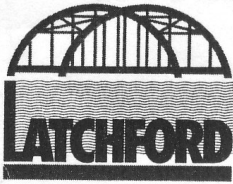


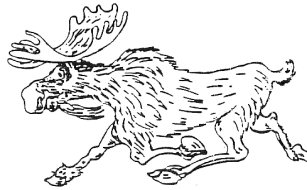
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COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY TO BE HELD ON THE 14th VIA ZOOM @ 6:30PM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AND MAY 28TH @6:30PM AT THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE LATCHFORD TOWN OFFICE ON THE MAIN FLOOR. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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

Mayors Report

Hoping all had a great April. Weather again has been strange but that is the joys of living in the north, I guess.

Also hope all got to enjoy a great Easter with their family and friends.

The town will be moving the council meetings that are in person to the town office and expanding the fitness room. No renovations need to be done there will be a spacing out of equipment. When there are a few people in that little room it can get a wee bit crowded.

The council meetings that are in person will be held in the main lobby at the town office. And going forward all meeting will be recorded and put up on our site.

Fire permits are now out so please make sure you purchase one if you are going to be having fires.

We have been receiving emails daily in regard to water levels and OPG and MNRF have been great in keeping us updated on this daily and sometimes twice a day.

I was able to attend a meeting via zoom about Health Care Transit for Medical Appointments. The meeting was to have municipalities come together collectively working together to improve access to transportation for medical appointments in Northern Ontario. There was a guest speaker from Parry Sound that has been running a service to help their individuals. She did state it has been very successful for them and has been going for a few years. This is at the ground floor at this time. Have not been given the next meeting at this time.

Attended Timiskaming Municipal Association meeting in Earleton. There was a presentation in regard to the Jack Monroe documentary which was presented by Terry Fiset and George Lefebvre. There will be showings for this documentary and will be held May 24th at Elk Lake Legion, May 25th at Haileybury Legion and May 26th at Cobalt Classic Theatre. We will be receiving a poster that will be added to our town page for anyone that would be interested in this.

There was a resolution brought forth in regards to Exotic Animals and petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations. This resolution has been forwarded to Solicitor General.

There were a few presentations had to be moved to May meeting as to unfortunate absences. I will be attending FONOM conference that will be held May 6 to 8 which will be held in Sudbury. There are a few Ministers that will be attending and presenting. I am looking forward to the conference.

Just a heads up the Beach House chip stand in town will be opening May 16th.

Well hope all get to enjoy May and let's see if we get a nice May long weekend or do we have to wear our long johns.

Mayor
Sharon Gadoury-East



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From the kitchen of Diana

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Chocolate Brownies (Makes 16 servings)

1 cup salted butter or 2 sticks, softened
4 oz unsweetened chocolate, good quality
2 cups granulated sugar
4 large eggs, lightly beaten, room temp
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tsp baking powder
1 cup bittersweet chocolate chips, or semisweet chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350F, and lightly grease a 13x9 baking pan. Set aside. In a large, heavy saucepan, melt butter and chocolate over low heat. Stir frequently until smooth and combined. Remove from heat and stir in sugar until combined. Add eggs and vanilla. Whisk by hand to combine thoroughly. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa, and baking powder.

Using a rubber spatula or wooden spoon, add dry mixture to the wet mixture gradually, folding together until just combine. Do not over-mix, as little lumps remaining are fine. *Fold in chocolate chips. Transfer brownie batter to prepared pan. Bake 27-30 minutes, or just until a toothpick inserted in center comes out with few crumbs attached. Do not bake until toothpick comes out totally clean, or it might be over-baked. Ready to eat as is or if desired sift icing sugar over top of the brownies when cooled or frost with your favourite chocolate icing.

*Note: Fold in your chocolate chips at the end to avoid over-mixing the batter. Over-mixed batter can make the brownies tough.

Diana Pearman

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Hello everyone!

I hope all is well with everyone! I am sure everyone feels like me, where the heck is spring? And nice weather????

Lately the Legion has sworn in a lot of new members, and this is great! It is nice to continue the values and traditions of why the Legion is here. Not only to remember and help our Veterans and their families but our community also.

We are looking for bar tenders. You do not have to be a Legion member but must have a current Smart Serve Certificate. If anyone is interested, please contact Vicky or Sharon Gadoury.

