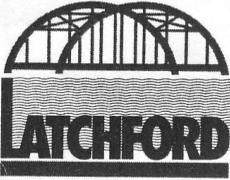


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# June



**LATCHFORD SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION GROUP MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE LEGION.**

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 15th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

While there had been some rather tense moments with regard to water levels, unless we get inundated with rain, we are well past the high points of spring freshet. I do believe that water levels exceeded what was reached in 2013 but remained a far cry from 1960. As it is apparent that it is the responsibility of a municipality to provide sand bags to its residents, the decision was made to acquire an additional 2,000 sand bags bringing our inventory to 2,500. Fortunately, none of them have had to be used at this point but it does provide some comfort to those who might need them and they will be available. The contractor that installed the safety buoy at the dam will be back to replace it as it has been destroyed during freshet. The date of the dam plaque unveilings has not been confirmed at this writing but it is hoped to make it on Sunday, June 30. All is dependent on the installation of the descriptive text on the pedestals that are already installed and this will be conducted by PSPC or their contractor.

Hopefully, by the time this is printed, the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department will have gotten the necessary authorization to begin accessing the derailment site and removing building materials for use in constructing the addition to the fire hall. While we have awaited authorization to access and remove the material, numerous individuals have been carrying off much material using ATV's and on foot.

Efforts are ongoing to have the Montreal River Water Management Plan (MRWMP) implemented. While the plan itself was completed in 2002 in conjunction with the WMP for the Matabitchuan River which was implemented in 2003, the one for the Montreal is still not in effect. This plan is critical to those who reside along the Montreal as it ensures good communication among all of us and the operators of the nine dams that are on the Montreal River. The establishment of the WMP results in the creation of a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) which is comprised of representation from communities and affected parties as well as the dam operators thereby ensuring excellent year round dialogue between all. I have enlisted the support of the Temiskaming Mayor's Action Group (TeMAG) and the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) to encourage the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to implement the plan without further delay. I feel it is imperative that we push this issue hard at this point having just come through a high freshet where communications were vital, and very good I might add, which supports the implementation of the MRWMP as it ensures a high level of communication on an as needed and year round basis.

Until next month **George L.**

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There is a recipe for rhubarb at the end of the rhubarb story, but couldn't resist including this interesting article I found on the Internet on rhubarb by Chris Nuttall-Smith of Shelbourne, Ontario. 'Fresh and local' rhubarb in February? How this Ontario farmer does it? The ground was frozen as hard as pavement around Lennox Farm last week – you would never guess that just past the dirty snowdrifts and the detritus of yet another brutal winter, it looked a lot like mid-June inside the property's barns.

Bill French, a fourth-generation farmer, cracked open one of the barns' doors to reveal an enormous darkened cavern, all black except for a shimmer of pale yellow just above the floor. As our eyes adjusted, it became a field of colour, phosphorescent yellow leaves giving way to soft pinks and livid reds – row after row of top-grade rhubarb, growing as if by magic in the dark. I pulled a long, thin stalk and took a bite, anticipating rhubarb's usual rush of eye-watering sourness. But this rhubarb was only as tart as a Granny Smith apple, and with an all-encompassing burst of that early-summer rhubarb flavour that tastes like a long, lazy picnic out in the sun.

The words "fresh and local" may ring like a twisted joke through much of Canada's winter, but now here it was, a half-acre field of any hungry home-baker's fever dreams. "We've been harvesting this barn since February," French said. They'll get 4,500 kilograms from this single space before starting the harvest in their other two barns. The story of how you grow rhubarb in the dark in the dead of a Canadian winter has nothing to do with some sort of cutting-edge agricultural innovation, or specialty seeds developed in a genetics lab. Forced winter rhubarb, as it's called, is viable from early January through May each year. Until the 1960s, it was a common sight in grocery stores and green markets across much of Canada; there were more than 60 winter-rhubarb growers in Ontario alone. These days, even as interest in eating local produce is soaring, most consumers ignore local rhubarb until it's warm outside – if they even know it exists at all. "I've been doing this long enough to know not to grow too much until Easter," French said. "In people's minds, it's a spring crop." Every fall, Bill and his son Brian French dig up ordinary two-year-old rhubarb roots from their fields outside – roots that have spent their lives soaking up energy from the sun as well as nutrients from the soil. The farmers lay the roots and the clods of soil they come with onto their barns' floors. Come the end of December, they flip on the heat in the first barn, to warm it to 10 degrees. They start a second barn a few weeks after that, and the third barn another few weeks later. (The barns are well-insulated.) The heat forces the roots to expend all that stored energy into pushing up leaves and stalks; it usually takes about five weeks for the bare roots to transform into fully grown stems.

