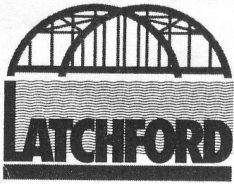


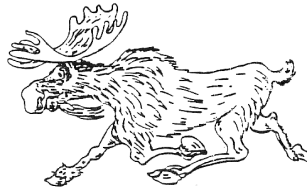
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# March 2025

*goodbye*  
**WINTER**  
*hello*  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH TO BE HELD ON THE 11th AT THE TOWN OFFICE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:00PM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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

# Mayors Report

Hoping all are surviving with all this snow. I know I am ready to see spring and the snow to melt. I know that this past month has terrible with being sick all month and still not back to my old self. I am sure there are many out there too that have had whatever this bug is and it sure doesn't want to let go.

As you know Jamie has now retired and hoping he enjoys retirement. We have had some applications for his position but at this time it is not filled. We have advertised for a parttime office staff to be able to help Laurel as at this time her workload has gotten more while we try and fill the Clerk position.

We had a family day event and snow sculpture contest. Unfortunately, we had to move the events indoors as it was very cold that day. Some did try to do snow painting but the poor paint was freezing up quickly. Our snow sculpture contest we had three winners. Sydney McDiarmid did Harry Potter, The Venne family did a turtle and Dr. Scott office did a doctor and some cool creatures. We will be doing some events for the kids for March Break and will have it posted shortly.

Council is currently working on the budget and have met twice already. We will be meeting again in March and hopefully we can get it wrapped up shortly. Council has had some training this month from E4M and will be receiving more in March from Municipal Affairs. The training has been free and no expense to the town.

Unfortunately, it has been a quiet month for me as i was sick and did not want to share this virus with anybody.

Hoping you all stay warm and hopefully we get to let up on the snow.

Thanks

**Mayor**

**Sharon Gadoury-East**

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I have space on my calendar this winter if you would like an idea of cost we can come have a look and work out an estimate for you.

# From the kitchen of Diana

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## GRANDMOTHER'S OATMEAL COOKIES

Here is a classic favourite from the Five Roses Cookbook. My mother used to make these oatmeal cookies and sandwiched them together with date filling. They were so good. I also love raspberries so I make a raspberry filling for my oatmeal cookies. Then I find my large heart shaped cookie cutter and with the dough rolled out to 1/4 inch, cut out 2 hearts. Then I take one of the hearts and using a small heart cookie cutter cut the centre out so that when the cookies go together they are like linzer cookies and the colourful raspberry filling shows through the small heart opening. I also like to pipe a thin zig zag line of melted white chocolate across the finished cookie. It adds a nice taste and looks pretty. If you prefer you could use your favourite ready-made fruit jam or keep to tradition with a date filling,..... or just eat them plain and enjoy! Yield is 5-6 dozen cookies, but that's based on a 2" round unfilled cookie.

2 cups Five Roses All-Purpose Flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
2 cups \*Ogilvie Quick Oats  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter

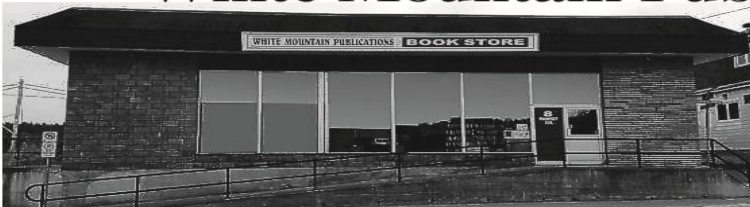
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup sour milk (buttermilk)  
For filling, see note below

Stir first 5 ingredients together. Melt fats and mix with dry ingredients. Stir in sour milk, mixing well. Chill dough 1/2 hour. Roll out 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with round cookie cutter, about 2 inches diameter. Place on greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven (350F) 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

\* Filling Notes: I don't really measure when making this, but it is about 2-3 cups of raspberries in a saucepan. Add sugar a little at a time to see if sweet enough, bring to a boil, stirring only as needed and add just enough corn starch thickener to give it a spreading consistency. Oh and if not much juice comes out of the raspberries when thawed, add just a little bit of water if needed. Using a sieve to take the seeds out is optional. I leave mine in. Put aside to cool until you assemble the cookies.

\* Important Oats Note: I use Quaker Quick Cooking Oats. It has to be Quick Cooking, not instant. I left the Ogilvie brand Quick Oats in the recipe just for nostalgia.

