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Happy New Year! The 2016 Milford Levee

The new year began in fine style when The Jackson's Falls Country Inn played host for the annual Milford New Years Levee on January 1st.

Jackson's Falls' owner, Lee Arden Lewis, and the inn's chef, Fred Brown, in conjunction with the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee, pulled out all the stops to welcome local residents and friends for fabulous food and drink enjoyed in the cozy atmosphere of the Jackson's Falls Schoolhouse.



Above, Jackson's Falls owner, Lee Arden Lewis, and chef Fred Brown.
Below (L-R) Dick and Kate Jones, Monica Alyea and Recreation Committee Chair, Bruce Dowdell.



South Bay U.C.W.



U.C.W. enjoyed a scrumptious pot luck lunch at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, December 9th at 12:00 noon.

President Sandra opened the meeting at 1:30 with our theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer.

Our minister, Janelle Shaw, had a very interesting devotional based on her family's Christmas tradition. Along with a crèche, they had a book from which they read the story of the baby Jesus. A wrapped gift for the Christ child revealed the gifts inside given by the three wise men.

The gift of gold represented his kingly office; frankincense, which is rare and expensive with a sweet fragrance, represented his divinity; and myrrh, a bitter substance used in embalment, represents Jesus taking on our problems and bitterness in our stead.

Nine members answered roll call with their gifts to Alternatives for Women.

Carol read the November minutes and recorded the December proceedings in the absence of secretary Brenda.

Twenty-four sick calls were made and six cards sent to members of the community. A donation of \$50 was made to the Terry Fox Run.

Treasurer Joyce reported our finances with donations of cash to go to Angel Tree, food bank, Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, the *South Marysburgh Mirror*, Syrian refugees and \$3000 to South Bay United Church.

Maureen resigned as food convener but Carol will stay on with helpers. Nora volunteered to assist when she is here.

The meeting ended with our U.C.W. prayer.

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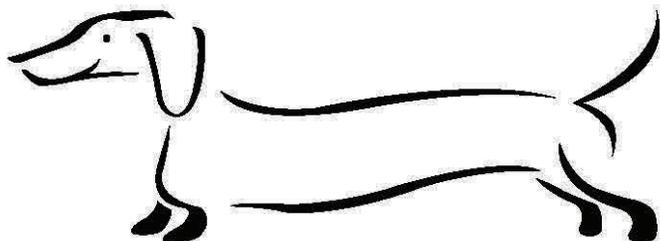
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The Annual Milford Winter Carnival

(Sponsored by South Marysburgh Recreation Board)

Friday, January 29th

At Milford Town Hall

Family Bingo

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 31st

At Milford Town Hall

Councilor's Pancake Breakfast

(Proceeds to Prince Edward County Memorial
Hospital Foundation)

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00

At the Fairgrounds

Family activities in the
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11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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The Assembly of Gentlemen

Prior to adjourning for the annual Christmas recess, recent AoG meetings had focused on everything from climate change, because of December's mild temperatures, to what was contained in the recent municipal budget, particularly infrastructure and capital expenditures. The subject of how long it takes for building construction to be completed was particularly vexing to members and led to spirited discussion.

"I don't get why some buildings can be erected lickety-split while others take an eternity," queried one member. "Take some of the places around here," he continued, "they've been under construction for an eternity, in some cases it's gotta be three years."

"Ya, I don't get that either," said another member, nodding in agreement. "Did you know that the Empire State Building – all 102 storeys, 2.2 million square feet and 1454 feet of it – was started in March 1930 and opened 14 months later, on May 1st, 1931?"

"Then there's Maple Leaf Gardens," said another member, joining the conversation. "That baby was built, start to finish, in five and a half months in 1931. A cathedral for ice hockey for over 70 years, and what a legacy! First NHL rink with separate penalty boxes; the first concert for Elvis outside the U.S.; the only building in the world to host all three Beatles tours."

