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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



October



PUBLIC NOTICE

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER TO BE HELD ON THE 15th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND. MASKS ARE TO BE WORN BY ALL PUBLIC AND PARTICIPANTS.

LEGION MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS.

Just Passin Through Again

The municipality has now acquired the new sound system for the Community Centre and it is hoped to have it operational so that we can once again have in person meetings while physically distancing on October 15. The funding for this acquisition was provided by the province to assist municipalities in responding to the impacts the Covid19 pandemic. As the much predicted 2nd wave of the pandemic is upon us, we will have to continue to use common sense and respect for others as we move forward to a successful conclusion and the development of a vaccine to ward off this grave situation. Remarkably, there are still those among us who dismiss this as a hoax which I have great difficulty believing that they cannot see the impacts of this widespread effects of it.

The benefits of retaining the services of Pete Gilboe as our By-law Enforcement Officer will soon become evident when some properties get cleaned up by the municipality and at the expense of the property owner. Officer Gilboe has already succeeded in having garbage that was dumped in the area of the communications tower in the north of town removed and transported to the dump to which it should have been directed, and it isn't in Latchford.

Work on the Fire Hall addition is progressing quite well under the guidance of Chief Mike Beaupre and the many volunteers that work tirelessly every weekend. A special shout out has to go Chad Livingston who is a construction carpenter between jobs that has provided much highly skilled assistance to the effort while not a member of the LVFD. I am told there are others non members who have also contributed so a big thank you to you people as well. And, when we are in the mood to extend thanks to volunteers, Councillor Mike Brooks, who is a consummate walker, and makes a point of picking up litter in his daily travels throughout the streets and lanes of Latchford, organized a sparsely attended community walk to pick up trash on September 19 to prepare the Town for winter. Thanks Mike!

A big "thank you" to Diane Belanger Armstrong for the excellent article that she penned about Latchford and has been distributed in print media and shared extensively through social media and is included in this issue. Most appreciated Diane!

Take care and stay safe.

George L.



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From the kitchen of Diana

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Pork Schnitzel

(Recipe courtesy of Tyler Florence, Food Network)

Prep: 25 min, Inactive: 12 min, Cook: 6 min, Yield: 4 servings

4 boneless pork loin chops (about 5 to 6 ounces each)

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 large eggs

1/2 cup milk

4 cups plain dried bread crumbs

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

1 sprig thyme*

Lemon wedges

*A sprig is generally defined as a 2- to 4-inch piece of the herb plant. If a sprig is not easily available, 1/2 teaspoon of dried herb is used in some recipes for a substitute. My suggestion is to add 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon and skip the instructions on frying the sprig of thyme.

Begin by placing each chop between 2 sheets of plastic wrap and gently pounding them out with the flat side of a meat tenderizer until they are an even 1/4-inch thick.

Put the flour in a shallow dish and season with salt and pepper. Whisk the eggs and milk in another shallow dish and season with salt and pepper. Put the bread crumbs in a third dish and again season with salt and pepper. Lightly dredge each piece of pork in flour, then in the egg and finally into the bread crumbs, pressing the bread crumbs onto the pork gently so they have a nice even coating.

Lay the breaded pork cutlets in a single layer on a plate lined with parchment and refrigerate, uncovered, for 10 to 12 minutes to allow the coating to dry out a little and adhere to the pork.

Heat oil and butter in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the thyme sprig and let it fry for about 1 minute to infuse the oil. Remove the thyme sprig and reserve. Gently lay the cutlets into the pan and cook until golden brown and crispy, about 3 minutes per side. Remove to paper towels to drain. Season with salt and transfer to a serving platter while still hot. Garnish with lemon wedges and the fried thyme sprig before serving.

Potluck German Apple Cake

(Taste of Home—Edie DeSpain, Logan, Utah)

Prep: 15 min. Bake: 55 min. + cooling, Makes 16 servings

3 large eggs

2 cups sugar

1 cup vegetable oil

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

4 cups chopped peeled tart apples

3/4 cup chopped pecans

FROSTING:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

2 teaspoons butter, softened

2 cups confectioners' sugar

In a large bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; add to egg mixture and mix well. Fold in apples and nuts. Pour into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and butter. Add confectioners' sugar, beating until smooth. Spread over cake. Refrigerate leftovers.

