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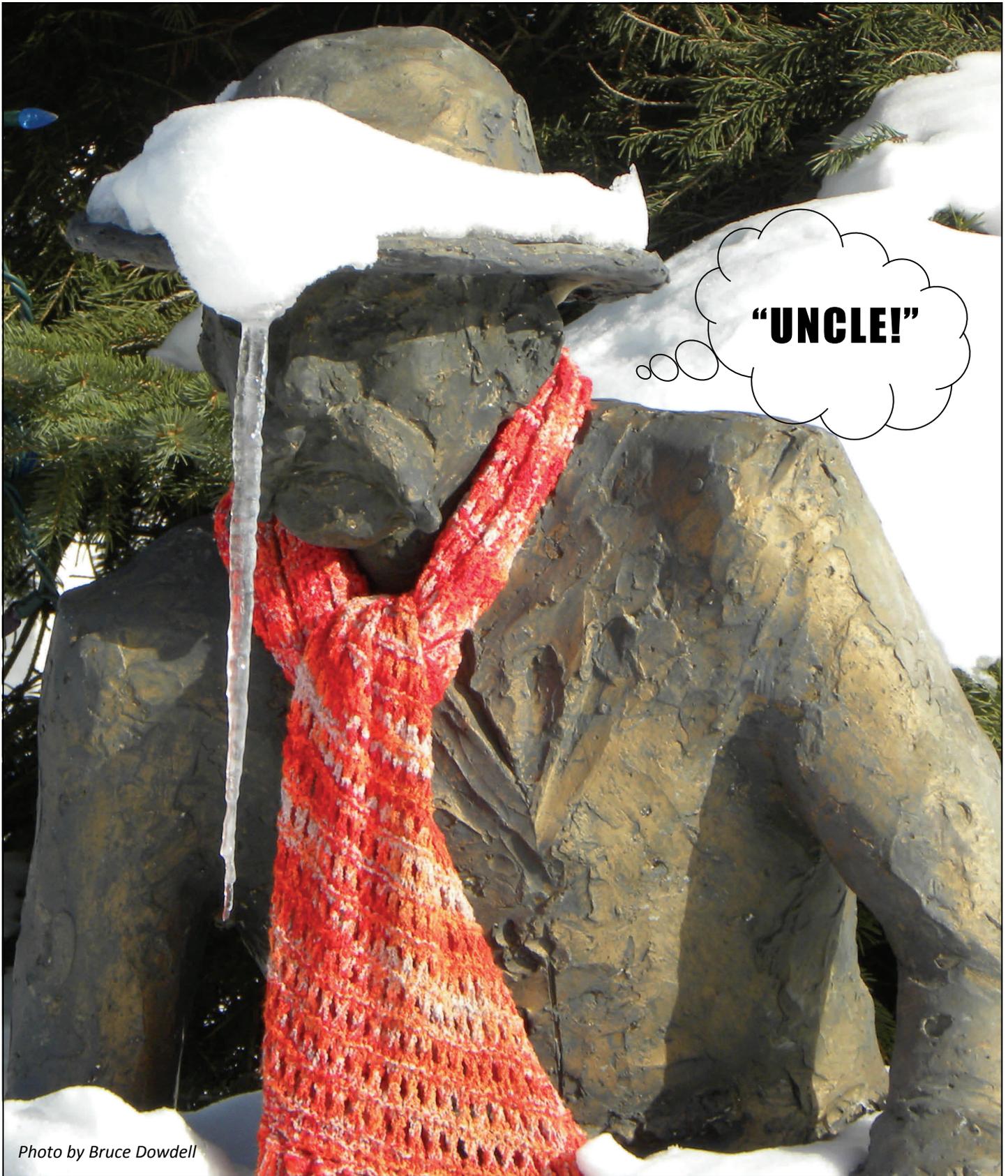


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Pole Walking Workshop

As a result of the Pole Walking session on Sunday, March 22, six people are planning on taking the workshop on April 12, 19 and May 24.



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If you are interested or want more information, please contact Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891 or email vidvar@kos.net

2015 Milford Fair Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings take place at the Milford Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and begin at 7:00 p.m.

- April 8th
- May 13th
- June 10th
- July 8th
- August 12th
- September 9th
- September 16th SET UP
- September 19th FAIR DAY
- October 14th
- November 11th AGM
- November 18th Pot Luck Dinner

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March 20, 21, 27, 28 @ 7:30 p.m.
March 22, 29 @ 2 p.m.

