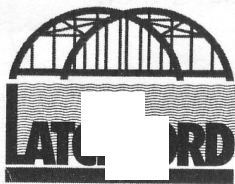


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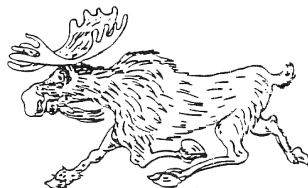
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November 2021



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

~ **Remember to Poop & Scoop** ~

Animal complaints can be reported to the Town Office @ 676-2416

COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 25th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND. YOU MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AND WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES TO ATTEND.

FIRE DEPT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

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

Just Passin Through Again

After working collectively with First Nations, Municipalities and Forest Industry representatives for more than 7 years in creating the Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC), the Province of Ontario is reacting positively. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (now, that is a mouthful!) are in the process of issuing the Sustainable Forestry License to the TFMC for the Temagami Crown Forest. The area includes the former Latchford Crown Management Unit and extends from south of Marten River to the northern boundary of Dymond Township. This area is the second last Crown Managed area in Ontario to be transferred to the more modern approach to forest management. After 110 years of establishing and operating the dam here in Latchford, Public Service and Procurement Canada (formerly Public Works) have decided they need signage to warn boaters of the hazards of the dam and from both the upstream and downstream directions! On two locations on Carter/Michiels Island upstream and on the north and south banks downstream they have, at this writing, installed two 8" I beams with at least 10 feet of the I beams exposed above ground. The signs themselves have yet to arrive but they must be some massive with this kind of support for their installation. In typical bureaucratic fashion the contract was awarded to a firm from the Muskoka area who sublet it to Temagami Barge to do the actual work, a capable local firm who should have received the contract directly. Lord knows where the signs are being made but we have a very capable sign business right here in Latchford that could have accomplished the work. Go figure?

It is good to know that the Ontario Provincial Police are keeping a good eye on speeders on Highway 11 through Latchford. This was proven conclusively when two transports were caught speeding in excess of 100 kilometres an hour, had their trucks and loads impounded for two weeks and the drivers lost their license for 30 days! I hear a number of comments about how far north of Marcotte Avenue the 60 km/hr sign is located coming south into Latchford but these two examples indicate that it is not registering with all drivers. The message here for all is, "Slow Down"!

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From the kitchen of Diana

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Panko-Coated Chicken Schnitzel

Thomas Keller of the French Laundry in Yountville, California uses panko bread crumbs to give chicken a crunchy crust. "Pounding chicken breasts to a uniform thickness cuts down on cooking time," he says.

Total:

15 mins

Yield:

4 Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

3 eggs, beaten

2 cups panko

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 6 ounces each), butterflied and pounded 1/4-inch-thick

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

1/2 cup canola oil

6 tablespoons butter

2 teaspoons capers

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Directions

Instructions Checklist

Step 1

Set the flour, eggs and panko in three separate shallow bowls. Season the chicken cutlets with salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken in the flour, shaking off any excess, then dip in the eggs and coat thoroughly with the panko, pressing lightly to adhere.

Step 2

In each of 2 large skillets, heat 1/4 cup of canola oil. Add the chicken and cook over moderately high heat, turning once, until golden and crispy, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a paper towel-lined baking sheet and sprinkle with salt, then transfer to plate.

Step 3

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt the butter and cook over moderately high heat until browned and nutty, about 4 minutes. Stir in the capers, lemon juice and parsley; spoon over the chicken and serve.

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Poppy sales began on October 29 and will continue until November 10. Again this year there will be no door to door sales but rather we will once more have a table in the lobby at the Post Office for part of each day. Ami, at the Dam Depot, has again allowed us to set up a table outside at his business where we will conduct sales and hope that they are as successful as last year's which proved to be a banner year for our poppy sales. Thanks Ami!

The abbreviated wreath laying ceremony will again occur at the Cenotaph regardless of weather and will follow all the Covid distancing protocol. It will begin shortly before 11:00 am and all are welcome to attend while observing the required protocol.

The Branch has been receiving a number of enquiries as to when we can again host events such as Crib and Euchre but until we get clarity from Provincial Command and

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

**Leslie-Ann Thomas
(Montessori, OCT)
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the Temiskaming Health Unit we are unable to begin holding these and other events such as suppers.

