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Pat and Bob York celebrated their 80th and 90th birthdays (respectively) at a gathering of friends and family at South Bay United Church hall on August 14th. Pictured above (L-R) sons Randy, Walter Miller, Tim and Daryl and their wives, (l to r) Trish, Val, Cathy, and Crystal.

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'Desi'

For those unaware of the news, Des Marcille, *The South Marysburgh Mirror's* second publisher, passed away at the age of 84 on August 14th.

A graveside service will be held at Mount Olivet Cemetery on Lalor Street in Picton on Saturday, September 23rd at 12:15 p.m. Following the service, family and friends are invited to celebrate Des' life at the Elks Lodge in Picton from 1 to 4 p.m.

On behalf of the hundreds of residents of South Marysburgh who enjoyed receiving and reading *The Mirror* for the many years he tirelessly published it, we send condolences to his daughters, Josie and Mary.

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THE MILFORD FAIR

Come Celebrate with Us!

Volunteers, Help & Food Needed

The Milford Fair needs volunteers on the following days: Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:00 p.m. for setup at the fairgrounds; Friday evening September 15th at the shed; Saturday, September 16th at the fairgrounds; and Sunday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m. for tear down.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

We need donations of food for Fair day, and volunteers to work at the food booth.

For more information (and to advise what you are offering to donate so we don't have too much of any one thing....) please call **Candace at 613.403.4288**. Food donations can be dropped off at the food booth on the morning of the fair.

If you would like to volunteer in any other capacity, please call

Valencia Logan at 613.813.9977

Looking forward to celebrating with everyone at the 2017 Milford Fair!



**VICKI'S YOGA STUDIO
2017 FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE**

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12:30-1:30 pm Hatha Flow	12:30-1:30 pm Hatha Flow	12:30-1:30 pm New Beginners	12:30-1:30 pm Hatha Flow	

- All classes are \$15 each and held indoors at 106 Morrison Point Road (around the corner from Black River Cheese and across from Vicki's Veggies) unless specified otherwise
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- New Beginners - This is for people that have not done yoga before, or very little yoga. The focus is on stretching and making the body move like never before.
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Music at Port Milford AGM

Music at Port Milford held its Annual General Meeting on August 19th. The south-facing verandah that had been utilized while the camp was in progress provided an ideal venue to discuss finances and review the events of the year.

Gilles' Favourites

I am a cancer survivor and have been for the past 10 years. Cancer does not discriminate. Young and old can be afflicted by this deadly disease.



The music was produced professionally by Timothy Campbell of Keynote Studio, and mastered by Eric Baragar for BigBMusic. Proceeds from the sale of the CD will be donated to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

- Can't Help Falling in Love
- Feelings
- It's Now or Never
- It's time to cry
- Little sister
- My Special Angel
- My Woman, My Woman, My Wife
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Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

As The Bistro Turns

Further to the story in last month's edition of *The Mirror*, it seems Dee has since departed the restaurant and Michael is again in charge. Please call for hours of operation and to make reservations—613.476.0004.

The Tarts at Live Laugh Eat!

Heads up! Jen Ackerman's butter tarts—made from scratch from an old family recipe—are sublime: Flaky, buttery pastry containing a rich creamy filling, unfettered by nuts or raisins. A buck and a half each and worth every calorie!

South Marysburgh's Loss

Sacha Warunkiw, who owned and operated the Mills Falls B&B on Crowes Road, has relocated to Deseronto.

Over the years, Sacha has volunteered his property as well as his creative services and his passion to numerous causes affecting South Marysburgh and Milford including issues involving nature and the imposition of proposed green energy projects in the area.

On behalf of the community, thank you for your time, involvement, and the initiative you took to coordinate or organize events in order to bring to light local concerns. You'll be missed, and remember you're always welcome to return.

A Rarity These Days

South Marysburgh resident and municipal employee Calvin Grimmon, retired recently after 39 years working for The County. He started in the mid-1970s and stayed until this year.

