

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## Back Stories

### Music at Port Milford

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." — Plato*



*Meg Hill, Music at Port Milford's co-founder and Managing Director surrounded by some of her students.*

One could quite reasonably ask the question, "What is it about South Marysburgh that enables it to attract so many people driven by a passion for music?"

It's not a naïve question.

For each of the past three years the old South Marysburgh School has hosted its bluegrass camp. Passionate violin, guitar, mandolin and other stringed instrument players from around North America learn from accomplished teachers, interact with each other and improve their playing skills. Two years ago, Milford fairgrounds became the location for the County

Jamboree that, owing to its increasing popularity, is moving to larger grounds closer to Cherry Valley for this year's event. In addition, the Sandbanks Music Festival and the Picton Music Festival are organized by a South Marysburgh resident.

Regardless of the answer to the question, and long before either the Bluegrass Camp or the Jamboree were even thought of, Music at Port Milford had been quietly forging a unique path that once seemed peculiar but, at the same time, so appropriate for this area.

Located off County Road 13 at the end of Colliers Road on property that was once part of the thriving community of Port Milford, Music at Port Milford affords 12 to 18 year old chamber music students a distinctive, immersive learning opportunity on the shore of Lake Ontario.

Under the leadership of Managing Director and Co-founder, Meg Hill, and a staff of six councillors, eight faculty members, a cook and a cook's assistant, Music at Port Milford is now celebrating its 31st year of operation.

The origin of Music at Port Milford – known colloquially as "MPM" - dates back to 1985 when Meg's mother, Doris McLaughlin Goldman, and other family members, bought 80 acres of property where MPM is now located. Two years later, in 1987, Meg – at the time teaching classical violin in New York - and her mother worked to

establish what would become "a summer home where young musicians could hone their skills as chamber musicians, with outstanding faculty artists, in a nurturing environment, conducive to personal growth."

The first year of operation involved 17 students brought together for one week of chamber music coaching, singing and other activities. Meg and Doris acted in every possible capacity during the first year – teachers, cooks, organizers – but were encouraged enough to continue the camp in 1988 for a two-week program and in 1989 with a three-week program, but with additional staff and faculty. Twenty eight years later, Music at Port Milford now involves a four-week program.

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*Students listen to their performance on an iPhone and make notes.*

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Student admission to attend MPM involves a competitive process that begins in December each year. In this digital day and age, candidates audition online thereby enabling students from everywhere in North America and Latin America to apply. The student complement in 2017 includes children from Canada, the U.S., Guatemala, Mexico and elsewhere. Although the tuition to attend Music at Port Milford is comparable to the cost one would expect to pay for a child to go to a traditional summer camp, for those students' families experiencing challenging circumstances, scholarships are available to cover costs. However, tuition fees alone do not cover all the expenses to run the camp. As a registered not-for-profit charitable organization, donations to MPM from supporters and the public are most welcome and are tax deductible.

In order to qualify for acceptance, students must meet minimum requirements. Many of the applicants have been playing their instrument and studying since the age of four or five, and for 7 or 8 years before they apply. General guidelines for piano students are to have achieved at least the grade 9 level at the Royal Conservatory of Music (or its equivalent in other countries); students studying stringed instruments must have achieved at least grade 7 through the RCM or another adjudicating entity. As rigorous as the requirements are for admission, 90% of applicants that meet them are accepted.

Upon arrival in late July, the students are placed in groups according to their level and experience which may involve students of different ages playing together cooperatively. Each student also receives daily coaching sessions. Although the idea of a 12-year-old playing at the same level with an 18-year-old may not apply in other social groups (such as sports teams), it works in an environment such as MPM because the level of musical talent is so high. "The kids are driven and ambitious, but they love it," says Meg. "We had to set a morning curfew because some students were beginning to practice piano below my bedroom at 5:30 in the morning. Many will go on to careers as musicians in professional orchestras."

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*Announcing two new exhibit categories for children ages 6-12 and 13-18!*

- ◆ A 1 to 2 minute video with the theme “What makes Prince Edward County so special?”
- ◆ A digital slide show of 6 to 10 photos showing “Life in South Marysburgh”

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Ben Cowan of Telus Communications is donating an iPhone 7 (approximate value \$400) to be awarded to the child 16 and under who accumulates the most points at the Milford Fair. Children living in South Marysburgh or students at Athol/South Marysburgh School are eligible to enter in the classes in the shed at Milford Fair. More details in the fair booklet.

