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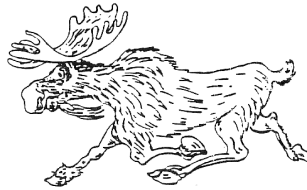
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COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL TO BE HELD ON THE 9th VIA ZOOM @ 6:30PM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AND THE 23rd IN THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE LATCHFORD RECREATION CENTRE @ 6:30PM, ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LEGION MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

Mayors Report

Hope all had a great March. I know the weather has been very strange but i am sure that it will affects for the summer.

Received an email about Team Highway 11 North and going to change the meetings to an annual meeting. With suggestions of the members the ministry will be pursuing annual meetings with Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). That will be a good thing going forward.

It has now been released to the press about the Northern Ontario Women's Caucus. This group was formed about a year ago and it was formed to have the power of one voice in politics. I had joined when they first formed, and it is the female mayors of Northern Ontario. It is a diverse of professional backgrounds. Looking forward to seeing where this goes.

Our town clerk attended the Montreal River Water Management Plan Standing Advisory Committee. It was to start to get a chairperson. This has been one of the things that our past Mayor George has been working towards for a long time. Nice to see it coming together.

I did attend a meeting a zoom meeting with Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO). It was attended by the Mayor of Kirkland Lake and Deputy Mayor of Temiskaming Shores. It was a discussion about exotic animals.

Parks and Rec also have a March Break week and it was well attended again. We did lose our ice early but it also was well used.

Mayor

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From the kitchen of Diana

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Hungarian Beef Goulash

This is a straightforward one-pot recipe for Hungarian goulash, a spicy beef stew generously thickened with onions, tomato paste, and paprika. The beef is slowly simmered until incredibly tender, and comes with extra sauce that pairs nicely with noodles. Ingredients

3 pounds beef stew meat , cut into 1-2 inch chunks

3 yellow onions (about 2 pounds), chopped
2 cups vegetable broth

6-ounce can tomato paste

10 cloves garlic , chopped

1/4 cup paprika

2 teaspoons ground cayenne

1 teaspoon table salt

2 tablespoons olive oil

optional egg noodles and parsley , for serving

See Notes/Tips below:

Cook Onions : Heat olive oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onions, garlic, and salt to pot.

Cook until onions soften, about 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

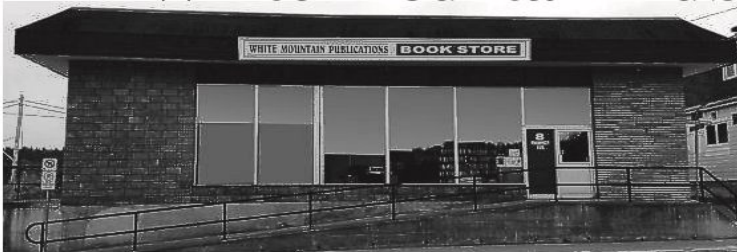
Brown Beef : Coat beef chunks in mixture of paprika and cayenne, then add to pot with onions. Cook until beef browns, about 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Simmer Stew : Reduce heat to medium-low. Add vegetable broth and tomato paste to pot, and stir. Cover with lid and simmer until meat is very tender, about 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Serves 6.

NOTES & TIPS Paprika. Yes, 1/4 cup — this is not a typo. You can use Hungarian sweet paprika to be authentic, but any kind of paprika will work nicely here. Cayenne. This is a lot of cayenne, but it will be divided among 6 servings and this is meant to be a spicy stew. If you can't handle the heat, decrease the amount as needed. Egg Noodles / Parsley. This stew pairs well with egg noodles, and can be topped with chopped fresh parsley. Large Pot. Use a 6-quart dutch oven or at least a 5-quart pot with fitting lid.

Diana Pearman

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Hello everyone!

Hopefully spring will be here soon! We have had a nice winter weather-wise, but I am sure everyone is ready for warm sunny weather.

We are looking for bar tenders. You do not have to be a Legion member but must have a current Smart

Serve Certificate. If anyone is interested, please contact Vicky.

Our Legion has a pool table , dart boards and a shuffleboard table for your enjoyment.

The Legion is open Friday nights, 7 pm to ??? Open Saturdays 2 pm until ???.

If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, comments of what they would like to see or do in

the Legion, such as dart nights, bingo nights, shuffleboard tournament, pool tournaments etc.... Please let me know.

All members, the next Branch meeting will be April 10th at 7 pm.

