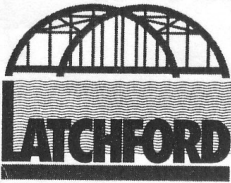


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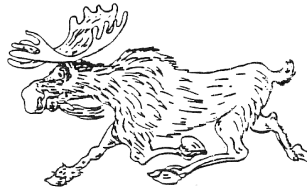
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



December 2022



PUBLIC NOTICE

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 13th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 6:30 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Mayors Report

I would like to take the time to thank everyone that took the time to run in our municipal election and to congratulate the successful candidates. All were inaugurated Nov. 15th.

I do realize I do have big shoes to fill and will try to do my absolute best for this small town.

I would like to thank George for taking the time out of his busy schedule to meet and make sure that I had all his contacts information for future work.

We do have a lot of knowledge out there and it will be worth it for all of the council to use the opportunity to reach out to these people as I am sure their doors are always open, and they are willing to share their knowledge wholeheartedly. We all want to see our little town grow and prosper.

Our council meetings are going to be twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. My hope is that people will start coming to council meetings and participating in their town also.

I did have the opportunity to meet Doug Ford and some of the Ontario Ministers. It was an eye-opening experience and hopefully it helps with getting funding going forward. I would like to thank Scott Green for asking me to attend this event and all that he has helped me with also.

Well, it looks like winter may be here to stay and I am sure that Jack Frost is going to be happy too. With the town of Latchford will be having our town tree lighting on Dec. 2nd at 6:30pm at the Rec Center. There will be a fire and hot chocolate for all to enjoy and chat with other town folks.

The Seniors gifts will be delivered Dec. 18th. Thank you to Parks and Rec. for working on these events.

We did have a little issue at the water treatment plant Nov. 13th with the water pressure exceptionally low through town early that morning. The PCL had crashed but our diligent town crew got it fixed in a timely fashion and all was back on track.

We were fortunate enough to receive OMPF funding for another year. Any amount of funding is great for our small town.

At this time would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Yours Truly

Sharon Gadoury-East



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1/4 teaspoon (1 ml) salt
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) (170g) butter , softened
3/4 cup (175 ml) firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup (125 ml) molasses
1 egg
1 teaspoon (5 ml) Pure Vanilla Extract
1/4 cup (60 ml) granulated sugar
60 white and milk chocolate swirled kiss-shaped candies
Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into a thick flat disk.
Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Shape dough into 1-inch (2 1/2-cm) balls. Roll in granulated sugar to coat. Place 2 inches (5-cm) apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies just begin to brown. Immediately press a chocolate candy into center of each cookie. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days. For a festive holiday twist, drizzle cookies with melted chocolate and sprinkle with Cake

Mate Décors!

French Onion Stuffed Pork Loin

Seriously AMAZING stuffed pork loin with French Onion!

Course: Dinner, Main CourseCuisine: AmericanKeyword: French Onion Stuffed Pork Loin, Pork loin, stuffed pork loin Servings: 6 adults Author: Amanda Rettke-iambaker.net

Ingredients

ONIONS

3 tablespoons butter
2 yellow onions, thinly sliced
1/2 cup beef broth

PORK LOIN

1 center-cut pork loin, about 3 pounds
2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
2 cups shredded gruyere cheese, divided.

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Onions - In a large oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onions and beef broth and cook until the onions are browned and tender (approximately 15-20 minutes). Transfer cooked onions

to a bowl and tent to keep warm.

Pork Loin - Butterfly the pork. With the pork on a cutting board, hold a knife blade parallel to the board and

carefully make a lengthwise cut about 1/3 of the way from the bottom, stopping about 1 inch from the opposite

end, being careful not to cut through. Open the loin like a book. Make a second cut on the thick side of the

pork loin, horizontal with the first cut. Do not cut all the way through, stop about 1 inch from the opposite **Continued on page 11.....**

We are pleased to have hosted our first Covid Free Remembrance Day Ceremony since 2019. The Ceremony was very well attended. It was our extreme honour to accept a very generous donation from Karl Hannah.

We were thrilled to receive the Remembrance Day bus crawl this year and especially honoured to host the Haileybury 54 Pipe Band. During our bus ride, we had the opportunity to attend a very moving ceremony at the Cobalt veteran's cemetery where solar powered candles have been placed on veteran's grave sites.

Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for putting on a fabulous lunch!

Branch 629 will be open December 31st 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a light lunch being served at 6:00 pm. We are looking forward to bringing in the New Year together.

Please note that there has been a slight change in our hours of operation. Branch hours are Friday 7:30 to 9:30, Saturday 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday.

