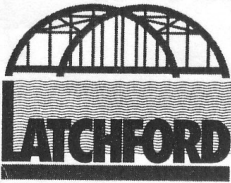


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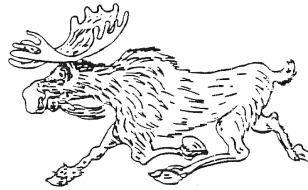
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



January 2023



PUBLIC NOTICE

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY TO BE HELD ON THE 10th VIA ZOOM AND CAN BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE AND ON JANUARY 24th 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 CANADIAL LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

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

Mayors Report

Hoping everyone had a safe and happy holiday and enjoyed it with their friends and family. I would like to take the opportunity to thank R.U.Hungries for their Christmas meal event. I took the time and went and picked up meals for people in Latchford that were going to be alone. Everyone that received a meal was very thankful and hats off to R.U.Hungries volunteers and staff for all their hard work also.

Well out tree lighting was a great success on Dec. 2nd! It was great to see all the people that came out and enjoyed the fire and hot chocolate and got to meet with Santa.

Harper Ruddy was the young one that kicked off our tree lighting by flipping the switch for our beautiful tree.

The seniors treats were delivered on Dec. 18th and all were happy about getting a little gift.

Would like to thank Parks and Rec and all the volunteers with the help for both of the events.

Also you like to thank Roger and Pat getting the tree ready and putting up the lights on the covered bridge. They will be able to stay up year round as it has a control and the lights can be changed depending on the holiday!!

Way to go Roger for such an excellent idea!!!

Some of council had the opportunity to sit with Rico, Roger and Pat and get the update on the Water treatment plant. They have the plant running very well and Rico is very informative in his report.

Thanks

Sharon



From the kitchen of Diana

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French Onion Chicken Bake

French Onion Chicken Bake is a quick and easy baked chicken recipe for fellow french onion soup lovers, complete with caramelized onions and a blend of two cheeses.

PREP TIME 10 minutes COOK TIME 50 minutes TOTAL TIME 1 hour

4 Onions, peeled and sliced
4 tbsp Butter
4 cloves Garlic, minced
1/2 tsp Pepper
1 tsp Thyme
2/3 cup Low Sodium Beef Broth
2 tbsp Balsamic Vinegar
4 Chicken Breasts, boneless skinless
1/2 tsp Salt
1 cup Mozzarella Cheese, shredded
1/2 cup Parmesean Cheese, shredded

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees and spray a baking dish with cooking spray
Add butter to a large skillet on med to high heat.
Add in sliced onions and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Reduce the heat on the pan to medium and add in the garlic, pepper and thyme and cook for another minute

Stir in the beef broth and the balsamic vinegar and cook until the onions have a jam-like consistency, about 10 minutes.

When onions are caramelized, place about 1/3 of the mixture into the bottom of the greased baking dish.

Place chicken on top of the onions and sprinkle with the salt.

Place remaining onions on top of the chicken along with the mozzarella and parmesan cheeses.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the chicken has a safe internal temperature of 165 degrees.
Serve warm and enjoy!

Notes

- If your chicken breasts are thick, cut in half diagonally. Make sure all are about the same size.

Add in more of the spices if desired



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 629

We would like to thank everyone for their support in a very difficult year. Wishing you all a safe, prosperous, and joyful new year.

We look forward to hosting another community supper in the very near future.

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

President

Sgt. Aubrey Cosens V.C.

In Holland on the night of 25th-26th February 1945, the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada launched an attack on the hamlet of Mooshof, to capture ground which was considered essential for the development of future operations.

Sergeant Cosens' platoon, with two tanks in support, attacked enemy strong points in three farm buildings, but were twice beaten back by fanatical enemy resistance and then fiercely counter-attacked, during which time the platoon suffered heavy casualties and the platoon commander was killed.

Sergeant Cosens at once assumed command of the only other four survivors of his platoon, whom he placed in a position to give him covering fire, while he himself ran across open ground under heavy mortar and shell fire to the one remaining tank, where, regardless of the danger, he took up an exposed place in front of the turret and directed his fire.

After a further enemy counter-attack had been repulsed, Sergeant Cosens ordered the tank to attack the farm buildings, while the four survivors of his platoon followed in close support. After the tank had rammed the first building he entered it alone, killing several of the defenders and taking the rest prisoner.

