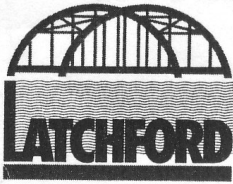


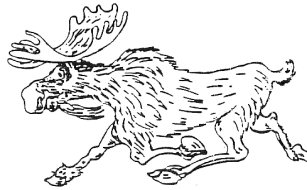
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 10th TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM @ 6:30PM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD WEBSITE. ALSO ON THE 24TH IN PERSON AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE TOWN OFFICE @ 6:30PM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LEGION MEETING WILL NOW RESUME THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

Mayors Report

Well August has been a pretty good month for weather I see. Hoping that we don't go to fall weather too soon and get to enjoy some more of this warm stuff.

August has been another quiet month for meetings but September will be ramping back up. September we will be going back to our two meetings a month now that summer is kind of over. Our bylaw officer has been out doing his duties. And I am sure you are all aware that he does submit a report and it is in our council meeting. Also, with summer coming to an end our summer students will be heading back to their schools.

As I am sure many are aware of our museum and all that our summer student Haven and her crew have been doing. It has been great to see many of our locals going and checking our museum and many others that are from out of town. George has shared a lot of knowledge with many over the last couple of months and I really am not sure how he can remember all of that history but it is very interesting to listen to. I did ask at the office and found out that 2013 was the last year that we had such great success at the museum. I do believe though that this year did surpass 2013. I feel we will see many good things happening at the museum going forward.

Our fire department held their 7th annual duck race. They did start out with struggles with ticket sales but I think that they ended up having their best year to date.

As you are aware that the Loud and Proud Biker Poker Run held their event in Latchford Aug. 10. When they did their donation to Community Cancer Care they also presented the town with a cheque of \$500 towards the playground. Councillor Trudy was there to accept the cheque on behalf of the town.

With the children now heading back to school I am wanting to have a day that I can have the children come together and come with their thoughts and ideas that would could do for our kids in town. I am going to hold it on Sept. 20th at the rec centre at 7pm. Please come with ideas that would be great and parents are welcome also. I have been able to talk to some of the children in town and they have had some great ideas but wanting to make sure all ages are part of this. I will have snacks and drinks also. I will also have it posted on our town site in advance.

Well hoping you all have a great Labour Day weekend and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Mayor Sharon Gadoury-East



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From the kitchen of Diana

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GROUND BEEF STROGANOFF

1/2 cups uncooked egg noodles or yolk-free noodles
1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
1 large onion, halved and sliced
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium beef broth
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 cup reduced-fat sour cream
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Chopped fresh parsley, optional

Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, cook the beef, mushrooms and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, breaking meat into crumbles. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Remove and keep warm.

In the same pan, melt butter. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually add broth and tomato paste. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes.

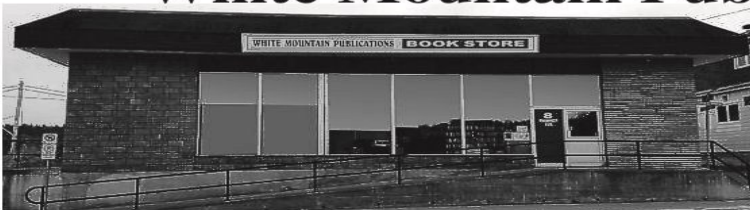
Carefully return beef mixture to the pan. Add the sour cream, salt and pepper; cook and stir until heated through (do not boil). Drain noodles; serve with beef mixture. If desired, top with chopped parsley.

Makes 6 servings

Diana Pearman



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Hello everyone!

Well, it's that time again. Cooler weather, leaves are starting to change, school begins, and the Legion meetings start up again. Where did summer go??? We do have many more nice days coming so enjoy them before the white stuff arrives.

On October 5th, we have special guests coming. Jacques Sevat and Sheila Willis will be visiting our Legion and area. Jacques is from the Netherlands and Sheila is from Toronto. Jacques is a great admirer of the contributions that our soldiers made to the liberation of the Netherlands from the enemy during World War 2 and this was instilled in him by his parents who were just children as the war concluded. He welcomes visitors to the Netherlands to contact him and he can arrange to get them to Sgt Aubrey Cosens V.C.'s grave. Jacques did this for Sheila so she has invited him to Canada and he wants to come to Latchford so she is hosting him and bringing him to Latchford at his request. Our Branch will be holding a tree planting ceremony at Veteran's Park so Jacques' can plant a commemorative tree, a tour of the House of Memories museum will follow and a reception at the Branch as an expression of our appreciation for his generous efforts.

