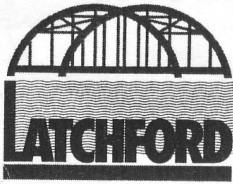


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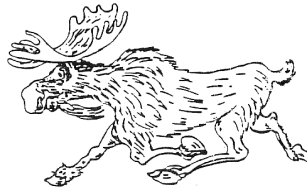
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



May 2022



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COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY TO BE HELD ON THE 19th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LEGION MEETING WILL BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Just Passin Through Again

We managed to hold our Communities of the Montreal River (CMR) meeting on April 08 and it was very beneficial to getting this worthwhile project moving again. Chief Arden McBride of the Timiskaming First Nation, Harri Makivirta the Community Energy Champion for the Temagami First Nation, Mayor Dan Cleroux of Coleman Township, Jeff Barton who consulted on the effort made in 2015 with Councillor Francine Blowe and I representing Latchford's interests.

A lot of the required leg work to restart this project has already been done as the CMR had conducted a prefeasibility study on it in 2015 but were denied the FIT contract by the government of the day which would have allowed us to proceed. The study indicated that the site could generate in the range of 1 megawatt of hydro and we know that hasn't changed. The recent initiative of the province which directed Ontario Power Generation and others in the electricity supply chain to identify additional hydro generating sites in the northern area of the province, in particular, to increase the supply of electricity into the provincial grid lends encouragement to this project.

And, while we are speaking of the dam, I had an interesting email from PSPC this month. It was to advise the Town that the new safety buoy which they had installed just upstream of the dam last summer had lost its anchorage on the north shore (the Michel's/Carter's Island) and was trailing downstream to the dam. She assured me that there was no danger of it going through the dam and further that it was still under warranty, the supplier had been notified and it would be repaired. I did not mention that it had not yet been exposed to the broken ice which has to pass through the buoy every spring during break-up. Latchford representatives had expressed disbelief that they would even consider a permanent buoy in the location.

This is a good example of what can happen when people make decisions from the comfort of a desk in a far off location (Ottawa/Hull) without ever having visited the actual site of what they are making a decision relative to. As my late father used to say, "Poor Canada!" and he was not referring to our debt.

George L.

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From the kitchen of Diana

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Due my passion for maple syrup

(or anything maple), I ordered a 4 litre jug of amber maple syrup again this year from Mike and Sarah Clapperton of Loring, Ontario. They were the world's first prize winner in the Royal Agricultural Fair in 2019 in Toronto for their amber maple syrup.. Well now they have two more awards. They placed first for their maple sugar and second for their maple butter in 2021 at the Fair. I also ordered some of their maple butter and can't imagine how they placed second as their maple butter is absolutely delicious. Also, I'd like to mention that Sarah contacted me to let me know that she used the maple cake recipe I put in an earlier Moosecall. She substituted maple sugar for the sugar and both she and her husband really enjoyed it. She posted the cake recipe on their Facebook with a link to the Moosecall (permission was gladly granted) and I thanked her for her very positive feedback on the cake and the Moosecall.

Maple-Frosted Spice Cupcakes

CAKES / RECIPES WITH MAPLE SYRUP
(12 PORTIONS)

1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
3/4 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
3 large eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon maple syrup
1/2 cup buttermilk

MAPLE CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1 250-g (8 oz) package of cream cheese, at room temperature
1/4 cup butter, at room temperature
1 cup icing sugar
1/4 cup maple syrup

Preheat oven to 160 °C (325 °F).

In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar about 5 minutes or until light and fluffy.

Incorporate eggs one at a time, beating well and scraping sides of bowl after each addition.

On high speed, mix in vanilla and maple syrup.

Finally, in 3 alternating instalments, add dry ingredients and buttermilk. Mix until all ingredients are fully moistened.

Line a muffin pan with paper cups. Fill each cup to the top with batter.

Bake 25 to 35 minutes, until tops are golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean.

Allow cupcakes to cool in the pan for 15 minutes, then transfer to a baking rack and let cool completely.

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Cream together cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in icing sugar.

Add maple syrup and beat until smooth. Use to frost cooled cupcakes.

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Our next Legion meeting is scheduled for May 14 and hopefully we can get enough members to turn out to form the required quorum which wasn't realized at our April meeting. Branch and Auxiliary elections are imminent so all members are encouraged to attend and to stand for office if so inclined.

While weather in April never warmed to the degree to open the patio or to start horse-shoes, both of those activities will soon be in full swing and will hopefully result in an increase of patrons. Uneasiness over Covid cases in the community and area resulted in the cancellation of the community supper planned for April 16th and also contributed to the very poor turnout of participants for cribbage on April 10th.