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Hello everyone!

Hopefully spring is on her way!

On February 23rd we held a ceremony for the 80th Anniversary for Sgt. Aubrey Cosens V.C. There were a lot in attendance, which I was very pleased with!

We will continue to open every Sunday from 1 pm to 6 pm for Games Day. Come out and play pool, darts, corn hole bag toss , watch sports on the TV or sit with friends and family. In January, we had a great turn out and many children came out to play games!

We had a great attendance on Saturday night to play fun darts. It was fun watching them try to get 180! Fun darts will be every Saturday night starting at 7pm Everyone is welcome to come out and join in on the fun.

Book your calendars for upcoming events in March and April.

Saturday March 8th, Debby Burrows will be holding an International Woman's Day celebration. Please contact Debby if you want to attend. She can be contacted at 705-493-6147. Sorry guys, only women are allowed for this function.

Saturday Mach 15th, the draw for the cabinet, cribbage board and the gift card will be drawn. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, we have some at the bar or you can call me-Vicky at 705-679-4062. They are 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds go to help with the renovations of the Legion.

Saturday March 15th, there will be a St. Patty's Dance starting at 8pm. Come on out and enjoy the music and do some dancing!

Saturday April 26th, the Ladies Auxiliary are hosting an Easter Supper from 4-6pm.

Saturday April 26th, there will be a Karaoke Dance starting at 8 pm. Come out and sing

your heart out!!

More events may be added. Keep checking our Facebook Page-Royal Canadian Legion Latchford. Sgt. Aubrey Cosens V.C. Br 629.

**The Legion is open Friday nights at 7 pm, Saturdays at 2 pm and Sundays at 1pm.**

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 be every 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7pm. All members are welcome.

Here is the Legion contact information:

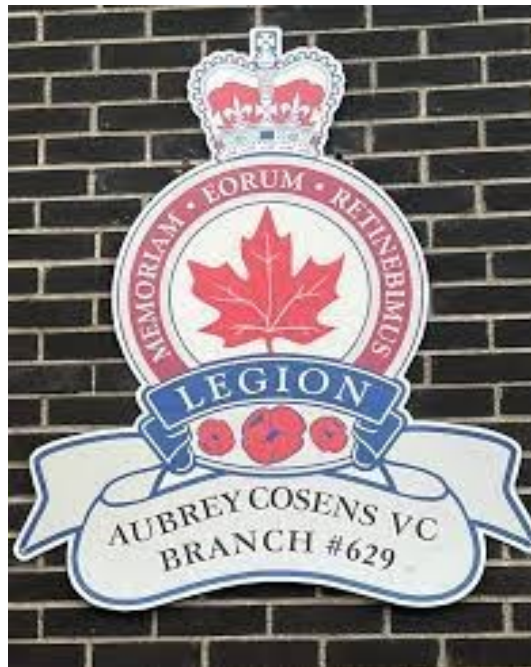
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**Lest we forget.**

**Vicky Gray-Wilks**

**Branch President**



## Biography of a Pioneer by Mrs. Lily Livingston

Editors' note:

As engine No. 701, making the ceremonial last run of steam on the Ontario Northland paused at the Latchford depot, a wispy little lady edged her way through the crowd of onlookers and then paused to take a fixed look at the last of the steamers. Before she walked away, she gave a gentle pat to the steel flanks of the locomotive and then, searching out the conductor she handed him a student's scribbler which outlined a generation of the north's birth. It read:

This my true story of pioneer days. We moved from Trout Creek, came by train as far as Mattawa and stayed in a hotel overnight. We then took the boat up lake Temiskaming. I do not know how many days it took to get to the town you call New Liskeard. It did not have any name then. It had a few house's and a few tarpaper home's and a hotel across the bridge, and it was wood then. That was in the year 1900 when my Mother and Dad and I came to the north country. There were no trains. My parents were Mr and Mrs Robert Brittain and I was small then.

We had no house to go into, and we lived in a school house all summer. In the winter we went into the camp operated by Mr. Tom McCamus and the other man was Mr. McKelvie. My dad was the boss for them; my mother the cook for 30 men in the camp, she baked her bread herself and fed the rest of us too. We stayed all winter and came out in the spring and stayed in the old school house again.

