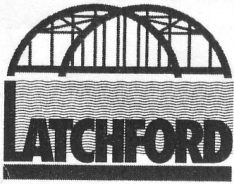


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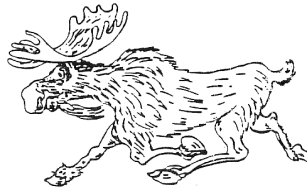
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



April 2022



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 ~

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

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

LEGION MEETING ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO TO COVID-19 CONCERNS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Just Passin Through Again

I had occasion to discuss the potential for pursuing the development of a hydro generating facility adjacent to the Latchford Control Dam with senior members of Public Service and Procurement Canada who own the dam. They were neither negative nor positive to the idea but did advise that we would have to approach the Director of Power Generation for PSPC for discussion. Despite my advanced age and my many years of participating in municipal government I never fail to be amazed by how the bureaucracy can inflate itself with so many of these seemingly one off positions? Unfortunately the game has to be played by their rules no matter how inane they may make them. With my cynical attitude towards some segments of senior government I guess retirement from small town politics for me is timely. I really didn't need any other reason than having to participate in Zoom meetings, meetings which are often organized for seemingly no other reason than to justify the meeting organizers working from home.

I have to share that I am very disappointed with the direction the Province is headed in with respect to Covid monitoring and reporting. With my wife and I having recently recovered from it, I was amazed to find that there is no need, or means, to report to anyone if you are infected with Covid. By all indications it is more rampant than in previous waves yet we are resorting to reporting hospitalizations rather than revealing true infection rates. I find all of this very misleading to those of us who are concerned about spreading it or being infected with Covid. I am among the many that continue to wear our masks when in public and I think it will be a while before that changes.

The goodies sure seem to be flowing from the government of the day prior to the June election. Refund cheques for license plate stickers have been showing up in mail boxes and they have announced that they are going to lower the provincial gas tax for a six month period but not until the election is over? I would almost think that is a bit of an incentive to vote for Doug and company for fear of losing that plum should another party be elected?

Due to my being infected with Covid it was necessary to postpone our meeting of the Communities of the Montreal River with respect to a hydro generating facility being developed at the Latchford Control Dam but we hope to hold it in early April.

George L.

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From the kitchen of Diana

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My favourite French Canadian Tortière recipe that I have had around since the early 1980's.

TOURTIÈRE

(Makes two double crust 9-inch pies)

2 pounds ground pork
1/2 half pound ground veal
1-1/2 cups hot water
1-1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 large onion chopped
1 sprig celery leaves*
1/2 teaspoon allspice
Dash cloves
1 large potato, peeled

Double Basic pastry recipe using Tenderflake Lard

** Note: If I don't have celery leaves, I decrease salt to 1 teaspoon and add half a teaspoon of celery salt. Also, I use a bit of the excess fat from the cooked meat as a base to make some gravy.*

Once the cooked cooled meat mixture goes in the pie shell, spoon a little gravy on top of the meat mixture.

If it needs moisture before covering it with pastry. Once baked, serve with remaining gravy. Combine pork, veal, hot water, salt, pepper, onion, celery leaves, allspice and cloves in a heavy saucepan.

Bring to a boil, turn down heat, cover and cook gently for half an hour, stirring occasionally. Add whole peeled potato and continue cooking gently for an hour. (potato will soak up excess fat)

Discard potato and celery leaves. Cool meat mixture. (It should be thick but still moist.) Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Line two 9-inch pie plates with pastry. Fill each with half the meat mixture. Cover with remaining pastry, seal edges well and flute. Cut slits in tops to let steam escape

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Due to a minor outbreak of Covid at the Branch we had to cancel our planned March meeting but, fingers crossed, we should be good for April. Understandably, this has very negatively affected lounge attendance and that aspect of the Branch is vital to maintaining the revenues with which to keep the doors open. Hopefully, with the onset of spring and better weather we will soon be out on the patio/horseshoe pit area which should greatly increase everyone's comfort level and result in more patrons.

On the good news front, cribbage hosted by Comrade Francine Blowe, resumed on March 13. The turnout for the resumption was good and the winners were as follows:

Cribbage Winners:

- 1st - Jim Lang and Cathy Greenwood
- 2nd- Pauline Drinkill and Marcel Allair
- 3rd- Betty Grandmont and John Tinker

50-50 Winners:

Betty Grandmont
Rosaire Joy
Marcel Allair

Next Crib is on April 10 and the Auxiliary will be holding a Community Supper on Saturday, April 16th. All welcome!

