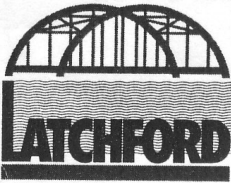


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# February



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# Just Passin Through Again

As I speculated in last month's column, our lockdown got extended when we, here in the northeast, were lumped in with the entire province. At this point I am not even sure if it will be lifted after one month but is nice to see the numbers trending downward in Temiskaming and throughout the province at this writing.

I participated in a "Zoom" press conference this past month when Infrastructure Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure announced their contributions to our treated water out-flow. The Feds are contributing 40% of the project cost (\$196,784) through the Green Infrastructure Stream of their Investing in Canada plan. Ontario is kicking in 33% (\$163,970) leaving Latchford to contribute 27% or \$131,206. There are some opportunities that are being pursued by the Town to further reduce our contribution.

I did receive confirmation during the month through communication with some Enbridge contacts that the delay in announcing the successful communities for the expansion of natural gas in this round is due to the impacts of Covid on the decision making process. We will continue to communicate in a non abrasive manner in the hopes of getting the right decision to our efforts.

Efforts are ongoing with Public Service and Procurement Canada relative to acquiring land in Latchford that is surplus to their needs. During the most recent survey the surveyors recovered what was referred to as a "pottery shard" which threatened to delay the process. I managed to get a picture of the shard which I shared with Dr John Pollock and Ryan Primrose, the two archeologists that had completed a very thorough archeology study of the area prior to the construction of the dam and were surprised that they could have missed something. Upon reviewing it they referred to it as "20th C, Blue transfer ware" and was really of no historical value. From my perspective it is just one more way of delaying what should be a simple process.

In closing, I am starting to get very concerned about the length of my hair but take some comfort from the fact that there must be many more out there with similar concerns. I wonder do they still sell Brylcreem?

Take care and stay safe.

**George L.**



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# From the kitchen of Diana

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This special torte makes a great Valentine's dessert! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  
Taste of Home web site and Diana.

## RASPBERRY FUDGE TORTE

This special-occasion cake impresses all who see and taste it. People are surprised to hear that this torte starts with a simple cake mix—they're sure I bought it at a bakery. —Julie Hein, York, Pennsylvania

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. + chilling Bake: 25 min. + cooling, YIELD: 12 servings.

1 package devil's food cake mix (regular size)  
1 cup sour cream, 3/4 cup water  
3 large eggs, room temperature  
1/3 cup canola oil, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips  
GANACHE:, 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
1 tablespoon butter, RASPBERRY CREAM:  
1 package (10 ounces) frozen sweetened raspberries, thawed 3 tablespoons sugar  
4 teaspoons cornstarch  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped  
Fresh raspberries, mint and confectioners' sugar, optional

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, sour cream, water, eggs, oil and vanilla; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Fold in miniature chips.

Pour into three greased and floured 9-in. round baking pans. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

For ganache, place chocolate chips in a small bowl. In a small saucepan, bring cream just to a boil. Pour over chocolate; whisk until smooth.

Whisk in butter. Chill until mixture reaches spreading consistency, stirring occasionally.

For raspberry cream, mash and strain raspberries, reserving juice; discard seeds. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; stir in raspberry juice. Bring to a boil, cook and stir over low heat for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Place in a bowl; chill for 30 minutes. Fold in whipped cream.

Place 1 cake layer on a serving plate; spread with half of the ganache. Top with second cake layer and the raspberry cream. Top with remaining cake layer; spread with remaining ganache. Store in the refrigerator. If desired, top with raspberries, mint and confectioners' sugar.

## RUBY CHICKEN

Treat a loved one to this tender chicken topped with plump cranberries and simmered in a spicy orange sauce. I got the recipe at a cranberry festival in Wisconsin. Even those who don't care for cranberries like this flavorful main dish. —Kathy Mead, Gwinn, Michigan

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 15 min. Cook: 35 min.

YIELD: 2 servings.

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 bone-in chicken breast halves (8 ounces each), 1 tablespoon butter, 1/2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, 1/3 cup sugar, 1/3 cup orange juice, 2 tablespoons chopped onion, 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest, 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Add the chicken; turn to coat. In a nonstick skillet, brown chicken in butter.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Pour over chicken. Cover and simmer for 35-40 minutes or until a thermometer reads 170°.

We have basically “mothballed” our Branch for the duration of this shutdown by turning off all refrigeration and our new propane heating system down. Weekly visits and checks are a requirement for our insurance purposes so we will continue to do our best to “ride out” this shutdown.

