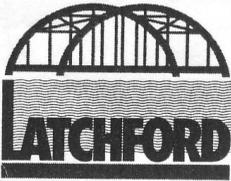


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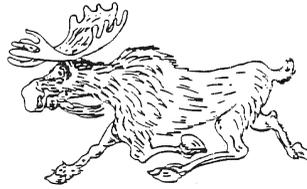
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THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



March

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COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH TO BE HELD ON THE 18th

# Just Passin Through Again

Well, they finally lifted our lockdown on February 16 so things are returning to somewhat normal here in Latchford and the area but we all must remain diligent in respecting Covid protocol rules. The Municipal Office remains closed and open only to residents and taxpayers by appointment. With its dual role as an Information Office, it is still considered too risky to open the doors to allow the general public to access the facility. Just call ahead and the staff will accommodate your visit.

Dealing with this pandemic has opened up a wide variety of methods for meeting and communicating which, I might add, I am not entirely in favour of but I am learning to deal with them as are others, I presume. You engage in a "Zoom" meeting where you get to see everyone's smiling faces that are participating and then you are asked to press your "mute" button and just listen rather than speak. There is usually an option where you can do a virtual "wave" to ask a question but that is not always an option as when I was requested to participate in an ONTC meeting. All the participants that were not part of the host contingent were muted and if we wanted to ask any questions we had to submit them beforehand, which I did. They were not answered!

Another side effect of the pandemic is senior levels of government using it as a dodge to avoid responding to enquiries or making decisions. Our application for the expansion of natural gas services to Latchford appears to have fallen into that category. Under Bill 132, which was passed in December of 2019, a surcharge was applied to all natural gas customers in Ontario which is to be used to fund the expansion projects. In the last four past months we have run into a period where phone calls are not responded to, emails and letters go unanswered and, generally speaking, communications are at a standstill. I feel that none of this bodes well for all of the communities, including Latchford that applied for natural gas in this round of expansion. I really hope that I am reading this wrong.

**Take care and stay safe.**

**George L.**



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2 medium Yukon Gold potatoes  
2 small parsnips  
3/4 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)  
1 medium onion, chopped  
2 cups finely shredded cabbage  
2 medium carrots, halved and sliced  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup tomato paste  
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken or beef broth  
1/2 cup frozen peas  
3/4 teaspoon salt, divided  
1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided  
1/4 cup 2% milk  
1 tablespoon butter

Peel potatoes and parsnips and cut into large pieces; place in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 10-15 minutes or until tender. Drain.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the cabbage, carrots, thyme and Worcestershire sauce.

In a small bowl, combine the flour, tomato paste and broth until smooth. Gradually stir into meat mixture. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in the peas, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Drain potatoes and parsnips; mash with milk, butter and the remaining salt and pepper. Serve with meat mixture.

## Irish Soda bread Muffins (makes a dozen)

2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar, divided  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon caraway seeds  
1 large egg, room temperature  
1 cup of buttermilk  
1/4 cup of butter, melted  
1/4 canola oil  
3/4 cup dried currants or raisins

In a small bowl, combine the flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and caraway seeds. In another bowl, beat the egg, buttermilk, butter and oil. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in currants or raisins.

Fill six greased or paper-lined muffin cups half full. Sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack. Serve warm.

Diana's note: caraway seeds and currants are optional. I leave out caraway seeds and just put lots of raisins.

Both recipes from Taste of Home web site



Br 629 re-opened on February 19 using the required Covid protocol and was welcomed by our patrons. We are hopeful that this re-opening will last as it is essential to maintain a positive cash flow into our Branch to ensure its future. We would like to thank everyone who has assisted us during this period with a special thanks going out to Dave Peckover and Roger Clark.

At this point we are unable to host suppers or any events that could not be conducted while respecting the required social distancing. We look forward to when we can once again hold community suppers and seniors cards.

Breaking News! We were just notified that we have been awarded \$7,500 under the federal government's "Veterans' Organization Emergency Support Funding Program". This amount allows us to pay our insurance, water and sewage and contribute to other utilities in 2021. Our insurance alone will absorb almost 50% of this generous gesture which we applied for and were successful in realizing.

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## **BORED? I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE BORED.**

I heard on the radio the other day that boredom was becoming a real problem with Covid-19, maybe it was even a psychiatric disorder. Now I've been in the psych. ward nineteen times and I was never bored there, except when I chose to be. After ten minutes of trying it, I quit. "Why?" you ask. It was boring, so I found something else to do. There was always something else to do. At one point, a fellow nut bar helped me learn the Serenity Prayer in Arabic to pass the time, but bored? No thanks.

On occasion I saw a couple of people in there who were bored, not out of their wits to be sure, being on a psych. ward, but not nut cases either. They were there for "Psychiatric Assessment," possibly in an attempt to avoid a prison sentence, but it didn't take them long to realise this was definitely the wrong place for them but they were stuck there for as long as their lawyers wanted them to be. Twiddling their thumbs or staring at their navels or worst of all, just watching the clock go round. Even jail was more interesting, apparently.

