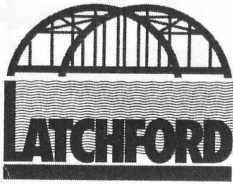


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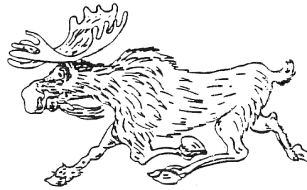
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



November 2025



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~ **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** ~

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LATCHFORD LIBRARY BOARD MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE FRED KEENAN CENTER.

COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 10th AT THE TOWN OFFICE @ 7:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Mayors Report

Hello all, hope you all had a good October! I think winter is now upon us.

I must be getting older as the cold is not my favorite anymore.

It has been relatively quiet for the month of October.

I have been taking some training classes. One was for Homeless Training, and the other is for the OPP Detachment Board 3 as they are now starting to get this moving. And more training is coming in November.

I attended the TMA meeting, and it was a very interesting one. There was a delegation with the Ontario Fire Marshall. He brought a lot of interesting information. He did a presentation regarding the fire departments having to have some official training by June 2025. He is also working actively with the fire departments to help them get that training that is needed.

As I am sure some are aware that our Fire Chief Beaupre will be retiring at the end of December. I would like to thank him on behalf of the Town and Council for his years of service and hope he actually will take time to enjoy retirement.

Community of the Montreal River Power Project on Nov. 6th some attended the Almonte facility to see its operation as it is relatively the same size as our dam. Jeff is still working on funding, and that is greatly appreciated. I am sure there will be more to come in the future.

I am now working on the December seniors' baskets. Please reach out to the town office at 705-676-2416 or me so we can get the proper counts. Will need to have this updated for Nov. 28th so we can plan appropriately. Will have this posted on the Town Facebook page also.

There will be a Christmas event of lighting of the tree and something also for the children. You will see that out shortly, too.

Hoping will see people out to the cenotaph for Nov. 11th remembrance day ceremonies.

Everyone have a great November and please keep warm.

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 caramel-

ize 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!

Remembrance Day is November 11th. We will be holding the service at the Cenotaph starting at 10:45am. I hope all can attend this sacred and honorable service remembering our fallen heroes who gave so much for the life we have today. We will also be having our 2nd annual Christmas Market on Saturday November 29th, 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 work in the bar, contact Vicky or Sharon. You will need a valid Smart Serve Certificate.

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

Lest we forget.

Vicky Gray-Wilks, Branch President

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Francine Blowe

President, Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 629

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Obituaries

Rene Joseph Garreau 1942 - 2025

The family of Rene Joseph Garreau announces his passing on October 10, 2025.

Rene was predeceased by his parents, Ed and Fleur de May Garreau; his in-laws, George and Edna Quenneville; his wife, Georgina; son, Gord; second wife, Jeannette; and his long-time partner, Alana.

Left to carry on cheering for his favourite teams and playing his lotto numbers are his daughter, Gertrude (John); son, Martin; and daughter-in-law, Sharon; grandchildren, Ariana (Tim), Nadine (Chris), Iain (Alicia), Jake, and Joel; great-grandchildren, Kaydance, Kameron, Keane, Kyson, Riley, and Georgia May; brother, Gordon (Vicky); sister, Liza (Donnie); brothers- and sisters-in-law, Alfred (Françoise), Theresa, Oscar (Louise), Louis (Yvonne), and Norman (Rose Anne); as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Many of his friends had gone before him, but for those who remain, we know you feel the loss as profoundly—especially Karen, Sandra, John, Tammi, Derek, and Edith.

Born and raised in Latchford, he and Georgina raised their family there, surrounded by family and friends—with very little distinction between the two.

Well known by many from his time at Sherman Mine and later Walmart, there was always someone to stop and talk to or wave to on the highway. When asked who they were, the answer was most often, "Oh, a guy I knew at the mine... or someone I worked with at Walmart." He will be remembered for his love of blueberry picking, and when anyone would ask if he was afraid of bears, he would simply answer, "No, I don't have to run fast—only faster than who I'm with!"

