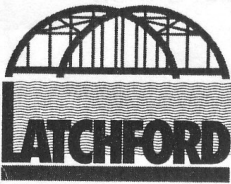


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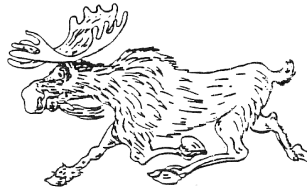
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# February 2023



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**COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY TO BE HELD ON THE 14th VIA ZOOM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AND FEBRUARY 28 AT THE LATCHFORD REC. CENTRE. ALL ARE 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 THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

# Mayors Report

Hoping everyone didn't find the month of January too cold.

We were approached by Barry Wellar family about putting up an Order of Canada that Barry had received in Ottawa in our town office. We were honoured to be asked as I was told he grew up here in Latchford and it is now hanging in the main area so anyone that comes to the office can see it.

I was invited to attend a heritage funding event and met with the new mayors and some of mayors that have been around awhile. It was great to be at and many of the people there were asking how George Lefebvre was doing. Thank you George cause that gave me my in to talk to even more people!!

Myself and the economic development chair and co-chair will be meeting with Danny Whalen from FONOM in the near future to talk about Natural Gas and the Dam.

Our meeting of a whole we are working on the budget and hopefully we can get that wrapped up soon.

We have now had a few new people join our Parks and Rec. Committee which is great as they are going to be holding a two day winter event on Family day weekend!! Hopefully we will see lots of town people out and enjoying the events!

Also our rink is now open on Saturdays and Sundays so hopefully we get people out enjoying that again.

**Thanks**

**Sharon**

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## DRESSED UP CANNED BEANS

4 strips bacon  
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1 tsp. prepared mustard  
1/4 cup chili sauce  
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

Sauté bacon and onion together until bacon is crisp. Stir in remaining ingredients.  
Pour into 1-1/2 cup casserole dish and bake in 300 degree oven until bubbly - 30-35 minutes.

## SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS

Meatballs:

1 lb. ground beef  
1 lb. ground pork  
1 cup bread crumbs  
2 medium onions finely chopped  
1/2 cup milk  
2 eggs, beaten  
Dash of salt

Mix all ingredients together. Roll into small balls. Place in a roast pan in a single layer.

Sauce:

1 1/2 cup brown sugar  
3/4 cup white vinegar  
3/4 cup water  
3/4 cup Heinz ketchup  
1 tsp. dry mustard

Pour over meatballs, cook in a 350 degree oven for 40-50 minutes.

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Remove all the meatballs. If a thicker sauce is desired, add 1 tsp. of cornstarch.

## Obituarie

### GARFIELD ANDERSON OBITUARY ANDERSON, GARFIELD WILLIAM

1948 - 2023 Garfield William Anderson of Toronto, and formerly from Latchford, passed away at the Grace Hospital in Toronto on January 16, 2023, at the age of 74. He was born in Haileybury, Ontario. Garfield is survived by his loving husband of twelve years, Bryan Anderson. He is also survived by his brothers, Ronald (Eric), Brent (Marie) and Perry (Teri); his sister-in-law, Lucille; as well as many nieces, nephews and their families. He will also be missed by special friends, Ruth, Phillip, Corey and Maxine. He was predeceased by his parents, Wilbert and Flora (Babe) Anderson; sister, Joy May; and brothers, Wilbert Jr. and Robert. Cremation has taken place, and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Garfield was much-loved and will be missed. He will especially be remembered for his quick wit and tremendous sense of humour.

**WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS,  
FOR THEY BECOME WORDS.  
WATCH YOUR WORDS,  
FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS.  
WATCH YOUR ACTIONS,  
FOR THEY BECOME HABITS.  
WATCH YOUR HABITS,  
FOR THEY BECOME CHARACTER.  
WATCH YOUR CHARACTER,  
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.**

On January 07, Vicky and Larry Wilkes together with Sharon and George Lefebvre participated in Zone Cribbage and Euchre at Branch 87 in Kirkland Lake. They placed second in cribbage and qualified in Euchre so will be moving to District in both events in Englehart on February 04th.

