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**Espanola Swears In New Police Chief**

Retired Chief Ray Freeman:  
 "A very deserving officer has been chosen."



By *Chloe Kneer* - Espanola Police Chief Bob Towns started his new year in retirement. EPS didn't have to look far to find his replacement, as Deputy Chief Steven Edwards was sworn in as Espanola's sixth police chief on January 7 amongst a crowd of friends, family, colleagues, politicians, and two retired chiefs of police, including Towns and Ray Freeman.

Edwards is a native of the Beaver Lake area, and has always been interested in law enforcement. He is also an avid outdoorsman, so early on, his aim was to combine his passion for the outdoors with his interest in policing. After graduating from the forestry program at Sault College, he secured employment with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Later, he took a position with the London Police Service. After five years

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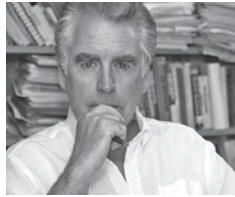
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# All The World's A Circus

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## La Zambomba! Olé! Bravo! Now Go To Bed

I have no idea how this happened! Having once lived in Spain, I wanted to reconnect with this proud and exotic county that had treated me so well in my twenties. So I pulled out the map, put my finger on a town close to the border with Portugal and booked "a quiet room with a view of the plaza." Built by the Romans in the 2nd Century B.C. and conquered by the Moors around 1000 A.D., the town of Zafra was spectacularly antiquated. The hotel with balconies was appropriately named Los Balcones de Zafra. Our third floor room overlooked what might be the world's first shopping mall - a four thousand year-old Roman forum conveniently built with the town's shops surrounding a central square.

Zafra's Plaza Grande is huge, a timeless monolith of cobblestones and high brick structures, a rectangular homage to open space and clear sky. As we pulled up in the rental car we were greeted by a huge bonfire in front of the hotel being fed chunks of wood by excited children being yelled at by agitated adults. As the sun set, about thirty people milled around the fire, probably an afternoon festival winding down. So sorry we missed it I thought, hauling the bags into the hotel.

Francisco Simoes Fernandez de Tejada ("Frankie" in English) could not wait to give us the tour of what was once a Roman villa and then his family

home for hundreds of years. Now, in a valiant attempt to hold onto it, he has turned it into a hotel. Every painting and piece of furniture is a lesson in ancient history. Dukes dined before the fireplace; Spain's chess masters played in the parlour.

So we get settled in the room - a prehistoric bedroom with a spiffy new walk-in shower - and I fling open the shutters of the narrow French balcony to admire the Roman galleria by gaslight and the distant hillside castle and ...

"Monica! There's a mob gathering below our balcony!"

But they were a friendly mob with a half dozen musicians among them. When I spotted a banner for Estrella Galicia, my favourite beer, we joined them. The cold cerveza came with a tapas of stewed yellow beans and bread. As the fire rose higher in the dark sky and the guitarists strummed their hearts out, people sang with glasses raised and steel heels clicked sharply atop the cobblestones. La Zambomba. We had accidentally crashed La Zambomba, the annual celebration of Zafra's claim to fame - "Seville La Chica," - the daughter of the great Andalucía city of Seville.

Men and women danced flamenco-style in twos and threes and then conga lines. As the guitarists and violinists moved through the crowds, the townsfolk sang the sad ballads and romantic tales of

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Zafra's history. It was street theater the Appian Way, a modern day tribe descended from Romans honoring the poetry of the past with handed-down carols and passed-around alcohol. For two tourists this was an unexpected bonus, an accidental thrill of travel. Exhausted, we packed it in at midnight as the church bells from the tower across the square tolled a dozen times in half a minute. Still wide awake at one o'clock I heard a crash and the smashing of glass below our balcony. I opened the shutters to see an embarrassed woman picking up broken wine bottles and glasses that hit the pavement after she had danced backwards into the bar table. The musicians and dancers and pyrotechnic children hardly noticed. La Zambomba had hit its peak - a crescendo of strings, a cacophony of songs and a frenzy of clacking flamingo. Eyes wide awake at two o'clock I had to get up to take a leak. Curiously, I opened the shutters and the party raged raggedly on. Many were drunk, a few danced by themselves. The musicians had separated and appeared to be competing with each other for followers. Now 19 hours

without sleep and carrying a full bladder a quick solution to the chaos came to mind but then I thought no, Bill, that would be wrong. Use the spiffy new toilet as planned. Staggering a bit but still awake at three o'clock, the scene on the square looked like New Year's Eve in Purgatory. The dancers were now howling at the moon and the stringed instruments sounded like bagpipes. The good news? The partiers still had their clothes on. Sometime around four o'clock I went to the balcony to end it all by doing a belly flop into the fire but as I opened the shutters there they were - gone! All except for the fire. At four o'clock the noise had stopped; at five so did the ringing in my ears. Don't get me wrong, Senor Francisco Simoes Fernandez de Tejada is as gracious as his name is long. And the Hotel Los Balcones is a great place to stay in the magical, ancient town of Zafra. Just make sure you ask for a room without a view. I still believe I could live in Spain but I could never sleep there.

