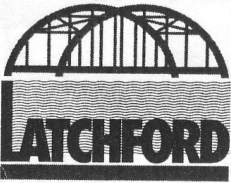


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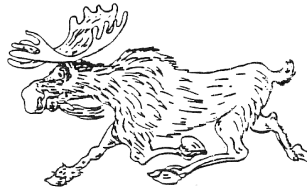
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April 2023



PUBLIC NOTICE

~ **ALL** dogs must have current year tags per By-law 639/04. The cost per dog is: \$20.00

~ **Remember to Poop & Scoop** ~

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL TO BE HELD ON THE 11th FOR A BUDGET MEETING AND THE 18TH FOR A REGULAR MEETING AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 6:30 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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

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

Mayors Report

Hope everyone has had a good month and happy that spring is coming.

I would like to take the time to thank our Volunteer Fire Department for all that they do to make sure that our little town is looked after. Being a volunteer can be a very thankless job at times but kudos to all the volunteers that put themselves out there to look after our safety.

Pre-Freshit meetings with OPG and MNRF and now happening more often as the spring thaw starts. At this time things are looking pretty good but we do have to see what kind of rain we get in the next bit till the snow is gone.

Attended the Matabitchuan River WMP Sac Meeting with George Lefebvre and Gary Twiner that both sit on this committee on Mar. 23rd. A few people were not able to attend so meeting was small. They did state that there was no compliance issues for 2022. It was very informative and was great to listen and even hear the stories that George has stored in his head from over the years.

The next meeting will be in June and will be held in Latchford. At that time they will have their election for a new chair person.

Council is still working on the budget and hopefully we will have it finalized in April.

Our Parks and Rec. Committee had a few days during the March break that they had some great events. The events were well attended and our rink also seen many people out that week also. It was great to go down and see the kids and families out and enjoying.

Enjoy April and hopefully everyone has an enjoyable Easter.

**Thanks
Sharon**

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 @ 705-679-3093 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

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From the kitchen of Diana

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Peanut Butter Chicken

This recipe for peanut butter chicken is so quick and simple, it's perfect for busy weeknights when you want something rich and full of flavor without a lot of work. It pairs juicy chicken thighs with a creamy peanut butter sauce and red pepper flakes for a little heat. Serve it with rice or cauliflower rice to tie the meal together.

For the Peanut Butter Sauce

1 cup diced tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/2 cup creamy natural peanut butter
1-2 tablespoons brown sugar see Note
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 cup chicken broth
2 teaspoons lime juice

For the Chicken

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
salt to taste
pepper to taste
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 small onion diced
2 cloves garlic minced
1 1-inch piece ginger grated
To Serve
cooked rice

red pepper flakes to taste, optional

In medium bowl, mix together all ingredients for peanut butter sauce, stirring until smooth and thoroughly combined. Set sauce aside.

Cut chicken thighs into bite-sized pieces. Season pieces with salt and pepper to taste. In large skillet, heat olive oil and butter over medium-high heat. When hot, add chicken and brown 2 to 3 minutes per side. Add onions to skillet. Cook until onions are translucent. Add garlic and ginger to skillet. Cook approximately 1 minute or until fragrant. Slowly pour peanut butter sauce into skillet, stirring to coat chicken. When all sauce has been added, let mixture simmer 5 to 6 minutes, stirring constantly. Portion chicken onto serving plates with cooked rice. Spoon peanut butter sauce from pan over chicken if desired. Garnish with cilantro and additional red pepper flakes if desired and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Note

Brown Sugar: Add 1 tablespoon to start. Taste sauce while mixture simmers and add an additional tablespoon if desired. Honey can also be used in place of the brown sugar.



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Thank you to all who supported "Buttertart day" at the Legion. It was a huge success. We do hope that everyone enjoyed the tarts while supporting the Legion.

Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a ham supper on April 15th 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per person, \$10 for children under 12. All are welcome and take out will be available.

April 22nd we will be enjoying live music by "Just for Fun" for from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Come on out and enjoy the music, play along if you have an instrument or exercise your vocal cords by singing a few songs. Come on out, there may be some line dancing fun as well.

