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The Milford Friendship Circle Call It A Day



Members of the Milford Friendship Circle received thanks and a certificate of recognition from the mayor's office at their final lunch gathering on June 6th. Over the course of five decades, 'the ladies' have collected and donated funds to dozens of charities and worthy causes in The County, and attended to the needs of the sick and shut-ins. Left to right: Wilma Creasy, Maureen Rudd, Jean Burrows, President Margaret Crouse, Mary Creasy, Brenda Minaker, secretary Alice Miller, and Monica Alyea.

Believe It or Not

My Claim to Fame

I bet you didn't know I had a town named for me. You probably wouldn't have heard as it is selective information.

Perhaps I should start at the beginning and tell you how it came about.

I was left on my own in my late teens and had to make my own way. I took the last of my money, bought a ticket at the bus stop, and went as far as my money permitted.

When I boarded the bus, I had no idea where it was headed. That's how I ended up in the far north. They call it 'no man's land' but 'no woman's land' would be nearer the truth. What had I gotten myself into?

Since women were so scarce, I was able to get a position behind the bar in a saloon. There were pros and cons with this job. If I didn't know the drink the patron ordered, he'd be happy with most anything I gave him; especially if he'd had a few drinks earlier.

I was quite popular with the clientele; the same as the large, toothless matron who worked in the kitchen. It was a toss-up who got the most pinches on their backside; although she had a little more to pinch than I did.

Since I had room and board at this place, I was able to save most of my impecunious wages. The tips made my pay seem even smaller. Luckily, I didn't have to worry about uniforms because the fewer clothes we wore, the better the guys liked it.

When I decided I had enough money to be on my way again, I informed my boss that I was leaving. Well, you never heard such a caterwauling in all your life when the guys found out.

But I was determined. They did everything they could think of to persuade me to stay. They even named the town after me hoping I'd change my mind. But life was calling me and I had to answer the call. 'Good bye, boys.'

B.I.O.N.

Milford Library Branch

Check It Out

By Aaron Nash

Interlibrary Loan (ILLO) has returned! Yes, we are now taking ILLO requests again. Patrons may request ILLO titles online exactly as before. (The movement of material across the province will now be entirely by post.) Plus, we are purchasing even more books for our PEC Library collection. And did you know that you can request the purchase of specific titles? Simply fill out the form at peclibrary.org/rfp, or contact me at milford@peclibrary.org or at 613.476.4130.

Adventure Kits

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Ukulele Camp Returns to Milford Branch Library!

Join us to learn the basics of the soprano ukulele, as well as the rudiments of music theory. Don't have a uke? No problem! We will supply instruments. The camp is for ages 6-15, and it runs July 2-4, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, at Milford Branch. No experience is necessary. Registration is required and space is limited. Go to peclibrary.org/events to register. Also, if you have suggestions for children's programming at Milford Branch, please let us know!

Giving Challenge

It's the Great Canadian Giving Challenge with Canada Helps! In the month of June, your donations will go even further! Every \$1 donated in June is an automatic entry for us to win a donation of \$10,000. If you were considering making a donation to our "Time to Renew" campaign to fund our Library Expansion, please give in June. Every dollar counts! Donate through Canada Helps online at peclibrary.org, or in person at any Library Branch. The grand prize draw is on Canada Day.

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Meetings, Events, Announcements

Fair Board Meeting

Milford Town Hall
 Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Soap Box Derby

Saturday, July 12
 Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
 At Milford Town Hall \$5.00/child
 Races start at 10 a.m. on St. Philip's St.

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ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 7	Corn and Pork Roast
Sunday, September 22	Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 5	Fall Yard & Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 23	Christmas Event

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
June 1896
Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Tues. 2 - Cultivated to day and sowed 8 bus. of Barley in the final field on the flats. We are having lovely spring weather only a little dry.

June 2 - Jake and Dan come up to help work at the Barn Finished Sheating it and siding it up. I was out to Colman Wattams helping him raise his Barn. After I come Back I planted some beans in the Garden. Maw set out some tomatoes plants.

June 3—Calvin Lowry and Wife came to our place to spend a week or two visten his Friends.

June 4— Manse Head and I commence to Shingle the Barn. It was very warm.

June 5 - Manse finished puting the rest of the cornish on the Barn then we Shingled the rest of the day.

