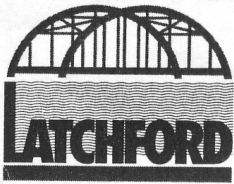


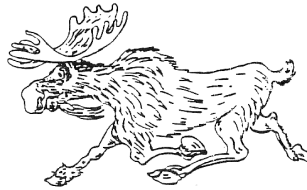
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# February 2025

*.HAPPY.  
Valentine's  
Day*

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY TO BE HELD ON THE 11th @ 6:00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE LATCHFORD TOWN OFFICE. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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

# Mayors Report

Hoping all weathered January with all the snow and the cold. Looking forward to warmer weather myself.

Council meetings are now once a month on the second Tuesday of the month. We have started working on the budget this month. This month we will be having a Family Day on Feb. 17 th . Going to have a snow sculpture contest and we have our judge. We will also have sliding, and rec center will be open and there will be snacks too.

I have been doing some research on Automated Speed Enforcement Service. I have just received this and checked if this is something that we can be part of. There is lots to check through but it really does sound interesting. An application has been submitted to CFDC which is community economic development on behalf of Communities of the Montreal River Power Corp. This is for the process of hydro generation from our dam that could generate revenue for Latchford. These are group that are also involved, Latchford, Coleman, Temagami First Nations, and Timiskaming First Nations. Thanks to Chris Osland for doing up this application. We now wait to see if we are accepted.

Have started receiving MNR reports with all the snow. They are sending out the Water Shed conditions and watching on flooding as we did have sometimes it got warm. Been cold as of lately so flooding is not an issue.

At TMA (Temiskaming Municipal Association) John Vanthof presented Northern Road Plan. John talked about how new drivers must be evaluated by MTO. Also increased staffing at the inspection stations and OPP traffic enforcement. There was lots of good information shared and let's hope something can come of this with our highways seeming to get worse.

We are currently in the process for filling Jamie position at the office. He will be missed. Hoping to have a new hire there this month. Hoping everyone has a great February and take the time to spoil your Valentine on Feb. 14 th .

**Thanks,**

**Sharon Gadoury-East**

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Are you looking to have home or cottage renovations done.

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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.

# From the kitchen of Diana

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## DELUXE THREE-EGG WHITE CAKE

This recipe brings back memories of my younger days when my Mom made this Five Roses cake for my birthday every year. I love raspberries and she would put raspberry jam between the layers and ice it with a vanilla flavoured white icing. The beauty of this cake is that you can make so many variations. I have made it with a fruit filling between the layers. Also good is a lemon curd, vanilla custard filling or milk or dark chocolate ganache and of course, for the cake flavouring, you could swap out the vanilla for lemon, orange or almond flavouring. Icings can be whipped cream and white chocolate, butter cream or cream cheese or maybe 7-Minute Frosting. I loved it when my grandmother iced a cake with 7-Minute Frosting.

Anyway, hope this inspires some ideas for this very versatile cake.

2 cups Five Roses All-Purpose Flour

3 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 cup Crisco Shortening

1-1/4 cups sugar

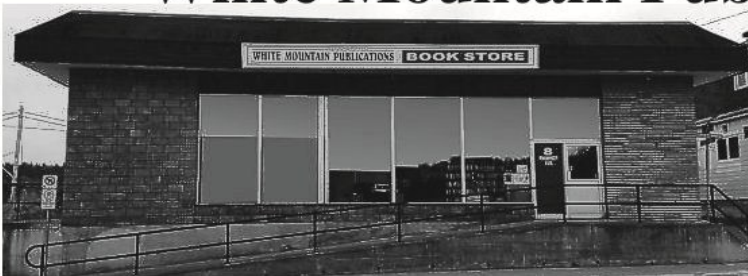
3 eggs, separated

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup milk

Stir Flour, baking powder and salt together. Cream shortening ; gradually add sugar, beating between additions. Add egg yolks and beat until fluffy. Add dry ingredients, alternately with milk, blending well after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; fold into batter. Pour into two greased and floured or lined 8 inch layer cake pans. Bake in a moderate oven(350 degrees F) 25to30 minutes or until done. Frost as desired.

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**Hello everyone!**

**Happy Valentine's Day!!!!**

I hope everyone is feeling better if you had this bad cold/flu that went around in the month of January. It knocked me off my feet to say the least.