Our Legion has a pool table , dart boards, cards and a shuffleboard table for your enjoyment.

The Legion is open Friday nights, 7 pm until ??? 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.

All members, the next Branch meeting will be May 8thth at 7 pm. Elections will be held this night.

If anyone would like to become a Branch member, please contact me or stop at the Legion for an application form.

Here is the Legion contact information:
sgtaubreycosensv.c.629@hotmail.com
705-679-4062

Have a great day!

Lest we forget.

Vicky Gray-Wilks

Branch President

Fun Facts

Henry VIII knighted all four of his “Grooms of Stool” — the people in charge of wiping his bottom for him.

Before the invention of modern false teeth, dentures were commonly made from the teeth of dead soldiers.

In ancient Egypt, servants were smeared with honey so flies would flock to them instead of the pharaoh.

It was once considered sacrilegious to use a fork.

George Washington owned a whiskey distillery.

Since 1945, all British tanks have been equipped with the necessary items for making tea.

Pope Gregory IV once declared war on cats because he believed Satan used black cats. His declaration lead to the mass extermination of cats.

That lack of cats led to a rat infestation which led to the spread of the plague.

While the Wright Brothers are famous as a pair, they actually only flew together once. They promised their father they’d always fly separately.

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Funny

What computer is a singer? A Dell.

My boss wished me a good day, so I went back home.

Why do nurses always take the red crayons? They have to draw a lot of blood.

It's painful to say this, but I have a bad sore throat.

What's the least spoken language? Sign language.

3.14% of sailors are considered pi-rates.

What animal is the worst at hide-and-seek? A leopard because he's always spotted.

Why did the dog float in the water? He was a good buoy.

What has five toes, a heel, and isn't your foot? My foot.

What's the astronaut's favorite part of a computer? The spacebar.

I had a joke about boxing, but I forgot the punchline.

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Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Companion planting is a gardening technique where different plants are grown together to enhance each other's growth, deter pests, attract beneficial insects, and maximize the use of space. Here's a basic companion planting guide to take with you when choosing your plants and help to get you started:

Beans

Companions: Corn, cucumbers, potatoes, radishes, carrots. Avoid: Onions, garlic, gladiolus.

Carrots

Companions: Peas, onions, leeks, chives, rosemary. Avoid: Dill

Companion Flowers:

Nasturtiums: Plant near squash and cucumbers to deter pest.

Lavender: Repels moths, fleas, and flies. Plant near vulnerable crops.

Calendula: Attracts beneficial insects and deters pest.

Corn

Companions: Beans, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, peas. Avoid: Tomatoes, peppers.

Cucumbers

Companions: Beans, peas, radishes, dill, marigolds. Avoid: Aromatic herbs (sage, rosemary, lavender).

Herbs:

Companions: Many herbs benefit from being planted together, such as basil with tomatoes, sage with cabbage, and thyme with eggplant.

Lettuce

Companions: Carrots, radishes, strawberries, cucumbers. Avoid: Brassicas (cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower).

Marigolds

Companions: Plant marigolds throughout your garden to deter pests such as nematodes (a thread worm)

Peppers

Companions: Basil, tomatoes, onions, carrots, marjoram. Avoid: Beans, kohlrabi (wild cabbage).

Potatoes

Companions: Beans, corn, cabbage, peas, marigolds. Avoid: Tomatoes, squash, cucumbers.

Tomatoes

Companions: Basil, parsley, carrots, onions, marigolds. Avoid: Potatoes, fennel, cabbage, cauliflower.

Some added tips include:

For crop rotation, avoid planting the same crops in the same spot year after year to prevent soil depletion and pest buildup. Beneficial insects can be added by planting flowers that attract beneficial insects like ladybugs, lacewings, and pollinators to help control pests naturally.

Remember, while companion planting can be beneficial, it's also important to consider factors like soil type, sunlight, and water requirements for each plant. Experimenting and observing what works best in your specific garden is key to success! Happy gardening!

Bye for now Rhonda

Subscribers News,

We are just ending another month of unusual weather but unusual weather sure seems to be the norm these days, at least in Latchford! I recall one day in particular that the ground was covered with snow on three different occasions only to have it melt as quickly as it arrived! The lack of concern that was expressed by the OPG that I referred to in last month's 'Call was justified because in short order we had a couple of "rain events" that brought the levels up in the lake and river while adding a lot of moisture to the ground. It also brought a lot of devastating impacts to the rural areas north of New Liskeard!