Ladies Auxiliary Zone Cribbage Tournament was held in Larder Lake on January 21st. Happy to report that Linda Sauve, Sue Smerdon, Sharon Gadoury and Sam Green placed third and will be moving on to District in South Porcupine on March 11th.

Ladies Auxiliary Team Darts will be held in Latchford on February 25th in Latchford. Come out to encourage the teams.

Branch 629 was happy to host Senior Darts on January 14th. We had team participating from Kirkland Lake, Englehart, New Liskeard, Haileybury and Latchford. Branch 629 members results were as follows:

Bob Livingston and Steve Peckover placed 1st and 2nd in single darts.

Bob Livingston and Steve Peckover placed 1st in double darts while Perry Livingston and Willy Blowe place 4th.

Bob Livingston and Steve Peckover merged a team with Haileybury for team darts earning them a 1st place win. Perry Livingston, Willy Blowe, Pat Tressider and Mitch Moshier also qualify to move on in team darts. Congratulations to everyone moving on to the next tournament.

We are proud to be hosting a pot luck dinner on February 18th, 4:00-6:00 pm at the Legion. Cost will be \$12 per person, \$8 for children under 6. Hope to see you all for a feast of Latchford's finest cooks.

We are hoping to break in the new shuffle

board table with a tournament in the near future. In the meantime, come on out and practice so that you will be ready for the big day.

**Francine Blowe**  
**President, Ladies Auxiliary**  
**Perry Livingston**  
**President, Branch 629**

**Dad Jokes**

What did the horse say after it tripped?  
Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!

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

Because the "P" is silent

What do you call a well-balanced horse?  
Stable.

What did the triangle say to the circle?  
You're pointless.

RIP, boiling water.  
You will be mist.

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 lights up a soccer stadium?  
A soccer match.

## Obituary

### ROY GRANT

August 26, 1948 - January 6, 2023

It is with deep sorrow and profound sadness as a family that we announce the passing of our beloved father Roy Grant on January 6, 2023 at the age of 74

Roy was born in Matachewan to the late Charles and Colleen Grant, he spent most of his childhood in North Cobalt and this is where he settled down to raise his family with his first love Kay (Sullivan) until her passing from cancer in 1984. He then met and fell in love with Brenda (Niemi), whom he married and became a stepfather to her 4 children whom he loved as if they were his own, together they had a great life full of laughter and adventure until her passing from cancer in 2020.

Roy spent most of his professional life working in the mining industry, his career took him across the country, from Temagami all the way to Tumbler Ridge B.C. After retirement is when he found his true passion, it was as an instructor at 5th wheel training institute, he was so grateful for the opportunity to share his knowledge and passion of Heavy equipment.

Roy was Predeceased by his son Ken Grant, his brothers Gerald(Carole) Grant and Guy(Rita) Grant. He leaves behind to mourn, His daughter Jodi(Don) Starkell, his stepchildren Ricky( Daphne) Niemi, Charlene(Marc) Crawford, Wanda(Wendell) Gustavson and Jason Niemi.

His grandchildren Amanda Starkell, Casey Starkell, Emily(Matt) Lipartiti, Andrew(Andrea) Grant, Meagan(Scott) Powley, Jada(Justin) Dallaire, Riley(Eden) Langford and Landen Niemi.

Along with his Great Grandchildren Hannah, Haden, Amelia, Alyssah, Emma, Leah, Emmett, Nevada, Carter, Easton, Avery and Owen.

his siblings Wanda Grant, Ray(Cathy) Grant, Gary(Louise) Grant, Shaun(Claudette) Grant, Liz Grant, Dusty(Lorraine) Grant and Gayl(Tim) Bishop

The family wishes to acknowledge Ethel Alberta for being a loving companion to Roy and for making him smile and laugh again, and for that we thank you .

a celebration of life for Roy will be held at the  
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January 21, 2023 from 1:30 to 5