*Questions about the fair?*

*Want to make a donation?*

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*Here's who to contact:*

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- ◆ **Candace Keays** - 613.403.4288: for donations of food or to help in the food booth;
- ◆ **Janna McCarthy** - 613.476.0240: for vendor enquiries;
- ◆ **Larry McDonald** - 613.210.0935: for parade participation and new rules for the 2017 parade;
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Meg determines the repertoire for each group, drawn from composers such as Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Dvorak and Schumann. The students then work together to produce weekly performances of chamber, orchestral and choral works under the guidance of MPM's faculty members. The 2017 artist faculty includes the Cecilia and Tokai String Quartets; The Afiara Collective; conductor Michael Newnham; pianist Todd Yaniv; and Marie Berard, Concert Master of the Canadian Opera Company, among other world class artists.

In addition to the chamber music work, students participate in singing every day in the MPM Chorus. "We believe that singing, besides being great fun, is one of the best ways to teach sight-reading and pitch-discrimination. We sing challenging rounds, folk songs, and 3-4 part motets and cantatas. The Madrigal Singers group is an option for students who are strong readers and wish to do additional singing each day."

Meg recognizes the importance of local involvement in MPM's activities and is encouraged by the growing number of residents that attend the camp's Saturday and Sunday performances. Music at Port Milford also offers a one-week long choral day camp for Prince Edward County elementary school students, and four or five day chamber music classes for adults are being contemplated. There's also a local 20-member choral group that performs.

As a not-for-profit, Meg relies on a 12-member volunteer Board of Directors composed of people with wide ranging qualifications and experience in business, not-for-profit organizations and the arts. The Board, which includes six members who reside in Prince Edward County, offers Meg expertise that is crucial to the success of the camp, and frees her to look after the curriculum and the day-to-day necessities of running a camp for gifted young musicians.

Meg remains as driven and committed to the camp as the students are to the music. "I feel like we're in a really good place, I'm really happy."

Observing the expressions on the faces of students, councillors and staff last week, so too are they.

# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## THE place to have been on July 1st, Canada Day!

Unbeknownst to all but a few were the REAL Canada Day festivities that took place along County Road 13 east of Helmer Road. Organized by local residents, the community celebrated Canada's 150th birthday with an evening parade along CR 13 with numerous 'floats' recognizing South Marysburgh's agricultural heritage. The parade marshal and several dignitaries led the entourage in a vehicle more suited to recreational activities.



The day's events—attended by many—culminated with a gala fireworks display on the shore of South Bay.

## The Bistro

Ears at *The Mirror* generally perk up when someone gets in touch with a request to advertise, particularly if the request is for a full page.

Such was the case last week when Dee MacDougal phoned extending an invitation to come and discuss the Milford Bistro's plans for this year.

Invitation accepted, I met her and Ivan, the Bistro's new chef/operator, as well as Gabe, the Bistro's new sous chef. Dee comes from a business management background and acts in front-of-house and general management capacities. Ivan and Gabe were both trained in classic French cuisine at the George Brown Culinary School in Toronto, and have extensive experience in the restaurant and hospitality industries. As a team, they are committed to using local produce and other provisions to create meals that are an interesting mix of classic French and traditional family recipes at prices that aren't out of line when compared to restaurants elsewhere.

The three-person team recognizes they have their work cut out for them; like any restaurant anywhere trust must be earned. Although *The Mirror's* restaurant critic has yet to evaluate the food, something seems to be working as evidenced by numerous visitors for lunch and dinner at the Bistro in July.

## Pat & Bob at 80 & 90

Pat and Bob York celebrate their 80th and 90th birthdays (respectively) at an open house on August 13th at the south Bay United Church hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and bring best wishes only.

## Sarah Moran Collier: From New York City chic on May 24th to Flower Child on July 8<sup>th</sup>



## Facebook



Later this week, *The South Marysburgh Mirror* is joining the 21<sup>st</sup> century and launching a Facebook page. The intent is to keep followers up-to-date about issues and events that fall between publication dates of the print and digital editions. There will be more information next month but you can search for it on Facebook under the name The South Marysburgh Mirror

## The Music at Port Milford Performance Schedule

### Festival Performances

(\$30.00 per person, available at the door)

#### Marie Berard & Friends

Saturday, August 5, 2017 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene Church, 335 Main Street East, Picton

#### Tokai String Quartet

Saturday, August 12, 2017 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene Church, 335 Main Street East, Picton

### Sunday Student Matinees

(Free Admission but Donations Appreciated)

Music at Port Milford students perform chamber, choral and orchestral works

Sunday, August 6 at 2:00 p.m.