Single-handed he then entered the second and third buildings, and personally killed or captured all the occupants, although under intense machine-gun and small arms fire.

Just after the successful reduction of these important enemy strong points, Sergeant Cosens was shot through the head by an enemy sniper and died almost instantly.

The outstanding gallantry, initiative and determined leadership of this brave N.C.O., who himself killed at least twenty of the enemy and took an equal number of prisoners, resulted in the capture of a position which was vital to the success of the future operations of the Brigade.



Obituary

Ronald Cowan

With deep sadness the family announces the peaceful passing of Mr Ronald Cowan of Latchford at the age of 74 years. Mr Cowan died at the Temiskaming hospital on Sunday December 19, 2022 with his loving family by his side.

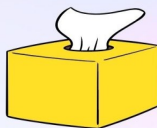
Born in Kingsville, ON to the late Harry Cowan and to the late Geraldine Beuselink, Ron spent most of his life in construction driving trucks most notably for Miller Construction. A man of few words Ron, enjoyed reading, writing and fishing. However his greatest joy was any time spent with his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 27 years of marriage and 37 years all together Joan (Reece) Cowan, their children Chuck Reece, April Reece, son-in-law Adam Bigras and by his grandchildren Lyndsay Caron, Emily Caron and Thomas Caron. Also surviving is his brother-in-law Stephen Scott, nephews Ronald Ralston, Mike Scott, Travis Ralston, Pat Scott and by his niece Laurie Scott. Ron is predeceased by his parents and by his sister Donna Scott.

Ron's final care has been entrusted to Buffam

Leveille Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to a charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Condolences and tributes may be left at www.buffamleveille.com

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Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Showing Creativity in 2023

Happy New Year! Say hello to 2023! Last January we talked about being more creative in and around the garden. Since it's too cold to be outdoors, we need to find ways to soften winter's chill and bring gardening indoors by taking on activities that still allow us to enjoy nature's beauty from the inside. January is a great time to shift our focus and love of gardening to the indoors, where it's warm and toasty.

Having indoor house plants can be beneficial from all levels, healthy for our five senses too! I'm not sure if our hearing sensory is included in this because plants don't make sounds. However, the silence they have maybe beneficial to some. Adding greenery to our indoor rooms adds colour of nature that pleases our sensory for sight. Our sensory for taste is taken care of through edible plants, like herbs. The touch sensory is achieved through the texture of the plant, and lastly our sense of smell is used when the plants purify our indoor air quality, and through the fragrance of the blossoms. Did you know that a spider plant can remove up to 80% of air pollutants found in our homes? Indoor house plants act as a filter by replacing the bad air for more pure oxygen. If you like this idea, choose plants that thrive in low light interiors which can occur during the winter months. An indoor spider plant, Chinese evergreen, bamboo palm, chrysanthemum, snake plant, peace lily, English ivy, gerbera daisy, and a golden pothos are all excellent choices. The best way to care for your indoor plants is to water thoroughly and then let the soil dry out in between watering.

Creating a simple herb garden for your windowsill may be the way to go this winter, and this kind of garden doesn't care what the season is. Adding herbs and spices to everyday cooking can keep us healthy. Fresh chives, thyme, parsley, tarragon, sage, and sweet marjoram are all great picks. They're versatile too, from a power punch of flavour to any dish to making teas to sooth any discomfort or cold, and you can find little starter kits in stores locally.

Another way to show our creativity in the New Year is to create a natural setting to capture winter photos of northern birds. Set up a feeder outside close to your window, then position a camera on a tripod inside to snap a clear photograph of those curious black capped Chickadees, Blue-jays, or maybe a pileated woodpecker if you have a suet feeder. Try anchoring a pine branch close to the feeder to encourage the birds to rest so you have a few minutes to snap a picture. A shimmering layer of ice or snow can transform an ordinary photo to something beautiful, and who knows, you may enjoy taking pictures so much during the winter that you'll want to continue being creative during the spring and summer. For those seasons, just change the prop from a branch to a flower to attract the birds. So, there you have it, a couple of examples on how to show your creativity this winter from bringing gardening inside, to other fun activities, like taking photographs of our northern birds during winter!



rhonda's Cards



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Bye for now

Rhonda



Subscribers News

Not sure what is happening to our weather up here but it is refusing to comply with the Farmer's Almanac forecast for a "cold and dire winter" and I certainly hope I do not end up regretting saying that. We did get a fair share of snow late in December but the temperatures have been more than acceptable. My daughter Jennifer and her family way down in southern Illinois have been dealing with consistently colder temperatures than we have here in Latchford and those homes are not insulated to the degree that our homes are plus they are lacking the insulating value of snow. (Is that an oxymoron?)

