

Opinions About the Approval of wpd Canada's White Pines Industrial Wind Turbine Project

"Ontario is now negotiating deals with Quebec and Newfoundland to connect the grid and import power from two provinces that have massive hydroelectric resources.

"The people of Prince Edward County have a legitimate gripe. Wind turbines are being forced on them over massive protest in the name of fighting climate change — which they aren't doing — and for the purpose of generating power that we don't need.

"The fate of the Blanding's Turtle provided the tragedy story for the first project. White Pines? It is the absolute definition of history repeating itself as farce."

A comment from a reader on QuinteNews.com

"On behalf of my constituents, I again insist that you consider our concerns that the Green Energy Act is discriminating against and destroying rural Ontario for the theoretical benefit of those who live in urban parts of the Province. This approach is so very contrary to the Acts and laws that were carefully and thoughtfully put in place to protect endangered species and the rights of individuals.

"In an energy-rich Province such as Ontario, there is no justification for removing democracy at the level of the Municipality which can no longer decide for itself. And as such, it will be fought by as many rural municipalities as can be mustered; there are at present over 90 Unwilling Hosts, of which Prince Edward County is one, who believe the Green Energy Act to be a deliberate discrimination against rural Ontario. You have committed to listening to the local concerns of municipalities. I implore you to not only listen - but to truly hear our concerns - and discuss them with us. We are incredibly distraught over this decision and its devastating impact on our community."

Mayor Robert Quaiff in a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne

"You'll recall that earlier in the year, I wrote to you about the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeals regarding another project planned for the same ecosystem and almost the exact same location in Prince Edward County. At that time, the Ontario Court of Appeals had ruled that the Environmental Review Tribunal was right to state that the project would cause serious and irreversible harm to the ecosystem.

"During our exchange in the House you stated that you had an interest in protecting the biodiversity of the County and, when you said that, I took you at your word.

"Therefore, I find it hypocritical that the Ministry of Environment would grant approval to this project with one hand while, through another branch of the Ministry, convening an ERT to determine whether there is a potential remedy available to the serious and irreversible harm that it has already been acknowledged to be caused by these projects."

MPP Todd Smith in a letter to Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

(See more opinions on page 14)

Grow Your Own

By Sarah Moran Collier and Nancy Butler



This installment of *Grow Your Own* is in memory of George Ackerman, who died in August of 2014, at the age of ninety-two. He spent his entire life in this community, first at the Royal Street farm his father and mother owned, then at the Bond Road farm he bought from his grandfather, Hazelton Sloane Ackerman.

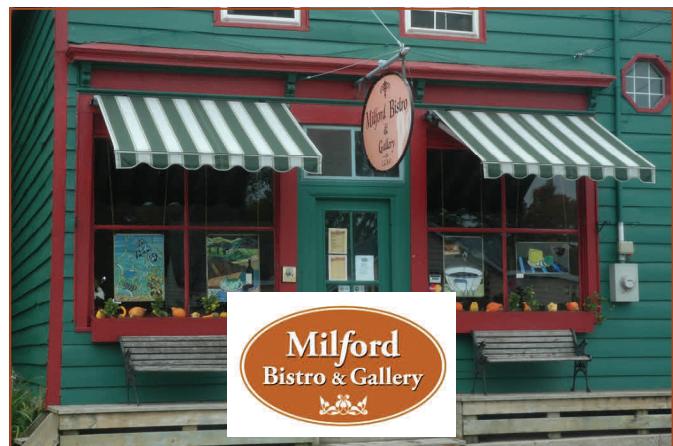
George was a gentle man, kind, smart, and generous, and it was a privilege to have known him. I met him when he was working in his sugar bush, just outside Milford. I was trespassing, yet he was polite, taking the time to say hello and chat. He would have been in his eighties at that point, long retired from his work as the dairy herd supervisor for Prince Edward County. He seemed much younger than his years, happy splitting wood, checking his sap lines, hauling the sap to the sugar shack for boiling in steel kettles.

I eventually asked George if he would tell me about his life in agriculture, about his childhood on Royal Street, about his family farm on the Bond Road, about anything he cared to talk about. He generously agreed to let me record our conversations.

So in 2011 we sat down in his living room and began our first interview. It was informal, and I didn't know very much about farming or the history of agriculture in South Marysburgh. Our conversation was a collaborative effort, with me straining to ask intelligent questions about farming, and George guiding me to topics and themes relevant to agriculture and to local history. That first day we laid the groundwork for subsequent conversations, more general discussions touching on some of the changes in farming practices, on the economics of farming, and new trends in agriculture. George knew his history; his memory of past events and situations was sharp and detailed, his descriptions evocative and astute. But he didn't live in the past, and didn't romanticize it. He was very informed about farming in general; he knew what was current, about new developments in agriculture, new issues.

