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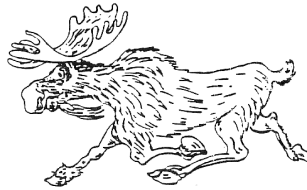
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Merry Christmas

COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 12th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE AT THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE NORTH END OF THE BUILDING @ 6:30 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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

Mayors Report

Hoping all were able to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11th. I was able to attend the one at our Latchford Legion. I really need to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the food they had for locals and then for the people that came in on the buses from other local Legions.

We did hold our meeting for the town people to come out and let us know what they want to see on Nov. 16th. We did have a few people come out but thought more would come out to have their chance to speak and hear what the council had been planning.

I do have to say to the few that came they did have some great ideas!

Others and I have been selling Catch the Ace tickets that help support our museum and can help with repairs and such. I really have to thank them as it can be tiresome when the ace of spades isn't found. But we all know we want it to go on as long as possible to make that pot grow! With that being said we are looking for new members for the museum and if anyone is interested, please feel free to reach out. We will be making a Facebook page and going to try and organize some events for the museum too. With the money raised we will have a new roof in the coming days.

We will be doing our interviews for a new councillor and by the next moose call they should be in their position. We had 4 people put their names in the hat. I thought it was a pretty good amount for a small town. Let's you know that people are interested in our little town and want to make it even better.

Seniors Christmas Deliveries will be Dec. 16th.

I will also be volunteering on Christmas Day to deliver meals from R U Hungries. If you have anyone that you think could use a meal, please reach out to me ahead and I can then add them to my list. I do know last year I delivered 19 meals and so enjoyed doing it and seeing how it made the people feel that they received them.

Our Volunteer Fire Dept will be holding a New Years Eve dance again this year! Hope to see some of you there!

Well, I wish you all a great holiday season as the next moose call will go out after that. I hope you all get to enjoy time with your family and friends.

Happy Holidays
Sharon Gadoury-East
Mayor



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From the kitchen of Diana

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CRANBERRY LEMON LOAF

1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt or sour cream
zest from 1 lemon plus juice from 1 lemon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter room temperature
1-1/4 cup sugar
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups fresh cranberries
1/4 cup confectioners sugar for glaze
2 teaspoon lemon juice for glaze

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. grease loaf pan; set aside. In a small bowl whisk together yogurt, zest, lemon juice (from 1 lemon), and vanilla, set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; set aside.

Using a stand mixer or electric mixer, add butter and sugar to the bowl and cream together until combined; about 2 minutes at high speed. Add

eggs, one at a time, combining well after each egg. Slowly add half of the flour mixture, and mix at a slow speed (or you will have a mess all over!), then add 1/2 of the yogurt mixture and mix until just combined. Add remaining flour mixture and combine; add remaining yogurt mixture and mix until just combined.

Remove bowl from stand mixer, add in cranberries, and fold gently to combine.

Pour batter into loaf pan. Cook for 50-60 minutes, testing with a toothpick starting at 50 minutes. When it comes out clean, bread is done.

Allow to cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. In a small bowl add confectioners sugar, and slowly add lemon juice while mixing with a fork. When the glaze is moist and thick, you have enough lemon juice, you don't want to add too much. 8. Drizzle over the top of the bread and cut into slices.

Merry Christmas to all



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Hello everyone!

My name is Vicky Gray-Wilks and I am the new Legion, Br 629 President. I am humbled by the support I received when I was accepted. I have great executive members. I hope with the help of the executive members and members of the Legion, we can grow and flourish.

Remembrance Day had a good attendance. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for having a great lunch after the service! We should remember Veterans everyday not just on Remembrance Day-November 11th . Without them we would not have the life we have today. I thank you for serving!

The Legion will remain open on Friday nights, 7 pm to ????. The Legion is also open Saturdays 2 pm until ???.

If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, comments of what they would like to see or do in the Legion, such as dart nights, bingo nights, shuffleboard tournament, etc.... Please let me know.

Here is my contact information:
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Have a great day! Stay warm! Merry Christmas! And Joyeux Noel!

Lest we forget.

**Vicky Gray-Wilks,
President, Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC, Br 629**

Biography of a Fallen Soldier

**By Vicky Gray-Wilks
Sapper Chris Holopina**

Born October 5,1973

Private Edwards was born in Russell, Manitoba.

His mother is Gloria Hopper. She is the 2023-2024 National Silver Cross Mother.

Sapper Chris has one sister, Ashley.

Sapper Chris Holopina joined the reserves in 1989. On January 18,1991, he enlisted in Portage La Prairie. He became a member of 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER) based in Petawawa, Ontario.

