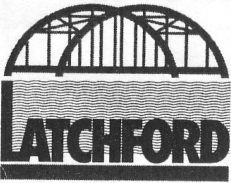


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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



August 2021



PUBLIC NOTICE

~ **ALL** dogs must have current year tags per By-law 639/04. The cost per dog is: \$20.00

~ Remember to Poop & Scoop ~

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST TO BE HELD ON THE 26th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LEGION MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

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

Just Passin Through Again

We were fortunate to receive funding from Fed nor to acquire the services of an intern for a period of 18 months. Advertising has taken place and interviews will be conducted with qualified applicants in the very near future. The intent is to have this individual develop plans for the business/industrial park and identify and promote it to potential users. They will also focus on accessing various grants that may be of benefit to Latchford, its residents and ratepayers.

The municipality has been approached by two individuals, one an immigration consultant and the other a civil engineer with the regard to the availability of residential lots and a proposal for development in the business/industrial park. They have already purchased two residential lots in Latchford so all of this bodes well for activity in the office of our future Intern.

We have once more introduced the “open door” policy at the Town Office as of July 27. While the washrooms are now available to the travelling public, the comfort level of engaging with said public has not been reached and all promotional material for the tourist traffic has been placed in storage. Additional hygiene protocol for the public washrooms will be adhered to for the safety of all. Efforts are also underway to safely reopen the gym facilities down at the Recreation Centre for the use of those that patronize that facility. Staff are conferring with other municipalities that have such facilities to get clarity on the way forward to realizing this.

I have to take this opportunity to give a bit shout out of thanks to Reiner Mielke of Coleman Township who, along with his wife Maggie Wilson, has take a real liking to Latchford. He created a “Friends of Latchford, Ontario” Facebook page which has become very popular with both residents and expats alike. It features many pictures, stories, etc. about Latchford and has gained a large following on that social media site. Further, it was Reiner that discovered the “Latchford Stone” within our boundaries and this retired mineralogist just doesn’t quit giving to Latchford. His latest contribution included brushing in front of our museum highway signs and in front if the memorial bench at Veteran’s Park. On behalf of all, a sincere “thank you” Reiner!

Take care and stay safe.

George L.

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Blueberry Banana Bread

Prep: 10 min. Bake: 30 min. + cooling. Makes 3 mini loaves

1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 medium ripe bananas, mashed
1 cup fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream the shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add creamed mixture, beating just until combined. Stir in bananas. Fold in blueberries.

Pour into three greased 5-3/4x3x2-in. loaf pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 30-35 minutes or. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

Editor's Note: If using frozen blueberries, use without thawing to avoid discoloring the batter.

Best Baby Back Ribs

2 racks baby back ribs (about 4-1/2 pounds)
3/4 cup chicken broth
3/4 cup soy sauce
1 cup sugar, divided
6 tablespoons cider vinegar
6 tablespoons olive oil
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Dash cayenne pepper

Barbecue sauce, optional

If necessary, remove thin membrane from ribs and discard. Combine broth, soy sauce, 1/2 cup sugar, vinegar, olive oil and garlic. Place ribs in a shallow baking dish; pour two-thirds of the marinade over ribs. Turn to coat; refrigerate overnight, turning occasionally. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.

Drain ribs, discarding marinade. Combine remaining sugar, salt and seasonings; rub over both sides of ribs.

Grill ribs, covered, on an oiled rack over indirect medium heat for 30 minutes on each side.

Baste with reserved marinade, or, if desired, barbecue sauce. Move ribs to direct medium heat and cook until pork is tender, turning and basting occasionally, 20-40 minutes longer



SGT AUBREY COSENS VC BR 629, Royal Canadian Legion

Having entered Stage 3 of re-opening we now have the ability to once more allow patrons to come into the Branch, in limited numbers, while respecting distance and health protocols that are in place throughout Ontario. By the time you have read this we will have hosted our second horseshoe tournament thanks to comrades Ted and Sam Green.