April 29th we will be hosting a shuffleboard tournament. Cost is \$5.00 per entry. Plenty of time for practice from now until then.

Legion hours are Friday 5:00 pm to 10pm and Saturday 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

As a reminder, Ladies Auxiliary meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm, Branch meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Francine Blowe

President Ladies Auxiliary

Perry Livingston

President Branch 629

Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 629

is hosting a Easter Ham Supper at the Branch

includes deserts and coffee

Saturday April 15

From 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Adults \$15 per person, children under 12, \$8. everyone welcome and hope to see you there!

Biography of a Fallen Soldier

By Vicky Gray-Wilks

Private Stanley Albert Edwards

Born August 9, 1917

Private Edwards was born in Hilliard Township, North of New Liskeard, Ontario.

His parents were Albert and Laurina Edwards. The family moved to Arkona, Lambton Shores, Lambton, Ontario (near Sarina).

Private Edwards married Esther Sitter on June 27, 1936. They had 2 daughters.

Private Edwards enlisted in 1941. He trained with the Elgin Regiment in St. Thomas, Ontario. Then he went overseas in 1942. He was a driver/mechanic.

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Private Edwards was killed in a jeep accident on May 20, 1945

He is buried in Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands.

Private Edwards was 27 years old.

We are the dead.

Short days ago, we

Lived, felt dawn, saw.

Sunset glow. Loved and

Were loved. And now we

Lie in Flanders Field.

House of Memories and Ontario Loggers Hall of Fame Society Meeting

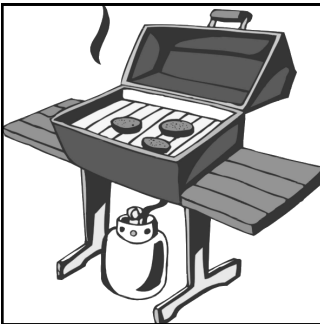
Present and interested new members are invited to the inaugural meeting for 2023 to prepare for the upcoming season. The meeting will be held at the Latchford Recreation Centre on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 pm.

All interested are welcome to attend and join if you are so inclined. Efforts will be made to fill some of the vacant offices on the executive at this meeting.

George Lefebvre, Secretary

As spring is coming here are some BBQ Tips

All barbeque grills must only be used outdoors — using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is not only a fire hazard, but it exposes occupants to toxic gasses and potential asphyxiation.



Always position the grill well away from combustible objects — buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping can easily and quickly ignite.

Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage. Never leave a lit grill unattended.

Always use long handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.

Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.

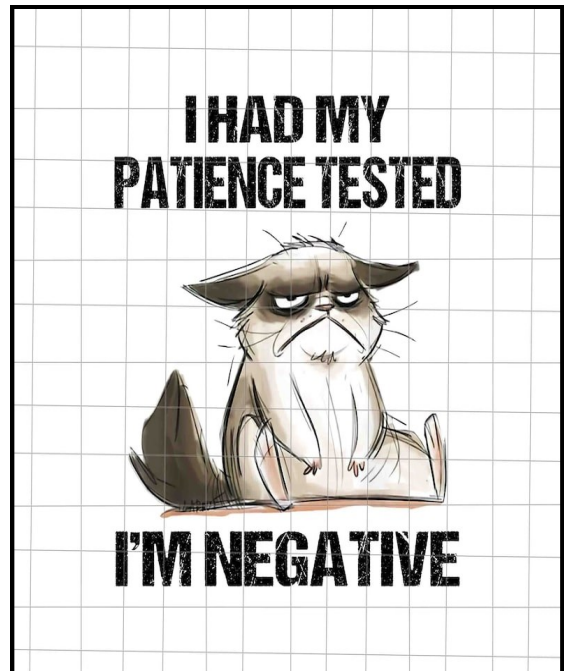
Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire.