In a day and age when employee/employer relationships can be 'fleeting', it's refreshing to have a reminder that dedication and perseverance still prevail.

Congratulations and thank you for your service to the community. Enjoy your time off.

M.I.A.

A 16' green aluminum canoe from South Bay Cres. seems to have floated away on the high waters. Please call Adam McConnell at 613.476.6633 if you have any information.

Kos = Slow

Has anyone else noticed that Kos' Internet service is running at a snail's pace these days? The company's tech support staff are accommodating and quick to respond if you need help—613.968.7137.

Facebook

As mentioned last month, The South Marysburgh Mirror has been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st century and now has its Facebook page up and running. The page is updated as necessary and feel free to visit to make comments.



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Bruce Dowdell received recognition from Mummer 1, Monica Alyea, for the services he has rendered as Technical Director for 50 Mummies shows. His role involves building sets, hanging and operating stage lights and ensuring the safety and security of actors as they made use of some "interesting" props. If you have enjoyed a Mummies production in the past, Bruce is part of the reason. Congratulations!

*On September 16th
Come Celebrate with Us!*

MILFORD FAIR NEWS

The annual Milford fall fair is quickly approaching! The road signs are being planted and the fair booklet has been distributed that lists all the events, the schedule and new classes for shed exhibits. If you didn't receive a copy in the mail, please check the library, Post Office or Live Laugh Eat.

*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"

Plus... 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?

Able to volunteer to help?

Here's who to contact:

- ♦ **Mike Pettit**, PO Box 85, Milford, K0K 2P0: for financial donations to help us offset costs;
- ♦ **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;
- ♦ **Valencia Logan** - 613.813.9977: to volunteer to help

*Help keep South Marysburgh
beautiful. Please pick up litter.*



These Piggies are going to Market!

Raised in partnership with our neighbour, Kervan Farm, our non-certified organic heritage pork will be ready in time for Thanksgiving. Order by the quarter, half, or whole, or individual cuts. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Hickory-smoked honey ham roasts, maple bacon, & oktoberfest sausages!

Artisanal Sausages

Our homemade gluten-free sausages are available in maple breakfast, honey garlic, spicy italian, spicy thai, & oktoberfest.

Gourmet Preserves

Spiced crabapple butter, blue raspberry jam, queen anne's lace & litchi jelly, pure tomato sauce, pickled garlic scapes, strawberry basil jam, spicy dills, & so much more. Check out the full menu on our website.

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Never miss the opportunity to make others happy even if you have to leave them alone to do it.

A man left work one Friday afternoon. But because it was a pay day, instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with the boys and spending his entire week's wages.

When he finally arrived home on Sunday evening, he was confronted by a very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions.

Finally, his wife stopped the nagging and asked him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" to which he replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife, Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same result. Come Thursday, the swelling went down just enough that he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

The newly married husband came home from work to find his wife in tears. "Darling, what's the matter?" he asks.

"The most terrible thing has happened. I cooked my first beef bourguignon for you and when I took it out of the oven to season it, the phone rang. When I came back from answering the phone," she sobbed, "I found the cat had eaten it."

"Don't worry, darling" said her husband. "Don't cry. We'll get a new cat in the morning."

You may be a retiree if....

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

A: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Q: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?

A: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q: Why are retirees slow to clean out the basement attic or garage?

A: As soon as they do, adult kids will want to store their stuff there.

A husband dies and has left \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral.

After everything has been looked after, the wife tells her best friend the money is all gone.

"How can that be?" her friend asks.

So, the widow explains. "Well, the funeral cost \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church and the wake, food and drinks cost another \$500. The rest went for a memorial stone. "22,500. For a memorial stone? My God, how big is it?"

The widow replied, "Four and a half carats".

