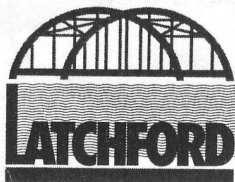


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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



March 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** ~

Animal complaints can be reported to the Town Office @ 676-2416

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

THE NEXT LEGION MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR MARCH 23, 2022.

Just Passin Through Again

I am happy to report that I recently received a phone call from a regional director for Enbridge Gas during which the survey that was sent out to all property owners with their interim tax bills was discussed. We discussed Latchford's contention that the projected number of connections after 10 years of natural gas being available here to be inaccurate. They defend their projections by stating that a standard formula for calculations is used in all cases and I countered that our case differs in that we previously had our own hydro electric corporation which provided exceptionally low hydro rates and led to many homes, businesses and municipal buildings relying on what has now become the most costly form of heating. He expressed support for the survey, which he had been provided a copy of with my letter, and our hopes that it will disprove their projections.

While the office has been receiving a good number of completed surveys, it is important that all be completed and returned. If you rent property, please advise your landlord to complete and return the survey.

Assembling the members of "Communities of the Montreal River" (CMR) together for a meeting is not moving forward as well as hoped for but I can report that I have been contacted by a developer that wants to bring a couple of engineers to the site for an examination of its potential. While we do have the previously mentioned pre-feasibility study conducted by Hydrosys that was done on it in 2016, until the CMR has met its contents cannot be shared.

Covid times induced "brain cramps" must be occurring in respect to the groomed snowmobile trail that goes through Town in the area of the waterfront. While its location has not changed in recent years, to date we have had three vehicles, that I am aware of, think it was a municipal street and try to drive on it! Needless to say, that didn't go well for the drivers or the trail!

During a "Zoom" meeting the other day, the MNDMNRF representative advised that they have finally been authorized to launch the "Montreal River Water Management Plan" which will bring together MNDMNRF, OPG, Municipal and other user representatives as a "Standing Advisory Committee" (SAC). This provides for a forum for discussion and reporting regarding dam operation and water elevation issues on the Montreal and its tributaries. Garry Twiner and I sit as local representatives on the Matabitchuan Standing Advisory Committee and feel the area will benefit from this new body.

George L.

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From the kitchen of Diana

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My favourite French Canadian Tortière recipe that I have had around since the early 1980's.

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(Makes two double crust 9-inch pies)

2 pounds ground pork
1/2 half pound ground veal
1-1/2 cups hot water
1-1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 large onion chopped
1 sprig celery leaves*
1/2 teaspoon allspice
Dash cloves
1 large potato, peeled
Double Basic pastry recipe using Tenderflake Lard

* Note: If I don't have celery leaves, I decrease salt to 1 teaspoon and add half a teaspoon of celery salt. Also, I use a bit of the excess fat from the cooked meat as a base to make some gravy.

Once the cooked cooled meat mixture goes in the pie shell, spoon a little gravy on top of the meat mixture *if it needs moisture* before covering it with pastry. Once baked, serve with remaining gravy.

Combine pork, veal, hot water, salt, pepper, onion, celery leaves, allspice and cloves in a heavy saucepan.

Bring to a boil, turn down heat, cover and cook gently for half an hour, stirring occasionally. Add whole peeled potato and continue cooking gently for an hour. (potato will soak up excess fat)

Discard potato and celery leaves. Cool meat mixture. (It should be thick but still moist.)

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Line two 9-inch pie plates with pastry.

Fill each with half the meat mixture.

Cover with remaining pastry, seal edges well and flute.

Cut slits in tops to let steam escape

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We held our first regular meeting on February 23 at the Branch as we try to swing back to a more regular routine as provincial regulations are relaxed. Discussions were held with respect to restarting Darts and Comrade Perry Livingston has agreed to coordinate Friday Night Darts which will be open to all and will not be a team event at this time. Authorization was given for the purchase of horseshoes to be made prior to the arrival of clear ground and the return to that activity on the licensed patios and pits at the rear of the Branch.

A discussion by members of the Ladies Auxiliary regarding the resumption of community suppers at the Branch were inconclusive but such events will resume when more clarity is obtained to hosting such events.

Elections for the Branch executive will be held at the first opportune time but the first feasible date for them will probably be in April. Our next meeting has been tentatively set for March 23.

Comrade Sheila Belanger

1st Vice

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CHARLIE'S VIEW OF THE TOTALITY OF LIFE.

