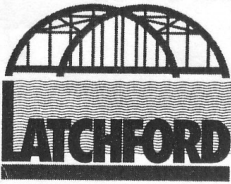


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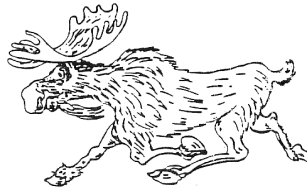
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



January 2022

~ HAPPY ~
New Year
★ 2022 ★

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 JANUARY TO BE HELD ON THE 20th TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY. MEETING WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN WEBSITE.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH.

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

Just Passin Through Again

December turned into a very interesting month in Latchford. The cause of all of this had started back in late August when a member of Council opted to express their displeasure with a decision by our resident Doctor Roedde to not provide inpatient treatment for any of her patients who were not vaccinated against Covid. The Councillor opted to use social media to express their displeasure at this decision and that released a firestorm of comments both pro and con regarding the Dr's decision re patient in-clinic treatment. Long story short, the Dr was reported to the College of Physicians and Surgeons by someone and in turn advised the Town that she would be leaving her practice at the end of March, 2022. This is approximately two years before she had originally intended to leave.

All was calming down and Council, along with Dr Roedde, were responding to this and then in late November, CBC news Sudbury picked up the story. It went national and made it onto CTV as well which resulted in the municipal office even getting hate calls about our treatment of Dr Roedde. I personally received calls and messages enquiring as to why the Town had treated the Dr in this manner. I did my utmost to explain that it was not an action of Council as a whole but rather an individual member of Council and they were accepting responsibility for it. The Councillor has since resigned from Council and was joined by a second member of Council. The Council positions have been declared open and application are being accepted for appointment to fill them.

Our Health and Senior's Committee are working with Dr Roedde and the Temiskaming Doctor Recruitment and Retention Team to acquire a replacement Doctor for the Latchford Medical Clinic. Dr Roedde is actively participating in this effort and has committed to assisting in getting locum coverage so as to ensure continued medical services for her patients. Council as a whole, I am confident, will strive to ensure that the Latchford Medical Clinic will continue to be staffed and the patients who have depended on the service provided there will be continue to be cared for.

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From the kitchen of Diana

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World's Best Chili

By Jamie Deen

Prep time: 25 minutes Cook time: 2 hours 15 minutes Servings: 6 to 8

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large red onion, diced
2 medium bell peppers (green and red), diced
2 stalks celery, diced
5 cloves garlic, chopped
1½ pounds lean ground beef
¼ cup chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (14½-ounce) can fire roasted diced tomatoes
1 (12-ounce) can of beer
2 (15-ounce) cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
shredded cheddar cheese, for serving (optional)
sour cream, for serving (optional)
chopped green onions, for serving (optional)

Directions

Heat the oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Once the oil is hot, add the onion, peppers, and celery and sauté until soft, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes, just until fragrant. Stir in the beef, breaking it up with the back of your wooden spoon, and cook until browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in the chili powder, cumin, oregano, and cayenne and sauté for about 2 minutes more. Stir the tomato paste into the beef; this will intensify the flavor. Add both cans of diced tomatoes with their juices, the beer, and all the beans, stirring to combine.

Bring the chili to a boil, then reduce to a simmer, cover with a lid, and cook on medium-low for a good 2 hours, stirring on occasion to keep the chili from sticking to the bottom of the pan.

Cook's Note: One of the best things about making a big pot of chili is that you can freeze the leftovers. All the flavors will continue to marry together so it'll be even better when you reheat it.

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Comrade Sheila Belanger

1st Vice

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President George Lefebvre

Branch 629 Lest We Forget

GOODNESS IS IN THE YEAR TO COME

The year 2021 is done at last!

Let's move on forward and lose the masks

Let's pray for this nastiness to go away

Returning some sunshine upon our day!

It started out, "we are all in this together!"

Different opinions have ruffled some feathers

The story is old, time for us to live life

Eliminate the anger, let go of the strife.

How we have missed our families, our friends

Some became bitter and will be making

amends Socializing is calling, it's long overdue

Gatherings around the table is what we must

It's an educational service. Tutoring, virtual lessons, one - on-one lessons.