To our Local Veterans, George Lefebvre is our Service Veteran Officer. He would be more than happy to sit and talk with you, help you with any concerns you may have or answer any questions you may have. You can contact him at 705-676-2129.

Weather permitting, there will be horseshoes played every weekend during the summer months. Starts at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a Pro player, come out and have some fun.

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. We also have Texas Horseshoe game and the Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss game.

The Legion is open Friday nights, 7 pm and Open Saturdays 2 pm

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

The Branch meetings will reconvene on September 10th at 7pm. All members are welcome.

Here is the Legion contact information:
sgtaubrecosensv.c.629@hotmail.com

705-679-4062

Have a great day!

Lest we forget.

Vicky Gray-Wilks
Branch President

Latchford and area MooseCall

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Beach House Chipstand

The last day for the chipstand will be September 15th 2024.

Due to unforeseen events I am unable to go till the end of the month.

Should there be any ice cream left please send your children down on the last day for a free ice cream cone.

We had another great summer and look forward to seeing everyone once again in 2025.

Thank you to everyone for your support we truly do appreciate.

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Rhonda's Garden Tip

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September is a transitional month for gardening in Northern Ontario. Here are some tips to keep your garden healthy as the weather begins to cool:

1. **Harvest Time:** Make sure to harvest vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, beans, and zucchini before the first frost. Root vegetables such as carrots, beets, and potatoes can be left in the ground a bit longer but should be harvested before it freezes.
2. **Planting for Spring:** Early September is a good time to plant spring bulbs like tulips, daffodils, and crocuses. These will establish roots before the ground freezes.
3. **Cover Crops:** Consider planting cover crops like clover or winter rye to protect and enrich your soil over the winter. These can be turned into the soil in spring to add nutrients.
4. **Divide Perennials:** If your perennials like hostas, daylilies, or irises have become overcrowded, now is a great time to divide and replant them. This will give them time to establish roots before winter.
5. **Mulching:** Apply a layer of mulch to protect the roots of your perennials and shrubs from the cold. Mulching also helps retain soil moisture and suppress weeds.
6. **Compost:** Clean up spent plants and fallen leaves and add them to your compost pile. This is also a good time to spread compost over your garden beds to enrich the soil.
7. **Pruning:** Prune dead or diseased branches from trees and shrubs. However, avoid heavy pruning as it can stimulate new growth that won't have time to harden before winter.
8. **Lawn Care:** Aerate your lawn to improve root growth and overseed any bare spots. Early fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn in Northern Ontario.
9. **Protecting Plants:** If you have any tender plants or vegetables that you want to keep growing for a bit longer, consider using row covers or bringing potted plants indoors at night.
10. **Watering:** Keep watering your garden, especially newly planted trees and shrubs, as they need to establish strong roots before winter. However, gradually reduce watering frequency as temperatures drop.

These steps will help your garden transition smoothly into the colder months and prepare it for the next growing season.



Bye for now Rhonda

rhonda's Cards



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Subscribers News,

This sure has been a summer of weather to remember here in Latchford and I am sure in many other parts of Canada as well. We have seen temperatures climb all the way up to the 30's and drop down to where some have reported 4 degrees C! I know here at home we have went from air conditioning to heat but not necessarily in one day. Nonetheless, overall it has been a summer to remember for the positives in regard to the weather. With three generations of our family visiting over a two week period I was forced to realize that dealing with great grandchildren is far more taxing than dealing with their parents was. Of course, the advanced age could be a factor? Thankfully, the great-grandchildren maxed out at 3 beach visits a day and missing all our visitors started within minutes of their leaving.

Renewals were limited to one, this which I can attribute to having the Moose Call's folded and mailed from the office by the summer student. While the circulation manager appreciates the break, those issues do get renewal notices included in them but knowing my Sharon, she will have those notices included in this issue. The one renewal for this month came in from Otti Endres from Orangeville who opts for 2 more years of the Moose Call. Many readers will recall Otti from the many years that her and her late husband, Walter, owned and operated the former Quenneville gas station here in Latchford, presently the Dam Depot. The location of their former home, hidden by pines, is easily recognized by the bank of solar panels that line the north shore of Grant's Bay.