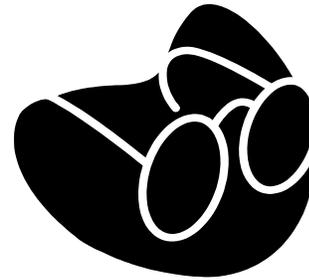
The citation of such statistics so knowledgeably and authoritatively, led to speculation as to construction costs at the time.

"In 1931 dollars, the Empire State Building cost almost \$41 million, and the gardens cost \$1.5 million," informed another member, looking up from Wikipedia on his iPad. "A lot of scratch during the Great Depression. Maybe some of those new houses will host Beatles and Elvis shows," he chuckled.

"Maybe the owners will be comforted by more current statistics that are more in line with their projects," said the member who was the authority on Maple Leaf Gardens. "After all, in the 1970s the Sears Tower in Chicago, the tallest building in the United States, took three years to build too!"

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*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

The Levee

Great turnout at the New Year's Levee at Jackson's Falls B&B on January 1st; lots of refreshments, beautiful decorations, and lots of friends and neighbours with whom to welcome 2016. I venture to say that in my eight years as a resident and guest at the levee, this one was the most successful yet.

Many thanks to Bruce and the recreation committee, to Lee Lewis for making us all feel so welcome and at home, and to Jackson's Falls chef, Fred Brown, for all the wonderful food.

CommCal.

You'll notice elsewhere in this issue the new 'Community Calendar' that has been included on a trial basis. This is meant to be a one-stop reference to keep you informed of upcoming events and important dates in the community. Please keep this feature in mind for any events you have planned that may be of interest to readers. There is no charge for the line listings.

The Pancake Brekie

My councillor hat is on....

As part of the Milford Winter Carnival on Saturday, January 30th, I'm hosting the pancake breakfast at the Milford Town Hall. This is a not-for-profit event and this year net proceeds will be donated to the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation to be used to purchase equipment for the hospital's endoscopic unit.

Over the course of 2014/15, the hospital performed 3,121 endoscopies - 2% of which led to a cancer diagnosis; that's 62 residents of the County. Colorectal cancer is the second most common form of cancer in Canada and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in men and the third leading cause in women. Diagnosed early, which involves using the scopes we're donating funds to purchase, colorectal cancer is 90% curable.

Plans are still being worked up including developing recipes, figuring out how many pancakes will need to be prepared, buying supplies and so on. It'll be fun and I'll try not to burn anything! Please come out and participate in this cause.

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On Delivery

The South Marysburgh Mirror's circulation department has been put under pressure to explain the timing of delivery of *The Mirror* and why it's sometimes late getting to readers. (The editorial department, on the other hand, is flattered that there are those in the community who anticipate and look forward to *The Mirror's* arrival on the first of each month.)

The timing of delivery is affected by several factors:

- ◆ The arrival of ads, the revenue from which pays for the printing of the Mirror;
- ◆ the arrival of written content from contributors;
- ◆ the state of the local printer's equipment and whether repairs are necessary;
- ◆ whether the editorial department has done its job and written its material in a timely manner;
- ◆ Holidays and the day of the week on which the first of the month falls.

When all those factors are taken into consideration and are aligned, *The Mirror* should get to readers by the first of the month unless that day is on a weekend. If, however, any one of them falters, as happened last month due to printing equipment problems, or this month due to numbers 1, 2, and 4, there may be delays.

The Mirror apologizes for any inconvenience due to tardy delivery and will seek improvements throughout 2016.

