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# October 2023



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**COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER TO BE HELD ON THE 10th VIA ZOOM @ 6:30PM (AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE), AND OCTOBER 24, 2023 @ 6:30PM AT THE LATCHFORD RECREATION CENTRE, ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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

# Mayors Report

Hoping all have a great Labour Day Weekend! We did have awesome weather and continues to stay! I could handle this for a while longer!

We have returned to meeting twice a month and they are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Summer was quieter for meetings but now all is back into the swing of things.

Attended the TMSA annual general meeting in Earlton. It was brought up about sharing some services among the municipalities. They also stated they will be having a training session for council in January or February.

Attended a seminar in Cobalt with Peter Kenyan and he discussed how Northern Ontario is like Australia and gave some ideas for economic development ideas and ways of trying to get people to stop in our towns. It was very informative and there was a few municipalities that took in this seminar.

Attended an event to meet Marit Stiles who will be running to the NDP. Was good to attend and meet her and see what platform is going to be. Also had the opportunity to talk with John Vandoff our MPP while that too.

Attended an event in Earlton with the NOHFC and had the opportunity to talk to Minster Rickford. I did see there was organizations and such that received money closer to home this time.

Received the information for Phase 3 of Natural Gas and we need to submit by Dec. 15th. I have been talking to Sheila Willis as she has lots of knowledge on this subject and is willing to help me anyway she can.

I know I am still new in this position and trying to gain the knowledge. I know I am not George that has 46 years of municipal positions and has a wealth of knowledge but I am working at it and attend any meeting to gain that knowledge and talk to many people and pick their brains. Our council is also pretty new but I think we are starting to find our zone and I feel lots does get discussed.

Also if there are things you are not happy with or have ideas that might help the town please reach out to the office so it can be brought to a council meeting and can be discussed. Better to voice it and try and get it looked at.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family and friends.

**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**

# From the kitchen of Diana

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## FRENCH ONION CHICKEN BAKE

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



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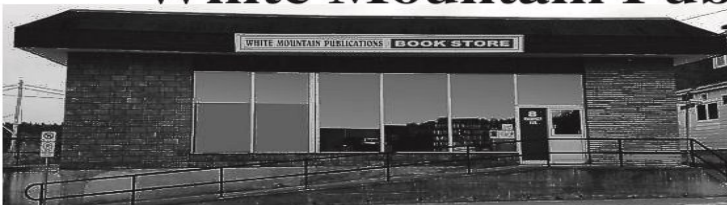
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Auxiliary meeting will take place same day at 6pm. Ladies Auxiliary election results are as follows: President is Francine Blowe, Secretary/Treasurer is Sharon Gadoury, Executive is Teresa McCrae. It is with regret that Sue Smerdon has stepped down from her position as Secretary. Sue has been a valuable member of the executive team for many years. We thank her for her many years of service. Her presence at the Executive table will be missed.

We are happy to be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on October 14th from 4-6 pm. Turkey dinner with all the fixings will be available at a cost of \$15 per person, \$8 for kids under 6. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Preparations have begun for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Details will be outlined in next month's report. We have been in contact with other branches and we expect to have the Legion bus again this year. Poppy sales will begin on October 27th at the Dam Depot, a Poppy box will also be available at the post office for your convenience.

Perry Livingston has resigned from his post as President of Branch 629. We thank Perry for his vision of moving the Branch forward during his time of service. Doug Waddell has offered to step in for the short term until a new President is either appointed or elected. Legion hours are Friday 7:00 pm to 10pm and Saturday 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please be aware that as of November 1st the Legion will be closed on Fridays until the warmer weather returns.

**Francine Blowe**  
**President Ladies Auxiliary**

**Biography of a Fallen Soldier**

**By Vicky Gray-Wilks**

**Robert Francis Arding**  
**Born October 18,1934**  
**Born in York, Township, Ontario.**  
**Son of Robert and Thelma Arding.**

Mr. Arding enlisted in the Canadian Army.

