

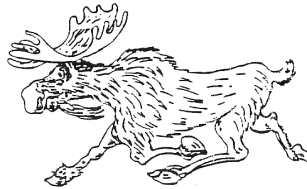
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August 2024

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST TO BE HELD ON THE 20th VIA @ 6:30PM VIA ZOOM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD WEBSITE.

LEGION MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED FOR THE SUMMER AND WILL RESUME THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

Mayors Report

Hoping all had a great July. We have had some very warm days and looking like more to come.

July has been a very quiet month. Meetings will start ramping up again as holidays will be coming to an end soon.

Our fire department put a great fireworks show for July 1st. There were many that attended and were impressed on how long they went for and the show. There was a lot of people!

They will be having their duck race Aug. 24th at 2pm. If you haven't purchased your duck ticket reach out to the fire dept.

With not much happening with meetings I would like to take the time and acknowledge Haven Venne our museum student with her mom and doing an amazing job on our Museum! If you get the opportunity to go in for a tour you will me very amazed. Haven has take the opportunity to get a costume so when she takes you for a tour it really feels like history! They have set up a candy shop like we used to have also.

I would like to acknowledge Sophie Breault our public works student. When you are out and about you see her working very hard in this heat. Also in her time that there is not a lot to do she has been working some Christmas scenes! She is an amazing artist and will look forward to having her work t Christmas!

I would also like to acknowledge Taylor Garvin our Tourism student. She is always very friendly

when you go to the office and always has a smile on her face.

We have three amazing students!!!

Sometimes you really need to stop and take the time to appreciate people.

Well I hope all have a great August and make sure to say cool and hydrated.

Mayor

Sharon Gadoury-East

Latchford Volunteer Fire Dept's



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From the kitchen of Diana

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BLUEBERRY CREAM CHEESE BARS

3/4 cup of unsalted butter softened
2/3 cup of granulated sugar
2/3 cup of brown sugar packed
1/2 teaspoon of baking soda
1/2 teaspoon of salt
1-1/3 cups of all-purpose flour
1-1/3 cups of quick-cooking oats uncooked
8 ounces of cream cheese
1 can 14 ounces of sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon of pure vanilla extract
1 egg yolk
1 cup of blueberries fresh or frozen

Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line a 9x13 inch baking pan with parchment paper, or coat it generously with non-stick cooking spray.

For the Crust and Crumble: In a large mixing bowl, combine the softened butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar. Cream these ingredients together until light and fluffy. Sequentially incorporate the baking soda and salt. Gradually add the all-purpose flour and quick-cooking oats to the mixture, stirring until the mixture is well combined and crumbly in texture. Press half of this oat mixture into the bottom of your prepared pan, forming a firm, even layer. Place this in the preheated oven and bake for 13 minutes, until just set and slightly golden.

For the Cream Cheese Filling: While the base is baking, prepare the filling. In another large bowl, place the cream cheese and stir or beat it until it is completely smooth, devoid of any lumps. Gradually add the sweetened condensed milk, whisking continuously to incorporate it thoroughly into the cream cheese. Ensure this mixture is smooth and homogenous before stir-

ring in the vanilla extract and egg yolk. Mix these in until fully integrated.

Assembling the Bars: Remove the partially baked base from the oven. Pour the cream cheese mixture over the warm base, using a spatula to spread it evenly across the surface. Scatter the blueberries evenly over the cream cheese layer. Crumble the remaining oat mixture over the top of the blueberries and press down lightly to form a textured top layer.

Final Baking: Return the pan to the oven and continue to bake for an additional 20-25 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown and the top is slightly firm to the touch.

Cooling and Cutting: Once baking is complete, remove the pan from the oven and allow the bars to cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. This will prevent the bars from breaking when cutting. Once cooled, lift the bars out of the pan using the edges of the parchment paper as handles. Transfer to a cutting board and cut into desired sizes.

Storage: Store the cut bars in an airtight container, separating layers with parchment paper to prevent sticking. They may be refrigerated to maintain freshness for up to five days. If desired, bars can also be frozen for longer storage.

Diana Pearman

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Hello everyone!

We are very sad to hear the passing of Min Bigras. Our sympathies to the family. He was a great man

and a member of our Legion. He will be missed!

Thanks to receiving a grant from the Temiskaming Foundation in June, the Legion was able to purchase a new fridge for the bar.

On July 13 th , the Legion held a musical jam session. There were many talented artists that came and

played awesome music! Many people attended and all had a great time.

We are hoping to have another musical jam session on August 24 th starting at 2 pm. All are welcome!!

On July 18 th , Vicky and Kim went to the Timiskaming Hospital who on behalf of the Legion, donated

\$1000.00 to the Timiskaming Hospital Foundation. They were very appreciative.