And Thank You, Gillian Parker

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Medallions of Pork

By David Larkin

Pork is usually a good bet in The County and we enjoy this recipé which comes from one of Rosemary Wadey's books:

2 lbs. pork filet, cut into 3/4 inch slices
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 Tablespoon finely chopped onion
2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup milk
1/2 cup chicken stock
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons dried tarragon

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Sprinkle slices of pork with salt and pepper.
3. Melt butter or margarine in a large skillet over medium heat. Add pork slices, sauté until slightly browned. With tongs, transfer pork to a shallow casserole.
4. Add onion to fat remaining in skillet; sauté until soft. Stir in flour and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.
5. Gradually stir in milk and stock; bring mixture to a boil. Add lemon juice and tarragon. Season sauce with salt and pepper; pour over pork.
6. Cover casserole with foil or lid; bake in preheated oven 50 minutes or until pork is tender.

You may wish to serve this with Sesame Rounds:

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 Tablespoons butter or margarine
2 Tablespoons shortening
1-2 Tablespoons iced water
1 egg yolk blended with 1 tablespoon water for glaze
Sesame seeds
Fresh tarragon or parsley

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease a baking sheet, set aside
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour and salt. Cut in butter or margarine and shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir iced water into flour mixture, 1 tablespoon at a time until mixture begins to bind together. Gather dough into a ball; shape into a flattened round.
3. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thick. Cut dough with floured 2 to 2 1/2 inch fluted round cutter. Place rounds on greased baking sheet about 1 inch apart. Prick rounds with a fork. Brush with a glaze; sprinkle with sesame seeds.
4. Bake in pre-heated oven 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack; reheat when required.

To serve: Spoon pork and sauce into a serving dish; garnish with Sesame Rounds and fresh tarragon or parsley. Makes 4 servings

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I want to say happy New Year to everyone!

2015 was a wonderful year at Jackson's Falls - we had the opportunity to get to know our neighbours more and we shared a few laughs along the way! One of my favourite moments was watching the Creasys, the Millers and the Ways go by on their tractors with hay, or without hay, but always with a smile and a wave!

Going into 2016, I am excited about the opportunity to further grow the business. A long overdue renovation in the school house is now under way including repairing the original maple floors with local milled wood (Did you know Trevor Miller is a Miller!) I wonder if the original floor was made from maple milled near by?

My goal this year is to make the little patio out front a comfortable place for local residents to stop by sometimes and have a visit, a cold beer or a meal.

The patio was made with the help of our neighbours pulling out overgrown bushes (thanks, Trevor!) and the built-up gabion wall from Black River Sand and Gravel (thanks Bill and Mary!). I want to share that space with anyone who needs a little break sometimes.

I am honoured to live in this wonderful community and looking forward to a spectacular 2016!

Lee Arden Lewis

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South Bay U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Announcements

Wednesday, January 13th - U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional – Carol Branscombe; Roll Call – A snow experience; Program - Karen Guernsey; Objective – Bring a Valentine card to be sent to a shut in or ill person.

**The Milford Friendship Circle will not meet until
 Thursday, March 3rd at Mary Crouse's home.**

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Give some people an inch and they'll think they're a ruler.

"Mom, Dad, sit down. I have something very important to tell you," said Samantha upon her return home after graduating from college. "I met a guy who lives near the college and we have decided to get married."

"Oh, Samantha, I'm so happy for you!" gushed her mother giving her a big hug. "I hope you two will be really happy together. I can't wait to meet him."

"Tell us more about him," said her father. "Does he have any money?"

"Oh, Dad! Is that all you men ever think about? That was the first question he asked about you, too!"

Misleading Headlines

- ◆ Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
- ◆ New Study Of Obesity Looks For Larger Test Group
- ◆ Astronaut Takes Blame For Gas In Spaceship
- ◆ Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- ◆ Chef Throws His Heart Into Helping Needy
- ◆ Local High School Dropouts Cut In Half
- ◆ New Vaccine May Contain Rabies

When she had finished parochial school, a bright young girl named Betty shook the dust of Ireland off her shoes and made her way to New York, where she soon became a successful performer in show business.

Eventually she returned to her home town in Ireland for a visit and went to confession on a Saturday night where she had attended as a child. In the confessional, Father Sullivan recognized her and began asking her about her work.

