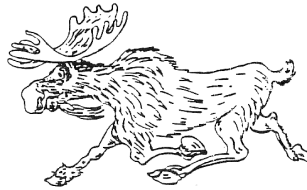


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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



October 2025



PUBLIC NOTICE

~ **ALL** dogs must have current year tags per By-law 639/04. The cost per dog is: \$20.00 Spayed or Neutered or \$20.00 Non-Spayed or Non-Neutered (please provide papers upon obtaining license).

~ **Remember to Poop & Scoop** ~

Animal complaints can be reported to the Town Office @ 676-2416

COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER TO BE HELD ON THE 14th AT THE TOWN OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Mayors Report

Hope all are enjoying this beautiful weather.

Well, it has been a steady month.

There has been some great news with the Communities of the Montreal River Power Project. FedNor has approved the funding for the for a Pre-Feasibility/ Concept Design.

TMSA was working on joint agreement on hiring a new bylaw office that would support municipalities. At this time the person that was brought forward has now signed separate agreements for a couple of municipalities. He is willing to do the same with other municipalities on a case-by-case bases. .

There a few things happening in our community and feel would be good to let you know.

Museum is starting up the Catch the Ace for History. Money, we make from this draw does help the operations of the museum. If anyone is interested in buying tickets you can reach out to Trina Breault, George Lefebvre or myself. Price is \$5.00 each and runs weekly.

Legion Ladies Auxiliary are also doing a fund raiser and are selling meat pies. There have been fliers out in the public if anyone is wanting to buy any. Prices are \$15 each

You can reach out to Francine Blowe, Sharon Lefebvre or myself.

The Loud and Proud Poker run that was held on Aug. 9th have donated \$500 from their event to Parks and Rec. This will now bring the amount up to \$15000. Thank you to all that have donated to purchase a couple of new playground equipment.

Well, I do hope you all get to enjoy your Thanksgiving with friends and family. Let's hope this nice weather stays around too.

Thanks

Mayor

Sharon Gadoury-East



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From the kitchen of Diana

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STICKY PINEAPPLE CHICKEN

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces

1 cup fresh pineapple chunks (or canned, drained)

2 tablespoons soy sauce

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons honey

1 tablespoon cornstarch

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon minced ginger

Salt and pepper to taste

Green onions, sliced (for garnish)

Sesame seeds (for garnish)

Prep the Chicken: Cut the chicken breasts into bite-sized pieces. Make the Marinade: In a bowl, combine soy sauce, brown sugar, honey, cornstarch, minced garlic, and minced ginger. Whisk until smooth. Marinate the Chicken: Add the chicken pieces to the marinade. Toss well to coat. Let it sit for 10-15 minutes. Heat the Oil: In a large skillet, heat the vegetable oil over medium-high heat. Cook the Chicken: Add the marinated chicken to the skillet in a single layer. Cook for about 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally until the chicken is browned and cooked through. Add Pineapple: Stir in the pineapple

chunks to the skillet, allowing them to caramelize slightly for about 2-3 minutes. Thicken the Sauce: Pour the remaining marinade into the skillet. Bring to a low simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes, allowing the sauce to thicken and become sticky. Season: Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed. Garnish: Remove from heat and garnish with sliced green onions and sesame seeds. Serve Hot: Serve Sticky Pineapple Chicken immediately over steamed rice or noodles.



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Hello everyone!

The first annual Sheila Belanger Memorial Cribbage tournament was held Sunday September 21 st . I was

very happy to see a great attendance! Winners were:

1 st : Rosaire Forget and John Hill

2 nd Fran and Sharon Lefebvre

3 rd Bonnie McDonagh and Mike Broderick

We will be having a Hallowe'en dance on Friday October 31 st starting at 8pm. Dress in your scariest costume!!

We will also be having our 2nd annual Christmas Market on Saturday November 29 th , from 9am to 3pm. If you would like to reserve a table, contact Debby Burrows at 705-493-6147. You might find that perfect Christmas present!

Sunday Family Games Day is open every Sunday from 1-6 pm. Bring out the kids for board games, play darts, pool, corn hole toss game, card games and more.

Please DO NOT leave pop cans at the Legion anymore. Thank you!

Branch Meetings will be every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary meetings will be every second Wednesday of each month.

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

The Legion is open Friday nights at 7 pm, Saturdays at 2 pm, and Sundays 1pm-6pm.