"On the Deck" at Music at Port Milford, 89 Colliers Road, Milford

Sunday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene Church, 335 Main Street East, Picton



## What's going on at The Library

By Liz Zylstra

It is hard to believe that almost twenty years has passed since the six independent libraries in Prince Edward County amalgamated to form one library with six branches – The County of Prince Edward Public Library.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> 1998 Kathy Elley Empringham joined the staff of the library. This was shortly after amalgamation and her role was to assist in the library's preparation for automation. For over a year she and two others worked to enter all of our jointly held books into a common data base. The library had obtained a grant to accomplish this monumental task – but we liked Kathy so much that when the contract ended we asked her to stay on.

Since then Kathy has served in many capacities. She has worked in the Ameliasburgh and Consecon branches as the librarian there and in Picton and Wellington on an on-call basis. For the last several years she has been the mainstay of the Milford branch library. Kathy has recently announced her intention to retire. Her last day working in the Milford branch is August the 5<sup>th</sup>.

I know that all of her patrons in that branch will miss her quiet efficiency and friendly welcome. I wish to extend an invitation to everyone who has known Kathy through her work in the library to drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Milford branch to enjoy some refreshments and wish Kathy well in her retirement.

Evelyn Crowe will be filling Kathy's position on an interim basis. Kathy and Evelyn have worked together closely as stand-ins for each other over the last couple of years, so Evelyn will not be an unfamiliar face.

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Pray for a good harvest but keep on hoeing.*

## Definitions from a mother's dictionary:

- ◆ Defense: What you'd better have around de yard if you're going to let de children play outside.
- ◆ Feedback: The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.
- ◆ Hearsay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.
- ◆ Sterilize: What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's by blowing on it.
- ◆ Temper Tantrums: What you should keep to a minimum so as to upset the children.
- ◆ Whoops: An exclamation that translates roughly into "get a sponge".

The devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a cow walked up to him carrying the Bible in her mouth.

The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name is written inside the cover."

After a minor mathematical error on a routine report, a worker's boss tried to belittle him in front on his peers. Angrily, he asked, "If you had four corn cobs and I asked for one, how many would you have left?"

Quickly, he replied, "If it was you who asked, I'd still have four corn cobs."

A lawyer defending a man accused of burglary tried a creative defense. "My client merely inserted his arm into the window and removed a few trifling articles. His arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual by an offense committed by his limb."

"Well put," the judge declared. "Using your logic, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses."

The defendant smiled. With his lawyer's assistance, he detached his artificial limb, laid it on the bench, and walked out.

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog's eyes are crossed. Is there anything you can do for him?"

"Alright," says the vet, "let's have a look at him."

So, he picks up the dog and has a good look at his eyes.

"Well," says the vet, "I'm going to have to put him down."

"Why? Because he's cross-eyed?"

"No, because he's darn heavy."

The neighbor dropped in on a friend and found her sitting at the kitchen table staring blankly at a half empty cup of coffee, her three kids squabbling loudly in the next room.

"What's wrong, Maggie?" she asked.

Maggie told her she had "morning sickness".

Surprised, the neighbor said, "I didn't even know you were pregnant."

"I'm not," the harried young mother replied. "I'm just sick of mornings."

*Exit line: Even the Woodpecker has found that the way to progress is to use his head.*



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# White Pines

In a letter to the municipality, wpd announces the date for commencement of construction of the White Pines wind project



To:  
The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward  
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Monday, July 31, 2017

Re: Commencement of Works at the White Pines Wind Project within Prince Edward County

We write pursuant to the Road Users Agreement effective April 26, 2016 (the "RUA") between the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward (the "County") and wpd White Pines Incorporated ("wpd White Pines"). Following the reduction in footprint resulting from April 26, 2017 decision of the ERT, finalized design drawings were updated accordingly to include only those components required to construct the Project. A hard copy of those files were delivered to the County on June 30, 2017.