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

Parade starts from the Town Hall @ 11:00 a.m.
Egg Hunt at the Fair Grounds at approx. 11:20 a.m.

Pole Walking Workshop

Sunday, April 12th & 19th - 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Bredin Hall at Mt. Tabor

To register email:

Bruce Dowdell vidvar@kos.net

Recreation Board Annual General Meeting

Milford Town Hall

Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Pole Walking Information Session

Sunday, February 22nd from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bredin Hall at Mt Tabor

(See separate article)

Mummers 30th Anniversary Reunion

Mt. Tabor

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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson

We had several decisions to make in February many of which you have likely heard or read about, among them:

The OPP Contract

The agreement with the OPP has been renewed for five years beginning on January 1, 2015. After a lengthy discussion involving an assessment of alternatives, the current model was deemed the best for the municipality and the ratepayers. I voted in favour of the renewal however there is a cancellation provision that allows the agreement to be terminated by either side with 12-months notice.

The CAO's Goals for 2015

Below are the objectives we set for Merlin Dewing for 2015. These dovetail with the goals council set for itself for the year:

1. Analyze the County's short and long term financial outlook and all factors affecting the municipality's ongoing stability. Recommend strategies for council to best achieve sustainable long term finances and operations.
2. Conduct a review of development, planning, and building related charges, as well as the effectiveness of associated policies. Evaluate development staffing and service levels as compared to other municipalities.
3. Conduct a thorough and transparent internal review of water and wastewater operations in Bloomfield, Wellington and Picton and elsewhere, providing recommendations for change.
4. Develop a consolidated human resources strategy which should include departmental and employee reviews/appraisals, and strategies to enhance employee retention, attraction, and succession planning.
5. Identify a new way to use The County's heritage to drive economic growth

Town Hall Meeting

I guess the size of council isn't such a hot-button issue as far as South Marysburgh is concerned.

I would like to thank Councillors Pennell and Maynard from Ameliasburgh; Councillors Harrison and Neiman from North Marysburgh and Hollowell respectively, and the very ill Mayor Quaiff for sitting in at the town hall meeting on the 28th.

I would also like to thank the NINE! residents who took the time to attend.

As those in attendance heard, the mayor is looking at a late-spring date to begin deliberations

concerning a reduction in size of council. As we get closer to those discussions, and if local interest warrants, another town hall meeting will be organized.

At some point I will have to vote on this issue and unfortunately the opportunity to give me some guidance was missed by the majority of residents last weekend.

Steven Ferguson

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St. Philip's Calendar of Events 2015

Yard & Rummage Sale (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	May 2
Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m. from Guernsey's ending at Morrison Point Road)	May 18
Pork & Corn Roast (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)	August 5
Turkey Supper (5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Sept. 16
Yard & Rummage Sale (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	October 3
Christmas Tea (2:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)	November 14



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& Random Notes*

South Marysburgh B2B

There has been some concern expressed that South Marysburgh may not be doing enough to prepare itself for the coming tourist season. Between our low dollar, reduced gasoline prices and recent global media attention, Prince Edward County can well expect a tourist influx, and there is no reason that our ward shouldn't put on its finest to attract some of their business.

The first effort is to be a Business to Business (B2B) meeting at the Milford Town Hall on April 18th. If you operate a business—be it a one-person cottage business or a more elaborate enterprise - you should participate. The event will be promoted in the local media to attract people from throughout PEC. Erin Johnston and Chris Pengelly are the organizers and can be contacted at 613.827.7151 or by email at johnstonrerin@gmail.com or chrispen007@gmail.com.

Just Like Dorothy Leaving Oz



Friday, March 13th is Shaila Van Vlack's last day attending to business at the Milford Post Office before she taps her heels three times and departs to take on her duties at the Consecon postal outlet.

A farewell reception has been planned for Tuesday, March 10th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the town hall. Please stop by and wish Shaila all the best in her new, justly deserved position. See if she'll "miss you most of all."

Continuing the Wizard of Oz Metaphor...

Although he's already got one and the diplomas to prove it, Fair Board Secretary, Doug McGregor, continues to recuperate after brain surgery last month. We wish him a continued speedy recovery.

