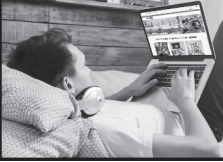


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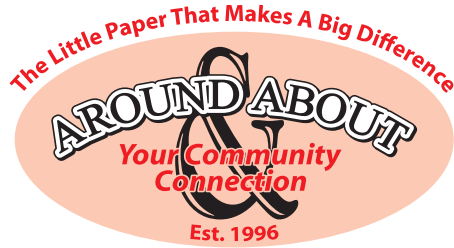
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Softball Diamond Dedication In Espanola



Photo: The community is invited to the dedication of Espanola's "B" Softball Diamond in memory of Roberta Vincent. Photo provided by the Town of Espanola.

By Rosalind Russell - The community is invited to the dedication of Espanola's "B" Softball Diamond in memory of Roberta Vincent.

Town EDO Cheryl Kennelly says Espanola council approved the dedication in late 2020 and due to provincial COVID restrictions, delayed the ceremony until now.

Kennelly says for more than 25 years Vincent was an integral part of women's softball in Espanola and around the greater North Shore area, not only as a long-time President of the Espanola

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Women's Softball League, but also as a mentor and coach of many young women over four decades. She adds Vincent is also remembered by students and staff as a First Nations

Guidance Counsellor at Espanola High School. The dedication is set for Saturday, October 2nd at 9:30 am. Vincent passed away in April of 2011.

Espanola Council Accepts Final Draft Of Trailer Licencing Bylaw

Espanola council has accepted a final draft of the trailer licencing bylaw. Back in June, council adopted the town's new Zoning By-law, but following the meeting there were concerns raised by property owners about trailers and where they could be located. Planning Consultant Sarah Vereault told council their concerns were addressed including allowing the construction of a deck, that

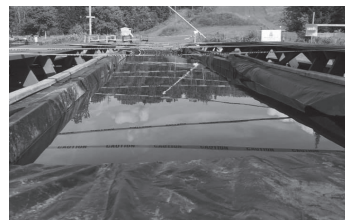
a trailer can be used for temporary housing while building a home and an accessory structure of 80 square feet can also be built. She adds originally, the town proposed a \$1,000 fee, but that has been reduced. The new rate will be \$500 a year, \$750 after the April annual deadline. Council agreed to the final draft and will give the bylaw final reading at its next meeting.

Espanola Council Wants Pricing On Splash Pad Before Approval

Espanola council has deferred approving construction of a splash pad until a cost estimate including possible grant availability can be presented to them for consideration. The Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee's second recommendation that

the splash pad be located at Sherwood Park was accepted. A 2,500 to 3,000-square foot splash pad that will accommodate 25 to 30 children at any given time will be the focus of the final design stage, as well as the cost of amenities, hard services and construction preparation.

Boogie Mountain Hosts Successful Mud Run



Espanola's Boogie Mountain hosted a successful Mud Run last weekend. The annual event was cancelled last year but supporters were able to host this year's event following COVID-19 protocols.

Dozens of participants got down and dirty running the 2.5- and 5-kilometre courses and all went home with a medal or two to mark their accomplishment. Photo provided by Boogie Mountain



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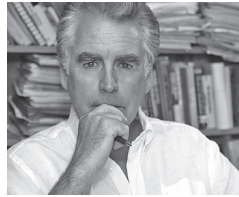
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Now 'The Nervous Nellies' Of Decision Making — We've Lost That Ol' Gut Feeling.

With thousands of sources of information available at the click of a digital device to help us make decisions these days, we've lost that first thought instinct.

There used to be a voice of reason that lurked in the back of the head whenever the brain spotted a potentially dangerous situation arising — say closing the lid on the BBQ to get a better build up of propane gas and then quickly throwing in a lit match — and it said, in a hushed but firm tone — “Bill, this is a real bad idea.” For the record, eyebrows grow back in four to six week depending upon original thickness.

Career-wise, first impressions are invaluable. A tip from a woman who was fired on the second day of her new job: “Never give the finger to anybody until you know what car your new boss drives.”