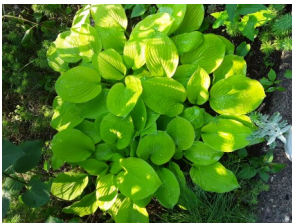
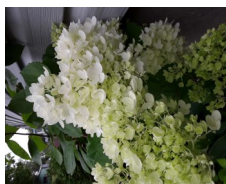


# Rhonda's Garden Tip

Now that we are in the middle of our coldest season, you may wonder what there is to talk about during the winter months when it comes to gardening. What I have discovered is that gardening and the discussion of gardening can branch off into other areas inside the same subject. Take garden projects for example. Here's an area that is under the same subject as gardening, but not directly digging into the dirt, so to speak.

Since February is known as the love month, this month's tip is to surround yourself with pictures and images of your garden that you love. Place pictures of your favourite flower, favourite vegetable garden that you created, that you are proud of and love, pictures that just make you smile. This will add colour to your indoor space and inspire creativity for your present and future gardens. There is no rule that says you can't plan out your garden during the winter. Of Course, you can fill your home and rooms with indoor plants to create a garden atmosphere. But adding pictures, images and art of the garden is another option to create the same atmosphere, fantastic option for people who have indoor allergies. Here below are pictures of my own garden that I love.

Bye for now,  
Rhonda



## Subscribers News

Wow! The Farmer's Almanac has been a little off in their predictions from time to time but have they ever screwed up so far this winter! We have only dropped below minus 20 C on a couple of occasions so far and we don't have enough snow on the ground, about a foot, to open the sled trails! The ice on Bay Lake or lack thereof, is a real issue as we even had a local couple go through last weekend, at night to boot. After being rescued reports are they had to spend a couple of days in hospital but are back at home now. Our resident ice expert, Rob Godden, has been enduring a lengthy bout of some form of flu and hasn't been able to mark the trails on the lake as had been his tradition for many years. The unmarked trails, coupled with newcomers to the area, seem to be a factor in this instance. Local knowledge is learned through time and experience and never easily acquired. We welcomed a couple of new three year subscriptions during the month and they were for Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Troyer of Powassan and David Troyer of Norwich, ON. They were gifted with their subscriptions by Wayne Nix of Woodstock, ON. Welcome aboard folks! Renewals for the month were led off by four ladies who all grew up here in Latchford! Laurie (Carmody) Christo of New Liskeard, Barbara (Grozelle) Goodine of Mississauga, Marjorie (Lingenfelter) Boucher of London who also renewed for her friend Joanne (Proulx) Jelly of New Liskeard and all for 2 years! They were joined by one for two years from Brendan Latchford of Stony Creek. Brendan being a direct descendent of the Honourable Francis Robert Latchford for whom our town is named! Welcome back all and thanks for your continued interest in the Beast Little Town by a Dam Site as well as for the extra that so many insist on including! On the health and fitness front, it has been a rough winter for many residents and fatal for some present and former Latchfordians. I can't begin to name all that have suffered but know there have been many. My dear friend Helen Larose is now scheduled to receive a pace maker in Sudbury sometime in the near future and I have had to make a couple of runs for delivery and retrieval to Temiskaming Hospital with my brother Basil and once even bumped into my sister Lynn who had been taken to Emerg by husband Rob! Then a chat with Ken Cartner enlightened me to the fact that he had to make a trip to Sudbury for some surgical repairs but is home and as positive as always. A sincere wish is extended to all whom have been ailing or infirm by our readers and myself! Remember, winter is half over! On a much more somber note we lost a resident and a former resident during the month. Roy Grant who always left ne with impression he was in good health had a heart attack and passed away on January 06. Garfield Anderson, whom I hadn't seen in many years, had been battling cancer and lost the battle on January 16. I am confident all readers who knew these two gentlemen join me in extending our heartfelt sympathies to their families and friends.

