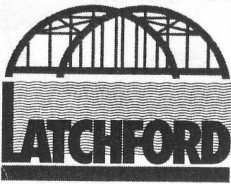


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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



June 2021



PUBLIC NOTICE

~ **ALL** dogs must have current year tags per By-law 639/04. The cost per dog is: \$20.00

~ **Remember to Poop & Scoop** ~

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR JUNE TO BE HELD ON THE 17th. MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.

LEGION MEETING ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

Just Passin Through Again

Well, the natural gas file moves ever so slowly but it is moving. Last month I mentioned that a lady who knows Latchford was working to assist us and that continues to the extent that she has assembled a three person team that are actively engaging both the Ministry of Energy and Enbridge in lobbying on behalf of Latchford. Indications are that a formal announcement on the successful municipalities will be made prior to the Legislation recessing for the summer. At this point all we can do is to keep communicating with the decision makers and those who can influence them. That, and keep our fingers crossed.

The water levels on Bay Lake were restored to their proper levels prior to the start of the pickereel fishing season so all is well for those so inclined. The weather was so great in May that Roger was able to get the safety buoys in and the raft anchored for the season. Glen Brown has rebuilt his dock at the marina which he now owns, is in the process of opening and is now renting out mooring for the season. It will be great to see a little positive commercial activity at the waterfront of too many years of inactivity.

Our service from Northern Telephone has become extremely unreliable and Council is working to rectify that. While the young all seem to walk around with a cell phone in their hand, pocket or purse, seniors in particular remain dependent on their land lines. The fibre optic cable that serves the Latchford exchange wends its way on a much neglected pole line down area between Highway 11 and the ONR tracks which exposes it to damage from fallen trees and that is what happened early in May. Upon hearing what had happened, a kindly and caring individual from Coleman took it upon himself to follow the line from the Refinery Road to Latchford and using a small, rechargeable chain saw removed numerous trees that were leaning on the line.

Council has again communicated our concerns to the CRTC and shared them with Anthony Rota in the hopes of getting this issue resolved.

Take care and stay safe.

George L.



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Winning Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Prep. Time 50 minutes, Bake Time 65 minutes

Servings 8

Taste of Home Recipe

1 large egg

4 to 5 tablespoons ice water, divided

3/4 teaspoon white vinegar

2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup cold lard

1-1/4 cups sugar

6 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca

3 cups sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed

3 cups halved fresh strawberries

3 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon 2% milk

Coarse sugar

In a small bowl, whisk egg, 4 tablespoons ice water and vinegar until blended. In a large bowl, mix flour and salt; cut in lard until crumbly. Gradually add egg mixture, tossing with a fork, until dough holds together when pressed. If mixture is too dry, slowly add additional ice water, a teaspoon at a time, just until mixture comes together. Divide dough in half. Shape each into a disk; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate 1 hour or overnight. Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, mix sugar and tapioca. Add rhubarb and strawberries; toss to coat evenly. Let stand 15 minutes. On a lightly floured surface, roll one half of dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. pie plate. Trim pastry even with rim. Add filling; dot with butter. Roll remaining dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle. Place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edge. Cut slits in top. Brush milk over pastry; sprinkle with coarse sugar. Place pie on a baking sheet; bake 20 minutes.

Reduce oven setting to 350°. Bake 45-55 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool pie on a wire rack. 8 servings.

Rhubarb-Strawberry Pie Tips

Do you thaw frozen rhubarb before making pie? Yes, you should thaw frozen rhubarb if using it in your pie. Frozen fruits release extra moisture that can create a soggy bottom.

Can I use frozen strawberries? You can use frozen strawberries, but be sure to thaw them before using to decrease excess moisture.

Why is my strawberry rhubarb pie runny? Your pie may be runny if there's too much liquid. There should be some liquid, but too much may mean your fruit wasn't defrosted enough, or there wasn't enough tapioca added. How do you keep a bottom pie crust from getting soggy?