She explained she was an acrobatic dancer and he wanted to know what this meant. She said it would be easier to show him than to explain.

She stepped out of the confessional and performed cartwheels, leaping splits, handsprings and back flips.

Awaiting their turn in an aisle were two older ladies who had witnessed her acrobatics.

"Will ya just look at the penance Father Sullivan is givin' out this night and me without me Sunday bloomers on."

A couple with three children waited in line at San Francisco's Pier 41 to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched in varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them to no avail.

Finally, at the ticket window the father said, "Five tickets, please. Two round trip and three one way."

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Advice from Mothers on Living

About religion: You better pray that will come out of the carpet.

About logic: If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.

About irony: Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about.

About osmosis: Shut your mouth and eat your supper.

About contortionism: Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!

About stamina: You'll sit there till all that spinach is gone.

Exit Line: A young man asked, "Will you marry me?"
"No," the lady replied, "but I admire your good taste."



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Mysteries

By George Underhill

Sometimes we think the simple things in life hold no secrets for us. I read a book recently where that axiom was thrown in doubt. One question asked was, "How many leaves grow on a tree?" Well, we don't seem to know. Counting the leaves on a single full grown tree is possible I suppose, but it appears no one has ever done it. In any case, you couldn't generalize because you'd have to know something about the specific tree: what species, how mature it was, how healthy, whether it was open grown or in a dense thicket stretching for the sun, lots of things. So we can't answer that question.

How many hours does a whale sleep? Seems easy, but think of humans. As I get older, it seems like I could sleep all the time. Sometimes in short bursts, sometime for long periods. If I didn't have to arise to pee, I might sleep all the time. Is it the same for whales other than not having to get up which, incidentally, I envy?

How much food does an elephant eat? Again, not a simple answer. Maybe as much as there is or as much as it wants to.

Is it OK for your dog to drink out of the toilet? Lots of dogs do it if you will let them. I always thought it was OK because they have a really robust digestive system. After all, they eat rotting stuff off the ground, lick their paws and nether parts, and it doesn't seem to bother them. It seems that after you flush the toilet, a bio film remains. This is a one molecule thick film which is usually the same stuff of which pond scum is comprised. This is probably not good for people, but mostly OK for dogs. I'm really not sure that it's not good for humans, but I'm not drinking out of the toilet to test the theory. This will have to remain a mystery.

There are many things that are relatively complex, which some people understand, but the preponderance of people does not: electricity, for example. I have no idea how or why it works. It's like magnetism. There are physicists who understand it, but I don't. Maybe with the right education I could, but then again I might be just too stupid.

How come the oceans are salty and the Great Lakes are not? I looked it up on the internet and still have questions. I think I should be pleased that the things that concern me now are simple things, like what's for dinner or did I pay the telephone bill.

See, aren't you happy I write these articles to fill in knowledge gaps you might have about subjects of no value?



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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
January 1904

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Fri. 1 - New Year's day Pa and Ma Archie are up to Dan's Mirt Lloyd Byron and I are along. It has been cold Along in the afternoon we hitched on the sleigh and went down to Wait's we had a good visit Leah and Gladis come up home with us.

Sat. 2 - Stormed and might cold day haven't been doing nothing but the chores.

Sun. 3 - Some warmer to day haven't been mutch drive Leslie Snider made a little call and favoured us with a little music.

Mon. 4 - After dinner I went out to Jake's with the sleigh. Still it is mighty cold Emmet and Mary E was there visiting

Tue. 5 - Jake Emmet and I went to Picton They were telling us at Picton that it registered 34 below zero that is cold enough for Canada

Wed. 6 - It is some warmer Mirt washed. Lloyd is getting to be a young scamp.

Thur. 7 - Mirt and I went up to George L Colliers and then went over to Arthur for the Evening

Fri. 8 - Snowed. And blew all day Pa Ma and Archie are up to Dan's Mirt Byron and I are alone yet.