Instinct is the spark plug of wisdom. Often you just know in your heart, ‘this is not for me’. I was thinking about this last week when a two-year-old filly at Ellis Park in Henderson, Kentucky was approaching the starting gate for the very first race of her career when she decided thoroughbred racing was just not in her future. Without warning Bold and Bossy bucked off her jockey and took off on a journey of her own. First she bolted into the backside of stables, through a gate, over a roadside levee and onto U.S. Highway 41. With grooms, trainers and locals in pursuit, Bold and Bossy showed great early speed and good stretch stamina as she sprinted alongside vehicles on the busy highway. “Thank God for all the people who jumped in to go find her because she left town!” said owner/trainer Michael Ewing.

Determined to put the track behind her, Bold and Bossy did not just leave town — she left the state!

In full race regalia including saddle and blinders, the filly crossed the state line, leaving Kentucky and entering Indiana at full clip. Badly dehydrated, Bold and Bossy eventually slowed down just enough that a couple who knew horses lured her to safety. Also, having skipped a few training sessions, the next state of Missouri may have been beyond her reach.

Bold and Bossy will likely join a riding stable or a police force or become the mascot of a football team called the Richmond State Runaways. But if she ever races again her name will be changed to Stubborn But Free and her jockey will be fitted for a safety belt and a butt cushion.

It's like when I graduated from university and had no clue whatsoever what I wanted to do with my life and a friend who managed a funeral home in Welland offered me a job. Right off the bat I said ‘no’.

But the money was good, the workplace was quiet and someday I might have my own business. No. I can't do it. But you'll never know unless you give it a try?

My first day's assignment was to pick up a body at a Mississauga hospital and bring it back to the funeral home. How hard could that be?

“Bob'll do it all for you. Once he secures the gurney into the hearse, tip him twenty bucks and drive back here.”

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steel wall of thirty such body trays and said: "You want to take the head or the feet?"

What I wanted was to be was in a dark place in a country with a time zone that was twelve hours different than ours.

Cold, creepy down in that dank hospital basement, the body was light but stiff and I remember thinking, thank heaven for white sheets. Stutter-stepping backwards to reach the gurney I was doing quite well at the feet until, at the other end, Ray stepped on the sheet pulling it to one side. Until then I'd convinced myself I was picking up and delivering a 'package'. Suddenly... there were three of us.

With a mighty heave, the body settled into the padded stretcher on wheels and Ray said: "Good luck. I gotta go." Up the elevator and out the back door, it took me ten minutes to figure out how the wheels only collapsed if you pushed the gurney really hard through the back door of the hearse. I got it in, closed the swinging door shut and headed for home.

I'm sure if Bob had been there

he would have locked the gurney into place. Nobody told me about that part.

Every time I stepped on the brakes, the body in the stretcher slammed the back of my driver's seat. Every time I stepped on the gas, the gurney hit the back door which I prayed was properly closed because there was no way in hell I was pulling over. Crossing the Burlington Skyway I thought if I lose it here, I'm really going to be in trouble. Somehow I wasn't all that upset when I remembered that I'd forgotten to tip Ray the twenty bucks.

I delivered the body, dropped the keys and the twenty at reception and as I sipped my second drink of the evening I thought... I should get a tattoo that reads: "Always Go With The Gut!"

That's what we've lost since being mired in technology and assaulted by screens — the gut feeling and having a keen eye for the obvious.

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Peach Preserves

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- ¼ cup bottled lemon juice
- ⅔ cup water
- 4 tablespoons low or no-sugar needed powdered pectin
- 4 cups granulated sugar

Place peach slices in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until peaches reach your desired consistency (depends on if you like big chunks or little chunks of peaches in your jam). Combine mixture with lemon juice, water, and pectin in a large medium saucepan. Bring mixture to a hard rolling boil. Stir in sugar. Return to a boil and continue to boil for 1-2 minutes, stirring frequently, until jam reaches desired consistency. Remove pan from heat. Skim foam if desired. Jam should continue to thicken for up to 48 hours. Jam can be store in the fridge for one month, frozen for six months, or canned and stored in a cool, dry place for up to a year.



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