Robert enlisted in the Korean War to help support his family. He worked as a cook then transferred to the infantry.

He only wrote one letter home telling his mother not to worry and he would be home soon.

Mere hours later, Mrs. Arding received a telegram saying her son had been killed in action. He died 5 days after his 18 th birthday.

Force Army  
Division Royal Canadian Regiment

Robert Arding is buried in the United Nations, South Korea.

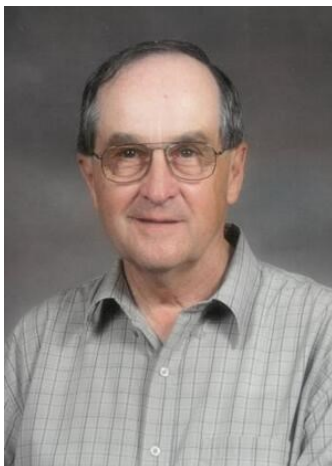
We are the Dead.  
Short days ago, we  
Lived, felt dawn, saw  
Sunset glow. Loved and  
Were loved. And now we  
Lie in Flanders Field.

## Obituary

### **BATES, Edward "Ted"**

**1935 – 2023**

Passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the age of 88 years. He was the son of the late Percy Bates and the late Clara Bates (nee Anderson). Cherished husband of Muriel Bates (nee Lawrence) for 68 years. Loving father of Percy (Debbie), William (Lea) & Bonita (Ronald Desjardins). Beloved grandpa of Jeremy (Sheryl), Terry (Amy), Kristopher (Rita), Jennifer (Dan), Cayleb (Emma) and great grandfather of 9. Ted was the brother of Helen Larose & Stanley (Bella) Bates and the brother in law of Eleanor (Wayne Mitchell). He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Ted was also predeceased by his daughter in law Karen Bates. Ted was a longtime resident of Latchford, Ontario. Spending time with his family brought him great joy. He enjoyed watching sports, he was also avid fastball and hockey player. He worked as a delivery driver for many years locally. As per Ted's wishes, a cremation has taken place and a private burial will take place at a later date.



## Interesting facts.

The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin. Her birthday is March 9, 1959, when she was first displayed at the New York Toy Fair.

There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he liked 57. Hint: Hit the glass bottle on the "57," not the bottom, to get the ketchup to flow.

The tallest man ever recorded was American giant Robert Wadlow (1918–1940), who stood 8 feet 11 inches. Wadlow's size was the result of an abnormally enlarged pituitary gland.

The oldest person ever to have lived (whose age could be authenticated), a French woman named Jeanne Louise Calment, was 122 years old when she died in 1997.

Sliced bread was first manufactured by machine and sold in the 1920s by the Chillicothe Baking Company in Missouri. It was the greatest thing since...unsliced bread?

Experiments in universities have actually been carried out to figure out how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop, both with machine and human lickers (because this is important scientific knowledge!). The results ranged from 252 to 411.

The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros.

Canada is south of Detroit (just look at a map).

