

## Big Bike rides Monday

A 30-seat bicycle will ride through Unionville Main street Monday in support of heart and stroke research.

A team, made up of department members of the Town of Markham, will ride The Big Bike For Stroke.

This is the sixth year the town has participated in the event and it has since raised more than \$19,000. This year, the goal is to exceed \$20,000.

The money goes toward heart disease and stroke research, educational programming and resources for the York Region South branch of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Town staff will be pedaling laps Monday from 10:30 to 11 am.

The Big Bike tours Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Nova Scotia from April to October.

## Jeff Healey ready to jazz up Ribfest

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Staff Writer

Ten bands will perform at next month's Markham Rotary Ribfest and Blues festival, including one performer familiar to many people.

Jeff Healey, rock guitarist and vocalist turned jazzman, will play with his band the Jazz Wizards, a new group that features Mr. Healey on the trumpet, trombone, guitar and vocals.

The weekend event, July 15, 16 and 17 at the Markham Fairgrounds, aims to raise money for Markham Stouffville Hospital.

"We want to pull out all the stops to raise as much as we can for the hospital," said Eric Tappenden, chairperson of the ribfest promotions committee.

The money will go toward an MRI unit, often used to help detect certain types of cancer.

Mr. Healey went blind at an early age from eye cancer.

The Markham Sunrise Rotary Club, comprised of about 30 people, picks a different beneficiary each year to receive proceeds from Ribfest.

Ribfest is a fundraising

staple for rotary clubs in the Greater Toronto Area, Mr. Tappenden said.

The event will include children's rides, a beer tent and seafood stand as well as other alternatives to ribs, including hot dogs and burgers.

Contests for best ribs and rib sauces will be held. Commercial ribbers, such as restaurants, come from as far away as Mississippi and Georgia to compete, Mr. Tappenden said.

Mr. Healey and the Jazz Wizards are the headline act and will play July 15. The next night features Colin Amey, an up and coming country singer. Mr. Healey has previously performed at the Markham Theatre and the Markham Jazz Festival.

Last year, 15,000 people attended Ribfest, raising \$15,000. This year, the club hopes to draw about 25,000 people and raise \$35,000.

Admission is free but the rotary club will be accepting donations.

The fairgrounds are located on McCowan Road at Elgin Mills Road East.

For more information, visit [www.Markhamribfest.com](http://www.Markhamribfest.com)

## Art in Park good draw

More than 100 artists will participate in the 10th anniversary of Art in the Park next month.

Young people will enjoy the Kreative Kids area where budding young artists can create their own masterpieces.

Another Art in the Park staple, the silent auction, will be held both days from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Princess Margaret Hospital's Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

A special commemorative poster has been issued to honour the 10th anniversary of the York Region Newspaper Group show. Long-participating Art in the Park artist Murray Pipher kindly agreed to the use of his painting Jack in the Pulpit. The poster will be sold at Art in the Park for \$2 and all proceeds will be donated to the Celebration of the Arts, a talent competition for artists in York Region.

Art in the Park has grown over the years into one of the most successful outdoor art shows in Ontario.

It has served as the springboard to the new art show, Art in the Park, Vaughan, which is held Aug. 13 and 14 at the Woodbridge Fairgrounds.

Art in the Park will be held July 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Markham Museum, 9350 Hwy. 48 (Hwy. 48 & 16th Avenue). Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and youth 13-18. Children under 12 are free.

## Green Bins are coming!



Starting the week of July 4, 2005, Markham will begin Phase 2 of Mission Green, a new waste reduction initiative that aims to keep 70% of our waste out of Michigan landfill.

Green Bins will be delivered to all single-family homes located west of Highway 48 in Markham between June 13 and 24, 2005.

Each home will receive a Green Bin, indoor container and information package that includes a NEW 2005 Waste Collection Schedule. Please read all of the information

delivered with your Green Bin as Markham's Blue Box program has also changed.

The Mission Green initiative includes weekly collection of organic material in a Green Bin, weekly collection of comingled Blue Box recyclables and collection of the left over residue (garbage) every other week.