We have been advised by Dominion Command that we are to receive funding assistance in February but to date have not been advised of an amount. We remain hopeful that we will get to the end of this so that we can once more open our Branch to the public for its many uses that are of benefit to both veterans and the community.

A core group of members are doing their utmost to ensure the continuance of Branch 629 so please wish us well.

Lest we forget

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF BOUNDARIES.

When we first moved to the bush, the M.N.R. asked us to watch for anyone breaking the Law. We did our best, but we didn't know what was our problem and what was not. We asked our neighbour how he dealt with this and he told us what he did. "If the problem crosses your boundary, it's yours. If it doesn't, it's not." Life became a whole lot easier. We did have the odd situation out there, but this philosophy served us well.

Before we came North, a friend began coming round at all hours and bugging us, so we put our heads together to find a way to get her to stop. We settled on requesting her to call before she came, to make sure it was convenient. Sure enough, she ignored this request and one day knocked on our door without calling first while we were still in bed. I opened it to ask her if she had a quarter to use in the pay-phone round the corner, before shutting the door in her face. She still speaks to us to this day, but maybe respects us a little more.

I just saw that I'd already written an article on this, so let me tell you what prompted me to repeat myself. I heard a song the other day that brought tears to my eyes. I was reminded of a boundary of life-or-death proportions. It was: "Nine and Ninety Red Balloons."

The original German version, which was also a hit, came from an event in West Berlin that took place when the Wall was still up. The Wall, for those of you who don't know, separated the Russian sector of that city from the other three sectors, English, French and American, which had been combined into one municipal authority, West Berlin.

Every German city had been divided into four sectors after W.W. II, but they all were amalgamated long ago except Berlin. It was the last one where the Russians, or better, the Russian-dominated East Germans, still held control.

A concrete block wall had been built all across the city along the boundary to prevent freedom-seeking East Berliners from crossing over to West Berlin. And the East German authorities were serious at preventing escapees.

I visited my daughter there when the Wall was still up, and the trip on the Metro was frightening. The underground railway had been built before the war, I believe, but anyway, most of its route from the airport to her stop was through West Berlin territory. However, some of the stations were under East Berlin.

The difference between the two was startling. The West Berlin stations were brightly lit, with advertisements pasted on the walls and people going about their business as you would expect. The train had to stop in the East Berlin stations for some reason, but these were dimly lit, and manned with soldiers armed with guns at the ready on the watch for anyone looking to risk being shot as they tried to catch a ride between the cars and escape to freedom. That's the background for the song that I heard on C.J.T.T.

What happened was this. A group of fun-loving West Berliners blew up ninety nine balloons beside the Wall and floated them over, as a gesture of friendship to their fellow Germans on the other side. The East German authorities didn't know what to do with them at first, but soon decided they were a "Danger" or at least a "Threat To Security" and shot them down.

After the Wall came down, I happened to be in a restaurant in Cornwall, Ontario where the German owner displayed a chunk of concrete blocks from it. It had colourful graffiti on one side, but was deadly plain on the other. What a demonstration of true Freedom!

**All the best from a sober  
Charlie by the lake**

# Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Now that we are in the middle of our coldest season, you may wonder what there is to talk about during the winter months when it comes to gardening. What I have discovered is that gardening and the discussion of gardening can branch off into other areas inside the same subject. Take garden projects for example. Here's an area that is under the same subject as gardening, but not directly digging into the dirt, so to speak.

This month's tip is to surround yourself with pictures and images of your garden. Place pictures of your favorite flower, favorite vegetable garden that you created, that you are proud of and love, pictures that just make you smile. This will add color to your indoor space and inspire creativity for your present and future gardens. There is no rule that says you can't plan out your garden during the winter. Of Course, you can fill your home and rooms with indoor plants to create a garden atmosphere. But adding pictures, images and art of the garden is another option to create the same atmosphere, fantastic option for people who have indoor allergies.

You can take those images a step further by creating your own art of your garden through painting, coloring and drawing. Even if you have never created art before, putting something down on a piece of paper, is still considered art (See photo of my bearded iris painting). I was reading an article about a lady who lives in Nova Scotia, who has discovered an even more inventive way of surrounding herself in the garden during the winter months. She created insulated steel boxes to create a vegetable growing season all year round. This is the next level for all of us.

