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COMING UP

Youth week showcasing town talent, activities

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Who says there's nothing for young people to do in this town? Starting Monday, Whitchurch-Stouffville will celebrate its younger residents with a week of events that include a talent contest, dance and mini putt.

Kids from 11 to 18 are invited to show off their talents during the Stouffville Has Talent competition. Auditions are this Monday and Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Latham Hall, 8 Park Dr. Audition forms are available at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St.

Any type of talent is acceptable - from singing to dancing, juggling and unicycle riding.

Finalists will advance to the final competition, Friday, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park. The event is free to everyone.

"It's an artsy place, so it seemed perfect," said Carlo Cilia, the Mayor's Youth Council co-chairperson.

On Wednesday, there will be mini golf available for \$5 at Timber Creek, 12772 Ninth Line,

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GO FISH



STAFF PHOTOS/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Musselman's Lake was the fishing hole of choice for Stephen LaFrance (from left), Dennis John LaFrance, 8, Lorraine Hemburrow and Trisha Lafrance, 12, last Saturday. Trisha (inset) caught a fish, but threw the little guy back into the Ninth Line lake.

Druggist, MPP could square off at forum

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Will prescriptions cost more? Will you be charged for what is currently being offered for free? Will the local independent pharmacy go out of business?

These are just some of the questions Farid Wassef, a community pharmacist for Stouffville IDA Pharmacy, will be answering Thurs-

day evening during an information session hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

York Region MPPs Helena Jacek and Frank Klees have also been invited by the library. Mr. Klees declined, citing a previous commitment.

"The issue at hand is that the public is outright confused," Mr. Wassef said.

Last month, the provincial gov-

ernment announced that professional allowances paid by drug manufacturers to pharmacists will be discontinued.

"It's not a kick-back. It's a professional allowance," Mr. Wassef said. "You can't go golfing on it. It has to go back into the store for professional services."

Those services, which are currently free to the customer, include blister packaging, delivery, renewal

of prescription with doctors, disposal of expired medications and used needles as well as diabetic and asthma training and education.

"Pharmacists are part of the public health care system," Mr. Wassef said. "The government knows they can't have everyone rush to the doctor or hospital for a sniffle."

The forum starts at 7 p.m. The library is located at 30 Burkholder St. in Memorial Park.

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