Sat. 9 - Some warmer and soft but still snowing Not much drive the roads are quite heavy

Sun. 10 - Mirt Lloyd Byron and I all alone and we hardly knew how to put the time in

Mon. 11 - Mirt washed I hanged the close out After dinner Byron and I hitched Dick up went up to the store he went fine

Tue. 12 - After dinner I started for West Lake. Met Pa and Ma in the Valley. Change horses and went up to Emmets. Archie was there

Wed. 13 - Archie and I came down home Archie fitched down Oats I bought a cow of J. R. Tubbs and fetched her to Jakes. Come on out to Milford and on down home.

Thur. 14 - Snowed and blew the day threw fill the roads up again

Fri. 15 - Archie and I cut and drew up some wood from the bluff. The weather is continuing very cold yet

Sat. 16 - I haven't done anything much to day the weather is cold and stormy yet and the road's are terrible

Sun. 17 - Home all day long no getting out yet.

Mon. 18 - Archie and I cut and drew up some more wood from the bluff

Tue. 19 - I went out to Jake's after my cow the roads was a fright threw Greenbush and a mighty cold. 40 degrees below zero

Wed. 20 - I went down to Picton with Jake. He took his hogs down. Six of them and they weighed 1380. lbs. We had a hard time getting to Picton had to brake roads all the way.

Thur. 21 - I come home from Jake's. fitch the cow come to the Creek and come across the Ice the Ice was very heavy. I was glad to get home to see my boy.

Fri. 22 - Archie and cleaned up some B. Wheat put upstairs. Mirt is weaning Lloyd and he is restless.

Sat. 23 - Cleaned up some more BWheat the roads are something affright all most impassable to move out on them.

Sun. 24 - Snowed in the morning like fury. And then the wind come to the West and you couldn't see across the road. Hilton Emmerson was up most of the day.

Mon. 25 - Mirt washed It has been quite nice in the Four noon. Lloyd is getting along fine. He is began to forget the nursing part And is drinking and eating enough to make up. He is cutting more teeth.

Tue. 26 - Cold and blustry not much stir the roads are filled up yet .

Wed. 27 - Archie and Ma went up to Nelse Ostrander Pa is up there helping Nelse crack

Thur. 28 - Mirt Lloyd and I went down to Mr. Spaffords They had a Tea Meeting at the Union We all went from Mr. Spafford but Mirt and she stayed home with Lloyd

Fri. 28 - We come up from Mr. Spafford and they come up with us Archie was up to Nelse Ostrand's. Pa and Ma came down with him

Sat. 30 - Mirt Archie and I went on to Picton Mirt got a lot of New things. I got a new string of Bells. It was a lovely day and the roads threw by the creek was fine Picton was filled up with crowds of People

Sun. 31 - Mr. Spafford and wife went home to day Archie started for Jakes He intends to go on up to Dan's to cut wood. Pa and Ma went down to Uncle Dan's visiting.

Sarah's Research Notes

Historical Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

Late in January (27th), in the depths of winter, Archie is up helping Nelse Ostrander "crack." It is likely that they were cracking corn, meaning to break it up into smaller pieces, possibly using a hand-cranked mill, probably for chicken feed. Cracked corn was often used as a supplementary source of energy, producing more calories and hence more warmth for the birds, especially during the coldest months of winter.

1904 was a bad winter, the details of which are described here by Nelson. A 20th century study assessed the severity of winters between 1897 and 1977 in the Great Lakes Basin. Looking at the number of freezing-degree days as a measure of severity across 25 stations in the basin, the study concluded that the winter that was the severest throughout the 25 stations was in fact 1904. Further evidence comes from The Annual Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario; it recorded the healthy progress of many fruit trees planted experimentally in 1896, nearly all of which were found to be dead by the spring of 1904, winter killed.