Latchford House of Memories and the Ontario Loggers Hall of Fame enjoyed a good summer attendance wise thanks to the efforts of Haven Venne and her mother Betty. They hosted a special "end of season" weekend that drew in a good number of visitors and I even got to spend time with a couple of former "Latchfordites", Darlene Saunders of North Bay and Stuart Switzer of New Liskeard. The duo of Betty and Haven have already made big plans for 2025 including resurrecting the bomb shelter that was made in 1960 for the then owners, the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. Fortunately, it was never used so would probably even welcome short term visitors!

On the health and fitness front, my brother Basil is still occupying a bed in Temiskaming Hospital while he awaits a bed in Temiskaming Lodge. While he still seems to recognize everyone, conversation with him is a struggle. To he and all others who may be ailing or infirm, get well wishes are extended by all who know or have known them.

Helen Larose certainly appears to have adapted well to life at the Northdale manor in New Liskeard and is a real pleasure to visit with. She advised me on my last visit that Mac Hamilton, who also resided here for several years, is now a resident of the manor. Helen toured me through the beautiful garden that the manor has for their residents to relax in.

Just a "heads up"! The October 'Call might just be a little late getting out because at the end of September I am off to Cape Breton with the Jack Munroe Historical Society of Elk City where we will be presenting the documentary film, "Canada's Lost Legend, Jack Munroe"! I was very privileged to play a minor, minor role in the making of this film and so have been further privileged to attend its release near his place of birth.

George L.

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Dad Jokes

Why should you never take sides in an argument at the dinner table? Trick question. It's the perfect time to take sides because no one's paying attention. Bring Tupperware.

Who won the neck decorating contest? It was a tie.

My boss said "dress for the job you want, not for the job you have." So I went in as Batman.

I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long. There's something fishy about that place.

What do you call a sheep who can sing and dance? Lady Ba Ba.

Why can't dinosaurs clap their hands? Because they're extinct.

I went to a silent auction. I won a dog whistle and two mimes.

How is my wallet like an onion? Every time I open it, I cry.

Can a frog jump higher than a house? Of course, a house can't jump.

I was going to try an all almond diet, but that's just nuts.

I once submitted 10 puns to a joke competition. I really thought with that many, one was sure to be a winner. Sadly, no pun in ten did.

I tried to make up a joke about ghost but I couldn't. It had plenty of spirit but no body.

Did you hear about the guy who went to the doctor for a headache? The doctor examined his ear and found money. The doctor kept pulling and pulling it out until he had \$1,999. Then the doctor said, "No wonder you're not feeling two grand!"

What do you call the security guards for Samsung? Guardians of the galaxy.

The owner of the tuxedo store kept hovering over me when i was browsing, so I asked him to leave me alone. He said, "Fine, suit yourself."

Why did the Rolling Stones stop making music? Because they got to bottom of the hill.

What word can you make shorter by adding two letters? Short.

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My view from OVER THE HILL NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

By Diane Armstrong

They just don't make appliances like they once did. Take washing machines for instance.

I began married life with a wringer washer. It was working fine but although still in new condition, was replaced when automatic washers came into vogue, and replaced again, when I could have a matching washer and dryer set – side by side. That was in June, 1980. As before, I followed the handbook's instructions and took care of both appliances. Until last weekend, my 34-year-old top-loading washer, still looked like new, and did a wonderful job. Then it died. It had to be replaced.

By introduction, I am an 86-year-old who has been doing some kind of laundry for close to 80 years. I have learned that there are only two necessities for washing clothes, one is water; the other is detergent. I also possess an "analogue brain" and dislike anything that suggests it's smarter than I am. This includes pre-measured detergent pods and some appliances with a deceptive energy-saving label.

That 34-year-old washer gave me a choice of hot, warm or cold wash and rinse cycles. I chose the water level and the length of wash time, as well as a regular or gentle agitation. All the buttons and dials were analogue. The brand and quantity of detergent was my choice alone. But most important to me, was clean, fresh-smelling laundry at the end of the day.

Where could I ever get one like that in the year 2024? A search of the internet boggled my mind – especially when I hit a site that compared every major company's 2024 washing machines with their specs, followed by 2 paragraphs – one on the good points; the other on the negatives. Here is where my real learning began. Price – Washing machines range in price from \$800 to \$2400. This brought me a jolt of reality when I remembered that first laundry pair of washer and dryer cost just under \$900.

Variety – 1. Top-loading spin dry. 2. front-loading spin dry.