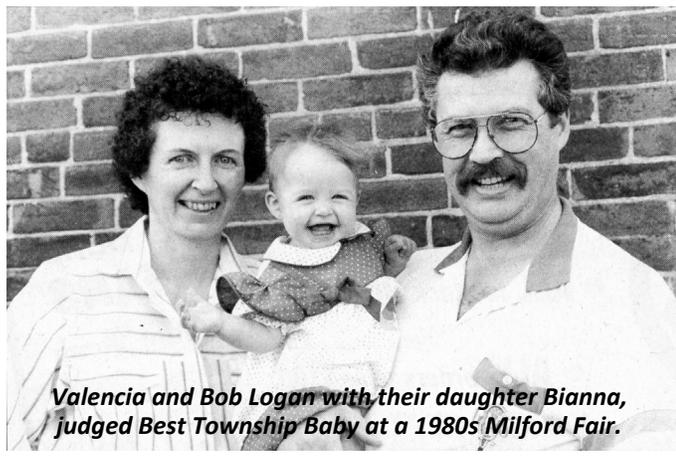
Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

When an adolescent gets some money, the first thing he wants is a car. And, when he finally gets a car, the first thing he asks for is some money.

Exit line: I'm creative; you can't expect me to be neat too.

Rearview Mirror

Nostalgic Images of People and Life
in South Marysburgh



Valencia and Bob Logan with their daughter Bianna, judged Best Township Baby at a 1980s Milford Fair.

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What's going on at The Library

By Liz Zylstra

Your Public Library Card: An Essential School Supply

Do you have children, or perhaps grandchildren, returning to school this fall? Remind them to stop by the library to pick up a very important school supply – their public library card. It's free, and unlike a Sesame Street lunchbox is guaranteed to be useful throughout their school career. In addition to providing access to books on almost any topic, your public library card also gives you virtual access to our e-resources. For students learning French, access Mango Languages from anywhere with an internet connection to practice in a conversational style. Find it at peclibrary.org and then click on **Find Stuff** and then online resources. Use your library card number & four-digit PIN to register for an account. If you need help or a demonstration we are happy to help – contact the tech help team at the Picton Branch at techhelp@peclibrary.org or (613) 476-5962 to book your free appointment.

For older students, Kanopy might be a useful online service. It is a film streaming service specializing in thoughtful entertainment including documentaries and classic films. It is a great way to delve deeper into a topic of study. Teachers will be happy to know that all Kanopy films come with public performance rights, so they are available to be shared with classes. Kanopy is also accessed with library card & PIN. Some of the topics available include the Arts, Education, Global Studies and Science and Social Sciences. There are even some instructional Math and Science videos.

You can access most of the library's electronic resources from anywhere with an internet connection, and if you don't have internet access at home, we have both computers you can use as well as WIFI which is accessible 24 hours a day. Did you know you can borrow the internet from your library? We now have mobile internet devices you can borrow for a week at a time! Drop by any branch of the library for more information.

Mark your calendar...

Saturday, September 16 - The Friends of the Milford Branch Library will have a book & DVD sale at the Milford Fair with a special visit from Anne Preston of County Kids Read who will be giving books to children.

Sunday, October 22 - The Friends of the Milford Branch Library present a talk about the history of the Ann Farwell Library with speaker Nancy Butler. More details to come!

Please note that with Labour Day, come our fall hours – the Bloomfield and Milford Branches of the Library will be now closed on Fridays.



To mark 19 years of dedicated service, Kathy Empringham received a nice retirement send off with the help of friends, patrons and Barbara Sweet, CEO of the PEC Library. Congratulations and many thanks for your contribution to the community.

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Mariners

PARK MUSEUM

The Mariners Memorial Service is being held on Sunday, September 24th at 9:30 a.m. at the South Bay United Church. The service will be followed by the opening of the new section of the walkway, and the dedication of the Navy anchor and bench relocated from the Picton Legion. In addition, Terry Sprague will speak about life of Main Duck Island at approximately 11:30 a.m.. We hope you will be able to make it to our celebration.