I actually have no renewals to report for the Moose Call subscribers this month and that could well be due to with the fact that I forgot to check the Town Office for that info before they shut down for the holidays! In any event it can be addressed in the next issue (if I don't forget again.) As I have to fill in my allotted space (or that which I traditionally use) I will share an interesting story that was provided to me by Allan Stacey, a retired mining man whose wife is a "Feeley" from Haileybury. Allan is an avid historical researcher of this area and had previously enlightened me to the existence of the Latchford Smelting and Refining Company which existed here in 1911 and 12.

This time around he sent me a copy of an 1898 Field and Stream magazine story about a couple that made a canoe trip which began in Haileybury, went overland to get to the Montreal River and then up to the Mattawapika, Lady Evelyn, Sharp Rock Inlet and down Lake Temagami and into Rabbit Lake, the Matabitchuan system and back to Lake Temiskaming. It describes the various points of interest and of significance (for me at least) is that one of the two guides was William Fiddler (Fiddler's Island anyone?) whose wife was Rachel Mowat. The other guide was a young Friday from Bear Island! The fact that all of this happened before the railroad arrived was very interesting, at least for me!

On the health and fitness front, Helen Larose has been dealing with some health issues and her daughter, Diana Pearman, was home over the holidays assisting her mom. I haven't had an update on Mrs French so can't offer any comment as to her status. Jackie Adshead is still dealing with her health issues at this writing. To the foregoing and all others who may be ailing or infirm, a speedy and welcome return to good health is wished by all readers.

On a much more sombre note, Latchford resident Ronald Cowan passed a few days before Christmas. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Ron's wife Joan, who is the Sunday attendant at the Latchford Landfill and his extended family.

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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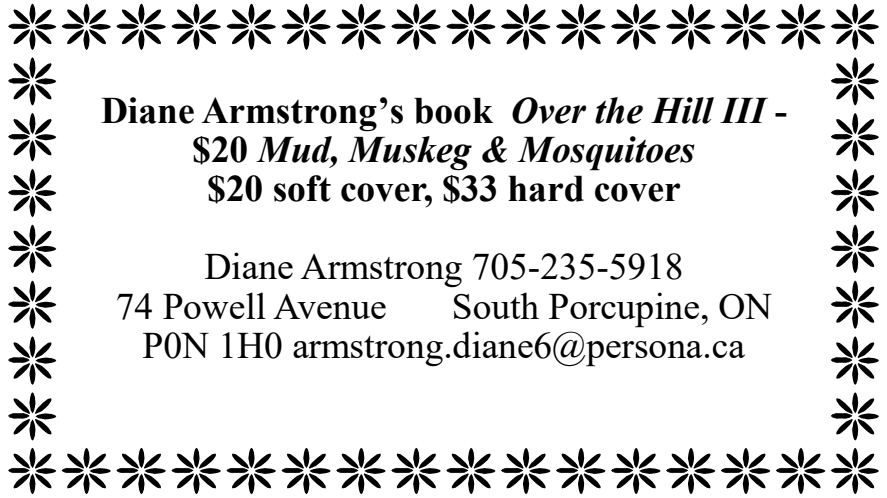
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Funny dad jokes

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?

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What do you call a well-balanced horse?

Stable.

What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie.

Where do polar bears keep their money?

In a snowbank.

Why did the bicycle fall over?

Because it was two tired.

What did the triangle say to the circle?

You're pointless.

Time flies like an arrow.

Fruit flies like a banana.

I ordered a chicken and an egg online.

I'll let you know what comes first.

What do lawyers wear to court?

Lawsuits.

Where was King David's temple located?

Beside his ear.

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?

Attire.

What do sprinters eat before they race?

Nothing. They fast.

What has more lives than a cat?

A frog, because it croaks every day.

What has four wheels and flies?

A garbage truck!

Why shouldn't you write with a broken pen?

Because it's pointless.

What did one wall say to the other?