It is the intention of wpd White Pines to commence works, as detailed in the aforementioned drawings, on the Project as of September 10, 2017. Accordingly attached to this correspondence is our Notice of intent to commence works pursuant to the RUA and the *Electricity Act, 1998* (the "Notice")

Following your acknowledgment of this Notice & as required by Schedule C of the Road Users Agreement, wpd White Pines will submit an application for Entrance, Temporary Occupancy, & Encroachment permits (with originals to follow via courier). Building permits will be sought for the foundation works prior to the commencement of those particular works; currently anticipated to commence in October, 2017. We are not aware of any Oversize or Overweight permits that are required at this time. However, our subcontractors are also aware of this requirement and will seek such accordingly as needed. Performance Security & an Insurance Certificate/Proof of Insurance as identified within the RUA, will be provided in advance of the date identified for the commencement of works, as detailed by the terms of that Agreement.

We would ask that you respond to acknowledge your receipt and understanding of this Notice.

Sincerely,

wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated.

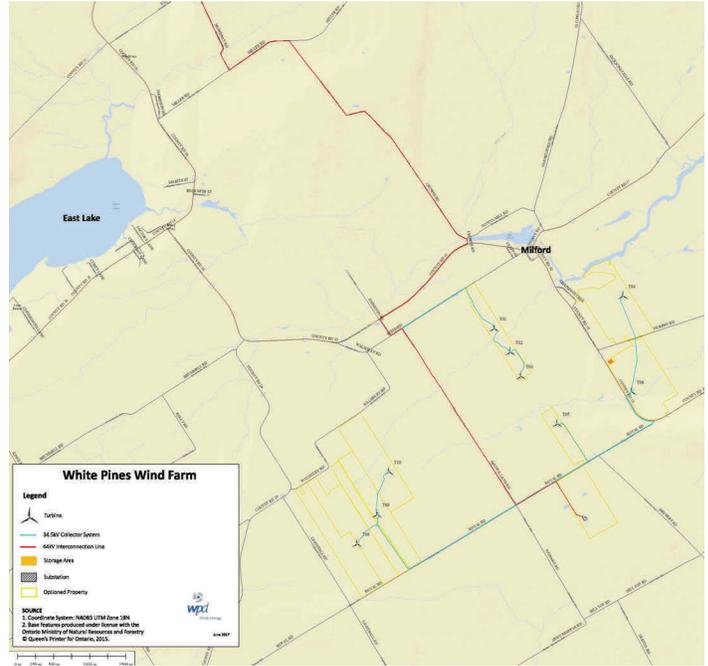
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wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated hereby provides notice of its intention pursuant to the Road Use Agreement to commence construction and the Road Work, Distribution System and Entrance Works, as of September 10, 2017 within Prince Edward County, including, but not limited to, on the municipally owned roads, forced roads, and/or right of ways as follows: Royal Road, Maypul Layn, Murphy Road, Bond Road, County Road 10, Johnson Road, Crowes Road, Miller Road, Mowbray Road, County Road 1, Lighthall Road, County Road 5, County Road 6, County Road 4, County Road 34, County Road 24 and PIN 55081-0069 (identified as the Future Walmsley Extension) as further and more particularly detailed within the detailed design drawings attached as Appendices A, B, C and D

Additionally, and to the extent required, wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated hereby provides notice of its intention to commence installation and construction of the electrical and related infrastructure pursuant to the *Electricity Act, 1998*, within Prince Edward County as of September 10, 2017, including, but not limited to, on the municipally owned roads, forced roads and/or right of ways as follows: Royal Road, Maypul Layn, Murphy Road, Bond Road, County Road 10, Johnson Road, Crowes Road, Miller Road, Mowbray Road, County Road 1, and PIN 55081-0069 (identified as the Future Walmsley Extension) as further and more particularly detailed within the detailed design drawings attached as Appendices A, B and C

- Appendix A: [General Project Map]
- Appendix B: [Distribution System]
- Appendix C: [Forced Road Crossing]
- Appendix D: [Municipal Road Works]



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## August at the Winery

Here it is, mid-summer. The County is hopping with tourists, and the hollyhocks are blooming. All this rain is causing considerable headaches for most farmers as they try to work in standing water and fight mildew. True to form, Mother Nature is showing who rules.

