

Sun-Tribune people

LOOKING GOOD, MOM

Sue Chewins of Stouffville gets her hair cut by daughter, Sarah, during Headlines Salon and Spa's cut-a-thon and silent auction for Christian Blind Mission International at the Stouffville Road mission Sunday.



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Super Bowl champs signed football in YMCA auction

An Indianapolis Colts football, signed by all members of the Super Bowl-winning team, is part of the silent auction by the YMCA Stouffville Employment Resource Centre this weekend.

The auction also includes a hockey puck signed by Pittsburgh Penguin Sidney Crosby.

The silent auction takes place today from 2 to 4 p.m. at the employment centre, 28 Sandiford Dr. (behind McDonald's) and at the Stouffville Kinsmen Valentine's Dance at the Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion, which begins at 7 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Y's Strong Kids Campaign.

For more information, call 905-640-2856.

Leisure fees on agenda

Setting rates for user fees for leisure services is on the agenda for Tuesday's Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

More information is available from the council in committee agenda available at the town offices, 37 Sandiford Dr.

Comments on user fees can be submitted to the town's treasurer, Marc J. Pourvahidi by calling 905-640-1910, ext. 245 or e-mailing marc.pourvahidi@townofws.com

Fast food on screen

Fast Food Nation is the Thursday night movie at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library this week. The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Call 905-642-7323.

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'You always come back with much more than you came with'

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world events. Most are in Grade 12. Before retiring in 2004, Mr. Whitebread would take his students to downtown Toronto missions and homeless shelters.

The message at the Cuernavaca centre is you can't preach to people, Mr. Whitebread said, "you have to learn from people" in a reverse missions concept.

"You always come back with much more than you came with," he said.

The Christian ecumenical program includes four stages, including the experience of seeing the situation in Mexico first-hand, reflecting on the experience, having an action plan and then including a

celebration.

Both faith-based and secular groups get to meet with urban and rural Mexicans working for change and visit various parts of the community, as well as co-operatives and archeological sites. They see how hard people there work to eke out a living and learn how politics and such things as international trade agreements affect third-world countries.

Groups members help with local breakfast programs and

always bring along several suitcases filled with clothing and school supplies. For this trip, pharmacist Rob Croxall of the IDA Pharmacy in Stouffville donated medicines and one of the student's parents donated a large supply of vitamins.

The Whitebreads and other group members also helped to construct a Habitat for Humanity home.

On the last two trips, Mr. Whitebread's wife Susan accompanied the group. She's a Grade 6 teacher at St. Mark Catholic School. The 24 students in her classroom will twin with a local school in San Juan de Rio, a village near Cuernavaca, and start to learn about life there by writing to local schoolchildren.

Since few of the villagers speak

English, the letters will be translated into Spanish.

There's no proper school building for the youngsters in San Juan del Rio and most learning is done in informal classrooms around the village. The St. Mark students will help to raise funds for a new school by making crafts to sell around Easter time.

By writing to children in the village, the St. Mark's students will learn about their daily life, about the history of the Mexican village and the economy, which includes many micro-businesses run by women.

For more information on the Cuernavaca Centre for Intercultural Dialogue in Development, log on to coidd.org



Stouffville's Colin Whitebread, centre of back row, with volunteer work crew at Mexican project.

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