There are several tricks you can try to prevent soggy crusts: 1.) Choose a glass pie plate or metal pie plate with a dull finish. 2.) For double-crust fruit pies, cut slits in the top crust to allow steam to get out. 3.) Bake your pie in the lower third of the oven to allow the bottom crust to become crisp. Learn more about preventing soggy pie crusts. Research contributed by Maggie Knoebel, Taste of Home Culinary Assistant

Note: If using frozen rhubarb, measure rhubarb while still frozen, then thaw completely. Drain in a colander, but do not press liquid out.

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is as good
as your
mindset**

Unfortunately there is still not a lot of clarity as to when we can reopen the Branch to the public. Hopefully as more of us get vaccinated we will be given the approval to reopen at least our patio and horse shoe pit area. Even our meetings have been postponed because we are not able to establish a format acceptable to all of our members for having virtual meetings. We remain hopeful that we will soon be open for business and the enjoyment of all.


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GOLD, HOW GOOD IS IT REALLY?

The other day, I told my dog he was as good as gold. This got me thinking about that precious metal, and our relationship with it.

When I was at school in London, England, my buddy and I went down to Hatton Garden, the centre of the English jewelry trade, and bought \$25.00-worth of it, to make our engagement rings from it. At the time, the Gold Standard had locked the price of gold at \$32.00 per troy ounce, enforced by the world's biggest economy, the U.S.A.

I had some experience with making silver jewelry before I went to London, so was comfortable with the technology before this, but working 24-carat gold (or 99.999% pure gold) was something else again. Whereas silver had to be heated to soften it all the time, as well as having to be pounded into submission, gold just said: "How thin would you like me to be?" or how long or whatever you wanted it to be. It was incredibly easy to work.

After I came to Canada, the U.S.A. decided to come off the Gold Standard and allow the price to fluctuate where-ever the market wanted it to go. I remember listening to the radio as I drove to work and back, listening to them give the daily price and eventually I succumbed. I bought two ounces of gold at \$362.00 per, but then had to find a safe place to keep my investment.

Safety Deposit boxes at the bank were "At my own risk," albeit low, and for sure my house insurance wouldn't have come near to touching them. I considered reforming them into jewelry, but by then, the marriage had dissolved and there was nobody in my life who would wear anything I made.

Reluctantly, I took these little treasures back to the bank where I had bought them and sold them for \$346.00, a net profit of minus \$16.00 per, typical of my "Get rich quick" schemes.

However, coming off the Gold Standard had many other consequences and affected a lot more than the jewelry trade.

Shortly afterwards, the mortgage market went nuts, five-year mortgages became the norm, with interest rates going all over the place, even as high as twenty percent per annum at one point. I was moaning about this to Alice, our principle secretary at work, and she told me she had a twenty-five year mortgage at three percent per year. Bite your tongue, Charlie, lest you put your foot in it.

On a lighter note, I heard that British gold sovereigns were being used as currency in Spain, for buying houses and other major purchases like that. There was a coin-maker in the back streets of Madrid who produced them, using old dies from England. Apparently, he even put a pinch more pure gold in them than the British Mint had, just to cock a snoot at the almighty Royals. Although the Brits knew about this, they couldn't bring any forgery charges against this operation, as they had withdrawn gold sovereigns from legal currency in their home country long ago.

To pass the time this morning, I calculated in my head how much a million dollars would weigh at the old price of \$32.00 per troy ounce. It came to 30,000 ounces or slightly less than a ton and a half of gold. Heavy indeed!

**All the best from
Charlie by the lake.**

~Little clay pots make great covers for protecting your plants from sudden, overnight frosts and freezes. ~To have garden twine handy when you need it, just stick a ball of twine in a small clay pot, pull the end of the twine through the drainage hole, and set the pot upside down in the garden. Do this, and you'll never go looking for twine again.~To prevent the nylon twine on your gas trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray of vegetable oil before installing it in the trimmer.

~Turn a clay pot into a hose guide by reinforcing a steel bar into the ground at the corner of a bed and slip two clay pots over it; one facing down and the other facing up. This guide will prevent damage to your plants as you drag the hose along the bed.