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Glen Corneil for his continued care and encouragement during Rene's various ailments—a time which, of course, never went

without spending a few minutes discussing the current state of the Jays and the Leafs!

You have premium seats in the skybox now, Dad... we hope you, Bucky, and Gord enjoy the view. Go Leafs Go!! Go Jays Go!!

Mr Garreau's final care has been entrusted to the Buffam Leveille funeral home. Condolences and tributes can be shared at www.buffamleveille.com

Dennis Mark Larry Hewitt 1955 - 2025

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Dennis Hewitt announces his peaceful passing at home on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the age of 70.

Born on June 19, 1955, to the late Carson Hewitt and the late Irene Vinette.

Cherished husband of Valerie Clavelle.

Beloved father of Shane Hewitt and Timmy (Leah) Hewitt.

Loving brother of Carson (Cathy) Hewitt, Morris (Shirley) Hewitt, Gloria (Mike) Keon, Fraser (predeceased) (Debbie) Hewitt, Gail (Jerry) Dagenais Hewitt, twin sister Diane (predeceased) (John) Hewitt, Connie (Ronnie) Millen, Ronnie (predeceased) (Connie) Hewitt, Bonnie (Steve) Smith, Gary Hewitt and brother-in-law of Alice Clavelle & Violet Anderson

Doting uncle of Tanya, Shane, Sherry, Louise, Brandon, Shamus, Dale, Tangy, Gardina, Nicky and Joey

Dennis was a quiet man who cherished spending time at home with his family and friends. He could often be found down at the Legion, enjoying a friendly game of darts.

As per Dennis's wishes, no formal service will be held.

Dennis's care has been entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home. Condolences and tributes can be shared at www.buffamleveille.com

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Maple Tree Species (genus Acer)

Altogether, there are over 130 species of maple trees worldwide, each having its own unique beauty and importance to nature's growth. Let's list some well-known species like sugar maple, famous for producing maple syrup and its brilliant fall colours. Red maple, known for its vibrant red leaves, silver maple, grows very fast, while the Norway maple is native to Europe. The black maple resembles the sugar maple, and then the striped maple, also called the moosewood. Others include the mountain maple, bigleaf maple, boxelder, and rock maple. In Asia, there are the Japanese maple, the Amur maple valued for its hardiness, and the paperback maple with its visible peeling cinnamon coloured bark. Adding the hornbeam maple, fullmoon maple, trident maple, and the vine maple to the large list of this remarkable species.

Here are some maple species best suited for Northern Ontario and why it works; The Sugar Maple is good for cold climate, has a strong fall colour and is an iconic Canadian tree. The Red Maple tolerates the cold very well and can adapt to different soils. The Striped Maple/Moosewood Maple is a smaller tree and is best suited for woodland and shaded areas. The Silver Maple has the silver colour on the back of the leaf and can grow very fast, but the wood is weaker. The Boxelder/Manitoba Maple is known for being very tolerant of cold and extreme conditions. Another species suited best for colder climate is the Amur Maple, which also has a high cold tolerance and is better for smaller yards. The photos below are in order to the Maples listed, starting with the Sugar Maple leaf.



Some bonus tips for planting and site picking for Maple trees are; Match the species to the site you wish to plant, for example full sun vs. shade; well drained vs. moist soils. In Northern locations, good winter hardiness is the key, and

avoid planting too close to paved surfaces if the tree has shallow roots, e.g. Silver Maple. Always consider the full grown size of the tree to make sure you have the space, and protect from salt sprayed roads, wind exposure, and the ones that are shade tolerant. If you have been thinking of adding a beautiful maple tree to your garden or landscape area, the tips above are a great place to start with that addition.