The Karaoke night on January 18th was a blast! A lot of people got up and sang their hearts out. The Pickerel dinner that was held on January 25th was awesome! Everyone said they really enjoyed their meal and cannot wait until the next one.

We will continue to open every Sunday from 1 pm to 6 pm for Games Day. Come out and play pool, darts, corn hole bag toss, watch sports on the TV or sit with friends and family. In January, we had a great turn out and many children came out to play games!

We had a great attendance on Saturday night to play fun darts. It was fun watching them try to get 180! Fun darts will be every Saturday night starting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and join in on the fun. Book your calendars for upcoming events in February and March.

Sunday February 9th, the Super Bowl will be televised. The race starts around 4 pm. Legion opens at 1pm.

Saturday February 15th there will be a Valentine's Dance starting at 8 pm. Bring your sweetheart out for an evening of romance!!

Sunday February 16th, the Nascar race- Daytona 500 will be televised at the Legion. Doors open at 1 pm. Sunday February 23rd starting at 2pm, there will be an 80th Celebration for Sgt. Aubrey Cosens V.C. who received the Victoria Cross. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday March 15th, the draw for the cabi-

net, cribbage board and the gift card will be drawn. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, we have some at the bar or you can call me- Vicky at 705-679-4062. They are 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds go to help with the renovations of the Legion.

Saturday March 15th, there will be a St. Patty's Dance starting at 8pm. Come on out and enjoy the music and do some dancing! More events may be added. Keep checking our Facebook Page-Royal Canadian Legion Latchford. Sgt. Aubrey Cosens V.C. Br 629.

The Legion is open Friday nights at 7 pm, Saturdays at 2 pm and Sundays at 1pm.

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

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

**Lest we forget.**

**Vicky Gray-Wilks Branch President**

**Ladies Auxiliary**

Thank you to Brenda and Mike Garton for the donation of a fridge which is a welcome gift to our kitchen.

The Ladies Auxiliary are pleased to host a spaghetti supper on February 15th from 4 - 6 pm. We will be serving spaghetti of course as well as Caesar salad, garlic bread and an assortment of desserts. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids under 12. We look forward to seeing you all at the supper.

We will also be hosting a ham supper on April 26th. Details in the March Moose Call. Thank you for your continued support.

**Francine Blowe  
President, Ladies Auxiliary**

## Mark your Calendars Ladies

Saturday March 8th

International Women's Day

I will be hosting a gathering of women with a pot luck dinner at the Sgt Aubrey Cosens VC Legion Branch 629, Latchford.

The Cost is \$10.00 per person to be donated back to the Legion building fund.

There will be a guest speaker.

The legion bar will be open for your convenience.

Time: 6:00pm until ?

International Women's Day colours are purple and gold, there will be a prize for anyone who comes dressed in those colours and there will be a door prize for those in attendance, all the names will go into a hat to choose the winners.

I look forward to an evening of laughter and stories and good food.