Everyone is welcome to come out and play pool, darts, corn hole bag toss , horseshoes, board games or watch sports on the TV.

Rental of the Legion for special occasions is available. Please contact Vicky (705-679-4062) or Sharon (705-676-1115) if you would like more information or to book a date.

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

If you would like to bartend, contact Vicky or Sharon. You will need a valid Smart Serve Certificate.

If you pay your membership dues (\$55) by October 31 you are entered into the early bird draw which if you win you are refunded your dues!

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

705-679-4062

Lest we forget.

Vicky Gray-Wilks, Branch President

Latchford Legion Ladies Auxiliary are pleased to be making meat pies this year. The cost is \$15.00 each. Please contact Francine Blowe at 647-927-9757, Sharon Lefebvre at 705-948-0445 or Sharon Gadoury at 705-676-1115 by calling or text. Please provide a phone number and quantity . You will be contacted when they are ready for pickup at the Latchford Legion. Thank you in advance for your order and support.

Francine Blowe

President, Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 629

Reader's Letters

I had a nice visit with Rita McDermid today, full sunshine and a pleasant breeze, excellent day for a "rollabout". Last time it was brutally hot, so no going outside. This time we covered probably close to two miles rolling through Kemptville, lots of greetings from folks out tending to gardens or on their constitutionals. Rita was big on smiles. A bonus was making friends with a Scottie and a Golden Retriever. When we returned to the residence, I reminded Rita and the PSW that Rita needed to wash her hands. If all goes well, I will go back when the leaves have more colour.

Barry Wellar.

Dear Sharon & George;

Enclosing a cheque to cover another year of the Moose Call which I still enjoy altho missing so many names I used to see. I think of Joan "Garreau" Carmody often & hope she is doing alright. (She is , Helen)

I am well. I just turned 98! Wow! Getting along okay My sister Bessie just celebrated her 100th! Walks with a walker. We both reminisce about Latchford and our young days there. I hope you are both very well.

We've had a beautiful summer with lots of hot days and plenty of sunshine.

Blessings to you all,

Helen Lee

p.s. George, you say you are now the oldest male resident living in Latchford! I am the oldest person living in our 14 floor apt. Building! Sometimes I am reminded of it!

I do enjoy the jokes! The remainder for whatever.

Ed's note: Helen is a member of the Crockford family that lived in Latchford during the 1930's, early 1940's and still remember Latchford fondly. I have been fortunate to meet Helen and other members of the family and they are a delightful group with fond memories of Latchford having moved from here over 80 years ago.

Food for Latchford, I will be doing my best to keep the freezer full with pre made meals and desserts for the winter, meat pies, pot pies, lasagna, cabbage rolls. Fresh baking will be announced on Facebook sorry to those who don't use Facebook please feel free to call me. Also starting October the 24th from 4pm to 8pm I will be making fresh Pizza's you can only call between those hours to order and pickup. We will deliver to senior citizens and the legion in Latchford only.

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Rhonda's Garden Tip

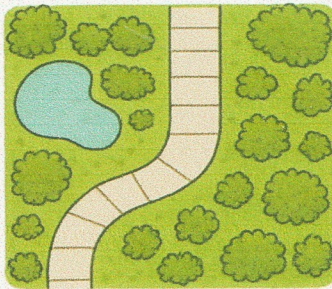
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Garden Design

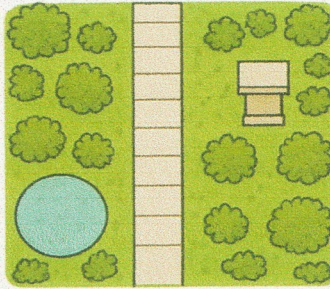
A well planned garden design balances beauty, function, and a welcoming outdoor space. Garden design can still be created in October, or at least planned out. Important features of a garden design should include clear pathways in and out of the garden space, creating pathways to garden beds, vegetable zones, focal points like a water structure, and seating area. Plant choice is also important to the space; seasonal plants, the colour, and the texture. Easy access to maintain the plants is helpful to remember.

Types of soil and sunlight exposure will also determine the success of the garden design. Here below are some examples of a simple garden design. Using shapes to map out your area and what you would like to see in your garden. Create a pathway that is natural to your area, and add a focal point and maybe something to do with water to attract wildlife. Set up a sitting spot, or a patio for dinning outdoors surrounded by garden beds, shrubs and trees. Design it in the best way that will suit your needs and work with natures elements.