When we planned our move to live in the bush, an acquaintance insisted that our puppies were ready for us to come and collect them. We fetched them and as we all learned to live with each other, it was clear the female of the pair remembered behaviour from her former life. She knew how to walk to heel and clearly wanted to ride around in the back of our truck. As it turned out, Schnuggie's remembered skills were not needed in our life "Off The Grid," so they just faded away into her present reality.

The male puppy-dog, Bear, already knew his job. He was to be the Beta-male in our little pack and as such, he was our active guardian against all comers. He enjoyed his role, and at the end of his life, trained the next set of puppies to take over his job. For instance, he taught them to be attentive to my whistled orders to "Come" by leading them deep into the forest then disappearing into the undergrowth, so the only way they would know where to go was to follow the far-off sound of my whistle. He was an amazing dog and sadly died in Linda's arms on the property he had given his life for.

Our neighbour in the bush had an old dog, which he claimed to be "Quick to wrath" and generally short-tempered. "Be careful around her," he warned. However, on meeting me for the "First Time," she was anything but. Despite her old age, she launched herself on me as though she had known me for years and was so enthusiastic about meeting me that I was certain she had been "My Dog" in an earlier life.

These two doggy-stories strongly hint to me that life does go on after we die, or at least certain things are remembered in this life that happened in a previous one. For instance, when I went to

College, there were a couple of individuals there that I had not met before in this

life, but to whom I took an instant dislike. Since these encounters happened in bars, the situations were resolved by my offering to buy them a glass of beer, a friendly gesture in today instead of revisiting some bloody event from life-times past.

I personally have had about nineteen psychiatric admissions of varying severity, one at least so intense that the supervising psychiatrist was concerned that I may not fully recover from it. This collective experience has shown me that the veil between the present "Reality As We Know It" is not as fixed as some of us would like to believe. I am reasonably certain that I am the reincarnation in today of a Viking Warrior of old; there were too many memories resurfacing during my lunatic periods to discount the possibility.

I have heard many reports from people, mainly widows, of comforting signals from their deceased spouses, usually three days after they had passed on, and believe these not to be accidental. Hence I am sure there is a "Life After Death," though what exact form it takes is not for me to know. There are SOME rules that must remain secret from interfering busibodies so God or Whoever can carry on doing His Work unimpeded.

The focus of my life in today is to keep on trying to clean up my spiritual act and be as free of my hang-ups act as possible so maybe one day I'll be able to join this crew of "Dear Departed." I realise the best way for me to do it is do what I enjoy most, which is to support Linda and paint flowers as only I can.

All the best from Charlie by the lake.

Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Spring is almost here! It doesn't look that way from looking outside, but spring is coming! Now is a great time to get ready for the gardening season by starting your seeds indoors with recycling material. If you are looking for inexpensive ways to start your indoor garden, here are a few clever seed starters; muffin paper, citrus peels, toilet paper rolls, egg shells, egg cartons, ice cream cones and much more! All are biodegradable moving from inside to outside planted directly into the ground - an effective way to begin the growing season. Keep your strawberry and fresh berry plastic containers from the grocery stores – they make great little greenhouses for the seed starters! Hello Spring!



Bye for now
Rhonda

Subscribers report

That lack of snow in Latchford that I referred to in January column was more than addressed during February and I am writing this with 6 days left in the month! I can honestly say that my snow blower got a heavier workload this month than all of the previous winter. Snow depth around Latchford has greatly increased and word from the “fisher folk” is that they are encountering considerable slush in some areas. That doesn’t appear to have lessened their luck with the catch as I was gifted with a freshly caught, never frozen, Lake Trout that I thoroughly enjoyed! A sincere, thank you to you know who!

While I am typing this I am watching one of the most horrific snowstorms that I have seen this winter. My window that I view my world through is about 175 feet from Highway 11 and I can barely see the highway. Traffic is reduced to a crawl and all vehicles have their four way flashers on! I can see the buildings directly across Main Street but beyond that is pure white!

Renewals during the month of February picked up with our own Charlie Johnson gifting Ina Clare of Wood Point, New Brunswick and Jo-Anne Peters of New Liskeard with 2 year’s reading of the ‘Call each. Then Rob Godby of Laramie, Wyoming sent in a renewal for himself and his mom, Sheila (Keenan) Godby of Peterborough for another year’s reading. Following that a former classmate of Sheila and mine from LPS, Joyce (Laforge) Bosselle of North Bay renewed for another 2 years. Next in for the month was one from former resident Norm Remillard of New Liskeard who renewed for 3 years!