Francine Blowe
President, Ladies Auxiliary
Perry Livingston
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Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC Branch 629
Royal Canadian Legion



***FROM THE LATCHFORD
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT***



“Hello” for Rita McDiarmid

I recently visited former long-time Latchford resident Rita McDermid, and this is a Moose Call update.

As some may know, Rita took several tumbles lately, and has moved into an assisted-living facility which

just opened its doors. It is a very nice building, the staff are competent and caring, and COVID and other safety protocols are top-notch.

Rita has recovered from her tumbles, her mind and eyesight are sharp, her sense of humour is keen, and she is adjusting nicely to her latest care adventure. All in all, a very good showing by Rita who is 96.

**Rita loves to receive letters and cards from ‘home’. Her new mailing address is
Rita McDermid
Southbridge LTC, Room 234
121 George St W.,
Kemptonville, ON. K0G 1J0**

Primerica Official Opening

I, along with the Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of Commerce would love to invite you to the Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Opening of my Primerica Financial Services Office, Fri Dec 9th from 12-1pm. Free refreshments, snacks and a Door Prize!!

Ribbon cutting at 12:30pm. Fred Keenan Building, 66 Main Street, Suite B, Latchford, ON

Thank you for all the support I have received so far! Latchford truly is a community of great people! I hope you pop by! I will be excited to meet you, if I haven't yet already!

Feel free to call me with any questions. Trisha @ 705 818-0196

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Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Umbrella and Trellis Christmas Trees

In the days of a recycle, and reuse mindset it's easy to see how our old junk can be reinvented to become new again. With Christmas being just around the corner and maybe having to be a little frugal as to what areas we spend our money – this month's tip can certainly help with the outdoor decorating area.

To begin, let's look at stuff, things around the garden, or junk as some may call it, with a different perspective. Force yourself to see the junk, even parts of the junk in a whole different light, not necessarily what the object is intended for. Can parts or sections of the things be used to create other useful things? Let's take an umbrella for example; normally used to keep us dry from the rain and shield us from the sun, but, when you look at its natural shape, you can see the possibilities of a tree shape – a Christmas tree shape. This idea occurred to be when the outer cover of my large deck/patio umbrella became worn and fragile from the sun. The wooden skeleton of the umbrella was still in good condition, so I thought of another use for it – a wooden Christmas tree to shine bright outside for the holidays!

Simply remove the weathered wrap cover, unscrew the extension pole section and the pulley/cord hardware (optional), so all you are left with is the tree shaped skeleton. Next, decide how wide you want the legs of the tree to spread out. Then secure a screw into the base pole to stop it from going up or down. Mine stands approximately 4.5 feet tall. Use wire or rope to wrap around each arm to circle the tree top to make it sturdy. Now for the fun part, adding the Christmas lights. With your chosen colour of lights, wrap the tree skeleton in a circular motion, securing every second wrap around with a tie wrap. Depending on the size of your umbrella, you'll probably need a couple of sets of lights to make the tree look full.

For the final part, plug in your Christmas lights, step back and take in the beauty of your finished creation, a long lasting outdoor Christmas tree that can be enjoyed for many years. Luckily, I had two umbrella skeletons to decorate and a smaller garden cone shaped trellis (a wire tomato cage would work) to add to the collection. Group the trees together to shine bright, a brilliant way to use what you already have without a ton of cost. Imagine a group of 5 or 6 tomato cage trellises all lit up! These trees could also be used indoors too – no rules. Tomato cages over outdoor garden planters, or bamboo sticks arranged into tree shapes with garland works great too! Merry Christmas!

Bye for now, Rhonda



rhonda's Cards



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Bye for now

Rhonda



Subscribers News

I will start the column by apologizing for the late release of the November issue which is best described as related to technical issues. As all of us involved in assembling and creating each issue do so strictly as volunteers and I know how important they (volunteers) are, I hope my apology is a sufficient explanation.

Our weather through the month has been decent and while the ground is covered with a couple of inches of snow at this writing (November 23) we have certainly not seen anything in the order of western New York State or even the lesser amount around Georgian Bay. The bays are frozen but the main part of Bay Lake is still wide open and the forecast through until the end of the month indicates they will remain that way until December.

Renewals were light this month but there was one of considerable significance and that one came from our very first subscriber, Bert Jones of North Cobalt, who renewed for another year. Not only was Bert the very first subscriber, he was one who really pressed to have the Moose Call become a monthly publication as it had only been intended to be a summer publication. Thanks for your continued faith and interest, Bert!