George talked about the past in a way that illuminated vividly how much has changed. He showed me how different life was by focusing on crucial details, small, telling facts that condensed the broader changes. For instance, he recalled that the year he and Ruth were married (1947), their total monthly grocery bill was \$5.00. The only staples they purchased were sugar and salt, everything else came from their own farm, or was traded for with neighbours. It's a shock to realize how recently Prince Edward County farm families produced almost all of their own food.

Over the course of our conversations I gained an appreciation of how farming shaped every aspect of a family's work and social life, and how the drastic



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changes in agriculture brought by technology and science created broad social change. Most importantly, I came to realize how special George Ackerman was. I'm grateful I knew him, even though it was for a relatively short time. He was a model neighbour and a wonderful man.

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What's going on at The Library

By Christine Renaud



You may have noticed an intriguing new art installation in front of the Ann Farwell branch library in Milford. The eye-catching piece depicts a modern, stylized human shape reading a book. Created by local artist Mendy Berkson, the attractive sculpture is sure to bring attention to the public library in Milford. This is one of six works planned for installation in the community and the library is happy to be the first location to display one of this series by Mendy.

In other news at the library, we have fun programs for children coming up in August hosted by Whitney. Drop in at the Milford branch at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, August 6 for Let's Play!** All ages can get involved and expend some energy with group-based, team-oriented games and activities.

On **Saturday, August 8**, come and learn all about the ukulele and enjoy a snack at **Ukes & Cukes** at 11:00 a.m., and on **Thursday, August 20**, at the same time, **Pop-ups** will be the theme. Preschool-aged children can come with their families to listen to a story featuring pop-up books, sing some pop-up themed songs, and make a pop-up craft.

Also, **Joe McDonald** will present a history-based program for adults and young people alike on **Tuesday, August 4 at 12 noon**. Joe is working with the Mariners' Park Museum this summer and will come to the library to speak about the HMCS Hallowell, a war ship that was named after the ward of Hallowell.



Lastly, please note that we have new books arriving regularly in the branch as well as new films on DVD. One recommendation is a new work of fiction by Ken Murray entitled *Eulogy* (the author is reading at the Picton branch on August 11th at 7:00 p.m.). I'd also recommend the film *The Fifth Estate* on DVD starring Benedict Cumberbatch. The film is based largely on two books written about WikiLeaks and Julian Assange. One of the books is *WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy* is available as an e-book or audiobook. A print copy can be ordered through Interlibrary Loan as well.

There are also many light summer reads to enjoy. Feel free to ask for recommendations when visiting the library. We are always happy to share our picks of good books. You can also browse the "gently used" titles we have for sale.

Thank you for the continued support of your community branch of the library and please visit often and check out lots of materials!

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Personal Notices, Announcements & Random Notes

Music at Port Milford – Every Summer Since 1987

Here are some interesting facts and statistics provided by Mariah Bat Hayim about this unique chamber music camp and festival that runs for four weeks in July and August each year:

- ◆ \$18,000 for food purchases from Prince Edward County farms and grocery stores;
- ◆ Employment for 5 to 10 people, excluding faculty;
- ◆ \$8,000 to \$10,000 for property maintenance provided by local workers each year;
- ◆ Visiting audience members and the parents of students vacationing in PEC support the local economy in the forms of accommodation, restaurants and shops;
- ◆ Faculty and alumni biographies include participation with world renowned organizations including Juilliard, the Canadian Opera Company, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Conservatory of Music and others.
- ◆ The school's alumni and students provide free performances in seniors' care facilities and on the street.

Scheduled performances continue with the Saturday Chamber Music series on August 1st and 8th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 335 Main Street, Picton.

Additional information is available at www.mpmcamp.org and is well worth an on-line visit.

It's "Wah-Keem" not "Joe-Kwim"

No offence intended to Joaquim Conde but I thought it would be helpful to the resident population to be able to correctly pronounce the name of one of South Marysburgh's newest business owners.

And his is not just any business. Among other skills and interests, Joaquim is an olive farmer and olive oil producer, originally from a village in Portugal, who returns to his native country each fall to harvest and process the olives to create his olive oil named 'Azeite'. He then bulk ships the oil across the Atlantic and will begin bottling it on his farm in the large concrete structure you might have observed on the south side of CR 16 just west of CR 13.

One can be forgiven for thinking that olive oil is olive oil is olive oil, but far from it. The *South Marysburgh Mirror's* test kitchen recently compared Joaquim's product from the 2015 harvest to some other store-bought brands. Although the colour, clarity and viscosity was similar, the Azeite sample was much, much more flavourful; the difference being as extreme as, say,

the flavour of one of Vickie Emlaw's heirloom tomatoes compared to that of a supermarket version.

Although Azeite is a little more expensive, it's good for you! Olive oil, which is rich in monounsaturated fatty acids, is a major component of the Mediterranean diet. Populations from that region have longer life expectancies and lower risks of heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke, compared with North Americans and Northern Europeans. There is abundant medical research available on the Internet or in the library that highlight the other numerous healthy attributes of olive oil.