June 10 - Manse put the track in the Barn. Maw took Cela Lowry up to Milford to Mr. Perter Lowry. Calvin went up on his Bysickle.

June 12—Manse made the gable end doors for the barn. It is nice weather after the rain every thing is began to grow and look good.

June 13 - Paw and Archie, I started to hoe the corn in the point field. After dinner I cultivated the potatoes on the point. Mary Ellen and Lillie Thurston , Arther Bongard went to the Sand Banks Paterons of Industry had a picnic there.

June 19— William Lowry come out after our Bull he is going to pastor it the rest of the Summer.

June 20—Manson finished working at the Barn. He has just been 51 days. And all ther is to do is to finished off the stables and Grainery. His charge is \$1,50 cts a day which amounts to \$76,50. I finished cultivating the corn on the point. It was very warm.

June 22 - Paw and I hoed the peas in the swamp. Archie finished ploughing the third field for BuckWheat. I took the Buggy down to Jakes to paint it in his drive House.

June 23—Jake come up with his team and we ploughed in the ditches along the road. So as to have it ready for to do the road work on Wednesday.

June 24—Dan Palmateer had a little bea ploughing Jake and Archie I were helping about one o'clock . Smith McLaughlin Cheese Factory took fire and burned both the Factory and barn come very nigh burning the house. Paw commenced to do the road work.

June 27—We had two Swarms of bees and this makes five Swarms this Spring up till now from three hives to start on.

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June at the Winery

A beautiful time to visit the south shore and our vineyard. With the warmer weather the grapevines are already showing their second leaf and well on their way to producing this year's harvest

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Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Pedaling for Parkinsons

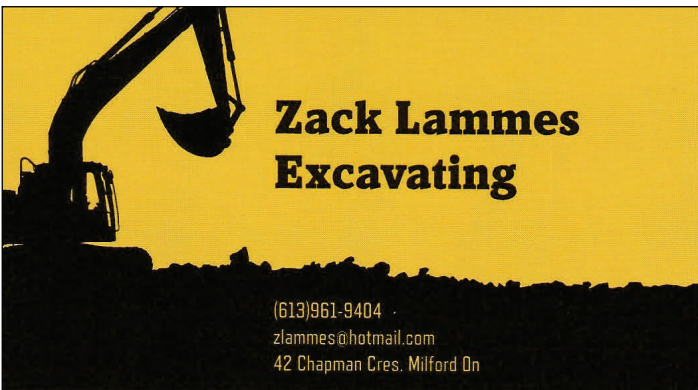
The Recreation Board and the South Marysburgh Community are hosting the Pedaling for Parkinsons Ride (P4PinPEC) on July 12, 13, 14 based at the Milford Fair Grounds. If you can volunteer some time or bake some muffins or cookies, please contact Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891 or vidvar@kos.net.

From Don Ross:

This June, once again, I am taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer!

Why? Because right now, over 1,400 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, and it's the biggest killer of children from disease in Canada. My wife & I sometimes see these young children when we are at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre where she has been receiving ongoing care for metastatic breast cancer. As any parent or grandparent like us would say.....all kids should be living life, not fighting for it. So I am raising funds through my challenge to ride each day in June (& I plan to do what I did in 2018 by also riding each day beyond the end of June until November) to help these kids and support SickKids Foundation to allow them to continue their work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer. Please support me by making a donation to give these kids the brighter futures they deserve.

Your support will change little lives. You can donate online directly at <https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/DonRoss> or if you prefer to make a cash or cheque donation instead you can contact me at 613-4768016. All donations will receive a charitable receipt.



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Our 9th Annual CSG Rain Barrel sale Bursary Fundraiser took place on May 25th at Valleypine Farm . We wish to thank all those who supported our PECEI student environmental and our young PEC organic farmer bursaries with their purchases . Big thanks to Don & Deb Hudson for hosting at their farm and to all those who helped us with this community event. For those who missed placing orders, don't despair as we have some extra barrels, composters, rain tanks, diverters and assorted parts on hand while quantities last. Call Don Ross at 613-4768016 to find out what is remaining and to arrange pick up. Next year we'll be back again for our 10th year on the last Saturday in May. Don Ross



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By Monica Sorbie

As the county gets ready to welcome our summer visitors, your local Milford library would like to extend a warm invitation to all as well. Whether your visit is for a weekend or longer, we have much to offer.