We are hoping to hold our first social/physical distanced meeting on October 07. It is imperative to begin preparations for Remembrance Day and also accept that it will differ greatly from previous years with the services held at the Cenotaph. Weather will undoubtedly impact the turnout.

Branch members wish to extend a sincere "thank you" to SMC Canada of Coleman Township for their very generous donation that allowed the Branch to purchase the required chairs to furnish the patio.

Unfortunately, with the onset of cooler fall weather we are mostly confined to socializing inside the Branch.

The general public are welcome at the Legion and do not have to be a member to enjoy the facility or its activities.

Comrade Sheila Belanger

1st Vice

Ladies Auxiliary

President George Lefebvre



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Respectfully ,

Leslie-Ann Thomas (Montessori, OCT)
Ontario, Canada

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TRICK OR TREAT, HALLOWEEN IN CANADA

Merry England has forgotten Halloween. It's been superseded by Bonfire Night or Guy Faulkes' Night, held on November 5th, which celebrates an attempt by a group of discontents to blow up Parliament on that day in years past. Their leader went to the Catholic school just down the road from mine (which is still operating) so I suspect the foiled disruptive event was religious in nature.

England was in turmoil of belief at the time. The Bible had been translated into English from Latin for the first time by James II, so everyone could understand Jesus' message. George Fox, the founder of my own preferred sect, the Quakers, was deeply moved by it, as were many others who went on to gather like-minded folk to form their own churches. I suspect this group of Catholics were trying to make one last desperate attempt to stop the changes they saw going on from happening. It didn't work. They were caught and executed, although their attempt is celebrated to this day.

Halloween itself is the last of the four festivals of the old pagan Religion that were held throughout the year which has survived, despite the Christian Church's attempts to stamp it out. Twiches of that religion still waft through the present day, like thirteen being unlucky, as thirteen people together were considered a coven of worshippers of the old gods, an illegal activity and therefore punishable by the death penalty.

Witchcraft wasn't tolerated either, though poor people went to the local witch for medical treatment that was superior to that available from the doctors of the day. In fact, I read witches could perform a Caesarian operation on a pregnant mother, with a fair chance that both mom and baby would survive; a skill far beyond their medical rivals at the

time.

But now to me and my family, we were fresh off the boat and just arrived in Canada, living in Burlington when Halloween rolled around. We knew nothing about it, though mercifully, my wife and I had been given the "heads up" by our children as to what to expect, so we were half prepared and had some bags of candy to give away.

My eldest had a costume with a hood which she could cover her head with that she wore to school for their Halloween Party. She flipped it over as she arrived there, and since nobody knew who she was, she won the competition for best costume. Very good, but wait.

As the evening started, kids began knocking on the door with that familiar refrain. To say that I was freaked out would have been an understatement. People knock on the door and you give them stuff just for the asking in this country? How neat is that! I like it!

Our first Halloween in the bush was childless, as we were so far from any other homes or children, but we felt we should do something. Linda dressed up as a witch, compete with pointed hat and serious make-up and I wore a full welder's hood. I found an old scythe that I'd picked up along the way and I'd also found a carving of a skull. We went round trick or treating to the neighbours, an elderly couple. The old lady shrieked when she saw us and told me to go and wake her sleeping husband while I was in full costume. Given her response; I reckoned that if I did, he'd wake from his sleep and really believe his time had come. Since I didn't want to be the cause of his demise, I declined, but it was a fun evening anyway.

Happy "Trick or treating", everyone.

All the best from

Rhonda's Garden Tip



To see 8 x 10 watercolour painting, visit [rhondas_artstudio](https://www.instagram.com/rhondas_artstudio)

on  or [Rhonda's Cards](#) on 

Sunflowers, did you know that there are over 70 varieties of sunflowers? They are not all the same, familiar yellow colour, or the same size. To learn more let's group the varieties into three groups; coloured, dwarf, and giant sunflowers. The giants can grow up to 12 feet tall and the smallest as tiny as 6 inches. Here are some of their names; Little Becka, Baby Bear, Bashful, Frilly, Strawberry Blonde, Coconut Ice, Lemon Queen, Irish Eyes, Goldie, Orange Sun, Solar Flare, Shock-O-Lat, Terrocotta, Ms. Mars, Chianti, Chocolate Cherry, Moulin Rouge, Little Tiger, Moonshine, Starburst, Floristan, Earthwalker, and many more fun names. Let's take a closer look at a few sunflowers from each group, starting with the beautiful coloured.



