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Mobile Trades Trailer Sets Up Shop in Espanola



By Chloe Kneer - A shortage of tradespeople in northern Ontario and Canada at large has been a huge problem for years, especially as existing tradespeople age and eventually retire. Younger people or even those looking for a different or more rewarding career are needed to replace those leaving the trades. Another issue is delivery of education and training to potential students in rural or not easily accessible areas. Cambrian College, along with funding from the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, has come up with a solution and it is parked right in our backyards: the Mobile Trades Trailer. The trailer is used as both a classroom and a shop and has three main components: a 1000 square foot main along with two support trailers. The program itself has four phases over 36 weeks:

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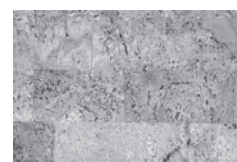
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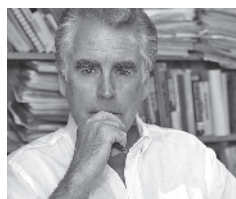
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Woman Marries Herself – Has A Quiet Honeymoon

Boy oh boy, talk about men becoming redundant and therefore dying off as a species. Women are replacing men in the workplace, they are outnumbering them at colleges and universities and they are now the primary income earners of the North American household. Just when you thought the male role in society could not be further diminished, along comes a new phenomenon – “self-marriage.”

In a recent marriage ceremony in Las Vegas complete with family and friends, flowers and long gowns, 36-year-old Nadine Schweigert of Fargo, North Dakota married ... herself.

At first the presiding minister was a bit confused: “Do you Nadine take yourself seriously, no, sorry do you Nadine take you Nadine as your lawful, wedded ... what are we calling this again?”

Nadine, who wore a long, satin, peacock-blue dress and carried a cluster of white roses said she felt “empowered, very happy, very joyous” after the civil ceremony in which she became lawfully married to herself. In the event of a marital split, Nadine will likely require an exorcist instead of a lawyer.

During the marriage ceremony – and I am not making any of this up – Nadine exchanged rings with her “inner groom.” I’m not sure just how firmly Nadine’s feet are planted on the ground of harsh reality, but if she can get her “inner groom” to cut the lawn and take out the garbage ... David Copperfield is

looking for a partner.

When the minister came to the end of the ceremony with the standard line: “You may kiss the bride,” Nadine found herself one man short of a two-person lip lock. So she encouraged her 45 invited guests to “blow kisses to the world.” Which they did, enthusiastically. So far, the world has not yet responded in kind. After suffering through a painful divorce six years ago in which her two kids decided to live with their father, Nadine was sad and desperate for happiness. A friend asked her why she needed someone to marry in order to be happy. “Marry yourself,” she suggested. Nadine claims the self-marriage is a way of taking responsibility for her own happiness and declaring that only she is accountable for her life, good or bad.

I do not want to speculate on what took place on the wedding night, but I understand the woman in the next hotel room, unable to stand the noise called down to the bar and said: “I’ll have whatever she’s having!”

Nadine also takes herself out on regular dates in order to “invest in the relationship.” And I’m fine with that until they’re sitting behind me at the cinema and Nadine’s inner groom starts talking inaudibly during the movie then ... then I’m calling the imaginary manager.

I know this one-person wedding sounds a little nutso at first, but there

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are some definite benefits. First and foremost ... no in-laws. There's fifty percent of married life's grief gone right there. You don't have to share the remote and you always get the last butter tart in the box. Plus you never have to enter the bathroom holding a wet cloth to your face.

And, if you really do miss having a man around the house you can rent a guy to nag or phone the local bar and just for the fun of it, yell: "Tell my fat-ass husband if he isn't home in fifteen minutes, I'm dumping his dinner in the carburetor and flushing his can of Rogaine down the toilet!"

A woman who is her own spouse could be creating a marriage of inconvenience. Who's going to hook up her dress or thread the loop though the other loop on the necklace? A woman marrying herself can also be a high-risk adventure. The next time Nadine is looking at her backside in the mirror and asks: "Do I look fat in these jeans?" – she's liable to get an honest answer.

And even more dangerous is the idea of elopement. I mean who's going to hold the ladder? Plus you have to pay that single supplement penalty when you go on your honeymoon. And dancing with yourself on the cruise boat? Even passengers sleeping on deck and eating

onion sandwiches on a Carnival cruise are going to find that rather strange.

