

COMING UP

The week ahead in Whitchurch-Stouffville

EDITOR'S PICK

Comedy festival veteran bringing celebrity voices to SDSS fundraiser

Spartan rugby team to England, Wales during March break

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An evening of humour is in store for you when Yuk Yuk's headliner Mark Walker comes to the Markham Fairgrounds Saturday for a Stouffville fundraiser.

He is joined by Yuk Yuk's veterans Laurie Elliott and Bill MacIntosh.

The comedy evening is a fundraiser for the Spartans senior boys rugby team at Stouffville District Secondary School.

The team is heading to England and Wales for a tour during March Break and requires \$60,000 to make the trip.

The team's head coach is Jamie Hewitt.

Last fall, teams from England and Wales came to Stouffville to

play against the Spartans.

Mr. Walker started off in public school by honing his impressions of characters such as Wolfman Jack, Richard Nixon and 'The Fonz' from the Happy Days TV show.

He has gone on to do impressions of a host of celebrities.

He has headlined with Yuk Yuk's since 1988. As well as appearing at comedy festivals from Halifax to Montreal, Mr. Walker appeared on CTV's Canada AM and City TV's Breakfast Television and is does voice-over work for commercials.

He did a half-hour comedy special on CBC-TV and a one-hour special on The Comedy Network.

Doors to the Yuk Yuk's comedy evening open at 7 p.m. The show is in Building 4 at the fairgrounds on McCowan Road, near Elgin Mills Road.

Tickets are \$25 each. Call 905-642-4484 or 905-640-4204.



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Nova Scotia native Mark Walker appears Saturday night at a fundraiser for a Stouffville sports team. He has been on several TV shows.

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Choir of African orphans returning to Stouffville

The Watoto Children's Choir returns to Stouffville Feb. 17 for what may be its only stop here this year.

The 18 youngsters from Uganda, many of whom have lost their parents to AIDS, are performing at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church.

"They dance, sing and do a combination of spiritual gospel music and their own African rhythms," said Nancy Clark, who is co-ordinating the tour.

The youngsters will stay with families from the church on Feb. 16. They perform at EastRidge church on the Sunday morning, then go to the Port Perry Pentecostal Church for a 6 p.m. performance the same day.

There are several Watoto Children's Choirs, which have travelled and performed around the world since 1994 to raise funds for children living in Watoto villages in Uganda.

The container that was filled with the help of the community last year has finally arrived at the Watoto village of Suubi, Mrs. Clark said.

Many residents, organizations and businesses pitched in to help fill the container with items for children of all ages in the village.

Watoto supports 1,364 children in Uganda. Of these, 848 live in one of 108 homes in three Watoto Villages and 516 are cared for in their extended families, with help from the Watoto ministry.

Fourteen young adults from Watoto villages are attending university.

The choir performs at 10:45 a.m. at the church, 12485 Tenth Line, north of Main Street in Stouffville.

For information, call 905-862-0468.

Learn English at library

If you want to practise your English in a comfortable setting, ESL for Beginners at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is the place to start.

The eight-week program runs from Feb. 12 until April 8, excluding March 11. It takes place from 10 a.m. to noon.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$40 plus GST.

The library is at 30 Burkholder St. Call 905-642-7323 to register.

THURSDAY
FEB.

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SPIRIT CLOSES OUT REGULAR SEASON

The Stouffville Spirit plays its final home game of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League regular season when it hosts the Villanova Knights at 7:30 p.m. The playoffs likely open in Stouffville next Thursday. For more, go to stouffvillespirit.com

your PLANNER

WEDNESDAY
FEB.

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LENTEN MEALS

Christ Church Anglican hosts its annual Lenten dinners Wednesdays from Feb. 13 to March 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. No charge, but donations accepted. The church is on Sunset Boulevard next to Orchard Park school. Call 905-640-1461.

SATURDAY
FEB.

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WINTER CARNIVAL HITS THE LAKE

The fifth annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Winter Carnival takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. at Cedar Beach Park and on Musselman's Lake. Activities for all ages. All proceeds to Markham Stouffville Hospital. For more information, visit musselmanslake.ca

SUNDAY
FEB.

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EXPERIMENTS IN WATERCOLOURS

The Latcham Gallery holds a watercolour experimentation workshop for intermediate and beginning painters led by Valerie Kent from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Registration required. Gallery members \$30, non-members \$35. Call 905-640-8954.

THURSDAY
FEB.

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SENIORS HAVE HOPE

The HOPE group for retirees and seniors celebrates Valentine's Day at Heise Hill Church, 11760 Woodbine Ave., in Gormley, with a special program. Lunch begins at noon. RSVP by calling 905-642-5623.

SATURDAY
FEB.

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FULL MOON OVER STOUFFVILLE

Full Moon performs high-energy pop, rock and blues favourites beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the Earl of Whitchurch pub and restaurant, 6204 Main, St. in Stouffville.

TUESDAY
FEB.

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BE MY VALENTINE?

A Ladies Valentine Coffee Hour is being presented by the Goodwood/Stouffville Christian Women's Club in the Village Square, 36 Eastern Gate in Stouffville. Guest speaker and singer is Tina Weidelick on the topic 'Leave your worries behind'.

For more community events, visit yorkregion.com and click on POP personal online planner.


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