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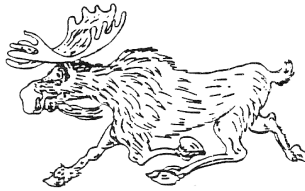
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# Just Passin Through Again

I was recently put in contact with a very interesting individual who has been kind enough to share historical research he has been conducting that has any relevance to Latchford. He first reached out to me to get location information for the "Latchford Assay and Refining Company" which I was able to provide. He has followed up with copies of numerous articles that he has sourced, primarily from, American newspapers. This particular article is in regards to a canoe trip that left Temagami and via that lake and Lady Evelyn up to Matachewan. I have excerpted this portion of the story because it is the earliest published description of Latchford that I have seen. I will caution you, if you don't like reading history you best quit now.

The Holley Standard

"HOLLEY, N. Y., THURSDAY, AUGUST 10. 1905.

The hundred miles down the river from Fort Matachewan to Latchford occupied three days of easy canoeing, but on the whole was the least interesting portion of the trip. That the larder had run low did not add to the pleasure of this portion of the journey. We still had plenty to eat of a kind—but the kind was such that we merely ate to live instead of living to eat. At Latchford we were happy to find a newly opened lumber company store with a good line of groceries and canned goods, where we stocked up and then retired to our camp on an adjoining island to feast and be merry. Latchford is a typically interesting new backwoods settlement. It is only about two months old, two sawmills now in course of erection by lumber companies forming its excuse for being. Half the population still live in tents and the rest in log houses or rough board shanties. But from one of them is heard the sound of a piano, and from another the nasal drawing of a gramophone reminds us of the disadvantages of civilization. A building is going up for a "restaurant and billiard parlor" but there is as yet no church or school house. Religious services are not entirely lacking, however, one being held the evening we were there in the unfinished waiting room of the railroad station by a young Methodist theological student. Our party attended the Service, forming one-sixth of the congregation, and the most disreputable looking fraction at that. But the toughness of the party's appearance was partially offset by the volume and fervor of its singing." I find this description of early Latchford quite interesting and I am trying to visualize what would have been an "adjoining island"? One has to remember that in 1905 there was no dam and Bay Lake's summer level was a full 8 feet less than today. I am thinking Chalmers Island which was on the western shore, across from the town itself. **George L.**



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## WHAT IS RED VELVET MADE OF?

Today, red food coloring is what gives red velvet cookies and cakes their bright red hue. However, when the cake was first introduced the red was brought out by a reaction between the vinegar, buttermilk and cocoa in the recipe. Bakers would sometimes use beet juice to enhance the red color, but nowadays food colouring is the easiest choice. Making these red velvet cookies isn't too tricky either.

### Red Velvet Cookies

1/2 cup unsalted butter softened  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1/3 cup brown sugar, 1 large egg  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract,  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
2 - 3 teaspoons red food colouring liquid or gel  
1 2/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 tablespoons cocoa powder  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1/4 6 teaspoon salt  
8 oz white candy melts or white chocolate  
Sprinkles

First beat together butter, white sugar, and brown sugar. I like to use a little brown sugar in my cookies because it makes them extra chewy. Then beat in the egg, vanilla extract, vinegar and red food coloring. Depending on how bright red you want your cookies to be, you can use 2-3 teaspoons of red food coloring. I used 3 teaspoons – and my cookies were very vibrant.

Whisk together the dry ingredients – flour, cocoa powder, cornstarch, baking soda, and salt – and mix in the dry ingredients into the butter mixture about 1/2 at a time. Adding a little cornstarch makes cookies extra soft – so it's a definite must in my book. Finally, form the cookies into balls using a medium cookie scoop and they're ready to bake. For thicker cookies, you can pop the cookie tray into the fridge for 10 minutes before baking, but for this recipe chilling the dough isn't necessary.

