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Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



Calling a spade a spade

If you moved to Brooklin from foreign lands (like, say, Ottawa) in the last three years, you would have heard about the wonderful projects in the offing. Certainly these would be key selling points for any responsible realtor.

The 407 and 412 highways were already a done deal so no one can fault unsuspecting agents for not sharing with clients just how deep the gouging would be. On the weekend before our own move, the 407 preened for walkers and cyclists for a day. No free transponders, but hey, fresh pavement is nothing to sneer at.

There were also expectations of a new sports facility and an arte-

rial road to bypass Winchester and head south of the 407 then east. Who wouldn't want to live in this lovely community where traffic was to be minimized and kids could use a sparkling, state-of-the-art building with a pool and perhaps two or more ice pads, especially when one considers the hunger here for sport? To be sure, that hunger is not being sated.

Now three years later and there's no sign yet of either project. The 2019 budget's been passed with the usual hullabaloo for controlling taxes, providing meaningful services, and maintaining a pleasant lifestyle for all.

In Brooklin, this is mostly true.

Except for the daily Toronto-like congestion on Winchester and a dilapidated, repulsive rink and surrounding park on a 10.5 hectare (25 acre) patch of ground used just four days each year. To clarify, this is not a clarion call for the Spring Fair to be anywhere but where it is. However, the Vipond rink and its surroundings - to wit, the playground - are an embarrassment.

The budget document says this about the rink: "Luther Vipond Memorial Arena will require significant future capital investment to maintain the current service levels. The main floor slab and other refrigeration plant components are showing signs that they are approaching the end of their useful life expectancy and require replacement."

It later adds, "While still structurally sound it is nearing its end of life cycle as an arena complex due to the

age of the ice plant."

In other words, the rink is likely to die well before anything new is built, leaving a massive recreation hole.

As to the grounds, there's this: "In 1986, the Town's Culture and Recreation Master Plan identified a need to carry out a detailed long range comprehensive planning study for Brooklin Memorial Park. The 2006 Culture, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan also identified the need to address potential recreational uses at Brooklin Memorial Park."

So, 13 years after 20 years after the identification of a need to do something, there's still nothing. Similarly, what's happened to the arterial road bypass?

Let's call a spade a spade: when will we see one in the ground?

Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



Getting Graphic

Graphic novels are hot these days. My daughter loves them. She can go through one in a couple of hours. For those not familiar with graphic novels, they are full length stories written in picture form, similar to a comic book. They resemble the Archie comics of our youth.

For today's kids brought up with screens and online videos, they hold great appeal. Their bite sized text and colourful images make reading fun. The short narratives make information easy to digest for readers of any age.

Publishers are releasing lots of great books in graphic form. Most are directed at the 7 to 15 age group and deal with topics such as making friends, dealing with a bully, fitting in, diversity and adventures.

Classics, too

As well, if you're looking to introduce classic stories to your child, publishers are also re-releasing in graphic form books such as Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys and the Babysitters Club.

Here are some good ones to check out:

Raina Telgemeier, author of "Smile," tells the ordeals of sixth grader Raina and her adventures

in losing her front teeth and the dental issues that follows. In the sequel, "Sisters," Raina deals with sibling rivalry.

Shannon Hale's book "Real Friends" deals with girl drama at the elementary level and friendship issues.

Two of my favourites are Svetlana Chmakova's "Awkward" and "Brave". These speak to kids. "Awkward" tells the tales of a diverse group of kids who must learn to work together despite their differences. In "Brave," kids are introduced to another group who must learn how to stand up to a bully and find themselves.

For children who are fans of Geronimo Stilton, much of the series is now available in graphic novel form so they can enjoy their favourite adventures again and again.

Library holdings

The Whitby library carries many graphic novels, which is great because, as these books tend to be quick reads, kids can quickly run through a series. Books stores carry them as well and some even have full sections devoted to them.

Pick up a few before your next road trip and you'll enjoy a nice quiet drive.

