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COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY TO BE HELD ON THE 16th AT THE RECREA-TION CENTRE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



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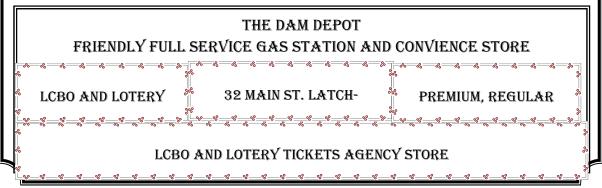
The winter that never wants to end is staying with us at least for a while with the temperatures we have been enduring. As mentioned in my other column, the lake is now at summer minimum elevation and still ice covered. While flooding is occurring in many areas of Ontario and Canada at this writing, we remain hopeful it will be minimal, if at all, here.

Council was able to finalize our budget after much deliberation for 2019 in March and passed it at our April meeting. It resulted in a tax rate increase of 1.01% on residential and commercial properties which is in keeping with the cost of living increases. We were not as fortunate when it came to water and sewage where the rates had to rise by 5% to cover increases in the cost of various aspects of that operation. While I am confident that we all would have preferred a decrease, Council was pleased with what we were able to achieve.

I mentioned in last month's column that there was a derailment on the ONR at the north end of town. I can tell you that there has been a concerted effort by representatives of the Town and the Latchford Volunteer Fire Department to obtain, at least, the building materials that would be required for the addition to the Fire Hall. At this writing the decision regarding the fate of the materials is still tied up in the legal department of the ONTC but we are hoping that equal amounts of persistence and patience will result in good news.

The dam operators have had a number of issues to deal with this month and during freshet is not a good time to be dealing with issues. I mentioned in my other column what Rob Godden had witnessed on Sunday past with respect to the logs escaping downriver and now, this a.m., it was reported to me that some of the sluices contained jammed logs. I went down and photographed 5 sluices with seemingly jammed logs which I forwarded to PSPC at their request. In most sluices one end was elevated almost out of the water and the other end almost submerged. I was advised that they were "floating" which is not uncommon during high flow periods. I guess I am just too much of a skeptic to accept that as the truth but hope that we can get through freshet without "floating" logs in all 14 sluices of the new dam and that the mechanical gate continues to function until late June.

Until next month



## From the kitchen of Diana

#### Mrs. Fields's Chocolate Chip Cookies

https://topsecretrecipes.com/mrs-fieldschocolate-chip-cookies-copycat-recipe-1993.htmlO O

Here's the first Mrs. Fields chocolate chip cookie copycat recipe I created for the Top Secret Recipes books back in 1987. Inspired by a bogus chain-letter cookie recipe, this is my version of the delicious Mrs. Fields cookies that are crispy around the edge and chewy in the middle. Be careful not to cook these too long. I know it becomes tempting to keep cooking these— they don't seem to be done after 10 minutes—but they will continue to cook for awhile after you take them out of the oven, and when cool, will be chewy in the middle.

Note from Diana: Several people find this copycat recipe better than the original. I am looking forward to making these. They are rated 5-star (out of 5) by reviewers. Source: Top Secret Recipes by Todd Wilbur.

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar

2 large eggs

2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 1/2 twelve-ounce bags semisweet chocolate chips (18 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large mixing bowl cream together the butter, sugars, eggs, and vanilla. In another bowl, mix together the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Combine the wet and dry ingredients. Stir in the chocolate chips. With your fingers place golf ball-sized dough portions 2

inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 9 to 10 minutes or just until the edges are light brown.

Makes 2 dozen cookies

#### NATURAL FOOD COLOURING

If you would rather use natural food dyes instead of store-bought food colouring, here's how to make your natural colours. This is especially useful if you have children who react to chemically-made food colours; red in particular is known to cause hyperactive behaviour in some children.

