christmas in Milford

There was plenty of activity in Milford leading up to the big day.

Diane Walker and her granddaughter Sarah organized and conducted a workshop on making Christmas Wreaths. Fourteen beautiful handmade wreaths decorated the Township this Christmas.

The annual post office tree lighting was followed by a well-attended film and refreshments at St. Phillip's Church.

On Christmas Eve, Santa and his wife paid a visit to Jen Ackerman and neighbourhood children at Live, Laugh, Eat.

And following all that was the annual New Year's Levee that was well attended despite the weather!



The Annual Milford Winter Carnival

(Sponsored by South Marysburgh Recreation Board)

Saturday, January 31st

At Milford Town Hall

Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Adults \$7.00

Children \$3.00



At the Mill Pond or the Fairgrounds



Winter Activities

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(Depending on weather and ice conditions)

At Mt. Tabor

Free Family Movie

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



At Milford Town Hall

Chili Dinner with Rolls & Dessert

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson

I committed to keep the residents of our ward informed about Council issues so this as yet unnamed column will appear in each month's *South Marysburgh Mirror*.

You have likely heard about the rather intense orientation sessions the councillors-elect and mayor-elect went through in late November. I found the whole experience informative and well run and, like the other new councillors, came away with a much greater understanding and respect for our system. The sessions were also revelatory because of what we learned about all the people, departments and systems that make Prince Edward County work.

Following our swearing-in in early December and our first Committee of the Whole meeting on December 4th, it was down to work on the municipal budget: all five days and 950-plus pages of it. These were intense sessions during which the numerous challenges facing the County became abundantly clear. As you have no doubt heard, roads and water/wastewater took the lion's share of the time to discuss. These are very complex issues that must be faced head on and can't be resolved satisfactorily over the course of only five days. Much more discussion will take place about these issues in the coming months.

In the end we passed a draft budget with a 3.19% increase in levies for 2015 as well as increases in user fees for water and wastewater. We meet again on January 7, 8 and 9 for further discussion about the budget and to set council's goals as well as those for the CAO for 2015.

The budget also includes a salary increase for the mayor and councillors. Being a new member of council with only a month or two of experience under my belt, I didn't feel an increase of \$300 was appropriate at this point. I voted against the increase but was defeated and the motion passed. Although I'm going to get the increase anyway, I have written and mailed 12 post-dated cheques to donate the entire \$300 to Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation over the course of 2015. I can't speak for the other new councillors, I don't think the increase is out of line for returning councillors and the mayor.

Of specific interest to residents of South Marysburgh, I am following up on these issues: I have brought to the attention of Commissioner McAuley the immediate need for a boat ramp in our ward given the closure of the one at the Black River

Cheese Factory (and the indisputable fact that we have a lot of shoreline). I have also brought to his attention the condition of some of our roads and will push for improvements this year. In addition, the former South Marysburgh Recreation Committee has been renamed the South Marysburgh Recreation Board and is undertaking a pilot project to manage the town hall and Mt. Tabor Theatre in Milford including scheduling and rental fees. The success of this initiative is of interest to the other councillors.

It is still early going and all of us are still becoming familiar with each other and our various views of the matters we must deal with. My own opinion is that this is a dedicated group of individuals keen to do the best for the County and its residents. I am particularly impressed with Mayor Quaiff who appears to be a strong leader.

All the best for a happy and prosperous 2015.



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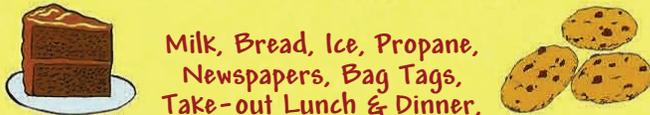
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The Experts

By George Underhill

It's a fact. If we're spending money on a major purchase, we should do a little research, or consult with an "expert" to get advice. So why don't I do it? Here are some of my successes...and failures.

Several years ago, I was fortunate enough to be sent to Costa Rica on business. I have a friend who had been there fishing for tarpon in the Rio Colorado River, and I thought I should do it too. Tarpon are big fish. Fishing for sixty pound tarpon requires different fishing tackle than if you're after five pound bass, so I went off to my favourite fishing store, wisely bringing along my expert advisor, who claimed that for these huge fish, the fishing pole must be capable of lifting a five pound dead weight off the floor. Who knew?

