

For those keeping score at home....

The Nelson Hicks entries in the July and August editions of The Mirror have been repeated from previous editions. In his later years, Nelson appears to have become less prolific in his dedication to his journals. Nelson's transcriber, Sarah Moran Collier, is investigating.

The Black River Fall Festival

As usual, there will be an abundance of activities to keep everyone busy including the Black River Fall Festival. Taking place on Saturday, August 31st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the event will compliment Vicki Emlaw's Tomato Tasting at her former farm on Morrison Point Road. Visit other participants along the road as well as on County Roads 13, 16 and 17 in the Black River area. Food, farm produce, cheese, tomatoes, art, pottery, and fibre and wood arts will all be on offer. Roadside poppy signs will identify participating venues. information available Additional is at BlackRiverSpringFest@gmail.com.

The significance of the Labour Day Weekend (LDW)

Although LDW is generally associated with the end of summer or a return to classes, it also reminds members of the South Marysburgh community that the annual Milford Fall Fair is fast approaching, this year being held on September 14th.

As always, there is plenty of need for volunteers to help put it all together. If you have some time to spare and would like to offer your services (or your sandwiches and home baking to sell at the food booth), please visit the fair's website, the address of which is conveniently located under this last line in the column.

Please visit! www.milfordfallfair.com

Believe It or Not

Leisure Time Observations

Sitting on my deck with a cup of coffee in the early morning is a great time for thinking and observing. I live in a picturesque setting with lots of trees and colourful neighbours so there is plenty to see and hear.

What a soulful sound to hear a loon pass overhead, calling to his mate. And the crows are complaining in their own inimitable way. Not to be left out, a tiny wren squeaks repeatedly for attention.

As the sun rises, it enhances the sparkle of the spider web strung across the entryway. What a perfect place to trap something or – somebody.

There's a male cardinal hopping under the spruce tree, picking up his breakfast. And, there's his subdued wife joining him to partake after a brief exchange on the way. With their bright colouring, how do they escape their predators?

And there is the neighbour's family of squirrels scurrying for cones from the conifers. Oh, oh. Here comes their cat but the young ones don't seem to be concerned. Maybe they haven't learned the lesson of survival yet.

The wind swaying the branches of the trees has a mesmerizing effect on the mind. How does a tree survive hurricane force winds, freezing, thawing and drought? After all, it must stand in one place and endure whatever comes.

What is all the ruckus about? That little banty rooster flew on the neighbour and knocked his hat off. It's quite amusing to see this feisty little rascal take on anything that moves.

The buzz of the passing cars is disturbing the morning serenity. Not everyone has the privilege to sit, relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

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ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 22 Blessing of the

Animals

Saturday, September 28 Fall Yard &

Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 23 Christmas Bazaar

& Tea

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