To our Local Veterans, George Lefebvre is our Service Veteran Officer. He would be more than happy to

sit and talk with you, help you with any concerns you may have or answer any questions you may have.

You can contact him at 705-676-2129.

Weather permitting, there will be horseshoes played every weekend during the summer months. Starts

at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome! You don't

have to be a Pro player, come out and have some fun.

We are looking for bar tenders. You do not have to be a Legion member but must have a current Smart

Serve Certificate. If anyone is interested, please contact Vicky or Sharon Gadoury.

Our Legion has a pool table , dart boards, cards and a shuffleboard table for your enjoyment. We also have Texas Horseshoe game and the Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss game.

The Legion is open Friday nights, 7 pm and Open Saturdays 2 pm

If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, comments of what they would like to see or do in the Legion, such as dart nights, bingo nights, shuffleboard tournament, pool tournaments etc.... Please let me know.

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

The Branch meetings will reconvene on September 10 th at 7pm. All members are welcome.

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

705-679-4062

Have a great day!

Lest we forget.

Vicky Gray-Wilks

Branch President

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Obituary Steve Szabo

With profound and deep sadness the family announces the sudden and unexpected passing of Steve Szabo at the age of 59 years. Steve passed away at the Temiskaming Hospital on Wednesday July 17, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

Steve was born at Fort Williams, March 28, 1965 to Antal Szabo and to Irene Herman. Steve was a hard working self employed general contractor. He was a family man always putting the needs of his loved ones before his own. He helped many family members renovate their homes and never asked for anything in return. When he had a moment to himself, you could find Steve spending time in his boat fishing or just enjoying nature. Steve was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. His presence will sorely be missed by all those whose life he touched.

Steve is survived by his wife Deborah McKenzie, his son Steven Szabo, his stepchildren Justin Good, Niana Good and by his grandchild Jojo Szabo. Steve is also survived by his parents, by his siblings Mary and her husband John

Shabatura, Antal and his wife Lisa Szabo, John and his wife Brenda Jean Szabo, by his sisters-in-law Arlene and her husband Mike Provost, Pam and her husband Terry Stewart as well as many extended family members.

The family of the late Steve Szabo will receive relatives and friends at the Buffam Leveille Funeral Home - Haileybury Chapel, on Monday July 22, 2024 beginning at 3:00pm. The memorial service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 4:00pm. Memorial contributions can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Condolences and Tributes can be left at www.buffamleveille.com

Perry Steven Norris

With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Perry Steven Norris, age 66 (1958 – 2024) at home in Latchford on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. As a newcomer, he loved the stillness and beauty of Latchford. Loved dearly by daughter Melanie, family and friends, he will be missed by many.

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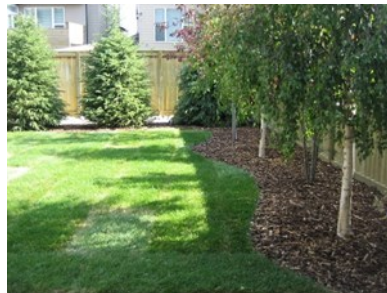
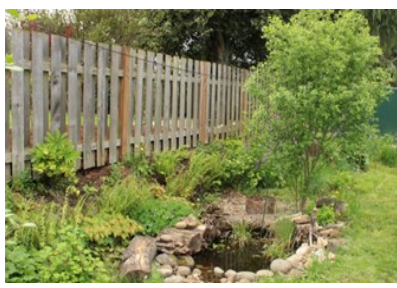
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Rhonda's Garden Tip

Back Yard Garden Makeovers

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Bye for now Rhonda

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Subscribers News,

It has been quite the month in old L.A. For the first time in my memory we lost 3 residents in the span of one week with 2 passing in one day! I will pay due and proper respects later in the column.

Then we had to deal with a few heat waves which made the beach the destination for those of swimming or wading age! While I don't fall into either category I did get to spend a fair amount of time at the beach with my great grandchildren who are visiting from Illinois. While I can get into the water, getting out could present too big a challenge for my old body and I even bring a little stool to sit on as getting up off the grass is hard to do! When you get to be my age you will appreciate what I am writing!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention and compliment our museum summer student, Haven Venne, who together with her very supportive mother Betty, have transformed the look and cleanliness of both the Latchford House of Memories and the Ontario Loggers Hall of Fame in a very short period of time. I would encourage everyone to visit as Haven even has outfitted herself with a period costume which she wears at work! I know that both Fred Keenan and Ed Garreau that created the House of Memories as a centennial project in 1967

Renewals were relatively light this month with the first in being for one year from Theresa Treen of North Cobalt. Theresa, with her many little ponies, I refer to as the reincarnation of Willis Lathem of that community as Willis is fondly remembered for bringing his little ponies and even a donkey or two to Latchford for parades. Then we had a renewal for two years from Ric, and son Tom Roller, of Shelby, Ohio. The Roller's owned a cottage on the west shore of Bay Lake for many years and sold it within the last decade but still have many friends here so like to stay in touch. Ric shared an interesting story about getting a new pup to replace his dog that had died and that at last check his new pup which was supposed to mature at 10 pounds had reached 40!

