

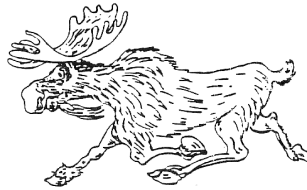
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MOOSE CALL



December 2024



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COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER TO BE HELD ON THE 10th @ 6:30PM VIA ZOOM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD WEBSITE.

LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

Mayors Report

Hoping all were able to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11th. I was able to attend the one at our cenotaph. It was a great ceremony and kudos to the organizers! I really need to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the food they had for locals and then for the people that came in on the buses from other local Legions. They really do put on a great lunch!!

Attended the Hwy 11 North yearly meeting and did let them know that having the speed signs on each end of town really did make a difference for the speed thru town. Have requested to get them in the spring again but was not given a definite yes. Once again did bring up the speed thru town should be dropped but have been told that because we don't have a school, they couldn't go below that. Been given some towns that their speed is below so doing some research if they have a school in their community.

As I am sure all are aware that our Clerk Treasurer Jamie is retiring and will be done on Feb. 28th. He will be missed and there will be big shoes to fill and I am sure will be a challenge to fill the position.

Meeting wise this month has been lax which is strange but somehow, I know it is going to come to bite me along the way. We will be having our Tree Lighting Dec. 6th down at the Rec. Center. There will be events happening so hope to see you come out. Our Seniors Christmas Deliveries will be delivered Dec. 15th I am thinking around 11am.

I will also be volunteering on Christmas Day to deliver meals from R U Hungries. If you have anyone that you think could use a meal whether yourself or someone else, please reach out to me ahead and I can then add them to my list. Please know that the meals are free. I do know last year I delivered 25 meals and so enjoyed doing it and seeing how it made the people feel that received them. My number is 705-676-1115 you can call and leave me a message or send a text with name and address.

Our Volunteer Fire Dept will be holding a New Years Eve dance again this year! Hope to see some of you there!

Well, I wish you all a great holiday season as the next moose call will go out after that. I hope you all get to enjoy time with your family and friends.

Happy Holidays

Mayor Sharon Gadoury-East

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RATES BY DAY/WEEK/MONTH

From the kitchen of Diana

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Cheese Steak Meatloaf

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 8 ounces brown mushrooms, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 large eggs
- 2 lbs lean ground beef (80/20 or 85/15)
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 8 ounces Provolone cheese slices

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Spray a large (9×5) loaf pan with cooking spray.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the diced onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, salt, and pepper. Sauté for 1-2 minutes before stirring, then let brown for another 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, blend the ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, and eggs until smooth. Add the ground beef, sautéed vegetables, and panko breadcrumbs, and mix thoroughly with your hands until well combined.

Press half of the meat mixture into the prepared loaf pan. Lay half of the provolone cheese slices in a single layer through the center of the meatloaf, about 2 inches wide. Top with the remaining meat mixture.

Bake for 40 minutes. Remove from the oven, top with the remaining provolone cheese slices, and return to the oven. Bake for an additional 15-20 minutes, until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

Let the meatloaf rest for 10 minutes before slicing and serving. Enjoy!

Notes

Be gentle. Mix the meatloaf ingredients until just combined. Overmixing can make the loaf dense and tough.

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**Merry Christmas!! Joyeux Noel!!
Happy New Year!! Bonne Anne!!**

Hello everyone!

What an exciting November month we had! So nice seeing everyone come out and socialize with friends! December is looking great as well. Book your calendars for upcoming events in January and February.

Sunday January 5th the IIHF World Juniors Championship games, Bronze and Gold Medal Games will be televised at the Legion. Doors open at 2 pm. Saturday January 18th , we will be holding a Karaoke Night. Come out and sing your heart out!! The Legion opens at the regular time of 2pm. Karaoke starts at 8pm.

Saturday January 25th , Debby Burrows will be having a pickerel dinner. Tickets will be \$20.00. Please reserve in advance or before January 18 th . Dinner starts at 5pm. Please call Debby at 705-493-6147 to reserve your ticket.