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NOW IT'S TIME TO REVEAL MY POEMS.

A long time ago, The Muse Of Poetry sat on my shoulder and dictated to me. She was there for three years and she was a hard mistress. I would grab a piece of paper towel, napkin, anything, get my pen and copy her dictation down instantler before it was lost. Then one day she left, likely to share her gifts with someone else. After that, I only composed two more poems and that was it. My ex-wife, who was much smarter than me and a better writer, left her creations scattered all over our desk and slowly lost them. I remembered this, so I carefully wrote out the day's poems into note-books and ended up with five volumes, containing some 850 poems. Over the years, I wondered what to do with them as I felt they were not really mine, but belonged to a wider audience. I've tried to share them in the past, but my personal fears blocked me from doing so in a meaningful way. I've had many life changes since I wrote them down and have recovered from the mental troubles that stopped me before, so now that's my ultimate goal. Linda suggested I tell you how it all began. A birthday party was planned to celebrate my being 36 and also my new freedom from the bondage of an unhappy marriage. I had an hour between getting home from work and its start. Normally I'd have a nap, but this time I was given a choice by the Muse Herself. Here it was. I could either have my nap or fill in the words between the first and last lines of a poem. If I took the poetry option, then more poems might follow. If I declined, She would move on to someone else and I'd never get another chance. Huh. I decided to take up the offer and risk some sleeplessness, and besides, the lines meshed with an incident at work earlier. I was the maintenance man at a chicken butchering plant and the women on the line had teased an unfortunate girl by telling her to give me a birthday kiss. They gleefully told me about it, but

when I went to collect, I saw she was most discomfitted at the idea, so I declined. I think she quit afterwards, as I don't remember seeing her again. Here are the two lines given to me. "I spurn the unspun gold of present truth..." and "The golden here and now has all that I can hold." I had an hour to join them up. I have long suspected this was the only poem that I myself composed out of all the others, the rest being dictations. As I go over them now, I'm sure of it, as their relevance to my mindset when they were written is nothing like it is today, now I've resolved my different mental conditions. Here is the finished poem.

YET.

I spurn the unspun gold of present truth
to gamble on the tinselled stuff of future dreams.

Their ashes fall untasted into abysmal past,
my life becomes a hollow echo of what might have been.

Yet spinning in that murky by-gone hole
are sparkling fragments of unwasted time.
Brief spells of love, joint times of mutual care
await retrieval to say: "Yes, I was there."

I could be here now if I could loose
the iron grip of future hopes and fears,
lay down my self-protecting wall
and summon forth the beauty that I am.

If I could drop what I'm supposed to be
and leave the dead things I have made behind,
alive I'd stand, nude in the icy blast,
no morrow, nor withered, jaded past.

How small I am, great wonders all around!
Each bug or weed as beautiful as I.
Each mite of Time can fill Eternity.
The golden Here and Now is all that little I can hold.

Wow! Some of The Muse's poems are just as powerful. Wait for the book and it'll knock your socks off!

All the best, Charlie by the lake.

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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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-transpirant 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. Check species with compatibility to growing zones too.
- Bye for now, Rhonda**

Subscribers News

October ended up giving us a mix of seasonal and above seasonal weather with most of the latter being the case. Everyone that claims they can predict the weather are warning that we are in for a cold winter of the old fashioned variety but I have a hard time giving any prediction credence when none forecast the summer we had! I think all will agree that the past summer was as good as it gets so just maybe winter could provide a bit of a payback. Regardless of what happens, Covid has taught us to be ready for anything!

Renewals were very light during the month as we only received two which is very unusual. Long time subscriber Yolande Tressider of Cobalt sent in her renewal and our freshly minted 81 year old, Irene Ranger renewed for her son Wayne, and wife Lisa, of St Catherines. I honestly can't remember when the action in the renewal side was that light! Of course that means there is only one direction to head renewals wise and that is up.

On the health and fitness front, Raymond Gingras is recovering well from his surgery and has now sold his house and will be moving to the Rouyn Noranda area. Francine Blowe is making her way back from her heart attack which is great news. Sheila Belanger continues to heal at home with the assistance of her daughters and Dr Roedde. By the time you read this my wife and the circulation manager of the Moose Call, Sharon, will have been to Toronto and could well have been to Sudbury for her November 09 angioplasty. There are undoubtedly others out there who are ailing or infirm, and I am sure all readers join me in wishing all a speedy return to good health.

