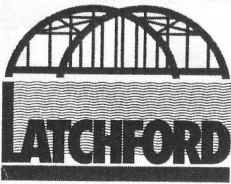


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FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

Just Passin Through Again

We received the bad news back on June 09 that Latchford's application for natural gas didn't make the cut. I have my own theories on why it ended that way but they are not something I can share in print. At least, not at this time.

There were 210 submissions for the program and only 43 were approved with just three of those in Northern Ontario. Two were in the northwest and the closest to us being in St Charles, between Hagar and Noelville.

One very disappointing aspect of the announcement is that despite the expansion being touted as a means of getting natural gas into un-serviced areas, specifically first nation and small northern communities it didn't end that way. The 40 in the south were basically extensions that would have occurred without the financial support provided by the program and they even included an airport near Hamilton. Go figure?

In the letter received from the then Associate Minister of Energy, Bill Walker, he explained that they used what is referred to as a "Profitability Index" or PI. In the letter it was indicated that the projects with the strongest "PI" were selected. What it didn't elaborate on was how the "PI" could be manipulated.

Councillor Francine Blowe and I had conducted an in depth survey of Latchford utilizing the 2017 Union Gas map of their proposed routing in Latchford for submission to Enbridge and the Ministry in March, 2020. It included all the present heating sources for all that were indicated on the routing. It was determined that a potential for 187 customers for natural gas could be accessed in Latchford without further building occurring on the routing.

The "PI" chart that was presented to the OEB indicated that after 10 years there would only be 122 customers connected to natural gas in Latchford! This projection had a very negative impact on Latchford's chances for inclusion in this round of funding. This indicates that they only projected a 65% connection rate for Latchford after the 10 year period and I find that ludicrous! The unfortunate thing is that we did not get to see this projection until very shortly before the announcement was made so unable to react to it in a timely manner.

Responses outlining both our disappointment and tactfully questioning the manner in which the PI was arrived at have been sent to both the Ministry of Energy and Enbridge Gas. We can't burn bridges but rather continue to learn as we pursue natural gas for Latchford.

Take care and stay safe. George L.

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From the kitchen of Diana

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Creamy Raspberry Custard Pie

A delicious combination of sweet custard and juicy red raspberries in this recipe. It's simple and easy to make. Taste so creamy and delicious, it's the perfect summer pie.

3 cups raspberries

1 1/2 cup Sugar

3 Eggs

1/3 cup Milk Soy Milk, Almond Milk or Cream

1/4 cup Flour

2 teaspoon Vanilla

1 Pie Crust

Place the pie crust into the pie plate and flute the edges.

Take the raspberries and place it in the pie plate.

In a medium bowl, add the eggs and whisk.

Add the milk, vanilla, and whisk again.

Add the flour and sugar into the bowl and mix well.

Pour the custard mixture over the raspberries and spread with a spatula so it's even.

Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 45-60 minutes.* Until the pie is set. If the middle of the pie is still jiggly that is ok, it will finish cooking while the pie cools.

Fully cool the pie on a wire rack and then serve plain or with whipped topping or ice cream or sprinkle with a little powdered sugar.

* Notes

If you can't eat flour, you can use 2 tablespoons of cornstarch instead of the flour in this recipe.

The best way to check for doneness is to jiggle the pie. If there is a little wiggle in the middle, you know it's done.

The pie should be pretty well set. If you jiggle it, the pie in the middle will wiggle a little. And that means it is done, it'll finish cooking outside the oven, while it cools. But the whole pie shouldn't be moving when you jiggle it.

You'll know it's done when the top is golden brown and the crust should be golden brown too.

Sometimes this pie takes about 45-50 minutes to bake. Sometimes it takes me 60 to 65 minutes to bake.

You can use frozen raspberries, but they need to be drained really well. If the berries are too wet, the filling won't set.

Calories: 288kcal | Carbohydrates: 52.8g | Protein: 3.5g | Fat: 8g



We have managed to get the Patio portion of the Branch open again on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons and as long as the weather is good, we will be open during those periods. Any indoor activities remain restricted at this point and every time you think you have a handle on the rules and regulations, they seem to change. While cards are out of the question at this writing, we hope to be able to get horseshoe tournaments up and running in the very near future. We have been advised that further financial assistance is coming from the Ministry of Veteran's Affairs which will be welcomed by Branch 629.

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How you know a Muslim believes in God.

The news today is filled with the story of a hot-head driving his truck into a family of Muslims and killing most of them. Two things about that spring to mind. First, if your actions cause the death of someone before their time, you never get over it and second, he had no idea who he was killing.