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**Let's Get Growing!**

*Espanola Horticultural Society Has A Busy Year Planned*

**By Grant Lewis** - Everyone should have a passion. The Espanola Horticultural Society is indeed fortunate that Stuart McCall has a passion. Stuart grew up in Timmins and moved to the west end of Toronto as a small child. He later moved to the east end of the city. Guessed the passion yet? No, not big city life. He enrolled in chemical engineering at Ryerson University and worked for Imperial Oil in Samia research and development. Guessed yet? No, not big oil. After 16 years in Samia, he moved to Sudbury and worked for Falconbridge, again in R&D. No, his passion is not nickel either. In 1996, he bought 5 acres of farmland in Garson and his passion for organic farming blossomed and took off as all passions must. For three years, he toiled the land and was finally able to sell locally grown organic products. He was a true pioneer and ahead of his time in the north. He has not looked back. He sits on the boards of Eat Local Sudbury, the Sudbury Horticultural Society, and the Greater City of Sudbury Food Policy Council. These groups are instrumental in promoting urban and community gardens, implementing healthy food programs, and supplying local co-ops with organic food to sell. He especially enjoys his association with the Anderson Farm market in Lively and is working hard to establish a true local farmers' market in Bell Park. Yes, we in Espanola are fortunate that Stuart has a passion. He has agreed to come to Espanola and share his love and expertise in organic gardening. His topic at the next general meeting on Monday, February 2 will be Tips and Tricks

for Organic Farming. Most of us do not have a farm, but he assures me that everything he does on his 5 acres can be applied to all backyard gardeners. Plus you will be able to enjoy the fruits or, rather, vegetables of his labour. Preserves and pickles will be available. Stuart is the first of three speakers the Horticultural Society has booked for this year. For anyone who has picked berries at Emiry's Berry Farm in Massey, you are in for a berry interesting presentation in April. Alan Emiry will be joining us and telling us how he does it. How he plans, chooses varieties, and plants them will no longer be a secret! Remember the alpacas in the Espanola Santa Claus parade? Be prepared to learn what it is like to be an alpaca in Espanola. The owners of Dare2Dream Alpaca Farm on Jacklin Road will be presenting in June, again on the first Monday. SPECIAL BONUS! You know if we really twist their arms we will be able to tour these three presenters' workplaces. Meetings are always at 7:00 p.m. at the Pentecostal Church. They are free and everyone is welcome. So bring a friend. You might even be planting berries, or helping to shear an alpaca. We also hope to spend a short time at Tom Benian's honey farm in Massey. That should be sweet! Remember to keep the last Saturday in May open for our annual plant sale at the Espanola complex. This is the year of our Arts and Blooms garden tour in July. Already three "new to town" artists have signed up. There will be reminders in the local media. Have a good winter and here's to a great gardening season in 2015!

  
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- Will you vote in favour of an External Service Delivery Review? **YES**
- Will you vote for an OPP Costing? **YES**
- Are you in favour of constructing a NEW fire hall as per the \$25,000 engineered design Council has commissioned? **NO**
- Will you vote to enforce the recommendations from the Privacy Commissioner's Office on access to Freedom of Information materials? **YES**
- Will you vote to re-establish a Summer Parks Program for children? **YES**
- Will you vote to decrease the number of "Special Meetings" and have most matters discussed in open chambers? **YES**
- Will you put forth and vote in favour of a Question & Answer period from the public at the end of Council meetings? **YES**
- Would you put forth and vote in favour of a motion to have Council meetings streamed online? **YES**
- If elected will you schedule regular office hours for the entire four-year term? **YES**

It must be emphasized that some of these items will take time so please exercise patience.

Please follow us at [www.espanolacitizengroup.ca](http://www.espanolacitizengroup.ca). Stay tuned for updates to the website in the near future.

*The Espanola Citizen Group Executive*

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## Espanola Swears In New Police Chief



**Photo:** Edwards flanked by retired chiefs Ray Freeman (left) and Robert Towns (right).

in southern Ontario, Edwards decided to return to the north and in the spring of 1995, he was recruited by Espanola Police Services.

Over the years, Edwards has risen through the ranks at EPS, becoming a sergeant in 2007. In 2010, he received a Police Exemplary Service Medal for his unblemished police record. He has been instrumental in investigating many local crimes including a homicide in 1997 and more recently, the 2012 downtown fire that destroyed two buildings, including the offices of the Around&About. He also founded and ran the now-defunct police K9 unit.

Last January, Edwards became deputy chief in anticipation of Chief Towns' retirement. Over the last year, he has increasingly assumed the duties of chief, which include all of the day-

to-day operations, making the transition virtually seamless.