Joaquim's product is available at Vicki's Veggies and presumably at his wife's store, Amor's Antiques, on CR 16.

And speaking of new(ish) businesses....

Conrad Biernacki and Brian Musselwhite now own the Black River Bed and Breakfast on Morrison Point Road. Brian is a retired assistant curator in the Western Art and Culture Department at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) where he specialized in European furniture, glass, ceramics and silver from the Mediaeval period to the present. Conrad was the Programs Manager at the ROM. He also taught decorative arts courses at the University of Toronto and George Brown College, held editorial positions at various décor magazines and was the creative director for a daily show on CTV.

Conrad writes, "We recently purchased Colleen Cottage, a bed and breakfast now called Black River Bed and Breakfast, on Morrison Point Road.

"A portion of our 3½ acres on Black River is park-like with clover and violet filled rolling lawns, an interesting variety of mature trees, including several butternuts, and flower beds that provide constantly changing colour from spring to fall.

"But the majority of our property was an expansive, flat area of grass that we felt had to go. It has been divided into three large plots, and after ploughing and tilling is ready for seeding with wild flowers, sunflowers, zinnias, clover and a variety of edible flowers. There will be some blooms by fall and a glorious display next spring. By then we're looking forward to adding beehives. Wild flowers will offer our guests and passersby a visual feast and much needed support to our beleaguered bees.

"As bed and breakfast owners, our guests (and anyone else for that matter) can enjoy strolling the paths and sitting for a moment to contemplate the floral abundance that only nature can provide."

Kudos to Jesse Parker and Alysa Hawkins

The Old School Bluegrass Camp went off without a hitch in early July, attracting students from as far away as Japan to camp and study and make acoustic music at the old South Marysburgh School. On any given day during the five day event, one could drive by the school and see groups of musicians around the grounds, a group of guitarists in one area, fiddlers in another, mandolinists somewhere else. In the evening they gathered together and performed as ensembles.

The camp was a welcome addition to South Marysburgh and hopefully will be repeated next year.

**The 2015 Milford Fair Celebrates Thirty Years
of the Marysburgh Mummers**

Mt. Tabor Church Becomes a Theatre

By Bruce Dowdell (part two of three)

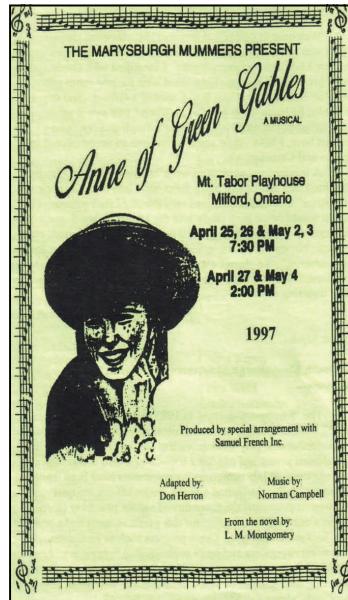
By the last decade of the 20th Century, the Marysburgh Mummers had become well established. However, they were still working under very adverse conditions: the stage was too high so the actors had to crawl under the balcony to get onto it; the church pews were still in use which meant a stiff neck for those sitting in the front rows; the room at the back that was used as a dressing room was cold; but worst of all, there was no indoor plumbing. Granted, the outhouses had been moved closer to the building but that didn't help much on a cold winter night.

In 1989, Joe Otterway built the walkway that joins the two balconies for the production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. In 1993, Marilyn Hymus, and her cousin by marriage, Mike Hymus, arranged to have theatre seats from an auditorium in Ottawa donated to Mt. Tabor Playhouse. Scott Demille, who was the new owner of Foster's trucking, delivered them to the theatre.

Volunteers dismantled the raised portion of the church and replaced it with the stage we have today. The pews were sold and the money used to start a "flush" fund for indoor plumbing. The pews in the balcony are original. The ones that were sold downstairs were put in place around 1929. The original downstairs pews were dismantled and used to rake or slope the floor as it is today. Eric Kane, Peter Ritchie, Adam Walker and Bruce Walker were the crew that installed the new seats. The Mummers' first play on the new stage, *Where there's a will...*, had to be delayed until May because of the renovations.

Monica Alyea saw the potential in this new stage and in 1997 started the tradition of the Mummers' spring musical with the production of *Anne of Green Gables*. Heather Ross provided the piano accompaniment and Nancy Sunnucks looked after the choral direction of the cast of 27 ranging in age from seven to seventy years plus. This successful show was followed in 1998 by the popular *Sound of Music* and *Beasts, Babes and Boys of*

Broadway, a compilation of hit songs from Broadway Musicals in 1999.



The era of the cold make-up and dressing room and the outdoor privy came to an end on Monday, June 16, 1997 with the demolition of the room behind the theatre. Alice Mennacher was in charge of the project. With donations from The Township of South Marysburgh, The Milford Fair Board, The Mummers and many citizens and businesses, the new community hall we now know as Bredin Hall was built.