If anyone would like to become a Branch member, please contact me c or stop at the Legion for an application form.

Here is the Legion contact information:

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Have a great day!

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Vicky Gray-Wilks



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Dad Jokes

What do you call a well-balanced horse?
Stable.

Why was the fish's grades bad?
They were below sea level.

How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend?
He gave her a ring.

Why are elephants wrinkly?
Because you can't iron them.

Why did the strawberry cry?
He found himself in a jam.

What's black and white and read all over?
A newspaper!

How did the barber win the race?
He knew a shortcut!

Why is Peter Pan always flying?
Because he Neverlands.

Why don't astronomers like Orion's Belt?
It's a big waist of space.

What kind of tea is hard to swallow?
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Rhonda's Garden Tip

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Starting vegetable plants indoors is a great way to get a head start on the growing season, especially in regions with shorter growing seasons like Northern Ontario. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you start vegetable plants indoors:

Gather Supplies:

*Seeds of your chosen vegetable varieties. *Seeds starting trays or pots with drainage holes. *Seed starting mix or a mixture of peat moss, vermiculite, and perlite. *Grow lights or a sunny windowsill. *Watering can or spray bottle. *Plastic dome or plastic wrap (optional for maintaining humidity).

Fill Containers with Seed Starting Mix: Fill the seed starting trays or pots with moistened seed starting mix. Make sure the mix is thoroughly moist, but not waterlogged.

Plant Seeds: Follow the instructions on the seed packet for the recommended planting depth and spacing. Plant seeds in the prepared containers, usually one or two seeds per cell or pot.

Label Seed Trays: Use plant markers or labels to identify the type of vegetable and date when it was planted. This will help you keep track of your plants as they grow.

Provide Proper Conditions:

*Place the seed trays in a warm location with indirect sunlight or under grow lights. Most seeds germinate best at temperatures between 70-80°F (21-27 °C).

*If using grow lights, position them 2-3 inches above the tops of the seedlings and adjust the height as the plants grow.

*Maintain consistent moisture in the seed starting mix. Water gently whenever the surface of the mix feels dry, but avoid overwatering, which can lead to damping off (a fungal disease).

*Optionally, cover the seed trays with a plastic dome or plastic wrap to create a greenhouse-like environment and help retain moisture until seeds germinate.

Care for Seedlings:

*Once seeds germinate, remove the plastic cover (if used) and place the seedlings under grow lights or in a bright, sunny window.

*Rotate the trays regularly to promote even growth and prevent seedlings from leaning towards the light source.

*Continue to water the seedlings as needed, keeping the soil evenly moist, but not waterlogged.

*As the seedlings grow, thin them out if you planted multiple seeds per cell or pot, leaving only the strongest seedling.

Harden Off Seedlings: About a week before transplanting seedlings outdoors, gradually expose them to outdoor conditions by placing them outside for a few hours each day, gradually increasing the exposure time and intensity of sunlight. This process is known as hardening off and helps acclimate the seedlings to outdoor conditions.

Transplant Seedlings Outdoors: Once the danger of frost has passed and seedlings have been hardened off, transplant them into your garden beds or containers, following spacing recommendations for each vegetable variety.

By following these steps, you can successfully start vegetable plants indoors and give them a healthy head start before transplanting them into your garden.

Bye for now Rhonda

rhonda's Cards



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Subscribers News,

Not sure whether we can officially say goodbye to winter just yet as the changes from cool to downright pleasant continue unabated at this time. Bay Lake gives every indication of shedding its winter ice only to have it freeze back across. I have to reiterate, this has to be the strangest winter that I have ever lived through. Then again, my wife Sharon tells me that my memory isn't what it used to be! Recently we left here early one morning with an inch (okay, 2.5 c/ms) of fresh snow on the ground and by the time we got to New Liskeard there was no evidence of new snow at all? Little wonder that the lake ice doesn't know when to leave!

I have been assured, in discussions with Ontario Power Generation representatives, that they are not panicking about the lack of snow or the low moisture content in what little we are left with. According to them all we need is a couple of "rain events" and the dry conditions that cause all to have so many concerns will end. I admit to being less than confident that this will occur and think that we could well be in for a bad summer of forest fires in the North!