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## The South Marysburgh Management Committee

By Bruce Dowdell

In January 2015, The County embarked on a two-year trial for the volunteer management of the Town Hall. This idea had been discussed with the Recreation Committees of all the municipal wards for several years but only your South Marysburgh Recreation Committee was willing to take on the project. The goal was to reduce the financial burden on The County and increase the usage of the facility. The Management Committee was appointed by Council as a subcommittee of the South Marysburgh Recreation Board. "Committee" was changed to "Board" for legal reasons.

We have two public buildings in South Marysburgh, the Milford Town Hall and Mt. Tabor Playhouse including the Fair Shed.

The County still owns the buildings and is responsible for the exterior maintenance and any major repairs as well as the insurance, the safety equipment, water testing, heat and hydro. The Committee is responsible for setting the rental rates, renting the facilities, collecting the rent and submitting the HST to The County. The rental fees stay with the Management Committee and are used for the interior maintenance of the buildings, bulk water, septic pumping and improvements to the interior of the buildings.

In the past two years, Committee members Leon McConnell and Bruce Dowdell have put a new floor in the Town Hall kitchen. They have replaced the carpet with a new floor in Bredin Hall as well as the washrooms. Along with Ron Keays and Larry McDonald, they erected the fence along the east side of the Fair Grounds. The materials for all these projects were paid for from the rental fees and executed with volunteer labour. The Committee also paid to have the Mt. Tabor steeple painted.

By the end of 2016, the cost to The County to maintain these buildings had dropped dramatically and the usage had increased. The trial period was deemed to be a success.

In January 2017, Council appointed Bruce Dowdell, Leon McConnell, Linda DePauw, Ron Keays and Eric DePauw as the South Marysburgh Management Committee for a two year term. These five people represent the Recreation Board, the Marysburgh Mummies, the Fair Board and the Community.

We would like to build on the progress made to date. The Town Hall and Mt. Tabor are vital components to our community and we want to: 1) maintain local control; 2) further reduce the financial burden on The County; and, 3) increase the usage of both facilities.

If you have concerns or suggestions about either facility, you can speak to any member of the committee.

# The South Marysburgh Bridge Challenge Trophy

By Conrad Biernacki



In late August, a team of judges will evaluate the bridges at Black River and Milford on a variety of criteria to determine which one is more beautiful. The winning bridge will be announced at the Milford Fall Fair and a trophy will be awarded.

But the South Marysburgh Bridge Challenge is far more than a beauty contest.

It honours the vision and hard work the two communities have devoted to their bridges. These embellished works of art demonstrate both local pride and community spirit. And the funds that will be raised will go to an important County charity.

The SMBC trophy itself (that will soon become much coveted and probably more simply known as the Swan Trophy according to our Ward Councillor Steve Ferguson) is far more than a pottery swan on a block of wood.

The main body of the trophy is made from white pine. This wood symbolizes the primordial tall white pines that once grew at Sandbanks which, in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, were only allowed to be cut and sent to England as masts for the Royal Navy vessels of George III. (England had been deforested since the 1600s and needed these pines to maintain their supremacy on the high seas.) The felled trees were hauled to Port Milford to be dressed prior to shipment. Today, we are reminded of this by the name Royal Road (named after the Royal Navy, and originally called Royal Street), that runs easterly from County Road 24 to Port Milford.

Mast roads were not unique to South Marysburgh. North Mast Street in Weare, New Hampshire, was used for the same purpose. But taking the best white pines for use by the Royal Navy lead to unrest in the local population and resulted in The Pine Tree Riot of 1772, one of the first acts of defiance in the American Colonies against the laws of England. This was preceded by the Sugar Act of 1764 and the Stamp Act of 1765, and

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The pottery swan represents the real ones that are often seen from the Black River and Milford bridges. As part of the trophy, it alludes to the bridges themselves. Made by Blue Mountain Pottery (active in Collingwood from 1953 to 2004), it was one of their most popular items and was produced in a variety of coloured glazes. The name of the glaze on the SMBC trophy swan is called Harvest Gold (a fashionable colour that was used from 1968 to 1981). A very appropriate colour for a trophy that will be presented at a country fall fair.

On the trophy, there are spots for 24 winners' plaques. So we're looking forward to friendly competitions until at least 2041! Our thanks to Brue Dowdell for his woodworking skills that made this trophy possible.