See you in the garden,

Rhonda



## Subscribers News

Weather wise, I don't think anyone can complain about the month of January. It has been a very mild month and the snow fall has been quite limited as well. The fact is that they still haven't opened the snowmobile trails so anyone that has purchased a trail pass isn't going to receive its full value. Having written that, watch the snow start falling! In theory, we have passed the half way point of winter so it should be all downhill from here especially if you are depending on a toboggan for transportation.

And, proving what a great winter we have been having, Alice Livingston has a pair of Robins living in her yard which she has been feeding. Alice, and her late husband Ted, have always been noted for their knowledge of our feathered friends but I believe this is her first time of wintering Robins. Alice has a variety of foods that she feeds her Robins including dog food and worms and her love of all with feather or fur shines through when she can winter a pair of Robins here in Latchford. I do hope her budgie isn't jealous.

Renewals for the month included one from George Livingston of Orillia for two years and he shared the news that his aunt Violet Dean had to go into long term care in St Catherines. Following that was a renewal for two more years from Barbara Grozelle Goodine of Mississauga and likewise from Sheila Rabillard of Victoria, BC. Barbara Keenan Hamilton of Kakabeka Falls stays with us for another year and the month was rounded out by Yvette (Bellaire) Lathem of North Cobalt who opted for two more years of the 'Call. Thank you all for your continued interest and support as well as the extra so many send. Interestingly (for me at least) I do believe that four of the aforementioned ladies (Violet, Yvette and the two Barbara's) all attended Latchford Public School at the same time!

On the health and fitness front I have not been made aware of any others who may be ailing or infirm at this time but can tell you that my baby brother is recuperating well at home and Debbie McKenzie is doing likewise. Extra good news on the Debbie front is that she has posted that she has quit smoking which must have been inspired by her hospital stay. Stick with it Debbie! To all others who may be under the weather in any form, a speedy return to good health is wished by all!

Please take care and stay safe!

**George L.**

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**Letters to the call.****Orillia, ON**

Dear Sharon & George;

Here is my renewal for two years. We look forward to the Moose Call every month. Buy a coffee or postage with the extra.

On a sad moment my aunt Violet Dean has been moved to a long term home care in St. Catherine's near her 3 daughters. She has dementia. It has been years since I have been up to Latchford but it always remains dear to my heart.

May you both have a good Christmas and a better 2021.

Yours,

**George Livingston**

Ed note: Violet is the last remaining member of that generation of the Livingston family.

**Kakabeka Falls, ON**

The Moose Call

Hi. Happy New Year to all!

Enjoy getting the Moose Call very much and hearing all the news from my "home town".

All the best in 2021 and hopefully next year this miserable disease will be all over! Take care everyone!

**Barbara Keenan Hamilton**

p.s. Extra is for whatever is needed!

**Mississauga, ON**

Dear Sharon;

Please renew my subscription to the Moose Call for another two years.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. It's much appreciated. The little extra is for the coffee fund.

Thanks Sharon.

**Barbara Grozelle Goodine**

**Fun Facts**

"Stewardesses" is the longest word that you can type with only the left hand.

The "pound" key on your keyboard (#) is called an octotroph.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

The "dot" over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

Table tennis balls can travel off the paddle at speeds up to 160 km/hr.

Pepsi originally contained pepsin, thus the name.

The original story from "Tales of 1001 Arabian Nights" begins, "Aladdin was a little Chinese boy."

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

Honey is the only natural food that is made without destroying any kind of life. What about milk you say? A cow has to eat grass to produce milk and grass are living.

The Hawaiian alphabet only has 12 letters: A, E, I, O, U, H, K, L, M, N, P, W

Cats can't taste sweet things because of a genetic defect.

Your body contains about 100,000 miles of blood vessels.

The largest bill to go into circulation in the U.S. was a \$10,000 note.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

## Over the Hill by Diane Belanger Armstrong

A good news story

A wonderful thing happened recently and I knew I had to share the story with you, especially because it would never have happened without you. But where would I begin? For over a week, I mulled the circumstances in my mind and soon realized I would have to go way back to the beginning.

In 1998, I accepted the urgings of Heather Campbell, who suggested I “write a few columns” for the new editor of Timmins Times. Don Biggs was that editor and immediately found myself writing a column every week. By 2001, both Don and I were fielding many requests from readers asking for reprints or photocopies of their favourite columns. There were so many requests, the publisher, Linda Leblanc suggested putting those reader’s favourite columns in a book. Timmins Times published the very first Over the Hill book. Three years later, in March 2004, they published Over the Hill II. Both books were popular and sales were excellent.

