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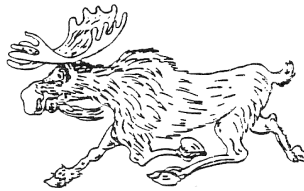
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November



COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 21st AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LEGION MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE SGT.AUBREY COSENS VC BR. 629 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD

LATCHFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6:30PM AT THE LATCHFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Just Passin Through Again

Now that the Town has retained the services of Garret Hunting as our By-Law Enforcement Officer, we have to put him to work enforcing infractions of existing by-laws. While the Town can direct him to specific situations that contravene a by-law, residents can also get involved by submitting a signed complaint to the Municipal Office with situations that concern them. Their names are held in confidence and never shared.

I, along with every Mayor and Reeve in Northeastern Ontario, were invited to participate in a conference call with Corina Moore, President and CEO of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC). Instead of participating in the call, we were all muted and listened to a 50 minute "state of the union" address from Ms. Moore. In speaking with some of my peers after the call, we had all hung in there expecting to be able to ask questions at some point but all was for not. Responding to a request, I had submitted three questions before hand but none of them were responded to. We here in the District of Temiskaming have been lobbying to have a resident of Temiskaming appointed to the Commission as we have been without representation since 2005 despite there being commission members from Guelph and Sault Ste Marie. During the call we listened to a lot of chatter about their great bus service but the restoration of rail passenger service got little mention.

The ONTC have restructured there freight services and are sending fewer freights in either direction but are running much longer freights with as many six engines hauling these mile long beasts. I haven't had to wait at a crossing yet while one went through but if the speed they travel through Latchford at is any indication, you could be sitting for a while.

Communication with the office of the Associate Minister of Energy, Bill Walker is ongoing in our efforts to pursue the installation of natural gas services in Latchford. Interestingly, it was easier to establish contact with the Minister's office than it has been initiate dialogue with Union Gas/Enbridge which is essential to realizing progress in this project.



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RATES BY DAY/WEEK/MONTH

From the kitchen of Diana

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Christmas cookies are a tradition at our house and many households around the world. I'll be getting out my favourite recipes. An addition to my list this year is Pistachio Wreath Cookies. From the photo of the finished cookies, the green pistachio pieces and red jam will make an attractive addition to any festive cookie plate.

PISTACHIO WREATH COOKIES

- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 3/4 cup shelled pistachios, chopped
- 1/2 cup jam, strawberry or raspberry (I like using seedless)

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg, and then the yolk, mixing well after each addition. Mix in the vanilla and almond extracts. Add the flour mixture, and stir until just combined. Divide the dough into two pieces, and form each into a flat disc. Wrap each disc in plastic wrap, and refrigerate until firm - overnight is best.

Take dough out to soften a bit and preheat the

oven to 375 degrees F. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough to about 1/8 inch thickness. Using a round-liner cookie cutter with scalloped edges, cut out an even number of round bottom cookies and the matching tops. Sprinkle the cookie tops with chopped pistachios, and gently press so that they stick into the dough. Bake for about 8 minutes, until pale golden brown around the edges. Allow the cookies to cool for a few minutes on the cookie sheet, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Roll out the remaining dough and repeat.

Once the cookies are cool, spread the bottom of each cookie with about a teaspoon or so of jam. Place a pistachio studded lid on the top of each cookie.

Dan's Snow Removal New in Town



SGT AUBREY COSENS
VC BR 629, Royal Canadian Legion

On October 13 we had seven and a half tables out for cribbage

1st with 6 wins, 321 points
– Terry Brazeau and Jean Jibb, New Liskeard

2nd with 6 wins, 299 points
– Howard Glazier and son-in-law Fred, Temagami

3rd with 6 wins, 286 points
– Rosaire Forget and Fernande Dinel, Haileybury

50 – 50 Winners: 1st – Sheila Belanger, Latchford; 2nd – Stan Lescom, North Cobalt; 3rd – Stan Lescom, North Cobalt

On October 27 we had seven full tables out for cribbage

1st with 6 wins, 335 points
– Basil Lefebvre, Latchford and Linda Cook, Haileybury

2nd with 6 wins, 325 points
– Charlie Berube, Temagami and Jeanne Peever, New Liskeard

3rd with 6 wins, 306 points
– Freda Belanger, Haileybury and Cecile (Noel) Trudel, North Cobalt

50 – 50 Winners: 1st –

Charlie Berube, Temagami; 2nd – Al Charette, Haileybury;

3rd – Charlie Berube, Temagami

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 629 would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Comrade Sheila Belanger

1st Vice

Ladies Auxiliary

Upcoming Legion Events

Remembrance Day Supper on November 11 @ 5:00 pm Pig Roast and Salads Adults - \$10, children 12 and under - \$6

Soup and Sandwich Fund-raiser – November 30 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Soup, Sandwiches, Tea, Coffee and desserts - \$5:00 Bake Table and White Elephant Table

Christmas Dinner on December 14 from 4:30 to 6:30

Turkey and all the fixings Adults - \$15, children 12 and under - \$8

Funny Quotes..