Join Earth Hour On March 30

On Saturday, March 30, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., residents and businesses are encouraged to join the Town in turning off all nonessential lighting and electronics in recognition of Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is an annual event that promotes energy conservation and awareness for climate change. Whitby has participated in Earth Hour, reducing its energy consumption, since 2008. Once again this year the Town will switch off all unnecessary lighting and electronics at all Town facilities - including Town Hall, recreational facilities and more. Individual Town staff members will also be participating by turning off their computers at their workstations and unplugging appliances in common areas.

Whitby residents are encouraged to join in and reduce their electricity

energy use in their own homes during Earth Hour by:

- Turning off lights and televisions;
- Powering down computers;
- Unplugging unnecessary electronics and small appliances; and,
- Not using cooking appliances during the hour.
- Residents are reminded to stay safe and never leave lit candles unattended.

In addition to its participation in Earth Hour, a few of the Town's recent green initiatives include converting facility and street lights to energy efficient LEDs, purchasing an electric ice resurfer (or Zamboni) and becoming a Bee City.

For more information, visit earth-hour.org.

New Cenotaph's Fundraising Nears Goal

Fundraising efforts for Brooklin's new cenotaph is now within about \$8-10,000 of its goal, according to Karen Walendzewicz, treasurer for the Brooklin Legion who is working with the campaign.

The cenotaph will be moved from its current location outside the Luther Vipond Arena to its new home in front of the Brooklin Library. It is supposed to be ready for next Nov. 11.

"The response from the community has been fairly positive and supportive," she says. "We have received donations from residents, and three of the local service clubs and some donations on behalf of a couple of legion members who have passed away.

"Unfortunately the local businesses, developers etc have not supported us liked we had hoped. Regardless, our dedication is tentatively set for September 8th, so we still have a little time left."

Those wishing to donate to the new memorial can do so as follows:

- 1 - Write a cheque made out to: Royal Canadian Legion - Monument Fund. Mail it to: Royal Canadian Legion, 56 Baldwin St. Brooklin, L1M 1A3 Or
- 2 - Send an email transfer to Karen Walendzewicz, the Legion's treasurer: Email: kwalend63@gmail.com



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Durham Mayors Participate In Regional Government Review

Representatives of The Regional Municipality of Durham and eight local-tier municipalities recently participated in interviews with the Province of Ontario's special advisors to the Regional Government Review process.

All nine heads of council welcomed the opportunity to convey the region's productive and strong track record in working together to serve residents. Feedback was provided by Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer John Henry and mayors Shaun Collier (Ajax), Debbie Bath-Hadden (Brock), Adrian Foster (Clarington), Dan Carter (Oshawa), Dave Ryan (Pickering), Bobbie Drew (Scugog), Dave Barton (Uxbridge) and Don Mitchell (Whitby).

Highlights included:

- Regions, cities and towns are the backbone of service delivery. With an area of more than 2,500 square kilometres, a large rural area in the north and urban south, Durham's two-tier structure ensures that services are planned, funded and delivered in a cost-effective manner, on a broad geographic scale. Municipalities can reap economies of scale and avoid duplication of effort; resulting in equitable, high-quality services that would otherwise be unattainable by smaller communities.
- Residents identify with their local municipality, a strong connection that should be preserved. Clearly defined upper- and local-tier roles and responsibilities allow the region to strengthen governance and service delivery within our communities.
- All local-tier governments, and the Region, include continuous improvement as part of their core business. Recent changes in senior leadership and elected officials across Durham Region have allowed municipalities to conduct internal service reviews, support innovation, and develop new shared service arrangements. This focus on effectiveness allows the Region and local-tier municipalities to align services where it makes the most sense. A collaborative approach is key to addressing issues, such as transportation, broadband connectivity, affordable housing, environmental stewardship, and waste and emergency management.
- This Region and its municipalities continue to be leaders and advocates for good governance. In 2016, Durham Regional Council proactively redistributed its 28 seats to reflect population changes. At the same time, area municipalities examined and adjusted ward boundaries to ensure a simple and transparent electoral process. Regional Councillors also serve at the municipal level, with the Regional Chair exclusively elected to the upper tier.

