

Former chief now Oxford's top cop

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Staff Reporter

Former Orangeville police chief Rod Freeman will officially become chief of the Oxford Community Police in Woodstock on October 26, 2009.

He joined the force as deputy chief in 2007 after serving as Orangeville police chief for eight years, and has been Oxford's acting chief since the retirement of Ron Fraser in June.

Chief Freeman rose to national prominence recently, due to his involvement in the Victoria "Tori" Stafford murder investigation in

Woodstock. He has been a police officer for 31 years. Besides Orangeville and Oxford, he served in Timmins, St. Thomas and Fergus.

In Fergus, where was also chief of police, he was awarded the Ontario Medal for Police Bravery for his role in rescuing a 13-year-old girl trapped under the Beauty Dam.

In 2004, he was inducted as a member of the Order of Merit for the Canadian Police Forces by then Governor General Adrienne Clarkson during a formal ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

The Order of Merit was established in 2000 to recognize

conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of Canadian police services whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community.

"In 2007 when the Board was searching for a qualified candidate to fill the position of Deputy Chief, we also focused on establishing a succession plan by recruiting a Deputy who would be a candidate for promotion to Chief of Police," says Connie Lauder, chair of the Oxford Community Police Services Board.

"During Deputy Chief Freeman's tenure with the Oxford Community Police Service since 2007, he has more than proven his ability to take over the Chief's role of responsibility and leadership."

Chief Freeman now resides in Woodstock with his wife Tricia and their sons Anthony, 10, and Jeremiah, 8.



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TOAST TO EASTER SEALS: While the guest of honour was unable to attend, proprietor Brian Bavis of Watermaker in Orangeville was toasted for his ongoing contribution to the Easter Seals Run/Walkathon, an event that has taken place for 33 years. For 25 of those, Mr. Bavis has supplied water to the participants. On hand at the Il Corso Ristorante were, left to right: Il Corso owner Mike Ingresso, Mayor Tony Van Bynen of Newmarket (where the annual event takes place), chair Joe Persechini of Run/Walkathon, Orangeville Mayor Rob Adams and Deputy Mayor Warren Maycock, and event supporter Angelo Carlucci.



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SOPRANO MEGHAN COMPEAU was the featured performer Sunday at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives. Her concert was part of the museum's Summer Concert Series. The next concert is August 16 at 2 p.m. and will celebrate the museum's 15th anniversary. The revue will feature Daniel LaBrash, Susan Pitch, Susan Cooper, David Pounds, Neil Daniard and Dorothy Jane Needles.

'Looking' Century Theatre's current comedy

If you're "Looking" for a good time, call Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh.

"Looking", the hit comedy by Canada's most popular playwright Norm Foster, opened at the theatre last week to a record first-day audience.

This is a fabulously funny script, filled with hilarious one-liners and sparkling dialogue that strikes a chord of recognition among both men and women, as we readily identify with the guy talk and

the girl talk about love, sex, and the problems of middle-age dating. This is Foster at his witty best, everything you could want in an adult, 21st century, romantic comedy.

The play follows four very different characters on a journey to find the right relationship. The story is brought to life by sparkling performances by four experienced actors. Our hearts go out to the insecure and unsophisticated Andy, touchingly played by Frank Rempel, who is looking for

a relationship, and is desperate enough to advertise in the Personals.

Tamara Kunder, as the tender yet tough Val who answers the ad, skillfully draws us into the frustrations and aspirations of a woman whose last experience with a man came when her breasts were two inches

higher. Two friends are coerced into going along on the blind date in a pub called The Private Dick.

Elizabeth Glenday gives a strong performance as Nina, the tough cop who thinks she does not need a man for more than an hour, while Wayne Moore is classic as Andy's broadcaster

friend, Matt, with his not-too-reliable advice.

All four discover hidden depths as they journey through the thrills and disasters of several dates. If you're looking for fun and laughter, and a two-keel ending, you cannot do better than see "Looking", playing through this

Saturday, July 25. The show runs at 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$22 - \$27, and can be reserved by calling the box office at 519-855-4586. For more details, visit www.centurychurchtheatre.com

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