**Bye for now
Rhonda**

rhonda's Cards



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Subscribers News

Decent weather here in Latchford did hold during the month but true to predictions, we did have to deal with another work stoppage/interruption in our postal service that is presently on a "rolling/rotating" basis I believe. At some point this has to be resolved because so very many small businesses are so dependent on a reliable postal service, especially at Christmas, to survive. Just getting our little newsletter to local residents was a challenge in October let alone getting it to reach all our non-resident subscribers. Just my opinion but the postal service that we have long known and relied on is about to become a thing of the past, regrettably. For you old timers, Pat Bradley must be turning over in his grave!

All of this has left us with few replies insofar as renewals being received but we do have one for this month and that is from Janice Goodwin of Kincardine, ON who renewed for another year. Thank you Janice.

On the health and fitness front, it has been a rough period here in Latchford. Our first loss was long time resident Rene Garreau who grew up here and, with his late wife, Georgina, raised his family here. Rene's obituary appears in this issue and many will remember him as he was a real social kind of fellow. After Rene's passing we lost Dennis Hewitt who had been ailing for several years and was under the care of his wife Valerie. Dennis's twin sister Diane had just passed last year.

Then George Livingston advised me that his Aunt Violet had passed (obit included in this issue) and she represented the last member of that generation of the family. The last member of that generation of Livingston's to pass here, that many even recent residents will remember, was Ted. This early Latchford family have contributed much to the community since their arrival here early in the last century and they are especially remembered for having three sons enlisted in the armed forces during World War 2.

November, being the month of Remembrance, it seems an appropriate time of the year to acknowledge, remember and express appreciation to all veterans and, for me, especially those from Latchford, who served their Country during times of need. Ingrained in my memory is standing on the Latchford Station platform when trains arrived carrying countless soldiers, sailors and airmen. We young children greeted them by waving little "Union Jack" flags and to this day I am unaware as to why we weren't waving little Canadian flags?

I was fortunate to have grown up at a time when this large percentage of our population (returned veterans) shared some of their memories with you. I especially remember a story about 2 lads from Latchford who were engaged with two separate Regiments in Italy and in separate battles within sight of each other. The one recounted to me that he watched his fellow Latchford soldier's position get overrun by the enemy and he knew that he was either captured or killed! He found out when he got transferred to the Netherlands that his friend was a Prisoner of War. Thankfully they both made it home safe!

Lest We Forget!
George L.

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Obituary

Violet Rose “Vi” Dean (Livingston)

God has added a beautiful flower to his garden, Violet Rose left this earthly realm on August 1, 2025, she was 92. Violet (Vi) was born in Latchford, Ontario, January 1933 to her parents Lily and Frank Livingston.

Violet is predeceased by her daughter Lynn (2014), her granddaughter Marisa (2015) and her two sisters and five brothers. Much loved mother to Wanda (Angelo), Bonnie (Mike) Brenda (John), Lori and James.

Forever cherished Grandmother to Melanie (Brendan), Mallory (Carlos), Marc (Tasya), Domenic (Amanda), Danielle (Mike), Andrew, Erin, Jason and David.

Loving Great-Grandmother to Lililanna and Alivia, Jaxon and Ellie, Bronco and Audrina, Theo and Jack.

Violet was the youngest of 8 children, she had a happy childhood growing up in Latchford. Mom married young and raised 6 children, no easy feat. Once the nest was nearly empty mom divorced and went out to find her way. She landed a job in the hospitality industry where she worked for the next 23 years until her retirement.

What put a smile on Violet's face and gave her such delight were babies, animals, beautiful birds and flowers. a good romance novel, a

hearty bowl of homemade soup and her love of ice cream! Her favourite sports to watch were her beloved Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Blue Jays, she was a loyal fan of both teams. Mom had a quiet disposition, her strength was her ability to listen, never taking sides, and she never complained even when life gave her some significant challenges and hardships, she had a good share of both. Even nearing the end of her life, she took everything in stride with immense strength, dignity and grace.