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## Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
July 1927

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

**Sat. 6** - Got my grain all cut on the Flats Mirt Lib Jake and I went back to Lloyds stayed all night Got a new puppy Dog. Kathleen named him Laddy.

**Sun. 7** - Kathleen didn't come home We got home from Lloyds about six O'clock

**Mon. 8** - I went over to Picton after some blew Berries. After Dinner went out on Geo Collier and cut some hay back by the school House.

**Tue. 9** - Finished cutting the Hay then raked and cocked it up.

**Wed. 10** - Drew in the oats on the Flats. We are having fine weather now. Along about Four O'clock John Lony Lena Duetta came over and we all went fishing

**Thur. 11** - Drew hay from Geo Collier's back by the School House.

**Fri. 12** - Finished the Hay out on G. Collier there was six loads.

**Sat. 13** - Mirt Floral and I went over to Picton Kathleen came home with us. Floral stayed over with Loraine Barker.

**Sun. 14** - Floral came home with Geo. Barker the Two Welch girls came home with her. Lloyd and Luise came over in the after noon

**Mon. 15** - After Dinner I went around to the Church and helped get ready for the Chicken pie.

**Tue. 16** - I started to cut the Oats Back Royden helped Collin draw in oats.

**Wed. 17** - Finished cutting the Oats back All went to the Chicken pie at night South Bay Church there was a big crowd. proceeds. 258.00

**Fri. 19** - took 8 Hogs over to Picton Fetched ton. of coal home with me.

**Sat. 20** - Drew in 2 loads of Oats from back. After tea we went over to Picton after Kathleen.

**Sun. 21** - All went round to Church Sow. had. 7 Pigs.

**Mon. 22** - Drew in 4 loads of Oats from back rained some at night.

**Wed. 24** - Mirt Royden Floral and I all went down to Cressy to a Chicken pie dinner Kathleen went from Picton with us.

**Thur. 25** - Royden started to gang some back. And we finished drawing in our Oats.

**Fri. 26** - I cut the sweet clover back a very nice day.

**Sat. 27** - I started to work at the cow stables taking out the Old floors getting ready to put in cement. Lloyd and Luise came down at night Kathleen came home with them.

**Sun. 28** - Kathleen went up with Lloyd She intends to go to Toronto Monday morning.

**Mon. 29** - Rained all day work at the cow stable taking out the Old floor

**Tue. 30** - Work at the stable getting it ready for cement floors

**Wed. 31** - Rex and I helped Davis put in cement Varanda

### Sarah's Research Notes

Insight, Information & Anecdotes  
About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

*When it came to maintaining or improving the fabric of local churches, (and schools,) it fell to the community to find the money. Women were the primary force turned to for fundraising. They raised money for missions overseas too. They made use of their own considerable skills, like quilting and cooking to raise the money. Chicken pie dinners were a very popular fundraiser across the whole of North America, along with strawberry socials and fish fries. One church leader was heard to say, about the cost of repairs to his church, "I don't want to hear what the dollar cost will be. Just tell me how many chicken pie dinners per square foot."*

## Rearview Mirror

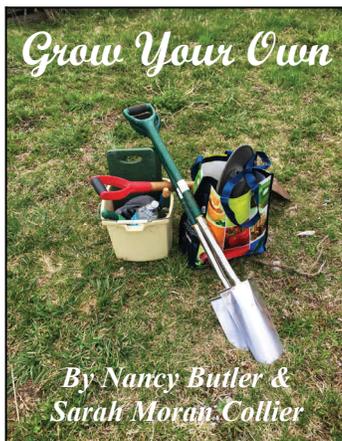
Nostalgic Images of People and Life  
in South Marysburgh



James Cooper's wharf at Port Milford ca 1900



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“Your mind has to be wide open and welcome to opportunities,” says Don Hudson, as he explains how he and Deb think about farming at Valleypine in Black Creek.

In a way, it’s how they came into farming in the first place. Change presented an opportunity. Don had been a special ed.

teacher in Brighton but was no longer needed at a shrinking school, and Deb’s family wanted to retire from the farm. It seemed like an opening for them to embark upon farming themselves. They sold their home where they’d been living in Codrington for a down payment on the farm, and because it was a dairy farm with some stability and good expectation of revenue, they were able to get a mortgage from the Farm and Credit Corporation.