## DECORATING RED VELVET COOKIES

After the cookies are done baking – they take a delicious dip in melted white chocolate and are showered with sprinkles. You could use **heart-shaped sprinkles for Valentines**, or red and green sprinkles for **Christmas**, or even crumble a cookie and sprinkle the crumbs on top. For the chocolate dip, I recommend Wilton white chocolate melts. The chocolate melts smooth, making it a very easy process. Which ever way you choose – these red velvet cookies are absolutely delicious. You'll love the **soft "chewy cookie texture, pretty red color, and chocolate dip**. And if you're looking for a delicious recipe for **Valentine's Day** then these are definitely for you.

### Red Velvet Kiss Cookies

Red Velvet Kiss Cookies tastes like rich red velvet cupcakes in cookie form with a Hershey's Kiss chocolate in the middle, the perfect holiday baking cookie. Hershey's Kiss Cookies are easy and impressive cookies we enjoy baking like our Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies and our Classic Hershey's Kiss Cookies we already have on the site. Make all three for the perfect easy holiday baking platter!

14 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup cocoa powder  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 tablespoon red liquid food colouring  
3/4 cup sanding sugar, gold, red or clear  
36 Hershey's Kiss chocolates, unwrapped

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**SGT AUBREY COSENS  
VC BR 629, Royal Canadian  
Legion**

**On December 08** we had eight full tables out for the **Ron Sauve Memorial** cribbage

1st with 7 wins, 204 points – Carolyn Bigras, Latchford and Kay Ward, Cobalt  
2<sup>nd</sup> with 7 wins, 195 points – Freda Belanger, Haileybury and Jeanne D’Arc Boucher, New Liskeard

3<sup>rd</sup> with 6 wins, 339 points – Linda Gadoury and Marilyn Heavens, Latchford  
50 – 50 Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> – Rosaire Forget, Haileybury; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Brazeau, New Liskeard; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Norm Sauve, New Liskeard.

**On December 29** we had eleven full tables out for cribbage

1st with 7 wins, 204 points – Basil Lefebvre, Latchford and Linda Cook, Haileybury  
2<sup>nd</sup> with 6 wins, 317 points – Charlie Berube and Howard Glazier, Temagami  
3<sup>rd</sup> with 6 wins, 308 points – Jeannine Peever, New Liskeard and Charlie McLaughlin, Haileybury

50 – 50 Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> – Basil Lefebvre, Latchford and Linda Cook, Haileybury; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Freda Belanger, Haileybury; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sheila Belanger and Fran Lefebvre, Latchford  
The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 629 would like to

thank everyone for their continued support.

**Comrade Sheila Belanger  
1st Vice**

**Ladies Auxiliary**

On December 07, Branch 629 hosted our annual mixed dart tournament. Participation was down to 15 teams as we normally have 20. Too close to Christmas with too much to do with too many company Christmas parties to go to. Next year it will be in November.

1st place - Dave Hack and Celeste Hanson

2nd place – Steve Peckover and Laurie Damiani

3rd place – Rod and Jane Hennessy

4th place – Robert Venne and Pauline Roberts

Ladies High Score – Denise Dewar – 135

Ladies High Finish – Denise Dewar – 76

Men’s High Score – John Bragg - 174

Men’s High Finish – Elwood – 117

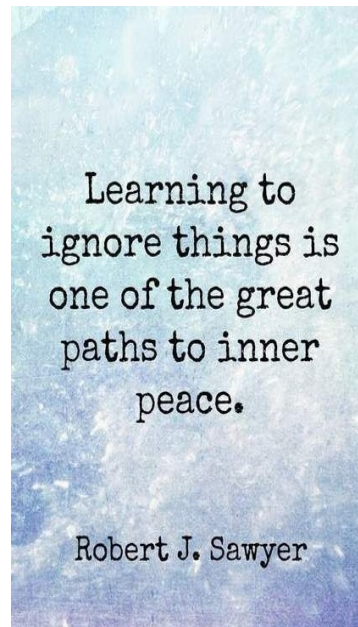
Everyone enjoyed themselves and all made it to their Christ-

mas parties.

The next sporting event is Zone Crib and Euchre which will be hosted by Branch 87 in Kirkland Lake. Our Legion Zone has increased and it now goes from Temagami to Kirkland Lake.

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## THE UNRELIABILITY OF THE MACHINE

I recently sent a book to my grandson entitled "The Spinning Magnet" by Alannis Mitchell about the Earth's magnetic field. It answered one question, but asked many others.