Top loading machines, with one exception, do not have a full agitator. Instead, they have 4 small bumps on the bottom of the tub that are supposed to agitate the clothes. According to the reports, they don't. Electronics determine the amount of water by the weight of the dry clothes. Users reported soaking lighter clothing in a tub first to increase their weight, then dropping into the machine to properly fill.

Front loading machines are notorious for producing mold on the door gaskets unless wiped dry after every wash and left with the door open. Special detergents are recommended.

Many users reported laundry was not cleaned well or smelled foul if left overnight before drying. Cannot open door to add another item, once machine has started.

I also learned many washers with an 'energy saving' label do so because selecting "Hot" wash does not use hot water directly from the tank. The electronics also direct cold water with

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NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN continued.....

the hot, reducing the temperature. You can only bypass this by turning off the cold water tap.

None of this convinced me to buy an electronic washer that only had a 3-year partial guarantee.

My amateur research prompted other questions about today's inventions. Why do I need an electronic light on my vacuum cleaner to tell me when the floor is clean? And why should it

be necessary to buy products to clean a dishwasher or washing machine, when their original

purpose should be to clean dishes and laundry? Am I missing something?

Yesterday, I did buy a top-loading washing machine that has the same features as my 34-year-old Kenmore. It's analogue, works like a charm and I bought it at a second-hand store.

That's my view from Over the Hill.

Fun Facts

Australia is wider than the moon.

Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.

Allodoxophobia is the fear of other people's opinions.

Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.

Competitive art used to be an Olympic sport.

The first person processed at Ellis Island was a 15-year-old girl from Ireland.

Google Images was created after Jennifer Lopez wore the green dress at the 2000 Grammys.

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Latchford Volunteer Fire Department

What must a responsible homeowner like yourself do to keep your furnace and your family safe and warm this winter? Well, simply put, schedule proper fall furnace maintenance performed by an HVAC professional. However, in the fall when the warm summer air starts to cool down and we power up our furnaces, homeowners can proactively run through this checklist, in addition to calling in a pro, as part of a fall furnace fire safety regime:

#1: Inspect your furnace before the first ignition. Before you turn it on for the first time each fall, have your furnace properly serviced by a qualified professional. This is the number one thing you can do to ensure it is fire safe and will remain so all season long. While I recommend you do everything else on this list as well, if you only do one thing let it be this one. The pros will inspect and clean the coils, test the ignition system, check the wires, and ensure that the ducts and the filter are clean, as well as that air is flowing properly. Over my many years in the HVAC business, I've developed a very thorough 30 point furnace tune-up that includes all of these checks and more to ensure that your furnace is in tip-top shape and ready to go for the fall and winter.

#2: Locate and learn how to shut off the main gas valve. At the end of your furnace maintenance appointment, ask the pro to show you what to do in case of an emergency or a fire. It is very unlikely that you will have a problem with fire safety now that your furnace has been inspected and tuned up, but it's important to be prepared just in case. Typically, an HVAC expert can show you where the main gas valve is and teach you how to shut it off. Make sure you are comfortable doing this. This way, if you smell gas or suspect there's a problem with your furnace, you can shut the gas off immediately, then call for professional assistance.

#3: Check your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector. My firefighter buddies always check these two things when they come over for a game—it's like a reflex for them. I always chuckle a bit to myself when they do it, but they've really taught me the importance of checking if these fire safety tools are working. If anything goes wrong with your furnace, from producing smoke to releasing unsafe levels of dangerous carbon monoxide, these two pieces of equipment must be on alert so that they can, in turn, alert you of a problem. If either of them sound, evacuate the house immediately and call 911 for help.

#4: Keep a fire extinguisher on hand. Again, I have my firefighter buddies to thank for this tip—they actually gifted me with my first fire extinguisher! Now I keep one on each floor of my house. I recommend keeping a fire extinguisher near or in the furnace room in a place that is easily accessible. In case of an emergency, you may be able to extinguish some flames, although your top priority should always be to quickly get your family out and away from your home, and get the local fire station on the line.

#5: Clean your furnace room. It's really important to keep the area around your furnace clean and clear of debris. A lot of furnace fires are actually caused by surrounding flammable debris igniting unexpectedly. Now, I know the furnace room might seem like a good place to store things, but it isn't. In fact, it is probably the worst place as it creates a fire hazard. Make sure that you aren't storing anything flammable like paper, paint, or clothing in your furnace room, and check that any other items are not at all in contact with or too close to the furnace. It's also a good idea to vacuum your furnace room regularly, as dust bunnies can be quite flammable too.