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(Montessori, OCT)
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A King's Painting

Once upon a time, there was a Kingdom. The king there only had one leg and one eye, but he was very intelligent and kind. Everyone in his kingdom lived a happy and a healthy life because of their king. One day the king was walking through the palace hallway and saw the portraits of his ancestors. He thought that one day his children will walk in the same hallway and remember all the ancestors through these portraits.

But, the king did not have his portrait painted. Due to his physical disabilities, he wasn't sure how his painting would turn out. So he invited many famous painters from his and other kingdoms to the court. The king then announced that he wants a beautiful portrait made of himself to be placed in the palace. Any painter who can carry out this should come forward. He will be rewarded based on how the painting turns up. All of the painters began to think that the king only has one leg and one eye. How can his picture be made very beautiful? It is not possible and if the picture does not turn out to look beautiful then the king will get angry and punish them. So one by one, all started to make excuses and politely declined to make a painting of the king.

But suddenly one painter raised his hand and said that I will make a very beautiful portrait of you which you will surely like. The king became happy hearing that and other painters got curious. The king gave him the permission and the painter started drawing the portrait. He then filled the drawing with paints. Finally, after taking a long time, he said that the portrait was ready!

All of the courtiers, other painters were curious and nervous thinking, How can the painter make the king's portrait beautiful because the king is physically disabled? What if the king didn't like the painting and gets angry? But when the paint-

er presented the portrait, everyone in the court, including the king, left stunned.

The painter made a portrait in which the king was sitting on the horse, on the one-leg side, holding his bow and aiming the arrow with his one eye closed. The king was very pleased to see that the painter has made a beautiful portrait by cleverly hiding the king's disabilities. The King gave him a great reward.

Moral: We should always think positive of others and ignore their deficiencies. We should learn to focus on the good things instead of trying to hide weaknesses. If we think and approach positively even in a negative situation, then we will be able to solve our problems more efficiently.

COVID safety Tips



Wear a face mask



Stay at home



Social distancing



Avoid close contact



Pay contactless



Pet hygiene



Wash your hands



Use private transport



Use disinfectant



Clean surfaces



Disinfect your phone



Order grocery online



Order food delivery



Eat healthy



Use paper tissues



Discard used gloves

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Spring is almost here! It doesn't look that way from looking outside, but spring is coming! Now is a great time to get ready for the gardening season by starting your seeds indoors with recycling material. If you are looking for inexpensive ways to start your indoor garden, here are a few clever seed starters; muffin paper, citrus peels, toilet paper rolls, egg shells, egg cartons, ice cream cones and much more! All are biodegradable moving from inside to outside planted directly into the ground - an effective way to begin the growing season. Keep your strawberry and fresh berry plastic containers from the grocery stores – they make great little greenhouses for the seed starters! Hello Spring!



Rhomda

Subscribers report

We had a typical March and true to legend it came in like a lamb (almost) and left like a lion! At one point during the month we could see bare ground but that was soon looked after and we were inundated with snow. We had a few blizzard like storms and highway closures have become the norm with snow days for schools seemingly hitting record highs for this area. I dare say no one will regret seeing the end of this winter!

Renewals during the month of March were light but one showed up expressing a lot of confidence in the future of the Moose Call. My cousin Carley Conroy Sala sent in hers for 5 more years! Now that's a lot of confidence in the ability of us volunteers to keep at it! We also received renewals for another year from former Latchford residents, Joan Carmody of New Liskeard and Marg Larente from Welland. As always, thanks to all who include the extra!

I had a very pleasant visit this month from 2 former Latchford brothers, Victor and Alain Cyr who grew up here and played some pretty mean fast ball with the Latchford Juniors back in the day. They came bearing a fantastic batch of historic pictures of Latchford that spanned from pre 1910 until the big flood of 1960. Their aunt Marie (Noel) Lingenfelter had given them to the guys to pass on to me and they are very much appreciated and I am attempting to share them on the "Friends of Latchford" Face book page as time allows.

On the health and fitness front, I have to admit I have kind of lost track of who might be ailing or infirm as here at home as we have dealt with a very traumatic month. I can tell you that Latchford's oldest veteran standing, George Brunton, had some health issues during the Month and even endured a stay in hospital. He is out and about right now but will be enduring further testing to determine his best course of action.