On the subscriber front, it was another 2 renewal month. Longtime subscribers, Frances Jones Barker of New Liskeard renewed for another 2 years as did Gino Chitaroni of Portage Bay, just up the lake from Latchford! Gino's late father Albert was a longtime supporter of both the Moose Call and the House of Memories Museum. I did get a few emails following my request in last month's 'Call assuring me that we are being read on line.

On the health and fitness front, I heard where former long time resident, Joan Carmody, was a patient in Temiskaming Hospital in the early part of the month but has now returned to her home in New Liskeard. We do still have a few "walking wounded" around Latchford that includes Jackie Adshead, my baby brother Basil and his wife Fran as well as Jim McCrae plus undoubtedly others that I have not heard of (or don't remember) so I am confident that all readers join me in wishing them a speedy return to good health to coincide with the warm weather that we are bound to receive. On a much more sombre note, Latchford's oldest resident left us when Marion French passed away in April. Mrs French would have reached 100 in July and her son John, whom she lived with, told me in the winter that his Mom was still baking bread weekly! I had met her in Life Labs in New Liskeard during the winter and she knew me and we had a brief chat. Then, barely a week after the passing of Mrs French, her son John passed. A double tragedy such as that is more than most could bear. The condolences of all readers that knew/know the French family are extended to them through the Moose Call. Hopefully, we will be able to include an obituary for both Marion and her son John, in the next issue. Latchford will incur another loss of a longtime resident when on May 10, my dear friend Helen Larose will be moving to the Northdale Manor in New Liskeard. Helen will be leaving the home that her and her late husband Bert built in the early 1950's and where she has lived ever since and raised their daughter, Diana. Helen taught Sunday school in the United Church for a good number of years, was the Church organist and a longtime volunteer at the House of Memories Museum. I am confident she is moving with mixed emotions and a lifetime of memories. As much as all of us privileged to have her as a friend will miss her, most of us are still able to drop in to visit her at the Manor where I am sure we will be welcomed have run into a bit of a roadblock in my efforts to profile the contributions of various Latchford residents during World War 2. It's regrettable that many family members have forgotten, or never really became informed on, the contributions and sacrifices that were incurred by family members during that great conflict. I have not given up and have turned to others for assistance in my searches.

In closing I am going to put in a little plug for a project that I was quite involved in (pre-Covid) and that is a documentary on Jack Munroe, first Mayor of Elk (City) Lake entitled, "Jack Munroe, Canada's Lost Legend"! It will be showing at the Classic Theatre in Cobalt on May 26 and, believe it or not, I even have a very, very minor speaking role in it! I hope some of you can make it.

George L.

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I would like to take the time to thank everyone for their support and kindness during my transition into becoming Latchford's new Postmaster! Thank you, Monique O'Shaughnessy for offering the opportunity to become an integral part of the community. I appreciate that vote of confidence and will work hard to serve the town to the best of my ability. I look forward to seeing the regular faces and meeting the new faces going forward!

**Thank you,
Niana Good**

Note of Thanks!

Family and friends have made my 94th birthday really special.

A big thank you and God Bless you all!

Love,

Helen

Funny

April showers bring May flowers, but what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

Where do pirates buy hooks? The second hand store.

The child refused to nap. She was found guilty of resisting a rest.

Why is it bad to iron a four leaf clover? Because you should never press your luck.

What's blue and doesn't weigh much? Light blue.

Why did the birds attack the dog? He was pure bread.

I just gave my too weak notice at the gym.

It takes a lot of guts to be an organ donor.

That ghost was such a bad liar...I could see right through him!

I had to get a neck brace last year and I haven't looked back since.

I don't want to be friends with Dracula anymore, he's such a pain in the neck!

It was easy to stop women from eating Tide Pods, but I couldn't deter gents.

I saw the Apple store get robbed...I guess that makes me an iWitness.

That car seems nice, but the muffler looks exhausted.