Looking forward, Chief Edwards hopes to add to his complement of constables, saying, "We have been operating on a skeleton staff for quite some time. Things get difficult when an officer is injured or on vacation; we end up paying more in overtime to cover than what it would cost us to hire another recruit." The Police Services Board has approved the hiring of at least one more constable this year. Edwards also plans to keep community outreach programs, such as DARE, in place. "Yes, the DARE program has been a huge success and we will continue with it," he says. Edwards emphasized at the ceremony that he is committed to furthering all of the community relationships he's built over the last two decades.

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## Recipe

I had never eaten couscous until I started going to my sister's to visit. She and her husband are more adventurous at trying new recipes and food, not to say that couscous is very adventurous. It's actually just tiny granules of wheat, the same wheat that is used to make pasta. Preparing instant couscous is quick and easy; the dried couscous is added to a pot of boiling water or stock, the pot is then covered and the water is absorbed into the couscous in about five minutes making it a light, fluffy consistency. There are many ways to use couscous but my favourite has been in salads. It's very versatile and makes a delicious, healthy, light salad when combined with simple ingredients. The following recipe is one my sister made for dinner over the holidays. She says she makes it different every time depending on what ingredients she has available to mix into it. We devoured this version and she kindly shared her recipe with me. It's a great side dish at dinner or a healthy lunch.



### Tracy's Couscous Salad

- 2/3 cup (165 g) of couscous
- Chicken broth or water
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp paprika
- Salt and pepper
- 1 small red onion, diced fine (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 medium cucumber, diced fine
- 1 apple, diced fine
- 1/4 cup of feta
- 1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tbsp mint (optional), chopped
- 1 fresh lemon
- 2 tbsp olive oil.

Cook couscous as per instructions on the box using water or broth for extra flavour. Once cooked add the cumin, paprika, salt and pepper and mix well. Refrigerate for 10-30 minutes to absorb the flavours while you prepare the vegetables. Meanwhile finely chop the onion, cucumber and apple. Remove couscous from the refrigerator and stir in the onion, cucumber, apple, feta cheese, parsley and mint. Squeeze the juice of the lemon in and add the olive oil. Mix well. Taste and season if needed.

### Local Schools Host Information Nights

Rainbow District School Board's elementary schools will host information nights for Early Learning - Kindergarten registrations on January 20 (English program) and January 22 (French immersion) from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Schools offering English and French immersion will host one night on Thursday, January 22. Espanola High School will help grade 8 students with their transition to high school on January 29 at 7:00 p.m. Visit [www.rainbowschools.ca](http://www.rainbowschools.ca)

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**Children's Clothes Closet** - Calvary Baptist Church, Espanola on Wednesday, January 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Clothing exchange for newborn to size 6x. Everyone welcome.

**Christian Musicians Wanted** - A non-denominational contemporary worship band looking for Christian musicians. Need bass guitarist and keyboardist. Call 705-665-3455. Email: [BruceBirtwistleGODdrummer@yahoo.ca](mailto:BruceBirtwistleGODdrummer@yahoo.ca)

**AA Meetings At St. Georges Anglican Church** - Tudhope St., Espanola, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and also Thursday at the United Church at 8:00 p.m.

**VON Drivers Needed** - To assist clients to their medical appointments. You will be compensated for mileage. Please call 705-869-3304.

**Meat Roll-Offs** - Espanola Legion Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Stomp Junior High** - Grades 5-8 on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Queensway Pentecostal Church. There will be fun, games, prizes, friendships and life coaching.

**Ride to Church Program** - St. Andrew's United Church in Massey is offering rides for area residents to Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Call May at 705-865-3455 for more information.

**Good Food Box** - Fruits and vegetables available in large or small box sizes. Pick-up sites in Espanola (705-869-1700), Massey (705-865-2519) and Nairn Centre (705-222-3551).

**Espanola Elks Dart League** - Looking for new players. Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. through May. Call Debby at 705-869-2925 or the Elks Hall 705-869-1931.

### *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.**

Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: [around@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

## Habitat For Humanity To Build Home in Espanola

In September, 2014, the Habitat for Humanity affiliates of Sudbury, North Simcoe, Orillia/Lake Country, Muskoka, and North Bay and Blue Sky Region were legally amalgamated into one new affiliate serving a large area of North Central and Northern Ontario. Combing resources and strategy will serve to raise the profile of Habitat Ontario Gateway North, as well as help expand the network of ReStores, and attract more community partners, which will ultimately lead to the building of more homes for families. The local Sudbury chapter of Habitat for Humanity was established in 1995. Since that time, five homes have been built in the region through a network of volunteers and staff. Now, going into its twentieth year, the organization is in the final stages of plans to build a home for an

Espanola-area family.

Lise Rheault, Executive Director of the local Sudbury Chapter says, "We work to break the cycle of poverty through affordable homeownership... one house, one family at a time." In anticipation of the build, there will be an information session open to families, neighbours, local politicians and business owners in the Espanola area on Wednesday, January 21. At this session, members of the local and regional team will share information about how the home ownership model works and how community-based volunteers raise funds and build the homes that help families improve their lives. All funds raised locally will be put toward building an affordable home for a family in this area.

The information session will be held at the Espanola Public Library from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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