Reminder

By law, you need a fire permit to burn wood, brush, leaves and grass outside during the fire season (**April 1 – October 31**) unless you follow all the rules outlined below and: conditions allow it to burn safely until extinguished. you take all necessary steps to tend, control and extinguish the fire.

Top 10 Spring Home Maintenance Tips

- Check your gutters and downspouts. ...
- Use compacted soil. ...
- Fix cracks. ...
- Caulk, repair windows. ...
- Move wood, junk away from your house. ...
- Inspect your air conditioning unit, outdoor faucets, lights. ...
- Examine roof shingles. ...
- Examine the chimney. ...



Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Community Gardens

It's almost that time again to be out digging in the dirt, warm sunshine, a choir of birds singing, and the orchestra of insects buzzin'. As northerners we have to wait a little longer to feel the full benefits of spring, but definitely worth the wait after a long winter season. With the excitement of spring arriving, I started to think of community gardens or a neighbourhood garden. A neighbourhood garden is a designated area where the locals can share and maintain a garden together.

What is a community garden? It's a public or private piece of land set up into plots or specified sections welcoming team or individual gardening. The specified sections of the garden could be for youth gardeners, market gardeners for selling the produce, or a section designed for therapeutic gardening. The positive aspects of community gardening is the opportunity for learning, the healthier lifestyles, the accessibility to fresh produce and the overall wellness of sharing a garden. The negative possibilities may be not enough people interested in maintaining a garden or people not getting along with one another. However, for this month's tip let us look as the positive opportunities of a neighbourhood garden, the benefits for both country and cities folks.

The history of the community garden first began out of necessity during war times and food shortages. During the 1900's the communal garden became a learning environment for schools allowing children to study nature. Then the concept moved into creating a way for people to become more self-sufficient in the 1960's and 70's. Today, people have come to learn of the health benefits of creating a neighbourhood garden outdoors in open spaces, including the environmental, social and nutritional benefits.

This spring, search out community gardens in your area, you might be surprised how well the activity works. Or if you discover that your town or city could benefit from developing a community garden, maybe this could be your next garden project? Check out the photos of community gardens below for inspiration!



Subscribers News

March came in like the proverbial “lamb” here in Latchford but on the last full weekend delivered a little “lion” like weather in the form of a snow fall but nothing like the storms of the past. Jeez, I even had to drag my snowblower out for the second time in the month! Regardless, I have decided to hold off that book burning of the Farmer's Almanac for the time being just in case. Further, I have to get serious because I have to go in for my senior citizen driving test before the end of the month so if you see me hitch-hiking you will know how that ended up. I had a chat with my lifelong friend, Bert Jones, and he has to go for his as well and I recalled to him how our fathers, George the original and Don, had tested a year apart and shared tips on what to expect. We will just have to wing it this go around!

We had another new subscriber this month thanks to Gail Hewitt who gifted her cousin Diane Sasseville of Timmins with a year's reading. Welcome aboard Diane! Renewals included one for two more years from an old classmate, Pat (Parliament) Sancier who just happens to be one of Alice Livingston's two younger sisters. Another for two years came in from Al Haarala of Cobalt whom I have been privileged to call a friend since our Cobalt High School days. Al also included a raft of his jokes which I will try to insert from time to time. Rounding out the month was a renewal for Edward “Ted” Bates of New Liskeard who is Helen Larose's baby brother and then Terry St Jean from out Calgary way sent in his renewal. Glad to have you all on the 'Call list and hope you enjoy. We also received a cancellation this month from Carole Logan of Scotland, ON who has been reading the Moose Call on line off the Latchford website and has opted to continue in that manner. I am uncertain as to how many opt for that means of following the Latchford news but do know that was how TVO found out about us and did a feature on the 'Call. As an advocate for the forest industry, I prefer to read my news in the printed format. Then again, that could be due to my technical illiteracy?