Coconut Ice



Velvet Queen



Cappuccino



Swansdown



Strawberry Blonde



Ms Mars



Big Smile



Bashful



Little Becka

Bye for now Rhonda

Subscribers News

September delivered a bit of a reality check, weather wise, and here in Latchford with some early frost. Said frost did not slow down the growth of grass and we are still cutting it in a regular basis at month end. If this keeps up we will be parking the lawn mower to fire up the snow blower!

The Moose Call did enjoy a bit of attention this month when an article about us was profiled on TVO.org. Josh Sherman, a reporter for TVO read the Moose Call on line and reached out to me for the history of our little publication which is now in its 33rd year of existence. A lot of people over the years have contributed to the paper (okay, so maybe newsletter is a better description but you have to cut us volunteers some slack) on a purely voluntary basis and I find it rewarding to get this kind of recognition as I am sure all others who work or have worked on the Moose Call will as well. Time and space constraints did not allow compiling a complete list of all who did contribute which is unfortunate. While the article was widely shared on Face book, if you haven't read it and are interested, here is the link. <https://www.tvo.org/article/how-one-tiny-ontario-town-makes-the-news>

We have one new subscriber to add this month and that is former Latchford girl, Wanda (Niemi) Gustuvson of Temagami. Welcome to the 'Call, Wanda! Renewals for the month were led off with the ultimate compliment to the longevity of the 'Call and that was from former classmate, Art Burns of Sudbury, who renewed for three more years! Pam and Greg MacDonald of Niagara Falls, Pam being the daughter of Pat and Al Sedore who lived a number of years in Latchford, renewed for two more years. That was followed by a two year renewal from Annette (Rabillard) Belanger of Cobalt who grew up here in Latchford and that was repeated by Ellen Carr of Temagami who also renewed for two more years. Helen Larose gifted daughter Dianna (our recipe lady) and husband Mike Pearman of Toronto with two more years of reading. Following that was a renewal from former long time Bay Lake cottagers, Rick and Peg Roller of Shelby, Ohio who renewed for two more years and made a very sizable contribution to the Moose Call's bottom line! Thanks Folks. Rounding out the month were renewals for another year from long time subscriber Norma Knight of New Liskeard and James Rae of Haileybury and Latchford. To all of you, a big thanks for your continued interest and support from all of us contributors.

On the health and fitness front, I have to extend my apologies to John Smerdon who was hospitalized for an extended period and I wasn't even aware he was in hospital! He is home and on the mend now as he advised me so keep on keeping on, John! Also spending time in hospital was Don Heavens who is mended and back mowing lawns again. To those mentioned and all others who may be ailing or inform, a speedy return to good health is wished by all.

On a much more sombre note, it has been another terrible month for residents and former residents and their families. Linda Gadoury of Latchford passed away on September 15. Then on the 18th former resident Stewart Parliament (brother of Alice Livingston) passed way in Orangeville and that was followed on the 21st with the passing of long time resident Mary Switzer, formerly of 46 Empire Street. Mary was the last remaining of Latchford's three "war brides" having arrived here in 1946 from Coatbridge, Scotland.

The deepest condolences are extended on behalf of all readers to the surviving family members and friends of the three. Even without the Covid, 2020 is having a significant impact on many residents and former residents of Latchford.

George L.

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The Latchford Volunteer Fire dept. would like to thank everyone who has donated pop cans and aluminum products over the years. We will no longer be accepting any more of these donations. Please put your pop cans out with your regular recycling.

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Home Remedy

This rather interesting “home remedy” was given to me by Helen Larose who had found it in one of her mother Clara’s old cook books. It was attributed to Emerson Ritchie who was a noted camp foreman here in Latchford back in the logging era and was a great neighbour of mine for a period during the ‘60’s. I trust Emerson’s judgement because he taught me a whole new use for Raleigh’s Liniment so here goes:

8 oz’s Rubbing Alcohol

4 oz’s Oil of Wintergreen

10 to 12 Aspirin

Rub in joints!