# Rhonda's Garden Tip

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## Fall Garden Clean-up

- 1 Remove Dead Plants: Start by removing any dead or dying plants from your garden beds. This includes annuals that have finished flowering, any perennials that have died back, and vegetable gardens.
- 2 Prune Perennials: Trim back perennial plants to about 2 -3 inches above the ground once they have died back for the season. Be sure to check specific plant requirements, as some perennials should not be pruned until spring.
- 3 Clean up leaves: Rake up fallen leaves from your lawn and garden beds, or if you have mulching blades on your lawn mower, pass your machine over the leaves to mulch. Leaves can be used for mulch, compost, or leaf mold if shredded and stored properly.
- 4 Cut Back Overgrown Shrubs: Prune shrubs that have become overgrown during the growing season. This will help them maintain a neater appearance and encourage healthy growth next spring.
- 5 Weeding: Remove any remaining weeds from your garden beds. Fall is a good time to get rid of them before they have a chance to spread and take root.
- 6 Divide and Transplant: Fall is a great time to divide and transplant perennials that have outgrown their current location or need rejuvenation. Be sure to water them well after transplanting.
- 7 Mulch: Apply a layer of mulch to your garden beds to help retain moisture and regulate soil temperature during the winter. This will also help prevent weed growth.
- 8 Clean Garden Tools: Take some time to clean and sharpen your gardening tools. This will ensure they are ready for use in the spring and will prolong their lifespan.
- 9 Clean and Store Containers: If you have garden containers, clean them out, and store them in a dry place to prevent cracking during the winter months.
- 10 Clean Bird Feeders and Baths: If you have bird feeders and baths in your garden, clean and disinfect them to prevent the spread of diseases among the birds.
- 11 Compost Garden Debris: Instead of throwing away plant debris, consider adding it to your compost pile. Just be cautious with diseased plants; these should be disposed of separately.
- 12 Fertilize and Amend Soil: Test your soil and add any necessary soil amendments or organic matter. Fall is a good time to fertilize your lawn and garden, as it allows nutrients to penetrate the soil before winter.
- 13 Protect Sensitive Plants: If you have sensitive plants that are not winter-hardy, consider mulching or covering them to protect them from frost and cold temperatures.
- 14 Clean Garden Structures: If you have garden structures like trellises, arbors, or decorative features, give them a good cleaning and check for any needed repairs.
- 15 Plan for Spring: Use this time to plan your garden for the next growing season. Consider what you want to plant, order seeds or bulbs if necessary, and make any changes to your garden layout.

**Bye for now Rhonda**

rhonda's Cards



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## Subscribers News

Made it through September without a serious frost and that is always welcome, at least in my little corner of the world. The leaves are colouring up nicely and if the wind holds off, a Thanksgiving weekend drive in the Anima Nipissing Road should provide for some spectacular colour for those who enjoy a fall drive. Going east on the Roosevelt Road also provides some beautiful vistas of colour but the road is a little rough and hilly for a passenger car. Included in the fall colours are a couple of Mountain Ash trees in my front yard that are just loaded with their bright red, and ripe, berries. They are systematically being stripped of their fruit, from the top down, by primarily Robins, Never noticed this before but I guess getting older, you look around for any cheap entertainment and find it in the most unusual places, like your own front yard!

Jeez, renewals were even lighter this month and that can be attributed to once again having the 'Call mailed directly from the office but that will change this month, I hope, as the Circulation Manager gets to insert her renewal notices. The one we did receive was for another year from one of my old (young) Sherman Mine co-workers, James Rae of Haileybury (and Latchford). James acquired his late parents summer home just south of the Latchford Dam and spends much of his summers here..

I enjoyed a very welcome and most pleasant visit this month from a former classmate and still friend, Sheila (Keenan) Godby of Peterborough. She gifted me with a couple of her father's scrapbooks containing numerous newspaper articles about Latchford as well as a great poem about Latchford that was penned by Boenita (Aubut) Whitehouse who grew up here. I will have to discipline myself to re-type it for inclusion in a future issue. Also, this month I received a beautifully penned, "The Ballad of Aubrey Cosens V.C." which was emailed to me by its author, John Honderich of Callander, ON. I will have to get Bill or Laurel's help to format it so for inclusion in the 'Call!

On a much more sombre note, Helen Larose lost her youngest brother this month when Ted Bates of New Liskeard passed on September 23. Ted, the son of Percy and Clara Bates, grew up here in Latchford and is remembered by those of us who knew him as a great fast ball player when that sport ruled supreme throughout Temiskaming and Ted excelled as a pitcher with his older brother Stan being a premier catcher in the sport. I am confident that all readers who remember Ted and his family join me in extending sincere condolences to Muriel, Helen, Stan and Bella and extended families by all those of us who have fond memories of Ted.