“Gentlemen, you can’t fight in here. This is the war room.”

“My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get, unless you’re a banana.”

“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes.”

Bob: “Looks like you’ve been missing a lot of work lately.”

Peter: “I wouldn’t say I’ve been missing it, Bob.”

“Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society.”

“I love being married. It’s so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.”

TREES AND RAIN

After we'd bought our mining claim miles from anywhere and before we committed ourselves to building, we'd go out there and dream. On the way, we'd drive under some beautiful mature trees arching over the road. Shortly after we began construction, their owner decided to "cash them in" and they were all cut down, except for a thin fringe beside the road. Huh. Welcome to the true North. Anyway, it was too late by then as all our eggs were in the basket of "off grid living."

However we needn't have worried – clear-cutting in this part of the world is like a bad haircut. Wait a little while and it'll grow back. Within a very short time in tree terms, that whole area was covered with poplar saplings, all trying to catch as much sunshine as they could. And I soon saw this was typical of all such logging operations here. There was no need to hire students to go out and brave black flies and rain to make their planting quotas. Just wait a little while and Nature'll replant for you, far more efficiently.

I heard in our recent electoral campaign that certain party leaders plan to organise the planting of a million trees, ostensibly to save the planet (certainly not to just get elected!). Given my observations, noted above, that's not very many. Maybe enough to cover ten acres. If they do get them planted, some students'll be happy and maybe learn something about hard work, but that's about it. Whether their trees'll actually survive is a whole 'nother thing.

When I had a new septic system installed in the family home outside Hamilton, I had to move a dozen two-foot conifers to save them from destruction. It took about five years for them to start to grow again and that was with

me loving them every day as I worked in the garden. I suppose the tree planters would be planting conifers, which also ignores the progression of different tree species that I saw happening in the bush.

A fire had gone through our property some fifty years earlier, leaving tall skinny blackened tree trunks to show what once had been there. A few jackpine conifers were well established, as they need a fire to release their seeds. Mature poplar trees were everywhere, with the occasional tiny pine seedling showing willing. The odd twenty-year-old maple was growing as well. All in all, a well balanced, healthy forest.

I began to get despondent when I saw trucks hauling logs and lumber up and down the highway until I checked in my "Tree Identification" book. This told me that there's two kinds of Poplar that grow from Pennsylvania all the way to the Arctic Circle and, like I said at the beginning, they reseed themselves most efficiently after both a fire and a logging operation, to start the whole cycle all over again. So I stopped worrying.

There's no doubt in my mind that trees have a positive effect on climate and our forests should be protected. There's lots of historic examples of the impossibility of any regrowth after forests have been destroyed as the rain disappears with them. Take North Africa for example. The Romans didn't haul wild animals across any deserts to attack the early Christians in their arenas – they were right there for the catching just across the Mediterranean. Its south shore was serious jungle until Mohamed's armies burned it to the ground. And there's been no regrowth in a thousand years, just desert as it is today.

I'm so happy for our enthusiastic poplar

Rhonda's Garden Tip Page 6

Tips for a fall garden to help you prepare for an easier spring cleanup.

- Trim back any perennials that will need trimming in the spring.
- Clean bird baths and bird feeders.
- Bring indoor plants in, check for bugs first.
- Bring in any clay and ceramic planters.
- Place a barrier between concrete ornaments and concrete sidewalks. Concrete against concrete in cold temperatures may cause cracking.
- Plants bulbs that will flower in the spring.
- Add compost to garden beds to improve soil.
- Transplant shrubs or young trees to a new location in the garden.
- Divide perennials that bloom in the spring and summer.
- Mulch rose bushes.
- Clean out garden beds by taking out finished annuals from the garden.
- Collect and save seeds to dry for spring planting.
- Remove fruit and vegetables from trees and garden.
- Trim hedges and overgrown shrubs.
- Add raked leaves to flower beds for winter insulation, or mulch leaves first with lawn mower then add pieces to beds.
- Store geraniums in a dry area for winter months to be replanted in the summer.
- Plant new trees and shrubs while soil is still warm.
- Cut lavender stems back to add to fall flower arrangements.
- Remove rust and dirt from garden tools and store away.
- Cut back pathways that may hinder snow removal.
- Clean out garden areas that have become overgrown to allow air flow.
- Edge flower beds by hand or with a small tiller.
- Improve soil by tilling in manure, triple mix or loam.
- Prune branches that are damaged and could break off from heavy snow.