Ownership of the paper changed, but you, the readers of my weekly columns continued to be loyal and began asking for another book. It wasn’t until 2010 that I decided to self-publish Over the Hill III. By that time, there were few copies of the original two left, and suddenly many readers wanted to own “the whole set” of Over the Hill books. I published Over the Hill IV in 2020 and by now, there were no copies of the first books available, except by chance discovery at used book sales.

About a month ago, Jeannie Deadman, manager of Scotiabank in the Porcupine Mall, surprised me with an out-of-print first edition of Over the Hill book. It was a used copy, but in pristine condition, dedicated to “Betty” in 2001 and autographed by myself.

For the past four years, our branch has had a table of donated books available to purchase for one dollar, with proceeds designated to Cystic Fibrosis Canada, a non-profit charitable organi-

zation committed to finding a cure for the disease. The cause was chosen to honour a staff member’s child who had died of the disease. Just last year, the South Porcupine branch was able to donate \$500 to the foundation.

Jeannie had rescued a treasure from one of the boxes of donated books – a treasure indeed, but a dilemma for me. I had given up compiling a list of those readers who had asked to buy a copy of Volumes 1 or 2, but here I was, with a copy of a book wanted by many people. What would be the fairest way to let it go?

Because of my interest in history, I belong to several history-based Facebook pages. One in particular is called Historic Northern Ontario, with 13,161 members from all across Canada, but mostly from Northern Ontario. The Over the Hill column appears on their site every week, and often members will add information to the day’s topic — facts unknown to me. Those readers are invaluable.

I formulated an idea to find a new owner for the book and presented it for approval to the administrators of Historic Northern Ontario: John Purificati, Richard Lamoureux, Judith Colbert-Barkel, Nora Mapplebeck, John Fleming and David Menard. My idea was to donate the book, offer it for auction, with the winner donating the final bid to a Food Bank in his or her own home town. Permission was granted quickly.

John Purificati volunteered to conduct a one-week auction in December. I was astounded by the final bid of \$75 — for a used, 19-year-old book! But the best news was yet to come.

As per terms of the auction, the winner was to make the cheque out to their home food bank and send it to me. I would mail the cheque to that food bank at the same time as I mailed the book to the winner. However, the winner asked me to give it to a food bank closest to me.

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### Over the Hill continued.....

The cheque arrived last week with a note saying, “Diane, I’ve increased the amount to a level exceeding the book value. Looking forward to reading your stories again. John Bell” and the cheque was made out to the South Porcupine Food Bank in the amount of \$275!

Thank you to everyone I have mentioned by name — right from the second paragraph to the last one. Please realize as I have, that none of this would have happened without you — the loyal readers of the weekly column called “Over the Hill.”

I am humbled. Thank you all.

**That’s my view from Over the Hill.**

### An Old Man Lived in the Village

An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was always in a bad mood.

The longer he lived, the more bile he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him, because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumour:

“An Old Man is happy today, he doesn’t complain about anything, smiles, and even his face is freshened up.”

The whole village gathered together. The old man was asked:

Villager: What happened to you?

“Nothing special. Eighty years I’ve been chasing happiness, and it was useless. And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life. That’s why I’m happy now.” – An Old Man

**Moral of the story:**

Don’t chase happiness. Enjoy your life.

### The Wise Man

People have been coming to the wise man, complaining about the same problems every time. One day he told them a joke and everyone roared in laughter.

After a couple of minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

When he told the same joke for the third time no one laughed anymore.

The wise man smiled and said:

**“You can’t laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?”**

**Moral of the story:**

Worrying won’t solve your problems, it’ll just waste your time and energy.

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The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand;

“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone;

“Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him;

“After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?”

The other friend replied;

“When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

**Moral of the story:**

Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.

**The Four Smart Students**

One night four college students were out partying late night and didn't study for the test which was scheduled for the next day. In the morning, they thought of a plan.

They made themselves look dirty with grease and dirt.

Then they went to the Dean and said they had gone out to a wedding last night and on their way back the tire of their car burst and they had to push the car all the way back. So they were in no condition to take the test.

The Dean thought for a minute and said they can have the re-test after 3 days. They thanked him and said they will be ready by that time. On the third day, they appeared before the Dean. The Dean said that as this was a Special Condition Test, all four were required to sit in separate classrooms for the test. They all agreed as they had prepared well in the last 3 days.

The Test consisted of only 2 questions with the total of 100 Points:

- 1) Your Name? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Points)
  - 2) Which tire burst? \_\_\_\_\_ (99 Points)
- Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right

**Moral of the story:**

Take responsibility or you will learn your lesson.



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