"To say I'm In" contact Debby Burrows 705-493-6147

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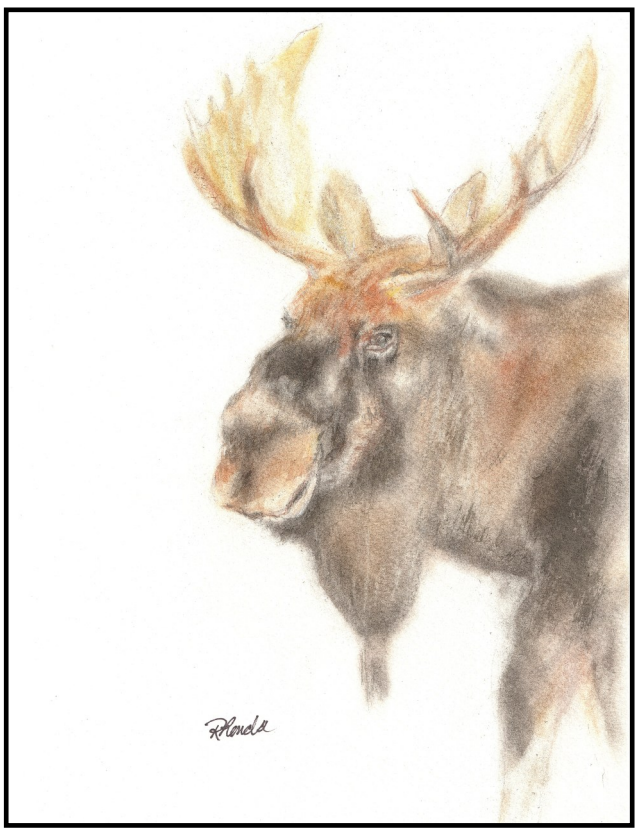
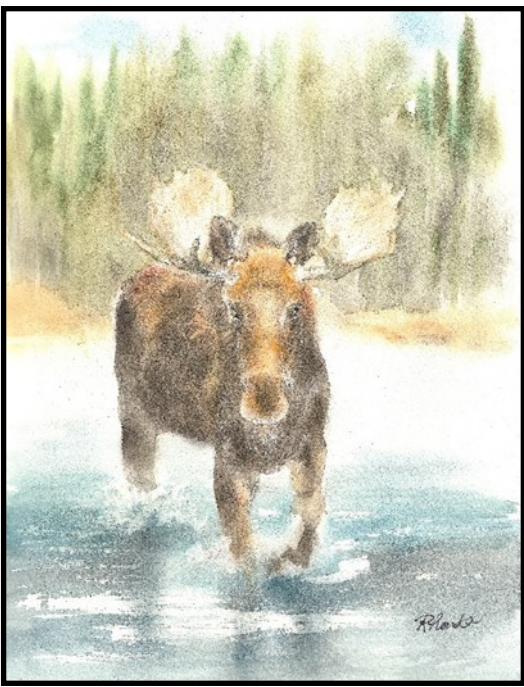
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# Rhonda's Garden Tip

Something a little different for the month of February, the second month in 2025! Since this extraordinary little newspaper has the title of Moose Call, here are some cool and surprising facts about moose. Moose are excellent swimmers and can swim up to 10 miles (16km) without stopping. They can even dive up to 20 feet underwater. A bull moose can regrow their massive antlers every year. The antlers can grow up to an inch per day during peak summer growth, making them one of the fastest-growing bones in the animal kingdom. Moose are also silent walkers despite their massive size, they can move quietly through thick forests due to their specially designed hooves, which spread apart to distribute weight, and they can run up to 35 miles per hour (56km/h) on land. Here below are two paintings I created displaying the Moose, the speedy giants! Enjoy!

Bye for now,  
Rhonda



# Latchford and area MooseCall Page 7

As I compile this issue (Jan 27) I am looking out the window at one of the severest winter storms that I have seen impact Latchford in a while. My new little buddy, "Prince" is in his bed alongside my laptop on my desk with a clear (?) view of the highway but there is wisely, I might add, not enough traffic to even get a reaction out of him. Although, having written that, it is only pedestrians that get his attention and he can see them heading into the post office three short blocks west of here and reacts accordingly. Even pedestrians are few and far between on the streets of Latchford today.

Despite the aforementioned, it really hasn't been a bad winter to date here. In fact, they are just getting the sled trails opened through here as I think the first trip through by the groomer was late last week. With the price of a trail pass to use the OFSC trail system I am confident that anyone who has invested in one wants to get to use the trails as soon as possible.

It was another decent month on the renewal front and was led off by one from George Livingston of Orillia whose surname doesn't need any introduction to Latchford and for another 2 years. That was followed up by Norm Remillard of New Liskeard who grew up here and opted for another 2 years as well.

Then we had another 2 year renewal come in from Barbara (Grozelle) Goodine of Mississauga. Barbara had grown up here in Latchford along with 3 sisters and 3 brothers, all who are fondly remembered by those privileged to have known them. The month wrapped up with a renewal from Marjorie (Lingenfelter) Boucher of London who also gifted her life long friend, Joanne (Proulx) Jelly of New Liskeard with another year's reading. These girls (ladies, if they prefer) grew up next door to each other here in Latchford and remain great friends! Wrapping up the month was a note from my old classmate and neighbour, Carole (Inglis) Innes of North Bay, advising of an address change so as to prevent missing an issue of the 'Call!