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South Bay United Church

2029 County Road 13, South Marysburgh 613.476.8388

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Wednesday, March 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Irish Stew, Garden Salad, Soda Bread, Home-made Desserts, Jellied Apples, Tea, Coffee, Juice
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Good day,

My Names are Denis Jones, an international financial consultant/attorney. One of my clients, Muammar Gaddafi's family (Former Libya President) has mandated me to look for a genuine honest person whom some of their funds will be entrusted to for safekeeping/investments due to their current situation in Libya right now. If you are the honest person, kindly write me through this email address: denis.jones3@aim.com for your interest so I can give you further directives on how to get hold of the investment funds of the family.

Honorably Yours,

Denis Jones

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
March 1896

Transcribed by Vicki Emlaw

Sunday, March 1. Ida and Dan Stirling were out to Jake's for a visit. It rained in the Fore noon and at night it turned cold froze up quite hard.

2. Jake took 36 bus of oats and barley up to the mill to get ground. The roads were very good.

3. Mr. Metcalfe come down. Jake and Robert divid-ed the straw. Davis Duetta and Dan come out and we moved it all out on the place where Jake is going to work. There was six loads of straw. Philip McCrimmon and Stephen Dulmage where out home drawing stone for the barn. 6 loads.

4. Jake and Lib moved on the Wilson place off from Robert Metcalfe place. We fetched the Stove and furniture all out. Jake paid Mr. Metcalfe all up which he was owing him 527 cts. I am going to stay with Jake and Lib the remainder of the winter on the Wil-son place.

5. We finished drawing the hay out there was 3 loads. Dan and Ida were up in the afternoon. Paw bought a horse to a Sale up to the Harbor paid \$19 dollars.

6. Paw went over to Picton with Nelse Ostrander after Annie Mauds furniture. Jake and I finished moving the last load. off from Robert Metcalfe place out on the Wilson place. Ida was up and stayed to help Lib straten around.

7. It rained most of the day Ida and Dan Stirling were up to Jake's . Dan and I went up home fetched down 4 pig and the old hog down to Jake's.

8. Stratton was down we went down to Mr. Eward Rorke's for a visit.

9. Jake and Paw went up on Mr. Jocab Danard got a 44 ft beam. Mr. Spafford and Wife were up to Lib's. Lib is feeling quite sick.

10. Jake went up on Jacob Danird got a beam and in the afternoon William Hineman and Jake went up on Mr. Danard each fetch a beam down. paw and I went out on Mr Cooper cut some girts and rafters.

11. Jake and Paw went over to Picton Paw got a new set of double harness they cost \$22.00 They fetched home the Peas. Paw got a new extension table cost \$6.50.

12. It was a very cold 16 degrees below zero.

13. Paw and I went over to Greenbush to Mr. Rol-stons and got 80 bus of Stone lime @ 15 a bus = \$12.00.

14. Stratton Lowry and I went over to Picton. Then went down to Aunt Lydia's six miles down the High Shore road. Jake went out on Cooper got twenty two rafters and four girts.

15. Stratton and I come home. It was a very nice day. Jake and Lib were down to Mr. Spaffords.

16. Jake and Paw went up on John Brooks got two twenty- four foot sticks for sills. Then they went out on Cooper and got 20 rafters. Archie and I were out on Cooper cutting rafters.

17. Dan and Archie and I went out on Cooper cutting rafters and covering. Paw and Jake went up on Henry Wattams got 4x 15 ft Sleepers. Then went out on Coopers got a load off rafters and covering.

18. I went out on Cooper got a load of rafters and covering. Jake and Paw went out on William Lowry got 5x 15 ft sleepers.

19. Jake and Paw and I went out on W. Lowry got 5x 15 ft sleepers. It snowed all day long very hard piled the roads full.

20. It stormed till about noon the wind blew very hard from the west.

21. We went out on William Lowry got 5x 15 Sleepers and 1x 12 ft log on Henry Wattam and 1x14 ft sleep-ers the roads were good.

22. Nelse and Annie Maud Paw and Maw were to Jake's.

23. Paw and I went out on Jacob Hyatt and got 6 ceader sticks. Jake took 22 bas of grain up to get ground.

24. Paw and I took 3x16 ft logs and 3x12 ft logs over to Picton got them sawed in 3x4 the roads were good threw by Black Creek.

