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Give name to new school

You have a chance to name Whitchurch-Stouffville's newest school.

The York Region District School Board is open to nominations for the naming of a new elementary school in northeast Stouffville. The school, for junior kindergarten to Grade 8, will be built on the west side of the extension of Greenwood Road near St. Brigid Catholic School.

September 2008 is the anticipated opening date for the school, which is expected to house 527 pupils.

Names of notable Canadian and international figures, such as government leaders, significant contributors to sports, the sciences or the arts, or people and places important to the local community are among those which will be considered.

Please e-mail your suggestion to your public school trustee, Lorelea Caruthers, at namethatschool-stouffville@yrdsb.edu.on.ca by Feb. 27.

Snow, cold welcomed by winter carnival

The Musselman's Lake winter carnival, Winterfest 2007, is ready to roll Feb. 10 between 1 and 4 p.m. — on the ice and off.

The action is in the Cedar Beach Pavilion and on the lake, with the First Ballantrae Scouts serving up beaver tails and other goodies. The Ballantrae and District Lions Club is cooking up steaming pots of chili, while the scouts barbecue hot dogs and serve hot chocolate. There will also be a bonfire.

The scouts are raising funds to attend this summer's jamboree in Quebec to celebrate the Scouting movement's 100th anniversary.

The cold weather and snow that hit recently means there can be hay rides around the neighbouring Shadow Lake property and dog sled and ATV rides provided by Stouffville's ATC Corral. A skating area is to be cleared on the lake near the pavilion.

The York Region Police water rescue unit and snowmobile rescue unit as well as firefighters with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services are taking part.

The lake ice will be drilled to make sure it's thick enough, event organizer Phil Bannon said.

For those who enjoy their winter carnival indoors, there will be performances in the pavilion by the primary choir from Whitchurch Highlands Public School at 1 p.m., the Stouffville-based Bach to Blues chorus at 2 p.m. and Doo Doo The Clown at 3 p.m.

Volunteers from the Stouffville Community Policing Centre will be on hand with their child identification and fingerprinting program.

Youngsters can play some pioneer games, thanks to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, enjoy a wide variety of other games and have

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their faces painted. Shuttle bus service to the event is available for residents including seniors from area residences and nursing homes. If you need a ride to the carnival, call 905-640-1910, ext. 701.

Gormley resident \$100,000 richer

Lillian Birrane has an extra \$100,000 she hadn't planned on, after matching the last six of the seven numbers on her ENCORE ticket last month.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Vandorf General Store on Woodbine Avenue. Mrs. Birrane has been buying tickets for years, but this is the first time she's won.

"I knew I won something," the 80-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville resident told staff at the OLG prize centre. "Now, I'm going to take it easy. I still have a few more years left."

Mrs. Birrane and her husband, Danny, have three children and two grandchildren. She plans to pay some bills with her winnings.

And she'll continue playing the lottery.

Generous winners

Now, that's community. The majority of prize winners in the Stouffville Lions/Sun-Tribune Christmas decorating contest have donated their winnings back to the Lions for community work.

Cash prizes are awarded to homeowners annually.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROCUREMENT

Financial Consulting Services for Canadian Producers

As an interim measure to an upcoming Request for Standing Offers, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has issued a Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) to recruit financial consultants to support the delivery of the Canadian Farm Business Advisory Services and the Canadian Farm Families Options Program.

For more information on these programs, visit www.agr.gc.ca/renewal

The NPP provides details on these programs and services which are available in all provinces and territories. The NPP also outlines the qualifications and the selection process for potential consultants.

Interested financial consultants, with a sound knowledge of the agriculture sector should register with the Government of Canada's electronic tendering service, MERX_{tm} and respond to the NPP.

For more information and to register on MERX_{tm}, visit www.merx.com

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