The Jackie Robert Memorial Euchre Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, May

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Grass and forest fire safety tips

Tips on how to be Fire Smart

Shore lunch and campfires are responsible for wildfires every spring. Residents are reminded that they must tend their fires at all times, making sure to put them dead out before leaving. If it is windy, the risk of a wildfire is high – don't burn!

Residents planning on burning grass, brush or other wood debris should consider composting or taking material to landfill sites instead. Each spring, grass fires get out of control and cause needless damage to barns, homes and cottages. Planning to use fireworks this weekend? Under the Forest Fires Prevention Act (FFPA), any person who sets off fireworks is responsible to ensure any hot residue from the discharge of fireworks is extinguished. There may also be municipal by-laws in place regarding the use of fireworks.

Residents are reminded of their responsibilities under the FFPA. All forest fires are investigated to determine the cause, and a person can be held responsible for the costs of extinguishing or property damage incurred by a forest fire. Residents within organized municipalities should check with local fire departments or municipal offices for any burning restrictions in their area.



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If you are indoors during a wildfire:

move away from outside walls
close doors but leave them unlocked
close windows, vents and blinds
remove lightweight curtains

Open the fireplace damper and close fireplace screens

Turn a light on in each room to make your home easier to see in heavy smoke

Turn off air conditioners.

Have a flashlight, extra batteries and a battery-powered radio close at hand in case the power goes out.

Keep all family members and pets together.

If you are outdoors during a wildfire:

Don't try to outrun the fire — find a pond or river to crouch in.

If you're not near water, go to a lower level clearing.

If you're near a road, lie face down along the road cut or in the ditch. Cover yourself with soil or anything else that will shield you from the fire's heat.

Protect your lungs by breathing air closest to the ground through a moist cloth to avoid inhaling smoke.

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Let the flower show begin!

Spring awakens from its sleep; migrating birds will fill the air to welcome a new season. Anytime now, we will see the early risers; tulips, crocuses and daffodils pushing their way through the soil or maybe even the snow to visit us again. Then creeping phlox (pink, purple and white), grape/blue hyacinths, and two tone irises will all announce their arrival with a colourful springtime sight. Oh, let's not forget the spectacular display that a large group of brilliant tulips will bring to dazzle the senses.

Springtime is the season to pick up the mess and clean up the damage that winter has left behind, like broken branches, leaves, pinecones and other tree droppings that our lawnmower's would not like to mulch. Left over wet leaves and debris may smother our delicate plants if not removed. Leaves can be a great insulator to protect from frost, but once spring arrives, it's wise to take them away to avoid losing the plants. Edge your garden beds and pull weeds early this season to stop them from seeding and spreading. Plump up flowerbeds and plants with a triple mix –compost, peat, and loam to add nutrients back into your flowers, so they continue to grow bigger and healthier. You may need to trim cedar hedges and shrubs, if you didn't get it done in the fall. It's a good idea to get proper gloves for those raking jobs to avoid getting blisters on your hands, which seem to take forever to heal. Work gloves or garden gloves both work well. Find some rubber boots or shoes that are comfortable for your feet to work in wet and muddy areas too.

Remember to work slowly back into gardening, stretch before you start. Your muscles need a little time to wake up and get moving too! Gardening is an excellent way to keep up on the exercise and get some work done at the same time, double bonus. It's also the perfect time to check over all your gardening tools and accessories, so they will function at their best for the season ahead. Lawn mowers and tractors included in this maintenance check. Spring is here, let's suit up with the proper gardening gear and tools to welcome all the beauty that spring has to offer us this year! Happy gardening!

If you would like to check out some of my spring paintings, here listed below are two sites available.

Rhonda's Cards



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Subscribers report

April demonstrated to us here in Latchford, once again, that spring doesn't arrive at any particular date but rather when Mother Nature decides to reward us with some warm weather and April sure has been a mixed bag in that respect. The bays and shoreline of Bay Lake are still clogged with ice at this writing with the main body being free of ice. On the plus side, to date, freshet has been light and let us hope that continues but it only takes one major rainstorm to change that in a hurry. The Mallards have once more returned to the creek upstream of the covered bridge and that is always a welcome site!

Renewals during the month of April were once more light and were led off by one for another two years from Gino Chitaroni of Portage Bay who has sold the former Temiskaming Testing Laboratory and relocated his geology and exploration business into the former Gem Shop in downtown Cobalt. That was followed up by one from my favourite redhead, Frances (Jones) Barker of New Liskeard who opted for another two years and completing the month was one from Carolyn Bigras who gifted son Mitch Bigras of Woodstock with another years reading! As always, thanks to all who include the extra!