The sales person was confident that the rod he recommended would be adequate for tarpon, and would easily lift 5 or more pounds off the floor. My friend whipped out a five pound weight and a length of string to test the guarantee, and suddenly the sales person's confidence ebbed away faster than the tides in the Bay of Fundy. He then told us that if the rod broke we'd have to pay for it.

When the supervisor appeared a different rod was selected. That's why you bring an expert. Incidentally, hooking on to a sixty pound tarpon is like hooking on to a speeding taxicab. Good thing I had the right tackle.

I needed new chest waders for putting in and taking out the dock because the old ones (which I had purchased without advice) were torn and leaky. Rubber, canvas, neoprene, Coran? What should I buy? So I asked my friend the expert who researches all this stuff. I'm still wearing the pair he recommended. They're warm and heavy, don't leak, but retain odour in a most unpleasant way. Still, after years of abuse they are still functional.

I seem never to ask for advice when buying a car. You certainly don't want the advice of the car salesman. I once lived next to a guy who owned a couple of used car lots in Toronto. I wanted a good used car, so I asked him to recommend one that he might have on his lot. He told me he never sold cars to friends. Probably a wise policy for him. In my relative youth, I bought a brilliant yellow Comet Cyclone GT convertible with suckers on the hood, a monster chromed engine, and racing stripes. Was this the right car for a young couple with a small child? You don't need to answer that.

I had a friend who, divorced in his late forties, indulged himself with a dandy low slung sports

The South Marysburgh Recreation Board

The Marysburgh Mimmers
The Milford Fair Board

Meetings, Events, Announcements

Recreation Board Meeting

Milford Town Hall
Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Wii Bowling

Milford Town Hall
Every Thursday from January 8th to
April 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

2015 Milford Winter Carnival

Saturday, January 31, 2015
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car. It didn't take him long to sell it, because when he accosted girls on the street in his new machine, he claimed they looked down on his bald spot and he felt that's all they could see.

I once witnessed a guy in the supermarket, indecisively hovering over the potato chips, pondering the vast selection, and finally using his cell phone to call his wife, at least that's who I assume he was calling. I wanted to say, "Step up pal. This is a decision you can be bold enough to make all by yourself." But of course I was too chicken to say that. The lesson? You don't always need an expert.

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South Bay U.C.W.



Members of the U.C.W. met at South Bay United Church hall for a 12:00 noon pot luck lunch.

Because of the inclement weather, the ladies got down to business immediately following lunch.

President Sandra opened with our purpose, theme hymn and Lord's Prayer.

Joyce's devotional was based on Luke 2, with the Christmas story. She read a story taken from the book *Selling the Needy for a Pair of Shoes*.

Interestingly, this book was presented to Pat York in 1947 and the bible she read from had belonged to Joyce's grandmother, Carrie Greatrix, from Mrs. F.J. Hyatt.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted.

We were all sorry to hear that Skip is in hospital and Maureen will send a card to her from U.C.W.

Nine people were present and twenty-four sick calls were made.

Our finances were presented with a motion passed to donate \$4,000 to South Bay United Church. Joyce will present a cheque on Sunday, December 14th.

The ladies were requested to prepare lunch for the group, Women Around Noon, in August. After some discussion, they agreed to accommodate these ladies.

The following dates were set for 2015:

Fish Fry: Wednesday, July 8th;

Luncheon and craft sale: Saturday, November 14th.

An interesting program prepared by Alice told where a lot of our popular sayings originated.

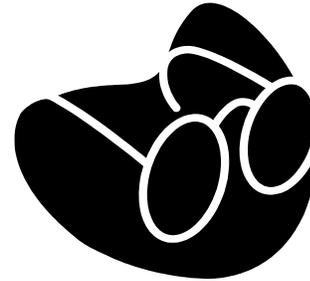
The meeting closed with our U.C.W. Prayer.

U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Coming events:

Wednesday, January 14th – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. with the following schedule: Devotion: Brenda Minaker; Roll Call: The best thing about Christmas; Program: Sandra Emlaw; Lunch: Maureen Rudd and Carol Branscombe; Objective: Bring a Valentine to be sent to a sick person or shut-in.

There will be no January or February meetings for the Friendship Circle, and the March meeting will be held at Marg Crouse's new home on Thursday, March 5th. Happy New Year all!

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Gossip!