On the health and fitness front, Jackie Adshead has made remarkable progress under the care and guidance of Dr Scott and her future looks much brighter. On my regular visits to Temiskaming Hospital, to visit my friend Neal Thompson, I rarely see anyone from Latchford but some familiar faces although Covid is not their enemy but rather age! It's waiting for us all and the objective is to get there and some say I already have!

Until next month, stay well!

George L.

**George L.**

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**Riddles**

Q: What 5-letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?

A: SWIMS.

Q: The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

A: Footsteps.

Q: David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle, and \_\_\_\_\_?

A: David.

Q: What is more useful when it is broken?

A: An egg.

Q: I am easy to lift, but hard to throw. What am I?

A: A feather.

Q: Where do you take a sick boat?

A: To the dock-tor.

Q: Which fish costs the most?

A: A goldfish.

Q: What goes up, but never comes down?

A: Age.

Q: A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed for three nights and rode out on Friday. How is this possible?

A: His horse's name is Friday.

Q: What is full of holes but still holds water?

A: A sponge

Q: Why is Europe like a frying pan?

A: Because it has Greece at the bottom.

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## Short Stories

### The Silly, Hilarious and Funny Side of DIY [Do It Yourself]

Rosie Hall buys a self-assembly, flat-pack, cupboard from her local Homebase store. Reaching home Rosie reads the instructions carefully, counts the pieces then assembles the cupboard in the bedroom. It looks really great and she is delighted.

Now, Rosie lives near a railway line and as the train passes by the cupboard collapses.

Undaunted by this misfortune she re-reads the instructions and reassembles the cupboard. Once more, another train passes and the whole cupboard collapses again. Rosie now frustrated and thinking that she must have done something "wrong" re-re-reads the instructions and re-assembles the cupboard. Shortly, a train passes and the whole cupboard collapses yet again for the 3rd time.

Rosie is now fed up, cross and rather angry so she 'phones the customer service department. She is told that this is quite impossible and that they'll send along a fitter to take a look.

The fitter arrives and assembles the cupboard. Again, a train passes and the cupboard collapses. Completely baffled by this unexpected event, the fitter decides to reassemble the cupboard and sit inside it to see whether he can find out what causes the cupboard to collapse. At this point, Rosie's husband comes home, sees the cupboard and says, 'Oh, that's a splendid looking cupboard,' and he opens it to look inside.

The fitter, who had been wondering how to explain his position in Rosie's bedroom cupboard, blurts out, 'You probably won't believe me, but I'm standing here waiting for a train.'

### Heard This One Before?

A man boasts to a friend about his new hearing aid, 'It's the most expensive one I've ever had, it cost me USD\$3,500.' [£1800]

His friend asks, 'What kind is it?'

The braggart says, 'Half past four.'

### Will's Experience at Gatwick

After his return from Rome, Will couldn't find his luggage in the London Gatwick airport baggage area. So he went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that his bags hadn't shown up on the carousel. She smiled and told him not to worry because they were trained professionals and he was in good hands.

'Now', she asked Will, 'has your plane arrived yet?'

### Lesson in Employee Relationship

Fred Gibbs was in his early 60's, retired and had started a second career in catering. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 2, 3, 5 minutes late. However, he was a good worker, really clever, so the owner was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, one day he called Steve into the office for a talk. Fred, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a top class job, but you're being late so often is quite a worry.'

'Yes, I realise that, sir, and I am working on it.' replied Fred.

'I'm pleased to hear that, you are a team player. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Royal Navy. What did they say if you came in late there?'

'They said, "Good morning, Admiral".'

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying? You rocket. '

If an electric train is traveling south at 10 miles per hour and the wind is blowing North at 10 miles per hour, which way does the smoke blow? Fooled you! Electric trains don't blow smoke.

What was a more useful invention than the first telephone? The second telephone.

What did the bald man say when he received a comb for his birthday? "I'll never part with this!"

## Dad Jokes

"My wife said I should do lunges to stay in shape. That would be a big step forward."