Did you know you don't need to be a resident to get a library card and avail yourself of the full spectrum of benefits of our library system? To any grandparents with visiting grandchildren why not pay us a visit? Take the opportunity to sign your little visitors up for their own, and possibly first, library card. What a nice holiday memory, visiting a county library, picking out books together and perhaps beginning a lifelong love of reading.

Another wonderful opportunity for children is to take out a Quinte Conservation Adventure Kit. These are available at all branches. One kit includes a parking pass, map and information on the parks, a weather station and books. Another features a model solar system and a selection of books to help your family learn more about space. These are just two examples. Check one out, get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Ask Aaron, our librarian which ones are at our branch. If the one you want isn't available a hold can be placed and may be picked up at our Milford location.

Any budding musicians out there? Our Milford branch is the home of the Prince Edward County Musical Instrument Lending Library. Don't be shy. You will be amazed at the selection. For those musicians between the ages of 6 to 15 who have wanted to try their hand at playing the ukulele your chance has arrived. Tuesday, July 2nd from 10:30 to 12:00 we will be hosting a Ukulele Camp. This will be an introduction to ukulele playing and reading music. The library will provide the ukuleles if you don't have your own. Registration is required and can be done online.

If you are around Milford on July 12th you are in for a special treat...the 2nd Annual Soap Box Derby. We will be hosting activities for the kids during this fun event.

We also have various groups for adults that meet on a regular basis. Tuesday mornings you will find a casual and welcoming group of folk who like to knit and chat (not necessarily in that order!). If you have a project that has been languishing in your cupboard or you'd like some help with a new one please consider dropping in.

Wednesday afternoons our Milford branch is open from 3:00 to 6:00. It might be a good time to catch up on the news, read the paper or get some computer time in and take advantage of our free WiFi. The choice is yours.

As you can see our little library is a happening place but more importantly it is a friendly and welcoming place. Don't be a stranger.



Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Some people make things happen; some people watch things happen and some people wonder what happened.

Murphy's Laws

- ◆ A clean tie attracts the soup of the day.
- ◆ He who hesitates is probably right.
- ◆ A free agent is anything but.
- ◆ Success always occurs in private and failure in full view.
- ◆ Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.
- ◆ The ideal resume will turn up one day after the position is filled.

Answers for some marriage problems:

- ◆ "Mary," one lady asked her friend one day, "what would you do if you caught your husband with another woman?" Mary thought it over and gave her answer. "Let's see. I'd break her cane, shoot her guide dog and call a cab to take her back to the institution she escaped from."
- ◆ Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.
- ◆ The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.
- ◆ Young son: "Is it true, Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad: "That happens in every country, son."
- ◆ When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.
- ◆ When a man says he hasn't made up his mind, he means he hasn't had a chance to ask his wife.
- ◆ A husband said to his wife: "No, I don't hate your relatives. In fact, I like your mother-in-law better than I like mine."

The newlyweds returned home from a short honeymoon and found a pair of tickets to a Broadway play. With the tickets was a card that read – "Guess who sent these?"

The couple went to the production on the designated night. Returning home, they found their apartment had been broken into and robbed. Everything of value had been taken. On the kitchen counter was another note that read – "Now you know!"

A local farmer was involved in many farm groups and spent a lot of time attending meetings so his wife decided she'd start her own business. She turned the old granary into a chicken coop and stocked it with eight hens and two roosters, vowing she would go into the hatching egg business.

He decided to set her straight on her venture. "Now, I realize you're a city girl," he chuckled, "but I have to tell you, you don't need two roosters for these few hens."

"You do if one of them is gone as much as you are," she replied.

Exit Lines:

- ◆ *Engagement: an urge on the verge of a merge.*
- ◆ *The best way to entertain people is to listen to them.*
- ◆ *Enthusiasm is contagious and so is lack of it.*
- ◆ *Before you borrow money from a friend, decide which one you need more.*
- ◆ *In the childhood memories of a good cook is a large kitchen, a warm stove, a simmering pot and a mom.*

South Bay U.C.W.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wednesday, July 3rd – Fish Fry 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

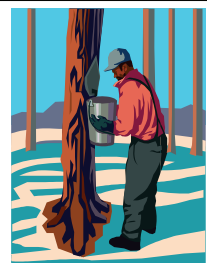
Perch and pickerel, Salads, rolls, baked beans
Homemade desserts Tea, coffee, lemonade

Adults: \$16.00; 10 years and under \$8.00

Saturday, November 16 – Luncheon and Craft Sale

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COUNCIL CORNER

By John Hirsch, Councillor Ward 9, South Marysburgh

As I write this, the sun is shining and it is dry – but that has not been the norm lately.