Emerson Ritchie

I will be trying this because Emerson always was a nimble man even later in life. He always rolled his pant cuffs up past his ankle just as if he was about to step out onto a floating log to drive it downriver to Murphy’s or Gordon’s.

George L.

Note of Thanks

John and Sue Smerdon would like to express their sincere gratitude to family and friends for their offers of help and good wishes. Special thanks to Drs Goddard, Pretty, Elgadi and all the caring staff at Temiskaming Hospital ICU, while John was a patient there. I would personally like to thank Sharon Gadoury East for the free transportation. We are especially grateful to the EMT’s of the Ambulance Service and to the nurses of Homecare for their continuing visits.

John & Sue Smerdon

Hi Sharon;

Thanks for the reminder. We miss spending time at the cottage. Hope the new owners are enjoying it. It’s been a rough two years of surgery for Tom, Rick and our dog Gizmo. This past Tuesday, Gizzy had surgery for cataracts on both eyes. Now the long time of putting in eye drops – but – he can see!!

Hello to all our friends and we really do miss talking to everyone!!

Keep up the good work at the Moose Call.

Ric, Peg, Tom and Gizmo

The Rollers

Shelby, Ohio

p.s. Use the extra for your spare needs - like coffee!

Please renew for 2 years. We enjoy reading the Moose Call. Mom and Dad (Pat and Al Sedore) so enjoyed living in Latchford and the Moose Call is a nice connection.

Pam and Greg MacDonald

Niagara Falls

Please renew my subscription to the Latchford and Area Moose Call for Two years.

Annette Belanger

Cobalt

Hi Sharon

Please renew my subscription with large print for 2 years. I very much enjoy reading the Moose!

Thank you,

Ellen Carr

Temagami

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 Sharon @ 705-676-1115 or the Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

Over the Hill by Diane Belanger Armstrong Latchford

A town steeped in history

Travellers along Highway 11 pass by it daily. There's an impressive bridge ahead and a quaint museum on the east side. The Ojibwa called it "Que Che Chang", meaning the outlet where the mighty river left the lake. But what lies on the west side of the highway has an historic background that tells so many stories.

When the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway forged northward, beginning in 1902, the government surveyors realized it was a perfect setting for a town, yet it was already recognized by the Ojibwa as the entrance to a water route. The river was the Montreal River on the south and east of the desirable land, with Bay Lake situated on the west. The land was rich with timber forests and the waterway could provide the needed conduit for transporting felled trees to Lake Temiskaming and further. The many rapids held promise for hydro-electric power generation.

At first, the town was called Montreal River Station, but in 1905, it was officially named Latchford, honoring Francis Robert Latchford who was the Minister of Public Works for the Province. Latchford was incorporated as a town in 1907.

In the early 1970s, the town council decided to rename all the numeric streets and avenues to more suitable names honouring the history of the town. Starting with First Street, which became Proulx for a family who arrived in 1908, Second became Mitchell, so named for William, a baker who died of typhus in 1910, but whose family continued to live on the street. Third was named for Archie King, an entrepreneur of many businesses. Fourth Street became Main. Fifth was named Empire for the Empire Lumber Company which left a lasting legacy for the town. The avenues were similarly renamed. First Avenue was renamed for the Thomas Sullivan family who were early settlers. Second Avenue was named for James Mowat who was a Hudson Bay Factor at the HBC Post at the end of Bay

Lake. His son Duncan later lived on Mowat Avenue and raised his family there. Third Avenue became Bradley and was named for Ira Bradley, the town Magistrate during the boom years. He was also the Post Master and owner of the general store. Fourth Avenue was renamed Mortson, for Angus Mortson, owner of a restaurant. Fifth Avenue became McLeod for Dan, who opened a Café at Pork Rapids. When the steamboats were replaced by the railroad, he and his wife moved to Latchford where they owned a boarding house.

Cosens Avenue was formerly known as Eighth and was named posthumously for Sgt. Aubrey Cosens, V.C. a Second World War member of the Queen's Own Rifles and who lost his life in Germany in 1945. The bridge crossing the Montreal River at Latchford was also named in his honour. Ninth Avenue was named for a widowed mother, a Mme. Marcotte. She raised a young family successfully and left an indelible impression on all who knew her. "It was in consideration of this and the many other French Canadian families who contributed greatly to the building of Latchford that this Avenue was named." – from A Historic Walk Through "Sawdust City" by George Lefebvre.