25. Dan come up and helped Jake and we drew 6 loads of wood off from Wilson's back place.

26. It rained till about Five Oclock then it commence to snow.

27. Jake and Archie and I drew 2 loads of wood. In the afternoon we went back on Colman Wattam got 1x12 ft ceader @ 4cts and 1x8 ft ceader @ 4 cts = 80cts.

28. Paw took 1x12 ft ceader and 1x8 ft ceader and 2x12 ft elem log then to Picton got them sawed. Jake and I Archie did Jakes road work on the Wilson Place.

29. It was quite warm the wind was South and it thawed and made the roads quite soft and bad. At night it thounded and Lightened some.

30. It was nice and warm the snow is going very fast Maw was down to Libs. Jake and I drew out four loads of Manure on his Garden.

31. Byron and Archie come down to Jake's we sawed and split wood. It was still very soft and warm the Wild Geese are began to fly around and light on the buckwheat fields. The crows are very thick. They are driving the ice yet. But I do not think will be in a few days.

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: People all wrapped up in themselves make pretty small packages.

The owner of a golf course was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her office and said, "You graduated from U of T and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000 minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought for a moment and then replied, "Everything but my earrings."

Explanations for Children

- ◆ One of the main causes of dust is dirt.
- ◆ A monsoon is a French gentleman.
- ◆ To keep milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.
- ◆ When planets run around and around in circles, we say they are orbiting. When people do it, we say they are crazy.
- ◆ You can listen to thunder and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it, you got hit, so never mind.

It was many years ago since the embarrassing day when a young woman, with a baby in her arms, entered his butcher shop and confronted him with the news that the baby was his and asked what he was going to do about it.

Finally he offered to provide her with free meat until the boy was sixteen. She agreed.

He had been counting the years off on his calendar, and one day the teenager, who had been collecting the meat each week, came into the shop and said, "I'll be 16 tomorrow."

"I know," said the butcher with a smile, "I've been counting too. Tell your mother, when you take that parcel of meat home, that is the last free meat she'll get, and watch the expression on her face."

When the boy arrived home he told his mother. The woman nodded and said, "Son, go back to the butcher and tell him I have also had free bread, free milk and free groceries for the last 16 years and watch the expression on *his* face."

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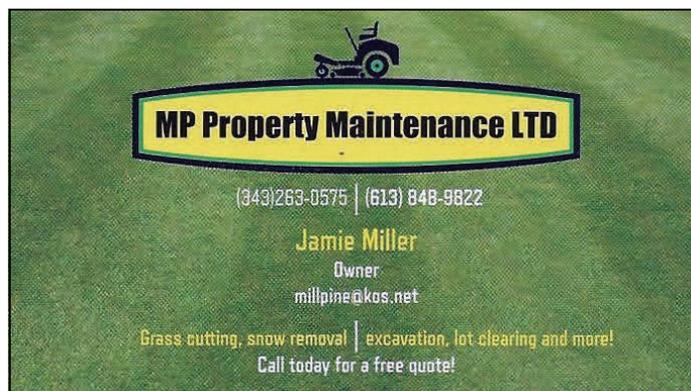
"I'd like the number for Jennifer Smith in Richmond, Virginia," the young man said to the 411 operator.

"There are multiple listings for Jennifer Smith in Richmond, Virginia," the operator said. "Do you have a street name?"

The young man hesitated a moment. "Well, uh, some people call me Bubba."

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

Exit Lines: How come one careless match can start a huge forest fire but you need a whole box just to get a campfire going?



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By Christine Renaud

Would you like to learn to play Bridge? The library is offering a 4-week free Beginner Bridge course thanks to Chris Pengelly, who will be teaching the course.

Come spend 4 afternoons learning the basics of this popular card game at the library on Thursdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. **The first class is March 26th.**

The course is free, but registration is required with Christine as space is limited. E-mail: c Renaud@peclibrary.org or call 613-476-5962 to reserve your space.

Other events at the Milford branch library include the weekly drop-in *Knit and Chat* on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Whether you're an absolute beginner at knitting or crochet and could use some help, or you have a project underway and just want to work in good company, everyone is welcome.

Intermediate/Advanced French continues, but the group is taking a break until the next meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10th. Our continuing thanks to Dorothy Speirs who leads the group and has done so for many years now.

The *Art & Ukulele March Break Camp* that is running Tuesday, March 17th to the 20th daily from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall is now full, and we are looking forward to a week of fun! Note the camp will be held at both the hall and the library to accommodate others using the hall.

