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# February

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**COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY TO BE HELD ON THE 17th AT THE RECREATION CENTRE @ 7:00 PM . ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**LEGION MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7:00PM AT THE SGT. AUBREY COSENS VC 629 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD**

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# Just Passin Through Again

Natural Gas services for Latchford are back on the radar again as the provisions of Bill 32 is funding the extension of natural gas services to un-serviced communities in Ontario. The announcement of the successful applicant communities is slated to be made this fall.

While we are assured that we are on the list of applicant communities, there is no formal application process. We went down this same path in 2016/17 and didn't make the cut but garnered considerable experience in the process. It would not have mattered even if we had been successful as when the government changed, all the projects that had been approved were cancelled.

Bill 32 allowed for the levee of a surcharge on all natural gas customers in Ontario which goes into a fund to assist in extending natural gas services to communities such as Latchford. This round of funding is alleged to have a total of \$130 Million budget to assist with expansion of services. Each applicant community is required to make a contribution towards the cost of the project. This can be realized by forgiving property tax on the infrastructure for a minimum 10 years as the municipal contribution. In 2017, Council opted to forgive taxation on the gas network for a period of 20 years. The rationale being that it was not contributing to the municipal budget at that point so replacement funding would not have to be derived from our assessment base.

During the course of applying in 2016 it resulted in the required engineering, mapping and cost for installing the service in Latchford being completed by Union Gas so that is all still relevant and will just need minor tweaking. While our primary contacts have changed, one of our prior main contacts is now the executive assistant to Premier Ford so efforts are underway to restore contact with him. Councillor Green and I met with Minister Bill Walker in North Bay in September at which time we discussed Bill 32 funding for Latchford. Recently, Minister Vic Fedeli's office in North Bay contacted Bill Walker's office on our behalf and Minister Walker's office called to assure us that we are on the list of communities for consideration in this round of funding.

At this point, lobbying is critical (in my opinion) as that helps to build our application chances. I have maintained contact with the Senior Advisor; Indigenous, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations for Union/Enbridge and Dan Whelan, President of the Federation of Northern Ontario has been lobbying on our behalf. John Vanthof, MPP, is being kept apprised and supportive and the assistance rendered by Vic Fedeli's office has been very helpful. If you have



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# From the kitchen of Diana

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## **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER FOR THE SLOW COOKER**

READY IN: 13hrs 15mins SERVES: 8

Note: Some cooks who didn't have apple juice substituted either low-sodium vegetable broth or apple cider vinegar. One mentioned soaking the meat in apple cider vinegar for an hour before putting it in the slow cooker, to reduce saltiness. This is a good recipe to cook overnight and keep warm or reheat later the next day.

2 lbs small red potatoes

1 1/2 cups fresh baby carrots

1 medium onion, cut into 8 wedges

1(2 -2 1/2 lb) corned beef brisket, with seasonings packet

2 cups apple juice  
water

8 pieces cabbage, thin wedges

### **HORSERADISH SAUCE**

1 tablespoon horseradish (more or less to taste)

1/2 cup sour cream

1/4 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons prepared mustard

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Place potatoes, carrots and onion in 5 to 6-1/2 quart slow cooker. Top with corned beef brisket; sprinkle with contents of seasoning packet. Add apple juice and enough water to just cover brisket.

Cover; cook on Low setting 10 to 12 hours.

About 40 minutes before serving, remove beef from slow cooker; place on serving platter and cover to keep warm.

Add cabbage wedges to vegetables and broth in slow cooker. Increase heat setting to High; cover and cook 30 to 35 minutes longer or until

cabbage is crisp-tender.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine all horseradish sauce ingredients; mix well.

To serve, cut corned beef across grain into thin slices. With slotted spoon, remove vegetables from slow cooker.

Serve corned beef and vegetables with sauce.

## **BAILEY'S BROWNIES**

READY IN: 4hrs. 30 min. (prep. 30 min., 4 hrs. in fridge) MAKES: 12

NOTE: CAROLAN'S brand of Irish Cream liqueur is cheaper than Bailey's and is available at the LCBO. This brand is a combination of fresh cream, Irish spirits incl. whiskey and natural honey (Bailey's uses sugar) and results in a liqueur that is rich in aromas and flavours of toffee, vanilla and honey with silky smooth texture and finish. If you don't expect to use all of the bottle in 6 mos., only buy a small bottle and store in fridge once opened. It's great for Irish Cream Truffles, cupcakes, cookies and icing AND some people actually like to sip a little after dinner.