So here is the list:

red -1/3 cup steamed beets, grated fine, plus 1/3 cup milk

orange — 1/3 cup carrots, grated fine, plus 1/3 cup milk

yellow — 2 egg yolks, plus 1/3 cup milk green — 1 cup raw spinach, washed, dried, and well chopped, plus 1/3 cup milk

blue — 3/4 cup blueberries, cooked 3 minutes, or until juices are released, plus 1/3 cup milk violet — 1/2 cup blueberries, cooked as above, and 2 tablespoons steamed beets, grated, plus 1/3 cup milk

For each color, combine 1/3 cup milk and the coloring agent in a blender, and blend well. Rinse the blender well between each layer. Pour individual colors into jars and set aside while you prepare the cake batter.

How do you substitute unsweetened chocolate for bittersweet?

#### SGT AUBREY COSENS VC BR 629, Royal Canadian Legion

On April 14 we had eight and all of Latchford it was won by Jean Jibb, New a half tables out for the Jackie 50 - 50 Winners: 1st – Denise Liskeard Robert Memorial Euchre Bearisto, Latchford: 2nd – The Ladies Auxiliary to 1st with 88 points - Bruce Freda Belanger, Haileybury; Branch 629 would like to 3rd – Sheiula Belanger, thank everyone for their con-Loach. New Liskeard 2nd with 86 points - Darren Latchford tinued support. Bessey, Latchford (Laurie On April 28 we had ten full Comrade Sheila Belanger tables out for the Annie 1st Vice Sauve's husband) 3rd with 83 points – a tie Pacaud Memorial Cribbage. Ladies Auxiliary Linda Gadoury, Latchford 1st with 6 wins, 422 points and Tom Ward. Cobalt Basil Lefebvre and Louis Fun Facts 50 – 50 Winners: 1st – Freda Armstrong, Latchford Belanger, Haileybury; 2nd – 2nd with 6 wins, 328 points – The King of Hearts is the only Francine and Willie Blowe, Rosaire Forget, Haileybury king in a deck of cards with-Latchford; 3rd – Charlie and Stan Lescomb, North Co- out a mustache. Berube, Temagami halt On April 21 we had five ta- 3rd with 6 wins, 318 points - Dreamt is the only word in James Lang and Charlie the English language that bles out for Euchre 1st with 81 points – a tie; Ro- McLaughlin, Haileybury ends with "mt." saire Forget and Linda Cook, 50 - 50 Winners: 1st - Jean Jibb, New Liskeard; 2nd - The opposite sides of a die both of Haileybury 2nd with 80 points – Sharon Basil Lefebvre, Latchford; will always add up to seven. Lefebvre, Latchford 3rd – Claude Gadoury, North 3rd with 76 points - a three Cobalt No number from 1 to 999 inway tie; Sam Green, Basil We also raffled off a gift bas- cludes the letter "a" in its Lefebvre and Carolyn Bigras, ket that we sold tickets on and word form.

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#### HOW'S THE LEAD IN YOUR PIPES?

Some Health Authority or other recently stated: "Safe lead levels in drinking water are now half what they were yesterday." What? They were O.K. then but fatal now? Weeel, yes and no.

This lead comes from the solder joining copper water pipes and has been known for a long time to be bad. It's a problem now because the European Union refuses to accept any more electronics containing lead. The manufacturers had to find something else or, Heaven forbid, lose the market.

They did. They've replaced the old lead/tin solder with a Silver/tin version, which flows just as nicely. I guess they've hidden the extra costs somewhere inside their newest device, but hey?

But back to the bad old days. Lead in the water was dealt with one of two ways. Water in schools had to be run three minutes every day first thing. This flushed out the water that had been standing all night in copper pipes, replacing it with fresh from the Town's steel pipes in the street. I do this too, when I brush my teeth.

The second way was what the painters of old did when they'd get poisoned from the lead used to whiten paint. They'd dose themselves with lots of Vitamin C, likely oranges or rosehips etc., which bonded to any lead they'd absorbed and flushed it away.

