

Residents keep battling deadly malady

There are few who haven't been touched by cancer. This dreaded disease took the lives of my brother and brother-in-law. Recently, hundreds filled the sanctuary of Markham's Missionary Church for the funeral of Karen (Paisley) Murphy following her courageous battle with this ruthless malady.

It's reached epidemic proportions, a scourge plainly visible each week in the obituary columns of this newspaper.

As hopeless as the struggle may seem, people, including residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville aren't giving up. The ongoing achievements of Sandy (Schell) Kennedy and the local Terry Fox Run are positive proof of this, with more than a million dollars raised in support of awareness and treatment.

As the buoyant beat goes on, so does the success of continuous research. Unfortunately, it's the death toll we so often hear about. The recoveries, not so much.

Regardless, one mother of



Roaming Around

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two is taking up the crusade. In association with Mortgage Alliance where she's employed, Maria Troiani is hosting a Rally of Hope this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Stouffville's Memorial Park. The event, a first for our town, will serve as a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

A noon highlight will feature the arrival of up to eight motorcyclists, currently travelling from Vancouver, British Columbia to St. John's, Newfoundland.

At Maria's request, they've

altered their route from Sudbury to include a stop-over in Stouffville. At the conclusion of their journey, the bikers hope to have raised \$150,000 and thus top the inclusive one million dollar mark.

"They'll be our guests of honour," Maria says. In addition, the occasion will include a band, vocal soloists Lloyd Knight and Diamond Elvis, guitarist Lucas DiPasquale; an 80-foot Re/Max hot air balloon; face-painting, dunk tank, silent auction; share-the-hair donations and plenty of food. Members of the Stouffville Lions Club will be flipping burgers all afternoon.

Maria, assisted by fellow softball coach Rick Upton and several others, began formulating plans back in February, first by reserving the park and later arranging groups to attend.

"The town's been helpful," she says "and business people have been very supportive. I find it amazing how folks here continually come together when the cause is right. It's a wonderful community."

The date — this Saturday. The location — Stouffville Memorial Park. The time — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (See page 22 for more.)

Farm history in action

If you're among those privileged to receive door-to-door delivery of this week's Sun-Tribune before noon, you'll be on time to see history in action on the farm of Murray and Harry Lewis, 10982 McCowan Rd., directly across from Markham fairgrounds.

It's a show unlike anything staged elsewhere in York Region, perhaps Ontario, a throw-back to agriculture's golden age.

For oldsters it's a memory. For children it's an education. It all begins at 1 p.m. and extends through until 4 p.m.

The assembly line of activity commences with a binder, followed by a reaper, a mower, a tedder and a rake. If conditions are right, other refurbished implements will be brought into the mix including a cultivator, a riding disc, a riding plow, a disc

plow, a seed drill, a corn binder and a cutting box. Of particular interest will be a 1921 steel-wheeled McCormick-Deering tractor, one of only a few known to exist. A similar make of tractor will power an age-old threshing machine manufactured by Lobsinger Bros. of Mildmay, Ont.

No old-time threshing bee would be complete without horses. Teams of Clydesdales, Belgians and Percherons will be provided by Blair Purcell of Markham, Ted English of Sunderland, Steve Lewis of Cannington, Mike Tavares of Stouffville, Kim Hughes of Uxbridge and Jim Hadwin of Udora.

The ladies of Lemonville United Church will provide a food booth with all proceeds going to construct a warming centre below the sanctuary. At the conclusion of the bee, refreshments, including pie and ice cream will be served.

Admission is free.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 60 years.



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DRINKING WATER FINANCIAL PLAN

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) Drinking Water Financial Plan is available online at York.ca under 'Newsroom'. The financial plan is in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07 and the plan has been approved by Regional Council.

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The **Amended** Proposed Source Protection Plan policies for the CTC Source Protection Region are undergoing **final** consultation and the public is invited to make written comments.

The Plan contains policies to protect municipal sources of drinking water and will become enforceable under the provincial *Clean Water Act, 2006*

The Plan and explanatory material can be found at <http://www.ctcswp.ca/ctc-source-protection-plan>

Comments must be received by **Friday, August 22, 2014, 5:00pm** addressed to:

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E-mail: sourcewater@trca.on.ca

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