The one it answered was this: The English contour maps all showed Magnetic North to be 3 degrees East of True North, but similar Canadian maps showed it to be 12 degrees West of True North. My natural curiosity wondered why the difference, which Alannis answered. The Magnetic North shifts every ten thousand years or so, and is moving now. The latest report says it has moved out of Russia and has crossed the International Date Line.

Apparently more than my curiosity is involved, as airports designate their runways by their relative direction to the Magnetic North. This explains the rash of planes trying to land on side runways instead of the main ones. A big Oops, and maybe some unreported crashes. I hope the airports have come up with another way, like using the current Pole Star. The True North does point at other stars from time to time, but it's much slower.

One big question the book didn't answer was what happens to all the migrating creatures that depend on the Earth's magnetism to know where they're going. An even bigger non-answer -- When will the switch happen? I looked and looked before I realised Alannis couldn't tell us what no-body knew. Another scary thing to worry about.

Then there's this. If you're a frequent-flyer and take planes often, try to find out if your pilot ever flew bush planes in Canada, as these guys really know how to fly when the chips are down. I'll give you two examples.

First one. There was a medical emergency requiring an evacuation at an American Research camp in Antarctica in the middle of

winter. The American emergency plane had to turn back somewhere in Argentina as they couldn't find their way. Not surprising, as neither magnetic nor gyroscopic compasses work at the poles, one thrown off by the magnetic field's extreme declination and the other by the spin of the Earth. There would have been no radio beacons as so few people live down there. Luckily for the sick person, the Canadians were called in and made the trip there and back through the utter blackness of the Antarctic night no problem. They must have flown by the stars, the only reliable way to know your direction.

The second example is this. A jet liner ran out of fuel half-way across the Atlantic, but the pilot was able to draw on his old bush-flying experience. He calculated his rate of descent from 35 000 feet and located the nearest place he could maybe reach if he floated down nice and slow. He used some of his remaining fuel to radio ahead to warn them to expect him. The plane made it O.K., likely with crash carts at the ready to greet them. Yea for the Canadians once again!

One last example of failure of the machine, this one more personal.

In England in the sixties, I would frequently drive to a distant plant for my work and on the way turn this one corner, then put my foot down and break the speed limit. Now clearly, I was not the only driver who did this as one day, the cops were there with their brand-new radar speed trap. I could see it was new as their top brass were all there, watching the meter on a card table, hoping to nail the drivers who sped away from the curve.

Unfortunately for them, but not for me, there was an iron railing along the side of the road which confused the radar signal, so their reading was not valid. All that trouble and expense for nothing! Oh dear, so sorry about that, Officialdom!



# Rhonda's Garden Tip Page 6

For this January, I would like to start the new year 2020 with a celebration of my 10th year with the Latchford Moosecall team. It has been fun and occasionally challenging to find new and helpful tips associated with gardening, but here I am 10 years later continuing to search for thrifty ideas and garden projects that make gardening not so much of a chore, but fun to do.

In honour of the new year 2020 and my 10th year with the Moosecall paper, here is a painting done in watercolour. If you would like to see my paintings in colour, you can visit my web sites listed below. Prints are available.

Rhonda's Cards 

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**Happy New Year! Rhonda**

## Subscribers News

Christmas, 2019 version is now in our rear view mirrors and I hope all of you readers had a happy and fun one celebrated with family and those close to you. Mother Nature cooperated here in Latchford with decent temperatures and enough snow to make the snowmobilers happy with some bonus slush on the lakes thrown in to make their travels interesting. Early reports are that the fish are biting so rest assured, come hell or high water, they are out there in good numbers. While November was on the cold side for that time of year, December was much more moderate temperature wise and that is what was predicted so score one for the weather forecasters!

The Moose Call gained two new subscribers during the month with addition Liz Livingston of Guelph and her niece Krystal Livingston of Cambridge. Welcome aboard ladies! Renewals remained good throughout the month with Oscar Quenneville of North Bay and Charles Hallworth of Sudbury both opting for two more years. We then received renewals for another year from Violet (Livingston) Dean of Orillia, Lynn (Lafleur) Etmanski of Haileybury and George and Sylvia Whiting of Egbert, ON. Pleasant reading to all and a sincere thank you to so many that insist on including the extra.