1 box brownie mix, plus ingredients called for on box

1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk

1 3/4 cup milk chocolate chips

1/4 cup Bailey's Irish Cream

1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Pinch of kosher salt

Preheat oven to 350°. Line an 8 x 8; baking pan with parchment paper and grease with cooking spray. Prepare brownie batter according to box instructions. Spread in pan and bake brownies according to box instructions.

In a medium bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, chocolate chips, Bailey's Irish

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

On January 12 we had seven and a half tables out for cribbage

1st with 7 wins, 223 points – Fran Lefebvre and Sheila Belanger, Latchford

2nd with 7 wins, 221 points – Terry Brazeau and Jen Jibb, New Liskeard

3rd with 7 wins, 213 points – Carolyn Bigras, Latchford and Kay Ward, Cobalt

50 – 50 Winners: 1st – Kathy Greenwood, New Liskeard; 2nd – Linda Gadoury, Latchford; 3rd – Charlie McLaughlin, Haileybury.

**On January 26 we had ten full tables out for cribbage**

1st with 7 wins, 237 points – Terry Brazeau and Jen Jibb, New Liskeard

2nd with 6 wins, 312 points – Walter and Kathy Greenwood, New Liskeard

3rd with 6 wins, 304 points – Dale Woods and Jeannine Peever, New Liskeard

50 – 50 Winners: 1st – Norm Sauve, New Liskeard; 2nd – Jeannine Peever, New Liskeard; 3rd – Sue Smerdon, Latchford The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 629 would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

**Comrade Sheila Belanger 1st Vice Ladies Auxiliary**

Seniors Darts were hosted by Englehart Legion on January 18.

Singles:

1st – Bob Hennessey, Kirkland Lake

2nd – Bob Livingston, Latchford

3rd – Steve Peckover, Latchford

4th – Calvin Smith, Englehart

Doubles:

1st - Bob Livingston and Steve Peckover

2nd – Rod and Kevin, Kirkland Lake

3rd – Charlton

4th – Haileybury

Teams:

1st – Bob Livingston, Steve Peckover, Ken Snarr, Calvin Smith

2nd – Haileybury, 3rd – Charlton, 4th – Englehart

The District Seniors Darts will be held in South Porcupine on March 07.

The annual Smooch Mixed Tournament was cancelled because of the weather.'

**January 25**

This was the first dart play downs from our expanded Zone which goes from Temagami to Kirkland Lake. We were not sure how many teams to expect. It turned out there were 30 single players. We are allowed to send 12 players from each to District. 12 – singles, 12 – doubles, 12 – teams.

Singles: 1st - Dave Hack, Haileybury 2nd – Glen Shaw, Haileybury 3rd – Steve Peckover, Latchford 4th – Jeff Lapointe, Kirkland Lake

Doubles: 1st – Dave & Glen, Haileybury 2nd – Calvin & Brenda, Englehart 3rd – Bob & Steve, Latchford 4th – Dwayne & John, Haileybury Teams: 1st – Dwayne Hayes, Brandon Christo, John Hall, Al King; Haileybury 2nd – Dave, Glen, Christine & Linda; Haileybury 3rd – Jeff, Mike, Peter & Christine; Kirkland Lake 4th – Bob, Steve, Bill & Ken; Latchford

District is in Iroquois Falls, February 15.

**Comrade Bob Livingston Sports officer Branch 629.**

## CARS, MY HIGHER POWER AND ME, A SEQUEL

My last article like this described a really strange day, one that demanded a total commitment to the dictates of my Higher Power. I had to go to Town for some stuff and we'd decided it depended on whether the car would start. We'd been having trouble with the push-button starting mechanism: sometimes it worked, sometimes not. Not predictable.

The only way I got through was by opening my blocked inner ear and listening closely to the Instructions From Above and following them to the letter, or in this case, The Word. As it turned out, the three of us, the car, God and I, did O.K. and we got home safely.

However, I didn't feel comfortable reducing the Infinitely Powerful and All-Loving Great Creator to the level of personal car mechanic, so I announced I was not going alone in said vehicle again. Two of us could leave it running, assuming it would start, but alone, I'd worry too much. Not that I don't trust my Higher Power to get me out of trouble, I do. He's rescued me from lots and lots of daft situations I've put myself in, but I felt I should be sensible about this car thing and not push it. Surely, even an Infinitely Capable God has better things to do than look after a twit like me all the time? So I turned the problem over to Linda, who owned the car anyway.