If you have not received your Green Bin by Friday, June 24 or if you have questions about your information package, please call 905-415-7535.



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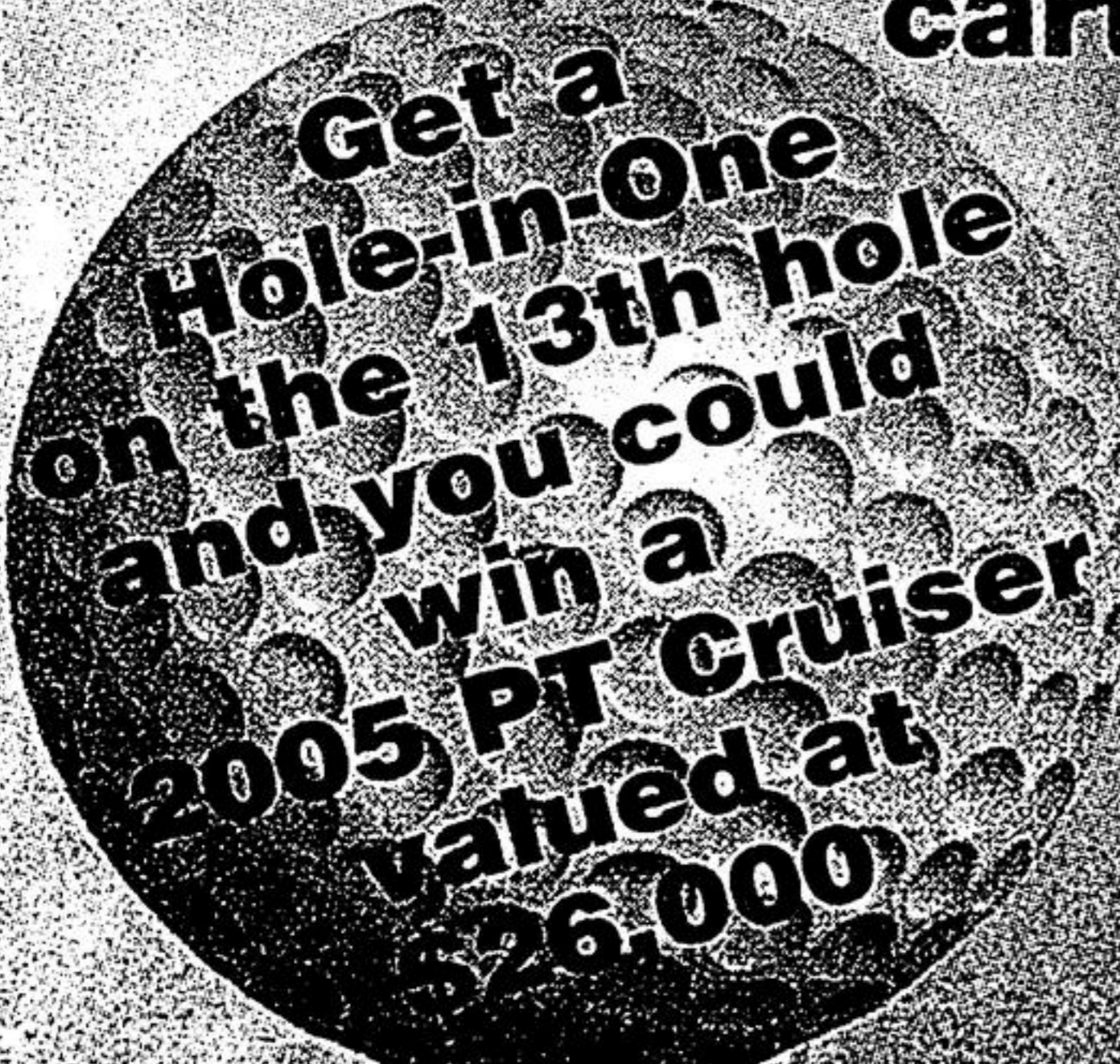
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**Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at Bushwood Golf Club, Markham.**

**First tee off 2:00pm. \$100 entry fee includes green fees, cart, prizes & BBQ, and tons of fun.**

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