As a reservist, Sapper Chris experienced 2 tours of duty abroad including in Cyprus from 1992-1993, Croatia from 1993-1994, and his last tour, Bosnia1994-1996. During his final assignment in Bosnia, he wanted to help children whom he explained had nothing. He organized a toy and clothing drive. His family recalls the boxes of donations they collected, packed and

shipped. Sapper Chris Holopina was killed on July 4,1996 while on duty as part of Operation Alliance. He and his comrades were involved in a vehicle accident while on their way to help rescue a group of British soldiers stranded in a mine field. Their armoured vehicle left the road to avoid an accident but then careened down a ravine and rolled over. He was the only comrade killed in the accident.

Service number- H32171051

Force Army

Unit 2 Combat Engineer Regiment

Citations Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP) United Nations Protection Force Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR) NATO Medal for Former Yugoslavia (NATO-FY)

Private Edwards was 22 years old.

Thank you for Serving Sapper Holopina.

Seen from a Child

The Ugly Christmas Tree

The cat had an obsession with the sparkling, twinkling Christmas tree. The entire holiday season, it was an endless job to keep the cat from the climbing the tree and the family from climbing the wall. Thankfully, it was Christmas Eve, and the tree would be coming down soon.

However, it was then that the oversized barn cat decided it was time to wage war. Unfortunately, the tree stand wasn't up to the added weight of the pudgy, treat-happy tomcat. With one single leap like a reindeer landing on a roof, the cat launched into the tree, and it came crashing to the ground with a thunderous boom.

Upon hearing the resounding crash, the entire family sprang from their bed. The living room looked like a Christmas wasteland, with ornaments rolling under the couch and the tree crushing presents. The cat slunk away under the radar to pick needles out of his fur. Bobby, the youngest, looked up at his mother in wonder, and with the keen eye of a kid, he said, "Dad was right, Mom. Santa thought your Christmas tree was ugly, too."

Bad Christmas Tree

One magical season, a surprise was waiting for Maria and her family under the tree. Three-year-old Maria's new secret puppy pooped under the Christmas tree before her father could put it in hiding.

When Maria came home from her grandma's on Christmas Eve, she ran to the tree to take another glance before going to sleep. She instantly spotted the stinky surprise! Seeing the poop on the floor, Maria quickly ran into the kitchen to her mother.

"Mom, I think you need to give the Christmas tree a time out."

"Why?" her mom asked curiously.

"It pooped on the floor!"

Unfortunate Christmas Cookies

Two weeks before Christmas, four-year-old Christy found out she was allergic to gluten! Christmas Eve was packed with activities and endless lists of things to do. With no time to get Christmas cookies, her mom picked up some gluten-free ones at the store. That way, Christy would be able to have a jolly holiday snack, too.

That night, Christy's father ate one of the leftover Santa cookies. It went down the wrong tube on the last bite, and he found himself coughing up crumbs. Thinking nothing of it, the parents went to bed.

The next morning was full of fun, with a pile of wrapping paper from opening presents. The family was sitting down to breakfast with their new toys when Christy looked at her gluten-free toast with a sad look.

"Mom, I think I should send Santa a sorry note."

"Why?" her mother asked curiously.

"I heard him coughing on the cookies last night!"

The Magic Hat

After school, Timmy was digging through his father's closet.

"What are you looking for?" his father asked, taking in the mess.

"I'm seeing if you have a magic hat," Timmy stated, throwing a blazer out of the closet, adding, "We watched Frosty the Snowman at school today, and they used a hat to bring him to life. It looked like that one you wore on Grandma's birthday."

With a knowing smile, the father looked at the boy. "You want to see if my top hat will bring our snowman to life?" his father asked affectionately.

"No," the boy replied, looking at him with a shoe in his hand, "I want to try it on my Optimus Prime."

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Christmas Plants and Symbols

Christmas is often associated with different plants and greenery that are used for decoration and symbolism. Here are some of the most common Christmas plants:

Christmas Tree: Maybe the most iconic Christmas plant, the Christmas tree is typically an evergreen tree, such as a spruce, fir, or pine, that is decorated with lights, ornaments, and tinsel.

Mistletoe: Mistletoe is a plant that is often hung in doorways during the holiday season. According to tradition, people can kiss under the mistletoe, and it's said to bring good luck and romance.

Holly: Holly is known for its distinctive spiky leaves and bright red berries. It's often used in wreaths and other holiday decorations.

Poinsettia: Poinsettias are popular Christmas plants known for their red and green foliage. They are often used as potted plants or in floral arrangements.

Christmas Cactus: This is a type of cactus that produces beautiful blooms around Christmas time. It's a popular indoor plant for the holiday season.

Ivy: Ivy is often used as a decorative element in wreaths, garlands, and other Christmas decorations.

Rosemary: Rosemary is sometimes shaped into miniature Christmas trees and used as a fragrant decoration.

Christmas Rose (Helleborus): This is a winter-flowering plant that produces delicate, rose-like blooms during the holiday season.