Rounding out the subscribers for the month was another year gifted by Gail Hewitt for her sister Diane Hewitt down in Kingston. Welcome back all and those who help put this little periodical together thank you for supporting us as we have now reached 36 years of publishing the Moose Call! **Continued on page 11.....**



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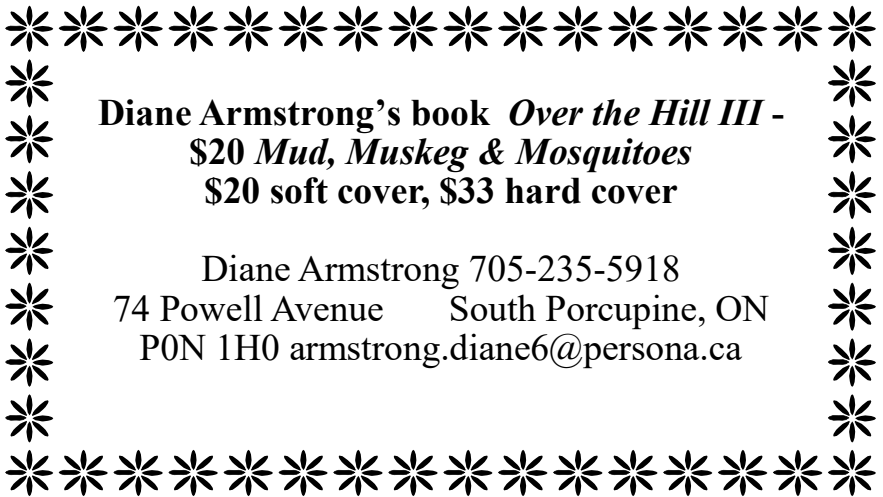
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**Obituary
Leon "Min" Bigras**

It is with great sadness the family announces the sudden passing of Leon "Min" Bigras at the age of 77.

Min was born in Cobalt, Ontario, February 27, 1947 to the late Eugene & Clara (nee Lauzon) Bigras. Min leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Carolyn (nee Mitchell) Bigras. His children Laurie Damiani (Rick Phillips), Wade (Angie) Bigras & Mitchell (Jennifer) Bigras. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Brent, Bryce (Courtney), Brittany (Cameron), Jordan (Rob), Brady, Katelyn, Jarret, Clayton & Jaxson; his great-grandchildren Jack, Lauchlan, Lainey and Lincoln and Sonny who affectionately named him 'Wawa Boppa'. Min also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Min will be fondly remembered for his witty sense of humour, kind heart, helping hand and his undeniable love for his grand & great-grandchildren. Min loved nothing more than the company of his family and friends but there's no question he loved the companionship of his pets, and they loved him and his little treats. He was a long time heavy equipment operator at the Sherman Mine. Min also spent many years as a fire-fighter and later on as chief of the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department.

Min had a passion for sports and his Habs. In his

younger days he was an avid baseball player, fisherman and had a love for music. Min will be remembered for rocking the walls of many taverns on his drum kit. Min was a very proud, long time member of the Latchford Legion Branch #629. He was an avid dart player and traveled the entire province of Ontario playing in numerous Legion dart tournaments to which he was very successfully and brought home many trophies.

Min easily made friends everywhere he went and left a lasting impact on all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be greatly missed. Min's final care has been entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home. As per Min's request, his family will be having a private gathering. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Latchford Legion Branch #629 or charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Condolences and tributes can be left at www.buffamleveille.com



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My view FROM OVER THE HILL NOSTALGIA

By Diane Armstrong

In the current heatwave, it's hard to concentrate on difficult tasks or engage in strenuous activities. I have instead, spent a great deal of time watching the birds in the feeders or in the birdbath. I watch the clouds in the sky and listen to the breezes blowing through the leaves in the birch tree over my head. It's a quiet morning to sip my coffee and think of summers past. In no particular order, I recall the toys, games and interests of those of certain generations. How many do you remember?

-We bought pea shooters and raided the pantry for dried beans. Mom would say, "You're going to take someone's eye out with that!"

-Dixie Cups – ice cream in a cardboard container with a wooden spoon. And popsicles with the bags you saved to 'win' prizes with a certain number of bags you mailed to the company....and

waited and waited for delivery of a useless piece of plastic. Oh, the disappointment!

- Simpler boy's toys often included a piece of cardboard stuck between the spokes on a bicycle, which they thought made a sound like a motorcycle.

- In the summer, we were only indoors for chores, meals and sleep. Otherwise, we played Relievers, I Declare War, rode our bikes or built cabins in the bush.

