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Happy Holidays

&

Happy New Year!

Milford Library Branch

Check It Out

By Julie Lane

Tech In Your Library

The County of Prince Edward Public Library & Archives offers far more than just books and movies. With the holidays fast approaching, a hot topic is often new technology. Now is the time that many popular devices go on sale and when people upgrade or invest in a new device. But, the hitch that many people get caught on is the seemingly endless web of options and lack of clear instructions. Most devices do not come with a detailed list of steps for set-up, device anatomy or, in some cases, even clear directions on where to go for questions. Furthermore, if you don't know what 16GB of storage means, you could be purchasing something that doesn't necessarily fit your needs. Then, once the device is acquired, often people are left to struggle through on their own or have the store or a well-meaning family member set it up for them. Unfortunately, all of those options leave gaps in information and understanding of how to use and access your new device. This is where your library can help.

One-on-one appointments are available at any branch of the library. During your free one hour appointment, you get to work with one of our IT staff as we work together to answer any questions you may have. We can guide you through the maze of possible device options if you are in the market for a new tablet. If you have a new device to set up, we can help with that, too. Our goal is always to help you through the process by doing more guiding and less "doing" for you. We also take notes during the sessions so if you need a reminder, we've got you covered! We want you to feel comfortable with your device and use it to its fullest capacity, no matter how many one-on-one sessions it takes. All you need is a library card to access this free service.

If your device needs to download updates and your internet connection is too slow or you have limited download capacity consider coming into the library and using our WIFI. This is something we see a lot especially at the rural branches and we are happy to provide this service.

In addition to the one-on-one appointments, there are many other services the Technology Resource Centre offers. You can take courses in the New Year on some of the more popular devices and online tools, you can utilize our maker-tech including 3D Printers, 3D Scanners, our green screen and much more, all with your faithful Library card. We can offer workshops at the Milford Branch Library if there is sufficient interest in a particular topic – please feel free to contact me directly at jlane@peclibrary.org if you have any requests.

We want to help you not only understand and feel comfortable with the technology you use every day but also gain the confidence to explore what else is available to you. To book a one-on-one appointment, you can email techhelp@peclibrary.org or call 613-476-5962 and we would be more than happy to help! All questions, devices, and learners are welcome.



Happy Holidays and a big 'Thank you' to all, whether you lent a helping hand, purchased wine or just dropped in for a friendly "hello". Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Wednesday, Dec. 12 – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church for a pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon. Rev. Phil will lead us in Devotional; Roll Call – bring a card for those who are sick or shut ins; Program – Two members will receive life membership pins and we'll have a Christmas sing along. Objective – hats and mitts for Athol school.

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
December 1928

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Sat. 1 - Back to Lloyds. We were back to Mr. Laws. Sold him a new Durant Sedan then Wrex Lloyd and I went over to Belleville I was getting some Rep. done on my car About three o'clock we came home Kathleen came home with us from Picton

Sun. 2 - We all went around to church Quite a nice day

Mon. 3 - I took Kathleen over to Picton coming home it commenced to rain and we had a big rain

Tue. 4 - Royden plowed a pease of land here by the House for Early potatoes next Spring

Wed. 5 - Floral and I started to take Wrex over to Belleville to go to the O.B.C. We had car trouble and didn't go. Had a big rain last night colder today.

Thur. 6 - Floral Nedra Ostrander and I took Wrex over to Belleville he is going to take a Four Month Course at the Ontario Business Callage. He is going to stay with Lloyd. It was a nice day and the roads were good

Fri. 7 - Royden and I did some Banking around the House.

Sat. 8 - After dinner we went over to Picton the weather has changed and it is colder although the roads were good for cars

Sun. 9 - Lloyd and Luise were down went out to Geo Hudgins for Dinner Kathleen came home with them came out here for Supper and then on home Lloyd has sold his Star Six

Mon. 10 - Royden and I drew up some wood. Weather is some colder.

Tue. 11 - Some warmer got the coalt and young cattle home. We are having a spell of nice weather Floral went over to Picton with Davis Duetta

Wed. 12 - Very warm for the time of year. Lloyd down with a new car. Mirt went up home with him I did some plastering around the Barn

Thur. 13 - They were around testing cattle again we are having very nice weather.

Fri. 14 - Floral got a letter from the Department store Picton to come over and help in the Cash Office. Royden took her over Lloyd fetched Mirt down weather fine.

Sat. 15 - I went over to Picton with Davis Duetta big crowd in Town. Kathleen came home with us. Floral arrived some time in the evening.

Sun. 16 - Royden took Kathleen over after Dinner. Floral going over some time this evening.