Seemingly endless amounts of rain, combined with cold temperatures have set back planting for farmers – some crops just won't get in this year.

The level of Lake Ontario has reached a new all-time high and is only going down starting the week of June 10 as the dam at Cornwall has finally been opened to a new maximum level allowing outflow from the lake of 10,400 cubic metres per second.

Prince Edward County has the longest shoreline on Lake Ontario of any municipality. We are actively working with senior levels of government and the International Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Board (who control levels in the lake and river) to ensure they understand the serious impacts high water have and determine what can be done to prevent or mitigate these events going forward.

Which brings us to ...

CLIMATE CHANGE

Council heard many useful deputations from residents over 2 sessions during May, leading to Council making a declaration of "climate emergency" similar to those made by municipalities and governments around the world.

South Marysburgh residents Rosalind Adams, Jim Groneau, Angela Lammes, and Jen Ackerman among others gave very thought-provoking deputations. These can be viewed on the County website live stream for the meetings of May 16 and 28th.

The effect of the County's resolution is that Council will now consider the climate impact of all decisions and we are re-establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee to study and make recommendations on Environmental issues.

LOCAL EVENTS

On May 28th a dedication took place at the Hudgin-Rose property on Ostrander Point road which was recently acquired for permanent conservation by Nature Conservancy Canada. Over 100 people turned out on a rainy miserable morning to hear speeches and meet members of the Hudgin family who originally settled the property, and Ben Rose the most recent owner. A plaque commemorating the history of the property was unveiled.

Out at the **Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory**, the annual spring birding festival was a great success with thousands of visitors from across the country viewing the banding program and going on birding walks with expert birders.

In Black River, the Spring Festival took place on 2 beautiful days, May 18-19 and was also a big success. Maybe too big a success as parking and traffic caused issues. I am working with County staff and organizers of the Festival to determine how such events can be held in a less disruptive way in future.



On June 6, the Mayor and I had the pleasure of presenting a certificate of appreciation to the last meeting of the Milford Friendship Circle which is winding up after more than 50 years of service to the community.

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Securing the South Shore of Prince Edward County for Future Generations

“Some parts of the south shore of Prince Edward County are potentially suffering from too much inappropriate use by both locals and tourists. As well, there is continuing concern that Crown lands and waters can be made available for industrialization. These activities would imperil the rich diversity of life that need these rare habitats,” says John Hirsch, President of the South Shore Joint Initiative (SSJI for short).

To protect this sensitive area, a group of environmentalists formed the SSJI in 2018. Now a little more than a year old, significant strides have been made towards protecting the South Shore and offshore waters from threats that imperil its habitats and wildlife populations, and promoting the sustainable use of these areas for things like fishing, hunting, boating, hiking etc. Here are some of the accomplishments.

Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) with the help of the Prince Edward Hastings Land Trust (HPELT) have purchased the 76 acre Hudgins-Rose property and its historic log house, putting both into long term protection (<https://hpelt.org/hudgin-rose-property/>). “On May 28th there was an unveiling of a plaque to recognize the family and heritage value of this property,” says Dick Bird of the HPELT.

It is exciting that the NCC is in negotiations to purchase an additional 135 acre parcel of land near the Crown land at Ostrander Point. According to Mark Stabb of NCC, they are interested in preserving the south shore because it represents some of the last undeveloped natural areas along Lake Ontario’s northern shoreline.

Stabb said, “Less than a third of the county’s coastal wetlands have been lost, compared to as much as three-quarters of that land in other parts of southern Ontario.”

To donate to this cause go to <http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/featured-projects/Ostrander-Point.html>. These land purchases will add to the large tracts of Crown land managed by MNR.

