

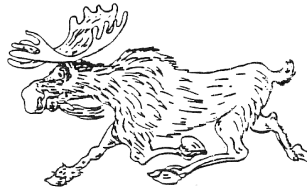
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# January 2024



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY TO BE HELD ON THE 9th VIA ZOOM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN WEBSITE AND THE 23rd TO BE HELD AT THE RECREATION CENTRE AT THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE NORTH END OF THE BUILDING @ 6:30PM. 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

## Mayor's Report

Hoping all had a very enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Years.

There was a brief meeting for the Communities of the Montreal River Power Project on Dec. 6. Jeff Barton, Dan Cleroux from Coleman, George Lefebvre at the request of Jeff, and Mike Cole the Co-Chair for Economic Development were in attendance. The goal of this meeting is to establish a hydroelectric generating station at the dam and sell the power into the provincial system. This project was unsuccessful a few years ago and now taking a renewed run at this and try and see if there is some funding support for this initiative.

This project includes Town of Latchford, Coleman Twp, Temagami First Nation and Timiskaming First Nation.

Now that the new year is here the process will start with working on the budget for 2024.

December was a quieter month as some were taking time off to enjoy more time with their families.

I would like to take the opportunity to give a big thank you to Parks and Rec. Committee for the work they did to not take extra money from the budget and generate some extra money and distribute the seniors' bags that they did. I do know that the ones I delivered to were very appreciative especially with the cost of food now a days. Ken Olson and his crew also for donating the pie certificates to add to the bags.

I would also like to send a huge thank you to R U Hungries staff and volunteers for the great Christmas Dinner that they put on for anyone to enjoy. It is amazing the amount of food they put out on that day and do it all for free to the people. This is my second year to pick up meals for the Town of Latchford individuals that were going to be alone on Christmas Day. All that I delivered to were very much appreciative. Also, I would like to thank Debbie Burrows for taking the meals I picked up for Temagami and delivering them.

Well, here is hoping that January we don't get a lot of snow, but we do know that it is beneficial at times.

**Sharon Gadoury-East**  
Mayor

## Dan's Snow Removal

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# From the kitchen of Diana

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## Impossible Pie

Easy to make creamy vanilla custard filling with crunchy topping. It's called "impossible" since it magically forms its own crust.

Prep Time 7 min. Cook Time 50 min.

4 large eggs

1/2 cup unsalted butter

1/2 cup all purpose flour

2 cups milk

2/3 cup granulated sugar

1 cup sweetened shredded coconut \*

1 and 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg optional

Preheat the oven to 350°F and grease a 9-10" pie dish. Blend all the ingredients in the blender for 15 seconds, until well combined. Pour the blended ingredients into the prepared pie dish and bake for 50-55 minutes, until the center of the pie is almost completely set and browned. Allow the pie to cool to room temperature before chilling in the fridge for at least 2 hours before serving.

\*Note: I have tested this recipe with the coconut and without and I prefer the melt in your mouth creamy filling without the coconut.

Pork Chops with Scalloped Potatoes

- 6 pork chops

- 4 potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

- 1 onion, sliced

- 2 tablespoons butter

- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

- 1 can broth of choice (chicken works great), 14 oz

- Salt and pepper to taste

- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder

- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Arrange potatoes and onion on bottom of baking dish. Season. Brown and season pork chops and put on top of potatoes and onion layer. In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add flour and whisk until combined. Add broth and bring to boil. Add salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, and paprika. Cook and stir until thickened. Pour sauce over pork chops. Cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Serve and enjoy!



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**LEGION NEWS**

**SGT AUBREY COSENS VC BR 629, Royal Canadian Legion**

Hello everyone!  
Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with their family and friends!

Our Legion has a pool table now. We also have dart boards and a shuffleboard table for your enjoyment.

The Legion is open Friday nights, 7 pm to ??? 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, pool tournaments etc.... Please let me know.

The next Branch meeting will be January 10 at 7 pm. If anyone would like to become a Branch member, please contact me or stop at the Legion for an application form.

Here is my contact information:

forvic2@gmail.com

705-679-4062

Have a great day! Stay warm!

Lest we forget

**Vicky Gray-Wilks**

**Branch President**

In future issues I have been authorized by President Vicky to begin a series of columns outlining the contributions of various residents of Latchford during their military service.

With about 18 percent of our population in the services during WW2 alone, there are many interesting stories that I am aware of including a number of families with multiple members of the same family in active service during WW2.