Brian French and his father Bill examine their rhubarb crop, which they grow during the winter in heated barns (in Melancon, Ontario) The darkness, though, is what makes forced winter rhubarb taste like an idealized version of the summer stuff. Without sun to activate the vegetable's chlorophyll – yes, rhubarb is a vegetable, not a fruit – it doesn't develop the typical sour green and bitter tastes. Even on its insides, most forced rhubarb isn't green at all, but red instead.

Bill French's great-great-grandfather came over from England in the 1850s and started a market garden just west of downtown Toronto, with rhubarb as a specialty. Rhubarb was newly popular both here and in Britain, thanks in part to the cheapness and availability of refined sugar. Before long-haul shipping, it was

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On May 12 we held the Marg O'Shaughnessy Memorial Cribbage  
 1st with 8 wins, 113 points – Rosaire Forget, Haileybury and Stan Lescomb, North Cobalt  
 2nd with 8 wins, 96 points – Charlie Berube and Howard Glazier, Temagami  
 3rd with 7 wins, 229 points – Laurel and Joey Gadoury, Latchford  
 50 – 50 Winners: 1st – Norm Sauve, New Liskeard; 2nd – Fern Dinel, Haileybury; 3rd – Dale  
 Woods, New Liskeard

The draw on lottery tickets was won by Jean Belanger. This is a fund raising draw for the  
 Region.

On May 26 we held the Fred and Iris Presse Memorial Cribbage  
 1st with 7 wins, 217 points – Norm Sauve, New Liskeard and Claude Gadoury, North Cobalt  
 2nd with 7 wins, 201 points – Linda Sauve and Sue Smerdon, Latchford  
 3rd with 7 wins, 197 points – Albert Blanchard and Ron Wilton, North Cobalt  
 50 – 50 Winners: 1st – Betty Grandmont, New Liskeard; 2nd – Kathy Greenwood, New  
 Liskeard; 3rd – Claude Gadoury, North Cobalt

The door prize was donated by Christine Williams, daughter of Fred and Iris, and the  
 beautiful plant was won by Marilyn Heavens, Latchford.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 629 would like to thank everyone for their continued support.  
 Comrade Sheila Belanger

1st Vice  
 Ladies Auxiliary

Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC Br 629 has had a busy year in sports this past year.

On March 09, the Team of Larry Wilks, Vicky Gray, Sam Green and Sharon Lefebvre  
 qualified to play in Provincial Cribbage which was hosted in Port Credit. The cards did not  
 fall well but they made new friends and had a good time.

On March 16, the team of Bob Livingston, Steve Peckover, Ken Snarr and Bill Gagne went  
 to Port Credit to participate in Provincial Darts. They had a good time but did not qualify for  
 anything else.

On April 16, Senior Darts were held in Aurora. The team of Bob Livingston, Steve Peckover,  
 John and Denise Dewar qualified to play. They won their division, 6 games out of 7 but  
 bowed out in the quarter final. A good time was had by all.

The annual Prize Tournament was held on May 04 with 20 teams participating.

1st – Dave Hack and Christine Connelly, Haileybury

2nd – Elmer and Nancy, Kirkland Lake

3rd – Roy and Celeste, Timmins

4th – Mike and Lou, Temagami

Plenty of prizes and a good time was had by all

On behalf of Branch 629 I would like to thank  
 making this event a great success.

