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Espanola Police Service Has New Deputy Chief



Photo: (left to right) EPS Chief Bob Towns, Steve Edwards, EPS Board Chair Chris Gillis.

By Chloe Kneer - Sergeant Steve Edwards is now Deputy Chief Edwards having been promoted and sworn in to his new post on January 12. Espanola Police Service Chief Bob Towns said, "Effective immediately, Deputy Chief Edwards will assume the day-to-day operations of the police service." Amongst those attending the ceremony were Mayor Mike Lehoux, Councillor Jill Beer (who also sits on the Police Services Board), Clerk Cynthia Townsend, Police Services Board Chair Chris Gillis, and members of Edwards' family. "Steve got his start in London, Ontario, and in 1995 we were lucky to have him join the Espanola Police Service as a new recruit," said Chief Towns. In June, 2001, Edwards became an acting sergeant, and in 2007, sergeant. He also took on the responsibilities of Public

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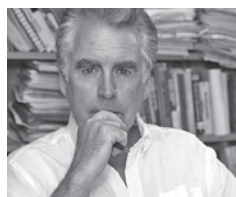
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All The World's A Circus

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Coming To Canada? Leave The Chicken At Home

Upon his return from a visit to his native El Salvador and before going through customs at Pearson Airport last year, Mario Castillo had checked the "No" box to the question about importing meat products into Canada. Whoops! Wrong answer.

Personally, I enjoy checking the "No" box on the question of whether I will be visiting a farm in Canada within the next 14 days and on the 13th day I put on a false mustache and dark glasses and then ... and then I visit a farm. Never, ever been caught.

So Mario was making his merry way through the customs' processing procedure when a Canada Border Service Agency inspector discovered 15 pieces of fried chicken in his luggage. On the spot and without an explanation he was fined \$800. He was told the penalty would be only \$400 if he paid it within 15 days.

Instead of paying the fine, the man branded a "chicken trafficker" appealed to the Canada Agricultural Review Tribunal which quashed the fine after hearing the explanation. Apparently, unbeknownst to Mario, his mother had put the fried chicken in his luggage while he was having a shower, so that he would have something to eat when he returned home to an empty fridge.

So Mom comes off looking like the head of an El Salvador chicken cartel and her

son appears to be the innocent mule in the illegal importation of a kilo of finger lickin' good contraband. He's lucky he was not fined an additional \$800 for committing an indignity to the memory of Colonel Saunders.

At this point the mayor of Toronto tried to intervene on Mario's behalf but upon further investigation it was believed Rob Ford was just after the chicken.

Adding insult to garlic, the fried chicken was confiscated by Canada's ever-vigilant but seldom-vegetarian border service.

But in Canada when a man thinks he's been wrongfully convicted of packing poultry in his luggage he has the legal right to appeal. And he's got a pretty good chance of winning his case because - and this is true in El Salvador as well as Canada - dead chickens don't talk. In fact in Canada, the chicken probably could have launched a lawsuit claiming his international rights had been discriminated against but he'd already been carved into 15 pieces. Hadn't justice already been rendered? In America, with a much simpler and decisive system, Homeland Security would have just blown everybody up and taken credit for an aborted terrorist plot.

Angry that the verdict had been wrongfully overturned, Border Services

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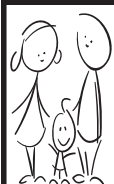
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applied to the Federal Court of Appeal for a judicial review of the tribunal's decision. Nobody described the border agency of being left with egg on its face because that would trigger a philosophical argument of which comes first? The batter or the eleven secret herbs and spices?

Why you ask did the CBSA take the chicken case to a higher court? To show that they weren't chicken.

This time the three-member appeal found that Canada Agricultural Reviews Tribunal had made an error in law and they quashed their ruling which had quashed the fine sending the matter back to the Agricultural Tribunal for a new and thorough quashing. Recipe for quashed chicken - first fry chicken pieces in covered skillet and leave them in luggage for twenty hours.

"Castillo," the judge ruled, "may have been unaware that the chicken was in his luggage ... but the clear intent of Parliament ... provide an absolute liability regime ... blah, blah, blah." In other words, ignorance of chicken or indeed its presence on or near your person is not a viable defense. Had the chicken attempted to enter Canada in its own luggage with no help from a doting mother or her son the smuggler, that would then have been legal.