**My best intentions were to have the first one included in this issue but age and holiday activities sidetracked me!**

**George L.**

You don't have to be a Veteran to join and make a difference

Whether volunteering, helping with the Poppy Campaign or simply supporting through membership dues, every member helps the Legion assist Canada's Veterans and their families, and plays a role in success stories like this:

"It was the Legion that started a series of interventions that ended up making a significant improvement in my life. I'm incredibly grateful for the Legion for everything that they did for me."

**– Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Tom Manley**



## Letters to the Moose Call:

### Dear Moose Call Staff;

Enclosed is a cheque for \$15 to renew my subscription for another year. I continue to enjoy reading it and hearing about good old Latchford. I noticed that letters aren't published anymore, I miss that.

I'm glad you still have a hand in the Moose Call paper and do hope you are doing well Sharon. I'm okay for a 96 year old! I feel much younger than that! I'm very grateful.  
Love and blessings for Christmas and 2024.

### Helen Lee

p.s. Sister Bessie is well at 98 years. She spent a week with me in early November.

### Hi Helen;

Please be assured that we gladly publish any letters that we receive. It seems that letter writing has fallen out of fashion for many. So good to hear from you!

### George L.

### Dad jokes

What concert costs just 45 cents?  
50 Cent featuring Nickelback!

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

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

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet.  
I don't know y.

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

Wanna hear a joke about paper?  
Never mind—it's tearable.

What's the best way to watch a fly fishing tournament?

Live stream.

What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer?

The space bar.

Did you hear about the circus fire?

It was in tents.

I could tell a joke about pizza...

But it's a little cheesy.

I like telling Dad jokes...

Sometimes he laughs!

When I moved into my new igloo my friends threw me a surprise house-warming party.

Now I'm homeless.

I went to the beekeeper to get 12 bees. He counted and gave me 13. "Sir, you gave me an extra."

"That's a freebie."

I ate a kids' meal at McDonald's today.  
His mother seemed really angry.

A burglar stole all our lamps.  
I should be upset, but I'm delighted.

I invested every last cent of mine into a cannabis-fed cattle business.

The steaks have never been higher.

I don't go to funerals that start before noon.  
I guess I'm just not a mourning person!

I'm addicted to collecting vintage Beatles albums.

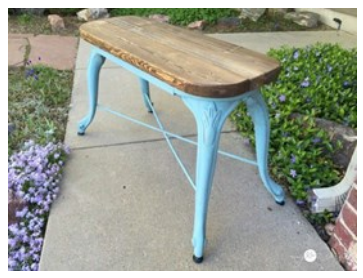
I need Help!

# Rhonda's Garden Tip

## Garden Project - Benches

It's that time of year again to look for ways to be creative in the garden and what an awesome way then to begin with a garden project. Since our weather here in the north has looked more like our October conditions, it allows us a longer opportunity to get those outdoor projects done. Let's begin the New Year 2024 with a new garden bench. I have done this project for past projects, but there are always new designs and styles to create. So, let's explore new designs for your next garden bench. Happy New Year! Can you guess which one is mine?

**Bye for now, Rhonda**



## Subscribers News,

Interesting that, to date at least, the poor old Farmer's Almanac is a way off base with their predictions for our winter weather. Despite the dire predictions of the aforementioned almanac and try as she might, Old Mother Nature was unable to cover the ground here in Latchford with any amount of snow! The lack of snow doesn't affect my desire to get out sledding as I have long since outgrown that activity but my wife did gift me with a battery powered snow-blower that I am anxious to try out! Despite stating that I think I would gladly wait until next winter to "live test it"! Anyone wishing to get out on their skis, snowshoes or sleds must be getting just a tad frustrated though!

No to worry though! It is not the first light snow or snow free Christmas we have experienced here in Latchford but I am more than confident that we have never experienced a snow free winter!

On the renewal front we have one new one to report this month and that is from Dennis Messenger of New Liskeard who is a summer resident here in Latchford. Dennis has purchased his mom and dad's, Doris and Don, property on Murphy Mill Road that they had owned, prior to their passing, since 1990. We also had one that demonstrated a giant leap of faith in the continuance of the Moose Call when we received a 5 year renewal from longtime subscriber James Aldred of Richmond Hill, ON. James is a nephew to the late, original and longtime columnist for the Moose Call, Edith Rabillard and a cousin to Beth Inglis.

Rounding out the month was a renewal from longtime subscriber Helen Lee of Don Mills who has reached the tender age of 96. Helen is a member of the Crockford family who lived here in the late 1920's, early 1930's and have never lost their affinity for Latchford. The Crockford home was (and still stands) at 82 Empire Street.