Currently, local tiers respond to local matters, such as planning needs, preferences and demand in the community in areas, such as parks and recreational services, property standards, business licensing, cultural activities and community improvement. Durham Region delivers services including public health, paramedic services, child care, income and employment support, services for seniors and long-term care, transit, water, the Regional road network, and policing.

DRPS Seeks Used Cellphones To Assist Crime Victims

DRPS, in partnership with Victim Services Durham Region (VSDR), has identified a need in our community for used and refurbished cell phones.

VSDR is a separate partner agency of DRPS and provides emergency resources, support and funding to victims of violent crime. Victims are often referred through DRPS and other police services. One of the resources VSDR provides is the use of an emergency cellphone.

The cellphone offers an invaluable source of security and assistance to victims who are often fleeing dangerous situations with little to no possessions or financial support, and are feeling fearful and unsafe.

MTC Factory Outlet in Whitby has answered the call by donating 40 refurbished cell phones to this community initiative. MTC has also volunteered to place a drop box at their location for any public donations.

If you would like to donate an old, used or refurbished phone toward this initiative, visit MTC Factory Outlet located at 220 Water Street, Whitby. Check the website for regular store hours. <https://mtcfactory-outlet.com/pages/contact-us/>

For more information about this initiative please contact: Carly Kalish, Executive Director
Of VSDR, 905-579-1520, ext. 3401 or www.victimservicesdurham.ca.

Fifteen performances, comprised of 18 musically talented youth, have been selected as the Town's 2019 Whitby Idol finalists.

Presented by the Whitby Youth Council, Whitby Idol, the Town's annual singing competition, is open to youth ages 12 to 18 years old. The event profiles local youth and provides an opportunity that showcases their vocal talents to a live audience.

This year's finalists are: Sofia Wagar, Brooke Hindle, Mariah Martin, Jenny Frost, Matt Doran, Nathan Carr, Joseph Gagliardi, Aidan Pleasants, Katherine Rodney, Alesha Stevenson, Julia Middleton, Tanvee Tuppal, Allison Beadle, Tessa Martilla, Malaika Lorde, Lauren Beauvais, Monique Tesser and Riley Wheeler.

"On behalf of Council, I want to congratulate this year's Whitby Idol finalists," said Mayor Don Mitchell. "We look forward to seeing these talented local youth perform at the Whitby Idol grand finale and throughout the year at Town events."

The Whitby Youth Council is composed of young people and adults from local schools, agencies and organizations that work together to address the needs of Whitby youth. For more information, visit whitby.ca/youthevents.

Town Announces Whitby Idol Finalists

Council Approves 2019 Budget

At a Special Council meeting on Feb. 18, Town Council approved the 2019 Budget that is focused on managing the Town's recent investments in strategic initiatives, infrastructure and staffing, while continuing to plan for the future. The budget also has continued focus on the delivery of high quality programs and services to residents.

"The 2019 Budget is fiscally responsible and delivers on some of the key priorities identified within Council's 2018 to 2022 Goals," said Regional Councillor and Budget Chair Chris Leahy.

The Town's impact on the overall property tax bill is 1.94 per cent or \$8.36 per month per household*. The Town's portion of the overall tax bill is approximately 33 per cent. The Town is responsible for collecting property taxes on behalf of the Region of Durham and the School Boards.

"Through our 2018 Community Survey we heard from our residents that they believe they are getting good value for their tax dollars," said Mayor Don Mitchell. "The 2019 Budget will continue to provide good value to our residents and businesses, maintaining our infrastructure and planning for the future."

