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Kashtin Callaghan, 13, of the Stouffville Steppers skipping team shows a tangled Stouffville Spirit Jr. A Hockey Club captain Randy Johnston some moves during the launch of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart campaigns at Glad Park Public School Monday. The Steppers and Spirit also visited St. Mark School. For more on the program, go to ww2.heartandstroke.ca



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NEW VENDORS, FEATURES AT 10TH LINE LANDMARK

Three more years for country market

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

Bring on the pony rides, vegetables, live poultry, bargain hunters and specialty foods. The Stouffville Country Market is here to stay for another three years.

The news from market land owners, The Conservatory Group, reached market manager Gary Rouse in the last few weeks.

The market will stay at Tenth Line north of Main Street until the end of 2010.

The news has encouraged several new vendors to set up shop at the market this month even though January is traditionally the time when their numbers shrink.

Plans include bringing back the petting zoo and pony rides, among other attractions, Mr. Rouse said, and trying to enhance the market to "get it back the way it was 10 or 15 years ago."

"The vendors are happy," he said. "Everyone is pretty excited."

The market was set to close at the end of this year. A hunt was on for a new location.

One vendor cheered by the news is Norman Peer of Norm's Furnishings, which has been a fixture at the market for 30 years. Although he's planning to retire at the end of the year, his son, Matthew, will most likely take over the business.

Mr. Peer has heard from many customers and vendors who are

Author friend of Trudeau's speaking at library

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A Stouffville author, who has counted former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau among his friends, is reading from his latest books at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Feb. 1.

B. W. (Bruce) Powe, a professor of English at York University, reads from the *Unsaid Passing*, a book of poems, *Towards A Canada of Light*, reflecting on Canada's hope and possibility in a time of terrorism and turmoil, and a work-in-progress, *Mystic Trudeau*.

Mr. Trudeau was a complex man, Mr. Powe said. He was very much part of our history, "a very kindly and generous friend" and a good father to his three sons.

Towards a Canada of Light had the distinction of being published simultaneously in English and in French for the Quebec market. The importance of Canada to the world was brought home to Mr. Powe when he was told by French government officials two years ago, "If Canada fails, then the rest of the world is finished."

His other books include *The Solitary Outlaw*, a study of Pierre Trudeau, Marshall McLuhan and Glenn Gould, and *Outage*, a novel.

The author, who has lived in Stouffville for 10 years, is completing work on two books to be published this year, *Mystic Trudeau* and *These Shadows Remain*.

The author was once described by colum-

nist Barbara Amiel as "an intellectual terrorist."

Mr. Powe has spearheaded three major conferences at York University: Marshall McLuhan: What if he's right in 1997; The Trudeau Era in 1999 and Living Legacies in 2002, exploring what it means to read and write now.

As an essayist for *The Globe and Mail*, Mr. Powe has written on subjects as diverse as the Rolling Stones at Sarstock and the journals of Northrop Frye.

There is no cost for the author reading which takes place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the library at 30 Burkholder Ave.

For more information, call the library at 905-642-7323

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