Now being bored isn't the same as having nothing to do. At one point in my checkered career, I was on long term disability with 60 % of my engineer's salary. A huge amount of money and nothing to do with it! It was awful. After two years of this, having remodelled my house as much as I could and helping a friend of my sister's remodel his, I took a job as Engineer in this tiny truck-washing plant.

I saw at the interview that there was maybe a month's actual work for me there, but the boss would take six months before he realised I was doing nothing for him. Then he would let me go, by which time I would have lost that gold-plated disability pension. No matter. I was so desperate to do something, so I took the job anyway and went back to poverty

and the looney bin when I was fired.

When I was a rebellious teenager, my parents caught on to the idea that I could be shipped off to a family in another country for the summer, leaving them free of this troublesome millstone round their necks and able to do whatever they wanted. The first time they did it, they parked me in a French family, where I became fluently bi-lingual which helped with my exams, but the second time, I was sent to a German family and I rebelled.

The mother was quite upset that I wouldn't take the opportunity to learn German when I was there, but played solitaire all the time, to keep myself busy. Her husband took a more philosophical approach and showed me a more complicated solitaire game, one I know as "Carpet Patience." In the war, he served on a German submarine and his captain would play a game of this before going into action against the enemy. If it came out, then they would fight – if not, they wouldn't. There must have been a Bigger Hand playing the game with him, as the sub was captured and the crew survived the war, instead of being sunk with all hands.

I play that same game every morning, to see if I need to go back to bed for some more sleep, or at other times when I need to get fresh bearings on life. Just slowing down to let reality seep in while my mind is otherwise occupied really helps me face the day.

I recently got Internet access on my computer and Wow! I cannot believe how much knowhow is available at the touch of my fingertips. I even learned how to make Kimchi, that Korean spicy sauerkraut! It's perking as I write! So, bored? Not a chance!

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

# Rhonda's Garden Tip

Growing season has finally arrived ..... starting from indoors of course. From seeds to seedlings straight to the greenhouse. Which leads me to the question if you could have any style of greenhouse what would it look like? Let's take a look at some of the different styles already out there to get those gardening juices flowing



Bye for now  
Rhonda

## Subscribers News

Wow! As favourable as January was weather wise, February was every bit its equal here in Latchford! And yet again snowfall was minimal which old guys like me really appreciate especially when I blew the auger belt on my snow blower after the most recent snowfall! I can thank a friend for relieving me of much of my snow removal but can't share his name because I don't want to overtax him, work wise.

Unless March reverts to its old fashioned heavy snow habits, we should be in for an early melt-down. I participated in an Upper Ottawa River management area conference call the other day and we were informed that the Montreal River Catchment Area has only 53% of its average snow at this time of year and it contains only 53% of the average water content. All of this bodes well for spring but the resulting dryness can result in an early fire season. We have to be careful what we wish for. Renewals for the month were very with light only two! Long time Latchfordite Joan Garreau Carmody, now of New Liskeard, renewed for another year and Lynn (St Denis) Gould of Cobalt renewed for three more years. Thank you both for your continued interest and support as well as the extra that so many include. On the health and fitness front, Mona Leblond out Murphy Mill Road had the misfortune to fracture her wrist but was to have the cast removed recently so is mending well. Sharon Twiner, another Murphy Mill Roader, has been experiencing difficulties with her hip that may result in a replacement operation. Debbie McKenzie is still invalided but mending well I am told and my baby brother Basil will be getting an appointment for an operation in North Bay to rectify his issue. I have not been made aware of any others who may be ailing or infirm at this time but can tell you that my baby brother is recuperating well at home and Debbie McKenzie is doing likewise. Extra good news on the Debbie front is that she has posted that she has quit smoking which must have been inspired by her hospital stay. Stick with it Debbie! To all others who may be under the weather in any form, a speedy return to good health is wished by all!

Please take care and stay safe!

George L.

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## Letters to the call.

### Note of Thanks!

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Town of Latchford's Recreation Committee for their kind, and thoughtful, gift of oranges and chocolates to all seniors in Latchford over the Christmas season. Your gesture was greatly appreciated!

**Helen Larose**

### Letters to the Moose Call

Dear Sharon;  
Please find cheque enclosed for a 3 year renewal of the Moose Call. The extra is for the coffee fund or whatever.

Thank you,  
**Lynn Gould**

### Shares and Smiles from Helen Larose:

> A man had just undergone surgery, and as he came out of the anesthesia, he said, "Why are all of the blinds drawn?" "There's a big fire across the street," they explained, "and we didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

>Don't wait for a light to appear at the end of the tunnel. March down there and turn the darn thing on yourself!

>Good friends are like stars. You can't always see them, but you know they're always there. One of the problems with a diet is the first three letters spell "die"!