The 20th Century ended with the completion of renovations to one of the most sought after intimate theatres in the area. This was due to the dedicated and gifted people that make up the Marysburgh Mummers and the members of the Community who did their part to bring new life to this historic building.

(A special thanks to Bev Walker and her articles in *The South Marysburgh Mirror* for the background information.)

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Those who would choose friends over fortune know true wealth.

Here are a few facts o life:

- ◆ Life is sexually transmitted.
- ◆ Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- ◆ Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- ◆ All of us could take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.
- ◆ Death is the number one killer in the world.

At his 103rd birthday party, an old gentleman was asked if he planned to be around for his 104th. "I certainly do," he replied. "Statistics show that very few people die between the ages of 103 and 104."

A couple went to a "Dude Ranch" while in Texas. The cowboy preparing the horses asked if the lady wanted a western or an English saddle and she asked what the difference was. He told her one had a horn and one didn't, to which she replied, "The horse without the horn is fine. I don't expect we'll run into much traffic."

A woman received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left work and stopped at the pharmacy for some medication. When she returned to her car, she was dismayed to find she had locked her keys inside.

She had to get the medication to her daughter and phoned the babysitter who told her that her daughter was worse. The sitter suggested she might use a coat hanger to get the door unlocked.

The lady borrowed a coat hanger from the pharmacy but realized she didn't know what to do when she got to the car.

Feeling quite hopeless, she bowed her head and asked God for help. Immediately an old rusty car pulled up driven by a dirty bearded man.

The woman thought to herself, "Great! Is THIS what you sent to help me?" But she was desperate and decided any help was better than no help at all. The man got out of the car and asked if he could help. The woman explained her circumstances and asked if he could use the hanger to unlock the car.

The man walked over to the car and in seconds the door was unlocked. Tearfully, the woman showed her appreciation. "Thank you so much. You are a very nice man and an answer to my prayer."

The man replied, "Lady, I ain't a nice man. I just got out of jail for car theft."

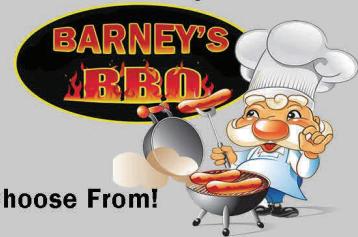
In even greater appreciation the woman cried out loud, "Thank you for sending me a professional."

A woman was sipping a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband. After a few minutes, she said, "I love you so much I don't know how I could ever live without you." Her husband asked, "Is that you or the wine talking?"

Exit Lines: Did you know that they start each session of the Senate with a prayer? I think it starts off with, "Now I lay me down to sleep..."

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals

August 1903

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Sat. 1 - Emmet helps me finish drawing in my hay I had altogether 21 loads. After dinner I help Emmet set up barley and then to finish up Emmet Byron and I went to the Lake and had a watch

Sun. 2 - Dan Ida Mirt and I baby all went out to Jake's. It was a lovely day.

Mon. 3 - I drew up some wood in the four noon. After dinner I didn't do anything much. There was a Funeral at the Baptis church Mr. William Hyatt's. Mirt and Valera went I stayed home and held Lloyd.

Tue. 4 - Rain all the four noon. I helped frank all day with cement floor in the Hog pen.

Wed. 5 - Still looks rainy very discouraging weather for harvesting. I helped Frank till noon.

Thur. 6 - I finished drawing the rest of my trimming wood got a nice pile of it.

Fri. 7 - Byron worked at the wood most of the day the weather looks settled again I helped Emmet in the after noon draw in wheat.

Sat. 8 - I helped Emmet finish drawing his Barley got threw at noon. I was feeling pretty well under the weather.

Sun. 9 - I layed to bed most of the day with a mighty head ache. In the after noon Mirt and Valera went down to church left Lloyd with Byron and he was good. We got the news to night that Wait Hudgins came home with his arm broken in two places.

Mon. 10 - I am feeling some better to day took Valera down to Woodrows Corner to Jane Farrington so to take the stage for home in the after noon. After dinner Frank started the Binder cut down about Five acre.

Tue. 11 - Well everything is pretty wet again this morning rain like fun last night. To day I helped Mirt wash. Lloyd has been a little worrisome.

Wed. 12 - I went back and finished setting up the oats that Frank cut.

Thur. 13 - I went down and helped Dan draw in oats. Mirt and Lloyd were down with me. Wind blew a gale all day. Frank started to cut the rest of oat in the Back field.

Fri. 14 - I helped Dan draw in oats till noon. After dinner Frank and I finished the oats in the back field. We are having fine weather now.

Sat. 15 - Byron and I drew in two loads of oats from back. Still the weather continues fine.

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Sarah's Research Notes

Historical Information & Anecdotes
About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

This month, Nelson and family and neighbours are busy harvesting with much mention of the binder. The machinery they were using probably looked much like this one. Nelson, if you recall, has his two horses, Jespey and Old May, which could be put to work. The binder cuts, ties and drops bundles of grain which were then set up in shocks to dry. Binders, like mechanical threshers, had revolutionized farming. Previously, hand tying of sheaves limited production. In 1841 it took sixty five hours to produce one acre of wheat, but by a century later it took two and a half hours. And today?