**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 Pam Newell @ 705-679-3096 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!**

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### A limit of your Kindness

Recently Steve had a car accident. So he put his car in the garage to carry out the repair work. Since he had to go to the job daily, he decided that until the car is ready, he will travel by the metro train. One day, he noticed a homeless guy at the train station at night. He felt pity for him, so he gave him some change from his pocket. The homeless guy thanked him for it. Next day again, he noticed the homeless guy at the same place. This time Steve thought to get him something to eat, so he went outside the station and brought him a meal. The homeless guy thanked him for his kindness. But Steve got curious and asked him, "How did you get to this point?" The homeless guy looked up at him and with a smile, he said, "By Showing Love." Steve didn't understand it, so he asked him, "What do you mean by that?" The homeless guy replied that "Throughout my whole life, I made sure that everyone was happy. No matter what was going right or wrong in my life, I always helped everyone."

Steve asked him, "Do you regret it?" To which the homeless man replied, "No, It just hurts my soul that the very people I gave the shirt off my back to wouldn't give me a sleeve of that same shirt when I was in need. Son, It is better to build your own house and invite someone in for shelter than to hand them your bricks while you are

building yours. Because one day you will turn around and look at the spot where you had planned to build your house. It will be an empty lot. Then you are the one looking for bricks." Steve understood what the homeless guy meant and thanked him for the good advice.

Moral: Helping others is not a bad thing at all. But Sometimes, while we are helping others, we forget our own problems and needs. One must remember that sometimes sharing is better than giving away. You can do a lot more by being in a strong position instead of bringing yourself into a weaker situation.



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## Over the Hill by Diane Belanger Armstrong

Bizarre motherhood advice from 90 years ago  
The following article was published in July 1933 under the auspices of the Canadian Mothercraft Society and the author's name was 'Hygeia'.

After reading the material contained therein, I can fully understand why the author used a pseudonym. I realized too, that in 1933 large, Canadian families of five to 12 children were the norm, not the exception.

*"The right food for a baby from birth to nine months is mother's milk, and no effort or sacrifice is too great to assure that the infant is fed by its mother for those first nine months. The life, therefore, of the expectant mother and nursing mother should be so planned as to avoid anything that might result in a weaned baby."*

Up to this point, the author makes sense, but one wonders how much planning ahead could be done by a mother of many offspring.

*"To be a good nursing mother, a woman should be in first-class condition in every way, and this can be brought about only by strict obedience to nature's laws. The mother should have fresh air day and night. It is best for her to sleep outside – in fact, to be indoors only when it is absolutely impossible to be out of doors."*

Show me how it would be possible to be in first-class condition just after giving birth and just where would Hygeia suggest as a suitable, outdoor place for the mother to sleep – in January – in Canada?

*"She should wear only enough clothes to keep herself comfortably warm, which will be very few if she gets enough exercise, sunshine and cold bathing, drinks enough water and gets the right kind and amount of food."*

Hygeia didn't specify who would be cooking this food and where, if the mother were outside all the time.

*"A nursing mother should have at least eight hours of unbroken sleep, if possible, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The last feeding of the baby should be completed at 10:20 pm at the latest and the mother's light should be out at 10:30*

*p.m. If possible, it is best to begin the last feeding at 9:45 p.m., so as to get the baby back into its cot as near to 10 p.m. as possible."*

Please note the sentences that began with "if possible". This schedule would allow the mother exactly 10 minutes to put the baby down, do some 'cold bathing', get into her warm clothes and jump into her outdoor bed. Not all is deprivation though, for it would appear that Hygeia would, at the least, allow a light somewhere in the vicinity of the mother's bed.

*"During the first day of life, the baby should be nursed within six hours of its birth (unless the doctor has reason to alter this rule) and every six hours for the first 24 hours. After that the feedings should be four-hourly, the best feeding hours being 6 and 10 a.m., 2, 6 and 10 p.m. These hours should be kept to, strictly by the clock. If the baby wakes between the feeding hours and he does not settle to sleep again he should be given an ounce of warm boiled water in a little bottle with a rubber nipple with a very small hole."*

This prompts the question, "If mother is sleeping outside the house, how would she even know that the baby was awake?"

I find it hard to believe that a Canadian with any knowledge of winter temperatures would actually suggest that a pregnant or nursing mother should sleep outside.