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& Random Notes*

The Assembly of Gentlemen

The AoG's Christmas Eve confab was interrupted when several members had to depart to assist *Live, Laugh, Eat's* proprietor, Jen Ackerman, whose horse had fallen into a hole at her farm. AoG members, store proprietor - and presumably the horse - celebrated Christmas without further incident.

A draft rendering of the AoG's proposed PERTS (Prince Edward Rapid Transit System) illustrating routes and transfer points, is posted on the wall inside *Live, Laugh, Eat* and is available for public comment. In closed sessions the group has been discussing some other unrelated initiatives that might benefit the community that will be announced in the coming months.

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What Direction for your Milford Branch Library in 2015?

It is no secret that public libraries today have to continually innovate to remain viable and useful to their communities and this is especially so for small rural branches. That's why the library is always looking at ways to better serve the residents of Milford and the surrounding area.

With that in mind, we've noticed that some people use the Ann Farwell branch as something of a secondary place of work and wonder about possibly rearranging the library a bit to accommodate this more effectively. Should that be a consideration?

Someone with a small business might like to use the Wi-Fi, or have access to printing and faxing in one area, for example. Or maybe freelancers or those who normally work from a home office might like to get away from distractions at home, or to just be around other people.

The concept of what is called co-working is not new one and more co-working spaces are popping up in many centres. It's something that provides a shared working environment for independent activity.

If interested, the library could provide a space dedicated to this in one part of the branch, with its own printer, coffee station, and office supplies such as staplers, paper cutter, tape, etc.

The weekly French Conversational Club, which meets every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the Knitting Club on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and the monthly afternoon Book Club would be unaffected by any changes.

What other clubs, however, might we form to meet at the library? Another book club, maybe in the evening? Or a once a month 'crafternoon'?

The library is also available as a community space for anyone with an idea for a workshop or class. This can be a "for-fee" learning opportunity and could include painting classes, quilting class, a one-day workshop on any topic, or almost any creative idea that could be accommodated in the space. When the library is used in this way, the only requirement is that a small donation from the proceeds of the class or workshop be made to the library. We are also happy to provide promotion with posters and articles in newspapers and so forth for anyone wanting to hold such a class or event in the library.

Of course, anyone interested in staging an event or using the space in a non-profit way can use the library for free, anytime.

We are also looking at the possibility of serving as a remote cash-only box office for events in the County in 2015, so that people would not have to drive to town or another part of the County for tickets.

These are just some of the ideas we are looking at and we welcome more.

If you could make changes to the library, what would they be? How do you use the library? What can we do to encourage and increase its use? Please contact us with your thoughts by e-mail, or call 613-476-4130 or 613-476-5962.

We look forward to a great year ahead, and hope to see you in the library taking out a book, magazine or DVD soon. We would like to remind you as well, that you may also make appointments for one-on-one help with any computer related needs you might have, including how to use e-readers and upload e-books from the library.

Happy 2015!

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Cherish all the happy moments – they make a fine cushion for old age.

"Twas the month after Christmas and all through
the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales, there arose such a
number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a
lumber)
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the
cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No, thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself as only I can, "You can't spend the
winter disguised as a man!"
So, away with the lust of the sour cream dip
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie, not even a lick
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick
I won't have hot biscuits or corn bread or pie
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry
I'm hungry and lonesome and life is a bore
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!"

*Signs found on various products
(are we all imbeciles?)*

On a string of Christmas lights:

For indoor or outdoor use only

On a 13-inch wheel of a wheelbarrow:

Not intended for highway use

On a can of self-defense pepper spray:

May irritate eyes

On a Domino's Pizza box: Caution! Contents hot!

On a coffee cup: Caution! Hot beverages are hot!

On a product called 'Rubber Band Shooter':

Caution! Shoots rubber bands.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To
steal from many, is research.

A hat was passed around a church congregation to
take up an offering for the visiting minister.

Presently it was returned to him, embarrass-
ingly empty. Slowly, the parson inverted his hat and
shook it meaningfully. Then, raising his eyes heaven-
ward, he said prayerfully, "I thank you, Lord, that I
got my hat back from this congregation."

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a
text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If
you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are
eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me
a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love
you."

He replied, "I'm in the bathroom,. Please ad-
vise."

Nurse to patient: "Are you on any special diet?"

"Yes, I drink Slim-Fast twice a day but it's not
working. In fact, I've gained several pounds."

"Really, Do you think that skipping meals to
drink a shake makes you so hungry that you overeat
later?"

"What do you mean 'skipping meals'?"