>"Cash, cheque, or charge?" the clerk asked the customer. As the woman fumbled for her wallet the clerk noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "So, do you always carry your remote in your purse?" the clerk asked. "No," the woman replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the best legal thing I could do to get even with him".

## Funny

As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field.

But hay, it's in my jeans.

A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk."

The horse says, "Me neither!"

I have an EpiPen.

My friend gave it to me when he was dying, it seemed very important to him that I have it.

What's the difference between an oral thermometer and a rectal thermometer?

The taste.

I waited and stayed up all night and tried to figure out where the sun was.

Then it dawned on me.

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom?

Because the "P" is silent!

How does NASA organize a party?

They planet.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

Same middle name.

I couldn't believe that the highway department called my dad a thief.

But when I got home, all the signs were there.

## Over the Hill by Diane Belanger Armstrong

### Where was Krugerdorf?

While ethnic expulsion wasn't an official declaration in Russia, Poland and Ukraine in the late 1800s, Jewish families were realizing a not-so-subtle push to relieve them of their livelihood. Samuel Levy was a shop keeper who found he had no source of supplies.

Simon Henerofsky, a carpenter, was unable to even buy a new hammer or nails. David Korman, a dairy farmer, was helpless as the Russian soldiers took away his cows, leaving him with no source of income. Isaac Gurevitch lived on the Russian border, witnessed what was happening, so he just walked away from all he owned. There was an exodus of Jews fleeing middle Europe between 1898 and the early 1900s.

In the summer of 1902, Levy, Henerofsky, Korman and Gurevitch had arrived in Montreal and with Levy in charge, together they made their way north, up Lake Temiskaming by steamer, stopping for maps in New Liskeard, then up the Blanche River to a hilly ravine in the townships of Pacaud, Catherine, Marter and Chamberlain. They decided this was the place to set up a Jewish commune. Their claims were registered on the chosen farm land in 1903 and many Jewish families joined them.

Soon there would be 125 Jewish families, four stores, a Hebrew Synagogue and a school. It was a small, but thriving community. In 1904, the area attracted the attention of other pioneer settlers – one being August Kruger and his son Frank, both Gentiles, who chose acreages abutting the commune.

On June 22, 1905, members of the Perkus family were attempting to navigate the rushing waters of the Blanche River when their canoe overturned. Benzion Perkus and his son Moshe as well as a cousin, Simcha Mevoznisensom were all drowned. Because there had been no deaths in the community before this time, Simon Henerofsky donated land in Chamberlain Township for a Hebrew cemetery, which today is officially

known as The Northern Chevra Kadisha Cemetery.

In 1909, a location for a post office was chosen by the Federal government. It was in Frank Kruger's store and boarding house, which was located on the new T&NO railway line. At first, it was known as Krugerville, perhaps in honour of its first post master, Frank Kruger, or perhaps in memory of his late father, August Kruger, who died after being kicked by a horse. In tribute to their German heritage, the name was changed to Krugerdorf – "dorf" meaning village.

The T&NO Railway had forged north and along with mining and forestry, Jews were given an opportunity for jobs outside the commune. Slowly, many families began moving away. Levy's dream of a large Jewish commune was weakening and by 1920, he knew it would never come to fruition. But Krugerdorf remained on the railway maps for another 70 years. It was between Englehart and Kirkland Lake. "Six months after I die," John said, "I want you to marry Bob."

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said..

With his last breath John said, "I do!"

A man goes to see the Rabbi. '

"Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is going to poison me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's going to poison me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "I spoke to your wife on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

The man said, "Yes" and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

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## Where was Krugerdorf? Continued....

The Northern Chevra Kadisha Cemetery of Krugerdorf still stands as testament to those who settled in Northern Ontario. In 2006, there were 114 marked graves. Recognizable marker names like Korman, Frumpkin, Perkus, Levinson, Feldman, Slotnick, Kedeckle, Duke, Friedman and Abramson are remembered in the early foundations of commerce, education and politics in many of our Northern Ontario towns.

Members of the Jewish communities of the north formed the Chevra Kadisha Society which presided over the ritual of appropriate preparation of a deceased Jewish person's body prior to burial. The group was formed in 1905 when the Perkus family were drowned. One of the first members was David Levinson, then a resident of Cobalt and father of Minerva Levinson Gram – school teacher, Anita Levinson Parker – music teacher, Uly Levinson – shop keeper and Bert Levinson – realtor. All are remembered in the Timmins area.

Today, the village/commune of Krugerdorf is just a memory in the hills of Pacaud, Catherine, Marter and Chamberlain Townships. Except for the Kruger homestead, few pioneer houses remain; most were abandoned to the elements, but the cemetery still whispers the history of those immigrant Jews and their offspring who once worked, lived and died in Northern Ontario.

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

## Fun facts

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

"Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

A snail can sleep for three years.

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Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table.

"Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would "hate" to have to make a living under the laws they have passed.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly.

As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.." Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God.

Looking up, he asks the Lord. "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute."

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully, "Give me one last request, dear," he said. "Of course, John," his wife said softly.



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