South Marysburgh Recreation Board

The South Marysburgh Recreation Board, consisting of Mendy Berkson, Sandie Blackford, Richard Copple, Karen Gyde, Erin Johnston, Janna McCarthy, Leon McConnell, Catherine Reilly and myself is unique in Prince Edward County. We are duly constituted by our municipal council, however, whereas the other Wards have Recreation Committees, we are a Board because we have three sub-committees, The Marysburgh Mummers, The Milford Fair Board and The South Marysburgh Management Committee.

The Management Committee has just completed the first year of a two year trial period in which we manage the South Marysburgh Town Hall and Mt. Tabor. These are County-owned buildings and the County pays the heat, hydro, insurance and maintains the physical structure. The committee sets the rental rates; books the facilities and collects the rent; and maintains the interior of the building, including the furnaces, water supply and any other repairs that are necessary. The rental fees stay in the Township and have been used to put a new floor and lighting in the Town Hall kitchen, paint the steeple at Mt. Tabor and replace the carpet in Bredin Hall with vinyl flooring.

The Mandate of the Recreation Board is to:

- Develop, coordinate and support recreation programs and activities for the residents of the Ward;
- Be representative and responsive to the recreation, culture and heritage needs of the Ward;
- Provide a focal point for the planning and delivery of Ward events and activities;
- Build a sense of community within the Ward and encourage residents to get involved;
- Maintain, coordinate and liaise with other community groups within the Ward and other Ward Recreation Committees.

This is a tall order for nine people so we need your help. If you have an event or an idea, please bring it to one of our Rec. meetings and we will try and help you implement it.

The Board would like to thank the following residents who have helped out during the year, other than the major events of the Winter Carnival and Easter Parade, and we hope no one is missed:

Pieter and Harriett Deboer, Mike and Lynette Pettit, Monica Alyea, the Tai Chi Group who plant and/or water the bridge boxes, the barrels at both Mt. Tabor and the Town Hall. Diane Walker donates the soil for the bridge boxes as well as running the very popular Christmas centre

piece workshop. Jim and Michelle Lambton, who organized the Milford Market. Tom Evans who puts the raft out in the pond and brings it back to shore in the fall, as well as using Evans Lumber flatbed truck to put up and take down the Welcome to Milford signs. Pieter Deboer, who helped with the lights on the Post Office Christmas tree. Lynette Pettit and Cathy McDonald, for leading the caroling, Ril Giles for helping the children put the decorations on the tree, and of course Santa. Paula and Bruce Walker, Judy Cole, Canon David Smith and the members of St. Philip's Anglican Church for providing warmth, refreshments and entertainment after the tree lighting. And finally, Lee Lewis, for hosting the New Year's Levee at Jackson's Falls Inn. It was the perfect start to 2016.

Bruce Dowdell,
Chair, South Marysburgh Recreation Board

Christmas Around Milford



Puppeteer, Judy Cole, entertained kids at St. Phillips Church after the Milford Christmas tree lighting.



Diane Walker's annual centre piece workshop was popular this year.

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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

My first year in office was an edifying blur...

Apart from the considerable number of processes and procedures to learn, the nine new councillors spent a lot of time getting to know each other and the issues facing each other's wards. It was time well spent that has led to a spirit of cooperation that, from what I understand, hasn't existed within council for some time. Do we all agree on everything? No. Are we open to listening, discussion and compromise? Yes.

There has been a lot to get used to as a councillor: using honourifics (Councillor so and so, Madam Clerk, Commissioner so and so, and, in the case of Mayor Quaiff, your worship/your honour/Mr. Mayor/your lordship depending on who is addressing him); turning on the microphone to speak; addressing comments and questions to the Chair of meetings; dressing appropriately and respectfully (no shorts!) etc. etc.

Notwithstanding the learning curve, council accomplished a lot. Below is a partial list, in no particular order, of some achievements in 2015 as well as some events that affected the municipality. A number of the initiatives were carry overs from previous councils (the LCBO, size of council etc.) and some will carry forward into this year.