On a very somber note, I was made aware early in December of the passing of Roger Remillard. Roger was the brother of Irene Ranger and Gerry Remillard and had grown up her in Latchford and was living in the Kingston area at the time of his passing. Our deepest condolences are extended to his siblings and their families on his passing. Then on Boxing Day, I received a phone call from Norman Faulkner of Larder Lake to advise me that his sister Mable has passed away early Christmas day. The Faulkner's grew up across Sullivan Street from us here in Latchford. Mable graduated from Cobalt High School and moved to Toronto where she was employed by Cassidy's for almost her entire working career. Upon retiring she moved back north to the Kirkland Lake area to be close to her brothers, Norman and the late Cameron. Sincere condolences are extended to Norman, her brother Bill in North Bay and the extended family.

George L.



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## Subscribers Letters

**Larder Lake, ON**  
December 23, 2019

Dear Sharon;

Please find enclosed payment for 2020 to cover the subscription for the Moose Call.

Sorry to be so late Sharon. Sister Mable has not been too well all through 2019. It has taken my mind off all other things lately.

I will say bye for now. Wishing all down there and Moose Call readers a very good 2020.

**Norman Faulkner**

**p.s. The extra is for the coffee fund.**

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to the Recreation Committee, Corporation of the Town of Latchford and the Red Onion for their Christmas gifts to Seniors. Very thoughtful. Happy New Year to all!

**Helen Larose.**

### **Canadian Fun facts**

Canada only got its own flag 100 years after it became a country - on February 15, 1965.

Part of Canada is on Mars... Kind of. A crater on the planet was named after the town of Gander, NFL in honour of its efforts in space research.

The famous Canadian interjection "eh" is actually listed in the Canadian Oxford Dictionary as a

valid word.

The Royal Canadian Mint once made a gigantic loonie made of 99.9% gold that was worth \$1 million.

You can write a letter in any language and send it to the North Pole, H0H oHo, Canada and you will receive a letter back from Santa.

Quebec manufactures more than 77% of the world's maple syrup.

The townspeople of Nanaimo, BC race their bathtubs as part of an annual aquatic tradition.

Some of the world's most popular superheroes were conceived by Canadian minds, including Superman and Wolverine.

That being said, it is against Canadian law to have comics that depict criminal acts.

Canada is home to the Narcisse Snake Pits of Manitoba, the largest orgy of garter snakes in the world.

Twenty percent of the world's fresh water is in Canada, and it has more lakes than any other country.

Only in Canada could it go from -19 degrees C to 22 degree C in an hour! (Pincher Creek, Alberta in 1962. Look it up!)

### **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 Anne @705-676-2492 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!**

## Obituary of Gord Garreau

Gordon (Gord) Edward Elmer Garreau (1966-2019)

After a three-and-a-half-year battle with cancer, Gord passed away on November 27th, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. Gord leaves a legacy of love and honour with his family and those who knew him.

Gord was born on February 5th, 1966 to Georgina (née Quenneville) and Rene Garreau at Misericordia Hospital in Haileybury, Ontario and grew up in Latchford. On June 24th, 1989, he married Sharon (his Princess) Louise Jacksic and they recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

Gord loved hockey. As a youngster, he played goalie in the Cobalt Minor Hockey League, and was a major force in the success of his teams reaching the NOHA championships. As an adult, Gord became Referee-in-Chief in Cobalt and was a well-sought out referee while living in Burlington, Ontario.

Growing up, summers were spent “down at the lake” playing baseball, hanging out with his friends, assisting cottagers disposing of their empties, stirring up trouble and just having a good time.

In recent years, Gord loved to cook and invite friends over for a BBQ. He loved making people feel welcome in his home.

Baseball was another of Gord’s favourite sports. On summer nights you could find him behind home plate back-catching with his cousin, Kevin (Latchford’s Dynamic Duo). The Latchford boys were a tight-knit crew that played well together and were known for their antics. They grew up together, and that is why they played well together. They were like brothers.