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Time Travelling on Highway 11 – George Lefebvre

My first ventures south involved picnicking at Jumping Caribou Lake and a trip to Field, both being made with an uncle and aunt. This was in the late 1940's and many of sections of the original Ferguson Highway from North Bay to Latchford were still passable and interesting to drive on. The interesting thing about travelling to Temagami in those days was that you passed through a community that no longer exists by name, Goward. Located at the present day entrance to Temagami North, it boasted the Temagami Timber sawmill, public school which was located between the railway tracks and the highway just north of the two bridges, a small Railroad Station and numerous homes, even a small variety store as I recall.

Each spring the Public Schools from Temagami, Goward and Latchford would share a joint field day which allowed even children whose parents did not own a vehicle get to be familiar with the other towns as these field days rotated between the three.

Of particular interest for travellers on Highway 11 during the 1950's was the high number of picnic sites maintained by the then Department of Highways (DHO). Going south from Latchford the first was at the south end of the Latchford dam on the east side of the highway between the highway and railway tracks. This one even offered a roofed pavilion with enough room for four tables under it. The site had a stone fireplace for cooking and a number of other tables scat-

tered about as well as two privies. This site met its demise when the Sgt Cosens Bridge was built in 1960 and occupied the area.

Further south on the west side of the highway on the first small point was a couple of more tables and this was repeated at the points on either side of the creek running into Bay Lake, just north of Conroy's Cabins. The northern one of those two also featured a stone fire place. The next picnic area was at Granite Lake on the north side of the lake, west side of the highway and featuring a number of tables. The next being at the Net Lake site which is still in use today and the only one in this section of Highway 11 that survived the purge by the MTO beginning in the late 1960's, as best I recall.

And then there were the tourist camps, or cabins, as many were referred to. Most of the properties immediately south of Temagami are still in existence. North, I do not recall any around Goward but there was one where the present day Andorra Lodge is located, originally owned by the Miller's from Cobalt, then the Bobyks, then Gerhard and Barbara Kleinboeck. I am uncertain of the present owners names.

There has been one at James Lake in one variation or another since the 1940's. The first owner's I am aware of was the Burnett's. They sold to Ken and Dorothy Dobson who established a licensed hotel there in the late 1960's before adding a motel in the early 1970's. Acquired by Vaughn and Elsa Pedersen, it added a very upscale restaurant before closing in the 1990's. It is

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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!

Time Travelling continued.....

presently named the Aviator and is owned by Dave Willcock.

South of Latchford on the west side extending out onto the long point that once was the supply depot for J. R. Booth's logging operations on the upper Montreal, George and Sadie Howe established a tourist camp in the 1930's that operated up until the 1960's when it was owned by Edgar Burns and his mother, Victoria. South of that were the shoreline breaks away from the highway, brothers Cecil and Harry Conroy started a tourist camp just after the Second World War ended. This location was also a logging supply depot for the Gillies Brother's and both locations were at one time served by a spur line from the ONR. North of Latchford was the Conway Cabins located at the causeway across Gillies Lake.

In addition to the aforementioned Ferguson Highway sections that remained passable in the 1950's, one other point of interest between Latchford and Temagami was the half-way mark which usually separated highway contracts that were issued between the two communities. It was located at about 10 miles south of Latchford, and was marked with a driveway and a small building on west side of the highway, half-way between Whitney and Pike Lakes.

Another feature missing today from Highway 11 is visible industry. In addition to the former Temagami Timber sawmill in Goward which ceased operations around 1960, one could also see to the northeast of Temagami the smoke rising from the stacks at Gillies Brothers sawmill on Snake Lake which lasted into the late 1960's. North of Temagami and a quick look west as you drove over the Railway crossing just north of that town provided you with a glimpse of Wm Milne and Son sawmill that finally closed in the 1990's.

P. J. Grant closed his Latchford sawmill in 1942, which was located on the west side just south of the Sgt Cosens Bridge on the small bay that still bears the Grant name but you had