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Thank you,

Comrade Bob Livingston

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### **Obituary for Eileen "Lorraine" McDonald (Robertson)**

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that our mother and her loving parents the late Robert Robertson & Rosina met her great grandson. Her biggest wish was to have all of her children and her only daughter in-law together with her till the end, we've been sitting by her side for this past 6 months reminiscing of her life and things we wished we had of-done, that time has been with us. She was very loved by all her children! She was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 629 and an active member of the community. She is survived by her husband of 57 years Paul McDonald, 4 Daughters, Rose-Anne (Gerald) Wright of Nova Scotia, Marjorie Earlton, Cathy McDonald (Scott Smith) of Sudbury, Diane Marmara, JoAnne (Scott) Gaboury of North Bay and her son Paul McDonald of Latchford, Grandchildren, Brent ,Michael, Cameron, Montana, Eden, Braeden, Brett, Dylan, Dawson, Kelsey, Dalton, Kyla, Avery, Lukas, Bailey, Brody, Great Grandchildren Rosalie, Lily and Olive and her brother Robert Robertson. She was predeceased by her father Robert Robertson, her mother Rosina (nee Briley) and great grandson Felix Link. Cremation has taken place at Lakeview Crematorium, Haileybury. As per the family's wishes, a private family service and celebration was held Thursday May 9, 2019. The family would like to extend a thank you to the amazing care our mother and her family received while her 6 month stay at the Temiskaming Hospital. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation. Online condolences accepted at [www.buffamleveille.com](http://www.buffamleveille.com)



### **Parliament, Joyce Ann**

Passed away peacefully at Headwaters HealthCare Centre on Monday, April 29, 2019 in her 81st year. Predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Molly Connelly, Joyce was the loving mother of William (Wendy) and Donna McIntosh (Robert); cherished grandmother of Sean (Christine) and Alexandra Little (Daniel). Joyce will be sadly missed by her nieces and nephews in the USA and all of her relatives, friends, and church family. a celebration of Joyce's life was held at Knox Presbyterian Church in Grand Valley on Wednesday, May 08. Online condolences and donations may be made at [www.imfunerals.com](http://www.imfunerals.com) William (Bill) and Donna wish to extend their sincere thanks to family, friends and all for their kind words and shared amazing remembrances among the many condolences they have received. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

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Here it is almost June and we haven't suffered through any particularly warm days but have had more than our share of wet and cold ones here in Latchford. Adding to that, I read an article this morning that states we are headed for a cooler than normal summer! After the winter that we had to endure, I was hoping that Mother Nature would repay us with a nice summer but that doesn't appear to be in the forecast.

On the subscriber front, we had a solid month with summer resident Carol Logan of Scotland (Ontario, that is) renewing for another two years for herself and her grandson, Jeff Logan. This was followed by one from another summer visitor, Richard Swiston of Hamilton who, in that family's tradition, continues to get the Moose Call.

Former Latchford gal, Liza (Garreau) Willett of Haileybury sent in her renewal for another year and Marie Turcotte from Temagami did likewise. Ellen Carr of Temagami got her overpayment refunded and is now on the mailing list and Diane Joyal of New Liskeard stays with us for another year as well. I did manage to connect up with former resident Rite McDermid to wish her Happy Birthday but I was a day late as her social calendar seems to be very full! I couldn't reach her on the 17th but managed to reach her the following day. She is in great spirits and sends greetings to all here in Latchford as well as readers that know her. She welcomes phone calls and her number is 613-821-5759. And, speaking of birthdays, the lady with the longest tenure in Latchford, Evelyn Burns just celebrated her 96th birthday so a belated Happy Birthday goes out to Evelyn on this grand occasion!

On the health and fitness front, get well wishes are sent out to Jackie Adshead who had successful knee surgery in Sudbury and is home and healing well! Rose Waddell from Murphy Mill Road also underwent knee surgery but latest reports are that Rose is encountering issues with respect to recovering. And rounding out the month, Sharon Gadoury is awaiting surgery in hospital in Sudbury but should return home soon. Get well soon wishes go out to Rose, Jackie, Sharon and all others who may be ailing or infirm.

