

COMMUNITY

# Annual ride honours officer killed on duty

You can support local charitable organizations by taking part in a memorial bicycle ride in memory of Garrett Styles, a York Regional Police officer killed in the line of duty.

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**GARRETT STYLES:** York Regional Police officer killed in line of duty will have bicycle ride in his memory.

Markham station on McCowan Road.

Const. Styles was killed in East Gwillimbury while conducting a traffic stop.

For registration details, e-mail Sgt. Ken Bardai at 961@yrp.ca or call 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7500.

The third annual Memorial Ride 4 Styles kicks off at noon June 23.

This year's ride will support three groups, including Victim Services of York Region, Big Brother Big Sisters of York and Special Olympics.

Cyclists will ride about 40 kilometres from the Newmarket police station on Prospect Street to the

# Memories marked at cemetery day

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The third Sunday in June is reserved for celebrating the memories of those who are no longer with us during the annual Decoration Day service at the Stouffville Cemetery.

This year's event gets underway at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

As part of the celebration, there will be a non-denominational service. In case of rain, it will be held at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church, 12485 Tenth Line.

About 100 people attended last year's service, according to Maria Schembri, spokesperson for the town.

Donations will be accepted, which Ms Schembri said go towards maintaining the cemetery.

## Meaty event giving back

Pulled pork, brisket, sausage and ribs will be served up Thursday at the Vulcan Meat Club's feast.

The serving of vegetables on the side is "still undecided. ... I don't know if there will be any room on the plate because there is so much meat," said J.J. Bouwmeister, the club's co-founder.

Dessert is a second helping of meat.

The meatfest is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics and Mr. Bouwmeister's four-year-old relative, Tayah Fairbrother, who is battling cancer.

It costs \$500 to send an athlete to the games, according to Mr. Bouwmeister. They take place in York Region this summer.

And Tayah's family could use the money to help with home care and travel costs to Sick Kids hospital.

The dinner, which starts at 6 p.m. at The Lion, 5917 Main St., is open to everyone, however Mr. Bouwmeister cautioned "it's male-oriented, but it's open to women".

The guest speakers are cigar guru Derek Hanson and local pharmacist Farid Wassef, who will discuss meat and diet.

There will be a cigar lounge, band, giveaways and extended patio.

The cost is \$30 per person and 100 per cent of the proceeds will be split between the Special Olympics and Tayah Fairbrother.

"We've created quite a buzz, but now we want to give it back to the community," he said.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by e-mailing meatclub@rogers.com

## Legion gives Parkview seniors a lift

Parkview Home has a new mechanical lift thanks to the Stouffville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

"We are very grateful for this equipment as it allows us to transfer residents while enhancing safety for residents and staff alike," said Solange Taylor, Parkview's executive director.

Judy Bond, president of the local branch, made the presentation.

The Ontario Command Branches and the Ladies Auxiliary is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their auxiliaries. Through their collective fundraising, they are able to fund items such as medical equipment to non-profit organizations involved in health care.

Parkview Services for Seniors provides a Christian non-profit community for seniors.

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