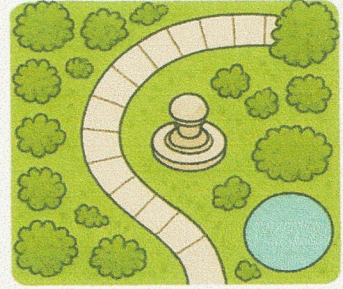
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Rhonda



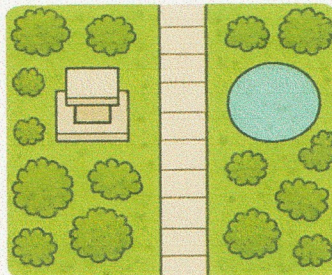
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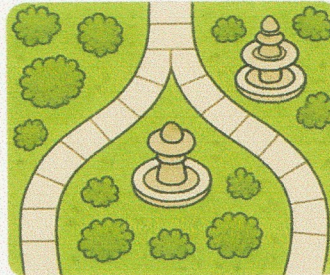
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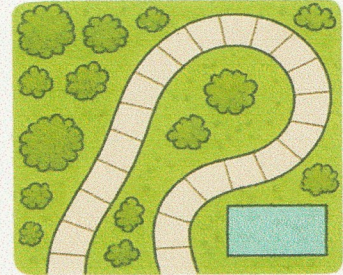
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GARDEN BEDS



GARDEN BED



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Subscribers News

September has been a "September to Remember", weather wise that is! Heck, I even saw a dandelion blossoming in the yard last week! Of course, my better half tells me that is because I didn't mow as frequently as I should have and she is probably correct but, nonetheless, it was a beautiful month! And, as a bonus, the weather forecast for early October indicates more of those warm temperatures are ahead!

It's a good thing that the weather has been great because there are going to be problems on another front and that is mailing out the Moose Call's! Not sure how long this strike is going to last but as of the end of September we can no longer mail out to subscribers. I don't know diddly about labour relations or negotiations but just like the demise of my beloved newspapers, the mail that we so relied on has changed with the times and jobs are at risk.

Bill the Editor advised me that he is a little tight on content for the Moose Call some issues so we would welcome any worthwhile content that you the reader would like to submit. I have offered to serialize some of Latchford's history that he can use as required. How many will be interested is another question but at least it will help to fill the pages on an as required basis.

Renewals for the month included one for contributor Diane Armstrong of South Porcupine for another 2 years and then Helen Lee renewed for another year and sent a delightful letter (printed in this issue) along with her payment. That was followed by Greg McDonald of Niagara Falls who opted for 3 more years! Brent and Marie Anderson of Airdrie, AB stay with us for another year and thanks for the extra so many send. A short note about Brent who graduated from Cobalt High School. One of his teachers told me that the two most gifted athletic and scholastic students he ever taught were both from Latchford! He identified Wayne Conroy and Brent Anderson as those students! They both dispute that but Bob Marvin did not toss around accolades lightly. Thanks to all who include the extra!

I had a great phone call with Barry Wellar to get an update on Rita McDermid whom he visits and is probably the only person with Latchford connections that can, and does. I mentioned to Barry that the two highest awards that can be awarded to Canadians are the Victoria Cross to the military and the Order of Canada to civilians. We are all aware that Latchford's own Sgt Aubrey Cosens was one of only 16 Canadians to be awarded the Victoria Cross in WW2 but not all are aware that Dr Barry Wellar was awarded the Order of Canada for his involvement in establishing the Geographic Information System (GIS) in Canada. Quite the achievement for this small town and those two recipients!

If this warm weather continues I am confident that it will not be too popular with the moose hunting crowd! Then again, I believe the majority of us don't hunt so bring it on!

George L.



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Dad Jokes

What kind of shoes to frogs wear? Open-toad sandals.

I just built an ATM that only gives out coins. I don't know why no one's thought of it before: it just makes cents!

What happened when two slices of bread went on a date? It was loaf at first sight.

What's a shark's favorite saying? "Man over-board!"

I poured some water over a duck's back yesterday. I don't think he cared.

How did I know my girlfriend thought I was invading her privacy? She wrote about it in her diary.

Why did the electric car feel discriminated against? Because the rules weren't current.

I'm such a good navigator, a self-driving car once asked me for directions.

Watch what you say around the egg whites. They can't take a yolk.

What's the best way to save your dad jokes? In a dadda-base.