Refreshments to follow at the museum



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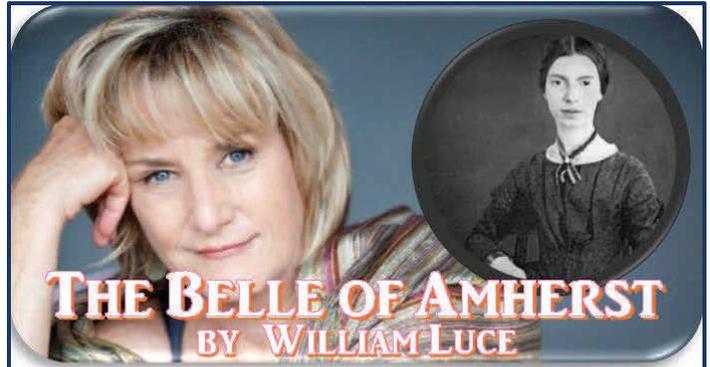


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Wed. Sept 13 – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:00 p.m. Jan Collier has devotional; Roll call – tell about your exciting summer vacation; Program – Joyce Minaker; Lunch – Sandra Emlaw and Alice Miller; Objective – donation to Terry Fox run.



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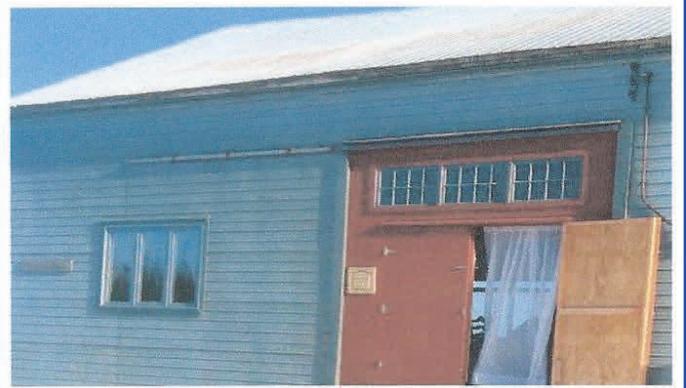
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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
July 1927

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Thu. 1 - Luise and a Miss Wood were down All went fishing in the After noon. Quite a nice day.

Fri. 2 - I took my Bull National King out on Samuel Farrington. Rex and I help Davis finish his cement Veranda.

Sat. 3 - Davis came over and we put a cement in the cow stable were the cows stands.

Mon. 5 - drew in the sweet clover seed Quite a warm day. After tea took Floral over to Picton to school.

Tue. 6 - Finish the floor in the cow stable

Wed. 7 - Mirt Royden Wrex and I went over to Picton Fair it was a nice day Royden stayed to the show at night.

Thu. 8 - Mirt went over with John Lony to the Fair and stayed for the night

Fri. 9 - After Dinner Mirt and I went over to the Fair Kathleen came home from Toronto we stayed for the Fair.

Sat. 10 - Cut the B Wheat down in the Orchard. Rex and I made a dreen at the cow stable.

Sun. 11 - Lloyd and Luise came down Kathleen and Floral went over to Picton with them.

Mon. 12 - Finished up working at the cow stable and started to build a cement steps behind the Milk House.

Tue. 13 - Royden and I went over to Picton My suit of clothes came that I sent up to Toronto to get made up

Wed. 14 - Royden plowed Back ground Very hard. I work at the Milk house making cement steps.

Thu. 15 - I fixed up the windows in the cow stable painting pudding glass in Royden plow

Fri. 16 - We are having very hot weather worked at the milk House steps.

Sat. 17 - Rex and I tinkered at the Barn taking up some grain getting ready for the threshing Machine. After Dinner went over to Picton Floral came home Kathleen stayed over.

Sun. 18 - Mirt and I went out to Jakes after tea Nita has a little baby Girl She is smart. Then we took Floral on down to Picton

Mon. 19 - We are having very dry weather need a rain very bad.