On the health and fitness front, Latchford's oldest veteran standing, George Brunton, is awaiting some surgery to get him back and battle ready and has now returned to his home. Also hospitalized at this time is the Moose Call's very own, Charlie by the Lake, who is quite ill and not doing the best from my understanding and he is joined in hospital by Claudette Hachey who has also been enduring an extended visit to hospital. So please keep this lady and these two gentlemen in your thoughts and prayers as well as any others who may be ailing or infirm. The prevalence of Covid in the area is not something that is openly discussed but I am aware of a number who have had it and have recovered, including my wife and I, so hopefully that is waning in our community and area.

The good news for me, personally, was that my little buddy Bella survived her surgery and was given a clean bill of health by the Vet after it was all over. Weather permitting we can get back to our daily strolls which benefits the both of us!

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

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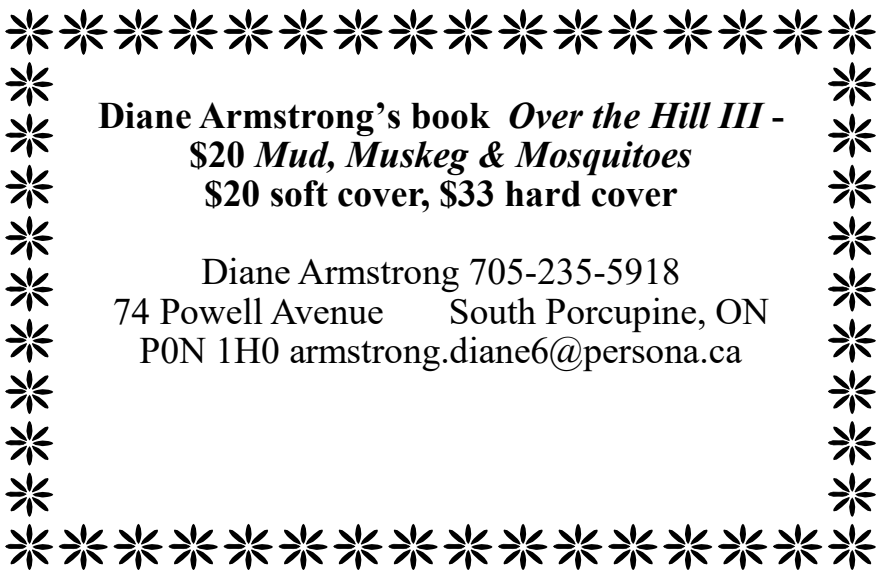


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Funny

Tricky Jar

An 85-year-old man goes to see his doctor for his regular physical exam. The doctor says that the man needs to provide a sperm sample and gives him a jar saying, "Take this jar home with you and come back tomorrow with a sperm sample."

The next day the old man goes back to the doctor and gives him the jar, which is as clean and empty as when the doctor gave it to him.

So the doctor asks what happened and why there is no sperm sample in the jar. The old man says, "Well, doc, it's like this... first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand – nothing; then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Maisie, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing it between her knees, but still nothing."

The doctor is really shocked by all this and asks incredulously, "You asked your neighbor???"

The old man replies, "Yep, not one of us could get the jar open."

Driving Test

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his Dad if he could start using the family car.

The Dad said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car"

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks, the Dad said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

His Dad replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

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Blind Pigs and other nefarious pursuits

Diane Armstrong

It all began with the Ontario Temperance Act of 1919, often called by the American term, "Prohibition" and the various laws that applied to some, but not others. atPlatinum

Local municipalities could determine whether their towns would remain "dry" or "wet". Back then, in Northern Ontario, there was also a ban on liquor sales within a five-mile radius of any mine.

In "dry" towns, one could still purchase legal alcohol if a person was ill, resulting in a bustling business for local doctors who wrote the prescriptions and the druggist who filled them. Children earned pennies from the druggist for redeeming empty glass bottles.

The term Blind Pig is synonymous with bootlegger, terms which began during Prohibition south of the border, the former being a place where illegal liquor is sold and the latter being the seller. In the North, every town had them and it was rare that police enforcement deterred any. Perhaps it was defiance. Perhaps it was because of low miner's wages or the myth that beer would "wash the dust out of your lungs." Perhaps it was many other things, but many oldtimers will even recall the numerical addresses of their neighbourhood Blind Pig.

Whatever the original reasons for the Ontario Temperance Act, it did not stop the sales of alcohol. As a result, there are many funny stories, which may or may not be true, of persons risking the law.