Mom we will miss your fun spirit, your feistiness, when Mom said “NO” she meant it. Always being a good sport when we would do our family photo dress ups, the memories and pictures of time spent with her especially these past 10 years are so precious and special to us. Who knows perhaps our silliness in our photo ops stemmed from all of us being a bit more carefree in our maturing years or maybe we knew our tie with her was running out. Your turkey soup and gravy recipes will live on, the money birthday cakes you baked for us will live on, all our memories of you and your beautiful soul will live on. Mom you are home now, you are with God, your parents, siblings, Lunn and Marisa whom you always believed you would meet again one day in Heaven. You will always be loved and forever missed.

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My View from OVER THE HILL

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ONE HUNDRED AND TEN

By Diane Armstrong

When you think of flowers, you think of images of romance and love. Wild flowers are often designated as ‘official’ representation of countries or as in the province of Ontario, the trillium. There isn’t any real symbolism behind them. However, there is one wild flower that has a special meaning.

Long before our current recollections, the German army fought with the first chemical attacks in the history of war – with lethal chlorine gas and gunfire. This was war in the second battle of Ypres.

A young doctor from Guelph, Ontario had just seen the death of his close friend. While seated on the back of an ambulance, he could hear chaos around him. The cries for “medic”, “help” and “aide moi” were answered by sniper fire. He wrote to his mother, saying that the battle had been a nightmare, “For seventeen days and seventeen nights none of us have had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds. And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, the wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give way.”

41-year-old Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrea didn’t tell the whole, miserable story. Patriotic men and women, young and old, had volunteered to go to war to save helpless allies from a nation determined to dominate the free world. The air was filled with burning gunpowder and chlorine gas which caused an agonizing death. The ground and boots were wet and thick with mud. Drenched clothing chilled the body as soldiers huddled in the deep, water-filled trenches. Overhead, bombs screamed, then explosions burst eardrums, caused concussions and killed so many. There was death all around. The living thought of their loved ones – parents, a wife and children, or the girl they hoped to marry. They didn’t think of flowers. They thought of survival.

From his perch on the back of that ambulance, McCrea saw the irony of dead soldiers buried among red poppies and white crosses. Moved, it was in April, 1915, he wrote the famous war poem - In Flanders Fields. One hundred and ten years ago.

“In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row – that mark our place...” The dead were beneath the ground yet, *“and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing fly, scarce heard amid the guns below.”* Amid the scene of carnage and chaos, with crosses marking the site of each dead soldier, life continued on with birds and flowers. Those powerful words drew such a contrast between life and death.

Dr. John McCrae went on to speak for the soldiers among the crosses: *“We are the dead. Short days ago, we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow. Loved and were loved and now we lie in Flanders fields.”*

In an appeal to humanity, they begged: *“Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high,”* adding a warning, *“If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep though poppies grow in Flanders fields”.*

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As you pin the poppy on the left side of your garment, think of these words by Laurence Binyon: *“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We Will Remember Them”.*

That’s my view from Over the Hill.

## Reader's Letters

### Hi George

Thank goodness mail strike is over before we leave for Arizona. Anyways, on a sad note my aunt Vi passed away on Aug 1/25. She is the last of the original Livingston's.

As time passes you must be one of the only original persons left in Latchford.

Love to read the Moose Call, keep it up.

**George Livingston.**

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**Francine Blowe**

**President, Ladies Auxiliary"**

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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## Be Bright About the Lights

Check your Christmas lights carefully for frayed wires, cracked sockets or insulation gaps. If in doubt, throw them out! Better safe than sorry.

02

## Be Cautious with Candles

They look so pretty, but can cause great damage. Never leave lit candles unattended, and be sure to blow them out at bedtime.

03

## Be Kid & Pet Friendly

Keep shiny, bite-size decorations out of reach for Junior & Fido. And remember, live holly, poinsettia & mistletoe are poisonous if ingested.

04

## Be Prepared for Fires

Whether they're in the fireplace or the kitchen, have the proper type of extinguisher handy in case a fire gets out of control.

05

## Be Safe on Ladders

When you drag out the ladder to hang those last few ornaments, be sure to keep three body parts in contact with the ladder at all times.