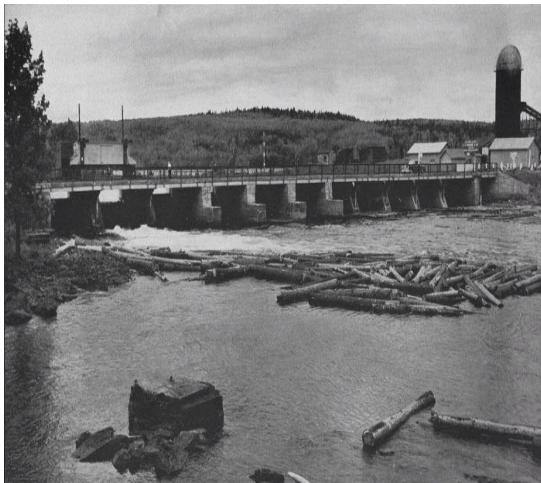
to hit Latchford proper to see a sawmill in the 1950's. Upon crossing the dam, which was the route of Highway 11 until 1960, one could immediately see the A. B. Gordon sawmill on the west of the highway and it was that year that signalled the closure of that mill. Looking east across the ONR tracks, was the A. J. Murphy Lumber Company which burned in 1957. North of Latchford one could see the Cobalt Chemical Plant in Gillies.

The other big change along the highway was the demise of restaurants, gas stations and hotels. In the 1950's you could eat at numerous locations as there were at least five dining facilities in Temagami including the Minawassi Hotel and Latchford had four restaurants. Latchford had four gasoline outlets and Temagami had an equal if not greater number. In addition, many tourist camps had at least a single gas pump including Shining Wood Lodge and James Lake.

Licensed Hotels were plentiful as well with the Blue Spruce being 5 miles north of North Bay, the Marten River Hotel at that point, Goddard's and the Minawassi in Temagami and the Lady Evelyn Hotel in Latchford.

The last passable section of the Ferguson close to Latchford is the section just north of the S corners on the east side near Johnson Lake.

George Lefebvre



Latchford Fire Department BBQ Safety tips

Now that spring is here and the barbeques are coming out, here are some safety tips to keep everyone safe.

1. Only use grills outside

It may be tempting to set up your barbecue grill inside of your open garage or under a covered balcony, but propane and gas, charcoal grills are strictly designed for outdoor use where there is plenty of ventilation. Any combustible materials that surround or hang over the grill when it's in use can catch fire easily and quickly. Make sure that the area over top and around your grill is clear and unobstructed.

2. Place your grill away from your home

Barbeque grills are often placed just outside the back door or on the back deck against a railing. You should avoid placing your grill in these areas because it can pose a potential fire hazard. Grills that are placed too close to the house or other wood structures can heat up adjacent materials and cause a fire to start. Be sure to keep your grill at least 10 feet from your home or other structures.

3. Make sure your grill is located on a flat, level surface

Grills that are placed on slopes or other uneven surfaces can tip over easily and cause a fire. Make sure that your grill is set up on a stable surface such as a concrete pad so that it remains level while cooking food.

4. Check your grill for leaks

If you store your grill inside during the winter months, it's important to check it over thoroughly when grilling season begins. A leak in the gas lines can cause propane or natural gas to build up inside the BBQ when the lid is closed. Check the gas lines to make sure that they are free of leaks before using your grill, and always open the lid of your barbecue before lighting.

5. Always clean your grill after use

Barbecuing regularly causes grease to build-up on the grill plates and collect inside the grease tray. If not cleaned, the build-up can then act as fuel and catch fire while the grill is in use. Clean your charcoal or gas grill after each use with a grill brush and empty the grease tray when it begins to fill up.

6. Never leave your barbecue grill unattended while in use

Never leave the grill unattended while you are cooking food. You should never walk away from your barbecue while it's in use. Barbecues use high heat and open flames to cook food, and when left unattended can become a safety and fire hazard. If you must leave the grill, ask another adult to watch the grill for you.

7. Wear appropriate clothing

Articles of clothing that have long sleeves or pieces that dangle can catch fire easily when too close to an open flame. When grilling food, wear clothing that won't interfere with the cooking process and make sure that any apron strings are tied back away from your front. If a piece of clothing does catch fire, remember to stop, drop, and roll to extinguish the flames quickly.

8. Keep a spray bottle on hand

It's common for grills to flare up as fat drips from meat as it cooks, and this can cause a section of the grill to remain on fire as it burns away. If left alone, the flames will continue to burn and cause excess smoke to billow out from under the lid. Keep a spray bottle filled with water beside your grill so that you can quickly extinguish smaller flames before they spread.

9. Always have a fire extinguisher close by

In the event that a fire does break out, follow these tips on and ensure you have EZ Fire Spray within reach. It is simple to use, just point and spray to extinguish the fire. EZ Fire Spray is also quick and easy to clean up after use. It's small, compact size makes it the perfect addition to your grilling set to help keep your loved ones safe.