After attending a funeral for Sharon's uncle Bill Faulkner, who was also a long time family friend of the Lefebvre's, we both tested positive for Covid and before we could begin to respond to that Sharon's mom Sheila passed away after dealing with cancer and COPD for the past few years. The bad month ended with my beloved companion Yorkie, Bella, who has been waiting over 2 months for surgery, falling more ill and causing additional concern for both of us.

I just hope all of you readers have been having a better go of it than us and I apologize if I have missed anyone with the hopes of getting up to date next month.

George L.

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 Francine @ 1-647-927-9757 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

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Subscriber Letters

Note of Thanks

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our friends and neighbours for the many acts of kindness and the expressions of grief that they extended to us following the recent loss of our beloved mother, Sheila Belanger. Further thanks are extended to all who helped with her care and showed their love for her in many ways, especially in recent years.

Thanks from her daughters, Sharon Lefebvre and Jeannie Belanger.

Funny

A soldier survived mustard gas in battle, and then pepper spray by the police. He's now a seasoned veteran.

A farmer in the field with his cows counted 196 of them, but when he rounded them up he had 200.

I'm addicted to brake fluid, but I can stop whenever I want.

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

What do you call it when Batman skips church? Christian Bale.

How does NASA organize their company parties? They planet.

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom? Because the "P" is silent.

What kind of shoes do ninjas wear? Sneakers.

Did you hear about the new corduroy pillows? They're making headlines everywhere!

What time is it when you have to go to the dentist? Tooth-hurtie.

My friend recently got crushed by a pile of books, but he's only got his shelf to blame.

What do you call an ant who fights crime? A vigilANTE!

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Obituary

Faulkner, William - (1931 – 2022) Bill passed away peacefully with family by his side, at the North Bay Regional Health Centre on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the age of 90 years.

Beloved husband of the late Priscille Faulkner. Dear father of Dan (Jill), Randy, and Cheryl Zimba (Doug). He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Matt, Chris, Lori-Anne, Amanda and Carley, great-grandchildren Hailey and Hayden. Survived by his brother Norman Faulkner and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Anne and Robert Faulkner, brothers Lawrence, Cameron, George and sister Mable Faulkner.

Bill was a proud member of the United Association Local 800.

Family will receive friends at HILLSIDE FUNERAL SERVICES, 362 Airport Rd, on Saturday, March 19, from 1 until 3 p.m. A celebration of his life will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the NBRHC, Unit A1 for their exceptional care.

Donations to the North Bay Pet Save or the North Bay Humane Society will be gratefully acknowledged by his family.

OBITUARY

Sheila Catherine Belanger

It is with profound sadness and deep love that the family of Sheila Catherine Belanger announces her passing on March 22 after a long, valiant struggle with cancer and COPD. Sheila passed away at age 85 with daughter Jean by her side at Temiskaming Hospital.

Sheila was a devoted wife to the late Peter, mother to Sharon (George) Lefebvre, the late Glen Belanger and Jean Belanger. Sheila was grandmother to Eric Garreau (Leighann), Jennifer Miller, Christopher (Jennifer) Garreau and Cory (Daisy) Garreau, Tim Clavelle, Chrissie (Mike) Stirling, Jeanette Belanger, Glen Jr. Belanger (Thea), Samantha Belanger (Scott), and D'Arcy Lefebvre (Heather). She was a great grandmother

to Hannah, Brandon, Faith, Brooke, Briar, Lance, Dawson, Noah, Riley, Taylor, Emily, Clara, Connor, Ethan, Dawson, Belamy, Colton, Taylor, Jaiden, Izabelle, Alexandra, Ashton, Breanne and great-great grandmother to Noah, Vivienne, Lenna, Laila, Riley, Charles and Rilee May. She leaves behind her devoted pets; Lucky, Minou and Lily. Sheila is fondly remembered and missed by Frances Lefebvre, whom she referred to as a daughter, and by her friend Ron Cloutier who was also her caregiver and friend as well as by many nieces and nephews.

Sheila was raised in North Cobalt and predeceased by her parents; Norman and Flora (Taylor) Hewitt of that community. She was also predeceased by husband Peter, her son Glen, her brothers Clifford, Norval and Dennis.

Sheila was very active in Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC, Branch 629 of the Royal Canadian Legion where she was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary and served in most of the executive chairs including President and was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department while it functioned. She loved her card games and not only played them but voluntarily organized them for others for many years at the Legion and was always a valued volunteer contributor to community suppers and other events at the Branch.