On August 10, Nelson takes Valera to the stage at Woodrows Corners, which had been a thriving village at the intersection of County Roads 10 and 11. County Road 11 was probably much travelled since the Young House on this road was a coaching inn.



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Too Big! Too Many! Too Close!

By Gord Gibbins,

Chair, Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC)

Over the past eight years the men and women who have been part of and supported the Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC) have come to have different understandings of what Too Big, Too Many, Too Close means to those of us who call South Marysburgh home on either a full time or part time basis.

Last month we began sharing with you what some of those simple words mean to the community of South Marysburgh; what we as an organization are working toward on behalf of the community we love and cherish; and how you can help. This month our plan was to continue along this same vein as a means to rally our community. That plan changed on Thursday, July 16th when the Ministry of the Environment issued a renewable energy approval (REA) to wpd White Pines Wind Inc. to construct 27 monstrosities in our community.

Once again the Ministry has chosen to put the health and welfare of South Marysburgh residents in jeopardy, and ignore the expert advice of conservation experts that a wind project along the south shore will cause serious harm to our plants and wildlife. Unfortunately, APPEC is again faced with fighting Big Industry and Big Government. We are determined to do so in order to protect what each of us loves about this special place.

From the moment of the announcement (in fact, prior to it) we began drafting our plan, but in order to win this war we need your help. Listed below are just some of the ways you can help:

- ◆ If you are not yet a member, please join APPEC – an annual membership is only \$15;
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Last month, we spoke about Too Big, this month we share a little about what "Too Many" means to our community?

1. Turbines: Too Many! The White Pines project has received permission to erect 27 50-storey industrial wind turbines on the south shore of our community. Industrial wind turbines do not belong in populated areas. Each and every one of us will be impacted. Further, wpd has continued to lease additional land. Can a Phase 2 be in the works? We need to put a stop to this invasion now.
2. Health Concerns: Too Many! Globally, over the past five years more and more research has come to light about the impact of noise generated by these turbines on people's health. The study released by Health Canada has confirmed what many of us already knew: There ARE health impacts from wind turbine noise;
3. The Ontario setback of 550 metres is inadequate for protection to health;
4. The Ontario 40 dBA noise level is inadequate for protection of health;
5. The need for expert witnesses: To fight Big Industry and Big Government requires the testimony of many expert witnesses. Our very own resident expert, Dr. Robert McMurtry, has been fighting for victims' rights and will continue to do so, but we need to have more expert witnesses than Big Industry and Big Government.
6. Trucks: To just bring in the turbine parts, the roads in South Marysburgh will bear the weight of 116 fully loaded flatbed tractor trailers. And remember the same number of trucks will leave our community on the same roads.

The Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County: What it has done. What it is doing.

- ◆ APPEC is committed to going to court to fight both Big Government and Big Industry
- ◆ APPEC located and continues to use the only lawyer who has ever won an REA appeal
- ◆ APPEC has a wealth of intellectual capital based on 13 years fighting wind turbine development
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APPEC has never given up the fight and never will. Coming soon, our legal action announcement.

Gazpacho

A Soup for Summer

By David Larkin

With the arrival of the tomato season, this recipe for a cold soup is a great way to make the most of the excellent County produce stands. Mind you, when my son and his then wife were running the Milford Bistro/Coffee Gallery they had one fractious customer who insisted on having it served hot!

1 small onion, chopped

1 cup peeled and diced fresh tomatoes

3 cups vegetable juice (Garden Cocktail or V8 preferred)

1/2 cup diced green pepper

1/3 cup French dressing

1/2 cup diced celery

1 Tbsp. lemon juice

1/2 cup diced cucumber

Salt and cayenne to taste

1/2 clove garlic (at least)

Tabasco Sauce

Place all vegetables and garlic in blender with 1 cup vegetable juice or equivalent. Blend until mixture is smooth. Add French dressing, lemon juice, salt and cayenne with remaining tomato juice. Chill thoroughly. Serve very cold with small bowls of cubed tomato, celery, green pepper and cucumber, to be sprinkled over soup. Serves 5-6.

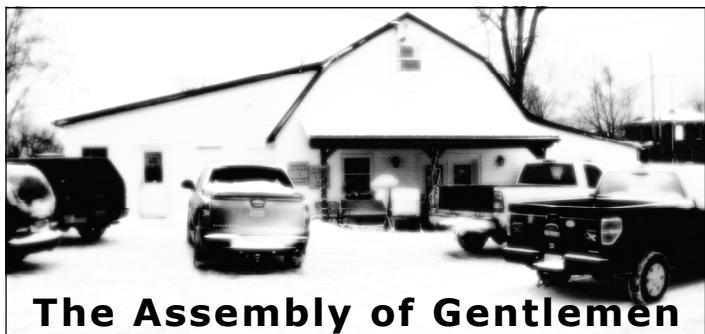


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The announcement that the County's Community Development Department had initiated a shuttle bus service between Sandbanks Provincial Park and the downtown cores in Wellington, Bloomfield and Picton was met with approval by the AoG. According to one of the group's spokespersons, "a guy from the County came by one of our meetings, looked at the map of our proposed transportation route in the June Mirror and said, 'Ya know, this might work' then left. The next thing you know, there are buses taking people from the park to every which where and to the beer and liquor store too."