Gord loved to help people. Friend or stranger he gave his time and help equally and completely. His friends and family all knew they could call

him for anything. Gord would give anyone the shirt off of his back without a second thought. He once gave his spare tire to a stranger who was stranded roadside on his way to work. He didn’t know if the tire would be returned. “He needed to get to work”, is all Gord would say. To him, that was all that mattered.

Gord will be missed by all that knew him, especially his wife Sharon and his children; Jakob and Joel Garreau. Gord was an exemplary husband and father. He was compassionate, patient, understanding and had a wonderfully mischievous and teasing sense of humour. He has left behind wonderful memories of a loving husband, father, brother, son and friend.

He will forever be remembered by his dad, Rene Garreau, his siblings; Gertrude Hill (John) and Martin Garreau, mother in law; Betty Jacksic, his sisters in law; Mary-Jo Jacksic (Frederic) and Heather Jacksic (Lawrence) as well as his nieces and nephews; Ariana, Nadine, Iain and Micah. Gord is predeceased by his mother Georgina Garreau (née Quenneville) and his father-in-law George Jacksic.

We are grateful for every day we got to see his smile and share his laughter. That is the way we will always see him; bursting with energy and invariably with a bit of mischief in his eyes.

Above all, he loved and cherished his family and friends and we will miss him more than words can express.

We love you, Gordie.

Donations in memory of Gord may be made to Autistics for Autistics Ontario or Women's Pavilion Centre in Haileybury, ON.

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As per Gord's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held on December 21st, 2019 at the Dymond Community Hall.

## Mable E. Faulkner

The death occurred at the Kirkland and District Hospital of Mable Elizabeth Faulkner at the age of 84 on Christmas Day, 2019 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born in Leeville, Ontario in 1935, she moved to Latchford in 1942 where she completed public school. From there she attended Cobalt High School where she attained many a top grade in her class. Next, she went on to North Bay Collegiate, completing a specialized business course. From there, she headed to Toronto in 1955 where she began her career in big business. Upon retiring she returned north in 2000 and settled in Kirkland Lake. In 2006 she moved to Larder Lake until her death on December 25, 2019.

Her passions were numerous. She enjoyed football, bowling and ballroom dancing, among the top ones. Her mother (Annie) predeceased her in 1988, father (Robert) in 1950, brother (Laurence) in 2001, brother (George) in 2017 and brother (Cameron) in 2012. Left to mourn are brothers Bill of North Bay, Nor-

man of Larder Lake and numerous nephews and nieces.

Cremation has taken place, and Mable will be laid to rest in the family plot at the New Lisk-eard Cemetery come Spring.

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**Diana continued.....**

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Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and add the butter, brown sugar and sugar on medium speed for 1-2 minutes until light and fluffy. While the butter is creaming sift the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and baking powder in a separate bowl. Add the eggs, vanilla and red food colouring to your stand mixer for 5 seconds then add in the flour mixture. Scoop the cookies with a tablespoon sized cookie scoop and roll in sanding sugar then refrigerate for 20 minutes. Bake on a cookie sheet for 11-13 minutes then as soon as they come out of the oven press a Hershey's Kiss chocolate into the middle of the cookie and allow them to cool on a wire rack. Variation: Make an indentation in the centre of the warm baked cookie and pour melted white chocolate, then pipe a thin line of melted milk or dark chocolate over the top of the cookie, or perhaps push an appropriate sized white chocolate heart into the centre of the cookie. (Valentine's Day or a Peppermint Hershey's kiss for Christmas) Makes 36 cookies

**Funny**

Police officer talks to a driver: Your tail light is broken, your tires must be exchanged and your bumper hangs halfway down. That will be 300 dollars.

Driver: Alright, go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage.

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

I've been really depressed lately. A friend told me I should go to the petting zoo perhaps, to cheer up. I went today, but not one person would stroke me.

I forgot my cell phone when I went to the toilet yesterday. We have 245 tiles.

Everybody knows 40 is the new 30, right? But the police officer giving me a speeding ticket couldn't be persuaded.

A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read that number.

A boy breaks an old vase at a rich uncle's house. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, good that it wasn't new."



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