The coming of the T&NO railroad to Latchford has a personal family connection as well. My grandfather, known as J.O. Belanger, arrived in the town as the second Station Agent there. From my book, "Mud, Muskeg & Mosquitoes", here are some of my grandmother Dollie's observations from 1909 to 1912: "We found Latchford to be a pretty little town with a population of about 700. There are two sawmills here – the Empire Company and the Salmon Brothers. Their output is sent back to Cobalt and Haileybury for their building boom. The J.R. Booth Lumber Company has two steamships which run the river along with four other steamship lines. There is heavy boat traffic on the Montreal River that takes prospectors, miners and supplies to the silver fields at Gowganda. The steamships are always full. Through the

A town steeped in history continued..

for all this trade. They run eight trains through the town every day. Latchford boasts the north's only gambling casino, which is a draw for the men of Cobalt and Haileybury, many of whom have built homes in Latchford. They commute to work every day on the Latchford Local, a train which gets them to Cobalt in just half an hour. We have made friends with Eunice and William Mitchell who live on Second Street. I am very happy here, for the people are wonderful." Today, the population of 387 is about half what it was 110 years ago, making it the smallest town by population in all of Ontario. But although smaller today, it is still just as picturesque; the people are still wonderful and there are far more activities going on there than one might expect. Devoted to only local news, they even have a periodical, The Latchford Moose Call – an entity rarely found in larger towns. The mighty Montreal River running beside Latchford has been tamed by a dam, thus giving travellers a smile as they drive by the sign proclaiming, "The Best Little Town by a Dam Site". It really is. Stop in some day and see what I mean.

That's my view from Over the Hill.

Obituary

Gadoury, Linda Jean (Taylor)

Gadoury, Linda Jean [Taylor] - It is with great sadness that the family of Linda Jean Gadoury (nee Taylor) announces her passing on Tuesday September 15, 2020 at the Temiskaming Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was in her 73rd year, born

February 5, 1947 in New Liskeard. Mrs Gadoury was a long time resident of the area and was well known for her love of cards. She loved a good game euchre or crib as well as her dice, and played in many leagues throughout the area. Many will remember her as a second mom to under privileged children in the area. She was a lady with a big heart and always put the needs of others before her own. Mrs Gadoury will be remembered as a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Her presence will surely be missed by all those whose life she touched. She will be deeply missed by her loving children Sharon Gadoury-East (Lou Armstrong) and Joe Gadoury (Laurel). She is the cherished grandmother of Ashley Fehr (Jason), Justin Gadoury (Kaela Doblanko), Cassandra MacDonald (Aaron), Kayla Buchannon (Allen), Tyler Pollock, Tina Pollock and great-grandmother to nine great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her brother Joe Taylor (Donna Vorano); her sisters-in-law Henriette Taylor, Linda Taylor and Gladys Taylor as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Mrs Gadoury is predeceased by her parents Percy Taylor and Elsie Wallace; her fiance Melvin Taillon, her brothers Robert, Rodney, Roy, Donald, Barry Taylor and by her sister-in-law Joyce Taylor. Cremation has taken place at Lakeview crematorium, Haileybury. A Celebration Of Life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy donations in Mrs Gadoury's memory can be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences and contributions

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Obituaries

Obituary of Mary Switzer

Mary Switzer 1926 – 2020 With heavy hearts the family announces the death of Mary Switzer at the age of 94 years. Mary passed away on September 21, 2020 at Extencicare Tri-Town in Haileybury, Ontario. Mary was born January 5, 1926 in Coatbridge, Scotland, to the late Mary and Samuel Foster. Mary was predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Harvey, and her daughter Lynda. She is survived by her sons Donald (Aggie) of Ottawa, and Stuart of New Liskeard. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews in Scotland and Australia. She was known for her love of gardening and her knitting and crocheting skills. Mary was a long-time member of the Latchford United Church. She sat on many boards over the years and assisted at teas, bake sales and plant sales to raise money for the church. Her beautiful singing voice could be heard in church at each Sunday service. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at Extencicare for their kindness and professional care. They were like family to her. Cremation has taken place. Internment for Mary and Harvey will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Haileybury, Ontario at a later date. If desired donations to the charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated.

OBITUARY OF STEWART REGINALD PARLIAMENT

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