On the subscriber front, we only received 2 renewals this month and I hope that is not a trend. First in was one from Lisa O'Shaughnessy, Clancy's wife, of Brantford for another year's reading. Then Laurie Christo renewed for her mom, Joan Carmody, now of New Liskeard, also for another year. I know that the Moose Call is now available on-line and perhaps some have opted to read it in that format but I am also aware that everything has a shelf life as was shared with me by the legendary Don Cherry while getting his autograph at a Leaf game about 35 years ago, which is very close to the length of time that we have been publishing the 'Call. I am curious to know how many do choose to read on-line so take a minute of your time to email me at my address: shasonje@gmail.com so as to let all of us who work at this know that our efforts are all not for naught!

On the health and fitness front, while I confess to not being anymore current on the state of residents than last month, I think I can add my little lady to the list as Sharon has been to Timmins and New Liskeard hospitals this month for tests. Then, to add insult to injury, they even had me undergo one! All of this has side-tracked me to the extent that I am having to forego the Latchford WW2 veteran's stories until next month. The Livingston brothers, William (Bud), Lloyd and Cliff are next to be followed by the Prest threesome of Vern, Don and sister, Dorothy. I would be remiss if I didn't wish another Happy Birthday to a dear friend, Helen Larose, who turned the tender age of 94 on March 30! Helen is unique and special in that she was born here in her family's home in Latchford and has lived in Latchford ever since! She is not the oldest person in Latchford but I can assure you she has lived here longer than anyone else here presently, if not ever!

Closing on a rather negative note, at least from my point of view, is the fact that we can no longer get a daily paper anywhere north of North Bay, at least in the northeast. As of early February, one can no longer purchase the Globe, Sun, National Post or Toronto Star up here. The Nugget had went down to three days a week early in 2023 then quit delivering to outlets in the south Temiskaming area while still delivering to Englehart and Kirkland Lake area. Try figuring that one out? None the less, this old guy just can't accustom myself to reading online so I am having to make some big adjustments in how I get and absorb my news and sports. I find it difficult to change a habit that started back in the 1940's! I know that the federal government has a program where they help subsidize some reporters for various newspapers, perhaps they could extend that to transportation subsidies to get the papers to the readers?

George L.

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People on the Move!

Alice Livingston enjoyed a multi-generational visit when her sister, Marion Pa-caud of North Bay dropped in and she was accompanied by her granddaughter Becky and husband, Jonny Evans together with their baby girl, and Alice's great-great niece,
Tirzah of Welland , ON.

New Jersey is the top producer of the world's eggplants.

Antarctica has the largest unclaimed territory on Earth.

There is a metallic asteroid shaped like a dog bone named "Kleopatra."

Fun Facts

Queen Elizabeth II was a trained mechanic.

Finland has the most heavy metal bands per capita.

It's estimated that Americans eat 50 billion hamburgers each year.

Mount Everest was possibly shrunken by an earthquake.

Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first class.

Pope John Paul II was made an honorary Harlem Globetrotter.

Close to 70 percent of the world's freshwater is held in glaciers and ice sheets.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens each year.

If added together, humans spend about two weeks of their lifetimes kissing.

There's a city named "Rome" on every continent except Antarctica.

The fastest gust of wind ever recorded on Earth was 253 miles per hour.

Quebec City is the only walled city in North America north of Mexico.

Dentistry is one of the oldest professions in the world. Evidence of teeth being drilled into dates back up to 9,000 years ago!

Frank Sinatra was offered the starring role in Die Hard when he was in his 70s.

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Short stories

Chinese Farmer Story

Once upon a time there was a Chinese farmer whose horse ran away. All the neighbours came around that evening and said, "That's too bad." And the farmer said, "Maybe." The next day the horse came back and brought seven wild horses with it. And all the neighbours came around and said, "That's great, isn't it?" And the farmer said, "Maybe."

The next day his son, who was attempting to tame one of these horses, and was riding it and was thrown broke his leg. And all the neighbours came around in the evening and said, "Well, that's too bad, isn't it?" And the farmer said, "Maybe."

The next day the conscription officers came around looking for people for the army. They rejected his son because he had a broken leg. And all the neighbours came around that evening and said, "Well, isn't that wonderful?" And the farmer said, "Maybe."

The moral of the story: We should be careful labelling the things that happen to us as good or bad. The causal chain of the universe is complex and infinite. Real-life stories continue even after the happy ending.

The Drunkard

A policeman sees a drunk man searching for something under a streetlight and asks what the drunk has lost. He says he lost his keys and they both look under the streetlight together. After a few minutes the policeman asks if he is sure he

lost them here, and the drunk replies, no, and that he lost them in the park. The policeman asks why he is searching here, and the drunk replies, "this is where the light is".