Specifically, the 2019 Budget focuses on:

- continuing to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of program and service delivery;
- improving the Town's customer service through facility and technology upgrades;
- launching our corporate planning framework to provide a roadmap for the future. This includes a new Corporate Strategic Plan, Council's Goals and the biennial community survey;
- advancing the redevelopment of Town Hall into a community hub for all;
- creating local jobs and economic prosperity through investments like the new Innovation Accelerator;
- building walkable, cycling-friendly neighbourhoods to reduce local traffic congestion;
- redeveloping and reimagining parks to ensure they meet the needs of residents now and in the future;
- accelerating the pedestrian focus of the two historic downtowns;
- launching a new strategy aimed at making the Town's community engagement more consistent, inclusive and easy;
- finalizing new sustainable development and urban design guidelines; and,
- realizing the economic, cultural and social potential of our downtowns, waterfront, green spaces and major attractions.

The following capital investments are also included within the 2019 Budget:

- parks (\$4.7M), recreation (\$2.5M) and active transportation (\$4.3M);
- fire and emergency services (\$1.6M);
- roads and stormwater (\$19.9M);
- facilities (\$2.1M);
- communications and technology (\$4.1M); and,
- library (\$1.1M).

"The 2019 Budget allows us to continue to deliver quality services to residents, despite the cost pressures of continued growth in our community," said Ken Nix, Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services. "By focusing on completing our recent investments in strategic initiatives, infrastructure and staffing, the 2019 Budget is helping to ensure our sustainable future."

Property taxes are just one of the revenue sources utilized by the Town to support its annual budget. Additional revenue sources include licensing fees, user charges and grants.

The 2019 Budget is available online at whitby.ca/budget and in-person at Town Hall.

For comments or questions about the budget, contact the Corporate Services Department by email at treasury@whitby.ca or by phone at **905.430.4300 x2232**

Meet Your Local Merchant

Brooklin Dental Centre

In 1984 Dr. Austin Saldanha hung his shingle outside his dental practice in downtown Brooklin.

Twenty five years and four children later Austin and his wife Anna are permanent fixtures in their office at 42 Baldwin Street (two doors south of the CIBC).

Dr. Austin Saldanha graduated, from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry in 1989. He worked for 2 years in Toronto before coming to Brooklin in 1991 where he and his family have become very active in the community.

"My approach to dentistry is simple. If you need dental treatment, I will inform you of all your options so that you can make an informed decision on what solution is best for you. I love my work and look forward to meeting with you."

Dr. Saldanha has also held a wide variety of community positions over the years.

- Member of Ontario Dental Association, "Honours and Awards Committee".
- Chair of the Durham Dental Society, "Mediation committee".
- Served on the Discipline Committee of the "Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario".
- Served as the Team Dentist for the Brooklin Redmen Lacrosse Club.
- Served on the Inquires, Complaints and Reports Committee of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario.
- From 1999 to 2001, served on the initial "Downtown Brooklin Steering Committee"
- Dr. Saldanha has coached Minor Lacrosse and children's volleyball in Brooklin.

Recently joining Dr. Saldanha is Dr. Saurbh Chhabra. Dr. Chhabra offers all new patients a free, no obligation first visit and free estimate for any needed dental treatment. Just ask for the free consultation

when booking an appointment.

Dr. Saurbh Chhabra graduated with his bachelors in dentistry in 2005 from The Manipal College of Dental Science in Mangalore, India and then graduated with a Masters of Dental Surgery in Prosthodontics in 2010 from Yenepoya Dental College, Mangalore.

He worked as a dentist and Consultant in Prosthodontics and Implantology in India before coming to Canada.

Dr. Chhabra passed his board and licensing exams with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario in 2017.

In order to pursue his keen interest and passion in dentistry and to improve his patient care and satisfaction, Dr. Chhabra takes many continuing education courses to help him achieve his desired goals for good quality patient care.

Dr. Chhabra enjoys practicing all phases of dentistry. He also loves spending time with his wife and catching up on sports and outdoor activities.

He has contributed to research papers in the field of prosthodontics and implantology.

Dr. Chhabra has also provided dental consultation on the All India Radio, relaying dental information and contributing to the development and outreach of health facilities in rural areas of India.