Next in was one from Marie Turcotte who gifted Richard Corbett of Temagami with another year's reading and the month wrapped up with another year for a subscriber that prefers to remain anonymous. Then we had a renewal for 2 more years from Joyce (St. Jean) Wood of Sprucedale, ON and wrapping up the month was one for another year from a guy who never forgets his Latchford roots, Dr Barry Wellar from Nepean! Thanks to all for their continued interest in, and support for, the Moose Call.

On the health and fitness front we have a few additions to report but they primarily come from colds and the odd case of flu that seems to be prevalent this time of year. One thing that is worth sharing is that when trying to acquire cold medication/cough syrup for our home I was made aware that it seems to be in very short supply. A word to the wise would be to have some on hand just in case. A conversation with John French Jr alerted me to his mom, Marian French who is now our oldest lady in Latchford, dealing with some health issues that will need her to head to Sudbury for attention. To Mrs French and all others who may be ailing or infirm, a speedy return to good health is wished in preparation for the holiday season.

In closing, all of us who contribute to the making of the Moose Call want to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all our readers! Stay well!

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

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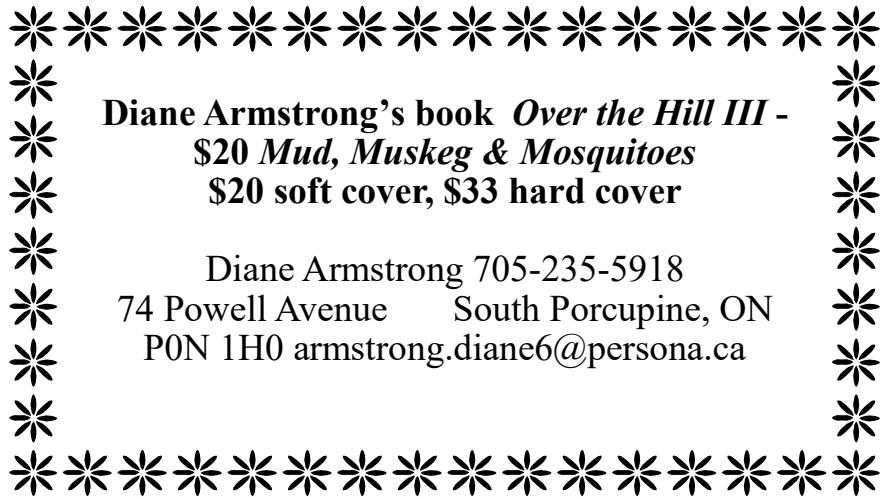
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Christmas Fun Facts

Sweden celebrates Christmas with a giant, straw Yule Goat.

Two of Santa's reindeer originally had different names.

The longest-running Santa Claus parade happens in Illinois.

One of the oldest Christmas markets dates back to the 1600s.

"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" was recorded by a 13-year-old.

Artificial Christmas trees were once made with goose feathers.

Hallmark holiday movies only take 2 weeks to film.

Brazil set the record for the world's largest floating Christmas tree.

"Jingle Bells" was the first song played in space.

The tradition of hanging stockings comes from a legend about marriage.

The NORAD Santa Tracker was created due to a child's misunderstanding.

If you gave all the gifts listed in the "Twelve Days of Christmas," it would equal 364 presents.

In Ukraine, spiders are considered symbols of good luck at Christmas.

Santa has a postal code in Canada.

There is a Christmas tree in Spain worth \$15 million.

The Christmas tree pickle is a tradition to keep eager kids calm on Christmas morning.

Eggnog dates back to medieval times.

Tinsel was once made of real silver.

Americans expect to spend around \$837 on Christmas gifts this year.

The Statue of Liberty is the largest Christmas gift ever given.

Thomas Edison and his business partner invented Christmas lights.

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Latchford Chronicles, Murphy mill fire, July 1957, by Dr. Barry Wellar,

Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa, President, Information Research Board, Member, Order of Canada

George's "look back" published in the September Moose Call brings memories of my teenage days when lumber ruled supreme in Latchford; hence, Latchford Lumber Kings. And, in particular, it reminds me of that sad day in July 1957 when the Murphy sawmill burned, to the great dismay of everyone in Latchford.

Back then Latchford was a typical one-industry town, with more than 90% of wage earners at one of two sawmills, so it is noteworthy that when one mill burned (A.J. Murphy), the other (A.B. Gordon) was made available for a night shift.

And that was a major accomplishment. Turning out some 40-50,000 board feet of lumber twice a day is brutal on belts, chains, pulleys, saws, gears, boilers, and people, but it was done with enthusiasm.

Best little town by a dam site, you got that right. As for Jack Murphy, who operated the Murphy mill, he was a friend and a mentor, but because he was very reserved many who knew him may remember him mostly by his height which was about 6' 6", his quick temper, and by his tough bargaining approach to wages.