My dad got a team of horses and started to work on a road north of New Liskeard. They made the road to Earlton, cutting trees down, pulling the stumps out and filling the holes with stones and earth and then cutting some more brush down until they had the road made.

My dad got a farm in the bush and cut down the first tree in Thornloe in 1903. there was no name for the place then, and ours was

the only log house. My dad came for us in New Liskeard and we moved up to the bush in an old wagon drawn by horses. It was rough and we went as far as we could go with the wagon and then had to take one horse and put it on jumper with some hay on it so we would not get wet. My dad had to drive through the mud to get to the old log home in the bush and even the horse tried to walk a log so he would not get in the mud. This is a true story as I saw it myself.

We got to the log house in the bush that day, the next day I went out with and cut down some trees with my dad and mother. It was fun. I would take one horse out and put the harness on and hitch him to a log, he would pull the log to the house, the horse would look back to see if I had a log ready. I would say "get up". He would stop at the house.

Dear old pioneer days, just like it was a year ago. I used to cut down trees like a beaver, my dad would laugh at me but I got them down anyway.

I must tell you about the first time we ever heard the whistle of a train, it was the work train making track through the bush, I saw the first train in 1905 and watched the men making the railroad with stumps, stone and sand. Not many people saw it, I did!

My dad was the boss of the the men making the rest of the track to Earlton by the T. & N. O. Railway.

And then there was the day we got the station in Thornloe and the passenger trains came, then my mother and dad got the post office in, and people started to come in the train to Thornloe. I would take the mail to the station, to the noon train. I have been in the bush all my years and did I like it! Thornloe started to build up when the train came into the north country. They were fixing up the road into Earlton. We went to school; two miles to walk and back again at four o'clock, and were we tired! We had to put on our high rubber boots **continued on page 9.....**



# Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Spring is on its way and I'm looking forward to trying out some new storage places for my garden tools, or what I like to call "work stations" around the yard.

If you are lucky enough to have a garden shed that looks like the ones in the country style garden magazines, then you may not be interested in scattered tool stations, but I have found that having a few smaller work stations around the yard works better for me. Instead of walking back to the house or garage to get something I need, I'll go to the nearest tool station in my yard. For a tool station, what I mean is a small covered area where I leave an extra pair of garden hand clippers, or an assortment of branch cutters, maybe even a small shovel. This way, no matter where I am in the yard, my garden tools are close by.

Here are some neat ideas for small tool stations to set up around your yard this coming spring and summer. The one I like the most is the mail box storage unit. Take an old mail box, any style and mount it on a free standing wooden base, fill it with hand tools, gloves and extras and place it anywhere in your garden. The tools are protected from the weather and no time is wasted looking for things you need. Even better, if it was one of those antique mail boxes painted any colour you like. That would look great! Garden ornaments can also be used as a tool station. You may have to modify them a bit, but they would work. Large bird houses could also hold small hand tools. Patio furniture storage units, big or small would be great for shovels and since they come in plastic, they would last longer. Large pails with lids, golf carts, and old style bicycles with a covered basket for storage would all work too. Benches with a closed in area or compartment would be perfect as a work station. A dog house that is no longer being used would be fun to use, but you may have to add a door to keep little critters out. Maybe even garden hose containers filled with extra garden supplies would be handy? Anything with a closed in area to keep your tools dry and rust free would be ideal. Not only could these storage ideas allow you to save time and energy in the garden, they would be creative and fun too!



Bye for now  
Rhonda

rhonda's Cards



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# Latchford and area MooseCall Page 7

## Subscribers News

Wow! If we needed a reality check that winter can be mean it was provided by the weather experienced here in Latchford during February! Then again, if that old saying that "misery loves company" is accurate, we had a lot of company throughout Canada as snowfall was a record in many areas. We have to be thankful that Latchford has the level of snow removal services that we have and all thanks to Roger Clark! His clock has no hands, (as another saying goes), and he is out on the job at all hours of the day and night! Thank you Roger!

We have an interesting addition to this, and probably at least one or two more issues, of a story that was compiled by the late Lily Livingston. It describes her arrival in Temiskaming and her eventual arrival in Latchford where she raised her family 3 girls and 4 boys. Some of her descendants still live here and her grandson, Bob Livingston, kindly shared his grandmother's handwritten story with me and authorized sharing it in the Moose Call. I had the pleasure of knowing this wise and kind lady, mostly through trips to her door on Halloween. Her family was comprised of husband Frank, daughters; Edna, Sadie and Violet; sons: Lloyd, Cliff, William (Bud), Ted and Jamie who all were raised here in Latchford. It is rare to get a true pioneer story such as that penned by Lily (Brittain) Livingston and that Bob retrieved from his late aunt Alice Livingston. I have typed it out and will pass it on to the editor/composition room foreman, Bill VandenHoogen for insertion in a serialized format. I hope you all find it as enjoyable and informative to read as I did. I hope I got your title correct, Bill?