She organised the financing for the repairs, then the tow to our garage guy who's looked after us for twenty years, and who said he'd look at it when he could. He did, and ordered the parts so we'd have our wheels back fairly quickly. However, I looked at the empty

driveway and wondered: "All's been taken care of, so what's still bothering me?"

I finally concluded that just not having a working vehicle was the cause. Not the not going anywhere, I had nowhere to go anyway. I just wanted to be able to go where-ever it was when and if I wanted/needed to. In other words, the Spoiled Brat Syndrome.

Not that again. "Why is that a problem?" you ask? Well. It recently came up at home and I agreed to commit myself to Talk Therapy for six months, then reassess its usefulness in finding a solution to this very problem. We (read 'Charlie') realised that just being 77 was not the same as being mature as I often behave like a spoiled ten-year-old. This was no longer acceptable so something had to give. Extremes were rejected in favour of a once-a-month talk-fest instead.

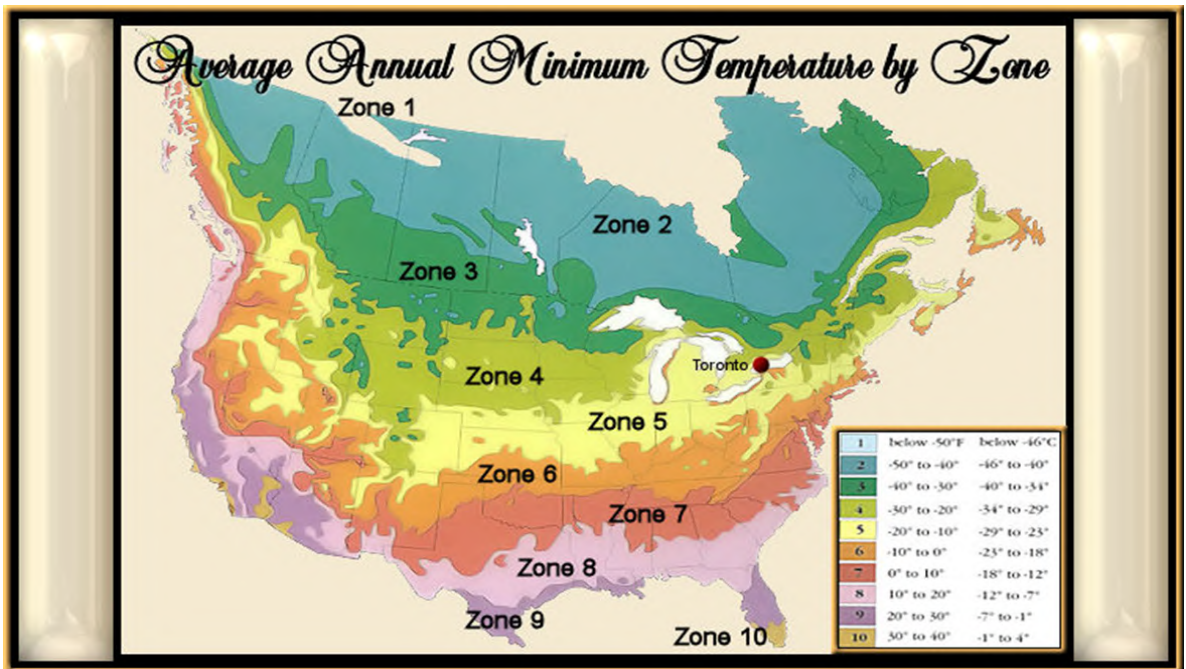
So my friends, my journey towards better mental health continues and it looks more and more like my old joke's closer to the truth than is comfortable. Like: I'll only be perfect when I'm in a pine box and then I'll be perfectly still. Until then, it's "dum-de-dum-de-dum, keep on walking down the same old road."

We did get the car back for the same cost as the dealer's original estimate, with the big difference that he didn't get it up on his gold-plated hoist and demand serious blackmail money to get it down. Our mechanic friend fixed the problem at the design stage so the anti-theft, computer-controlled key smart enough to do my taxes turned into a straightforward on/off ignition key, one simple enough for me to use without thinking.