In other news, the library now has access to National Film Board films within the branches. NFB produces some of the world's best films and documentaries, and our intention is to have monthly showings with discussion to follow. We invite you to come in and browse the selection and help us decide on films that might be shown. You may also drop in to view films anytime on your own or with friends.

Other projects in the planning stages include a course for children and adults on computer programming using HTML and JavaScript, which are the basic languages of the Internet, and the introduction of a musical instrument library. Lastly, did you know that if there is a book or film on DVD that you would like but it is not in our

collection, that it can be ordered from libraries across the province, or purchased to add to our collection?

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If you have any questions on these options, or any aspect of the library, don't hesitate to drop in and speak to us or give us a call at either 613-476-4130, which is the number for the Milford branch, or at 613-476-5962 in Picton. You can also e-mail Barbara Sweet at: bsweet@peclibrary.org or me at: c Renaud@peclibrary.org

Looking forward to seeing you in the branch,
Christine

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2015 Winter Carnival “Thank You!”

After last year’s Carnival being cancelled because of winter, we made up for it this year. Although it was cold (I still think we should have the Winter Carnival in July) everyone seemed to have a good time and it was great to be able to use the Mill Pond again.

The following members of the Recreation Board and the community made it possible:

Leon McConnell for transporting equipment to the pond, helping clear the ice, keeping the wood stove going (with his wood) for the hot dogs and the cleanup;

Jerry Ferguson and his ATV for clearing the rink areas;

Tim (Zamboni) Noxon for flooding the rinks;

Mark Kelly for supervising the curling and other activities on the pond;

Erin Johnston, Barb and Peter Proctor for organizing and serving the hot dogs and hot chocolate;

Mendy and Barb Berkson for setting up the Town Hall for breakfast, dinner and bingo;

The QEOS Scout Leaders group for looking after the Pancake Breakfast as a fund raiser for their organization;

Janna McCarthy and her team *Sandie Blackford, Maria Hughes, Diane Walker, Brenda Bond, Noel Laine, Janet and Doug Murphy, Carolyn Barnes and Frank Artes* who organized, cooked and served the dinner as well as the clean-up afterward;

Karen Gyde purchased the bingo prizes and checked the winning cards while *Lori Farrington*, along with her young helpers, called the numbers;

Blaine Way, Leah Snyder, Alison Hicks and Jennifer Ackerman also contributed to the success of the 2015 Winter Carnival.

Thank you all, we couldn’t have done it without you.

Bruce Dowdell

Chair—South Marysburgh Recreation Board



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**Update on happenings at
 St. Philip's Anglican Church**

The February 17th Pancake Supper advertised in last month's *South Marysburgh Mirror* was a great success. Over 60 people attended and enjoyed the pancakes, sausages, waffles and bacon cooked and served by volunteers. In particular, St. Philip's would like to thank Tom Sheil who runs the Cherry Valley Restaurant for donating generously of his time and for providing some of the ingredients. Through free will donations the event supported a family recently sponsored by the Diocesan Refugee Committee.

Service/Events highlights:

On **Sunday, March 22nd** there will be a Taize service at 7.00 p.m. and on **Saturday, March 28th** Kathleen Smith returns as guest lecturer for a Lenten Study on Meditations on the Problem of Evil at 9.30 a.m. to noon in St. Philip's church hall followed by a Pot-luck lunch.

On **April 2nd and April 3rd**, everyone is invited Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Evenings at 7.30 p.m. for the dramatic performance 'Eyes Upon the Cross', a passion play with a difference by Don Mueller.

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ROOTS + WINGS

By Canon David Smith

“Free Turkey Dinner” said the sign at Jennifer’s Place. This was good news indeed coming to me as a very pleasant surprise. It had been a long and busy day and there was still an evening meeting to attend. Hungry and tired, I was wishing I could eat at home and watch a hockey game on T.V. However, my trip to Napanee would have to be delayed. So what a great “pick me up” to walk down to Jennifer’s and enjoy a free, delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. It was a free, undeserved but much appreciated gift. It was a moment that defines one of the most beautiful words in the English language, grace. What made it even better was that a young family was enjoying the same meal. In gratitude I offered a silent, heartfelt grace, and a smile accompanied me to my evening meeting.