Nadine Schweigert's self-marriage may sound strange until you consider the union of a woman named Erika from San Francisco who five years ago married the Eiffel Tower. Her full name is – what else? – Erika LaTour Eiffel and they live in a really, really, really tall apartment building on the outskirts of Paris. Erika's first beau, sorry, first infatuation was a bow named Lance that helped her become a world-class archer. Not to make the Eiffel Tower squirm on its foundation but – and yes, I did mention I'm not making this stuff up – Erika says she has a crush on the Berlin Wall. Let's hope Erika never passes through Vegreville, Alberta and catches a glimpse at the world's largest Easter egg. I mean if she's thinking of starting a family and tries to hatch that thing, well that could be awkward. Marriage? Remember two people standing side by side at a shotgun-optional wedding? Anybody care to toast the bride, the outer groom and the good ol' days?

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Espanola Money Matters

By Chloe Kneer - Espanola Town Council took up the issue of eliminating the school crossing guard program at the April 9 regular council meeting. The program may be scrapped in an effort to further cut the municipal budget. Costs from September to December for the guards ran \$7400. Mayor Lehoux and Councillors McMillan and McMaster were all opposed to having the guards taken away from the Highway 6 crossing, citing safety concerns. Councillor Meikleham suggested contacting the local school boards to get their input on the program and to see if they would take it over and also to get a report from Police Chief Townsend on the busiest intersections that students cross. After discussion it was moved to defer a decision to a later time. Also at the meeting, it was decided that the town would withhold any payments to MPAC. Councillor McMaster asked if penalties and interest would accrue and Clerk Cynthia Townsend said yes, although she wasn't sure of the rates or fines that would be levied. After the regular meeting adjourned, budget deliberations continued with Chief Librarian Charles Grayson and Leisure Services Manager Dianne Polden presenting their second draft budgets. The library reduced their costs by \$9900 by eliminating Grayson's conference trip, reducing student worker hours, and by not purchasing new computers and software. There was around a \$400,000

reduction in the Leisure Services budget bringing the total budget to \$2.1 million. Revenues stand at \$472,000 for the complex. Currently, the complex employs 11 full-time and 8 part-time people in addition to casual and seasonal workers. Upcoming expenditures include a new condenser unit and either an overhaul or replacement of a compressor and Polden explained that the Zamboni is soon tabled for replacement at a cost of between \$80-100,000.

She also discussed discretionary items, such as the summer parks program and the scaling back of the program to half days, using only 4 students to run it, and the centralization of the program to one location. She called the program "heavily subsidized" and Councillor Meikleham asked if enrollment would suffer should parents have to pay a fee that would make it break-even. Polden said she didn't think so. Closing the outdoor rink and not leasing or maintaining the tennis courts were also options that were brought to the table.

Overall it was continued cuts to services and not administration and staff that was the focus. Councillor Howard and Deputy Mayor Beer both emphasized the need for an external service review. Townsend said that the review would now likely cost in the neighborhood of \$50-80,000, a much higher price tag than initially thought. Beer said that once the budget is finalized she hopes to hold another public information session for residents.

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Parents are also encouraged to speak to their children about the dangers of fast moving water. The spring thaw is now causing higher than normal and fast moving water conditions in area creeks and rivers. Children should be discouraged from playing near the fast moving water until the water levels subside.

Recipe

Sometimes the simplest recipes are the best recipes. My daughter loves this “dressed up” corn and requests it often as a vegetable for supper. It’s very easy, and adding the spices and cheese makes frozen corn taste extra special.



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- 1 bag of frozen corn – 16 oz
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Over medium heat, melt butter in a medium size skillet. Add frozen corn. (Do not add water). Cook for about 5 – 7 minutes. Stir every 2 minutes. Add seasoning and keep stirring until all the corn is well coated. Remove skillet from heat and add the cheese. Stir for about 10 seconds.

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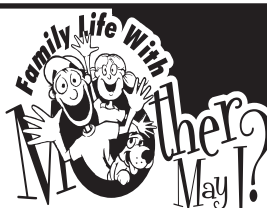
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Mother May I now has her own e-mail address! If you'd like to share a recipe, life tip, or craft idea, or have any questions, you can email me at:

mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca



COMMUNITY NOTES

Indoor Spring Yard Sale - Espanola United Church (downstairs), 137 Sheppard St., Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Fish Fry - Espanola Masonic Lodge Saturday, May 11 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Whitefish, coleslaw, and fries. Take out or delivery available, call 705-521-8162.

Ham, Bean, and Scalloped Potato Supper - Webbwood Eagles Club Wednesday, April 24 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. sponsored by St. Lawrence Church.