Amaryllis: Amaryllis is a bulb plant that produces large, trumpet-shaped flowers. It's often grown and gifted during the Christmas season.

Paperwhites: These are a type of daffodil that can be forced to bloom indoors during the winter, making them a popular choice for Christmas floral arrangements.

Juniper: Juniper branches are sometimes used in wreaths and garlands for their evergreen foliage.

Cedar: Cedar branches are also used in holiday decorations, including wreaths and garlands.

These plants are not only used for decorative purposes, but also carry different symbolic meanings and traditions associated with the Christmas season. The specific plants and traditions may be different from region to region and from one culture to another. Merry Christmas!

Bye for now, Rhonda

rhonda's Cards



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Subscribers News

Well, we have just about reached the end of November and while the lake hasn't completely frozen, all the bays sure have! Unfortunately, as per recent winters up here along highway 11, we have seen a spate of accidents and some with fatalities which appears to be the norm if there is a big commercial vehicle involved. IMOS which maintains our highways up here have taken to doing a heavy application of brine just prior to a forecast-ed snowfall and while it seems to have a beneficial effect, it is still too early to deem it a success. It has been stated that the brine, when salt is applied to the highway, is much more effective in melting the snow.

On the renewal month it was led off by summer resident Peggy Baron of Woodstock who signed on for another 2 years! That was followed up by one from our own Helen Larose who renewed for her daughter, and our recipe lady, Diana Pearman of Toronto. Next in was one from Marie Turcotte of Temagami who gifted her son-in-law (and former Latchford resident) Rick Corbett of that town with another year's reading.

Next in was one from longtime subscriber, Yolande Tressider of Cobalt who remains with us for another year. Then former resident, and member of the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department, Charles Hallworth now of Sudbury added another years reading while confessing that he missed the great meals the Firemen hosted and also the Legion suppers. The month was rounded out with a two year renewal from Brent and Marie Anderson out in Airdrie, Alberta who opted for another 2 years of reading the 'Call! Brent was one of the many Anderson's born and raised here in Latchford but when he attended St Francis Xavier University in Antigonish , N.S., he was smitten by Marie and Latchford lost him! And, as always a sincere thank you to so many that insist on including the extra to help

On the health and fitness front, my sister-in-law Frances "Frannie" Lefebvre has made 3 trips in quite rapid succession to Toronto for eye surgery and follow up attention. Her sister-in-law Lynn Godden accompanied her on all 3 trips, niece Trina Breault on two and friend Francine Blowe on the third! I understand there is still another one to make in December! I also was made aware that Pat Underhill's wife is a patient in Temiskaming Hospital but the hospital did lose one Latchford patient when my friend Neal Thompson was transferred to the new Temiskaming Lodge on Drive In Theatre Road in New Liskeard. It is, in my opinion, a very impressive facility, quite colourful and comfortable with a very high level of professionalism exhibited by the staff.

In closing, I want to wish all the readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us who participate in getting the 'Call out to you on a monthly basis! Please stay well and enjoy the holidays!

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Bits and Pieces

I received an early, and very much appreciated, Christmas gift from Maggie Wilson of Coleman Township. Maggie is one of the area's newest and most knowledgeable historians. Maggie gifted me with a copy of the 1907 Latchford census which is the year we were incorporated as a town and what a read that is! I know, I know, I lead a very boring life!

Only the adult male members of Latchford were included in the census and in that year there were 203 males living here. Excuse me, I just realized the number included one woman, a widow "Mrs Annie Joseph" and she is the only female exception. Of course, the males and I presume Mrs Joseph as well, had to be over the age of 21 to be recognized on the census.

It did confirm what I thought to be the case in that only family name in Latchford that still has direct descendants living here is the "Mitchell's". Carolyn (Mitchell) Bigras and her nephew, Miles Mitchell are direct descendants of great grandfather William Mitchell and Grandfather Sandy Mitchell and Sandy's brother Jimmy. You can add an extra "great" in Miles' case for those grandfather's!

The census recognized that 104 listed were labourers and they were almost totally employed by the Empire Lumber Company! Latchford was home to 20 merchants and 3 grocers and a couple of butchers. I know that a number of the merchants also dealt in groceries but

broadened their offerings to entice the numerous prospectors passing through Latchford in pursuit of their fortunes! We also were home to a "Stipendiary Magistrate", a Crown Attorney and two lawyers. We also were home to two Doctors and two druggists! There were 5 prospectors identified as well as one assayer. I had to "google" that "stipendiary" to find out its meaning so encourage you to do likewise if interested!

George L.

In Memory of:

John J. Lloyd

December 13, 1908 - October 30, 1993
and

Margaret E. Lloyd (nee Jones)

May 07, 1911 – December 10, 1993

Gone 30 years but not forgotten.