Sunday February 9 th , the Super Bowl will be televised. Doors open at 4 pm.

Sunday February 16 th , Nascar race-Daytona 500 will be televised at the Legion. Doors open at 1 pm. More events may be added. Keep checking our Facebook Page-Royal Canadian Legion Latchford. Sgt. Aubrey Cosens

V.C. Br 629.

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 at 7 pm and Open Saturdays at 2 pm.

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 be every 2 nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7pm. All members are welcome.

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

Everyone please have a great, safe, and happy holiday!! Hope Santa Claus spoils you rotten!!

**Again, Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel!
Happy New Year! Bonne Anne!**

See you in the new year!

Have a great day!

Lest we forget.

**Vicky Gray-Wilks
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I have space on my calendar this winter if you would like an idea of cost we can come have a look and work out an estimate for you.

Obituary: James (Jim) McRae

It is with deep sadness that the family of James (Jim) McRae announces the passing on November 14, 2024 at his home at the age of 82. Husband of 60 years to Teresa, father to Debra (Pete), grandfather to Brandon (Jill), Hayley (Chris), great grandfather to James, Leighton and Collins and brother Chris (Mandy) of Orleans. Predecessor by his parents Donald and Ina and brother Donald (Gen). Survived by many nieces and nephews and friends. As per Jim's wishes there will be no service held. Donations in memory of Jim can be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements can be entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home. Condolences and tributes can be left at www.buffamleveille.com

Obituary

Barbara Elizabeth Hamilton, nee: Keenan

(February 4, 1935 to October 28, 2024)

Our Mother, Sister, Aunt, Grandmother and Great Grandmother left us on October 28, 2024 to join her husband, our Dad, John Edward (Jack) Hamilton after a 3 year struggle with her health.

Mom was born in Toronto to Fred & Ida (nee Mason) Keenan. She briefly attended school there but lived the majority of her young life in Latchford, Ontario. Mom attended high school in Cobalt, where she met the love of her life, Jack Hamilton. They finished high school as a couple, remaining so until Dad's passing in 2005. Mom went on to Normal School in North Bay, to get her teaching certificate, while Dad worked for a year so that they could get married on August 21, 1954. In 1955 they started their family with Tom, John, Diana and Doug all coming along in quick succession. Patrick delayed his arrival until the early 1960's making the family complete. Mom and Dad lived in many places over their lives including Renfrew, Madawaska, White River, Thunder Bay, Kirkland Lake, Englehart & Dowling before finally returning to live in Mokomon, Ontario in the

early 2000's. Mom travelled extensively with Dad after his retirement in 1988. They lived half the year on Vancouver Island and the other half, on Lake Superior at Bay's End, east of Thunder Bay. Over this time Mom and Dad developed an abiding love for Lake Superior that remains with her family to this day. Many months were spent camping on the islands between Thunder Bay and Rosspport, Ontario not to mention earlier adventures canoeing to James Bay with and without the rest of the family.

Mom was a very independent woman. For the past 19 years she has lived on her own in Mokomon and for most of that time she heated her home with wood, using 13 face cords a year. Most of that she piled on her own with some family help. Her life centred around keeping the fires burning each winter, until she was 85. Mom was predeceased by her husband Jack, parents Fred and Ida Keenan, brother Jim, daughter in law Leslie, sister in law Fran, Dad's parents Tom & Kay Hamilton, brother in law Wilmot & sister in law, Laura. Left to mourn Mom & celebrate her life are her sister Sheila (Robert) and their four children, sister in law Sheelagh and her two boys, her brother Jim's four children, Mom's & Dad's children: Tom (Janice), John, Diana, Doug (Rosalie), Patrick (Carolyn), Mom's seven grandchildren: John (Nicole), Erin, Ryan (Lili), Brendan (Byron), Natasha (Ryan), Brooke (Rob) and Melissa (Ryan), Mom's three great grandchildren (Seraine, Sterling and Jack), along with extended family across Canada and Ireland. Mom enjoyed poetry and composed it often. Here is an excerpt from a favourite that she wrote: Ode to a Seagull. Turning, wheeling, climbing far, On the thermals you ascend. What a graceful thing you are! Wings of beauty, wings that bend, To the shore. If no longer I am me and must choose another goal.