The town was saddened this month to learn of the passing of Lorraine McDonald, Paul's wife who had been hospitalized for a number of months now. This once very active volunteer will be sadly missed by family and friends. Our sincere condolences go out to Paul and the family on their loss. Until next month! **George L.**

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## Funny

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse then yells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

A man was driving and saw a truck stalled on the side of the highway that had ten penguins standing next to it. The man pulled over and asked the truck driver if he needed any help. The truck driver replied, "If you can take these penguins to the zoo while I wait for AAA that will be great!" The man agreed and the penguins hopped into the back of his car. Two hours later, the trucker was back on the road again and decided to check on the penguins. He showed up at the zoo and they weren't there! He headed back into his truck and started driving around the town, looking for any sign of the penguins, the man, or his car. While driving past a movie theater, the truck driver spotted the guy walking out with the ten penguins. The truck driver yelled, "What are you doing? You were supposed to take them to the zoo!" The man replied, "I did and then I had some extra money so I took them to go see a movie."

A child goes to his father and asks, "Father, how do parents think of names for their children?" The father answers, "Well, son, the night before the mother gives birth, the father goes into the woods and camps for the night. When he wakes the following morning, the first thing he sees is what he names his child, which is why your sister is named Soaring Eagle. Why do you ask, Bear Poop?"

A Spanish captain was walking on his ship when a soldier rushes to him and exclaims, "An enemy ship is approaching us!" The captain replies calmly, "Go get my red shirt." The soldier gets the shirt for the captain. The enemy ship comes in and heavy rounds of fire are exchanged. Finally, the Spaniards win. The soldier asks, "Congrats sir, but why the red shirt?" The captain replies, "If I got injured, my blood shouldn't be seen, as I didn't want my men to lose hope." Just then, another soldier runs up and says, "Sir, we just spotted another twenty enemy ships!" The captain calmly replies, "Go bring my yellow pants."

I went down the street to a 24-hour grocery store. When I got there, the guy was locking the front door. I said, "Hey! The sign says you're open **NOTICE**." He Said, "Yes, but not in a row!"

**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 Anne @705-676-2492 Town**

**More funny**

During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the pastor said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face. The minister repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!" The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the preacher wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum: "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!" Though everyone else in the congregation was looking somber, the man in front continued to smile. Finally the preacher stepped off the platform, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!" The man grinned from ear to ear. After the service was over, the preacher made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," the preacher said in frustration. "Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die,' your smile got bigger. Why?" "I'm not a member of this church," the man replied.

One day a duck walks in a store and ask the manager if they sell grapes. The manager says, "No, we don't sell grapes." The duck goes home and comes back the next day and asks the same question. The manager says the same thing again, "No, we do not sell grapes." The duck goes home, comes back the next day, and asks the manager if they sell grapes. This time the manager says, "No, we don't sell grapes! If you ask one more time, I will nail your beak to the floor!" The duck goes home. It comes back the next day and asks the manager if he has any nails. The manager says, "No, I don't have any nails." The duck says, "Okay, good. Do you sell grapes?"

There are three friends named Mad, Brain, and Fight. One day Fight went missing and his friends Mad and Brain started searching for him. Then Brain said, "Mad, let's file a missing person report with the police." When they were about to

walk into the police station, Brain said, "Mad, you go and make the report. I will wait for you here." Mad said, "Okay." Mad walked in but no police officers paid attention to him. Then he saw a policeman drinking a cup of coffee. Mad went to the officer, smacked the table, and the cup of coffee flew in the air, landing in the officer's lap. Angry, the policeman asked, "Are you looking for a fight?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am." The policeman asked, "Are you mad?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am Mad." The policeman then asked, "Don't you have a brain?" Mad replied, "Brain is outside sir."

Q: If you were forced to go through one of the following doors, which door do you go through with 100 % certainty you'd stay alive: a door with a man with a gun behind it, a door with a tiger who hasn't eaten in 7 years behind it, or a door with an electrical chair behind it?  
A: The one with the tiger behind it, because if it hasn't eaten in 7 years it's dead.