Respectfully ,

**Leslie-Ann Thomas
(Montessori, OCT)
Ontario, Canada**



do! Foster some excitement in this upcoming year Shut out the noise and extinguish the fear. Keep yourself occupied in learning your craft. Teaching your talents and creating new paths.

What's in the collection plate in the New Year ahead? The past couple years have been something to dread! Sharing our goodness and loving our brother A world of forgiveness, would be a world like no other!

2022! What will you make of it? Keep your inner child playing, and your mind will be fit Consuming the menu that resonates with your being

I wish beauty upon you, and a world that is healing

Goodness is in the year to come...

Goodness for each and everyone!

Goodness is in the year to come

Freedom and peace, and so it is done!

Happy New Year to each and everyone of you...

May your year be filled with Joy, Harmony, Good Health, and Peace

Written by Sharon St. Jean, Calgary AB

December 30/2021

HOW WE STAND ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Many lifetimes ago, I must have seriously offended a powerful Chinaman, who cursed me. This curse was: "May you live in interesting times." Ouch. I'm really living in them now. However, I just listened to a half-hour talk by a Green Peace activist who also served in the B.C. Legislature for a while. He gave me more hope than I've had in a while.

Although he did not expect miracles from this C.O.P.S 26 Conference in Glasgow, one of his hopes was that the countries attending could agree to making Global Warming Boundaries, i.e. if one country that does not follow global warming measures wants to sell apples, say, to another that does, they pay an import duty on them to represent the difference in cost to our plane, simple but effective in carrying the message.

He also answered a long-standing question of mine, what about our growing population? Sure, Covid will control it to some extent, but how or for how long is anyone's guess. This gentleman, a professor now, gave the answer. As the world grows richer, so does the middle class and their families get smaller.

But his main point was this: Try to offer a positive point of view on the situation, instead of putting people's backs up by pointing fingers. I would like to do that now, out of my own life's experience.

My very, very first job was when I was a boy and worked on a farm "Spud Bashing," for a day or two. A crew of us kids picked up potatoes that the farmer had "spun" out of the ground to the surface. We put them into baskets then dumped them into a horse-drawn cart. As we moved along the row, the horse with its cart kept up with us, until it was full or we were done. In the early nineteen fifty's, the horse was definitely part of a working farm.

The changeover to a mechanical operation was not always easy. I heard of a delivery man that ran into problems with this. He delivered milk house-to-house as required and collected payment at the end of the week. Crates of milk bottles were stacked onto a cart drawn; you guessed it, by a horse.

Now his son wanted to be up to date and so after much pestering, the man gave in and retired the horse and cart and bought a van to use instead. Oh dear.

With the horse and cart, he would have his milk distributed before eleven o'clock and have everything cleaned up and put away before noon, in time for his lunch. With the new van, he was not so lucky. He did not finish deliveries until long after lunchtime and came home exhausted.

You see, the horse knew the route as well as its master did, and would walk to the next house while he was at this one. With the van, he had to walk twice as far as before, as the van stayed where it was, waiting for him.

When I was a student in London, house-to-house milk delivery was still being done, but now they were using electric-powered milk carts. These were plugged in at the end of the day, to recharge during the night ready for the next day. I would see them streaming out from the local dairy as I too began my day.

Although they clearly carried a heavy load, this didn't seem to matter. They were very quiet and seemed to operate smoothly and easily. I suppose one aspect of electric motors helped here. Their peak power output is at very low revs, unlike gas engines which are the exact opposite. I hope this helps dispel some fears of the electric-powered vehicles they want us to have.

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

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Blank Canvas

Depending on where you live, the outdoor garden in the month of January may look like a place frozen in time. Everything is still, no colour, and pretty quiet when it comes to sounds of nature. From where I live, the garden is covered in snow, all greenery is hidden. Even though the garden may seem quite bland, I don't actually look at it that way. All I see is an opportunity to create. And not a blank canvas 'so to speak', but literally a blank canvas. A snow white canvas waiting for texture, composition, focal points, and colour. Winter is the time to see how your garden looks under the snow, and what it creates. What does your garden look like in the winter? What are the textures from branches and twigs, hill formations, trees and garden structures that add beauty to a winter garden? Create a garden that looks magical during the winter too.