Queried as to whether the group was offended by not getting credit for developing the idea in the first place, the spokesman continued, "Well, it's going to take some time to build what we have planned, so it's good that the County has started the service as a stop-gap. They may put our name on the side of a bus or something. Anything to reduce the number of cars in that goofy mini-mart liquor store parking lot would be helpful – some days it's so crowded you can't even get your tailgate down!"

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'Life In The Past' continued from page 8)

Sun. 16 - Mirt and I Lloyd went over to Emmets Dave Wood and wife were there. After dinner Dave went home. Mary E and Mirt went down to meeting.

Mon. 17 - Helped Emmet till noon draw oats. After dinner Frank and I cut oats with the binder.

Tue. 18 - I helped Ketchen's thrash till noon after dinner helped Emmet another warm day.

Wed. 19 - Helped Phemore thrash. After dinner Byron and I drew in three load of oats from back. Frank helped some.

Thur. 20 - I bound in the four noon and Frank in the afternoon. We are having warm and nice weather.

Fri. 21 - I bound oats with the binder in the four noon. After dinner Frank started and a spring broke and we had to stop.

Sat. 22 - I went down to Picton after a spring for the binder. Saw Pa and Ma. I got home at noon and after dinner Frank wend back and finished the binding. Emmet came over and helped me set them up.

Sun. 23 - Dan came up and we went over to Salmon Point to see Dan's calves we couldn't find them. We got home at noon found Harry Hayhoe and wife here. Jake and Lib was over to Emmets visiting. They were over awhile.

Mon. 24 - Dan and Emmets come up and helped me draw in oats. Got them all in about five loads.

Tue. 25 - Well we have had a big rain last night and also it rain most all day.

Wed. 26 - Tinkered around at odd jobs. Cold and backward weather for tomatoes. I don't think they will be a very good crop this fall.

Thur. 27 - I went back and turned the oats they are drying very slow. Lloyd is growing fine.

Fri. 28 - Helped Emmet dig potatoes part of the four noon. After dinner Byron and I drew in a load of oats. We have been looking for Mrs. Spafford up to day.

Sat. 29 - Another rain and has rain all day. The wind has blew a gale and the apples are tumbling in all directions.

Sun. 30 - Sprinkled rain all day. After dinner Mirt Lloyd and I went down to Dan's. Mirt and Ida went to church. Dan and I stayed home.

Mon. 31 - I helped Emmet clean up wheat till noon. No tomato weather yet.



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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

I'm going to be somewhat brief this month owing to the Ontario government's approval of the White Pines project however, I'll begin there.

The anger among residents of South Marysburgh and Athol is palpable in the phone calls and emails I have received since the project was approved. Questions as to why White Pines would be approved while Ostrander Point is still before the ERT cannot be answered because the decision makes absolutely no sense. There has been a lot of discussion as to next steps at both the municipal level and among SM residents as well as resident groups. You can expect to learn the results of these discussions in the near future.

I have been accused of supporting anti-wind, anti-green and anti-everything to do with wind-generated electricity although nothing could be further from the truth. Industrial wind turbines have their place but NOT in Prince Edward County, particularly on the south shore where they will greatly affect the migration patterns – never mind the populations – of birds, bats and butterflies, and the habitat of countless other animals including the Blanding's turtle.

Picton Terminals

I attended a tour and presentation at the Picton Terminals located off White Chapel Road in Picton. This immense facility, originally built by Bethlehem Steel in the 1950s, is now owned by the Doornekamp family who have interests in construction and other businesses.

Work is underway at the terminal to build loading and unloading facilities for any vessel capable of navigating through the St. Lawrence Seaway making it a distribution hub for products and materials to and from virtually anywhere in the world.

It is a fascinating business; you can glean some information from their website at <http://www.pictonterminals.ca/> or attend their next public open house in August. The date has not been finalized but it will be advertised in the local papers.

Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Plans

Counsel heard a presentation about plans for a new hospital to replace the current one. Being provided with information as to the planning necessary to create a facility that addresses current needs as well as those twenty years in the future was welcome and interesting. The good news is that the project is slowly moving forward (as they do for any new hospital in the province) with an estimate of building in 7 to 10 years.

Of key importance is public interest and involvement in support and fundraising activities that demonstrate the level of the commitment of the community. If you can make a contribution to PECMH, financial or otherwise, please do so.