He is a member of the Ontario Dental Association.



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BHS Student Wins Provincial Sledge Silver Medal



Forbes wears #14

Brooklin High's Robert Forbes competed in sledge hockey at the Ontario ParaSports Games held February 8-10. It was the first time Durham Region has hosted the Games.

"I love the sport and when I got the opportunity to play during the ParaSport Games, I really wanted to do it," Forbes said. A Grade 11 student with cerebral palsy, he played right-wing on the Ontario North Sledge Hockey team. He's not one to let anything stop him from reaching his goals. In his spare time, he can be found



on the ice every Sunday with the Durham Steelhawks as sledge hockey is one of his passions.

Forbes added that he loved playing at this level and seeing everyone in the crowd cheering with such passion. "I think we're pretty good, but everyone is," he added.

Their first game was against Ontario East, which ended 0-0. From that point onward, his North Ontario squad got rolling and finished the tournament as silver medalists.



February Trivia Night Champs

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Brooklin Historical Society: It's a gas!

By Jennifer Hudgins

On June 25, 1995, the Consumers Gas Company in Whitby, along with its authorized dealer, Advantage Air Care in Brooklin, was pleased to inform Maureen and Gord Stevens that they were the winners of the draw for a brand new furnace installation to the value of \$3,500.

The arrival of natural gas to Brooklin was announced on July 20, 1995, at the lighting of the torch ceremony in front of the Luther Vipond Arena where Maureen was given the honour of "throwing" the switch.

Mayor Tom Edwards attended the ceremony along with Consumers Regional General Manager, Paddy Davis. Because Maureen and Gord were one of the first 100 natural gas customers in Brooklin, the happy couple also received a coupon from Uxbridge Nurseries

Ltd. for a free 2 ft spruce tree. This tree was planted in their backyard on Queen Street and is now a 30 ft beauty!

Maureen and Gord were sorry they couldn't take the tree with them when they moved to Kimberly Drive.



Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Don't be a junk food vegan

Being vegan does not necessarily mean you're healthy since many plant-based foods aren't good for you.

A "junk food vegan" is someone who is vegan but eats poor quality foods. An example: Oreo cookies are vegan but not healthy (I know you love to eat the middle white stuff). Being a junk food vegan diet is detrimental to your health and I can't stress enough that a whole food plant-based diet is the key to better health. Whole foods are simple foods, made from ingredients that don't contain a long list of chemicals. Think vegetables, fruits, grains, and seeds.

Cooking from scratch can be hard during the week when you're rushing around with kids/jobs, etc. So have homemade frozen meals or pre-cook on Sundays. There are even food delivery services that can help keep you sane. Let's face it: If you're working then running kids around town, you will occasionally go through the drive-through for dinner. Sometimes sanity trumps quality.

Losing easy recipes

One of the hardest things I found about switching to a plant-based diet was the loss of easy recipes I'd memorized. It became stressful to use long lists of ingredients from cookbooks, all with complicated steps. While a new recipe on the weekend could be fun, it drove me nuts during the week.

In searching for simple recipes, I found this blog: <https://minimalistbaker.com>. It's about simple meals with 10 or fewer easy-to-find ingredients. An example is the recipe below which I modified to make it simpler. Cauliflower is high in antioxidants, a great source of fiber, and is a low carb alternative to grains and legumes. I've used it in pizza crusts, as a "wing" alternative, and as a replacement for rice.

Vegan Mashed Cauliflower

- 2 heads cauliflower
- 4 Tbsp vegan butter* (or olive oil)
- 3-4 cloves garlic* (minced)
- 1/2 tsp sea salt (to taste)
- 1 pinch black pepper
- 1/4 - 1/2 cup unsweetened plain almond milk (to help with pureeing)

Instructions

Cut cauliflower into even florets and steam in a large pot with a steamer basket (covered) until very tender - about 15-20 minutes depending on the size of the pot and cauliflower florets. Remove from heat and set aside uncovered to cool slightly.