On the health and fitness front, Theresa McRae advises that husband Jim is home and making progress in his recovery from his stroke. That is great news and my visits with Jackie and Herb Adshead having shown that she is regaining her mobility and walking again cast free. Helen Larose came through her pacemaker procedure with flying colours and is home waiting for the snow to melt. I encourage anyone who is aware of a Latchford resident who is ailing or infirm to please let me know (676-2129) so I can include well wishes for their return to good health in this column. Remembering it is another thing! To all the ailing and infirm, best of luck for a speedy recovery to good health is wished by all readers.

Latchford had a rare event in March when a house fire destroyed the home of Elaine Anderson at 56 King Street. Elaine's father Chuck had an apartment in the home and she had two sons living there and all four were left homeless and lost all their possessions. The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department did their usual very commendable job of responding to the fire but the intensity of the pellet stove sourced fire (my understanding) resulted in the interior of the home being entirely gutted and they lost all their possessions as well as a couple of pets. They are presently residing in an apartment at the Frontiersman Motel while the insurance thing gets sorted out from my understanding. I also understand there is a “Go Fund Me” page set up for contributions to assist them.

George L.

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Dad Jokes

"I got carded at a liquor store, and my Block-buster card accidentally fell out. The cashier said never mind."

"Where do boats go when they're sick?" "To the boat doc."

"I don't trust those trees. They seem kind of shady."

"How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like a nut."

"Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up."

"I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something."

"What do you call someone with no body and no nose? Nobody knows."

"Did you hear the rumor about butter? Well, I'm not going to spread it!"

"Why did Billy get fired from the banana factory? He kept throwing away the bent ones."

"Dad, can you put my shoes on?" "No, I don't think they'll fit me."

"Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot."

"This graveyard looks overcrowded. People must be dying to get in."

"What kind of car does an egg drive?" "A yolkswagen."

"Dad, can you put the cat out?" "I didn't know it was on fire."

"How do you make 7 even?" "Take away the s."

"What time did the man go to the dentist? Tooth hurt-y."

"Why didn't the skeleton climb the mountain?" "It didn't have the guts."

"What do you call it when a snowman throws a tantrum?" "A meltdown."

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

"What kind of shoes do ninjas wear? Sneakers!"

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The truth about electric cars

Have you considered buying an electric or hybrid vehicle? I find that there is a lot of rumors and miss information about electric vehicles.

As an owner of a full electric vehicle I hope I can clear up all the rumors and bring the proper information.

To start, if you have never driven an electric car I would recommend it, as driving the full electric cars is so much fun to drive. They have instant torque, lot's of new technology, roomy interior (there is no drive train that is usually hidden in the interior taking up space), and over all very responsive when driving.

I will start with the positives of the electric vehicle. The full electric car I have is a Chevy Bolt, there are many other cars on the market but the Chevy Bolt is the lowest cost for the same features as it's competition (not including Tesla).

I bought the car very specifically for fuel cost savings. I work in Kirkland Lake and drive from Latchford to KL 4 days a week and even with my gas car (a 4 cylinder) the costs of gas is \$120 to \$150 a week.

As the cost to charge the batteries is (for the same driving) is approximately \$10.00 a week.

This is a significant cost saving.

My car get's approx. 400 KMs per charge (best case conditions for the batteries).

If you are interested in the calculations just take your hydro bill and divide the total amount of electricity used and divide by the total amount paid. This will give you your average monthly hydro costs. (usually 14 to 17 cents per KWH all in costs). The charger that comes with the car is 7.6 KW so simply multiply the hydro costs by 7.6 and that would be the cost to charge per hour. Usually takes about 6 hours for my car to compete a charge from close to empty on the battery scale.

Due to the cheaper cost to run the car, this is the main reason I bought the full electric car.

As for maintenance, there is no oil changes, etc. we normally see on a combustion motor. There is just the basic brake, tire, etc. checks.

The electric car has another major feature which is the re-gen function.

This feature turns the electric motor into a generator while braking or slowing down and puts the energy back into the batteries in which makes stop and go driving very cost effective.

As for the limitations on the electric car (as some of the things we hear is true)

First thing is winter driving, as the temperature gets colder, the car needs to keep the batteries warm and the interior warm, The biggest drain is keeping the batteries warm. This causes extra drain on the batteries and will take the range of the car down from 400 KLMS to 300 KLMS as a maximum distance per charge. This works for my drive to KL and back but may not work for everybody.