"PECFN v. Ontario (MOECC)"

The ERT hearing concerning the Prince Edward County Field Naturalists and Gilead/Ostrander Point begins (again) on September 2nd and continues on the 3rd and 4th at the Demorestville Town Hall starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Royal Hotel

On July 28th, counsel passed the site plan for the renovation of the Royal Hotel. Words can't adequately describe what a great addition the refurbished structure will make to Main Street Picton and Prince Edward County, adding some life to an area that sorely needs it. In addition, the renovation will raise the bar for other main street establishments.

Work should begin in August for a tentative completion date in late 2017.

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Squirrel Wars

By George Underhill

I've been writing puff pieces about topics of no great seriousness. To demonstrate that I'm not one dimensional, that I care about the serious issues of the day, I felt it time to address a topic of abiding concern.

We've been trying to outwit squirrels on the bird feeder and peanut feeder. The brain of these animals must be about the size of a pea, and yet the combined brainpower of my immediate family cannot, so far, beat them. I'm pretty sure they have a research lab in the woods where various access techniques are worked on and perfected. Currently, herds of squirrels, rivalling the population of plains buffalo at their peak, are foraging at the base of the feeder while taking notes on potential Cirque du Soleil access techniques.

We have managed to make the bird feeder inaccessible to them so far. I say "so far" because I know that they are working on the problem. It's on a chain hanging off a branch, and just above the feeder is an enormous metal dish, a "baffle". I've seen squirrels on it, but it's slippery and they can't get to the feeder underneath it.

I have a peanut feeder too, a wire cylinder full of peanuts, and we've tried numerous approaches to frustrate them. I hung it on monofilament line, but they stood on the branch and hand over hand like a fisherman with a bass, reeled the peanut feeder up to where they could reach it. They then hauled it onto the branch for stability and feasted on peanuts. Recently, we lengthened the line but the feeder was too close to the ground and with a prodigious leap they could reach it and hang off it awkwardly to dine on peanuts. It's similar to warring nations getting an advantage then the opponent comes up with an approach to nullify it, and on and on it goes. It's the equivalent of the arms race only the stakes are not mass annihilation but the local supply of peanuts. The difference is that it has given me hours of entertainment to see my opponent trying (with success) to negate my efforts.

A nearby neighbour, who had a feeder on his porch railing and had been in the electronics business developed a solution. He placed an electrified copper strip in front of the feeder and another on the railing. When a squirrel made contact with both strips (birds couldn't) a quite powerful jolt would send them several feet in the air. He said it didn't kill them but he hated them so much I'm not sure of that.

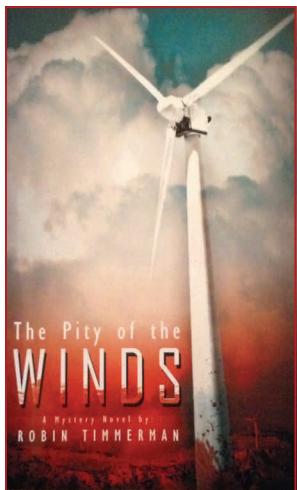
I have a "squirrel proof" feeder that slams a gate shut over food access when a heavy object like a squirrel stands on it. Two things are wrong: the squirrels hang off the side so they don't step on the bar and the birds don't like it. I don't necessarily hate squirrels, it's just that they monopolize the feeder to the exclusion of any birds.

I will beat the squirrels. I will. It may take some time, but I will. Can I stop the grackles, redwings, cowbirds and starlings? No. but I can't pick and choose which species of birds access the bird feeder. Or can I? I have to admit to being a bird bigot. There are certain species I do not like, but I haven't figured out a selective feeding mechanism. Maybe some kind of electric eye. Grackles are the worst because they are jet black with satanic yellow eyes. Scary things.

Can I keep the raccoons out of the garbage? No, I can't. We have tied down the lid of the can which makes it difficult for us to put garbage in, but the raccoons have taken to tipping the can over and trying to roll it into the road where a car will smash it. I can't defeat squirrels so I don't think I can outwit a raccoon. Our County raccoon problem pales in comparison to that of Toronto, where they live comfortably in garages and sheds while waiting for the green bins to be put out on the road. They have no natural enemies in the city, but here in The County raccoon control is accomplished by the automobile because it's harder for them to dodge cars on faster county roads. "Why did the chicken cross the road? To show the raccoons it can be done."

That's it for serious world-shaking problems.