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Funny short story's

Like father, like son

One evening I arrived home from work to find the lights out. My wife had prepared a lovely candlelit dinner and our two young sons, Garrett and Seldon, were dressed in their suits.

"Hey," I joked, "didn't we pay our hydro bill?"

A few months later, during the Christmas Eve candlelit procession, the church was packed and silent when Garrett asked, "Hey, Dad, did they not pay their hydro bill, too?" —Sylvio Gravel, Fitzroy Harbour, Ontario

A child's retort

Some of my favourite childhood memories involve our family's annual trips to the local Christmas tree farm. Although we have an artificial tree at our house, my children are still able to partake in the tradition by accompanying my parents when they cut down their tree.

When I announced we would be helping them pick a tree the following weekend, I expected Ethan, my six-year old, to be excited about the outing.

Instead, he furrowed his brow, puzzled, and asked, "What did they do with the one we got them last year?" —Sara Daub, Waterloo, Ontario

Traffic jam in the sky

On a flight to Mexico for Christmas vacation, I watched my four-year-old son, Max, stare intently out the airplane window. We had just taken off and were passing through some big white clouds.

Max looked concerned and I wondered what he

might be thinking about.

Suddenly his eyes lit up and a big smile came across his face. He announced loudly, "Mom! I know why we're not getting anywhere—we're stuck in all this snow!" —Kara Wilson, Calgary, Alberta

A wish come true

My mom is a bit of a pack rat. Recently she went digging under her stairs for some holiday decorations and came across a birthday card I had sent her 30 years earlier. She called me to say my wish for her had come true.

"What wish?" I asked.

"You wished me a happy 30th birthday," Mom replied, "and hoped I'd live for another 30 years—and I did!" —Teri Beauchesne, Redcliff, Alberta

Stocking stuffers

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful.

He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry.

"Well, what do you think?" I asked.

"Oh, Mom, it didn't work!" Callum replied. —Lynn Thibodeau, Ajax, Ontario

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!

Seasonal Dad jokes.

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?
The elf-abet.

What do snowmen call their offspring?
Chill-dren.

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?
Nothing. It was on the house.

What's the most popular Christmas wine?
'I don't like Brussels sprouts!'

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?
An abdominal snowman.

What did one snowman say to the other?
Do you smell carrots?

What is the best Christmas present?
A broken drum, you just can't beat it.

How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?
He was hooked on trees his whole life.

What do you call Santa's little helpers?
Subordinate clauses.

What are the best Christmas sweaters made from?
Fleece Navidad.

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?
Claustrophobia.

What's every parent's favorite Christmas Carol?
Silent Night.

Why did the Grinch go to the liquor store?
He was searching for some holiday spirit.



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Latchford Fire Department Safety Tips for the holiday season

Do not use Christmas trees for firewood. Only use seasoned and dried wood.

A very important holiday tip that should be followed all year long is to make sure that smoke alarms are working and that there is one on every level of the house. Single level homes and apartments should have smoke alarms near the kitchen and all sleeping areas. Here are a few simple safety tips to keep your home fire-safe during the holidays:

The Christmas Tree

When purchasing a real tree, check for freshness by tapping it on the ground – dropping needles, indicate a dry, highly flammable tree. Needles should be hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, they do not break.

When purchasing an artificial tree, make sure it's 'fire resistant.' Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

Place your tree away from fireplaces and radiators. Also, heated rooms dry out fresh trees, so be sure to keep the stand filled with water by topping it up daily.

Never use lighted candles on or near the tree.

Remove a real tree within 10 to 14 days; otherwise it can start to dry out and pose a fire hazard.

The Fireplace

Ensure the chimney flue is open and clean before you light a fire.

Remove all decorations that could be burned around the fireplace, such as stockings.

Always use a screen in front of the fireplace to protect against flying sparks.

Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result, as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

Never leave the fire unattended or let it smoulder.

Decorations

Choose decorations that are fire-resistant, non-combustible and non-conductive.

Avoid using tinsel together with spray-on snowflakes. This combination is highly combustible.

Do not use metallic ornaments on the tree. If they make contact with defective wiring they could become a shock hazard.

Lights

Use Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved lights. Place indoor and outdoor lights in their respective environments.

New or old, check light strings for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Make sure you do this before putting lights up. It is much easier to replace bulbs on the ground, than on the roof.

Do not use electric light strings/sets on metallic trees. A faulty system could energize the tree and shock or electrocute anyone coming into contact.

Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Do not overload electrical outlets, and never string more than three sets of lights per single extension cord.

Candles

Never leave burning candles unattended, and always keep out of reach of children.

Keep candles in sturdy holders on a stable surface, well away from curtains, trees or any other potentially flammable objects.

Put out all candles before leaving the room or going to sleep.