~Turn your long-handled garden tools into a measuring stick. Lay a measuring tape beside the handle and mark out an inch, a foot, or several feet using a permanent marker. Even when planting bulbs, you'll already have a measuring device in your hand to ensure the correct depth of planting.

~To create natural markers, write the names of plants, using permanent marker, or paint on the flat surface of rocks and place them near the base of your plants.

~Quickest way to dry herbs; lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then close doors and windows. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.

~Apply a light coat of wax to your mower's metal and plastic surfaces and buff well. The wax will protect the mower from the elements and prevent grass clippings and dirt from sticking to it, which makes clean up a breeze.

~If landscaping is in your plans, start with drawing out a plan on paper. Then work with a local nursery to pick plants that are suitable for your location. Not all species are hardy for all areas. Some may grow too big for the space.

~When shopping for trees and shrubs, check for well cared for plants that have leaves that feel rigid and/or waxy to the touch. Dried out leaves will break and crumble.

~For lawn care, set your mower blades a little higher to prevent the grass from drying out too quickly. Keep lawns mowed regularly, and by doing this the grass clippings feed the lawn on a weekly basis. The best method is to water the lawn right after it has been mowed.

~Use small or large hair clips to attach tall plants to a stake. The clip will not pinch or damage the stem's membrane. Great for gladiolas or vegetable plants!

Bye for now Rhonda

The month of May sure gave us a mixed bag of weather here in Latchford. We ran the gamut from unseasonably warm weather to some killer frosts late in the month that set some gardens back a bit and even resulted in replanting for some. If it is any consolation to the local gardeners I even seen where a number of area garden outlets were negligent in protecting their plants and lost a goodly number of them. Motorcycle and convertible owners did get to drive their favourite set of wheels much more often in May than they normally would so I doubt any of them complained about May's weather.

Renewals for the month were led off by one from Liza (Garreau) Willet of Haileybury for two more years and this was followed by one from Pat Rogers of Timmins for another year. Diane Joyal of New Liskeard has opted to stay with us for another year and Sharon and Terry St Jean of Calgary are on board for another two years. Rounding out the month was a renewal for two more years from former long time residents, Bella and Stan Bates of Carstairs, Alberta. Thanks to all for your continued interest and the extra that so many insist on sending.

On the health and fitness front, in addition to Debbie McKenzie who continues to heal at home, this month she was joined by my good wife Sharon who also doubles as the circulation manager for the Moose Call. Sharon is awaiting a call from Sudbury for further diagnosis and treatment of a condition that came on rather suddenly. To all who may be under the weather in any form, a speedy return to good health is wished by all!

What proved to be far more devastating to many readers of the Moose Call was the number of people with origins or residency in Latchford who have passed away during the month. I had failed to mention Alex Duchesne of North Cobalt, who was born and raised here in Latchford, and had passed away on April 06. On May 03 another long term Latchford lad, Bill Lingenfelter of Sudbury passed. On May 07, Barrie Sutherland, who with his wife Melinda have lived in Latchford on Hillview Street for about 15 years passed on. Jim Corner who has lived here for the past 10 years or thereabouts, passed away on May 15 after a period of failing health. On the May 25 I was told of the passing of a friend, Sid Adams of Haileybury, who had just lost his wife the former Rachel Legault of Latchford last fall. Then on the 26th, Garry Hermiston who had lived in Latchford for many years prior to moving to Haileybury with his wife, the former Bernice Johnston, passed. Then on May 31 Norman (Buddy) Beaupre who had been living in BC and was the son-in-law of Garry Hermiston, being married to his daughter, Donna. In my many years of contributing to the Moose Call, I can never recall a month or period comparable to this. I am sure that all readers who knew any or all of the deceased join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to their families.

I had wrapped up the column then on June 03 I got even more devastating news when my good friend, John R Hunt's son Hudson called me to tell me that his father had just passed away. John, who had just turned 96, was well known to many readers both through his career with the North Bay Nugget and his radio program on CBC. John's career with the Nugget spanned 67 years and he continued to pen a weekly column even after losing his sight some years ago. He was a personal friend of mine for years and I was fortunate to have spent the Saturday afternoon prior to his passing visiting with him. Over the years John was a great friend to Latchford and we and I, will miss him.