Unfortunately, there is no coordinated plan in place to protect the Crown land, the land purchased for wildlife and habitat protection, and the offshore waters including the shoals and islands. The SSJI is focusing on long term planning and coordination of activities to address this risk. To that end, the group obtained written support from both federal and provincial governments and a motion of support from County Council. Following this, the SSJI submitted a funding proposal to the Canada Nature Fund Target 1 Challenge Component to protect the Crown lands and near shore waters. This program provides funding to organizations that are willing to facilitate the creation of protected areas to help meet Canada’s Target 1 threshold of 17% of land and water being protected. A decision is expected by late June on this application.

The Gosling foundation have provided initial funding allowing the project to move forward regardless of federal support. This support emerged after priority actions were determined at a recent workshop. The first priority is to negotiate protection from industrialization on the Crown lands, and to work with the provincial government to develop a management and engagement strategy for those Crown lands. There were many ideas put forward regarding how to manage public use in the area in a sustainable way. Volunteers will be following up on these suggestions over the following months and years.

Identified as of paramount importance is engagement with land owners and organizations across the county who have a vested interest in the south shore and surrounding areas. It starts with awareness through articles like this, but will expand over the next months.

We are just getting started on this important and long term project. We believe it is critical to protect the last remaining extensive area of nearly pristine shoreline on Lake Ontario for future generations. If you would like more information or would like to help out with this exciting project, go to <https://ssji.ca/>.

A pot luck lunch was enjoyed by the ladies at 12 noon at South Bay United Church.

President Sandra, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with our theme hymn, purpose and Lord’s Prayer.

Jan’s devotional was based on John 15, verses 13 to 15 and Proverbs 27, verse 17. The subject was how friendship should bring the best out of each other and help each other

grow. When our friendships are based on God’s teachings, our lives will grow for the better.

Eight members answered roll call by recalling thoughts of their fathers. Twenty-five sick calls were made.

Plans were finalized for our fish fry to be held on Wednesday, July 3 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our ladies are catering for a celebration of life of Ken Marisett on Sat. July 13.

Fall rally will be held at Bloomfield United Church on Wednesday, July 18, registration at 9:00 a.m.

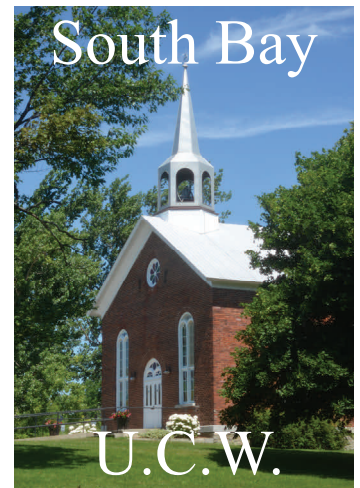
Our unit is responsible for looking after the offering.

Our finances were reviewed with a favourable result.

Brenda challenged our knowledge of local places in the county. Oh, how easily we forget. Thanks, Brenda, for challenging our memories.

Don’t forget, ladies, that our next meeting won’t be until September 11th.

The meeting was closed with our U.C.W. prayer.



Finding Buried Roots in the County

By Braydon Scully

Wine has been a lifelong passion of mine. Starting as a child (yes, that early!) my parents would give my sister and I each a tiny one-ounce portion of wine when we all enjoyed a special holiday meal. By the time I was 15 or 16 years old, if my parents were having wine with dinner, chances are, I would also enjoy a glass with mine as well.

When I graduated university instead of buying a car like all my “normal” friends, I bought a wine fridge and started putting away bottles. My early passion was for California Cabernets and I was then paying \$25 to \$35 (a seemingly outrageous sum) for great single vineyard Napa bottlings.

In retrospect, it’s a good thing I started collecting fresh out of school because current vintages from producers such as Heitz, Robert Mondavi and Dunn Vineyards are now \$100’s per bottle. Unfortunately, high quality bargains from top California producers are now a thing of the past.

A shared passion for wine is what inspired my wife and I to get married at Vineland Estates in Niagara. In the years since, we’ve been fortunate to visit Piedmont, Champagne, Oregon’s Willamette Valley, the Napa Valley, the Finger Lakes, Kelowna, and most recently some time in Tuscany – tasting vintages in the vineyards where they were grown.

We knew when we first visited the County more than a decade ago that something special was happening here. The wine and food culture were driving factors in our decision to put down roots in Athol, near Milford.