Might it be the wild and free where I seek to loose my soul. To their cry.

Barbara Hamilton, Lake Superior 1995

Rhonda's Garden Tip

Holiday Wreaths made from Natural Material

Even for the most non-creative folks, Christmas time seems to have a gentle nudge to wake up that creative side. For this month's gardening project, let's create a holiday wreath made from the elements of nature to bring warmth and beauty to our season.

Traditional wreaths are usually round in shape, but any design would work. Let's forge into nature to find natural material for our wreaths. My favourite material and the most suited for the holidays would be reindeer moss to create a stunning, and vibrant wreath. Here are many more examples of a natural wreath material; driftwood, corn husks, feathers, pinecones – bleached, grapevine, dried acorns, Virginia creeper vine, willow, evergreen (cedar, pine, spruce, or juniper branches), berries, hydrangeas, seed pods, bark, and dried herbs (rosemary, thyme, lavender, sage). Begin the wreath with a wire frame for the base, then use glue and floral wire to attach your natural material to the frame. Finish up by adding a ribbon and embellishments. To preserve your wreath, make sure the material is dry and protected from some of the weather, and a little hair spray may help too! Pictures below are some visual examples of the material used. **Merry Christmas!**



Bye for now Rhonda

rhonda's Cards



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Subscribers News,

We almost made it through the month without any significant amount of snow but overnight November 25/26 changed all of that! We received about 5" of the white stuff! I feel confident that Mother Nature will not take revenge for our great start to winter by burying us with the white stuff.

Renewals were rather significant this month and we even had a new subscriber! Summer resident Peggy Baron of Woodstock gifted Cole Merkley of that same city with a two year subscription to the 'Call! Welcome to the readership, Cole!

Renewals were led off with another from Yolande Tressider of Cobalt for another year and that was followed by one from Marie Turcotte from Temagami who gifted Richard Corbett of that same fair town with another year's reading of the Moose Call. That was followed by a renewal for another year from Helen Lee of Don Mills who enclosed a delightful letter which I will include in this issue. She is a member of a great family, the Crockford's, that lived here 90 odd years ago.

Then we received a renewal from another former Latchford lad, Jim Saunders of Sault Ste Marie, ON for another two years of reading the 'Call. Wrapping up the month was Gail Hewitt who gifted her brother Morris of Kitchener and cousin Diane Sasseville of Timmins, each with another year of reading the 'Call! As always, thank you to all who insist on including the extra!

On the health and fitness front, things didn't improve all that much for Latchford as we have another two obituaries in this issue. First we received notice of the passing of Barbara (Keenan) Hamilton, the daughter of Ida and Fred Keenan, who had been raised here in Latchford and then came word that Jim McRae, who with wife Teresa, lived out Murphy Mill Road for a number of years next door to where Rita and Orville McDermid resided. It sure has been an horrendous year for so many families living here in Latchford.

On that note, I had failed to mention earlier that Sheila (Keenan) Godby had shared with me that a former Latchford resident from our childhood era, Lily Lou (Killins) Williams of Calgary had passed away on August 16. She lived here in the early 1950's when her father was the track foreman for the ONR and her and Sheila had maintained their friendship these many years and Lily Lou is fondly remembered by all of us who knew her.

One positive that came my way this month was when Bob Livingston kindly gifted me with a copy of his grandmother, Lily Livingston's memories, of her moving north in 1900! It is quite the story but will have to be typed for sharing and my typing skills are aging with the rest of me so unless someone volunteers, it may be a month or two before I get to serialize this great story in future issues of the Moose Call. I believe Bob said he retrieved this treasure from his aunt Alice's collection of family memorabilia.