And, when I thought I could wrap up the column, in came three more with Alice Livingston’s baby sister, Marion Pacaud of North Bay renewing for another two as did former resident Charles Hallsworth, now of Sudbury, and completing the trio was another two years from Joyce Harding of Temagami. As always, thanks to all who include the extra!

On the health and fitness front, Jo Anne Cartner is back home from her Sudbury visits for the immediate future and we wish her well in dealing with her very serious issue. Jeannie Belanger is slowly regaining her health and mother Sheila is hanging tough. To the aforementioned and all others who may be ailing or infirm, I am confident that all readers join me in wishing them a speedy return to good health!

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 Francine Blowe @ 647-927-9757 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

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Subscriber Letters

Dear Sharon,

Just wanted to let you know I have a new address. I'd hate to miss even a single copy of the Moose Call.

I know I'm a bit early but included is a check to renew my subscription, and also my mum's – Sheila (Keenan) Godby – won't she be surprised! Any extra please enjoy a coffee or whatever it might buy these days. Hope 2022 is off to a great start! Thank you!

Rob Godby

Note of Thanks

Thanks to the Recreation Committee for the lovely Christmas gift.

It was done up so pretty it was part of my Christmas decorations!

Helen Larose

Fun Facts

No number from 1 to 999 includes the letter "a" in its word form.

The opposite sides of a dice will always add up to seven.

Playing dance music can help ward off mosquitoes.

The King of Hearts is the only king in a deck of cards without a mustache.

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

A Greek-Canadian man invented the "Hawaiian" pizza.

If you open your eyes in a pitch-black room, the color you'll see is called "eigengrau."

It's possible to turn peanut butter into diamonds.

A group of hippos is called a "bloat."

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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 give 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

I can't remember much about the spring of 1930. I guess we were all busy. But I got interested somehow in the idea of looking for a teaching job out west maybe Saskatchewan or Alberta. At that time pretty well everyone in rural Canada subscribed to a paper called the Family Herald and Weekly Star. It only cost about a dollar a year and had everything, stories, farming articles, health, pen-pal dept, and a tremendous section of Want Ads from all over Canada. I had noticed that there seemed to be a great demand in the west for teachers. So, over the months, Ida and I talked about it and finally decided to give it a try. So we bade a fond farewell (au revoir would have been more suitable) to Latchford, packed all our belongings, and went to Ida's place at Echo Bay, the idea being that this was on the way west. Once there I began to answer some of the ads but, surprisingly, got very few replies. I began to have doubts which were added to when my Dad, having heard our plans, wrote to tell me that he had just returned from a trip to the west and times there had deteriorated so much that many school districts were unable to pay their teachers. Another warning bell rang when I went into the CPR station at the Soo to enquire about fares, etc. In conversation with the agent he mentioned that they were having a lot of families coming back from the west because of both drought and depression there. In short we gave up the plan and, regretting now that we had left Latchford, I began applying for a job in Ontario. To my vast surprise I found that jobs in Ontario were becoming hard to get. The trouble was, although we hadn't seen any real evidence of it, the

real depression was beginning to make its presence felt in rich Ontario and one consequence was that many ex-teachers began to flock back to the profession. A very sad development for us.

About the end of July we went down to Toronto but dozens of applications received no reply, and all signs pointed to a very rapid depreciation in business conditions and employment. Banks were closing in the US and many other parts of the world. People were losing their houses. Soup kitchens became common. All in all a very rough time indeed and nobody could yet see an end to it. (In fact the Great Depression would last another six or seven years and, awful to think of, would only end with World War 11 when money for all sorts of military expenditures suddenly became available.)

Anyway this sounds too melodramatic. Actually in my case, and I am sure millions of others, the main objective was to get a job. By the end of August I had not succeeded. I was going out to fruit farms as the opportunity arose to make a few bucks picking fruit but, that didn't pay much or offer anything more than a few more weeks work. However once again somebody up there must have been looking after us Keenan's. Grandma (Mother) phoned me up one morning and said, "Did you read the ads in the Globe yet?" When I said no she told me to do so immediately. I did. Wanted – An experienced teacher for the position of Principal at Latchford Public School! The one place in Ontario where I knew I could get that job. I sent a wire at once and received the contract to sign two days later!