Don, (coming from Toronto originally,) had lots to learn. He’d been in the county as a teenager; by helping out, he at least “knew hay” he says. He and Deb came down from Codrington every weekend for four months to apprentice on the farm before taking it on full time. Deb recalls, “It wasn’t easy, but anything worthwhile isn’t. Don had to work really hard.”

So, they started out with a dairy farm. Deb was the only extra hand; she would “work with the first baby in a carriage, with mesh over it to keep away the flies, in between the rows of cows, while I was milking.”

As time rolled by they wanted the farm business to be able to support some help, “so we could go to a wedding if we wanted to, or stop for a break.” However, the land base wasn’t big enough with dairy, so they evolved to beef.

Then, after a surgery each, Deb and Don were finding the beef cattle were a bit much to handle and they adapted again. It was “a little spark” of an idea that took them down a new track. “Andrew Miller and Kevin Thompson at Cherryvale asked us to grow buckwheat for Stonemill Bakehouse... and a wonderful relationship began with Gottfried Boehringer.”

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They were on a new learning curve, “Going organic, because that is where consumer demand was and there wasn’t enough certified land in the market.” Stonemill needed Rye and wanted it locally sourced to avoid the environmental footprint from transportation.

Don and Deb had now discovered a way of farming (with his own seed and no need to purchase chemicals) “which reduced input cost per acre to \$60 from about \$250.” Ever curious, Don experimented with crop rotation and reduced diesel fuel use by cultivating only every other year. By going back to a frost seeding method, and capitalizing on the action of nature, he can further reduce the use of fuel.

I am struck by how creative farmers are, to adapt and thrive. Some of these “new” practices come from the past. Deb hopes that there will be more “smaller farms, mixed farms; I call it back to the future.”

“Don’t forget what your parents and grandparents knew,” adds Don.

They are a very positive couple, talking about the “silver linings” they see. For example, when hasty combining appeared to have wasted grain after bush hogging, the rye came up a second year and become a crop that cost very little. They are optimistic about the possibilities for farming to support quality nutrition and to continue to be the producers of food security, providing a good base for thriving communities.

They willingly shared their valuable time to talk with me and see the farming community as a generous one. “Farmers are generous with their knowledge. You don’t have to have a meeting to decide whether we’re all in this together - because we’re all in this together.”

Even though Deb and Don have much knowledge to share, they will always be “listening to and observing” others and their own land. Their minds are definitely still “wide open” and Don, at the age of 70, obviously enjoys being called “Junior” by his more experienced neighbours, like Bill Creasy, Ken Marisett and Wilbur Miller.

## Bad News

By George Underhill

Reading the paper this morning, I was struck by the enormity of troubles and tragedy in the world. There's nothing new about this, the world has been a mess as long as I can remember. Fortunately, as a typically self-absorbed kid I wasn't the least bit worried about the terrible things that were happening in those days like polio, Korea, and later the war in Viet Nam. Throwing rocks at streetlights to break the bulbs was maybe the worst thing I did as a kid. No, I take that back. I used to shoplift, too, not a lot but some. Faced with what's going on in the world: suicide bombing or the immigration crisis - I'm not continuing because it's unpleasant just to contemplate – my childhood sins were inconsequential. I'm glad I'm old and don't have to face whatever is coming.

My grandsons don't seem to worry about what's happening in the world today any more than I worried when I was their age. University? I didn't care whether I went or not. I had a job in the kitchen in a restaurant on Cape Cod and the owner promised me a job in Florida in the winter. It sounded like a perfect life and I almost took it, then opting for University in Canada because it sounded like less work. A bad choice because it wasn't. On the other hand, when the U.S. wanted me to go to Viet Nam, I was here and didn't have to go so it was a good choice.

I used to be an American. I got my Canadian citizenship in 1967. I have never regretted my choice, but in the last few months, given the antics of the U.S. president, it seems my decision was more wise than I thought. I've made many decisions in my life which, without any thought, have resulted in good outcomes.

Anyway, I've been retired for many years now, and I still habitually read the morning paper. This is a mistake because it's a rich source of new things to worry about every day. The good thing is I'm too old to do anything but grouse about those things.

Why would anyone choose to become a politician? You never seem to please anyone. At the municipal level, your constituents operate with wonderful hindsight and have no regard for what their suggestions might cost with very limited budgets. At the provincial level, you wonder if they even care what things cost. At the federal level, you wake up in the morning and would hate to read the paper and find out what horrible events you are expected to deal with and get blamed for.