Now drinking water's a funny thing. You can get used to a lot of stuff, although lead is seriously different. One time, my parents were coming to stay and the water in our well was low. I decided to copy my neighbour and pump water from the creek at the rear into it. Great idea, but wait, maybe not. It flowed through a cow-pond upstream.

We had it tested and the report came back: "Above acceptable limits for E-Coli and Coliform Bacteria." This was in the days when there were such limits. A big question for us was whether or not to tell our neighbours, who were perfectly healthy drinking this water. In the end, we decided not to as they were well accustomed to it, no problem, so why bother?

A group of Westerners wanted to visit a historic site way off the beaten track in the Sahara Desert. Their guides told them to bring their own water, as the water there would make them sick, though the Arabs could drink it safely. Hmm.

One last water story. There's a road off the Niagara Escarpment called "Sulphur Springs Road." It lives up to its name and one day, my sister was visiting. We wanted to trick her about the delicious water flowing from the spring. We giggled as she drank, but the joke was on us. She loved the strong chemical taste and thanked us for the wonderful experience. We had to eat crow over that one!

Anyway, is the lead in my water safe? As long as I keep that Vit. C coming, sure it is.

All the best from Charlie by the lake.

P.S. If you really want to know your lead levels, a private lab will test it for a fee. Our Health Unit only tests for E-Coli and Coliform Bacteria.

All the best from Charlie by the lake.

## Rhonda's Garden Tip

#### **Succulent Garden**

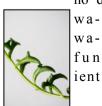
Succulents are quite unique little plants that hold water in their leaves, stems, and or roots so they can adapt to very dry conditions, much like a cactus plant. Most people can remember seeing a aloe plant in their home growing up, or maybe a cactus plant like my mom had sitting on the kitchen window sill that I was never quite sure if it was alive or not. Succulents can thrive in cracks and crevasses, rockeries and sandy or gritty soils. Sempervivums (also known as hens and chicks) and stonecrop sedrums are the two main kinds of succulents that can tolerate colder temperatures like minus 20 degrees, more suitable for our area. Other varieties such as kalanchoe, aloe, echeveria and aeonium are best left in containers and then brought indoors for the winter.

The cutest succulent I've seen so far is called a "Dolphin Necklace" – a rare plant that I've only seen in pictures. The leaves look just like a dolphin jumping off of the vine shoots, so cute. The dolphin succulent won my attention, and inspired me to learn the basics of how to take care of succulents. They say that 90% of the care of these wonderful plants is the watering. The golden rule for succulents indoors is "Water me when my soil is dry, and don't water me when my soil is wet". If it takes 2 weeks for the soil to dry, then water in 2 weeks. If it takes 2 days to dry out then water in 2 days. Succulents need well drained soil, a more gritty soil, allowing it to dry between thorough watering. They tend to dry out much quicker in smaller containers than in large containers. Water when soil is dry to the touch, or if the leaves have wilted. Water until you can see water run out of base of the container.

Start with a good quality potting soil. These are usually lighter in weight than topsoil, or a potting soil designed for cacti and succulents. You can add perlite to a normal mix to increase aeration and drainage. Succulents prefer bright light, like a south-facing window. Watch the leaves for indication that the light level is correct. The leaves will burn if too much sun.

If you have seen terrariums for succulents, they are quite beautiful, but are not always functional. Succulents and cactus need drainage and air circulation. If your terrarium is enclose and gets condensation/water on the glass, it will rot your succulents. Make sure there is an open side

at all times. If there is bottom to hold excess don't let them sit in lents are adorable and to care for, also resil-



no drainage, use rocks/gravel





on the Just Succuplants a per-

#### **Subscribers** News

Well, the weather report from Latchford this month is not a great improvement over last month. That is, we still have a lot more snow left on the ground than we like to see as we head into May! Aggravating the situation is the snow is so dense it is more like ice and has a, very high water content. As I write this on the 29th, the lake is still not open and the level has reached the summer minimum. Further, my brother-in-law, Rob Godden was monitoring the operation of our new control dam yesterday and watched as they lost two stop logs to the current at the dam and were washed downstream. Earlier last week the new safety boom at the dam, that PSPC insisted on leaving in the river for the winter, broke free from the south shore and is now bobbing in the swift flowing water. When it is time to write this column in another month, hopefully all is well.

