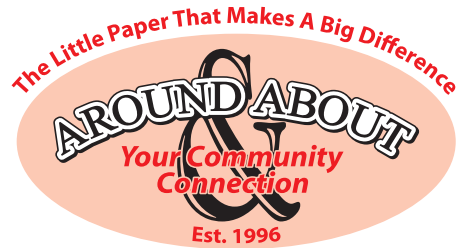


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Staff Prepares For Opening of New Espanola Dual School



Photo: Staff is starting to organize their workspace at the new dual school in Espanola. École catholique La Renaissance will offer JK to Grade 12 while Sacred Heart School will offer JK to Grade eight as well as two separate daycares when the doors officially open on September 9th. There will be shared spaces as can be seen with the dual logos featured in the common gym. Photo by École catholique La Renaissance - FB

By Rosalind Russell - It has been years in the making but some of the staff of the new dual school in Espanola got their first glimpse into their new workspace last week.

École catholique La Renaissance will offer JK to Grade 12 while Sacred Heart School will offer JK to Grade eight as well as two separate daycares when the doors officially open on September 9th. It has taken nearly four years to complete due to delays caused by the pandemic.

The new facility, which is estimated

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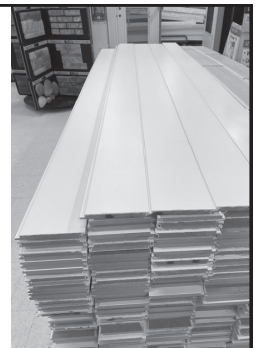
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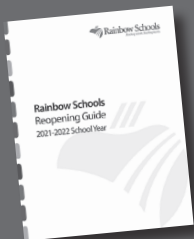
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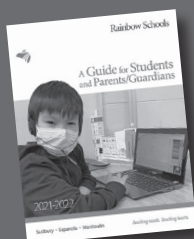
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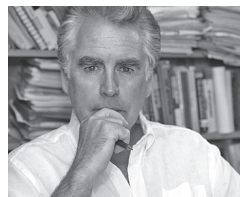
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Election Referendum Question: "Should Litterers Be Put To Death?"

Let's say you're a litterer and you're reading this column. Let me re-phrase that. Let's say you're a litterer and somebody is reading this column to you while you sit with a pail at your feet to catch the drool as well as the blood dripping from your knuckles.

Exactly how little respect do you have for the environment, your community, the scenery and your fellow citizens who must walk past your entrails of waste which is a lot like following a patient suffering from debris diarrhea? On the off chance that you were allowed to reproduce — don't your kids deserve a better role model? Oh yeah, I hate these people.

On my walk, I pass a beautiful piece of wooded property with an immaculate lawn and the owner, on a sit-down mower, cuts the grass on both sides of a ditch. Normally it would take this man an hour to mow his lawn except for the 'abnormal' among us who add a colourful variety of rubbish to an otherwise lush green carpet. Every ten feet or so he has to stop, get off the mower, pick up the litter, deposit it in a garbage bag, get back on the mower and continue on to the next item of waste. I'll bet it takes him two hours to cut his lawn which is usually a pleasurable chore. This is wrong. Littering is so wrong it should be a criminal offence that carries a hefty fine of \$2,000 and jail time for a second conviction. A meager \$150 fine is just the cost of doing business for one of these filthy swillers and honestly, I've never heard of anyone being charged.

Hopefully this guy never ventures across the road where last week rubbish history was made. Probably inspired by all the dog crap people leave along the nearby Gord Harry Trail, a cat owner pulled over to the side of the road and emptied a litter box of about six pounds of cat poop.

By complaining about but not actually

punishing their disgusting habits, we have allowed these lazy slob to believe every road in this country can double as a roadside dump. Littering is considered a misdemeanour like jaywalking except — and here's the sad part of it all — litterers stand very little chance of being run down and killed by an oncoming car.

Along the lake in my old neighbourhood residents are dealing with a sudden infestation of rats. Both rats and litter are carriers of disease and parasites. Wouldn't that be the big irony of animal behaviour? The rats show up to feed on and clean up the litter that the pigs tossed out their car windows.

So by now you're thinking, Bill really does not like litterers. Honestly, except for animal abusers who also do not face serious punishment in Canada, littering makes me see red. And even after I organize a local clean-up which I do every year, the anger is only escalated by the addition of an aching back and a boggled mind.

There is no excuse for littering but there might be a reason. "Are you kidding me? My wife would kill me if she went through our garbage bag and found four empty cans of beer and a glow-in-the-dark condom! I gotta get rid of the evidence!"