Tue. 20 - Started to pick a few Macintosh

Wed. 21 - After Dinner helped John Lony thrash then they moved down to Hilton's place. Mc Donald was here I sold my apples to him.

Thu. 23 - Royden and I helped Rightmore thrash.

Fri. 23 - Thrashed for Collins and moved up here. Thrashed a couple of hours.

Sat. 24 - Finished thrashing here about two O'clock had a nice day for thrashing. After Tea Mirt Royden and I went over to Picton Kathleen came home with us.

Mon. 26 - Royden and I picked the Wealthy and Macintosh.

Tue. 27 - After Dinner went around to the School Fair. Wind North East and cold.

Wed. 28 - Royden and I dug potatoes down by the little woods. Not very good

Thu. 29 - Royden and I picked Macintosh. Warmer again. Rained little last night

Fri. 30 - Picked apples till noon. After Dinner Mirt Royden and I went over to Picton. Lloyd came down to Picton and Royden went back with him to work in the Factory for the rest of the Fall.

Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

The two apples Nelson picks are "Macintosh" and "Wealthy". There were no apples in N. America, except crab apples, before the Europeans arrived and only hardy varieties survived the climate. The "Macintosh" was an accidental apple discovered by John Macintosh in Dundas, in 1811. He found it as a seedling in a clearing, possibly seeded there from a dropped apple core and hardy enough to flourish by itself. The "Wealthy" was nurtured by Peter Gideon who grew it first in Minnesota in 1868. After years of trial and error in that harsh climate this apple, crossed with a Siberian Crab Apple, was his only success. By the early twentieth century the "Wealthy" was one of the top 5 apples grown nationally; now it is rare and defined as an antique variety. Possibly some remain in this historic growing region of "The Garden County of Canada".

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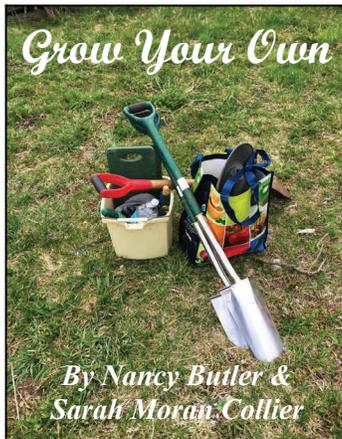
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“Growing food here is such a big part of our history and our foundation for the future. It’s wonderful to be a part of it.”

This description was inspired by the beautiful display of vegetables and fruits entered in the 2014 Milford Fair. Growing food makes you aware not only of soil and weather, but also

the community resources and relations you depend on, the advice, knowledge and on-the-ground help that can be the difference between failure and success. Fairs are about cultivating the resources and relations that sustain local agriculture, big and small.

For this edition of *Grow Your Own*, we consulted Phil Dodds’ 1967 centennial publication, *Ontario Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions, 1792-1967*. The Milford Fair is not included in this Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies publication, apparently because South Marysburgh never actually joined the Association. Dodds, an accomplished historian of Prince Edward County and long-time editor of *The Picton Gazette*, does however mention the Milford Fair, acknowledging its important and anomalous part in the history of County agriculture.

Early fairs were all about educating and encouraging farmers. Until the mid-1800s it typically took twenty years just to clear a 100-acre farm for cultivation and grazing. The first agricultural fair in Ontario was in 1765, and in PEC the first fair was held at Picton in 1836. Between 1830 and 1860 agricultural societies blossomed in Ontario, a sign of the province’s social and agricultural development. An 1852 report by the Hastings County Agricultural Society noted that the society’s early work was finally paying off: “The agricultural mind requires time to prepare it for knowledge, but the fruit is now every year improving in quality and abundance.” Technology and trade were crucial in the development of agriculture, so in addition to awarding prizes for the best crops or stock specimens, early fairs gave prizes for improvements in methods of clearing land, for the biggest crop yields, the largest area under cultivation, the overall appearance and condition of farms, and the development of innovative agricultural implements. Agricultural societies instilled a spirit of friendly competition: “By the association of numbers together, they have been the means of creating a rivalry and competition and honourable emulation in the management of farms, far more than the mere desire of obtaining MONEY premiums.” Today that spirit remains, as appreciation, enjoyment and honour - certainly not money - keeps farmers at work.