It's obvious that these proceedings - which involved a dozen bureaucrats who graduated from university, hundreds of thousands of

dollars, nearly two years of courttime, a guynamed Mario, a chicken we'll call Eastside and a decree of Parliament - were clearly meant to protect the unsuspecting Canadian public from a disease known as Deep Fried Bird Flu - the El Salvador strain N1B2 Fade Left, Hike! Hike!

The vigilance and due process of the Canadian justice system shows beyond a reasonable doubt that this government is not only serious about chicken but it sends a clear message to roasted ducks and even broasted turkey not to test our border security. Whole or dispersed in thighs, breasts or drumsticks, undocumented poultry illegally entering Canada will be apprehended and then destroyed on the spot.

Motto: "Be you a thirty-pound Butterball or three-ounce pigeon, the Canada Border Service Agency always gets its bird."

The next appeal in this ongoing, international fowl but legal proceeding will take place in camera at an undisclosed food-related location in downtown Toronto. "Eastside Mario's! Eastside Mario's! Ay Budda Boom Budda Ching!"

I have no idea why the chicken crossed the border but I'm sure he's damn sorry he did.

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Grade 12 Students Participate in Mock Trial at Sudbury Courthouse



Photo: Carly Seltzer from Nairn Centre is in Grade 12 at St. Benedict's Catholic Secondary School. She played the role of Crown Attorney at the Mock Trial Competition at the Sudbury Courthouse January 10. In all, twelve teams from eight schools in the Rainbow District School Board and the Sudbury Catholic District School Board participated in this year's trial. Seltzer plans to study either psychology or law and justice at Laurentian University next year. She plans to become a lawyer or judge in the future. (photo supplied)

For the thirteenth consecutive year, Grade 12 students competed in the annual Mock Trial Competition at the Sudbury Courthouse on Friday, January 10. The student lawyers prosecuted and defended an accused charged with first-degree murder.

The Crown team tried to prove that the accused pushed his acquaintance over the balcony of the high-rise apartment. The defence team argued that during an argument with the accused, the victim rushed at the accused, lost his balance, and fell through the balcony railing. Other students played the characters of a police officer and witnesses to the event.

Members of the Crown team tried to convince a judge, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the accused had the mental intent to commit

murder and pushed the victim off the balcony. Members of the defence team focused their questions and argument on the presumption of innocence and the lack of proof of the intent to commit murder.

The fact scenario was designed by the Ontario Bar Association and will be used by schools all across the province during local and regional Mock Trial competitions.

Eight schools from Rainbow District School Board and the Sudbury Catholic District School Board participated in this year's competition: Confederation Secondary School, Espanola High School, Lasalle Secondary School, Lockerby Composite School, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Sudbury Secondary School, St. Benedict's Secondary School and St. Charles College. Lawyers from the Sudbury and District Law Association volunteered to coach the teams at each of the schools. Teams were vying for the coveted Hennessy Cup and a

number of additional awards including Best Advocate Defence, Best Advocate Crown, Best Witness and the Civility Award for courtroom decorum.

Rainbow District School Board Chair, Doreen Dewar says, "Through the Mock Trial Competition, local lawyers make an invaluable contribution to student learning by bringing the classroom into the courtroom. Many students have been inspired to pursue studies in the justice sector after secondary school."

The Mock Trial Competition is well established within the Grade 12 Law curriculum. In addition to meeting curriculum expectations, mock trials develop other skills in students, including public speaking, teamwork, presentation, preparation and critical thinking skills.

Confederation Team #1 took on Lockerby Team #1 in the final round with Confederation winning.

They will compete in Toronto this spring.

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Photo: Team #1 from Confederation School won the competition and will go on to Toronto to compete at the provincial level. (photo supplied)

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New Deputy Chief In Espanola



Photo: (left to right) Edwards' sister Jody, Edwards, step-dad Dale, and son Jason

Complaints Investigator/ Internal Affairs. As Chief Towns describes, "He [Edwards] assumed the role of policing the police." During his career, Edwards has an unblemished record and in 2011, he was awarded the exemplary service medal for twenty years of policing.