Sometimes grace is a spur of the moment small unexpected surprise like Jennifer’s free meal. Other times grace is a much more thought out and sacrificial gift. I have the honour of knowing a woman who is donating her kidney for a friend. In order to do this she has had to undergo vast amounts of medical tests in hospitals near and far. She knows she may even have to travel as far away as Vancouver for the operation and cover most of the expenses herself. She is singing a beautiful grace note that makes my heart soar and my ears tingle.

Recently to help make the domestic chore of washing dishes a bit more fun I pulled out an old Bruce Cockburn CD I had not listened to in awhile. It was enjoyable to hear these songs I had forgotten about, especially the one entitled Mystery. Cockburn sings that he believes in mystery and connects infinity with grace. I love his imagery, “Infinity always gives me vertigo, vertigo, vertigo/Infinity always gives me vertigo and fills me up with grace.”

The Christian faith gives me vertigo and fills me up with grace. Infinity for me is the one who was and is and always will be. Infinity is God who created all things. This truth is dizzying on its own but it is made even more remarkable when we celebrate the sacrificial mysterious gift of love God gave to the entire world in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

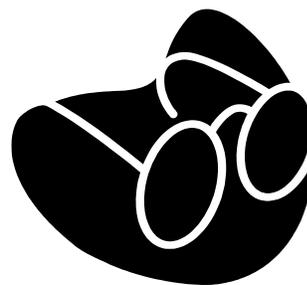
When I left Jennifer’s delicious meal I had a smile on my face because someone had been nice to me, and both my stomach and wallet were fuller than I was expecting. But perhaps my spirit rejoiced for a more mysterious reason. Perhaps the table at Jennifer’s had pointed me to the source of all grace and love, the mystery of God and God’s love.

For me to be a follower of Christ is to live and walk in His grace and to be gracious, grateful and giving. Each week in worship we gather around a free meal to receive grace during Communion and we pray that we will be strengthened like my friend to lovingly give what we can for others. It is a beautiful life filled with mystery.

It is a life I stumble and fall at but I agree with Cockburn’s last verse. “So all you stumblers who believe love rules, believe love rules, believe love rules/Come all you stumblers who believe love rules. Stand up and let it shine. Stand up and let it shine.”

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Evening Wedding at the Black River Chapel

By Deborah Hudson

October 10th, 1969 was the scene of a unique country wedding at the Black River Chapel. Two years previously the Chapel had closed to regular services so when my mother, Nora Grimmon, approached her brother-in-law, Stirling Grimmon (a member of the Black River Chapel and Cemetery Board), about an evening wedding at the Chapel he was delighted to help.

The Chapel was (and still is) without electricity so Uncle Stirling had to dig out the kerosene lanterns from the attic in the Chapel. This required using a ladder to gain access to the attic from the outside. Uncle Stirling cleaned and polished the lanterns then filled them with oil.

Mom asked me to play the old pump organ for the event. Her favourite song was Offenbach's Barcarolle from the *Tales of Hoffman*. In September and October I practiced diligently, coordinating my pumping feet with my fingers until one day there was a small bang and a strap broke leaving one peddle useless. Uncle Stirling came to the rescue. He used a strap from an old pair of overalls to repair the broken piece. I remained leery about that old organ hoping it would not let me down during the ceremony.

October 10th arrived and was a beautiful autumn day. As evening approached the little Chapel was aglow with the soft light from the old lanterns. The guests arrived as the sounds of the Barcarolle wafted out into the warm, quiet evening.

The Reverend Neelands united Nora Grimmon and Harold Bartman in marriage but not before the last "guest" arrived. As the vows were about to



be exchanged I saw from my vantage point at the organ that my gray tomcat, Mickey, was sauntering down the aisle. He proceeded to the wedding party rubbing up against my Aunt Yvonne Grimmon's leg. Next he hopped up on the chair behind the pulpit to casually clean himself.

Now, weddings are serious affairs but an uncontrollable hilarity simmered under the surface of those familiar with my crazy cat. You could almost see the oil shaking in the lanterns on one side of the Chapel. Mickey descended from behind the pulpit and my Cousin Bruce whisked him outside to the great outdoors. With great effort I shut out the shaking laughter inside so I could once again coordinate my feet and fingers and play the wedding recession as Uncle Stirling's overall strap held steadfast.



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Where Are The Humans?