Thankfully, the weather has been kind to us here in the "Best Little Town by a Dam Site" because our overall health and well being has been taking a beating! I will give you a "heads-up", if plans go according to our intentions, Sharon and I hope to spend time over Christmas with our daughter Jennifer, her children and grandchildren! That could possibly delay the publication of the January issue. So here's wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year from all of us who toil over the printing presses at the Moose Call!

George L.

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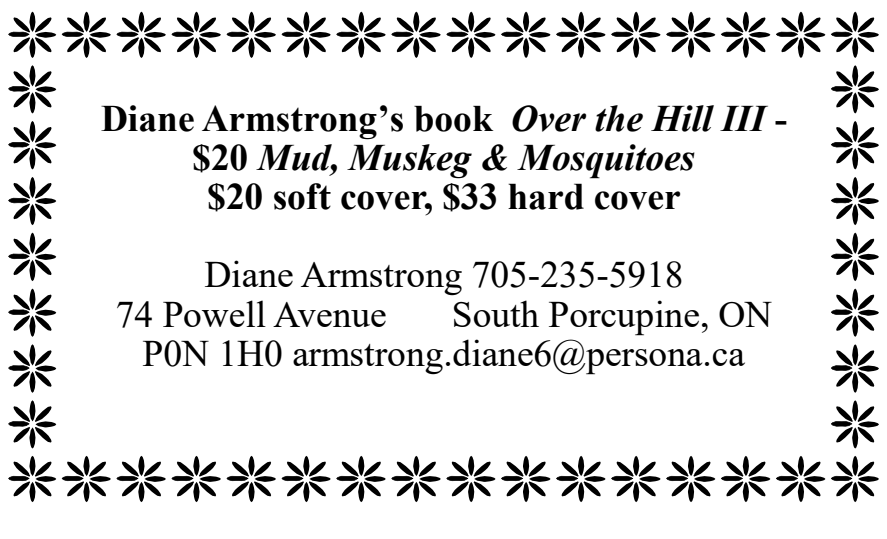
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Dad Jokes

Why did the coffee taste like dirt? Because it was ground just a few minutes ago.

What do call a criminal landing an airplane? Condescending.

Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting? They always drop their needles.

What did the lunch box say to the refrigerator? Don't hate me because I'm a little cooler.

How many apples grow on an apple tree? All of them.

What did the mother broom say to the baby broom? Time to go to sweep.

How many ears does Captain Kirk have? Three. The left ear, the right ear, and the final front-ear.

I went on Amazon to buy a lighter but all they had were 3,472 matches.

Why is sausage bad for you? It brings out the Wurst in people.

What do you call a broken clock? A waste of time.

Why did the teddy bear turn down a slice of cake. He was stuffed.

How do you make Budweiser? Send him to school.

What is Santa's favorite state to visit? Ida Ho Ho Ho

Have you seen those traffic circles or driven around them? Well, they are pointless.

I was walking down the beach when I heard a swimmer yelling for help with a shark circling him. I just laughed....I knew that shark wasn't going to help him.

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny!

What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef!

You are on a horse riding full gallop. Next to you is a giraffe at full gallop, and behind you is a lion on your tail. What do you do? Get off the carousel.

What family does the zebra belong to? Can't say, none of the families in our neighborhood owns a zebra.

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**My view from OVER THE HILL
IT WAS A MAN’S WORLD**

By Diane Armstrong

In ‘my’ day, home maintenance, renovations and building were definitely geared towards the men in the family. This was of course, in the average family. I was luckier than most, for my dad thought his daughters should learn how to change washers on the sink taps, repair a bicycle tube or how to use and clean a paint brush. Therefore, I learned a lot about terminology.

One of the first things I learned from my dad was the term “Knob and Tube” wiring. Because few items except lighting were needed, there was little need for safety. Single wires ran through the attic, studs and joists and supported by nailed-down porcelain knob insulators. Splices were made by twisting the wires together, then soldered and wrapped with insulating tape. This system would horrify today’s electricians and cause fires. It could never accommodate all of our electric and electronic devices. 200-amp service was unheard of in 1940.