Activities were a little light on the renewal front this month but they were led off by one from Pat (Parliament) Sancier of Thunder Bay for two more years. That was supported by 2 renewals from Lily (Brittain) Livingston's grandson Bob for his daughter Liz Livingston of Guelph and granddaughter Krystal Livingston of Cambridge. Pleasant reading to all and thanks for the extra for the coffee pot!

On the health and fitness front, I am pleased to state that I have deaths to report which is rather refreshing after the run we have experienced here in Latchford. Having written that, there are still two outstanding obituaries to include when they become available. One name that I can share on the illness front is that of Al Haarala, a longtime subscriber from Cobalt who went to high school with folks of my era is now a patient in Temiskaming Hospital. It appears Al collapsed at home in Cobalt and spent a number of days lying on his bathroom floor before being discovered by friend, Lorne McAnaul, and being rushed to the hospital. Indications are it will be a while before he gets home.

So, to all who may be ailing or infirm, a speedy return to good health is wished by all readers! And, come on spring! You are more welcome this year than any recent spring.

George L.

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### Biography of a Pioneer continued.....

so we would not get our feet wet. They were what men wear now. My girlfriend had to wear high rubber boots and we would laugh at her. It was not funny we had to jump from one mud hole to another with only a path to walk on. One morning I was late and the rest of them had gone on ahead of me. My dad came with me a way and then I had to go on alone, when he looked back to see if I was alright, he saw a big bear crossing the road, he told me when I got home.

I must tell you who went to the same school. There was Andy Pelkie, he was only a small boy then and we had a good time going to school, he would snowball us girls.

I'm very sorry to see the last of the T. & N. O. Steam locomotives for I saw the first train coming through the north country. My dad died a few years ago and mother last year. They would have told you the same thing. I would take mail to other post offices out of Thornloe with horses and a two-wheeled cart. It was two miles and back to meet the noon train and that was a lot of fun. My dad had other things to do and wanted to. I would help mother with the mail and every day I would drive the mail to the station and put the mail on the train. Gee, that was the good old days!

I was getting older now so I was thinking of getting married and it came the day I did, May 17, 1916, to Mr Frank Livingston. There

was no work in Thornloe so he went to Englehart to work in the shop for the T.& N. O. Railway. I went up to Englehart to live. When I was only there two weeks my husband had to go out that nite on a ru to North Bay, and did not get home. (1) He was hurt on the train. There was a head-on with two engines together and they took him to t he North By hospital from Tomiko. That was on March 18, 1918 and that was the last time he fired for the T. & N. O. Railway. So I moved back to Thornloe and when he came home from the hospital at North Bay we had the flu. My little girl and I were three days in bed and when we got up , he took it. We had our own times. We were living in Thornloe when the October 4th, 1922 fire burned all the place up and we losr all our things. The next morning it snowed but the train had started to come again. I had three children. We had to get the old car out of the shed. That was the car that got the mail from the station at Thornloe. We had no other thing to get us out of the house before we were burned. Frank had to drive up to home, two miles away from Thornloe.

They all came back and started to build again. We stayed and mother had the post office after the fire. It was an old log house that the post office was in that did not burn. They built a new one. Frank would drive the car to the station to get the mail and bring it to the office.

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## My view from OVER THE HILL Unintended Humour

By Diane Armstrong

Anyone paying attention to current happenings in the world of politics has most likely had at the least, a few anxious moments or have reported sleepless nights of worry. As a columnist, I could ruminate on those events, or I could choose to offer some levity. There is little or no humour in politics, so my quirky hobby of daily reading and recording in my notebook, the funnier online for-sale ads could brighten your day, as the following did mine:

HOUSE FOR SALE: "...also has second bathroom which can comfortably accommodate queen

sized bed". That must be one huge bathroom!

FRIDGE FOR SALE: "Everything works but won't cool." That's what I call truth in advertising.