Fish Fry and Dance - Espanola Curling Club Friday, May 3, 6:00 p.m. Take out available, call 705-869-6237.

Nathan Jess Concert - Live at the Lighthouse (114 Tudhope, Espanola) for a free concert on Thursday April 18. Everyone is welcome and it is to start at 7:30 PM.

Annual World Tour Dinner - Hosted by St. Andrew's United Church at Massey Legion Hall on Friday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. This year we are “visiting” Germany. For tickets call Donelda at 705-865-2450.

Community Luncheons - At the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) - April 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No charge, everyone welcome.

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Espanola Game and Fish P.A. - General meeting is April 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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In The Loop

The Espanola Citizen Group will be holding the 2nd TOWN HALL of 2013 on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00pm at the KofC Hall. Everyone is invited!

Irene Callaghan from NEMI (North Eastern Manitoulin Island) Ratepayers Assoc. will be our Guest Speaker and she will explain how they manage to work cooperatively with Council. She will be taking questions from the audience as well.

The Executive will then present the latest FOI findings; the difficulties the Town will encounter with the Domtar appeal; Espanola's pending capital projects and cost comparisons with other communities similar to ours. This is a MUST ATTEND meeting!!! It is the one T.H. you cannot afford to miss.

On Tuesday April 16th the Police Service Board is inviting residents to an informal Town Hall style meeting at the Rec. Complex at 7:00pm. They will be seeking input from individuals, community groups, organizations, businesses and any interested parties as part of its consultation(s) in drafting its new three (3) year business plan. This is an opportunity to express yourself and we encourage participation.

We have also begun to add other cost saving suggestions on our website at espanolacitizengroup.ca. These have been forwarded to Council for consideration and are listed under “Outside The Box” on the website. Details on the April 9th can be found in the “Council Matters” Category. The Executive looks forward to seeing you on April 18th!! Your suggestions are important to us!!

Richard Ellis
Executive member /ECG

Mobile Trades Trailer Sets Up Shop in Espanola

1) academic upgrading; 2) pre-apprenticeship general carpentry level 1 training; 3) weld training; and 4) an 8-week work placement. There are currently thirteen students in the Espanola program, which started in January and runs through the end of June.

"This program is free for participants and it's geared towards individuals who are not working, are on social assistant, or employment insurance," says Louise Turcotte, Associate Dean for the Schools of Skills Training and Community and Corporate Learning at Cambrian College. One of the bonuses is that "the trailer can be used for a variety of applications and we can

take it to an area and respond to an immediate need," she says, explaining that the trailer was recently used to train Vale employees at the Coleman mine.

"We provide the faculty, equipment, and facilities," says Turcotte. She also explains that the mobile unit is ideal for deploying to aboriginal or first nations communities which don't have easy access to training facilities. "It also helps for the students to have the cultural support while they are being trained."

The Espanola "classroom" is being run by Dale Phillips and the Mobile Trades Trailer sits on Domtar property for the duration of the program.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ammonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metal Polish
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solvents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anti-freeze	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disinfectants
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oven Cleaner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bleach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Supplies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drain Cleaner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flea Powder
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waxes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BBQ Starter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herbicides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fluorescent Bulbs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rat Poison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceuticals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engine Oils & Fuel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insecticides
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool Chemicals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Propane Tanks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Preservatives
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car & Household Batteries	

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

Joel Yusko, Manager of Public Works
P (705) 869-1751 - Email: jyusko@espanola.ca
Monday to Friday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

NOTICE

NOTICE: WATER LINE FLUSHING

**The Corporation of the Town of Espanola will commence
FLUSHING OF ALL TOWN WATER LINES AND FIRE
HYDRANTS ON:**

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

UNTIL APPROXIMATELY

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013

Between the hours of: 3:30 P.M. and 11:30 P.M.

Flushing will commence in the south end of town (supply source) and progress towards the north until all lines have been thoroughly flushed.

Please listen to radio station 99.3FM MOOSE at approximately 9:18 A.M. or 3:49 P.M. daily or watch Channel 10, the Community Channel for the areas being flushed.

***FLUSHING MAY CAUSE TEMPORARY DISCOLORATION OF
WATER, LOSS OF PRESSURE AND AT TIMES NO
AVAILABILITY FOR SHORT PERIODS OF ABOUT 4' or 30
MINUTES.***

***PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING LAUNDRY UNTIL
FLUSHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN YOUR AREA AND
24 HOURS AFTER.***

Iron Out Rust Remover will be available at the Public Works Office at 596 Second Avenue if required.

Office hours are: Monday – Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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