Some readers may know that I create paintings using watercolor. The creative process that I use to create a painting is the same steps that I use to create a garden. I look at them both as a blank canvas, an opportunity for me to create the picture in my mind first, then express it onto paper, and in the garden. Or sometimes the garden will give me the picture that I am looking for to be expressed onto a canvas. The composition, the layout, the size, and the colours in a garden are all decided on, just as I would when creating a painting.

The variety of brushes that I would use to paint a picture, is the same approach that I would use in the garden, except the tools, like shovels and wheel barrels are much bigger. Whether it's a small garden or a large painting, the concept is similar. January is a great time to build your garden – in your mind first, then on paper, or as I like to call it – a blank canvas.

Happy New Year!

Bye for now, Rhonda



Subscribers News

Winter continues to be of the favourable kind here in Latchford and although early ice conditions were a bit questionable but things tightened up enough for Rob Godden to mark his trail so the fisher folks were out and about well before Christmas. At this writing we still don't have a foot of snow on the ground due to a melt that occurred before Christmas and melted most of the snow we had.

Renewals during the month included one from Shirley Rice of London, who spends her summers here in Latchford, for another two years. Then we had Norma Knight of New Liskeard add another year to her subscription. Following that we had Laurie Christo of New Liskeard renew for another year and the month was rounded out with Louis Quenneville of Cobalt renewing for another year. Thanks to all for your continued support of, and interest in, the Moose Call as well as the extra so many include.

On the health and fitness front, it has been reported that we have had at least two more Covid cases here in Latchford but the veil of secrecy that surrounds those so diagnosed, which is probably for the better, makes the actual number uncertain. There has been a real surge in cases in the Temiskaming Health Unit, of which we are a part of, so it is not surprising that we will see an increase here in Latchford.

All who knew her here in Latchford were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Kim McKeever of Temagami on December 20. Kim was born here in Latchford, the daughter of Jack and Joyce Hunt, and lived here for many years and her brother Shawn Hunt still resides in Latchford. I am confident that all readers who knew Kim join me in extending our sincere condolences to her children Quelia, Hayley and Cale; sisters Carrie and Lhea and brother Shawn and their extended families.

I have to confess to being a bit out of the loop on the current state of "wellness" over the holiday period here in town but do know that both Sheila Belanger and Charmaine L'Heureux are still at home where Sheila is being attended to and Charmaine is recovering. To all others who may be ailing or infirm, I am confident that all readers join me in wishing a speedy return to good health!

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**With sincerest gratitude,
Jo-Anne Cartner**

Sorry for being a bit late! Hear Latchford on CBC news – not the type of news one likes to hear about Latchford. Last summer I thought everyone was very cautious- all masked – and distancing. Trust all who were under the weather are back to better health.

Shirley Rice

Updated telephone list

The Town of Latchford is currently in the process of updating the phone list.
If you would like your number to be included, there are 2 ways to be included.

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I have been gifted with the following memories as related by Fred Keenan and given to me by his daughter, Sheila Godby of Peterborough, and I hope to serialize them over the required number of issues. It will gives readers, whether they knew the Keenans or not, a look at Latchford from 90 plus years ago. Hope you enjoy!

Latchford Memories of Fred and Ida Keenan-1928 to 30

At that time many country and small town schools had what were called Continuation Classes. Since nearly all of the elementary school pupils in rural areas especially in N. Ontario had almost no opportunity to attend a High School these continuation schools taught what was called Jr. and Sr. 5th Form corresponding roughly to Grades 9 and 10. The teacher had to have a 1st Class Certificate (other certificates were 2nd Class, 3rd Class and, the lowest, District Certificate). The school also had to have a minimum of science equipment, etc. So in Latchford I had students who were not a heck of a lot younger than I was. Some of my Fifth Form students were Cec Conroy, Anne Conroy, Elsie Lloyd, Edla Mortson, etc., so it made for an interesting set-up. Unlike Echo Bay nobody stayed for lunch as the area around Latchford had no population to furnish pupils.