As Ontario’s newest official wine region, The County is uniquely situated. Our combination of soil and climate allows for truly fine wine production. While our underlying limestone bedrock and soils lead to some comparisons to Burgundy, our more extreme climate sets us apart. County grape growers must bury or protect their vines each winter to protect them from the ravages of cold. This additional work in the vineyard takes time and effort and also means that every buried root must struggle in order to survive. While hard working vines have very low yields, the hidden benefit is the fact that these vines can produce fruit of the highest quality.

Given our soil similarities to Burgundy – the ancestral home of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay – most growers in the county have initially focused on these varietals. Plantings of other mainstream grapes such as Riesling, Pinot Gris and Cabernet Franc are also widespread. Today, a few brave grape pioneers are growing more obscure varietals such as Austria’s Gruner Veltliner at Lighthall Vineyard and the Loire Valley varietal Melon de Bourgogne at Casa Dea. These interesting and unique white wines are well worth checking out.

Already, County wines can hold their own when compared with some of the finest vintages in the world. At a recent dinner, we opened two Chardonnays. The first was a 2014 Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet from Burgundy (approx. \$70, not currently available in Ontario) and the second was a 2014 Lighthall Vineyard Chardonnay (\$35, the 2016 vintage is currently available at the winery). Both wines showed beautifully with an underlying minerality, crisp acidity, distinct fruit character – think white grapefruit, lemon and white peach – as well as depth on the palate. Out of our panel that night, all agreed that both wines were excellent. Two out of three tasters preferred the less expensive Lighthall Chardonnay. It is interesting to note that Wine Spectator rated the Philippe Colin 92 points and Antonio Galloni at Vinous Media rated it 90 points. Meanwhile, the 2014 Lighthall Chardonnay was rated 90 points from Michael Godel at Wine Align.

The current 2016 Chardonnay offering from Glenn Symons at Lighthall Vineyard shows a very similar flavour profile to the 2014 bottling and is available now at the winery. It is an excellent choice to drink now or to put away for a few years. In my opinion, this vintage will benefit from a few years of bottle aging before consumption.

If you’re looking for an everyday, food-friendly wine, I’ve been enjoying a lovely Gamay from Beaujolais and it’s sub appellation of Brouilly in recent months. The Georges DuBoeuf Brouilly 2017 features bright, red berry fruit and a medium body with crisp acidity. It’s currently stocked at the LCBO in Picton and available for \$18.75. A herb-marinated barbequed chicken would match well with this Gamay.

Another fine choice for Gamay, this time from Ontario, is from Malivoire winery in Niagara. It has consistently offered great value for consumers and the current 2017 bottling is no exception. With strong reviews and an accessible price point of \$17.95, this ripe, juicy, food-friendly selection works well with many kinds of summer meals.

Thank you for reading my first Buried Roots column. In the months to come, I look forward to sharing my thoughts about great wines from both the County and beyond, ideas for cellaring as well as tasting notes about value-priced everyday wines.

In Vino Veritas!

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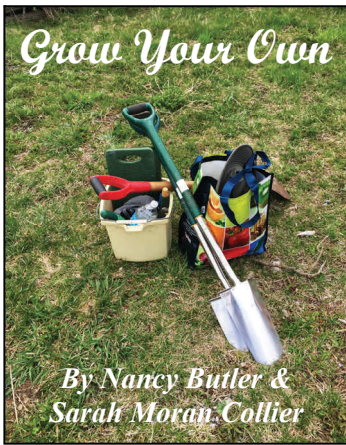
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For this *Grow Your Own* column we're talking about garden watering practices. With all the rain we've had you might think it's unnecessary to conserve water, or to think about when and how to water your garden, or even about whether to water your garden. But anyone who's lived in South Marysburgh for several

summers knows that as summer progresses, water becomes scarce: by August rain barely falls, or doesn't at all, and wells run low or even dry.

One element of gardening that's crucial to success is consistency: in soil nutrients, soil and air temperature, moisture levels, and watering. Local weather patterns mean that South Marysburgh residents face less-than-ideal gardening conditions, as a growing season that can begin with a wet spring often ends with a dry late summer and not enough rain. So the work of South Marysburgh gardeners is to even out the extremes, to create as close-as-possible to consistent conditions for their vegetables (and flowers) through regular, realistic watering.