"I'll meet you at the corner."

What do sea monsters eat?

Fish and ships.

How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?

Ten-tickles.

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We worried for nothing

Diane Belanger Armstrong

When we think of history, our minds usually go back to the days of our grandparents. In reality, we don't have to go back that far.

I was re-reading some of my old columns and came upon one that only dates back a few years – and this will make you feel ancient when you realize it is historic – especially with the reference to VCRs. Let's go down memory lane and recall some of our fears of late 1999 as I wrote in a column back then entitled Y2K Worries

"Except for some primitive isolated tribes, there can't be many people in this world who have not heard something about Y2K, or the disasters expected to follow the coming of the new millennium.

"For me, it's a toss-up as to which of the following types I should worry about most – or which will be the first to send me screaming to the funny farm!

"THE BORES. Everywhere I turn, there is an 'expert' on the subject who (correctly) informs me that the millennium actually ends on Dec. 31, 2001. Then they go on to inform me (also correctly) that we are operating on the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar, he/she says, was devised by a Scythian abbot named Dionysius Exiguus who lived in Rome in 531 (A.D.) After putting me to sleep with that piece of trivia, the bore drones on and on about the significance of other world religions and their predictions of when the world will end.

"Then there are other scholars who tell us that Christ was actually born in 4 B.C. (Christ was born four years before Christ was born? I like that one!), and that we have already missed the big non-event.

"THE SURVIVALISTS. Those hysterical back-to-basics types who forecast an end to all our food supplies just because of a calendar change are to me, clearly one carrot short of a bunch. They tell us to buy tons of non-perishable food, learn to make our own soap, build bomb shelters and advocate personal arsenals to 'protect' our food supply. Do they think the sun only shines

each day because it has been programmed by a computer? How did things grow before Bill Gates?

"THE COMPUTER EXPERTS. I listened with disbelief the other day as yet another 'expert' said that everything with a clock would no longer work after the year 2000. This, he said, included coffee makers, microwave ovens and VCR's. In my house, the coffee maker and the microwave oven only count seconds, minutes and hours – not years. The clock in the VCR also includes days and months – again no year, but if I can override these during leap year, or adjust for Daylight Saving Time, why should I fear the total breakdown of all my appliances because the century changes?

"THE CORPORATIONS. Already, we have been told to buy our Millennium Champagne before stocks run out. Before long, we will be bombarded with advertising urging us to buy official Millennium T-shirts, mugs, key chains, collector plates, cars and maybe even toilet paper. Of course, all these will be touted as being 'limited editions' and there will be the suggestion that these collectibles may increase in value. What we will not be told, is that the 'limited editions' will probably run into the hundreds of millions in number and that none of us, nor our great-grandchildren will live long enough to see any of the junk become valuable. 5 "As any of my old teachers will attest, I am no mathematical genius. I am, however, a skeptic and a common-sense realist. Regarding the Y2K problem, I wonder how in the world those so-called computer wizards got us into this mess in the first place? Did none ever realize that sooner or later the year 2000 would have to be recognized?

"My common sense tells me all this should have been perfectly avoidable, (and saved a lot of money) if those technological geniuses had exercised their common sense.

"with a 20!"

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We worried for nothing continued.....

“Meanwhile, I am not going to lose any sleep over the coming of the new Millennium. My biggest worry will be how long my bank will accept my cheques with the 19 crossed out and replaced “with a 20!”

Do you have a piece of Millennium history saved somewhere?

That’s my view from Over the Hill.

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It's a new year! Welcome to 2023! The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone that came to the New Year's dance supporting the LVFD. We hope everybody had a great time ringing in the New Year! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and visitors of Latchford for their continued support throughout the entire year of 2022.

This month's Latchford volunteer firefighter spotlight is John McNaughton. When asked why John joined the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department he responded "Being retired and having the time during the day I would be easily available to respond to call outs. Being new to the area I can support the community and be part of a team that have the same values as I do".

When asked, "What motivates or drives you to continue to be a LVFD volunteer?" John said "Meeting new members as they sign on and getting to know the regular ones and continue to support them".

Although John has been a volunteer on the LVFD for just over a year, he brings to the team fourteen years of experience in a volunteer fire department in Southern Ontario.

John is a greatly valued and appreciated addition to the LVFD. Thank you for all you do for our community John!

Chantal Paquin



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