On a much more sombre note, a former Latchford girl who has lived and raised her family in Cobalt since marrying, Annette (Rabillard) Belanger passed away on September 30. Annette was a lady who never lost her love for Latchford and anytime we met, we stopped and reminisced about her hometown. We wish to extend heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Moose Call volunteers and the readers to the family and friends of Annette.

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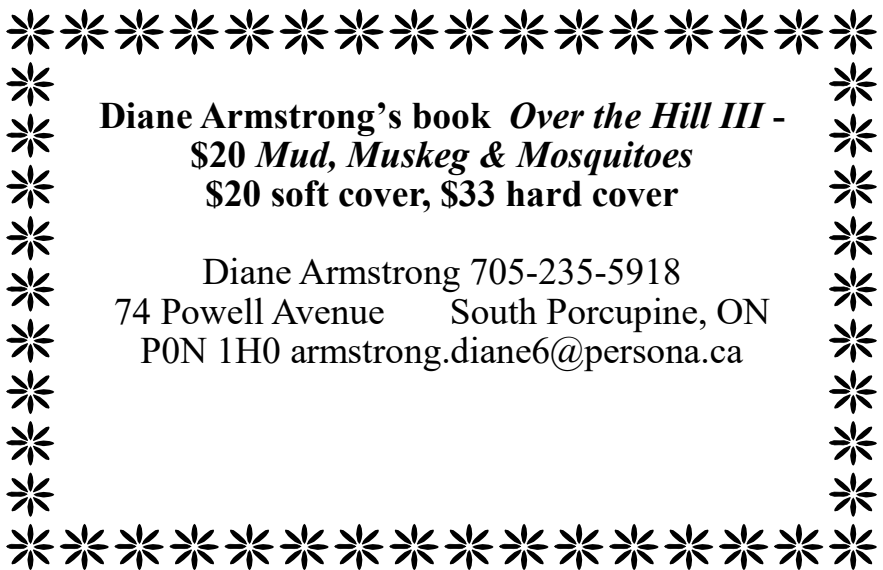


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Obituary Belanger Annette [Rabillard] -

With sadness the family announces the peaceful passing of Mrs Annette Belanger of Cobalt at the age of 85 years. Mrs Belanger passed away on Monday September 27, 2021 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born on December 9, 1935 in Latchford, Mrs Belanger is predeceased by her husband Remi Belanger, her son Pierre Belanger and by her grandson Keedan Belanger. She is survived by her children Claude and his wife Micheline Belanger, Monique Belanger, Jean Guy Belanger, Andre and his wife Judith Belanger and by her daughter-in-law Stacey Belanger. Mrs Belanger is also survived by nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren as well as her extended family members.

A memorial mass was celebrated from St-Pat's Catholic Church, Cobalt, Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Father Wayne Mills officiated. Memorial contributions in Mrs Belanger's memory can made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada or to the Temiskaming Hospital. Condolences and contributions may be left at www.buffamleveille.com.

"In Flanders' Fields"

By Lt Col John McCrae (of Guelph Canada)

Died January 28th, 1918 while on active service in France.

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.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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I have been gifted with the following memories as related by Fred Keenan and given to me by his daughter, Sheila Godby of Peterborough, and I hope to serialize them over the required number of issues. It will give readers, whether they knew the Keenans or not, a look at Latchford from 90 plus years ago. Hope you enjoy!