Mon. 17 - Royden Mirt and I picked the Turkeys and gut them ready to take away we only had 14 to sell this year

Tue. 18 - Royden and I took the Turkeys over to Picton sold them for 40 cts per lbs.

Wed. 19 - Mrs Ed. Rorke asked all her Brothers and Sisters to her home for Dinner Mirt and I went [over?] had a nice time and a nice dinner wind blew quite hard with some snow but not very cold

Thur. 20 - Kind of a blustery day snow by spells but not cold

Fri. 21 - Christmas tree at the Bay Mirt Royden & I went. Quite a nice night Kathleen & Floral were out from Picton

Sat. 22 - Mirt and I went over to Picton Lloyd fitch Wrex down to Picton So he came home with. going to stay till Christmas Floral came out two. Kathleen stayed over.

Sun. 23 - We didn't go to Church to day Mirt not feeling very good. Floral went over to Town after tea.

Mon. 24 - Mirt clean two Ducks and a Turkey for Christmas to take up to Lloyds. I went up to Milford to get a spring in the car. Royden went back to Lloyds with John Loney. A lovely day Floral came home at night

Dec. 25 - Christmas day and a very fine day We all went up to Lloyd's there was Archie and Ina Lial Eddie Sarah Elise and family. Luise had a lovely dinner and we all had a good time. We all left about Four Oclock. for home we arrive home about Six leaving Floral and Kathleen in Picton

Dec. 26 - Royden took a grist up to Milford still we are having nice warm weather.

Thur. 27 - I worked around the Barn fixing up things Royden not feeling very good.

Fri. 28 - No snow yet to speak of and weather quite warm I helped John Loney kill Hogs took 8 of Wrexes Ducks up to Milford got \$1.00 a piece for them.

Sat. 29 - I drew out some manure around the Berries Garnet was here and he is helping do everything After tea Mirt and I went over to Picton we stayed for the show Floral and Kathleen came home.

Sun. 30 - Kathleen & Floral went to church after tea Floral went over to Picton Kathleen don't hafta work to morrow.

Mon. 31 - A very nice day. Mirt cleaned some Ducks and chickens for New Years. about Four Oclock Kathleen went over after Floral

This month's column was transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier, Buffy Carruthers, Liz Driver and Vicki Emlaw as a result of Sarah's transcription workshop in November. Their research notes are elsewhere in this issue.



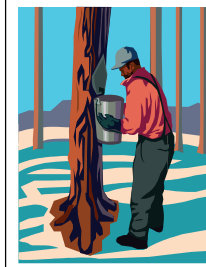
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Many Thanks....

Many a reader has inquired about the future of *The South Marysburgh Mirror* given my new responsibilities so I am pleased to let you know that I intend to keep publishing on a monthly basis.

Creation and distribution of The Mirror has had to take a back seat during the past several months due to adjusting to my new schedule but should return to normal in the new year. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Many thanks to *The Mirror's* many supporters—advertisers, generous donors, Shirley at Canada Post in Milford, and Heather, Kathy and everyone else at Printcraft. Particular thanks go to you, the readers, for your ongoing interest and enthusiasm for *The Mirror*.

To everyone, all the best for Christmas and the holiday season, and for a happy and healthy 2019!

Vicki's Back...not that she ever went away

Ms. Emlaw informs that she will be returning to her figurative roots by reviving Vicki's Veggies. The May long weekend will see the return of the tomato seedling sale at the original V V location that she has rented from the new owner of the property. More information is available at Vickiveggies.weebly.com

For anyone who has bought what grocery stores call tomatoes during the past several months, Vicki's return is very good news!

Daffodil Phones & Party Lines....

... are long gone, replaced by 'devices', social media, 'platforms', and other communications tools.

For anyone confused about all the latest tech tools—or for anyone in need of another refresher course about how to use them—the Milford Library can offer assistance (or a rescue) if so needed. More information is contained in the library column elsewhere in this issue.

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

This month, in the tradition of South Marysburgh Christmas socializing, we transcribed Nelson Hicks diary as a group, with tea: Vicki Emlaw, Liz Driver, Buffy Carruthers and yours truly. The research notes are from our blended experience.

First, the plucking and cleaning of birds for Christmas dinner. Vicki was in awe of Mirt for taking on the challenge of the ducks. Many of us have never plucked a bird, but Vicki says that ducks are the hardest. Their feathers are oilier with a gossamer layer to assist their life in cold water! This makes them messier and tougher to pluck. It requires a dunking in hot water, (the bird, not the plucker), but at just the right temperature, steaming not yet boiling, and for just the right amount of time; a very messy job. My grandfather always wore an apron and another source recommends that if you're married, you work on the bird outside!

