

# Have a Heart music night for Uganda at Parkview village

On Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m., everyone is invited to attend a music night fundraising event at Parkview Village Auditorium to support the work of the Mennonite Central Committee in providing emergency food relief in northern Uganda. Local musicians the Rouge River Connection and Bryan Moyer Suderman will perform at

the event and Father Peter Paul Ssemakula from St. Jude Parish in Masaka, Uganda will be a special guest. Father Ssemakula assists with M.C.C.'s work in Uganda and will speak on the situation in his country.

The evening marks the start of a pastoral exchange between Stouffville's Community Mennonite Church and St.

Jude Parish in 2004. During his three week visit, Father Ssemakula will work alongside Pastor Gord Alton, who will pay a return visit to St. Jude Parish later this year to work with Father Ssemakula. The church invites residents to join them at this special event.

For more information call the church office at 905-640-9730.



## Stouffville Country Village Business Improvement Area

Wishes to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and groups for their support.

The 2003 BIA events and endeavours were great successes. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to our community.

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To everyone else (you know who you are), thank you so much for everything you have done for the BIA. We are looking forward to an exciting 2004 with lots of positive changes happening in our downtown core. Whether you are attending one of our many year round events or visiting the historic downtown, take a minute and visit one of our shops or services. Keep downtown Stouffville alive and vital...SHOP DOWNTOWN STOUFFVILLE COUNTRY VILLAGE BIA and discover friendly shop keepers and a surprisingly great choice of shops to serve you.

For information on how you can participate in any of the following 2004 events, please call the BIA Office at 905-640-0749.

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| Saturday, April 10     | - Easter Egg Hunt on Main Street           |
| Saturday, May 15       | - Bed Race & Giant Main Street Yard Sale   |
| Friday, June 11        | - Elvisfest "Tribute to the King"          |
| Saturday, June 12      |  |
| Saturday, July 3       | - BIA Strawberry Festival Parade           |
| Thursday, August 26    | - Moonlight & Madness Summer Street Sale   |
| Saturday, September 18 | - Art on Main Street                       |
| Saturday, October 30   | - Trick or Treat on Main Street            |
| Friday, December 3     | - Festival of Lights Christmas Celebration |

## Emmerson accepts nomination for Liberals

Former Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Wayne Emmerson has accepted the nomination as Liberal candidate for the new riding of Oak Ridges-Markham.

"They contacted me quite a long time ago to see if I would be

interested," said Mr. Emmerson, who left local politics in November at the end of his third term as mayor. His long experience in municipal politics was an important factor in the selection process and he is excited about the prospect of tackling a new challenge

at the federal level.

"This is a big riding and it's mostly rural" he said. "I live here and I've lived here all my life, and I can't remember the last time we have had an MP or an MPP who was actually from the community."

## Family literacy day at Glad Park Public School

Dressed as characters from Robert Munsch stories, Glad Park's staff, students and families enjoyed a variety of reading, writing, listening and speaking activities in French and English at Family Literacy Day Jan. 27.

The focus is on developing literacy by encouraging reading and learning within the family context. Guest readers visited each classroom to read and talk about

how reading and writing is used in their daily lives.

Many parents joined their children for alphabet soup at lunch, which was followed by literacy workshops designed for parent-child participation. Students enjoyed hearing teachers present the progressive story all classes took turns writing, and a choral reading of a poem from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

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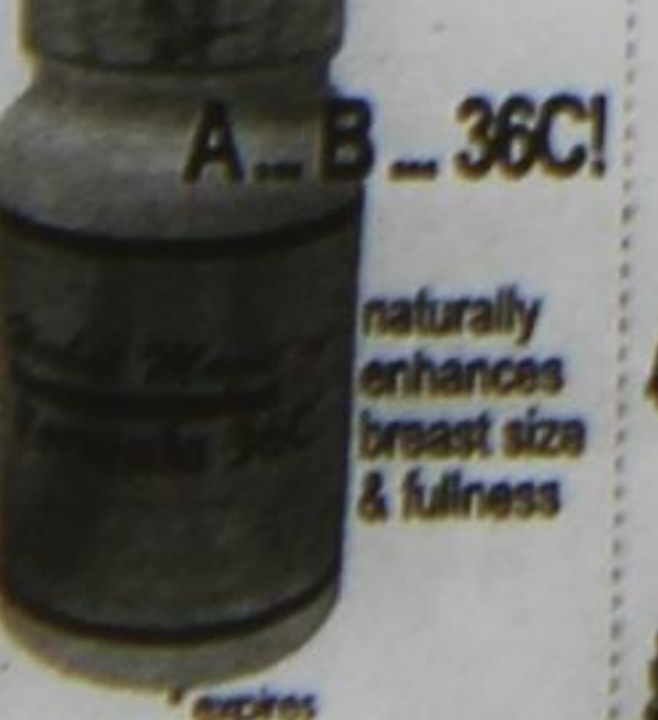
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