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# TERRIFIC KIDS Winners for May

The Picton Kinsmen, represented by Kin Don Stanton, Bill Miramontes and Tony Knight presented the May awards for "Fair Play" at South Marysburgh Public School and Athol SM School. All teachers said that the decision of whom to choose was difficult, as there were so many young people who exemplified sharing and fair play in all their actions.

The winners for South Marysburgh were: Senior Kindergarten: Andrew Ward, Grade 1: Sam Johnson, Gr. 2: Danielle Farrington.



South Marysburgh Winners- Front: Andrew Ward, Gr. 1: Sam Johnson, Gr. 2: Danielle Farrington. Back Row: Don Stanton, Vice Principal Tonia Shelmerdine, Tony Knight, Bill Miramontes.

The winners for Athol were: Grade 4: Sam Kuipers, Grade 5: Gavin Lawson, Grade 6: Jennica Roloson, Grade 7: Ben O'Brien, Grade 8: Stacey Scott.

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### Municipally Yours,

While I normally create a column for every other Mirror, the many developments in the last month, particularly relating to the announcement of a 12.6% tax raise, have pushed my pen into action sooner.

#### The Tax Increase

Living as a single person on a pension income, I think I understand the frustration many of you may be feeling. Everything has gone up this year, eating into any "extras" we may have allowed ourselves. I cannot control the price of gas or food or hydro. I only have a say in controlling our tax increases at the municipal level. Staff and Council started the 2005 budget planning process last fall. Normally it would be approved by late March of 2005. At that point we were dealing with a 3.4% budget increase - 3.2% of that related to fixed costs like fuel, hydro, salary increments, insurance, etc. (Each 1% represents about \$150,000. The County has a budget of close to \$48 million dollars

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#### TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall. If you have items you wish discussed, please call councilor Monica Alyea at 476-8045 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:malyea@pecounty.on.ca">malyea@pecounty.on.ca</a>.

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