Please take care and stay safe!
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Obituaries

Barrie Norman Sutherland

Peacefully at his home in Latchford with his family by his side on Friday, May 7, 2021, Barrie Norman Sutherland passed away at the age of 71. Loving husband of Melinda Sutherland for 48 years. Beloved father of Andrew (Patti), Duane, Neil and the late Peter. Survived by his grandchildren; Cody, Melody, Brodee and 4 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Sherry (Lindsay), Calvin (Joan) and brother-in-law of Judy (the late Ron) and Fred. Cremation has taken place at Lakeview Crematorium, Haileybury. Arrangements entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home, 705-672-3122. As expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation or to Community Cancer Care. Online Condolences accepted at www.buffamleveille.com.

Alexander "Alex" Duchesne

The family announces with deep sorrow the passing of Mr. Alexander "Alex" Duchesne at the age of 79 years. Mr. Duchesne passed away at Temiskaming Hospital on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 with his family by his side. Born in Latchford on December 14, 1941 to the late Albert Duchesne and Rosa Duchesne [née Laferrière]. He loved the outdoors and especially fishing and hunting. He enjoyed playing cards, and tinkering in his garage. Predeceased by his parents and his brother Donat Duchesne and his beloved wife

Irene Duchesne [née Cyr]. Beloved father of Gérald [Denise] of Chelmsford, Louise Duchesne [Wayne Bartholomew] of Caledon, and George of Innisfil. Sadly missed by his grandchildren: Daniel Duchesne [Monique Paradis], Chantal [Sheldon] Scott, Marc Duchesne, Lisa Duchesne and Crystal Slack [Casey Slack] and great grandchildren Everett Scott, Rosalie Scott, Damien Duchesne, Isabella Kinghorn, Emersyn Slack and Stetson Slack. Cremation has taken place at Lakeview Crematorium, Haileybury. A graveside service will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Haileybury at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home, 705-672-3122. As expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to Community Cancer Care. Online condolences accepted at www.buffamleveille.com

Corner, Cyril James

Born March 21, 1931 and passed away May 15, 2021.

Jim will be remembered by all as a hard working truck driver. He will be missed by many family and friends.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, cremation has taken place at Lakeview crematorium, Haileybury. Memorial contributions can be made to Community Cancer Care. Condolences and contributions may be left at www.buffamleveille.com.

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Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's 50 dollars."

Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel.

The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!"

Walter replied, "Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"

Psychic Daughter

Bill is putting his young daughter to bed one night and as he walks out the bedroom door he

hears her saying her prayers. She says, "God bless mommy, daddy, and grandma, rest in peace grandpa." Bill rushes back into her bedroom and asks her, "Why did you say the last part?" His daughter replies, "Because I needed to." The next day, grandpa dies of a heart attack. Bill is worried about his daughter but thinks, "It must just be a sad coincidence." That night he tucks his daughter into bed again and once again he hears her saying her prayers. She says, "God bless mommy and daddy, rest in peace grandma." Bill is now really worried and thinking to himself, "Can my daughter really see into the future?" The next day, grandma dies and now Bill is convinced his daughter can predict the future. For the rest of the week nothing happens, but on the Sunday night as Bill leaves his daughter's bedroom he waits outside and listens for any more prayers. Sure enough, he hears her say, "God bless you mommy, rest in peace daddy." Now Bill is really panicking and thinking, "'Oh God, I'm going to die tomorrow!" The following day Bill is in a complete mess all day in work; a real nervous wreck. He constantly checks the clock, looks around the room and is on edge all the time expecting to die at any moment. He is so nervous that he doesn't leave the office until it's past midnight. Once it turns midnight he says to himself with relief, "How is this possible? I should be dead!" He goes home and walks into the house to find his wife sitting on the sofa with a scared look on her face. She asks him, "Where have you been? What took you so long?" Bill replies, "Listen honey, today I haven't had the best of days" and he is just about to tell her what has happened when she starts crying and bursts out, "I saw the mailman die yesterday!"