Subscriptions were a little light this month but ranged far and near! The far one for two years arrived from Claire Plunkett of Oxnard, California whose paternal grandparents, Ed and Nellie Conroy were a big part of Latchford for many years and also they were my great uncle and aunt. The near ones were led off by a two year renewal from Sid Adams of Haileybury and one for another year from Joyce Harding of Temagami. Rounding out the month were renewals for two more years from Steve McKinney of Newmarket and Don and Doris Messenger of Hudson Township. Thanks for your continued interest and support and the extra so many include. Most appreciated.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that a dear old friend of mine and Latchford's, for that matter, has retired after 67 years of service to the North Bay Nugget. John R. Hunt of Cobalt has turned off his typewriter after a career of that length with the same employer. Mr Hunt has added much knowledge, insight and colour to every event or occurrence in our area since the early 1950's. He further voiced his take on issues and events of the day on CBC radio for many years and his commentary was a must listen for so many of us. A sincere appreciation and good wishes are sent from all of us here in Latchford.

On the health and fitness front, get well wishes are again sent out to Lorraine McDonald who is still a patient in Temiskaming Hospital and to Jackie Adshead who heads out to Sudbury for knee surgery later this week. Get well soon wishes go out to the foregoing and all others who may be ailing or infirm.

A much more somber note was the news received that former resident Joyce (Connelly) Parliament suddenly passed away



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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. Thank you again for your support. PUBLIC NOTICE

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Winter Storage available for boats, cars, trailers, ATVs etc. Fees are \$12.00 per foot

The Snow is melting the ground is drying up! |Please be careful of grass fires! They will go out of control fast!



#### Phone APP of the month!

WPS Office, this app is an alternate top Microsoft office, the major difference is this APP is free for your phone or your computer for the download. The spread sheets have the same formulas and the Microsoft documents can be opened by WPS. Office.



#### Subscribers Letters

#### April 09, 2019

To Whom It May Concern (Moose Call/George) My Aunt, Edith Rabillard, is transitioning to a Haileybury Nursing Home. In her changes, I often send pertinent reading material.

Now, in reorganizing my Richmond Hill (ON) house, I came across a 1995 booklet; "A Historic Walk ... " by George L. Lefebvre.

I decided to scan, collect and re-issue a lettersized edition of this book...and mail it to my Funny Aunt for her remembrances.

Am sending to Moose Call, and more specifically George, as well. Enclosed please find 2 paper print outs and 4 CD's containing a PDF letter-sized version of "A Historic Walk through "Sawdust City" (Latchford).

Enjoy! Cheers!!

#### Jim Aldred

p.s. I have a Moose Call subscription

kind of you and very much appreciated. Jaime wake up and enjoy a cuddle with somebody; Allen is loading it onto the server for the com- unless you are in prison. puter that is available in our museum during the summer season. The server also includes historic One company owner asks another: "Tell me, photos and all the video interviews that were Bill, how come your employees are always on conducted with pioneer residents in 1990 and 91 time in the mornings?" for viewing at the House of Memories. Your Bill replies: "Easy. 30 employees and 20 parking kind gift will be put to good use! Sincerely appreciated,

#### What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

George L.

Thank you so very much Jim! That is more than One of the most wonderful things in life is to

spaces."

#### 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 Anne @705-676-2492 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

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#### **OVER THE HILL:**

"Let's go back to a time when we were chil- were necessary, there was much accumulated dirt dren," but I soon realized that three-quarters of in the air-tight house by spring. The annual ritual my readers would not have even been born when of spring cleaning usually began after supper on I was a child, and in some cases, their parents Friday night and went through the entire weekhadn't been born either.