By mid-century the combination of education and improvement with favourable international trade agreements made farming in Ontario a more organized and export-focused practice. Yet agricultural industrialization proceeded unevenly across the province, and many farms in South Marysburgh continued on an older model of mixed farming. While South Marysburgh’s ports had been a leg up when goods and crops were moved by water, the development of railways throughout Ontario thoroughly sidelined the once busy southern ports of PEC. The 1887 construction of a Crystal Palace drew more attention to the Picton Fair, now more accessible with increased automobile use, and spelled disaster for the Milford Fair. But the first era of the Milford Fair closed in 1894; the spirit remained until the Milford Fair was fully revived in 1946.

Always reflecting the changing face of agriculture in Ontario, the fair is now an important way of educating the broader Ontario population on agriculture as Canada’s primary industry. In 1967 William Stewart, Ontario’s Minister of Agriculture, said that agricultural fairs “have done more than any other agency to bring about a closer understanding between our rural and urban people.” That this understanding has become closer and more important since 1967 is abundantly clear every year at the Milford Fair.

It takes hours and hours and hours of planning, preparation and legwork to put on the Milford Fair; volunteers get involved year after year because they know the fair is important to everyone, to friends and visitors, to all parts of the South Marysburgh community.

As you read this, plans are being refined for the Milford Fall Fair and volunteers are mustering to make it all happen. Thanks to our community our rural fair still thrives, a tradition that has faded elsewhere.

We growers are essential to that tradition. It’s up to us to bring along the beautiful produce for others to enjoy. And be there to share in the pleasure of the day with our friends and neighbours. Take a walk around your garden with the Fair Booklet and you’ll be surprised what you have to exhibit.

If you need any help, Nancy and I will be there to lend a hand at the Shed on Friday evening and Saturday morning. We’re excited and really looking forward to seeing you and your goodies in the Shed.



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A Few Random Thoughts

By George Underhill

Here it is, the middle of the month and I am bereft of ideas. I believe I will just start typing and see what comes out. Diane has been labouring all morning over a label maker. My daughter gave it to us two Christmases ago and it looked really handy. The thing is, the examples they provide look great, but it seems really complicated to get it to print labels that look like the ones pictured. Maybe we get a little slow when we get old. Not maybe. We do get dumb, but the label maker would challenge my technically oriented progeny and even their kids.

My brother lives in Phoenix, Arizona. As you can imagine, it gets really hot there. There was an article in the paper about certain commercial aircraft unable to take off from the Phoenix airport because it was too hot. When it gets really hot, like 120 degrees, the air gets so thin the airplanes can't get enough lift to take off. Sometimes in Canada the planes have to be de-iced or the runways are blanketed in snow, but so far it's never too hot to fly. My brother says his air conditioner is as essential as my furnace. We complain about the winter, but I'd rather have winter than 120 degrees. OK, so it's dry heat, but so what?

The roadside flowers this time of year are quite beautiful. These are the kinds that grow in the most inhospitable environments. In the gravel alongside the road, where if you planted something, it would die right away. The purple ones, asters I think, make a purple haze in some sections of road. Yellow ones, I don't know what they would be called, and Queen Anne's Lace, beautiful white ones that are related to the carrot. Next time you are driving, make sure you admire them as you scoot past. Here they are, growing in hot dry gravel. They are surely tough plants and should be given credit for their toughness.

Tourists are good for businesses, jobs, and our economy. But our roads and stores are crowded. My daughter picks up a breakfast muffin at the drive through on the way to work...or she used to. Now the drive-thru is so busy she has to skip it. We don't go out to eat as much now because the restaurants are so crowded. I hear Belleville is quite accessible so maybe we'll go there until summer is over. I know it sounds like I'm whining, but I don't mean to. We wouldn't have all the businesses we do if we didn't have the summer trade. After all, we can't expect them to mail in their money and stay home.