On the health and fitness front, things are certainly not improving for many with Latchford connections. On January 12 we lost Jeff Boyce who had been living in Chillicothe, Ohio and had only reached the age of 64. Recently retired, he had been home to Latchford in November to visit with mom Theresa Johnston, brother Greg Boyce and sister Beverley. Jeff was a great friend to many here in Latchford and is well remembered for his swimming prowess and being an all around great guy. He was also a world traveller who visited 60 or more countries through work and pleasure. The following day word was received that Claude Legault who grew up here in Latchford had passed in Kirkland Lake. While none of the family presently reside here, they are very well remembered as the father, Lomer, was Latchford's longtime barber for close to 4 decades who also hosted our local pool room in his shop.

Then news was received last week that Gord Foden who lived out Murphy Mill Road had passed on January 16. Gord was instrumental in organizing the "Latchford Enterprises Co-Op" in 1990 which evolved into the "Montreal River Heritage Canoe Tours". Utilizing 20 foot (I believe) cedar strip canoes, these tours would take passengers from Latchford up the Montreal River to Mowat Landing and there was even one extra long run right down Lady Evelyn Lake. They were very popular with locals and visitors during their duration.

Sincere condolences to all and let's hope that 2025 is not a repeat of 2024 for families from Latchford and those with strong Latchford connections. Once we have received obituaries for Jeff and Gord they will be included in a future issue. Hopefully, things will improve in the coming days, weeks and months for all of us associated with Latchford.

**George L.**

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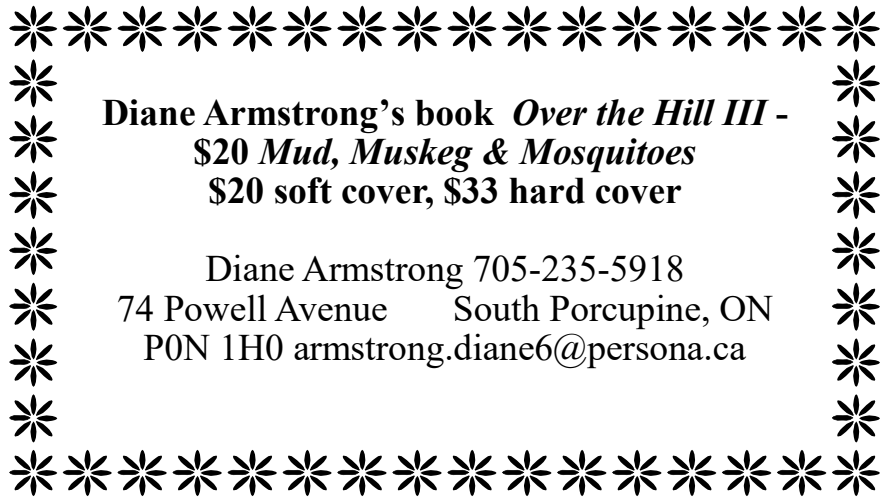
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Obituary

**LEGAULT, Claude  
1941 – 2025**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Claude Legault, born on August 5, 1941, in Ottawa, Ontario. Claude peacefully departed this life on January 13, 2025 and leaves behind a cherished family and a legacy of love and laughter. Claude is survived by his five children: Tammy (Serge), Randy (Julie), Eric (Cherryl), Shawn (Maxine), and stepdaughter Tammy-Lee. He will be lovingly remembered by Claudette Desjardin the mother of Shawn and Tammy-Lee, and his beautiful baby sister, Michelle Plant. He is predeceased by his parents, Lomer Legault, born in Sturgeon Falls, and Yvette Legault (née Regimbald), born in Hull, Quebec, as well as Gail Puhakka the mother of his three eldest children Tammy, Randy, and Eric. He is also predeceased by his brothers Marcel Legault and Guy Legault, and sisters Therese McLean (née Legault) and Rachel Adams (née Legault). Claude was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather, leaving behind many adored grandchildren: Amanda, Kassandra, Marc, Serge, Denika, Amanda, Justin, Sasha, Christopher, Elissa, Bailey, Noah, Ryah, Myah, Shane, Jamie-Lee, and Kaci.

And many great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. Claude dedicated many years of his life to working as a blaster in the pipeline industry, and he also worked as a truck driver and underground miner. He had a passion for fishing and hunting, and he cherished the time spent with friends, often being the life of the party. His infectious spirit and vibrant personality made him a standout in any crowd.