Second, the tree. Nelson notes "Christmas tree at the bay". This was at South Bay church probably; he often describes going to church at the bay. Although there had been concerns about Christmas trees as a pagan tradition, by the 1920s Christmas trees were everywhere. Here's a Christmas tree light box from 1920's to put you in the mood.



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Seniors Directory Now Available

The Prince Edward County Community Care for Seniors Association has published the 15th edition of its Information for Seniors Directory, made possible by funding from the Retired Teachers of Ontario Foundation. The information in this directory can assist older people, their families and caregivers in finding resources to help seniors live at home.

The 104 page directory is available for free at the Community Care for Seniors office at 74A King Street in Picton. Seniors and their caregivers are encouraged to stop in and pick up a copy of this valuable resource.

The Prince Edward County Community Care for Seniors Association offers services to help seniors live at home such as Meals on Wheels, transportation to medical appointments, noon-time dinners for seniors, foot care, help with forms (including Income Tax), respite, home maintenance, rural route reassurance and telephone reassurance programs. The agency is partly funded for these services by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care through the Local Health Integration Network and supported by donations and community fundraising efforts, such as Community Care's Thrift Shop at 281 Main Street. The agency also operates the County Seniors Centre which offers programming in all municipal Town Halls.

For more information, please call Community Care at 613.476.7493 or www.communitycareforseniors.org



A full house for Diane Walker's Christmas ornament workshop, held at Milford town Hall.

Back the Build Give to Your New County Hospital

Milford Friendship Circle

The meeting was held at the home of Alice Miller on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

President Margaret opened with this thought: That which does not kill us makes us stronger.

Alice's Thought for the Day was a "religious" letter from her grandmother to her granddaughter. At least that was the impression we received at the beginning but things aren't always what they appear to be.


Card secretary Mary sent cards and made phone calls to members in the community not feeling well.

Six members answered roll call by wearing a poppy and reading a Remembrance Day verse.

Collection was taken and donations will be given to the South Marysburgh Mirror and Salvation Army.

Our next meeting will be at Marg Crouse's on Thurs. March 7 and Mary Creasy will have the April 4th meeting.

Marg closed the meeting with a Remembrance Day reading after which the ladies had their usual lunch and social time. Mary thanked the hostess for opening her home.



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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.

Actual newspaper headlines:

- ◆ Deaf mute gets new hearing in killing.
- ◆ Two convicts evade noose, jury hung.
- ◆ Milk drinkers are turning to powder.
- ◆ Quarter of a million Chinese live on water.
- ◆ New Jersey judge to rule on nude beach.
- ◆ Dr. Ruth to talk about sex with newspaper editors.

A boy had reached the age of four without giving up the habit of sucking his thumb. His mother had tried everything to discourage the habit. Finally, in desperation, she told him, "If you don't stop sucking your thumb, your stomach is going to blow up like a balloon."

Later, in the park, they saw a pregnant woman sitting on a bench. The boy said gravely to her, "Uh-oh, I know what you've been doing."

A Texan walked into the office of a small Texas college and said, "I would like to donate a million dollars to this institution."

The president's eyes opened wide and he said, "That is a kindly notion, sir. We'll be pleased to accept it."

"There's a condition. I would like to have an honorary degree."

"No problem," said the president. "That can be arranged."

"For my horse," added the Texan.

The president was shocked but the Texan insisted. "Yes, for my mare, Betsy. She's carried me for many years and I owe her a lot. I would like her to receive a Tr.D., a Doctor of Transportation."

"But, we can't give an honorary degree to a horse."

"I'm sorry to hear that because, in that case, I can't give you a million dollars."

"Well, wait a minute. I will ask the board of trustees."

The board listened in various degrees of shock and disbelief, all except the oldest trustee who appeared to be asleep. The general opinion, "We can't give a degree to a horse no matter how much money is involved."

The oldest trustee opened his eyes and said, "Just take the money and give the horse her degree."

The president asked, "Don't you think that would be a disgrace to us?"

"Of course not," said the oldest trustee. "It would be an honour. It would be the first time we ever gave a degree to and ENTIRE horse."

How dumb can we get?

- ◆ I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed that I had never signed my name on the back. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. She said it was necessary to compare the two signatures to make sure they matched. So, I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the two signatures and as luck would have it, they matched.
- ◆ I went to the local taco joint and ordered a taco. I asked for minimal lettuce on the order. The person at the counter said, "Sorry but I only have iceberg."

Exit Lines:

- *When a woman marries, she gives up the attention of several men for the inattention of one.*
- *The face that over cocktails seemed so sweet is less alluring over shredded wheat.*
- *There are only two things against which there is no adequate defense: a nuclear bomb and stupidity.*

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