We live on County Road 10, and see many RV's passing by our door. Some of them are immense. Well, my daughter and her husband rented one and it was huge. I mean incredibly large. They drove here at night and said it was kind of scary because they were not sure there was room on the road for this beast and oncoming cars. Later, they said it wasn't so frightening in the daytime. I'm not so sure how they made out in the areas in which they had reservations if they didn't warn the people they were driving this huge machine.

Have you noticed that there's as much news about Donald Trump as there is about Justin Trudeau? As much news about Congress and the Senate as there is about Parliament? I'm just saying.

A final word. I'm in a wheelchair now, and people are really accommodating. Holding open doors so I can get through and standing out of the way so I can pass. There are many stores on Main Street that I cannot get enter because they have at least one step on the threshold. I expect women with strollers are sentenced to the sidewalk as well. Some stores in the Quinte Mall are easy to get into but the aisles are crowded with displays that block my way. That's probably true here too, but there's lots of stores I can't get into.

Oh well. That's all I can think of for this month.



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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

The most pressing issue facing South Marysburgh right now is wpd Canada's announcement that it intends to begin construction of its now 9-turbine project beginning on Sunday, September 10th. These turbines are to be located in proximity of the village of Milford.

Following the company's announcement, the municipality received a letter from Ian MacRae, wpd's president, putting the municipality on notice that "attempts by a municipality to obstruct a provincially-approved REA have been met with strong condemnation by the courts. Wpd has successfully enforced its rights pursuant to its REA and has recovered its legal costs at both the Divisional Court and Court of Appeal." He then cites two such actions taken regarding the company's Sumac Ridge project.

At the special council meeting called by Mayor Quaiff on August 31st, I addressed council. What follows is an excerpt of my remarks:

"How can we work with those who don't listen to reason, won't follow the rules they themselves set, won't respect our decisions and prove time and time again they can't be trusted?"

"There are many issues at play concerning wpd's intrusion into PEC. This is not just a 'south' issue. This is not about the ability of some landowners to derive income from what they consider useless property. I get that.

"What is at play is Mr. MacRae's announcement on July 31st that regardless what the people most impacted by his project believe, or what the municipal government may think whose job it is to, among other things, ensure residents' wellbeing, his company is going to begin construction of what remains of the White Pines project beginning on Sunday, September 10th. Why a Sunday?"

"Also at play, is Mr. MacRae's announcement on August 23rd that if I and other members of municipal council – that's you - do not acquiesce and agree to approve his company's various permit applications, he may begin legal proceedings against US – that's everyone in this room and every other taxpayer in the municipality. Further, he alludes to the fact that we may pay wpd's legal costs.

"South Marysburgh has a rich population, not perhaps in monetary terms but rich in upholding traditions and values forged decades ago. The residents of SM are passionate believers in the principles upon which PEC was founded 225 years ago.

"I admit to being a 'city boy'; His Worship reminds me of it frequently. I don't have the ancestral County roots of Mayor Quaiff, or of Councillors Pennel, Fox, Dunlop and others. But like them and many others, what I do possess is a passion for PEC and the ward I am proud to represent and the belief and principles its residents uphold. The effects of wpd's White Pines project will be felt for decades by the residents and businesses in and around Milford and is a violation of those principles.

"We are at an interesting juncture. The government of Ontario has informed us via the GEA, 'You have no rights. Green energy projects will be constructed wherever we want them.' At the same time they have kept moving the goalposts. In this instance possibly saying to Mr. MacRae, (Continued on the next page)

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Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory has a new nesting area for Barn Swallows. The structure was dedicated by members and was a collaborative effort involving members and students at PEI. The hope is that the swallows will nest in the spring in any of the eight areas within the structure that affords them some protection from the elements.