- Groundbreaking for the new Picton Fire Hall and the opening of the new Consecon Fire Hall;
- Downtown revitalization projects launched for Bloomfield, Wellington, Picton, Rossmore and Consecon;
- The arrival of the Sir John A. Macdonald Sculpture in Picton;
- The purchase of 55 King Street for Picton parking;
- A commitment of \$1.25 million over 10 years to Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital;
- The MacEwan gas station opening in November 2015 in Wellington;
- Neil Carbone, Director of Community Development, named Young Economic Developer of the Year;
- Opening of the Drake Devonshire positively affecting PEC tourism including to South Marysburgh;
- Construction of the Picton LCBO began;
- Issues at the McFarland home were brought into focus and some handled in 2015 while others will carry forward to 2016;
- Construction began for the Age in Place Development;
- Initiation of a Corporate Strategic Plan process;
- Adoption of a Code of Conduct for members of Council;
- The Picton Marina's fuel tank was replaced;
- Tackled the thorny issue of the size of council;
- Secondary Plans were approved for Wellington and Picton and the Rossmore Secondary Plan was completed and awaits approval;

- The draft Official Plan for the County was completed that will lead to Council and community review;
- Affordable Housing Implementation Report has been endorsed by Council;
- The municipality, or to put it more accurately its staff, earned numerous awards for marketing and economic development;
- South Marysburgh's boat launch at South Bay will be rebuilt in 2016;
- Negotiation and completion of a Development Reimbursement Agreement for the WPD White Pines wind energy project to cover municipal staff costs to prepare a road use study;
- Council established longer-term goals to deal with: serious infrastructure challenges with water and roads; sustainable development that considers our heritage; and the acceleration of economic diversity leading to full-time job growth;
- Well-attended ERT hearings in Demorestville, Wellington and Picton concluded, with decisions by the tribunals to come by the end of February on both the Ostrander and White Pines industrial wind turbine projects;
- The Prince Edward Heritage Advisory Committee was re-established with eight new, qualified members;
- James Hepburn was hired as the CAO replacing Merlin Dewing.

For my own part and for the sake of full disclosure, transparency and respect - because many of you reading this voted for me - I missed three council meetings due to illness or a schedule conflict, and I claimed some mileage expenses allowed under municipal guidelines.

All the best for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!

Community Calendar

Are you holding a special public event that you'd like members of the community to know about. Send your information by the advertising deadline and it will be included here for free.

Saturday, January 16th: Winter Walk-a-thon
(See separate ad)

Friday & Saturday, January 29 & 30: Winter Carnival
Milford Town Hall

Every Thursday from 2 – 4 p.m.: Wii Bowling
Milford Town Hall

Wednesday, July 6th: Fish Fry at South Bay United Church

Saturday, November 19th: Luncheon and Craft sale at South Bay United Church

What's going on at The Library

By Christine Renaud



The library recently received gifts from groups that use the library and its services throughout the year, and we thank them wholeheartedly for their generosity.



The *Books & Cooks Book Club* were creative with the presentation of their donation. Each member of the club donated a book with money enclosed and then wrapped it

festively for the season. Funds will be used to augment the collection.



Library CEO, Barbara Sweet, accepts a donation from Nora-Lynn Veevers on behalf of Le Cercle Francais and the Milford Afternoon Book Club

Members of the "Cercle Francais", the group that meets to hone French speaking skills each Tuesday at the library, as well as members of the *Milford Afternoon Book Club* (many of whom belong to both groups) also donated to the Milford library. The funds are to be used for the purchase of additional comfortable seating in the branch.



(The opening of the Milford musical instrument library on December 12th was well attended)



As many of you may know, the Ann Farwell library has undergone a recent renovation including the introduction of a new music library. We hope you will come in to the branch to see all the changes if you haven't already, and that you will continue to support your neighbourhood branch of the library in 2016.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Milford Library Winter Hours

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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