I'd rather just complain.

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# Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

There is a reduced council and committee of the whole meeting schedule during July and August and rather than providing a recitation of the agenda items, I'll bring forward some issues that may be of interest or concern.

## **The Ontario Municipal Board hearing**

This case, initiated by Pierre Klein of Cherry Valley, was heard on July 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> at Shire Hall. Mr. Klein was arguing against the nine ward plan that Council accepted in January 2016 after a long and sometimes contentious series of consultations with the public, arguing that it did not offer fair representation to all residents of PEC.

I am not going to offer an opinion of the testimony or the witnesses that testified on Mr. Klein's or the County's behalf. The Board Chair is in full possession of all the facts and witness statements and will likely make a decision before the end of the year.

The Board's decision on this matter is not open to appeal. If the Board favours Mr. Klein's position it will affect the election in 2018; if it supports council's decision, the 2018 election will proceed on the basis of the nine-ward plan whereby the ward of Bloomfield is absorbed into Hallowell and council is reduced in size by one council seat in Sophiasburgh and the elimination of the Bloomfield seat.

If the Board doesn't render a decision until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, it may affect the 2022 municipal election.

## **The White Pines Wind Turbine Project**

I successfully proposed a motion to defer discussion to September 19<sup>th</sup> of a revised road use agreement between the County and wpd that was presented by staff only four days before last week's council meeting. The short amount of time did not allow appropriate consideration for input from residents most affected by the proposed nine-turbine project, they being the people and families in Milford and those living nearby.

Notwithstanding the deferral and the consideration of local residents, on July 31<sup>st</sup> wpd served notice on the municipality that it intends to commence work on the project beginning on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The letter to the County is printed elsewhere in this issue, and complies with an OEB deadline of August 1, 2017 for notification to it of the start of construction.

What is missing from this latest action by wpd is the absence of confirmation by any level of government or a government agency that wpd has approval to construct the project at all given its reduced size compared to what their REA and FIT agreements stipulate.

The Approvals Branch of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) confirmed that wpd must apply for an amendment to their REA before construction of turbines can begin; the timeline for approval or denial of an amended REA is approximately four months and as of

August 2<sup>nd</sup> the ministry had received no application. That said, MOE representatives did say that turbine bases could be constructed while the amendment is being considered (much like the brush clearing wpd undertook earlier this year). That raises a dilemma for the private landowners on whose properties the turbines are to be built: If excavation and construction begins in September and October, what happens to the approximately 75' diameter x 10' deep holes or foundations if the amendment to the REA is denied late in the fall?

There is continuing (and continuous) discussion about this matter and I'll have an update next month or perhaps sooner on my Facebook page.

## **Picton Town Hall**

At a meeting organized by Councillor Lenny Epstein on July 22, a passionate group of residents expressed their concerns about the possible sale of the Town Hall.

Recognizing that the building has heritage attributes and is a designated property; acts as a facility used by not-for-profit community groups; and may have potential for other uses, council voted in favour of deferring discussion about this matter until a special Committee of the Whole meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Like the White Pines discussion which occurs on the same night, the deferral will allow concerned groups and individuals to develop plans that will guide council as to what to do with the building.

It is important for residents to understand that the rationale to sell the building is to reduce municipal debt, some of which was incurred as a result of the construction of the new fire hall in the industrial park. If the Picton Town Hall is retained, there may be no such reduction.

I seconded Councillor Epstein's motion for the deferral, and hope the public responds with well thought out, concrete plans that will allow council to vote in favour of the building's continuing use by the community. For my part, I support Lenny's initiative and believe members of the public – whether individuals, groups or organizations – should have access to an affordable building at which to congregate.

Have an enjoyable August!



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# The Mariners' Museum 50th Anniversary Celebration

A fundraising pie auction, displays & exhibits, and a 1967 'Summer of Love' themed dinner were all part of this year's all-day festivities.



MP Neil Ellis (L), MPP Todd Smith and Mayor Robert Quaiff extol the virtues of pies they donated to the pie auction.



(L) A White Pine planted to honour former Museum Chair and Volunteer, Stan James Russel; models on display



Winner of best table decoration went to the Royal Road group of Liz Driver & Edwin Rowse and Janice & Gord Gibbins; best dressed were Brian & Margie from Half Moon Bay winery; (L) Jim Plomer



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