One tale from early Elk Lake was about a woman who had been alerted to an imminent visit by an inspector. She quickly put her bottles of liquor into a wash tub, filled the tub with soapy water and with a wash board, was scrubbing trousers vigorously while singing "Nearer my God to Thee" when the inspector arrived. She invited him to check her house for contraband, which he did. The inspector told his co-worker that such a fine woman could not be guilty of breaking the law, but the story also says the woman was heard singing the children's hymn, "Jesus Loves Me,

This I Know" as he left the premises, empty-handed.

According to Andre Wetjen and L.H.T. Irvine in their book, "The Kirkland Lake Story", their town in 1923, fully 87 per cent of the police budget came from fines under the O.T.A. But the town only had one police officer who was basically tolerant of Blind Pigs known by colourful names such as Black Mary's, the Banana Farm, the Bucket of Blood or the Dew Drop Inn. However, he would readily arrest people for being drunk, disorderly or for rowdy behaviour, the fines from which, added to the police budget.

There were always cat-and-mouse games played whenever the provincial inspectors arrived and another Kirkland Lake story tells of a local bag piper who would stand at the top of Prospect Hill and play "The Campbells are Coming" and recognizing this tune as an alert, all contraband would be quickly hidden away.

In several towns, more than one local druggist employed the ingenious way of hiding stock by dispensing it from behind the soda bar. Instead of root beer, grape or orange soda, pulling the lever allowed him to pour whiskey, rum or gin.

Even after the O.T.A. was repealed, the town of Schumacher had at least eight hotels where beer was sold legally, but older residents can name at least one bootlegger on every street. I've been told when liquor ran out, they often bought the owner's homemade wines at a dollar a glass.

Mountjoy Township had the Jack Pine Inn and Timmins had many Blind Pigs, including a well-known address on Fifth Avenue. I also have an old photo of a man squatting between the rails of a railway track somewhere just outside the Porcupine. In front of him are small, strange, upright bundles of straw. The caption reads, "What the heck are those bundles of straw and why the wicked grin? You guessed it. Bootleg booze, bundled thus to pad the precious drink, and to bury it within the train cars filled with animal feed."

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Blind Pigs continued.....

The following edited story was sent to me by a friend and I promised to delete all incriminating names: "In the 1930s, my dad became a driver and right-hand man for a breweries' rep for the whole area near Kirkland Lake. They had every hotel, blind pig and bootlegger sewn up for his company's labels. They'd even take a truckload of beer to lumber camps, drop all the cases on consignment, and return weeks later for the empties and payment. On one of his trips south with his boss, he even met Bugsy Seigel, the notorious American gangster who was there to negotiate with the brewery rep, a steady supply of Canadian product at the Windsor or Sarnia border crossings but dad said his job was only to stand at the side of the room and keep quiet."

Thank you, Mary, Bruce, Stan, John and Maggie for sharing your contributions to this column.

Obviously, Prohibition didn't work on either side of the border!

That's my view from Over the Hill.

The Man With The Ostrich

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him.

The waitress asks for their orders. The guy says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?"

"I'll have the same," says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$18.40 please."

The man reaches into his pocket and, without looking, pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the guy and the ostrich return to the same restaurant and the guy says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke."

The ostrich says, "I'll have the same."

Again the guy reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until one night they enter the restaurant and the

waitress asks, "The usual?"

"No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and salad", says the guy.

"Me too," says the ostrich.

The waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$42.62."

Once again the guy pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the guy, "several years ago I was cleaning my attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the guy.

The waitress asks, "But, sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The guy sighs and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type."

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A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"

"Don't worry," said the doc. "Those are just contractions."

Latchford Volunteer Fire Department News!

Get out your calendars and “save the date” for Saturday, August 13th, 2022. The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department will once again be hosting a Rubber Duck Race fundraiser at the Latchford Dam. Ticket sale information, times and event details are to follow shortly.

Last month the LVFD volunteers monthly training included proper use of breathing apparatuses, using ladders to climb on and off of buildings, operation of firetruck pumps and hoses, and first response rescue. Below are pictures of April’s training day.

The LVFD would like to wish everybody a safe, happy and healthy May-long weekend. We would also like to wish everyone a happy Mother’s Day.

This month’s LVFD spotlight is Trent Matton. Trent has been on the LVFD for five years. When asked why Trent joined the LVFD, he said “I wanted to help the town I grew up in and keep this amazing town safe for my family and everyone who lives here”. When asked what motivates or drives Trent to continue to be a LVFD volunteer, Trent responded, “Helping the people in need and feeling like what I do could help someone on one of their worst days.” The LVFD thanks Trent for his devoted years of service.

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