Phew, did that ever make me feel ancient! So, The stove pipe removals were tricky ones and I with the knowledge that I am probably "older don't ever recall a time when there wasn't an than dirt," here is today's history lesson from one accident when dirty soot escaped over the floor who lived through those times.

heated with birch logs, spruce slabs and coal, was always a testy one between adults and we Coal came in two varieties, soft and hard. All children were often encouraged/ordered to "go forms of fuel were dirty, necessitating constant up the street and play with your friends!" sweeping of sawdust, bark and black coal dust. A We didn't have a vacuum cleaner, so mom put thin, oily film settled on the walls and furniture. my sister and me to work with a whisk broom on

At that time too, there were no over-the stove all the upholstered furniture in the living room. fans sucking greasy cooking air to the out of The carpet was taken outside and hung on the doors. That oily film also lingered on the walls, clothesline and dad had a long-handled paddle ceilings and furniture as well.

should be as air tight as possible and one never were washed, as was the living room floor, and opened windows from November until May, everything was put back into place. Polishing the Even if we could, the inside window would only furniture was delayed until the next week, when open to reveal a storm window which was at- the big jobs were done. tached to the outside of the frame every fall - Dad removed the storm windows and cleaned and they usually only had an eight-by-two-inch them by mixing a paste of Bon Ami cleanser and bar that swung up or down to cover three small letting it dry. When the paste was rubbed off holes in the bottom of the frame.

Story continues below

This preamble brings me to what spring cleaning cleaned in a similar manner. involved in those years. Every housewife had her One bedroom at a time, the bedding was reown routine during those days of frantic clean- moved and laundered; the mattresses were ing, but the gentleman in our house (poor dad) turned, the walls and floors were washed. Dad had his duties as well.

Our house was small - kitchen, living room, was sorted and out-grown items were passed bathroom and two bedrooms. The living room down to siblings or other families. was heated by a Quebec heater; the kitchen had a No one had the luxury of stainless-steel cutlery. humongous woodstove. Cold water was piped Knives, forks and spoons were silver plated. Silthrough the kitchen stove and into a storage tank ver always tarnishes and must be cleaned. Selin the bathroom. To get hot water on demand, dom used dishes and knick-knacks were all

one had to have had a fire burning in the stove. It was my intent to begin this column by saying. Between the heating and cooking, both of which end

or furniture when it was on its way to the out-In the 1940s, homes in Northern Ontario were doors to be cleaned with a wire brush. This event

that he would use to hit the carpet. Dust filled the Our winter temperatures dictated that the house air both indoors and out. The walls and ceiling

> with old newspapers, the windows were put into storage until the fall. The interior windows were

> always helped by washing the ceilings. Clothing

#### OVER THE HILL: continued......

freshly laundered bedding, dreaming of a day when spring cleaning would only be a memory.

That's my view from Over the Hill.

The following thanks to Frank Burke of Deep River, formerly of Latchford

### A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER READS:

We will heel you

We will save your sole

We will even dye for you.

## A SIGN ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:

"Blind man driving."

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

#### In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels."

#### On a Septic Tank Truck :

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

#### At an Optometrist's Office :

"If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place." **On a Plumber's truck :** "We repair what your husband fixed."

**On another Plumber's truck :** "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee : "Invite us to your next blowout."

**On an Electrician's truck :** "Let us remove your shorts."

In a Non-smoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

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TD:

**On a Maternity Room door :** "Push. Push. Push."

At a Car Dealership : "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

**Outside a Muffler Shop:** "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

**In a Veterinarian's waiting room :** "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

#### At the Electric Company:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted." In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up." In the front yard of a Funeral Home : "Drive carefully. We'll wait." At a Propane Filling Station: "Thank Heaven for little grills." In a Chicago Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

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