"If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?" "Pilgrims."

"How does dry skin affect you at work?" "You don't have any elbow grease to put into it."

"Have you heard about the chocolate record player? It sounds pretty sweet."

"I asked my dog what's two minus two. He said nothing."

"What has more letters than the alphabet?" "The post office!"

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

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

"I have a joke about chemistry, but I don't think it will get a reaction."

"My dad told me a joke about boxing. I guess I missed the punch line."

"How does a penguin build its house? Igloos it together."

"You think swimming with sharks is expensive? Swimming with sharks cost me an arm and a leg."

"When two vegans get in an argument, is it still called a beef?"

"Do you wanna box for your leftovers?" "No, but I'll wrestle you for them."

"That car looks nice but the muffler seems exhausted."

"Shout out to my fingers. I can count on all of them."

"I once got fired from a canned juice company. Apparently I couldn't concentrate."

"I used to play piano by ear. Now I use my hands."

"Have you ever tried to catch a fog? I tried yesterday but I mist."

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"I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!"

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## Latchford Fire Department heating safety tips (cold weather is coming).

**Tip 1:** Always practice home fire safety. According to Fire Prevention Canada, winter is the most dangerous season for home fires.

Reasons vary from more home-cooked stove-top meals to more wood-burning fireplaces that are pressed into service.

Here's a sobering statistic: Every week during the winter season, home fires claim the lives of eight Canadians.

Follow these tips to reduce your risk of home fires:

Clear away all materials, including area rugs, supplies, and shoes, from around each heating element. Make sure this strip is at least 1 metre wide. Put up a baby/pet gate if your home includes children and/or pets who might approach the heating unit.

Never pack your woodstove or fireplace with kindling or wood. Use just what you need to start the fire and then keep it going. Use only natural kindling and wood—other materials may be treated with flammable chemicals that could endanger you and your family.

Make sure you have one working fire extinguisher for the kitchen and that everyone in your household knows how to use it.

Check all appliance cords. If they are frayed, split, or damaged in any way, be sure to replace the cord before you use the appliance again, or buy a new appliance.

**Tip 2:** Get your furnace or boiler inspected before using it for the first time each year. The Canada Safety Council advises scheduling an inspection and maintenance appointment for your heater or boiler at least once per year near the time you plan to start using your heater.

Your inspection should include a general cleaning, filter replacement, repair of any worn or broken parts, lubrication as needed, a thermostat accuracy test, inspection of any connections to ensure fire safety, and recommendations for ways to improve safety during use.

**Tip 3:** Have your fireplace and wood-burning stove professionally inspected and cleaned annually.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency, an estimated 50 percent of all home fires are reported during a three-month time period. Guess which three months they are talking about? Yup: December, January, and February.

Here, wood-burning heating elements are constant culprits for starting home fires. The reason is that, with time, tar and creosote from burning wood can build up in the pipes of your stove and in your chimney flue. Also, sparks from burning wood can fly out of the central area and cause nearby furnishings such as rugs, clothes, drapes, and kitchen cleaning rags to ignite.

You should always have any wood-burning units cleaned and inspected at least annually, and preferably in the month before you anticipate beginning heavy usage.

Ensure you maintain a 1-metre clear area around any stove or fireplace, and that you have a safety screen in front of the burning wood to keep stray sparks from escaping.

Finally, be sure that you allow ashes to cool completely before you remove and dispose of them. Otherwise, still-warm ashes may reignite under the right circumstances.

**Tip 4:** Test all your in-home alarm systems at least once a month.

Your home may have just the standard smoke alarm or it may also be equipped with a carbon monoxide alarm system. Having both alarms in place is ideal, not to mention legally mandatory, since winter is prime time for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Be sure to test your system(s) at least once a month, especially during the heat-intensive winter months.

Also be sure to check that your heating equipment vents are clear of debris and working properly to vent outside (otherwise, you risk a carbon monoxide build-up inside your home).