Wrap evergreen trees with burlap for protection from snow and deer, depending where you live. There are anti-transparent sprays like a pine oil that can be used on the trees to help the tree from drying out too quickly. Then you may want to add a burlap screen for further protection.



Bye for now,

The leaves held on well past Thanksgiving and temperatures were, for the most part, very seasonable here in Latchford. We did see more than our share of rain, in my opinion, but it sure is preferable to the white stuff. The federal election is now in our rear view mirror and there are many opinions on the outcome but one thing for sure is that we won't have to wait four years for our next election. Perhaps it was all the hateful rhetoric that was being hurled around during the election campaign that kept all the small birds away from their normal fall routines as few were spotted and the mountain ash berries are still all on the trees here in town.

Deborah Ranchuk of White Mountain Publishing directed me to a chap in Sudbury who has turned into a real find on some aspects of Latchford history. I always knew there was an assay office on Oti Endres property but he filled in a lot more information on the venture. It was called the "Latchford Assay and Refinery Company" and its principle owners were all from the U.S. It only existed for two years but the information provided on it will add more than a paragraph to that book I am still working away on.

We have a new subscriber to report again this month with addition of Laurie (Carmody) Christo of New Liskeard who provided the great news that her Mom, Joan Carmody, has been discharged from the hospital. Renewals included one from Bert Jones of North Cobalt who was the second subscriber to the Moose Call back in 1988. Bert, who was residing in the south at that time, really pushed us to continue what was initially intended to be just for the summer and has remained a faithful subscriber ever since. Thank you Bert for your continued support!

Norma Knight of New Liskeard continues with the Call as does Linda (Wellar) Hamilton of North Bay. We apologize, Linda, for the mix up with your renewal date being incorrect but all has been rectified and you are now good until 2022! Rounding out the month was a renewal from my niece Mandy and husband Kent of Eden Mills, ON and they are with us for another four years! Pleasant reading to all and thanks for your continued support and the extra so many include.

On the health and fitness front, I mentioned earlier that Joan Carmody is back home after an extended hospital stay and Ted Livingston has managed to stay home, for the best part at least. My mother-in-law, Sheila Belanger, is dealing with her health issues quite well and insists on stay-

John Vanthof MPP/Député Timiskaming-Cochrane

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The Latchford Volunteer Fire dept. would like to thank everyone who has donated pop cans and aluminum products over the years. We will no longer be accepting any more of these donations. Please put your pop cans out with your regular recycling. Thank you again for your support.

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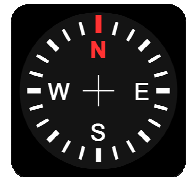
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I was able to use this app to help point my satellite dish so it has accuracy.



Subscribers Letters

Letters to the Editor

Hi Sharon;

Please sign me up for another year. The Moose Call still fires up great memories of my old home town.

Best wishes,

Bert Jones

A daughter's Remembrance Day note to her father, George Brunton of Latchford

Hi Daddy,

It's me. It is the eleventh hour of the eleventh day. I know you're not home. You're standing at the cenotaph honouring all your fallen comrades, the people you remember from the war and you are being honoured yourself which you so much deserve. I thank you so much Dad for teaching me to have great pride in my Country, to love my Queen and I want you to know Dad that whatever I do, wherever I go, I always know that I am Canadian. I'm proud of that and you put that in me. You helped me, Dad, to be so proud of who and what I am, where I come from, and if I had to, I would fight in an instant for my Queen and Country and you taught me that. I thank you so much, Dad. You deserve all the honours you get because you sacrificed years of your life to fight for democracy. I am what I am Dad because of you. I love you.

Cindy

George Brunton served Canada in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Korean War and saw action aboard the destroyer HMCS Sioux off the coast of North Korea. After 5 years in the Navy, he re-enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and served another 5 years. George has been retired for some years now and lives on Empire Street in Latchford. Please say thank you to him the next time you see him.

In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we
 lie,
 In Flanders fields.
 Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.

NOTICE

The Latchford Recreation Committee would invite residents to consider joining their group, as several members have resigned and some are moving away, so very few members will remain. Should they not be able to recruit more people, this organization could very easily fold and this would be very detrimental to the children and adults of Latchford as they provide many activities for all ages throughout the year. Call Emma Livingston @ 705-676-7677 to join up!

Over the Hill

By

Diane Belanger Armstrong

At this time of year, we rake the leaves, clean the pool, if we have one, and put the patio furniture away. Then we relax, turn up the thermostat, sit back and let the winter winds blow.

We are ready for winter. However, in today’s modern homes with their insulated walls and ceilings, plus energy-efficient windows and furnaces, not much thought is given to how our parents and grandparents prepared a house for winter.