It's an educational service. Tutoring, virtual lessons, one - on-one lessons.

Respectfully ,

**Leslie-Ann Thomas
(Montessori, OCT)
Ontario, Canada**



Branch 629 was notified on July 07 that we were to receive \$4,310.72 from the Veterans Organization Emergency Support Fund. As of this writing the monies have not been received but we are hopeful it will be shortly. Gestures such as this are instrumental in keeping small Branches such as ours operating across Canada.

**Comrade Sheila Belanger
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All the love songs, from the Beatles and the rest, and even before them, are all about love, both its absence and its pleasures. Even Jesus added two more commandments about love to Moses's previous ten. These are, as you probably know,: 1) Love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, thy mind and thy body and 2) Love thy neighbour as thyself. Now, all these Gay Pride Parades and things popping up all over the place have me seriously confused, and I'm sure I'm not alone. I suspect they're all here right now because we're running out of living space and have to cut back on population somehow, which these are certainly doing.

I have a reason for thinking this way.

Sometime in the last century, some bright spark of a scientist asked the question: "What would happen if we put a group of laboratory rats into a box and just let them be? We'll give them all the food and water they ever want, keep them clean and tidy and well cared for, except they'll have no more room except that provided by their box, one metre by one metre by one metre. No more. Will they fight for space? Will they turn cannibal and eat each other? What will they do?"

So this was the experiment.

What happened was they turned queer, like what's happening to us right now. They stopped having babies and made loving relationships with each other regardless of gender, which was how they coped with the need for expressing their love for each other while keeping the population down to the limited space available.

Oh geez! Not another chunk of this new world I have to get used to?

You see, when I was a lad in England, homosexuality between men was illegal and several prominent men paid a severe price for their sexual orientation. The man who cracked

the Nazi code machine and shortened W.W. II by two years by doing it, had his mind destroyed by chemical castration and took his own life. The playwright Oscar Wilde served prison time and lost his family so effectively that his sons didn't know he was their dad until they had left home and did some family math on their own.

Queen Victoria decreed that "Ladies would not behave in such a way" so they were not subject to the same strictures, which was lucky for them. Of course, they had their own problems relating to gender, but being gay was not one of them.

English hypocrisy was all over this subject, as the two men who had the apartment on the top floor of our five-story walk-up where I lived in London, were known to be in a permanent relationship by everyone else living in the building but were no trouble to anyone. They were not even the butt of any nasty jokes about them. They were always polite, just as you would expect from decent people.

My challenge with this growing presence of companionable gay men in today, especially on Radio and T.V., comes from the unfortunate experiences I had when I travelled the world on my own as a youth. These were generally unpleasant, as I often had little control over what was happening. However, the attitude of the predominantly pleasant young men that I now observe is so different from the predatory species I knew in my earlier life, again it is I that must adjust my thinking to the new reality, not the rest of the world to archaic me.

I'm glad my stress in that area has diminished naturally with Time to being mostly theoretical now. Freedom comes in many forms and this is just another way it does, I suppose, but at least this newest look of the world doesn't have the bite for me it once had. I'll get used to it.

All the best from Charlie by the lake.

Rhonda's Garden Tip

It's that time of year again for another garden project. Here below are pictures of sleek and simple garden bench designs, more modern in style, but so much inspiration! The first bench is a part of my own garden collection. This month's tip is to search out different garden designs in plants and building projects to discover your own unique style. You may not like a modern style, but sometimes it can move you into a style that you do like. Search on gardeners for your own unique style! **Bye for now Rhonda.**



Subscribers News

Weather was another “mixed bag” in July but when we got rain, we really got rain! Personally, I think these intense rainstorms as well as the very high winds we have been experiencing is the new normal due to climate change. The heat didn’t seem to be as intense in July as June but the grass sure kept growing and the Town ended the month looking very green. What we didn’t need was the smoke-filled skies that dominated late July from the fires burning in the Northwest. We can certainly count ourselves lucky that forest fires in the Northeast have been very few this year.