On the health and fitness front, my sister-in-law Frances "Frannie" Lefebvre has made her last trip to Toronto and her future medical needs can be responded to locally or in North Bay! Good news for both Frannie and her taxi squad! To Frannie and all others who may be ailing or infirm, a speedy return to good health is our wish for you from all readers and contributors.

**George L.**

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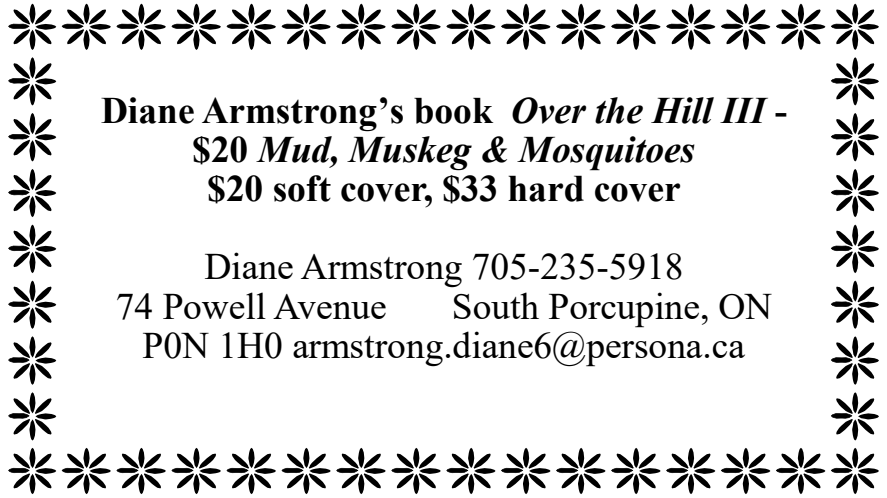
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**New Year's Resolutions for Adults with A Humorous Touch**

Commit to finding a plant I can't kill in less than a week – a botanical challenge!

Embrace the chaos: aspire to make my bed at least once a month.

Promise to resist the urge to start a new TV series until I finish at least one I've already started.

Practise the fine art of remembering where I left my keys at least twice a week.

**Funny New Year's Resolutions for Kids**

I will master the art of making silly faces in the mirror every morning.

Attempt to become fluent in emoji to communicate complex emotions more effectively.

We will convince the tooth fairy to start a tooth-paste and candy exchange program.

Promise to conquer the pile of unread books by turning them into stylish furniture.

I will aim to learn how to eat ice cream without getting brain freeze – a true skill!

Aim to become a morning person by hitting snooze only five times instead of ten.

We will practise becoming the reigning champion of blanket forts in the house.

Try yoga – or at least learn how to touch my toes without toppling over.

I will try to perfect the "dinosaur roar" and unleash it when least expected.

Vow to attend at least one event I RSVP'd to on Facebook (even if it's in my dreams).

I will commit to making parents laugh at least once a day with a joke or a funny dance.

Experiment with new recipes, with a goal to cook something that actually looks like the recipe picture.

I will become a certified superhero by cleaning up toys faster than a speeding bullet.

Aim to become a Zoom pro by mastering the mute/unmute button without embarrassing incidents.

I will try the "no vegetables left behind" policy at dinner; sneakily feed them to the dog instead.

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## **New Ontario laws and regulations come into effect in 2024. Here's what you should know**

Provincial changes will affect child-care sector, tow-truck industry and construction.

Several new Ontario laws and regulatory changes are set to come into effect on New Year's Day, including daycare safe-arrival rules and penalties for inappropriately accessing patients' personal health information.

### **Child care pick-up and drop-off policies**

As of Jan. 1, 2024, the province will require all child-care operators to develop a policy outlining what steps they will take to closely monitor when a child does not arrive or is not picked up as expected.

The changes are intended to prevent the rare, but horrendous deaths of young children inadvertently left in hot cars. Safe arrival systems have long been in place in schools, where children are as young as three or four when starting junior kindergarten, but not in child-care settings, where children are younger and more vulnerable.

### **Patient health information rules**

Other new regulations taking effect on Monday will allow Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner to fine individuals or organizations who inappropriately access or share a patient's personal health information.

## **Tow-truck industry changes, including customer rights**

Several changes to the tow-truck industry are also set to come into force, including new customer rights.

Those will include the right to provide consent to tow a car, where it will be towed, access to the vehicle after the fact, and rights related to invoices and payments.

The province will also take over the tow-truck licensing regime from municipalities and will require certification of all towing operators and vehicle storage companies.