- Cricket was a neighbourhood street game, played after supper by all the local kids on our

street.

The equipment was free – empty motor oil cans from a service station and last winter's broken hockey sticks. No membership required and the teams changed nightly.

- The games lasted until the 8:45 pm curfew that required all those under the age of 16 to be home by 9 p.m.

- On rainy days we traded comic books or started a 'club'. Whoever hosted the gathering was entitled to be the president. When the rain stopped, the club disbanded.

The next generation included my children. While many played the same games listed above, they were entering the electronic age, with Walkmans and cassette tapes. They will remember using a pencil to rewind a tape. They will also remember:

- "Klackers" were two hard balls joined with a string which you banged together. "Where did all those bruises come from?"

- Playing with Dinky toys, Matchbox cars, Tonka trucks, Hot Wheels, Spirograph, Hula Hoops and Etch-a-sketch.

- Girls played with Barbie dolls and boys played with G.I. Joe. Both dolls had expensive accessories.

- Atari video games, PacMan, the Commodore Vic 20 and Radio Shack's Tandy TRS 80.

-K-Tel records, Popeil and Ronco products advertised on television.

- Disco dancing, hot pants, mini skirts along with long hair, platform shoes, stovepipe pants, the

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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. Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

FROM OVER THE HILL continued...

Beatles, Hai Karate aftershave and Love's Baby Soft cologne.

But as teens were embracing those fads, my generation was still jiving, "Singing Along with Mitch Miller" and mourned when Elvis died.

Lives changed with electronics and cell phones.

Today, families are smaller and the streets are quiet after supper. No children's laughter, no cries of "You're IT!" or "Alley eye, alley eye over". I miss those sounds.

That's my view from Over the Hill.

Subscribers News continued.....

On the health and fitness front, my brother Basil's health has regressed to the point he is a full time patient in Temiskaming Hospital and will, in all likelihood, remain there until entering a nursing home. Compounding that families health issues is his wife Frannie (Frances) has been having issues that require a good number of trips to North Bay that have been kindly provided by our sister, Lynn Godden. You know that old saying, "when it rains, it pours!"

On the sombre side of things, Long time resident "Min" Bigras and newer resident, Steve Szabo, died within a couple of hours of each other on July 17. While Min had been invalidated by a stroke a good number of years ago, he still managed to accompany wife Carolyn up to their summer tourist camp at Mattawapika Falls every year. He was very active in the community for many years as attested to by his obituary and will be missed by many. Steve Szabo and his wife, Debbie McKenzie, purchased the former United Church after it closed and have transformed it into their residence. Steve was a very active, seemingly fit individual who was a private building contractor here in Latchford and area who certainly gave one the impression of being very fit and will be missed by all privileged to have known him. While I was never

privileged to have met Perry Norris, he lived in an apartment in Greg Boyce's former variety store for about the last year and seemed to keep to himself.

I am confident all readers join their families in mourning the loss of these three.

George L.

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Latchford Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Safety tips for the summer season

Working Smoke Alarms:

- Smoke alarms warn you of a fire in time to let you escape.
- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home, especially near each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms every six months and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace weak or dead batteries immediately with new ones. Batteries should also be replaced every year.

Remember, if your smoke alarms are hard-wired, they will not function during a power failure. Consider installing a backup battery powered smoke alarm as an additional asset to your home.

Plan and practice your escape:

- Prepare and practice a fire escape plan with every member of your household.
- Always have two ways out of your dwelling.
- Arrange an outside meeting place and a safe location to call **9-1-1**.

If you live in a multi-storey building, in the event of fire, don't use elevators. Familiarize yourself with the building fire safety plan/evacuation orders.

Smoking is hazardous:

- Set up a designated smoking area outside with large, deep ashtrays, and soak the butts with water before dumping them in the trash.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside to reduce the risk of indoor fires and protect people from being exposed to harmful second-hand smoke.

Smokers need watchers. Before going to sleep, check under and around sofa cushions and upholstered furniture for smouldering cigarettes.

Be careful when cooking:

- Be alert when you cook and keep children out of the way.
- Don't wear loose fitting clothing and be careful not to reach over hot burners.
- Never leave cooking unattended. If a pot catches fire, cover it with a lid to smother the flames and turn off the burner.

Keep pot handles turned inward.

Matches and lighters are for adults:

- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

Teach children that matches and lighters are only for adults.

Use electricity safely:

- If an appliance smokes or smells like it is burning, unplug it immediately and have it repaired.
- Check all your electrical cords and replace any that are cracked or frayed.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under rugs or carpets.
- Don't tamper with the fuse boxes or use fuses of improper size.

Cool a burn:

- If someone gets burned, immediately run cool water over the wound for 5 to 10 minutes to ease the pain.

If the burn is blistered or charred, see a doctor immediately.