We were fortunate to get three new Moose Call subscribers during July but the first one we got with mixed feelings as it was from a long-time resident, Otti Endres, who has sold her home and is moving down to the Orangeville area to be closer to her daughter Varina and family. Otti and her late husband Walter, owned the Dam Depot for many years having purchased it from George and Edna Quenneville whom had built it. Joining Otti on the new subscriber list is Ruby Green of Meaford, ON who has come on board for a year and is the mother of Ted Green. Rounding out the new Moose Call readers is a two-year subscription for Murray Robert of Dunnville, ON; the son of Linda Robert, who was gifted with his by Charlie “by the lake” Johnson.

Renewals were plentiful as well when Sheila (Keenan) Godby of Peterborough renewed for herself and her four children; Robert Godby of Laramie, Wyoming; Jim Godby of Peterborough; Dawn Stiles of Peterborough and Christine Godby of Fort McMurray. Then the month ended with long-time Latchford resident Alfred Quenneville of Edmonton, AB; walked up to the door with his renewal and a short visit. Welcome aboard to the new and welcome back to the renewals!

On the health and fitness front, I apologize for not being current with the health issues of others as I have been preoccupied with attending to the circulation manager who doubles as my wife. In all likelihood by the time, you read this Sharon will have been through her procedure at Toronto Western Hospital which is scheduled for August 04 and we will be back home. Get well wishes go out to her and everyone else who may be ailing or infirm.

Please take care and stay safe!

George L.

People on the Move

Visiting Alice Livingston during July was her sister Marian Pacaud, nephew T. J. Lewis and friend Zack Holmes; all of North Bay.

Attention Residents of Latchford!

I wish to advise that I will be opening a Chip Stand and Grocery Store in the former Red Onion Restaurant this fall. I would appreciate hearing from you as to what you would like me to stock in the Grocery Store so as to best serve your needs. If you would be so kind as to stop by the present chip stand while it is open and offer your suggestions it would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to serving your grocery needs in the future.

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Jerramy Peddie

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Funny

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?
It had great food, but no atmosphere.

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
Nothing, it just waved.

Do you want to hear a construction joke?
Sorry, I'm still working on it.

Why did the bullet end up losing his job?
He got fired.

How do you measure a snake?
In inches—they don't have feet.

Why are toilets always so good at poker?
They always get a flush

You heard the rumor going around about butter?
Never mind, I shouldn't spread it.

In bed, it's 6AM.
You close your eyes
for 5 minutes, it's 7:45

At work, it's 1:30.
Close your eyes
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A Summer sing along

At the end of a hot summer day, when the stars come out and someone has built a campfire, there's a rush to find the sticks for roasting marshmallows. People draw their chairs closer to the fire and voices, once easily heard, are now hushed as the flames become embers.

Someone might have a guitar, but even without an accompaniment, it's a natural thing for people to recall the campfire songs of their youth. It may be, "The Quartermaster's Stores" or "Ninety-nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall" but most of the words and melodies are remembered – and sung. "She wore an itchy-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow polka dot bikini" – and I hope she also wore plenty of sunscreen with a protection factor between 30 and 45, or she will get skin cancer. And if she goes into the water, she must also be on the alert for spiny water fleas, zebra mussels, blue/green algae and pollution.

"Smoke gets in your eyes" – So does smog. Other irritants include fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and other 'cides' people use so that their lawns will be more luxurious than their neighbours'.

"A bicycle built for two" – Buy a licence, wear a safety-approved helmet, have proper reflectors and obey all the rules of the road.

"In dreams I kiss your hand, madame" – but

promise me you got rid of all the germs because you sang two complete verses of Happy Birthday while you washed with soap and water or used a handy bottle of instant hand sanitizer for those hand-kissing moments.