By George Underhill

I have to admit it. A few months ago we moved from Smiths Bay to Picton. Not because of any shortcomings in the Milford area, in fact I'm sorry to move, but because I'm in a wheelchair now and couldn't get around in my house. Moving is, of course, an unpleasant experience on any number of fronts and the unpleasant aspects are unavoidable. The most unpleasant is change of address notifications for telephone, hydro, water heater, pension, the various forms of government, you name it.

There is a problem. All these organizations are set up so as to refuse to let you talk to a human being. "1" if in English, then a long list of possibilities which you have to listen to, then when address change is not among them you must wait to talk to a human, but "due to unexpected call volumes there will be a delay of unspecified minutes." Someone told me that if you opt for French there is a much lower call volume, so you get to speak to a human much faster and those humans speak English. I've never tried it because it seems like cheating, but I'm becoming angry enough that I just might give it a shot. It seems to me that "unexpected call volumes" must be about one call every 24 hours.

If you're attempting to change your credit card billing address (or any other credit card inquiry), the disembodied voice first asks you to "Enter your sixteen digit card number." I have yet to be able to get it right on the first try.

We all know that many call centers are located in India or Korea or somewhere else a million miles away. I read once that Leonard Lee of Lee Valley Tools, justly famous for high quality tools and high quality service, once said that those companies holding service in such low regard as to set up their call centres in some remote country are doomed to ultimate failure. So far, he hasn't been proven correct, but his sentiment is on the money.

On the Service Canada website, which says you can change your address....you can't. On several screens there is an entry that says "contact us." I thought by clicking on it I would communicate with a human. Silly me. All it does is take you back one screen. Finally, I found one on-line instruction advised to write a letter and gave the address. Not an electronic letter, mind you, but a snail mail letter. The same thing with my private pension. I had to write a letter. Is there some privacy thing about an address change that says you can't modify it electronically?

In the days when I wasn't a parasite on the economic engine of this country, I worked in the computer business. We had a switchboard operator who would take and route calls to you. If you weren't in she would take a message and put it in a little box for you to retrieve when you came back. That didn't work either because either you couldn't read her handwriting or she got the message all garbled. Still, you at least had someone to yell at.

While I'm on things that bug me let me say initials. Kentucky Fried Chicken is "KFC", maybe because they don't like to say "fried". Kraft dinner is KD. You have an adorable little moppet trilling "EB!" Then her dad dips his toast into the yolk of a fried egg intoning the great taste of "EB". Egglard's Best, if you don't know. If you ask me it's all B.S.



South Bay U.C.W.



(There was no February U.C.W meeting due to a funeral for a church member.)

U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Coming Events

Thursday, March 5th—Milford Friendship Circle will be held at the home of Marg crouse at her new home on Phillip Street at 1:30 p.m. Roll call: pick a word beginning with 'M' (for the month of March) challenging the members as to its meaning; Marg has Thought for the day; Program: Alice.

Wednesday, March 11th – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional: Sandra Emlaw; Roll Call: wear green; Program: Karen Guernsey; Lunch: Sandra and Pat; Objective: food bank.

Wednesday, March 25—South Bay United Church Stewards are preparing a St. Patrick's Day Supper from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at South Bay United Church hall. For \$15.00 (children under 12, \$8.00) enjoy Irish stew, soda bread, salad, jellied apples and homemade desserts.

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Indian Food #2

By David Larkin

I spent my early years in India, but we never ate Indian food, although I do remember enjoying cha-pattis. But I acquired a taste for it in Dublin where it was served each week in the Trinity College dining room.

I keep trying to introduce it at St Philip's Anglican Church where there are some enthusiasts and some who are terrified. We had a few Indian dishes at our pot luck that we had with the movie 'The Hundred Foot Journey' last week. Surprisingly, the pappadums were a huge success. They are so much easier to prepare by using a microwave than by frying. I have taken Mulligatawny soup to the church on a few occasions and it has always been a great success.

I should have made the point that not all Indian food is hot. Well-spiced is not necessarily hot. In addition to the sauces, powders and pastes available in your supermarket, I should mention Naan Bread. This needs to be heated in the oven for a few moments @400°. Pappadums are prepared by brushing them with oil and zapping them in the microwave (one at a time) for 40 seconds. You can get plain, pepper and garlic pappadums. There are many other Indian flat breads, but these are the ones most easily found.