As to the first, I knew an insurance salesman who killed a pregnant woman and her child while driving drunk. Although he served prison time for this, he lost the respect of his wife and spent the rest of his life giving away every material thing he had to try to make up for it. Compare him to another insurance salesman I knew who did not have such an albatross around his neck. He owned a palatial home in acres of parkland, with a summer house on the property that was bigger than the house we live in!

I've had only a couple of contacts with Muslims in my life, but these have shown me they actually live their religion, along the lines of "If it were illegal to be a Christian today, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" One was in Turkey and clearly a stranger, this farmer's wife who was on her way to market, gave me of what she had, a large tomato to welcome me. Then there was the lady on the same nut ward as me one time who was from Yugoslavia before it broke up and they started fighting there, and she told me that the Muslim villagers were uniformly more generous and polite than their Christian neighbours.

Now I know that Muslims are required to pray five times a day to Allah and His Prophet Mohammed, positioning their prayer mats so that they face Mecca, his birthplace, when they do. I

have started adding the phrase: "Thy Will be

done" or often the Arabian translation: "In sh'Allah," to my frequent prayers, but whether I manage to get the ear of the Almighty as many times as the average Believer does is less than moot, likely half as much less.

One of my recovery books has a piece in it written by a believer in Allah which shook me when I first read it, but since that recovery programme is based on "God as you understand Him," I had to accept this non-Christian point of view. That gentleman described his god-head in terms of Allah The Most Merciful, Most Compassionate and Infinitely Loving One, all of which was a long way from the echo of the Protetant God that I was raised with, which was heavily steeped in the ethic "Thou Shalt Not Enjoy Thyself."

I sort of try to do the "Turn the Other Cheek" sort of thing when I can, although I'm not too good at it. I remember one good one though. I was riding a bus in England, when a passenger started walking down the aisle hassling people and generally being obnoxious. The driver had to concentrate on his driving, so could do nothing, but when the man reached me, I held out my bag of Sugared Almonds that I was nibbling away on and offered some to him. His whole demeanour changed and he became a person again, calmed right down and went back to his seat.

Such a little push the right way. Sometimes it works out.

All the best from Charlie by the lake.

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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When we think of landscaping we have a tendency to think on a larger scale, but for July's tip let's look at creating a dry creek bed that we can do ourselves. And with the kids out of school for the summer, this may give some extra hands on deck to tackle a new yard project. After planning out the placement of the dry creek bed, decide if it will be for water drainage, or for adding style to the yard. Once that decision made, then begin by clearing away any plants or lawn – “dig out the ditch”, as they say. It's very important to lay down a liner, like a landscape fabric or a pond liner to stop anything from growing up through the rocks. Dry creek rock beds can be pathways, focal points, slopes to guide the rain water away from the house, or even to replace sections of the lawn where it's difficult for grass to grow. I used this tip underneath my stairs by clearing the area first, adding landscape fabric and then layering it with limestone, and it still looks the same as it did many years ago.

However, if the rock bed will be used to drain water, it's a good idea to layer the trench on top of the liner with some gravel to help steer the water away. This is a great solution for those areas in the yard that seem to hold water. Now for the fun part, adding the rocks. Use rocks of all shapes, sizes and colours to bring style and imagination. Follow the natural slope of the yard and stack the flat rocks in a line, and then trim them with a border of the round ones. You can also use different size pebbles, river rock, large boulders, slate pieces, limestone, or just random rocks you find. Plus, if you add dark soil or dark mulch beside the light-coloured rocks, the contrast between dark and light looks great.

The finishing touches could be small plants or shrubs to add greenery, or have some fun and add lanterns, statues, frogs, metal art, glass garden balls, driftwood pieces, or a dark mulch to line the outer edge to bring out the colour of the stones. It's a simple, effective, and a unique project to do this summer. Maybe the culverts near your yard need a whole new look!

Bye for now, Rhonda.



Subscribers News

June's weather seen we folk here in Latchford again experience a wide variety of Mother Nature's wishes. We had some extremely warm days but some nights verged on the edge of frosts with some even covering their gardens. Conditions ranged from extremely dry with concerns about forest fires and ended under very wet conditions. The proverbial "mixed bag" one might say.

Renewals for the month were led off by Gail Hewitt who renewed another year for her sister Diane of Kingston and that was followed by a very generous donation to the Moose Call on behalf of the McLean family who have a summer cottage on Anima Nip (as I like to call it) from Mark McLean of Ottawa. Next in was a gift of renewals for one more year from Helen Larose for daughter Diana Pearman of Toronto and her brother Edward Bates of New Liskeard. Then Glenn Neary from faraway Bell Island, Newfoundland sent in his renewal for another year and the month wrapped up with a renewal for two more years from my cousin, Sydney (Lloyd) Ouellette of North Bay. Thanks to all for your continued interest and the extra that so many insist on sending.