"...Sunshine and lollypops" – Always wear a hat in the sun, plus sunglasses that will block out both harmful UVA and UVB rays. Shun lollypops that might contain harmful red dyes.

Where has real, honest-to-goodness, spontaneous summer fun gone? We could have a barbeque, but dripping fats on hot coals contain harmful carcinogens that transfer to the meat, and improperly cooked hamburger can harbour E-coli bacteria.

We could just turn off the phones and pagers, go indoors away from the bugs, but instead, let's put a few wet branches of leaves on the fire to make smoke which will keep the bugs away. Even with social distancing, we can still have a sing along. And so far, I don't think we have to purchase a government licence to sing.

Now who is with me? "Fire's burning, fire's burning. Draw nearer. Draw nearer. In the gloaming, in the gloaming, come sing and be merry."

That's my view from Over the Hill.

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 or the Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

Funny with a twist

"I punished my pupil for faking his parents' signatures. The next day, his parents sent a complaint about me to the principal. Well, I couldn't have imagined that the maiden name of his mother was Batman."

"Our system administrator is on vacation. I don't know how he does it but every morning, there appears to be a new splash screen on all the office computers - and it's of him on the beach."

"After a year of being a bachelor, I met a very nice 24-year-old girl. When she found out I didn't have a smartphone, a TV set, or an account on Facebook, she got scared and left me. While saying goodbye to me she added that she'd better find someone 'normal' for herself."

"I was boasting my unpredictability and spontaneity to my new partner. At this moment, he slowly brought his lips to mine and whispered voluptuously, 'So, amaze me.' I still don't know why I burped in response."

"Today in the park, I met my classmate that I hadn't seen since school ended. She was with her husband and 2 kids and I was catching Pokémon with my friends."

"Today, a Russian man asked me if I came from Russia. Being surprised, I answered that I didn't. Then he explained that my tattoos translated to belonging to the mafia. Hmm!"

"I fell asleep on a train and slept for only several minutes. When I woke up, everyone in the wagon was looking at me with strange smiles. I still don't know what I did."

I was on vacation in Australia. When I was sleeping, an enormously huge and creepy insect crawled on my bed and then disappeared. I couldn't find it. That was the longest night of my life."

"I work as a receptionist in a hotel. Today clients wrote a complaint saying that the water in the sea was too salty."

"The other day, 2 guys came up to me on the street. One of them said, "Give me your mobile phone, quickly." In response, I punched him in the face. The second one was shocked. Turns out, they were promoters. They were giving out leaflets inviting me to join a course in self-defense."

"Today my husband and I decided to split up the house chores. So it was his turn to wash the dishes. He opened the tap, wet his hands, closed the tap, dried his hands, took the car keys and left. He came back with a dishwasher."

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Habit #3: Put down the negativity.

When I first watched this video, as the professor poured the water into a glass, I expected him to ask the typical “glass half empty or glass half full” question. Instead, the professor asked, “How heavy is this glass of water?” Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to sixteen ounces.

Video by Meir Kay

He replied, “The absolute weight of this glass doesn’t matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it’s fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn’t change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me.”

As the class shook their heads in agreement, he continued, “Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed — incapable of doing anything else until you drop them.”

This is a true analogy for many millennials including myself. I want to remind ourselves to

take a chill pill. I know dozens of people in their mid-20’s who are literally working away the best decade of life because they want to be a hustler and achieve financial freedom.

While there’s nothing wrong with working hard, you shouldn’t sacrifice your quality of life for a big paycheck.

Moral: It’s important to remember to let go of your stresses and worries. Live life!

What kind of exercise do lazy people do? Didly-squats.

Why did the M&M go to school? He wanted to be a Smartie.

What do you call bears with no ears? B.

What’s a foot long and slippery? A slipper!

What’s red and moves up and down? A tomato in an elevator!

Rest in peace boiling water. You will be mist!

Why did the gym close down? It just didn’t work out!

Two artists had an art contest. It ended in a draw!



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