One of Claude's most beloved traditions was dressing as Santa and visiting friends and family on Christmas Eve, bringing joy and smiles to the faces of countless children. His warmth and generosity will be remembered and celebrated by all who knew him. A small gathering to honour Claude's life, legacy, and wishes will be held on a later date and will be announced once a date has been decided. Donations can be made to the CJKL Christmas Wish (5 Kirkland Street, PO Box 430, Kirkland Lake, ON P2N 3J4) or Teck Pioneer Residence (145A Government Road East, PO Box 1757, Kirkland Lake, ON P2N 3P4 – Attention Mary-Ann Toppi) Rest in peace Coonie, your spirit will forever live on in our hearts.

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- Why did the gym close down? It just didn't work out.
- What kind of music do mummies listen to? Wrap.
- What do you call a cold puppy? A chili dog.
- Did you hear the sausage joke? It's the wurst.
- How can you tell it's a dogwood tree? From the bark.
- Why shouldn't pigs drive? They hog the road.
- What gets wetter the more it dries? A towel.
- How do moths swim? Using the butterfly stroke.
- What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer? The space bar.
- I made a whopping six figures last year. I also was fired from the toy factory for being too slow.
- I just got kicked out of a secret cooking society. I spilled the beans.
- The wedding was so beautiful. Even the cake was in tiers.
- I hung a picture up on the wall the other day. Some would say that I nailed it.
- I once wrote a song about a tortilla, but it's more of a wrap.
- The waiter asked if I wanted a box for my leftovers, but I told him I'm not into fighting.
- If you see a crime at an Apple store, are you an iWitness?
- Did Noah include termites on the ark?
- Some people think prison is one word, but to robbers, it's the whole sentence.
- I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.
- Are people born with photographic memories, or does it take time to develop?
- I had a dream about being a muffler. I woke up exhausted.
- Talk is cheap until you talk to a lawyer.

**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!**

## Fun Facts

Avocados are a fruit, not a vegetable. They're technically considered a single-seeded berry, believe it or not.

The Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer, due to thermal expansion meaning the iron heats up, the particles gain kinetic energy and take up more space.

Allodoxaphobia is the fear of other people's opinions. It's a rare social phobia that's characterised by an irrational and overwhelming fear of what other people think.

Australia is wider than the moon. The moon sits at 3400km in diameter, while Australia's diameter from east to west is almost 4000km.

Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves. Teeth are coated in enamel which is not a living tissue.

It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland. It's considered animal abuse because they're social beings and get lonely.

The Ancient Romans used to drop a piece of toast into their wine for good health - hence why we 'raise a toast'!

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Check reported conditions. Before you head onto any ice, check with a local bait shop operator or resort owner for known ice conditions, thin ice areas or dangerous open water conditions.

Avoid travelling on ice at night. Clear hard ice is the only kind of ice recommended for travel; keep away from unfamiliar paths or unknown ice.

Suit up. If you must venture onto the ice, wear a thermal protection buoyant suit to increase your chances of survival if you fall through. If you do not have one, wear a lifejacket/PFD over an ordinary snowmobile suit or layered winter clothing

**Avoid:**

- Slushy ice
- Thawed ice that has recently refrozen

- Layered or rotten ice caused by sudden temperature changes
- Ice near moving water (i.e. rivers or currents)

Never go on the ice alone. A buddy may be able to rescue you or go for help if you get into difficulty.

Inform someone. Before you leave shore, inform someone of your destination and expected time of return.

Assemble a kit. Assemble a small personal safety kit no larger than the size of a man's wallet to carry with you. The kit should include a lighter, waterproof matches, magnesium fire starter, pocketknife, compass and whistle. You should also carry ice picks, an ice staff, a rope and a cellular phone.

**Know what to do if you hear the ice crack:**

- Lay down on the ice.
- Call for help loudly and clearly.
- Crawl or roll back to land.

**Self-rescue steps:**

- Float on your stomach facing the shore.
- Reach forward onto the ice; do not push down on it.
- Kick your legs to slowly push your torso onto the ice.
- Crawl or roll away from the hole.
- If you can't climb onto the ice, float in the water and call for help loudly and clearly.
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