On the health and fitness front, the positive news this month is that we have no new obituaries to publish after the devastating month we had in May. I have not been made aware of any additions to the ailing and infirm list but as I don't see Debbie McKenzie out and about I presume she is still healing at home. As for the circulation manager who doubles as my wife, Sharon benefited from a couple of trips to Sudbury specialists and will be going to Toronto Western Hospital for a procedure that is intended to rectify her issues. Please wish her well. To all others who may be under the weather in any form, a speedy return to good health is wished by all!

Please take care and stay safe!
George L.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank family and friends for all the birthday wishes, gifts, and the many calls that made my day special. Although we couldn't celebrate together this year, I really appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness. I would also like to thank George for his nice write up in the Moose Call. It was especially nice to get a call from Stan and Bella Bates from Carstairs, we hadn't been in touch for a while, and the numerous calls from near and far. Thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,
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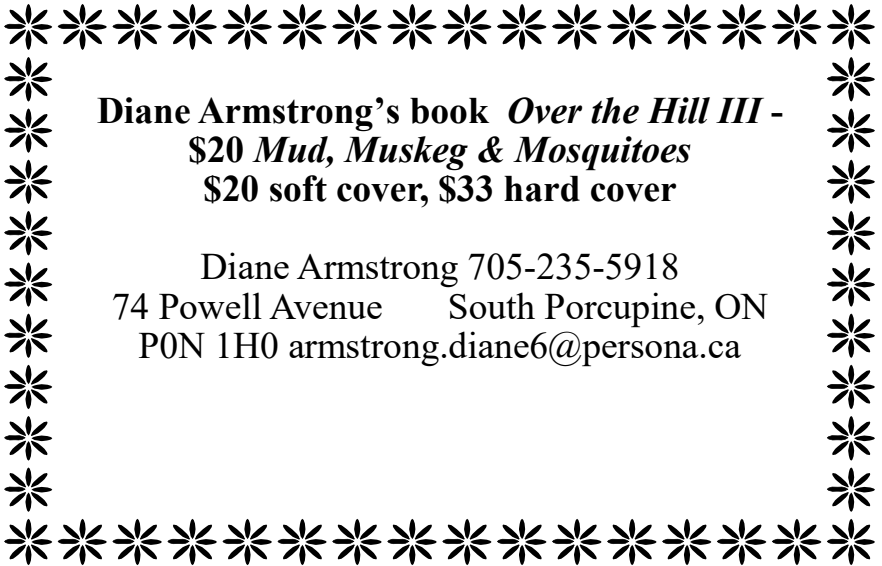


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Funny

Speeding Motorist

Late one night this guy is speeding down the empty road. A cop sees him go flying past so chases him and pulls him over. The cop goes up to the car and when the man rolls down the window, he asks, "Are you aware of how fast you were going, sir?"

The man replies, "Yes I am. I'm trying to escape a robbery I got involved in."

The cop looks at him disbelievably and asks him, "Were you the one being robbed, sir?"

The man casually replies, "Oh no, I was the one who committed the robbery. I was escaping."

The cop is shocked and surprised that the man has admitted this so freely. He says, "So you're telling me you were speeding...AND committed a robbery?"

"Oh yes," replies the man calmly. "I have all the loot in the back."

The cop is now starting to get angry and says, "Sir, I'm afraid you have to come with me"

as he reaches into the window to take the car keys out of the ignition.

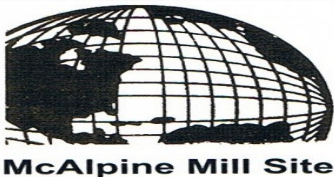
The man shouts, "Don't do that! I'm afraid that you'll find the gun in my glove compartment!" At this the cop pulls his hand out of the window and says, "Wait here" as he returns to his car and calls for backup.

Soon there are cars, cops and helicopters all

over, everywhere you look. The man is quickly dragged out of his car, handcuffed and taken towards a cop car.

However, just before he is put in the car and taken away a cop walks up to him and says, while pointing at the cop that pulled him over, "Sir, this officer tells us that you had committed a robbery, had stolen loot in the trunk of your car, and had a loaded gun in your glove compartment. However, we didn't find any of these things in your car."

The man replies, "Yeah, and I bet that liar said I was speeding too!"



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Faded Maple Leaf will fly as a fitting remembrance

Diane Armstrong

As a proud Canadian, I have flown the Maple Leaf for many years in front of my home. In the fall of 2020, and before the winter winds whipped my flag to shreds, I took it down. It had faded from bright red to a rosy pink so I tried to buy a replacement for the next summer. October is not the time to buy a Canada flag as the stores were displaying Hallowe'en and Christmas items.