After accepting his new badge and signing the oath of secrecy and oath of deputy chief, Edwards said, "Over the years, I've never thought that I would have chosen a different career path. I've enjoyed policing and policing has been very good to me. Thank you all."

January is Crime Stoppers' Month

Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers kicked off Crime Stoppers' Month on January 8. Since the inception of Crime Stoppers in Sudbury and area, the organization has been responsible for the recovery of over \$45.5 million in stolen property and drugs.

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit community program involving the cooperative efforts of the community, the police and the media. In 1993, Crime Stoppers programs from Sudbury, Elliot Lake, the North Shore, Espanola, Manitoulin Island, Killarney, French River, Britt, Alban, Noelville, and Warren amalgamated to form what is now known as Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers.

The program encourages people to call Crime Stoppers with information to solve crimes already committed, ones about to occur, and/or the whereabouts of wanted persons or missing persons, narcotics or stolen property. Crime Stoppers is based on the simple principle that for every

crime committed, someone other than the criminal has information that would solve the crime. Rewards of up to \$2000 are offered.

Crime Stoppers is an effective tool where private citizens join together with law enforcement officers to solve crime. To the police service, the Crime Stoppers program plays a vital role and represents a valuable and sharp-edged investigative tool.

Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers relies on donations and funds raised through fundraising events to continue to operate. In celebration of Crime Stoppers' Month, citizens will be able to make mobile donations to Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers and join their efforts to solve, reduce and prevent crime in the community. To make a mobile donation, text IMPACT to 45678 and a donation of \$10 will be made to Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers (standard messaging charges will apply).

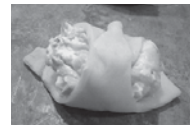
Recipe

These are really, really good! Like eat the whole pan of them with your friend good! They are perfect for a party because they look fancy, like you went to a lot of work to make them and they taste delicious. The flaky pastry is perfect with the creamy crab filling. I used imitation crab because I prefer it in dips and like the slight sweetness it adds. They really aren't difficult to make and even if you don't form them perfectly (which I didn't) they still look good when they puff up from baking and come out of the oven. I thought the filling might melt and run all over, but it doesn't. This is going to be one of my new favourite appetizers.



Crab Filled Crescent Wontons

- 1-8 oz. tube Pillsbury crescent roll dough
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup cooked crabmeat, chopped (canned crab or imitation crab)
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/8- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- salt and pepper, to taste



Heat oven to 375°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Unroll dough on work surface. Pinch seams to seal and roll with a rolling pin to create an even rectangle. Cut into 6 rows by 4 rows to make 24 squares. In small bowl, mix cream cheese, mayo, crabmeat, onion, and red pepper. Add salt and pepper to taste. Divide crab mixture evenly among the squares, dropping it by spoonfuls that are 1/2 inch from 1 corner of each square. Starting with one corner, fold dough over filling diagonally, and tuck end tightly underneath filling. Fold opposite corner of dough over filling diagonally and press to seal. Place on cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Serve warm.

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1st Annual Paul Zahorec Memorial Seniors Supper - February 8, 2014 at the Rec Complex. No charge. Tickets available at the Natural Choice, Seniors Club, any Lions member or call Espanola Chiropractic at 705 869 2737.

Beautiful Ladies Winter Tea - Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Queensway Pentecostal Church. All women are welcome for an evening of fun, food, giving back and celebrating womanhood.

Cribbage Tournament – Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. 2014 dates are: January 26; February 9 & 23; March 9 & 23; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 11.

St. Andrew's United Church - 4th Annual World Tour Dinner, a Chinese New Year Celebration. Friday, January 24, 6:00 p.m. at Massey Legion Hall. Advance tickets only, call Donelda 705-865-2450 or Lee 705-865-2559.

Next Community Luncheon - January 28 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

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In The Loop

The Police Costing presentation by Bill Foster was extremely informative. The Espanola Citizen Group executive continues to remain neutral concerning Policing Services for Espanola. In the past we have written Council asking when they would initiate an OPP costing. This was due to a campaign promise made to residents in 2010 that had not been honoured. To date we have never received a reply to that letter.

For those who were unable to attend the January 14th meeting, this article and upcoming issues will include key conclusions that Mr. Foster arrived at during his research.