The moral of the story: Truth and wisdom are found where you least want to look.

The Scorpion and the Frog

A scorpion asks a frog to carry him over a river. The frog is afraid of being stung, but the scorpion argues that if it did so, both would sink and the scorpion would drown. The frog then agrees, but midway across the river the scorpion does indeed sting the frog, dooming them both. When asked why, the scorpion points out that this is its nature.

The moral of the story: You can't outsmart human nature. Be realistic about changing vicious people; sometimes they even act against their own interests.



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 Pam @ 705-679-3093 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

Funny

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before commenting, "It looks like you get a fair bit of exercise."

The man replied, "Oh yeah, in fact, just the other day I walked 5 miles over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edges of a lake, pushing my way through tall thistles, and even slid down sandy slopes while getting sand in my eyes."

The doctor was quite impressed. "Well, you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "Not really, doctor. I'm just a really bad golfer."

An elderly man owned a large farm for several years and he had a large pond on the far end of his property. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond since he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a big white bucket to bring back some fruit before starting the long walk to the remote area.

As he came closer, he saw it was several young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence, and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned. "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up, he said, "I'm here to feed the crocodile."

Some old men can still think fast.

I can't tell the difference between a rose and a dandelion. So when it came time to fix up my garden, I had no clue which plants to keep and which ones to remove. That is until my mother gave me this handy tip: "Pull them all up. If it comes back, it's a weed."

It's evening. Little Johnny and his friend are sitting by a campfire.

They've been plagued by swarms of mosquitoes already for an hour and the assault only worsens when the darkness sets in.

Suddenly, fireflies appear, and little Johnny exclaims, "These darn mosquitoes! Now they've even brought lanterns with them to find us!"

I was out boating on the lake when I saw the brown head of a dog in the middle of the lake.

I couldn't believe it; I could barely even see the shore from where I was. Who would have dumped their dog into the middle of the lake to drown? I sped up my boat, heading straight towards the dog, intent on bringing it into my boat before it could drown. I got closer, and it turned its head and roared at me. I promptly changed my mind and decided that the small brown bear was perfectly capable of swimming to shore on its own power.

It was late in the day when a fully loaded minivan pulled into the only remaining campsite. As soon as it stopped, the doors flew open and four children jumped out.

They began to unload gear and worked feverishly to set up the tent. Next, the boys ran to gather firewood while the girls and their mother set up the camp kitchen area.

The camper in the space next to them marvelled to the children's father, "I've never seen such teamwork nor a camp that was ready so quickly. I'm impressed."

The father turned to the neighbour and nodded sagely. "I have a system," he said. "No one goes to the bathroom before the camp is set up."

Latchford Fire Department Safety Tips

With spring coming fast and a season with less than normal snow, we may be at a higher risk for forest fires and in the spring the very fast moving grass fires. Here are some fire safety tips to keep in mind.

Grass Fires

A grass fire differs from other fires by its extensive size, the speed at which it can spread out from its original source, its potential to change direction unexpectedly and its ability to jump gaps such as roads, rivers and fire breaks. To prevent dangerous grass fires, assess your property to determine its risk. Tall trees, wild grass, shrubs, and any other combustible materials can all contribute to spreading a fire. During drought or extended lengths of dry weather, this vegetation can become perfect fuel for a fire driven by strong winds. Here's some simple planning tips that will greatly reduce the threat to your home, property and community:

Don't Attempt Burns

Do not attempt a controlled burn on your land without contacting the local fire department to check on conditions and precautions.

Avoid Smoking Nearby

Do not throw cigarette or cigar butts on the ground or out of a vehicle. Dispose of them properly and make sure they are completely extinguished.

Close Cut Grass

Keep your yard healthy, cut, and watered. It is a natural firebreak.

Keep Vehicles Away From Dry Grass

Do not park cars, trucks or recreational vehicles on dry grass or shrubs. Exhaust systems on vehicles can reach temperatures of more than 500°C; it only takes about 200°C to start a grass fire in the summer.

Communicate the Dangers to Children

Parents should emphasize to their children the dangers of playing with fire. Children who have no idea how quickly flames can grow and spread start many grass fires.

Keep a Water Resource on Hand

Keep a shovel, bucket of water, fire extinguisher or garden hose on hand at any time while burning outside. If conducting a controlled burn, have a water hose close by and inform your local fire department before burning.