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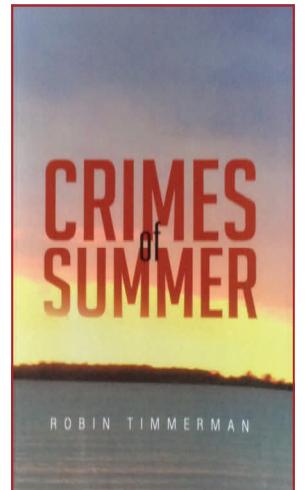
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'Opinions' continued from page 1)

"All of the South Shore has the same endangered species of birds and turtles as in Ostrander Point. The whole area is an IBA. Even if the (wpd) turbines are on private property, the MOE has always had the power to say what a landowner can do on his property in regards to maintaining the environment to be suitable for wildlife." **Johanna McCarthy**

"I cannot express deeply enough the disgust I feel with the betrayal of the Liberal provincial government to approve the wpd White Pines project even before the Gilead Ostrander Point decision is made. The same Blanding's turtle lives on wpd leased land. Why start another ERT?

"And then of course, as evidence mounts internationally and governments move away from supporting IWT projects for health and financial reasons, our province continues its attack on rural Ontario!" **Gord Gibbins FSA, FCIA, BS**

"The proposed presence of Industrial Wind Turbines in the south coast of Prince Edward County is a completely wrong direction for the area.

"Do we want PEC to look, sound and feel like Wolfe Island??? NO WE DON'T!!!" **Peter Carruthers CEO 43degrees design collective**

"We are especially concerned that the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, as the person responsible for the Ontario Heritage Act, failed to uphold Mount Tabor's designation by-law, which clearly describes this iconic landmark as an "emblem and focal point of Milford." In doing so, the Minister also disregarded the heartfelt expression of the great majority of South Marysburgh residents and rejected the professional advice of E.R.A. Architects' Milford office.

"Ultimately, we believe that the government has failed to follow proper process by not requiring an impact assessment of the full extent of our historic buildings and cultural landscapes." **Liz Driver and Edwin Rowse**

"The approval of the wpd wind factory underlines the continuing and discriminatory despoliation of rural Ontario. This industrialization, (is) by a government without even the decency to await the outcome of the Gilead ERT in September, where many of the facts crying out for the application of common sense and basic science are identical. If these are built, The County will never be the same. Try putting them in Toronto's High Park, Premier."

Anne Dumbrille

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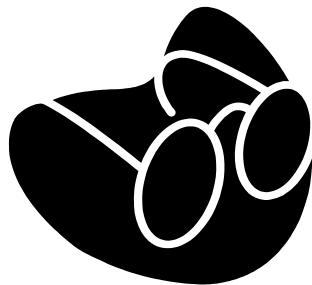
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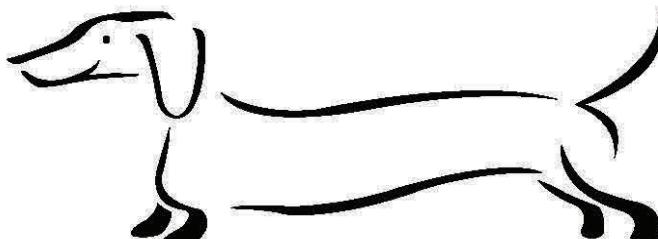


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Turbine Foundations

The foundation will likely be an inverted "T" configuration with a diameter of approximately 18 m. An area approximately 23 m x 23 m will be excavated, and the foundation is anticipated to be 3 m deep. The foundation is then backfilled and compacted. Inspections will be required by qualified geotechnical engineering personnel during excavations to confirm that conditions are consistent with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act

An excavator and truck will be used to excavate the foundation, and no blasting is anticipated. Surface material will be stripped and stockpiled (topsoil separate from subsoil). Ready mix trucks are used to transport the concrete from a commercial facility to the sites. Each excavation will take approximately two to three days, and foundation construction (formwork, rebar placement and concrete pour) is expected to be completed within 2 weeks; if a pile foundation is needed then additional time will be required.

The foundation will then need to cure for approximately 28 days prior to erection of the turbine. The foundation itself will then be backfilled and compacted with stockpiled subsoil and/or clean fill. Construction vehicles will stay on-site during foundation construction. If bedrock is encountered close to the surface it will be removed by mechanical digger to the necessary depth required for the foundation.

The concrete required for the foundation construction will be provided via a commercial facility located in close proximity to the Project. The contractor will be responsible for ensuring that wash water from the cleaning of concrete truck drums is disposed of in a sewage works designed for that purpose and approved under Section 53.1(1) of the Ontario Water Resources Act, or under Part 8 of the Building Code Act.

But just in case Stantec/wpd's data is flawed and blasting is required to create 3-metre-deep foundations in the south shore limestone, residents are advised to be vigilant concerning home basements, wells, cisterns and barns that can be affected by the vibration. Date-stamped photographs of such structures should be taken prior to any work commencing by wpd, and notes kept concerning the performance of water systems. You should also consult with your insurance company about your coverage for damage.

A number of on-line tools and apps exist that may be useful if blasting work is undertaken, including seismometers. Here are some websites for you to refer to.

wpd Canada Project Documents: See Section 2.2

http://canada.wpd.de/uploads/tv_projectdownloads/WPWF_3_CPR_20120901_Web.pdf

YouTube video that illustrates what is involved in the construction of a turbine. You can draw your own conclusions:

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