Latchford Memories of Fred and Ida Keenan-1928 to 30

Our biggest problem at that time and in fact continuing all winter was wood. There was no wood of any kind in the wood shed but there was a big pile of wood behind the next-door church. While Ida and Laura were setting things to right indoors I was outside trying to rustle up some fuel. An old lady, whom I later learned was Mrs. Webster coming up the road from the creek saw me ;looking at the church pile and came over and, very kindly I thought, told me we were very welcome to use as much of the wood as we needed until we could get some from the mill. This was a marvellous offer and I lost no time and carrying over enough "slabs" to our woodshed and chopping them up. With a good fire in the kitchen stove everything seemed a lot more cheerful. I continued using the pile for two or three days until, to my horror, I learned that Mrs. Webster was an Anglican and that, of course, she had no authority to give me United Church wood. However by that time I was able to get a few loads of slab from Murphy's mill. I offered to return what I had taken but Andy Pelkie, the station agent, who was one of the pillars of the UC, only laughed about it and would not let me return any of the wood we had taken. In places where wood is normally used as fuel everybody gets and stores his wood six months ahead to give it a chance to dry but this summer had been very wet so that people were being very careful of what wood they had dry. Just one of the simple things you learn. That winter we burned a lot of half-green wood and, it is hard to believe, Ida and Laura and I used to go down to the shores of Bay Lake Saturday or Sunday afternoons and saw chunks of pine or cedar from old tree roots and logs that had been washed up years ago on

the shore. We would pile chunks on a toboggan and haul it home. Sounds primitive but, really, we had a lot of fun. But it would have been better if the Board had seen to it that there was an adequate supply on hand.

Of course there were a lot of other inconveniences. No electricity so we had oil lamps. No running water so we carried drinking water from Sullivan's a neighbour and caught rain water for washing or carried water in two pails by a "yoke" from the creek 100 yards away. Outside toilet and at first it was a very primitive one. (later much improved). I guess in our case it was not so bad because both Ida and Laura came from farm homes where this was the normal way of life. We were all young and string and everybody else in Latchford, except one or two houses that had some of these conveniences, via Delco plants (never too satisfactory) lived the same way and, to tell the truth, were perfectly happy to do so. Note: Of interest to us old hockey fans, the Mrs Webster referenced moved to Kirkland Lake with her family and her relatives, the Lee's, where many of her descendents still reside. Tom Webster who enjoyed a career in the NHL is one of her grandsons.

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I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

I poured root beer in a square glass.
Now I just have beer.

My friend says to me: "What rhymes with orange" I said: "no it doesn't

And God said to John, come forth and you shall be granted eternal life.
But John came fifth and won a toaster.

So what if I don't know what Armageddon means? It's not the end of the world.

Why did the old man fall in the well?
Because he couldn't see that well.

This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

I've found a job helping a one armed typist do capital letters.
It's shift work.

I have the heart of a lion and a lifetime ban from the Toronto zoo.

Wife says to her programmer husband, "Go to the store and buy a loaf of bread. If they have eggs, buy a dozen."

Husband returns with 12 loaves of bread.

Have you heard about those new corduroy pillows? They're making headlines.

Two men meet on opposite sides of a river. One shouts to the other "I need you to help me get to the other side!"

The other guy replies "You are on the other side!"

People in Dubai don't like the Flintstones.
But people in Abu Dhabi do!

Why aren't koalas actual bears?
They don't meet the koalafications

Some people think it's romantic to carve their names on trees in the park while on a date.
I'm more worried about why they're bringing a knife on their date.

2 cows are grazing in a field. 1 cow says to the other, "You ever worry about that mad cow disease?". The other cow says, "Why would I care? I'm a helicopter!"

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!

Latchford Volunteer Fire Department News!

With the arrival of the autumn cold weather, many of us have begun to turn on the heat. The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to share some fall fire safety tips for heating your home.

For residents heating with various types of furnaces, it is a good idea to have your furnaces cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified heating, venting and air conditioning contractor prior to using it. It is important to ensure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide and smoke detectors installed in your home. Remember to keep all flammable materials away from your furnace, including fabric materials, storage bins, paint products, toxic materials, and cardboard.

For residents heating with fireplaces and woodstoves, it is a good idea to have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects. Fireplaces and fireplace dampers should be checked. Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to prevent sparks from flying out. Creosote is a deposit from smoke that can build up in a chimney and can start a fire. Wood burning stoves should be examined and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup. Never use a flammable liquid to start a

fireplace. Do not overload the hearth with wood or artificial logs, as the resulting fire may be too large for the unit. Put all ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container.

For residents using space heaters, make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space. Do not place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry. Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery. Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed. Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

A helpful tip is to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring, while changing the clocks.

LVFD extends its' wishes of safe celebrations during Remembrance Day ceremonies to the residents of Latchford. Lest We Forget.

Chantal Paquin



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