However, there was a lot more to Jack than most were aware. He was a civil engineer who graduated from Queen's University, and he had extensive, practical knowledge in such fields as economics, geography, transportation, forestry, finance, business, and sustainability. Jack was a great teacher, and we spent many hours working on math, statistics, and physics problems, which was fortunate because Cobalt high school had limited offerings in those fields. And, for a bonus, Jack could explain space-time aspects of

sports using math, stats, and physics in ways that I believe were far more sophisticated than analyses by current sportscasters in hockey, football, golf, tennis, or fastball and baseball.

Finally, Jack liked to dispense advice. When I was in grade 11, he said, "When on a job interview, within 30 seconds say, 'Assuming you will hire me, what do you pay?'" According to Jack, that approach saves everybody time, and he thought I had the nerve to pull it off.

When the school year ended, I went to Jack for a summer job. Since I would be going to the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp at Couchiching, Jack said I should work on the board way to get in top physical shape.

I immediately said to Jack, "So, what do you pay?" and he says, "Who gave you this nonsense idea of asking about pay before you do any work?" and I say, "You did, remember when you were dishing out advice about job interviews?"

As for pay, he offered \$.96 per hour. I said the going wage for the board way was \$1.08. He said I was still a student. I said the boards do not care who is putting them on cars to be piled in the yard. He sputtered and mumbled about no more advice for me. Irene O'Shaughnessy looked up from her office desk and gave me a big smile. I got the \$1.08.

Good times in the resilient little town.



French Onion Stuffed Pork Loin continued.

and pound to an even $\frac{1}{3}$ inch thickness. In a small bowl, combine oil, salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning.

Rub over both sides of pork loin. Top the pork loin with half of the cooked onions and half of the shredded

cheese. Tightly roll the pork loin to completely enclose all of the fillings. Using cooking twine, tightly secure

the roll. In the same skillet over medium heat, add the pork loin to the pan and sear on all sides (about

5 minutes on each side). Turning the loin a total of 4 times. Transfer the skillet to the oven and cook for

25-30 minutes or until the pork loin reaches an internal temperature of 145 °F. Occasionally baste the

pork loin with the pan juices. Increase oven temperature to broil. Top pork loin with remaining cheese and

onions and cook for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden brown. Add parsley for garnish. Slice

and serve warm.

Funny

What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!

What do you call a scary looking reindeer? A cari-boo.

What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke? This one's gonna sleigh you!

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars? Their days are numbered!

How do you know when Santa's around? You can always sense his presents.

How did Scrooge win the football game? The ghost of Christmas passed!

Where does Santa keep all his money? At the local snow bank.

What do you call a broke Santa? Saint Nickel-less

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Latchford Volunteer Fire Department News!

December holiday season is upon us! The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to inform the residents and visitors of Latchford of some upcoming events. The LVFD would also like to remind folks of some important safety tips to get through the holidays.

The LVFD volunteers will be going door to door visiting Latchford residents on Sunday, December 11th, 2022 to test and ensure that each residence has properly working smoke and/or Carbon Monoxide detectors. Before holiday festivities begin, it is a good idea to test your own smoke and/or Carbon Monoxide detectors and replace any batteries that are no longer working. Ensure that you have a properly working detector on each level of your residence.

As the winter weather is upon us, it is really important to ensure that all escape routes including windows and doorways inside and outside are shovelled, properly maintained and clear of clutter and debris for escape in the event of an emergency. Also ensure that any heating sources within the residence such as woodstoves, electric heaters, propane furnaces, oil furnaces, and pellet stoves are properly maintained, serviced and in proper working order to prevent injury, harm, fire and/or car-

bon monoxide poisoning within the residence. Ensure that all indoor and outdoor venting systems and chimneys are properly cleaned and maintained as well.

The winter weather also brings people of all ages outdoors to enjoy various winter activities. Therefore, when driving a vehicle, snowmobile or ATV through town and on the highway, please be mindful of people and pets walking, snowshoeing, skiing, sliding, or playing on the streets, on trails, in yards, on snowbanks and on sliding hills. With unpredictable weather, road and driving conditions, it is important to remember to drive according to the conditions. It is a good idea to check local weather and news reports prior to leaving your home to be well informed of the current conditions. If it is unsafe to be on the road, stay home!

The LVFD will be hosting a New Year's Eve dance on Saturday, December 31st, 2022. Details to follow! The LVFD would like to remind the Latchford residents and visitors of Latchford to not drink and/or do drugs and drive. Ensure you have a designated driver, walk, or find a safe place to stay for the night. Let's all do our part to keep our small communities safe over the holidays.

The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department is wishing everybody a happy, healthy and safe holiday season this month of December!

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