I wonder if it ever sold.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: "No smoking or poets". I guess Keats and Longfellow would be out of luck.

DESCRIPTION OF A 54" TV SCREEN: "A better one spend \$3000 to repair or buy new for \$340 that's bigger ushelly or better" – Not listed as for sale or give away. You figure this one out.

CHAIRS FOR SALE: "Good condition. Fow swade seats." Might this be an autocorrection of voice instruction?

TO GIVE AWAY: "Free cat, very sky-dish." See above.

THERE WAS NO PICTURE ON THIS ONE: "Asking \$25.00. Too big for me." What was it? CHEST OF DRAWER: "Very old antic". Not fooling around with this one!

FOR SALE: "Handmade table doyles, various sizes and colours." Picture showed a close-up, very small section of a piece of crochet work.

CAR FOR SALE: "Just need new breaks and a new passanger window for safty has new studdes tires \$2200 as is were is comes with owner ship." And the seller needs grammar and spelling lessons.

FOR SALE: "Dinning tabel has leave in the midel." See above.

FOR SALE: "Lawnmore c/w bag, rake \$0. All sales fanyl." You'll get what you paid for.

HOUSE FOR SALE: "2 bedrooms, 4 marching chairs in quite neighborhood." Why not two ads? They're free! .....and what would the neighborhood be like without the marching chairs?

WANTED, A HANDYMAN: "Can you clean my eavesdrop? Daylight hours only." If the eaves were dropping, I guess a flashlight wouldn't help.

KITCHEN APPLIANCES: I found a "toaster over" and an "elastic frypan". I also found a "Protatable heater"

APARTMENT FOR RENT: "Up stares, up twon."

GOOD FOR COTTAGE: "Queensize materress used has ware and tare and a few small stains but still has life." Just what you need for unwanted guests at the cottage. **Continued on page 11.**

## 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 the Latchford Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!**

### Unintended Humour continued.....

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SOLER PANELS: "Make reasonable offer and don't waist my time or I'll waiste yours."

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And the next one is a repeat from my last column on want ads. It was a winner then and still the funniest, head-scratcher I've ever read:

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Humour is where you find it, so keep on smiling.

That's my view from Over the Hill



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**Biography of a Pioneer continued.....**

He had the mail route to other post offices out of Thornloe. My dad got a horse and buggy to carry the mail to the train so my husband could not get anymore work so he went down to Latchford and is working in the A. B. Gordon mill now.

He has been here 30 years. We moved down from Thornloe to Latchford.

I think this is all my pioneer days of the north country and I am sorry to lose our old steam engines on the northland, (T. & N. O. Railway, 1905) I was the first to see the train in the north through the bush coming along, and, heard the first whistle of a train.

Mr Frank Livingston lost a leg in an accident on the T. & N. O. And while not stated, this would appear to be the accident where it happened. (GLL)

This was a keepsake of Alice Livingston. The Livingston children raised here in Latchford included sons: Lloyd, Cliff, William (Bud), Ted and Jamie; daughters: Edna, Sadie and Violet.

Submitted to the Moose Call by Bob Livingston, grandson, who had never seen this before and thought that Moose Call readers, former residents and family may be interested.

## 9 Fire Prevention Spring Cleaning Tips



### Clean dust & grim around appliances.

Dust and grim buildup can be a potential fire hazard. Don't forget to clean your refrigerator's condenser coils.



### Clean around your dryer & stovetop.

Clear the area around your dryer and stovetop of things that can burn, such as cleaning supplies, mittens, clothing and boxes.



### Check electrical cord placement.

Make sure they are not running across doorways (where they can be damaged) or under carpets (where they can overheat).



### Properly store combustibles.

Keep combustibles, like gasoline and aerosol cans, in a cool, dry place, out of reach of children and pets.



### Replace damaged cords.

If a cord is damaged, cracked or loose, take the item to a professional or get it replaced.



### Clear excessive clutter.

Items stored in large quantities (e.g., newspapers, boxes and clothing) can be a potential fire hazard, especially if they are blocking your home's exit points like doors or windows.



### Clear dead vegetation.

Rake and remove all flammable vegetation, such as leaves, dead limbs and twigs from around and under structures.



### Gently clean smoke alarms.

This will help reduce false alarms created by dust. Follow your manufacturer's recommendations for routine cleanings.



### Clean your dryer vents.

The lint trap in your dryer does not capture all the lint. Lint can build up in the vents and create blockages.



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