### **Construction, alcohol purchasing and invasive species**

The province is updating the Occupational Health and Safety Act to increase safety for crane operators on construction sites. Two new regulations taking effect will help ensure cranes are installed properly and inspected and maintained regularly.

Ontario is also extending rules governing the purchase of alcohol across provincial borders. Consumers will be allowed to buy alcohol directly from businesses in other provinces until Jan. 1, 2026.

The government is also adding several organisms to the invasive species list in the new year, including killer shrimp, most crayfish and several plants such as the tree of heaven.

## **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!**

## Short stories

### Chinese Farmer Story

Once upon a time there was a Chinese farmer whose horse ran away. All the neighbours came around that evening and said, "That's too bad." And the farmer said, "Maybe." The next day the horse came back and brought seven wild horses with it. And all the neighbours came around and said, "That's great, isn't it?" And the farmer said, "Maybe."

The next day his son, who was attempting to tame one of these horses, and was riding it and was thrown broke his leg. And all the neighbours came around in the evening and said, "Well, that's too bad, isn't it?" And the farmer said, "Maybe."

The next day the conscription officers came around looking for people for the army. They rejected his son because he had a broken leg. And all the neighbours came around that evening and said, "Well, isn't that wonderful?" And the farmer said, "Maybe."

**The moral of the story:** We should be careful labelling the things that happen to us as good or bad. The causal chain of the universe is complex and infinite. Real-life stories continue even after the happy ending.

### The Drunkard

A policeman sees a drunk man searching for something under a streetlight and asks what the drunk has lost. He says he lost his keys and they both look under the streetlight together. After a few minutes the policeman asks if he is sure he lost them here, and the drunk replies, no, and that he lost them in the park. The policeman asks why he is searching here, and the drunk replies, "this is where the light is".

**The moral of the story:** Truth and wisdom are found where you least want to look.

### The Scorpion and the Frog

A scorpion asks a frog to carry him over a river. The frog is afraid of being stung, but the scorpion argues that if it did so, both would sink and the scorpion would drown. The frog then agrees, but midway across the river the scorpion does indeed sting the frog, dooming them both. When asked why, the scorpion points out that this is its nature.

**The moral of the story:** You can't outsmart human nature. Be realistic about changing vicious people; sometimes they even act against their own interests.

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Winter is the worst season for residential fires in Canada, according to Fire Prevention Canada. There are many reasons for this – homes must be heated, people are cooking most of their meals indoors, and those who smoke tend to stay indoors rather than going out. Fires claim eight lives each week in Canada, and almost three-quarters of those deaths happen as a result of residential fires.

The Canada Safety Council recommends the following precautions to minimize your risk of a residential fire this winter.

### Around the house

If you have a frozen pipe, keep the faucet open and apply heat to the frozen section using an electric hair dryer, or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use any open-flame device, such as a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, or charcoal stove, to thaw the pipe. Call a licensed plumber if you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe. Do not leave a space heater unattended near the frozen pipe.

Do not smoke in bed or in your bedroom. Ashtrays in the house should be kept on sturdy surfaces away from all combustible materials.

When using candles, keep them on or in sturdy holders on a level surface, out of the reach of children and pets. Blow out candles when you leave the room or are going to bed.

Store flammable liquids such as gasoline and paint safely, away from any heat sources, and ideally in a cool, dry place outside the house. Never use a BBQ indoors (this includes the garage). A BBQ uses combustible fuel, which releases carbon monoxide. CO can be deadly if adequate ventilation is not available.

Flickering lights? Blown fuses or a circuit breaker that keeps tripping? These may be a sign of electrical problems. Contact an electrician.

Do not run an extension cord under furniture or under a rug. Traffic over the cord or the weight of furniture on it may damage the cord and create a fire hazard.

Clean the dryer lint filter before and after each use to minimize the risk of a dryer fire.

### In the kitchen

Stay in the kitchen when cooking, especially when using grease or when cooking food at high temperatures. If a grease fire starts, never try to put it out with water. If possible, cover the pan with a lid to smother the flames; use baking soda on shallow grease fires. If you can't control the fire immediately, get yourself and your family out fast, and call 9-1-1.

Keep a working fire extinguisher in or within reach of the kitchen, and know how to use it. Read the instruction labels so that you will know, for example, that you should aim the nozzle at the base of the fire and sweep from side to side until the fire is out.

Never use a cooking appliance with a frayed or cracked electrical cord. Do not overload electrical outlets or circuits by plugging in and using multiple appliances at the same time.

If you are impaired – whether by alcohol, medication, a lack of sleep or something else – do not use the stove, oven or other cooking appliances.