# Rhonda's Garden Tip

Zones, what are zones when it comes to gardening? Let's look at hardiness zones in our area. Canadian scientists created a hardiness map in the 1060's dividing the country into 10 zones (0 being the coldest zone and 10 being the warmest). The zones are determined by the minimum temperature in the winter, the length of a frost period, the amount of snowfall, and even the wind. The map has been continually updated ever since. Each zone consists of 2 sub zones (a and b, a being the coldest and b being the warmest). If you have ever wondered why a newly planted tree or shrub did not survive over the winter, it could have been the wrong zone for that variety of shrub. Likewise, you may have the right zone, but if you live near water or in a place of valleys and peaks, this could change the climate within the zone. Hardiness zones are true for trees and shrubs, but not always exact. Perennials should be treated differently depending on snow coverage, and wind barriers that would protect the plants.

The hardiness map can be used as a tool to help you pick the right tree for the right area. The plants have a better chance of success when the variety is matched to the specific zone. The next time you are out shopping for a fruit tree, pick a variety that is designed to thrive in your climate. Take a look at the map below to see what zone is in your area.



Bye for now...Rhonda

## Subscribers News

The 2020 version of January was a vast improvement over the 2019 account, at least here in Latchford. Temperatures sure were on the warm side for the month and the snow is but a fraction of what it was last winter. Well, maybe not quite a fraction but certainly less. These fluctuating temperatures have been a headache for our road maintenance guys, Roger and Pat, but they have done an admirable job of staying on top of things and providing great driving conditions here in town. Unless we get really inundated with snow in February and March, the spring melt and freshet shouldn't be too big of a concern,

Renewals were solid during the month and led off by Barbara Keenan Hamilton out in Kakabeka Falls who signs on for another year. This was followed by a renewal from summer visitor Mavis Swiston of Burlington who also renewed for another year as well and did likewise for her niece Sylvia (and husband George) Whiting of Egbert, ON. Joyce Harding of Temagami sent in her renewal for another years reading as did Theresa Treen of North Cobalt. Gail Hewitt dropped in a renewal for brother, Morris Hewitt of Kitchener. Rounding out the month was a two year renewal from Norm Remillard of New Liskeard. A sincere thanks to you all who insist on including the extra in your renewals.

Unfortunately, I have to report that our restaurant has closed once more. In its last incarnation it was known as the "Red Onion" and seemed to get off to great reviews and enjoyed a reasonable level of patrons. It was not to be and closed very suddenly just prior to Christmas.

On the health and fitness front, Ted Livingston has been home for a couple of weeks and under Alice's tender loving care together with a few visits from Home Care workers. That legendary wood cutter Paul McDonald encountered some vision issues but I understand he is making a modest recovery. Rose Waddell from out Murphy Mill Road has encountered some post knee surgery issues but slowly progressing back to mobility. One of our very best long time Latchford volunteers (and my mother-in-law), Sheila Belanger, continues to deal successfully with her health issues and still volunteers her time. It is the flu season so undoubtedly a number of readers are dealing with that as well so to all of the foregoing; all of us are wishing you well and



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## Subscribers Letters

### Kakabeka Falls, ON

Hi Everyone!

Am enclosing a cheque for 1 year plus a bit extra for whatever! All well here – winter not as bad in N.W. Ontario as you folks have it seems. I always look forward to receiving the Moose Call with news and stories and interesting articles, Jokes are good too!!

I have so many wonderful memories of growing up in Latchford. I would never have wanted to be anywhere else at that time of my life.

Happy New Year Everyone!

**Barbara Keenan Hamilton**

### Hi Sharon;

I can't believe I let this go so long. Many apologies.

Please renew the Moose Call for me and my niece, Sylvia (&George) Whiting for another year. Regular print is fine by the way and I believe you have our addresses.

All the best to you and all my Latchford friends! See you in the spring.

**Mavis Swiston**

**p.s. A little extra for the delay.**

### Fun facts

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses. No one in Greece has memorized all 158 verses. There are 293 ways to make a change for a dollar.

The average secretary's left-hand does 56% of the typing.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

There are more chickens than people in the world (at least before that chicken-flu thing).

New Jersey grows two-thirds of the world's egg-plant.

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

All of the clocks in the movie Pulp Fiction are stuck on 4:20.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, silver or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill □.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula". And can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size, "L.A."

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

### **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!**

**Cockamamie codswallop**I called a local business recently and the lady answering the telephone had call display so she knew before lifting the receiver, that it was me.