So ends the memories of Mr Keenan and his wife Ida's first employment and life in Latchford, which, after taking the summer off, they resumed. The only other time he left the Latchford Public School prior to retiring was when he voluntarily enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War 11 and served overseas including with the Royal Air Force in Egypt. As former Latchfordite Jim Sargent (a one time student of Mr Keenan) coined it, "he was a member of the Great Generation".

Funny

An Eskimo brings his friend to his home for a visit. When they arrive, his friend asks, puzzled – “So where’s your igloo?”
“Oh no, I must’ve left the iron on...”

Why didn’t the dinosaur cross the road?
Because there weren’t even any roads during the Jurassic Period!

One pen pal to another, “Can you tell me what you look like?”
“Do you know Beyonce?”
“Yes!”
“So, not like that.”

Q. Why do the French like to eat snails so much?
A. They can’t stand fast food.

A doctor asks his patient angrily, “Why did you send my bill back, unopened, Mr. Gunrick?”
Mr Gunrick explains, “But doctor, it was you who told me I must avoid any upsets and stress!”

What did the toilet roll complain about?
"People just keep ripping me off!"

A man got hit hard in the head with a can of 7Up. He’s alright though, it was a soft drink.

A skeleton walks into a restaurant. After a while the waiter comes and says: “I’m so sorry, sir. You must have been waiting pretty long.”

A guest calls the waiter and complains, “How come there are no chairs at our table?!”
The waiter shrugs, “I’m sorry but you only booked one table...”

Optimist: The glass is half full.
Pessimist: The glass is half empty.
Mother: Why didn’t you use a coaster!

I asked my daughter if she’d seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn’t stand a chance.

I’ve been really depressed lately. A friend told me I should go to the petting zoo perhaps, to cheer up.
I went today, but not one person would stroke me.

What goes through every village, over mountains, crosses rivers and deserts and yet never moves?
A road.

She: I have a doctor’s appointment today but I really don’t want to go...
He: Just call in sick then.

Everybody knows 40 is the new 30, right? But the police officer giving me a speeding ticket couldn’t be persuaded.

How many ant-eaters do you need to change a light bulb?
None, they don’t do that.

A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read that number.

Police officer: “Your car is too heavily overloaded. I simply cannot let you continue like that. I’m going to have to take away your driver’s license.”

Driver: “You’re kidding me, right? The license can only weigh one ounce tops!”

Latchford Volunteer Fire Department News!

March Break! The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind the residents and visitors of Latchford of a few March safety tips while participating in various end of winter and beginning of spring activities.

While driving through town, please drive slowly and look out for families, children and pets playing in yards, along roadways, and on snowbanks and sliding hills. Ensure to drive suited to the unpredictable weather conditions.

Here are a few snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle safety tips to be mindful of. Travelling on ice can be dangerous during the spring. If you plan to travel on ice, ensure to check on local ice conditions prior to your travels. Also ensure to check the weather and trail conditions prior to leaving for your trip. If the weather, trail, road and ice conditions are too poor, you should not go. It is a good idea to wear a personal flotation device or floater snow suit and carry ice picks that are readily accessible. Dress properly for the weather conditions. Wear helmets when operating or riding passenger on or in snowmobiles, ATVs, and devices towed by the vehicles such as sleds.

Proper mechanical inspections and maintenance of your snowmobile or ATV should be done regularly to ensure they are in good working condition for your trip. Ensure your gas tank is filled. It is a good idea to have a first-aid and a survival kit with you during a snowmo-

bile or ATV trip. Map out, plan and know the trails you intend to use your snowmobile or ATV on to avoid getting lost. You should let someone know where you are going and when you plan to arrive and return when taking a snowmobile or ATV trip.

Make sure to come to a complete stop and check all directions before entering any roadway. Use caution when crossing roads, highways and railway tracks. Make sure to drive slow on unfamiliar terrain.

If making an outdoor campfire, here are a few safety reminders. Make sure to choose an area to build your fire that is a safe distance away from buildings, shelters, vehicles, equipment, trees, hanging branches, bushes and other flammable debris. You should be prepared with the equipment and tools to control and extinguish your fire at all times. Never leave the fire unattended and ensure to completely extinguish the fire prior to leaving the fire campsite.

March also celebrates St. Patrick's Day. The LVFD would like to wish everyone safe and happy celebrations. Please remember, if you consume alcohol during the celebrations, drink responsibly and do not drink and drive.

The LVFD would also like to congratulate Roger Clark, Natalie Hunter and Trent Matton for five years of service to the LVFD. Thank you for all your combined years of service and various contributions to the community and department.

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