We say realistic because most gardeners in South Marysburgh rely on a well and don't have access to river or lake water. So just getting water to their gardens takes time and thought. We asked SM growers and gardeners: how do they do it?

Most at first downplayed their efforts, saying "oh I just water, with a hose..." but when pressed about how often they watered, or where their water came from (cistern, well, water truck), they quickly qualified the deceptively simple process of watering. Some told us about connecting a hose to rain barrels set up to collect water from their eaves, some about using a cart or tractor to move water close to their garden plots for watering by hand. Everyone had an opinion on the ideal time for watering, some watered only in the early morning, others only in the evenings. Others told us they watered once a week, or only in deep drought conditions. Most everyone said they preferred to water deeply, directly onto the soil. Very few told us they used the overhead sprinkler method to water their vegetables.

Some told us they reduced the need to water or were able to use less water, by mulching or planting vegetables close together. Mulching moderates the soil temperature, keeping it cooler as temperatures rise, and planting closely helps to shade the soil and prevent it from forming a crust that moisture can't penetrate.

We close with a quote from an experienced gardener who despite many drought years, has always managed to bring beautiful vegetables to the Milford Fair every September: "Let's face the facts. Despite all the rising waters and flooded streets and record lake level alerts, we do not live in some kind of water world in South Marysburgh. We live in a drought region. So you need to think ahead and use a few preventative tools...a bit like "drought sandbags". You can mulch. A three inch layer will conserve moisture. You can water infrequently, but deeply; this encourages longer root growth for the plant, enabling it to access deeper moisture as soil dries out. You can weed regularly so that competing weeds aren't stealing away precious moisture. You can plant drought tolerant foods: amaranth, tomatoes, eggplant, squash, beans, arugula, garlic, Asian greens, sweet and hot peppers, chard. And for extra flavour plant the woody herbs, such as Sage, Rosemary and Thyme. Drought has long term, destructive effects on plants, beyond the immediately obvious, so this is work well worth doing."

Consistently facing facts about climate, about traditional and increasingly changeable weather patterns is essential for successfully growing vegetables. One other element that is equally important is the optimism that local farmers such as Murray and Leona Head cultivated in their many years of successful growing: there's always next year.

Bay of Quinte MP officially opens the new bird banding centre at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory on June 24th.



South Bay Under the Stars

Cloudy skies and soggy ground didn't deter members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) from enjoying their first local Star Party of the year - "South Bay under the Stars" from May 31st to June 2nd - a weekend assembly of RASC members from Belleville and Kingston Centres. Located at the Johnson's RV Park County Road 13, this site provides an amazing dark sky view as well as lovely waterfront scenery.



Although weather wise, the weekend wasn't the best for night sky observing due to the nightly showers, astronomy enthusiasts did manage to spend Saturday morning observing the sun. The weekend Star Party also included a much appreciated hay ride and

wine tasting event at Half Moon Bay Winery followed by a Club BBQ Saturday evening. Dayton and Pat Johnson were welcoming hosts providing a delicious continental breakfast to all the campers and astronomy enthusiasts. Will we hold another "South Bay under the Stars" – maybe if it is written in the Stars.

Origins of the RASC Belleville Centre can be found in the Belleville Astronomy Club 1990. At that time, a few classmates of a general interest astronomy course at Loyalist College decided to form a local astronomy club for enthusiasts and backyard star-gazers. Over the years the club began conducting public observing events to foster interest in Astronomy. In July of 2003, the Belleville Astronomy club became the Belleville Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

Since 2000 the RASC Belleville (Belleville Astronomy Club) and Kingston Centres have hosted a fall star party "Fall "N" Stars" at the Vanderwater Conservation Area. This annual event brings together amateur astronomers from all over eastern Ontario for a rustic weekend of star gazing and social events. This year's event is to take place on the 27th to 29th September, 2019.

Today, RASC Belleville has over thirty members from the Quinte area who gather monthly at Loyalist College on the first Friday of every month at 7:30 pm in room P13 – Pioneer building. Throughout the year club members continue to enhance understanding of and inspire curiosity about the Universe through public outreach, education, and support for astronomical research. For more information on the club's activities, please refer to <http://rascbelleville.ca/> or follow us on the RASC Belleville Facebook page.