Early home construction in this part of the world gave little consideration to keeping out drafts. Walls were insulated with free sawdust or shavings garnered from the local sawmills. This was sprinkled with lime to keep away mice and insects. Other weatherproofing may have included packing the exterior walls with newspapers, or as we found in my 1934-built home, several old woollen coats jammed between the exterior and interior north walls.

Window and door-frames were packed with Oakum, a sticky, fibrous, foul-smelling product made from horsehair and hemp ropes. Oakum was a precursor to the tidy rolls of foam weatherstripping we use today.

Late summer saw home delivery of cords of

birch wood and loads of slabs. Slabs were the cut-off edges of harvested spruce trees – the remaining square product would be cut for lumber. This “waste product” was burned in homes along with coal and birch.

Like sawdust, slabs were also a by-product of the lumber industry and considered a wasted commodity, yet were also sold cheaply. In order to earn their allowances, young lads (and a few lassies) would use an axe to make bundles of kindling and be told to pile the rest of the slabs in a neat manner. It often took weeks to make the neat rows of winter wood stacked in the back yard.

Coal was delivered too. There were two types of coal to order – hard and soft. One was slower burning and thus gave off heat for a longer period of time. Some homes had a coal chute at the side of the house and the coal sent directly to a bin in the basement. In homes without basements, the coal was stored in the “back shed” – an edifice found in most back yards.

Our home did not have a basement, so my dad brought out paper grocery bags we’d saved all summer and filled the bags with coal, then stapled the tops. A dirty job at the start, but coal dust didn’t get all over the house when he’d drop a bag into the Quebec heater in the living room.

Leaves were raked into piles and set on fire. Who can forget the acrid, yet pleasant smell of burning

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three holes at the bottom of the frame and covered with a swinging board. The screen door, which went “whap-whap” all summer long, would be replaced with a solid wooden storm door, which often had a small diamond-shaped window near the top.

Houses without basements were sealed to the ground with wooden skirting. In summer, some of these boards would be removed and replaced with screening, to allow air circulation and to keep mice out of the cellar. Because there was no insulation under our floors, each fall the screening was removed and the boards replaced to keep snow from under the floor.

Inside, strong cords were hung across the bathroom and kitchen for occasional use as inside clotheslines. It was a test of the housewife’s mettle to endure hanging wet laundry outside when the temperature was minus 40. I have memories of long underwear frozen as though the owner was still wearing it, and of frozen flannel bed sheets as easy to carry as a full sheet of plywood!

In bygone days, heat from kitchen stoves and Quebec heaters went straight up through the uninsulated ceilings and roof, melting the snow. I remember ice-laden eaves, with enormous icicles hanging from them, sometimes even reaching the ground.

As I sit today in my cozy gas-heated, well insulated home, I think back to those bone-chilling winter nights when the fire went out,

of ice-coated windows offering no view of the outside, or of a post-midnight race across an icy linoleum floor in bare feet. At least we had



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Funny

Q: What do you get when you cross a fish and an elephant?

A: Swimming trunks.

A little girl and her older brother were visiting their grandfather's farm. The older brother decided to play a trick on his younger sister. He told her that he discovered a man-eating chicken. The girl was frightened, and ran inside in fear. Then the older brother heard his little sister scream. He ran inside immediately. She was screaming at their grandfather, who was chowing down on a plate of fried chicken. "What is it?" he asked. The sister turned to him in fear and said, "It- it's- IT'S A MAN EATING CHICKEN!!!"

For a period, Houdini used a trap door in every single show he did...I guess you could say it was a stage he was going through.

A husband got his mother-in-law a cemetery plot for Christmas. It came with a coffin, tomb stone, the works. Next Christmas comes by and the husband gets her nothing. When the mother-in-law asks, "Why didn't you get me a gift?" the husband says, "You haven't used the one I got you last year!"

Q: What is white when it's dirty and black

when it's clean?

A: A chalkboard.

Alfie was listening to his sister practice her singing. "Sis," he said, "I wish you'd sing Christmas carols." "That's nice of you, Alfie," she replied, "but why?" Alfie replied, "Because then I'd only have to hear your voice once a year!"

Assistant: "Sir, can I have a day off next week to visit my mother-in-law?"

Boss: "Certainly not!"

Assistant: "Thank you so much sir! I knew you would be understanding."

I wonder what my parents did to fight boredom before the internet. I asked my 17 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

Son: "Dad, when will I be old enough so I don't have to ask mom for her permission to go out?"

Dad: "Son, even I haven't grown old enough to go out without her permission!"

A man called his child's doctor, "Hello! My son just snatched my pen when I was writing and swallowed it. What should I do?" The doctor replied, "Until I can come over, write with another pen."



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