Well, why would your wife have the pleasure of ending your life when you can go online and sign my petition "Litterers Must Be Put To Death"?

These people who enjoy what most animals know enough not to do — crap in their own nests — should have their own support group. Much like AA, Litterers Anonymous would meet on the last Sunday of each month... in the middle of the town dump.

"Hi, my name's Bob but my friends call me Eddie. I'm a litterer. I enjoy driving in rural areas, helping to turn the countryside

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Do you have a NOTE for the Community? We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.** E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

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to have cost just over \$25 million to construct is located on the former Sacred Heart School and St-Louis de France Catholic Church properties.

The joint facility will provide English and French programming to nearly 500 students within their own sections while sharing common spaces such as the gym.

École secondaire catholique

Franco-Ouest has been sharing space with Espanola High School and A.B. Ellis. Sacred Heart has been temporarily housed in the former AB Ellis building during construction.

A.B Ellis will take back the space in September while plans are in the works for their former school building to be demolished and turned into a parking lot.

Recipe

I'm still raiding my mom's recipe box and found this cheeseball recipe that she used to make. You can never go wrong with dill pickles, they are always a crowd favourite in whatever you put them in.



Dilly Cheese Ball

- 1 8 oz package of cream cheese, softened
- 1 ½ cups of grated medium or sharp cheddar cheese
- ½ cup of minced dill pickles
- ¼ cup of finely chopped green onion
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup finely chopped walnuts
- 2 tbsp of finely chopped parsley

Combine cream cheese, cheddar cheese, dill pickles, green onion, mayonnaise and Worcestershire sauce until smooth. Shape into a ball. Combine the chopped walnuts and parsley on a plate and roll the cheese ball in it to coat all sides. Refrigerate until set. Serve with an assortment of crackers.

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into an ashtray. I love despoiling beautiful places even if I don't know what that word means. I've never been caught so I'm thinking about upping my game and getting into shop lifting, vandalism and mugging senior citizens. I'm really nervous right now because I've been litter free for almost ten minutes and I'm getting the urge to spit on the floor or urinate in the corner.

Please do not refer to these 'dross droppers' as litterbugs. That's just way too "Smokey the Bear" cute. These people are the dregs of society, social bottom feeders who love to scam the system and make their human waste someone else's problem.

I can't bring myself to tell you what I cleaned up on my walk last week except to say I did not pick it up. I couldn't. So I used a stick to gather it in a pile, threw dried grass over top of it and

burned it into ashes. And yes, I had to go home and return with matches. Honestly, I did not want some young couple to have to explain to their kids what heinous act some people are capable of when they think nobody is watching.

I realize I sound like a raving lunatic when I call for the death sentence for litterers so I'm going to amend that. In Singapore where you'd be hard-pressed to find a gum wrapper on the street, littering is punished by public caning. A whipping. A lashing. So yeah, let's adopt that policy here in Canada. First we cane 'em... and then we kill 'em. Dear Litterer: you are what you throw out your car window!

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She says the municipality is one of the winners of the 2020 Financial Information Return Recognition Awards. Bates adds a letter of

congratulations from Steve Clark, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing was also sent to the municipality.

Central Manitoulin on the Island was also recognized by the ministry.

Of over 400 municipalities in Ontario, only 15, including the two in the local region received the acknowledgment for a job well done.

Concerns About Losing Pets To Wild Animals

An Espanola woman wants someone to do something about coyotes and other wildlife in the area.

Pauline McColeman who lives on Lee Valley Road says a coyote came into her yard and took her beloved one-year-old miniature schnauzer Ozzy.

She says this is the second dog she has lost to the coyotes right in her own yard in the last 10 months.

McColeman says the dog was no more than ten feet away

from her when out of nowhere the coyote snatched and ran off with him.

She says she fears for the children in the neighbourhood with coyotes being so brave during the day.

McColeman adds she has notified police and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

It is not the first report of pets going missing in Espanola with several missing cats being reported in the last couple of weeks.

Accessibility Gathering Set For Labour Day

The Black Creek Fishing Pier will be the scene of a special gathering on Labour Day.

Espanola Game and Fish Club volunteer Dennis Lendrum has been busy over the last year making improvements to the popular fishing spot including picnic tables and a trail highlighting natural attractions.

He says this summer the focus has been on making the trail accessible to all including those who use walkers or wheelchairs.

The work is ongoing, but he adds they want to highlight the amenities that now exist, so everyone is invited out at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 7th to take in the improvements.



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