*Exit Lines: A very Happy New Year to all South
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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
January 1896

Transcribed by Vicki Emlaw

Jan. 1 - It was quite warm the ground was froze some. No snow nor there has'nt been any to make sleighing.

Jan. 2 - Jake took lib down home. I went out home. Will Wadforth and his mother, Ezra Lighthall willie Steel were there.

Jan. 3 - Jake and I went up to milford to cort. The roads was very good. change in the weather began to get quite cold.

Jan. 4 - Jake and Lib went down to Dan's. They stayed all night. It was quite cold the wind was North West.

Sun. 5 - It was very cold and froze up very hard.

Jan. 6 - Mr. Ferguson was to Jake till after dinner. Jake and Lib went out to Thomas Wattams for a visit. I went out home. It snowed some at night.

Jan. 7 - Maw come out t Jakes with me. It snowed all day.

Jan. 8 - I took 11 bus of buckwheat to get ground for flour and 13 bus of barley to get ground for the horses.

Jan. 9 - It snowed most of the day. Paw come out went up on Calman Wattam and got a load of wood for Dan. Effie Thompson was to Libs cuttting a dress out.

Jan. 10 - I took up 16 bus of grain that got burnt to get ground for the hogs. The sleighing was very good for the first.

Jan. 11 - Jake and i went out home we drewed up some ceader logs from the Store House for the barn. The ice was about six inches.

Sun. 12 - I was up to Annie Mauds for a visit. The Sleighing was very good.

Jan. 13 - Jake and I went up on Calman Wattam to get a stick of Lumber for the barn. In the after noon it snowed made the sleighing excellent-good. Mr. Metcalfe come down after the scales. Jake bought Mr. Metcalfe's half of the sow for \$3.40.

Jan. 14 - Paw and Maw Jake went over to Picton. Paw got six of wheat flour @ 190

Jan. 15 - Jake and i went down to Marsh Spafford to get a ceader log the sleighing was just fine.

Jan. 16 - We went up on Charlie Wattam and got 8 posts 16 ft long and 3 beams 22 ft.

Jan. 17 - We went up on edward Welbanks got a beam 44 ft. long. Then went out on Cooper's place and got a pine 44 ft long.

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Jan. 18 - We went up on Ed welbanks got two 16 ft posts and 1 22 ft beam and in the afternoon went out on Mathew Ostrander got a Elm 44 ft long

Sun. 19 - It snowed most of the Day. George L Collier and Florance were to Libs.

Jan. 20 - Jake went out on Mathew Ostrander and got 1 long 22 ft and a pine 28 ft long. In the afternoon went up on John William Mouck got two longs 22 ft long. Stratton L awry were to Lib till after dinner.

Jan. 21 - We went up on Mr. Mouck got 5 sticks of timber for the barn. The Sleighing was good.

Jan. 22 - We went up on John William Mouck got one 16 ft post. then we went on Mr. Nelson Hudgin's two 16 ft post and two 12 ft saw logs.

Jan 23 - Jake and I went up Mr. Hudgins and got 1 16 ft post and two 12 ft saw logs. In the afternoon Jake and Paw went down to Mr. Thomas Minaker's got two 13 ft post and 1 16 ft saw log.

Jan 24 - It snowed and drifted all day long very hard. I took Bell out to Davis got her shod all around.

Jan. 25 - Jake and I took 20 bus of barley up to the mill to get ground for the horses. In the afternoon Jake and lb went up to James Wattam. Stratton was out to Jake's stayed all night.

Sun. 26 - It was quite cold the roads were good lots of snow.

Jan. 27 - we went down to Thomas Minakers got 1 16 ft post. 1 13 ft post and 1 23 ft log. It was quite cold.

Jan. 28 - We went back on Cooper got 1 35 ft pine. There was a Tea meeting at the Carman Church \$38.61cts.

Jan. 29 - Paw and I went up on Jame's Wattam we got a 44 ft elam beam Jake went over to Picton with Thomas Wattam. He rented the Wilson Farm from Thomas Wattam drew writing's to day.

Jan 30 - Jake and I went up on James Wattam and another 44 ft beam. I was out to Philip Hudgins to an Oyster supper.

Jan 31 - Went up on Jacob Danaird got a 38 ft pine and then went up on John Brooks and got 44 ft stick fetch them both home. Paw and Maw went over to Mr. Lighthall stayed all night went to Picton on Saturday.

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