Jim, Scott and Alex are tired after traveling all day and check into a hotel. When they get to reception, they find out they'll have to walk 75 flights of stairs to get to their room because the elevator is out of order. Jim suggests that they do something interesting to pass time while they walk the 75 flights. Jim will tell jokes, Scott will sing songs, and Alex will tell sad stories. So Jim tells jokes for 25 flights, Scott sings songs for 25 flights and Alex tells sad stories for 24 flights. When they reach the 75th floor, Alex tells his saddest story of all, "Guys, I left our room key at reception."

In the marriage ceremony of the ancient Inca Indians of Peru, the couple was considered officially wed when they took off their sandals and handed them to each other.

Butterflies taste with their hind feet.

Only female mosquito's bite and most are attracted to the color blue twice as much as to any other color.

There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it.

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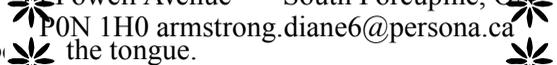
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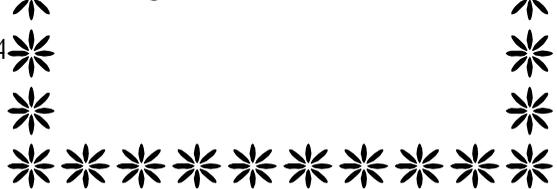
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**Rhubarb continued.....**

sometimes called “the lemon of the north.” French can still rhyme off the names of the forced-rhubarb growers who worked at the peak of the crop’s popularity in the 1960s. Between Christmastime and Easter in Britain, there were special nightly “rhubarb express” trains that would ship tons of the stuff from Yorkshire into London’s shops. The energy crisis pushed many Canadian farmers out – it got too expensive to heat the barns. Changing demographics meant that many new immigrants to Canada didn’t have a taste for rhubarb, and long-haul shipping and refrigeration filled grocery produce bins with other fresh fruits throughout the winter. Today, there are just two forced-rhubarb growers in Ontario, French said. Though I heard of growers in Quebec, I wasn’t able to find any. One of the province’s largest rhubarb producers, based in Saint-Étienne, shuts down completely every winter, and a manager there said they didn’t know of any other companies producing it. In British Columbia, forced rhubarb is often available through the winter (I saw it on Granville Island a few weeks ago), but is sourced mainly from growers in Washington State, French said. When I spoke these past few weeks with people who work in food, mentioning that I was writing about local winter rhubarb, many of them were flummoxed. “Does it get shipped from Belgium?” one of them asked. At least it’s available if you know what it is and where to look. Sobeys stores in Ontario start ordering it in March, Bill French said, and then the other grocery chains come on later in the season. (“The chain stores all call it ‘greenhouse rhubarb,’ because nobody believes it’s grown in the dark,” he said, laughing.) It’s often available at Chinese-run grocers (rhubarb is a common ingredient in traditional Chinese medicine), as well as at gourmet stores and some farmers’ markets. It’s been available at Toronto’s St. Lawrence Market for a few years.

I took home half a case of rhubarb from the French farm and turned it into pie. A couple of days after visiting the Frenches, I rolled out two double crusts worth of butter pastry and started chilling them as I turned my attention to the fruit. I had brought home half a case of rhubarb – about two kilograms worth – and planned to turn it into pie. I washed and chopped it before adding brown and white sugar (forced rhubarb usually needs just half to two-thirds as much sugar as the outdoor crop), and arrowroot powder to thicken it, as well as ground cardamom, ginger, allspice and a couple of dashes of Angostura bitters.\* The pies came out bubbling and properly sticky: pastel pinkish red except for the darker spots where the filling had caramelized on top. I brought one of them to a dinner party last Saturday. All the eyes around the table popped wide when I brought it out. “Where did you get rhubarb in March?”

everybody asked. Note: Angostura bitters are available at their stores. It would seem that in every bottle you may decide to treat it as optional. I had a couple of bottles of Angostura bitters. All other references to in this article refer to the ones by Diana. About 3.5oz of rhubarb contains nine milligrams of calcium, and 5g of fiber. Every serving of rhubarb pie contains 15g of fiber. A good thing to remember is that rhubarb leaves



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