I find it hard to believe that anyone, anywhere in Canada would have ever taken these directives seriously – especially in 1933 when families of eight, 10 and 12 children were not uncommon. Who would be raising the other family members while the mother was having cold baths and sleeping outdoors? And where was the father during her absence?

I find it hard to believe that the Canadian Mothercraft Society had sufficient, actual paying members to enable them to produce a periodical. I find it hard to believe that Hygeia was ever a mother!

**That's my view from Over the Hill.**

### The Pig and The Sheep

One day a shepherd discovered a fat Pig in the meadow where his Sheep were pastured. He very quickly captured the porker, which squealed at the top of its voice the moment the Shepherd laid his hands on it. You would have thought, to hear the loud squealing, that the Pig was being cruelly hurt. But in spite of its squeals and struggles to escape, the Shepherd tucked his prize under his arm and started off to the butcher's in the marketplace.

The Sheep in the pasture were much astonished and amused at the Pig's behavior and followed the Shepherd and his charge to the pasture gate.

"What makes you squeal like that?" asked one of the Sheep. "The Shepherd often catches and carries off one of us. But we should feel very much ashamed to make such a terrible fuss about it like you do."

"That is all very well," replied the Pig, with a squeal and a frantic kick. "When he catches you he is only after your wool. But he wants my bacon! gree-ee-ee!"

Moral: It is easy to be brave when there is no danger. Don't compare two different situations without understanding them.

### The Farmer and the Snake

A Farmer walked through his field one cold winter morning. On the ground lay a Snake, stiff and frozen with the cold. The Farmer knew how deadly the Snake could be, and yet he picked it up and put it in his bosom to warm it back to life.

The Snake soon revived, and when it had enough strength, bit the man who had been so kind to it. The bite was deadly and the Farmer felt that he must die. As he drew his last breath, he said to those standing around, "Learn from my fate not to take pity on a scoundrel".

Moral: There are some who never changes their nature, regardless of how good we behave with them. Always stay alert and maintain the distance from those who are there only thinking about their own benefits.



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## Latchford Volunteer Fire Department

Ice fishing, snow-shoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, winter hiking, tubing and sliding season is upon us folks! As such, the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind the residents and visitors of Latchford of some important winter waterway and ice safety tips.

Various factors affect ice conditions and ice thickness, such as: weather, type of water, location, time of year, water depth, size of the body of water, currents, moving water, water levels, heat from logs, rocks, docks, boat houses and ice huts, air temperature, and vehicles traveling on the ice.

Ice colour can be an indicator of ice strength. Here is a basic guideline of the various ice colours. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White, opaque (non-transparent) ice is half as strong as blue ice. Grey ice is unsafe. Grayness is an indication of the presence of water.

If you are going to go out on the ice alone, it is a good idea to let someone know when you are leaving, where you are going, and an estimate of the time you will be returning. If you get into trouble on the ice and you're by yourself, call for help. If you've fallen through the ice, try to resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you've fallen in. The ice is weak in this area. Try to remain calm, relax and catch your breath. Turn yourself towards the shore so that you are looking at where you entered onto the ice. The ice is more stable close to shore. Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to try to get your body into a horizontal position. Continue kicking your legs, and crawl onto the ice. When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible. This will help to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up. Look for shore and make sure you are crawling in the right direction.

If you are going to be in a group or with other people on the ice, it is still a good idea to let someone else know when you are leaving, where you are going, and an estimate of the time you will be returning. The safest way to rescue someone from the ice or that has fallen through the ice is from the shore. Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals such as police, fire fighters or ambulance. If you are able to reach the person using a long pole, rope or branch from shore, lie down and extend the pole, rope or branch to the person. If you go onto ice, wear a personal floatation device and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person such as a pole, weighted rope or tree branch. When you are near the ice break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole. Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device, such as a pole, rope, line or branch, to the person. Tell the person to kick while you pull them out. Move the person to a safe place on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick. Call for help.

The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would also like to wish the residents and visitors of Latchford a safe, happy and healthy Valentine's Day and Family Day this February. Stay safe folks!

**Chantal Paquin**



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