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 Sharon @ 705-676-1115 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

Funny

We Uber drivers never know whom we're going to end up with as a passenger. One day, I was driving over a new bridge, the design of which was very confusing. Completely confounded, I muttered, "I'd love to meet the genius who designed this mess." With that, my passenger extended his hand in my direction and said, "Well, today is your lucky day. My name is Mike, I work for the county engineer's office, and I'm the genius who designed this!" Surprisingly, he still gave me a tip.

My mother was browsing in a store when a saleswoman offered assistance. Mom admitted she didn't have anything particular in mind, and the pair started chatting. The woman quickly learned that Mom was retired. Interested, she confessed that she, too, was considering retirement. Mom immediately started telling her how much she liked no longer working and how the saleswoman would enjoy it too. Finally, convinced by Mom's enthusiasm, she asked, "How long have you been retired?" Mom said, "This is my first day."

At an event famous for giving out awards in bizarre categories, the emcee enthusiastically announces, "The next prize will go to the laziest person in the audience. If you think you qualify, raise your hand." Everyone raises their hands except a middle-aged man who seems to show little interest. "Congratulations!

You are the winner," says the emcee to the man. "Your prize is this \$100 bill!" Still showing no emotion, the man replies, "Would you mind coming over here and putting it in my pocket?"

Suffering from an unsightly scaly rash, my friend Denise made an appointment with a dermatologist who happened to be very attractive. After a full examination, the doctor cocked his head and asked, "Denise, did you get your hair done?" "Why, yes. Thank you for noticing," said Denise, flattered. "I thought so," the doctor replied. "Because your scalp looks red and irritated."

I was waiting at a small train station when a man put up a sign regarding my train: "30-Minute Delay." "What happened?" I asked. "The train went off the rails," he said. "How long will that take to fix?" "Quite a few hours." "So why put up a sign saying it would take 30 minutes?" "It's the only sign we have."

After my beloved dog Lucky passed away, my daughter tried to explain to her four-year-old son what had happened in terms he might understand. "Remember that baby bird we found on the sidewalk the other day?" she asked. As the truth sank in, Ian grew alarmed: "Lucky fell out of a tree?"

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Hermiston, Garry –

With heavy hearts the family announces that Garry died peacefully at North Bay Regional Health Centre on Wednesday May 26, 2021 at the age of 78.

Garry is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Bernice (nee Johnston), his daughter Donna (Norman) of New Hazelton B.C and Terry (Michelle) of Lasalle, Ontario. Garry is also survived by his sisters-in-law Joanne Hermiston (late Bruce), Anita Chretien (late Wilfred), Theresa Johnston (late Glen) and brothers-in-law Roy Grant (late Brenda), Allan Keys (late Monica), Roger (Lou) and Melvin (late Paulette). Cherished grandfather of Justin, Mac and Kennedy. Loving brother of Marilyn Nobes (late Robert) and brother Wayne. Garry is predeceased by his parents Noble and Min; his brother Bruce and his grandson Christopher. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Garry was a heart transplant recipient patient and was gifted with 28 years of life for which he was forever grateful. Special thanks to Dr. Neil McKenzie at University Health Sciences Care in London, the doctors and staff at North Bay Regional Health Centre and to Dr. Corneil and his staff.

In kindness, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A private funeral

service will be held followed by interment at Mount Pleasant cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.buffamleveille.com.

Funny

As my two sons were climbing into the back seat of our car, Eric, five, yelled, "I call the left side!" That didn't sit well with Ron, four. "No, I want the left side!" "I want the left side!" "No, I want the left side!" Intervening, I said, "Since Eric is older, he can have the left side." "Thanks, Dad!" said Eric. "Which side is left?"

Teaching is not for sensitive souls. While reviewing future, past, and present tenses with my English class, I posed this question: "'I am beautiful' is what tense?" One student raised her hand. "Past tense."

"Yesterday was my 18th birthday!" a customer said after walking into our convenience store. He then asked for some e-cigarette products and handed me his ID to prove he was indeed of age. I scanned the ID, but it came back expired. Now thoroughly deflated, he asked, "Does that mean I'm not 18?"



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