I expected her to answer with “Good afternoon, XXXX Enterprises Limited” but instead, she said, “You have me all discombobulated.” I cautiously replied, “What?” and laughed nervously. She however, laughed heartily and told me she’d loved my column from several weeks ago. She also hoped she could catch me off guard, by using that seldom-heard word which had been the title of that column.

Hands down, she really caught me by surprise. In fact, her response had me totally discombobulated!

Others too, have found sneaky but interesting ways of interjecting a rarely used word into our conversations or texts. Through them, I’ve collected a few more unusual words that should add to your vocabulary. However, I warn you, it isn’t easy to bamboozle the unsuspecting.

There is/are a hotchpotch (sometimes spelled hodgepodge) selection of formerly used phrases and words that if you aren’t full of malarkey, might let you pass as an expert linguist.

Along with malarkey, there is doohickey, gobsmacked, kerfuffle and gobbledygook. What do these words have in common? My most educated guess is that they all contain the letter ‘k’ which has absolutely nothing to do with their definitions or usage.

Mothers sometimes referred to their overactive offspring as a little “Hellion”. That’s a humdinger of a moniker for any kid causing a kerfuffle.

Humdinger of course, means something largely unusual. Moniker is a nickname and kerfuffle refers to a melee, unrest or brouhaha.

The research required for this column of folderol has entertained, amused and edu-

cated me. I never realized that bunkum was a synonym for malarkey, but that one could be “full of malarkey” but not full of bunkum (and no, I don’t know why!).

Gobbledygook was a language characterized by circumlocution. Huh? The synonyms for circumlocution are: periphrasis, tautology, verbosity, verbiage and ... aha! I found the definition and it all made sense! It’s “the use of many (often obscure and large) words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive.” Politicians use it all the time.

“That’s a load of codswallop” refers to words or ideas that are patently untrue or false. Old codswallop means the listener has heard the story before. Cockamamie is an adjective meaning ludicrous or nonsensical, thus reinforcing the meaning of the phrase, “Cockamamie codswallop.”

To be gobsmacked means to be stunned. When faced with determining the use or purpose of a doohickey for the first time, a person might well be gobsmacked. If informed prior to viewing, that the object was as much a doodad as a doohickey would not necessarily make the task any easier.

I wish the adjective perspicacious would apply to me, for it would mean I had a ready insight into an understanding of things odd or strange. Yet I can hardly spell the word, let alone be a poster-child for it. It might have helped me to define two other words I have heard, but for which I cannot find definitions. Here is where you come in, dear reader. Tell me who or what who-



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#8 - Even duct tape can't fix it but it sure does muffle the sound.

## From Bill Parliament! The 16 Commandments for Growing Old

#1 - Talk to yourself, because there are times you need expert advice.

#2 - Consider "In Style" to be the clothes that still fit.

#3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.

#4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that need work.

#5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

#6 - You have days when your life is just a tent away from a circus.

#7 - These days, "on time" is when you get there.

#9 - Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

#10 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#11 - "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why you're there.

#12 - When you were a child, you thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.

#13 - Some days you have no idea what you're doing out of bed.

#14 - You thought growing old would take longer.

#15 - Aging sure has slowed you down, but it

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So what if I don't know what Armageddon means? It's not the end of the world.

How do you get two whales in a car? Start in England and drive west.

Why did the old man fall in the well?  
Because he couldn't see that well.

I've found a job helping a one armed typist do capital letters.  
It's shift work.

I have the heart of a lion and a lifetime ban from the Toronto zoo.

Wife says to her programmer husband, "Go to the store and buy a loaf of bread. If they have eggs, buy a dozen."  
Husband returns with 12 loaves of bread.

Two men meet on opposite sides of a river. One shouts to the other "I need you to help me get to the other side!"  
The other guy replies "You are on the other side!"

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.

Guy walks into a bar and orders a fruit punch. Bartender says "Pal, if you want a punch you'll have to stand in line" Guy looks around, but there is no punch line.

How did the hipster burn his mouth?  
He ate the pizza before it was cool.

Why aren't koalas actual bears?  
They don't meet the koalafications

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest? A: An Investigator.

Q: What do you call a baby monkey? A: A Chimp off the old block.

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow? A: Spoiled milk.

Q: What do lawyers wear to court? A: Law-suits!

Q: What do you call a computer that sings? A: A-Dell

Q: Did you hear about the shampoo shortage in



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