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Approximately 160 people congregated in (and outside) the Milford Town Hall to receive an update and ask questions about the proposed 9-turbine White Pines wind project. Mayor Robert Quaiff, MPP Todd Smith and municipal representatives responded to questions.



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"wpd has a history of poor site selection, and the government of Ontario really didn't do its homework:

- *What were they thinking when they approved wpd's Fairview project in Collingwood near an airport, recently revoked by the ERT?*
- *What were they thinking in approving a project in an environmentally sensitive area inhabited by species (Blandings turtles) they vowed to protect?*
- *What were they thinking when they approved 20 turbines abutting the third most significant avian migratory pathway in North America? Did they think billboards to the north and south of PEC alerting birds to veer right or left of Long Point or Milford would be effective?*

"This is not about the provincial government, this is about Ian MacRae and wpd possibly not getting its way and going to the courts.

"I do not react well to threats be they veiled or direct; from a schoolyard bully or a representative of a multinational corporation. My first emotional impulse upon reading the third paragraph of Mr. MacRae's letter of August 23rd was to try and sell council on the idea of rescinding last year's RUA; to outright reject approval of any permits for any work involving the White Pines project; and to tell Mr. MacRae and wpd to "Bring it on!" However, I'm also smart enough to know that legal opinions can temper emotional impulses so I look forward to hearing today what my fellow councillors and legal counsel may recommend to us."

In the end, the following press release from The County was distributed on August 31st:

Picton – County Council today informed municipal staff that wpd White Pines Wind must fulfill all requirements of the Road Users Agreement (RUA) – including the provisions of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) as it relates to County roads – before any approvals or permits are issued to the company.

"As the Council motion passed earlier today stated, wpd White Pines Wind has not fulfilled all the requirements of the RUA, including the fact that wpd White Pines Wind may not have received all of the approvals required to proceed with construction of the works under the RUA," says Mayor Robert Quaiff. "Issuing approvals and permits is premature at this point in time and will not happen until municipal staff members are satisfied that all of the requirements have been met."

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change granted wpd White Pines Wind its REA for 27 turbines in July 2015. The County and WPD entered into a Road Users Agreement (RUA) in April 2016 for the original project as provided for in the REA. In April 2017, the Environmental Review Tribunal reduced the size of the project to nine turbines.

So we await whatever action wpd may initiate on Sunday, September 10th. But please be aware that the mayor, municipal staff, council, and our MPP, Todd Smith, are ensuring the interests of South Marysburgh's residents are protected within the law.

MILFORD FALL FAIR SCHEDULE

On Saturday, September 16th Come Celebrate with Us!

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
8:00—10:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Bredin Hall at the Fair Grounds
10:00 a.m.	Grounds Open / Judging Begins <i>(Closed to the public)</i>	The Shed
10:00—11:00 a.m.	Parade Assembles	Old South Marysburgh School
11:00 a.m.	Parade Begins	Through Milford to the Fair Grounds
11:30 a.m.	Parade Bands Play & Displays Open to the Public	Shed
11:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies & Citizenship Awards	Stage
12:30 p.m.	Grampa's Goodtime Gang	Stage
	Children's Wood Crafts	West Side of the Shed
	Pumpkin Painting	West Side of the Shed
	Fish Pond & Clown	West Side of the Shed
	Petting Zoo	West Side of the Shed
	County Folk Chucking Stuff	Ball Diamond
1:00 p.m.	Dog Show	West Side of the Shed
	Pumpkin & Face Painting	West Side of the Shed
	Live Entertainment	Stage
2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Bredin Hall
	Parade Winners Posted	Information Booth
	Kid's Games & Races	Ball Diamond
	Tractor Pull	N.E. Field across the road
2:30 p.m.	Log Sawing / Nail Driving	East Side of the Fair Grounds
3:15 p.m.	Lucky Draw Prize Wagon	Stage
4:00 p.m.	Whatever Boat You Float	Mill Pond at the Bridge

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