A. The Status Quo is a very poor option for the Espanola Police Service.

B. Espanola has extremely high expenditures and after-grant policing costs will rise by about 9.81% per year thru 2016.

C. Residents would experience an improvement in the quality of

policing from the OPP.

D. The Town can significantly reduce the burden on Espanola's taxpayers through a combination of cost reduction and increased revenue.

E. Perth, a community similar to Espanola, projects a 10 year savings by using OPP of \$7.5 Million with Zero change in front line Policing Staff.

Next week's article will include some potential savings for Espanola's taxpayers which he has estimated could be found through this research project. Finally, Council also voted on a Fire Services Review...cost \$9500.00. It differs somewhat from the one that was defeated on December 10, 2013 in that this review deals solely with Fire Suppression (equipment, buildings, vehicles). The motion was unanimously accepted by Council (Note: Councillor Howard was absent)

Richard Ellis,
Executive member
Espanola Citizen Group



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Espanola Police Report

In the month of November, the Espanola Police Service commenced their Festive R.I.D.E. Program in an effort to Reduce Impaired Driving in our community, and to ensure that the Holidays continue to be a happy and safe time for everyone.

During the months of November and December, officers conducted R.I.D.E. at various locations within the town, and in total 489 vehicles were checked, with no drivers found to be under the influence of alcohol; seventeen drivers were given verbal cautions for violations under the Highway Traffic Act.

Although the New Year signaled the end of the Festive R.I.D.E. Program, the Espanola Police Service continues their commitment to reducing impaired driving, with continued R.I.D.E. spot checks throughout the year.

On December 3, 2013, the Espanola Police Service received a complaint from an Espanola resident that during a Facebook exchange with a 17-year old male, the male threatened to murder her boyfriend. The Facebook post concerned the recipient, who attended the police station with the transcripts of the conversation. Following a police investigation, it was determined that the 17-year old male of Espanola had, in posting the threat on Facebook, Uttered a Threat to Cause Death to the female's boyfriend. As such, he was arrested and charged with Uttering Threats contrary to section 264.1(1)(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada. He is to appear in Youth Court on January 21 to answer to his charge. The male cannot be identified under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

This incident should serve as a reminder, that in the eyes of the law, there is no difference between words communicated in person, or via text or social media sites when it comes to threatening conduct. People should be mindful of their conduct, and realize that communication via text or social media produces a permanent record of the communication.

Anyone with information on any of these crimes call Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or remain anonymous by calling Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers locally at (705) 222-TIPS (8477) or toll free at 1-800-461-4899



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Kindergarten Information Nights This Week

Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for full day everyday junior and senior kindergarten registrations. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend.

Information nights will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. tonight for the English program and Thursday for the French immersion program. Schools offering English and French immersion will host one information night this Thursday. Visit rainbowschools.ca for a list of schools and programs offered or call your area Rainbow School.

For enrolment in junior kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by December 31, 2014. For enrolment in senior kindergarten, your child must be five years of age by December 31, 2014.

When registering your child, please bring his/her

identification documents including birth certificate, birth registry/baptismal certificate, Ontario Health Card and immunization record.

The English Program is exclusively in English and includes a core French component, which begins in Grade 4. Students learn basic French through songs, games, drama and interactive activities for a specified period of time daily.

French Immersion immerses children in the French language, including cultural experiences, when they begin school. English language instruction is introduced in Grade 3 and gradually builds to an equal balance of French and English instruction by Grade 5. This ensures that students gain effective bilingual skills. This program is designed for English speaking parents/guardians so they may support their children to become bilingual.



JOIN US!

Secondary School Information Nights REGISTER NOW!

Espanola High School

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 7 pm

Marty Punkari, Principal | 705.869.1590
147 Spruce Street, Espanola

Manitoulin Secondary School

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Laurie Zahnow, Principal | 705.368.7000
107 Bay Street, M'Chigeeng



This guide for students and parents is a must-read for all students making the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

To access the guide online, visit rainbowschools.ca. Click on the Parents section.

For more information, contact your Rainbow secondary school or email info@rainbowschools.ca.

All Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to the Information Nights, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

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NEXT HOME GAMES



Friday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.

Elliot Lake Bobcats

Sunday, February 2, 2:00 p.m.

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www.espanolajuniorhockey.com