Instead, I stored the discoloured flag and in the spring of 2021 we were in COVID lockdown; flags were not considered an "essential item" such as groceries and I could not buy a replacement. Given no choice, I hung the faded emblem of Canada.

ony hua inks three-year deal with Last week, with the stores re-opening, I remembered I needed a new flag. News of the unmarked graves in Kamloops, followed by the unimaginable number of unmarked graves near Regina had just hit the airwaves. While I was aware of residential schools and knew of a few details, I wasn't prepared for the gut-wrenching feelings that came over me. Standing under my flag, I glanced across the street and wondered if my flag offended the Indigenous families living there. With respect, I thought it would be wise to take it down completely.

Since that afternoon, I have done a lot of reflection. I have always been proud to be a Canadian. I am proud to have grown up in a multi-cultural neighbourhood where everyone was an equal. I have frequently written about diversity and inclusion in my weekly columns, but a comment made by one of my sons brought me back to reality.

He said, "We were privileged kids. We could walk to school and come home every day. Indigenous kids didn't have that choice."

As a mother, I imagined having three children – perhaps a girl of 4 and two boys, aged 5 and 6. I thought about the trauma of seeing the police remove them from our home, never to see them again for eight or 10 years. After being taken to a residential school, the home would be so empty and quiet.

Many years later, the children would come home as teenagers. We would not talk to each other, as they would no longer spoke our language. They would be quiet and withdrawn.

What was the cause of their silence? What did my children see that children should not see? What did they endure that no child should ever experience? Did they blame us, their parents, for the past years? We had been given no choice by the government but we could not communicate that to them.

I would have missed the chance to teach my daughter how to be a mother. When I was little, my aunts and other women would have taught me where to find the sweetgrass and how to weave it into baskets. They would have taught me about Mother Earth and how to respect her.

My husband would have missed the chance to teach our sons the ways of the animals and how to fish and hunt. We both would not have had the opportunity to teach our children how to make snowshoes, how to canoe silently or how to skin a large animal, then prepare the meat for the winter, without wasting any of the animal. We would not able to teach them our ways. They would have been taught to be ashamed of their

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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 Sharon @ 705-676-1115 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

Funny Tale of a Lost Senior Citizen

Faded Maple Leaf will fly continued....

heritage and learned cruelty from the staff at the school. We would be a family once again but we wouldn't know one another.

Those thoughts made me feel ill.

Residential schools were in existence for a century. How many generations of Indigenous people were affected, just as the family in my musings were? Many of the children who are resting in those unmarked graves died of childhood diseases or tuberculosis, but why weren't the parents notified or the bodies returned to them for burial according to their beliefs?

There are so many unanswered questions.

I am ashamed of what was acceptable in Canada's past. But we cannot change that, nor are we directly responsible for what happened before us. However, we can learn from those mistakes and reach out to our Indigenous neighbours. With understanding, we can and will move forward. I am still a proud Canadian and know that we can be better.

This Canada Day, I will not take down my faded Maple Leaf flag. It's stained and it will fly as a remembrance that Canada too, bears many stains.

That's my view from Over the Hill.

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong. He told me, 'I have a 22 year old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee.' I continued, 'Well, then why are you crying?' He added, 'She makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favourite biscuits, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon.' I said, 'Well, why are you crying?' He said, 'For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favourite dessert and then we cuddle until the small hours.' I inquired, 'Well then, why in the world would you be crying?' He replied, 'I can't remember where I live.'

Fun At The Movies

Last week Ronnie Walsh went to the movies at the Rialto Cinema in Bristol to see "Slumdog Millionaire" but because of two women loudly chatting together who were sitting in the row in front of him, Ronnie was unable to hear the dialogue clearly. Ronnie leaned forward and said in a stage whisper, 'Excuse me ladies but I can't hear.' 'I should hope not,' stormed the woman, 'this is a private conversation.'

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Funny

What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.

Bedside Manners

Susie's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Things looked grim, but she was by his bedside every single day.

One day as he slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come close to him. She pulled the chair close to the bed and leaned her ear close to be able to hear him.

"You know" he whispered, his eyes filling with tears, "you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck right beside me. When my business went under, there you were. When we lost the house, you were there. When I got shot, you stuck with me. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. "And you know what?"

"What, dear?" she asked gently, smiling to herself.

"I think you're bad luck."

Implements of Math Destruction

At New York's Kennedy airport today an individual, later discovered to be a public school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a square, a slide rule, and a calculator.

The Attorney General believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-gebra movement. He is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-gebra is a very fearsome cult, indeed", the Attorney General said. "They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on a tangent in a search of absolute value. They consist of quite shadowy figures, with names like "x" and "y", and, although they are frequently referred to as "unknowns", we know they really belong to a common denominator and are part of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

"As the great Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, there are three sides to every triangle." When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."

Why do fish live in saltwater?

Because pepper makes them sneeze.

Why did the gymnast put extra salt on her food?

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