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

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.

Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? To prism, so they have time to reflect on what they've done.

I'm so upset—my barber said he can't cut my hair any longer. He can only cut it shorter.

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.

What do you call a dog who meditates? Aware wolf.

What kind of fish do penguins catch at night? Star fish.

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My view from Over the Hill

Winter preparations, then and now

By Diane Armstrong

While unloading the bags from a trip to the grocery store, I thought of my maternal grandmother and marveled at what she had to do in the months before a northern Ontario winter.

Among the staples. I had bought potatoes, a turnip, jam, canned peaches and a dozen eggs. I can buy all these items at any time of year. At the end of the 1800s, she could not.

Elizabeth Dickson arrived with her husband Albert on the shores of Haileybury, via the steamship Meteor, 127 years ago. That was 24 years before the Great Fire of 1922. Granddad worked for the Booth Lumber Co. While building a small home that year on the corner of the West Road and Niven Street, Granny had to begin planning for their next winter.

A necessary garden was started every spring for more than a half-century, with a large portion given to root crops. There were wild raspberry canes on one side. In the bush, wild blueberries and strawberries were plentiful, but accessible only after walking several miles.

However, as the fruits ripened, she picked berries to make jams and jelly. While the fruit was brought to a boil, Mason jars, glass lids, rings and rubber gaskets were sterilized in water boiled on a wood stove. Once the jars were filled and sealed, the final product was stored in her cellar, which was a hole dug under the house, accessed by a trap door and ladder. By late August and early September, fruits such as peaches, cherries and plums arrived from the south by train and they were preserved in the same manner.

From her garden, tomatoes were cooked, beets were sliced and either preserved as a vegetable for a winter meal or made into pickles. Other vegetables such as cucumbers were made into pickles. As with the fruits and some vegetables, the Mason jars were indispensable. A bumper crop of peas was often set aside and dried for later use in soups. Also saved, were dried

seeds from almost all the produce in her garden,

which were invaluable for the next year's Garden.

.As summer came to a close, she dug the potatoes and left them on top of the soil for a time so that the skins would dry out and a lot of dirt could fall away. Unwashed, the potatoes were then stored in large burlap sacks and these too, went down in the cellar.

Her cellar had a deep wooden bin filled with dry sand. Unwashed carrots were plunged deep into the sand for preservation. Turnips were coated with paraffin wax – just as they are in the supermarkets today. Some methods of preservation cannot be improved upon.

My 'Granny' Dickson raised laying hens in summer only, yet she had eggs all year round. I remember her lifting that trap door, going down the ladder and coming up with a bowl of eggs. That's when I learned how eggs can be kept for a year without spoiling. She made a liquid called Water Glass, which was/is a sodium silicate powder mixed with water. Fresh, uncooked summer eggs were washed, then placed in a stoneware crock and covered with the solution. A rack was placed on the eggs to keep them from floating. Finally, a solid lid was placed the crock to keep out dirt and the crock was lowered into the cellar with all the other winter foods. I could still use Mason jars for preserves and many still do, but today, my freezer makes winter food preparation a breeze. Many summer fruits and vegetables can be frozen on trays, then stored in plastic bags. Spaghetti sauce and soups are divided into one-meal amounts and put into plastic containers. Casseroles, complete breakfasts, lunches and dinners are frozen in plastic or aluminum vessels. All are ready for the oven, microwave or added to desserts, soups or stews. On a rainy day, I can make 10 or more meals ahead. You can decide if I'm spoiled, efficient or just plain lazy - but I sure don't have the energy now, which my Granny must have needed then.

That's my view from Over the Hill

Local Events

Mines & Minerals Symposium: Oct 6-8
The 2025 Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium will be held at Northern College in Kirkland Lake October 6-8

Seniors Active Living Fair: Oct 7th
The 2025 Seniors Active Living Fair is Tuesday, October 7th from 10am-2pm in the Northern College Gymnasium in Haileybury

The Coffee House: October 14
The October edition of the Coffee House is Tuesday, October 14th from 7-10pm at St Paul's United Church Auditorium at 70 Wellington Street in New Liskeard

The Grievous Angels - Classic Theatre: Oct 18th
The Classic Theatre in Cobalt presents The Grievous Angels on Saturday, October 18th at 7:30 pm

Rocky Horror Picture Show-Classic Theatre Cobalt: Oct 25
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Little Claybelt Homesteaders Christas Bazaar: Nov 8

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