So it was a good two years. In the final analysis the man at Hamill's proved to be right. Latchford proved to be a friendly town. We made hosts of friends and made light of all the hardships. The church was very active (I don't think the decline set in for another twenty years). In the winter I managed to get the first skating rink in Latchford going for the first time in about 30 years. This proved to be the first in a long line of rinks on which I spent an awful lot of time and energy (maybe too much) but it was a lot of fun.

I must say a few words (!) about the town itself, as it was then. I suppose the population would be about 500 mostly English-speaking but with

maybe a dozen French families. Unfortunately the old rivalries still persisted and French people were often very unfairly treated, and regarded as a lower species. This was more often a generalized prejudice – it was very common for individuals and families to be the best of friends. For instance our first and among our best friends were the Bruneau's, Maurice and Mrs. B. and their big family. Others were the Proulx's, the St. Jean's, the Lalondes, etc. Thank goodness those old prejudices have pretty well disappeared – certainly in Latchford anyway.

Temagami was a tourist town, Cobalt a mining town, Haileybury a residential and government town and New Liskeard a bunch of farmers but was a LUMBER town. Situated as it is, on the Montreal River, a huge area of forest lands were within easy reach. There were a minimum of three large lumber mills with a varying number of smaller ones and millions of feet of the best White Pine were cut there each summer. In the winter most of the men went t the bush camps as lumber-jacks. Time was measured by the steam-whistles of the mills. Fierce rivalry prevailed between the men of Murphy's, McLellan's and Grant's. Wages were low but the company 'looked after you' with free lumber to build a house, free fire wood, turning a blind eye to lateness or absence after a big drunk. No unions, no time clock, no unemployment insurance. You worked from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day but Sunday. Your two-week pay cheque (cash actually) might run to \$100. How did they do it? Well many a family of six or eight did it. The Andersons, Sullivans, McLeods, etc., etc., etc., all did.

To be continued next issue.....

Obituary

Peacefully at her home on Monday, December 20, 2021, Kim Patricia McKeever (nee Hunt) of Temagami passed away at the age of 65. Loving wife of the late Donald McKeever (2014). Beloved mother of Quelia (Patrick) Cormier, Hayley McKeever and Cale (Angela) McKeever. Cherished grandmother to 10 grandchildren. Dear sister of Carrie (John) Cornelisse, Shawn Hunt and Lhea (Jamie) Burk. Forever remembered by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Sadly missed by her dog Ollie. Cremation has taken place at Lakeview Crematorium, Haileybury. A Celebration of Kim's Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home, 705-672-3122. As

expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary. Online condolences accepted at www.buffamleveille.com.

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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!

Latchford fire department News

A school bus full of Latchford children was driving home one day, when a LVFD fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the firetruck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing what the dog's duties might be.

"They use him to keep crowds back", suggested one child.

"No", said another, "he's just for good luck". A third child concluded, "No, silly, they use the dog to find the fire hydrants!"

But seriously folks, with the unpredictable winter weather conditions, and schools and school buses resuming in the New Year, the LVFD would like to remind the residents of Latchford to be mindful of a few road safety tips.

It is important to keep an eye on changing weather conditions, road conditions and highway closures. If the weather is poor, avoid being out on the roads unless absolutely necessary. If necessary to be on the roads and highways during poor weather conditions, please ensure proper visibility around your vehicle by cleaning off any snow or ice buildup. It is important to ensure your vehicle is working properly prior to driving in poor weather conditions.

When driving near school buses, it is important to pay close attention to their stop signs and be mindful of their frequent stops to pick up and drop off children. When a bus is stopped and has its stop sign out, it is important to watch for both children and adults getting on and off the buses as well as crossing the streets or highway.

In November of 2021, the LVFD held a practice for fire rescue. Pictured are the volunteers practicing responding to a vehicle accident with an injured driver.

The LVFD would like to wish the residents of Latchford a safe, happy and healthy start to the New Year.

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