There are a host of other dishes that one can have with the main dish. We are very fond of Raita, a cooling dish:

1 English cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped finely

Coarse cooking salt

2 tspns. cumin seeds

2 green onions, chopped

1 1/2 cups plain yogurt

1 tbsp. lemon juice

Place cucumber in strainer, sprinkle with salt; stand for 15 minutes. Rinse cucumber under cold water; drain well.

Place seeds in small saucepan, stir over low heat until well browned.

Combine half the cucumber, seeds, onions, yogurt and juice in medium bowl, stir well. Spoon into serving bowl, sprinkle with remaining cucumber and extra seeds, if desired.

Aloo Gobi (potato /cauliflower) is cauliflower and peas, plus spices. You can get the recipe by Googling Aloo Gobi Michael Smith. He gives a modified recipe using sweet potatoes, but I always make it the original way with ordinary potatoes.

Another dish which goes well is a *Tomato, Mint and Lime Salad

4 medium tomatoes

6 green onions, chopped

1/2 cup chopped fresh mint

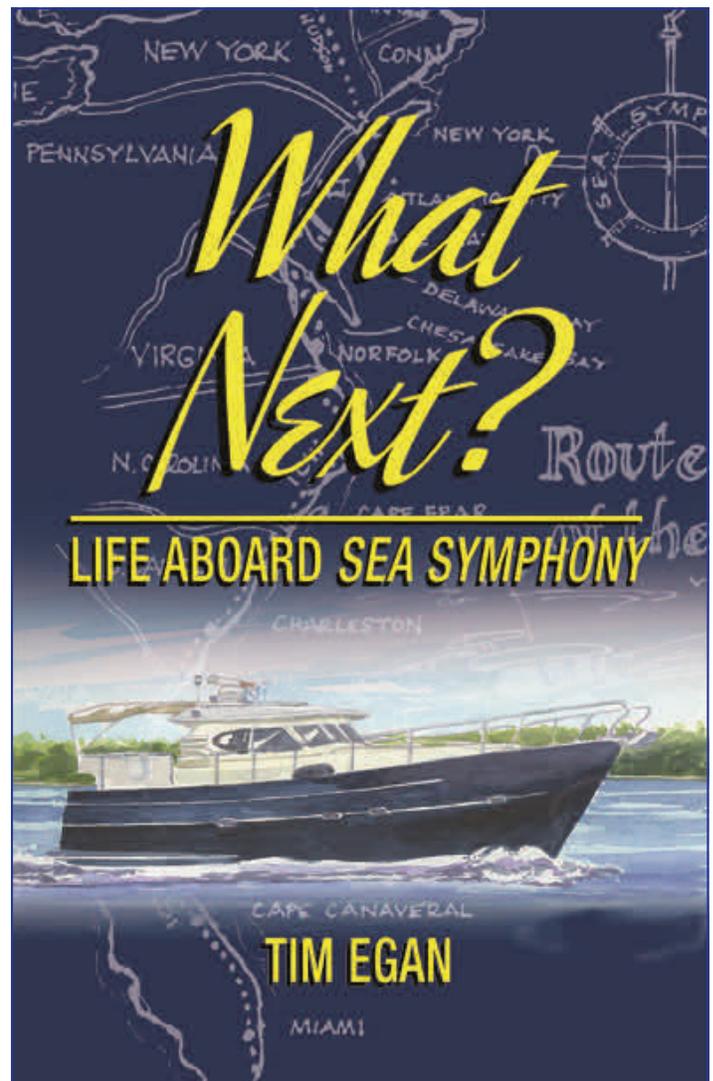
1/4 cup lime juice

2 tspns. sugar

1/4 tspn. chili powder

Cut tomato into wedges, combine in large bowl with onions and mint.

Combine juice, sugar and chili in small jug, stir into tomato mixture.



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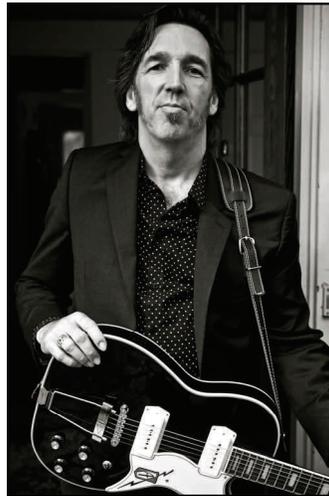
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