The second item to consider is the max. distance of the batteries, as my car can get 400 KLMS on a charge, if my trip exceed this I will have to charge the vehicle before coming home. Finding charging stations is not an issue and there is an app. that will even help plot the trip to include charging. The thing you would have to consider is it will take time to charge. At a DC fast charge station, at it's fastest charge time I would get 200 KLMS of charge distance for every hour connected. (Need 2 hours for a full charge)

If you are staying at a loved ones house and want to charge you can plug your level 2 charger into an oven/stove plug and charge your car a half decent rate. The electric cars does have the option to plug into a regular 120 volt outlet, but that would take up to 28 hours to charge (works but not ideal).

So if you are considering electric for long trips it may not be the best choice and I would consider a plug in Hybrid car which will give you fuel cost savings and allow for long trips with out the charge waits.

A friend at work has the Toyota Sienna (full size van) Hybrid and he get's on an average 6 to 6.5 liters per 100 KLMS and stays the same in town driving.

Hope this helps Bill (Moosecall Editor)

Fun Facts

No number from 1 to 999 includes the letter "a" in its word form.

Many oranges are actually green.

The opposite sides of a die will always add up to seven.

Playing dance music can help ward off mosquitoes.

The King of Hearts is the only king in a deck of cards without a mustache.

"Dreamt" is the only word in the English language that ends with "mt."

A Greek-Canadian man invented the "Hawaiian" pizza.

If you open your eyes in a pitch-black room, the color you'll see is called "eigengrau."

It's possible to turn peanut butter into diamonds.

A group of hippos is called a "bloat."

Pogonophobia is the fear of beards.

Alaska is the only state whose name is on one row on a keyboard.

And "tesseractdecades," "aftercataracts," and "sweaterdresses" are the longest words you can type using only your left hand.

The average adult spends more time on the toilet than they do exercising.

Your fingernails grow faster on your dominant hand.

A "jiffy" is about one trillionth of a second.

Dragonflies have six legs but can't walk.

Golf balls tend to have 336 "dimples."

Montpelier, Vermont, is the only U.S. capital without a McDonald's.

Apple seeds contain cyanide.

Mulan has the highest kill-count of any Disney character.

A cubic inch of human bone can bear the weight of five standard pickup trucks.

A frigate bird can sleep while it flies.

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Latchford Volunteer Fire Department

Warmer weather is right around the corner. As such, the frozen waterways will soon be breaking up and thawing. The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind the residents and visitors of Latchford to use caution around the lakes, rivers, streams and ponds. Make sure to keep a close eye on children and pets when near or around the thawing bodies of water.

Warmer weather also brings people and pets outside more. Let's all do our part to keep our community safe for everyone. When operating a motorized vehicle, it is important to obey posted speed limits as well as traffic signs. While driving, keep an eye out for pedestrians, cyclists, children playing, and pets.

The LVFD would also like to share some tips for celebrating a safe, healthy Easter this April. If you are planning an old-fashioned family Easter "egg hunt", make sure to avoid hiding treats and toys near electrical outlets or plugs, in hard-to-reach areas, near glass, breakable or sharp objects, in or around plants that have thorns or can cause skin irritations, or in or near holes in the ground or trees. If you are hiding your goodies outside, be sure to place treats and toys away from dirt, chemicals, waterways and

animals. Keep an eye on young children during activities and games at all times.

Please be mindful of choking hazards for young children (and pets) such as hard candies or treats, small candies or treats and small toys or toys with small pieces. Remember to choose age-appropriate treats and toys. Keep an eye on young children at all times while eating treats. It is also important to be mindful of any food allergies or food intolerances your family and guests may have. Check with caregivers and guests before offering any chocolate, candies, treats or drinks to ensure that the ingredients are safe for them to eat or drink.

As always, the LVFD would like to wish everybody a safe, happy and healthy month of April.

Chantal Paquin



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