The family wish to extend sincere thanks to Dr Gretchen Roedde who cared for Sheila during her last years and to Dr Goddard and the staff at Temiskaming Hospital where she passed. Further thanks are sincerely extended to her friend Sue Smerdon who cared for Sheila on numerous occasions.

A celebration of life for Sheila will be held at a later date at Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC Branch 629 in Latchford.

Condolences and tributes may be left at www.buffamleveille.com Donations in Sheila's memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC Br 629 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Funny!

Will's experience at the airport:

After his return from Rome, Will couldn't find his luggage in the airport baggage area. He went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that his bags hadn't shown up on the carousel.

She smiled and told him not to worry because they were trained professionals and he was in good hands.

Then she asked Will, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

Mouthology:

A Professor was traveling by boat. On his way he asked the sailor:

"Do you know Biology, Ecology, Zoology, Geography, physiology?"

The sailor said no to all his questions.

Professor: What the hell do you know on earth. You will die of illiteracy.

After a while the boat started sinking. The Sailor asked the Professor, do you know swiminology & escapology from sharkology? The professor said no.

Sailor: "Well, sharkology & crocodilology will eat your bottomology, headology & you will dieology because of your mouthology.

Elephant:

The class teacher asks students to name an animal that begins with an "E". One boy says, "Elephant."

Then the teacher asks for an animal that begins with a "T". The same boy says, "Two elephants."

The teacher sends the boy out of the class for bad behavior. After that she asks for an animal beginning with "M".

The boy shouts from the other side of the wall: "Maybe an elephant!"

Amusing Married Men Only Story

Will and Guy have no information as to the veracity about this funny tale from the USA.

Apparently in a small town somewhere in the USA there is a large factory that will only recruit married men. One of the local women, one Brenda Davy, a feisty young lady, was angry about this and demanded to speak to the manager to find out why.

Brenda demanded to know, 'Why is it you limit your employees to married men? Is it because you think women are weak, dumb, cantankerous.....or what?' 'Not at all, Ma'am,' the Factory Manager replied. 'It is because our employees are used to obeying orders, are accustomed to being shoved around, know how to keep their mouths shut and don't pout when I yell at them.'

Easy to Swallow?

My sister, Paula, and her husband, Chris, had just finished tucking their young ones into bed one evening when they heard crying coming from the children's room. Rushing in, they found Tommy crying hysterically.

He had accidentally swallowed a 5p piece and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind. Trying to calm him, Chris

palmed a 5p coin that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to remove it from Tommy's ear. Tommy, naturally, was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully - 'Do it again, Dad!'

Fire department news

Spring is here! The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind the residents and visitors of Latchford of a few April safety tips for spring clean-up.

When cleaning out basements, garages, sheds, and other storage areas, it is important to keep stairs and landings uncluttered and clear for safe evacuation in the event of an emergency. There should be clear, accessible pathways to every room, doorway, and window in your home and storage areas. Spring is a good time to start decluttering and recycling, getting rid of some of winter's accumulated "things", such as old newspapers, boxes, magazines and junk mail. These items can cause unnecessary clutter and can be a hazard as they ignite and spread fire quickly.

If you have not used your barbeque and outdoor cooking appliances throughout the winter, it is a good idea to clean them out and ensure they are working properly prior to cooking with them. Make sure to check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for damage and to ensure they are working properly prior to use.

Spring is also a good time to do some safety checks and emergency preparations, such as: checking your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, making sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street, and checking windows to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit. It is a good idea to prepare for storm related outages, making sure your flashlights and other battery-operated devices have charged batteries. Hav-

ing extra spare batteries on hand is always a good idea.

Spring brings the thawing and break-up of our lakes, rivers and ponds. Make sure to keep a close eye on children and pets around the newly open waterways.

The LVFD would like to wish everybody a safe, happy and healthy Easter weekend.

This month's LVFD spotlight is Perry Livingston. Perry has been on the LVFD for ten years. When asked why Perry joined the LVFD, he said "My dad was a fireman here in Latchford and as a kid, I spent a lot of time at the fire hall. When I had time and opportunity, I eagerly volunteered so that I could continue his legacy and also have the chance to give something back to our community." When asked what motivates or drives Perry to continue to be a LVFD volunteer he responded, "The physical, mental and emotional challenges; the feeling of accomplishment and especially the absolutely great group of like-minded people at the LVFD." **Chantal Paquin**




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