Homes built after the great fires that plagued northern Ontario used Two-by-Fours, which originally meant two inches by four inches and varying lengths. This measurement was a standard by 1924. By 1990, the size had been slowly reduced and became 1.5” by 3.5” – a 34% reduction and is today’s 2 by 4. “Shrinkflation” was not recently invented! Today new homes are wrapped with a plastic product called Tyvek, which is stapled on shiplap or plywood which has been applied over the 2 by 4’s. In days gone

by, 2 by 4’s were covered with “TenTest”, a fibre board coated on both sides with asphalt.

Another by-gone product used on the exterior of wood frame houses was called Insul Bric or Insel Brick – a tar-based sheeting coated with coloured grit with the appearance of bricks, including bands of tar to resemble mortar. It was made in Winnipeg between 1924 and 1960. Moving to the inside of the house, the 2 by 4’s could be covered with sheets of Gyproc, but it was soon realized that neither TenTest plus Insul Bric and Gyproc provided enough insulation to keep the interiors of those homes warm, so even today, home renovators will discover mass amounts of sawdust and shavings in the walls. Those waste wood products were mixed with lime to deter rodents and insect infestations.

My parent’s home, built in 1942, had no cupboards or clothes closets when they purchased it, nor did it have floor coverings. Mom poured over copies of The Ladies Home Journal and had her heart set on a steel kitchen cupboard unit that had a sink with storage on both sides and below. She also dreamed of expensive Battleship Linoleum flooring. She got neither, but after seeing the rusting steel units in other homes, she was grateful she had wooden cupboards that my dad made, using only hand tools. Repainting with Japalac or Dulux made them look new, while rusted steel was not salvageable. Mom had hardwood floors in all rooms but the kitchen, which had Congoleum on that floor.

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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. Call the Town office @705-676-2416 to join up!

IT WAS A MAN'S WORLD continued....

If a window was broken, dad taught me how to clean out the old, dried putty and to wear gloves when removing the glass. When a new piece was fitted, counterpoints were gently hammered into the frame, holding the glass in place. Finally, a bag of putty was kneaded until soft and pliable. Pieces of the putty were rolled into long tubes and pressed between the glass and the frame. A putty knife smoothed the edges on all four sides of the glass. The process was repeated on the other side of the window. I never learned to cut glass using the tool with a cutting wheel on one end and a 'tapper' on the other, but I sure knew to wear gloves to clean up the mess!

Then there was oakum packed behind the window and door frames to keep out drafts. Definitely not my fondest memory, but if you ever smelled it, you would understand.

That's my view from Over the Hill.



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What causes Christmas tree fires?

According to the latest statistics from NFPA, lighting and electrical equipment cause most Christmas tree fires in the home. According to the research:

- Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in more than two in five (41 percent) home Christmas tree fires.
- One in five (20 percent) home Christmas tree fires were started by lamps or bulbs.
- More than one in 10 (11 percent) home Christmas tree fires were started by candles.
- Two in five (40 percent) home Christmas tree fires started in the living room.

Tips for staying safer

NFPA offers a number of safety tips to help you stay safer while picking, putting up, decorating, and disposing of a Christmas tree, including:

- Test a fresh Christmas tree before purchasing it by running your hands along one of its branches. If you end up with more than a few needles, it's a sign that the tree may be too dry.
- After selecting a fresh tree, cut 2 inches (5 cm) from the base of the trunk before placing it in the stand. Add water daily to keep the tree well hydrated.
- Trees should be placed at least 3 feet (1 m) away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Ensure that decorative Christmas tree lights are in good working order and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, keeping in mind that some lights are
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- designed for indoor or outdoor use only, while others can be used for both.
- When purchasing new Christmas tree lights, make sure they bear the mark of an independent, qualified testing laboratory, which ensures that the product has been tested to meet established safety standards.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community officials to find a recycling program for your tree.

Merry Christmas From the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department