In the meantime, sauté the garlic in vegan butter in a small skillet over medium-low heat for 2-3 minutes or until just slightly browned (be careful not to burn). Transfer half the cauliflower to a food processor (or use an immersion blender to purée cauliflower in a pot or saucepan) and process until puréed. (The amount of cauliflower you purée at once will vary based on the size of your food processor). Then add half the garlic butter as well as half the salt and pepper and process until well combined.

Taste and adjust flavour as needed, adding more salt and pepper to taste, garlic for intense garlic flavour, vegan butter for buttery flavor, or almond milk to help the cauliflower purée.

Note: You could even blend in a little nutritional yeast to add a cheesy flavor. Transfer to a mixing bowl or serving platter and cover to keep warm. Then repeat the blending and seasoning process until all the cauliflower is whipped and seasoned. This recipe can be made in advance and reheated on the stove top or microwave.

Sheree's hack: Cut and prepare your cauliflower on the weekend so you don't have to prep on a weeknight.

Community Calendar

Sat.-Sun., March 16-17:
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Spring Market Bazaar

Sun., May 26: 9 am - 12 pm:
Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides
Hosted by Lions Foundation of Canada
Dog Guides
At Brooklin's Pet Value store
Visit: walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=1981

French Family Storytime: Children and
their caregivers can join Madame Sue for
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hour of French stories and songs, with a
dash of English!
Drop in at Central Library's Children's
Program Room

Tuesdays:
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Johnstone at jajhj@sympatico.ca or
phone **905-683-4439** or Patricia Romano
at promano257@outlook.com or phone
905-626-7055.

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Mon.-Fri.
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North Ward Councillor - By Steve Lee



Logo, Budget and Big Ticket Items

Well, it has certainly been a couple of interesting weeks on council since my last column.

One item that got people talking and involved a lot of engagement was the rebranding process that was started with the previous council. I had posted the logo online to see what residents thought. This garnered lots of attention and many comments. People were certainly passionate about the subject.

In the end, the response we received was that you would like more input. There were quite a few who thought the logo may not be the best for Whitby. At committee of the whole, I made a motion to try to get some adjustments made to the design. This was supported by Councillors Mulcahy and Roy but the motion was defeated 6-3.

Days later, I spoke with staff to see what the options were. I also discussed it with other council members and, after many meetings, it ended up with staff presenting us with three options, one of which was very close to what we had asked for. Councillors Mulcahy and Roy had submitted modifications and we ended up deciding as a council to move forward with a modified op-

tion 2, which was getting new designs from the branding design firm and having public input on those new designs. I am hoping we will be able to get something great from all this and continue the branding that Whitby needs to set us apart from other communities and to be a leader in Durham Region.

Last week's council meeting also included the budget discussion. This was also passed. I along with Councillor Mulcahy and other council members spoke to the need for and importance of ensuring the mid block arterial road gets moved along. This is something we absolutely need and will open up so many other things. The extension of Garden Street North and the future Brooklin sports complex all need this road to be opened. Personally I very much want to see this road opened and the sports complex begun. These are items people in our ward need and have wanted for some time. As well, our town has such a traffic congestion problem that we need to get this road going so we can ease the congestion in other areas.

If you would like more information about these or other issues, please email me at lees@whitby.ca.

Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown



How to garden through winter's last gasp

It's March, so I'm starting to watch out the back window to see if the Witch Hazel is showing any signs of blooming. My records indicate it bloomed as early as March 8 last year. However, those records are photos and the amount of snow evident seems to have had little effect on the date. Prolonged cold temperatures are a deciding factor. So, on that basis, I don't expect the lovely curly red blooms to show up soon. Besides, if I wanted to go outside to check, I'd need skates as the yard is still ice covered from the rain and freeze cycles we recently had.

No, all my gardening is going to be in the basement. The onions have started to germinate and the early vegetables have been seeded. Pak choi, broccoli, lettuce and a few others need 6-8 weeks from seeding to planting and I continue to be optimistic about my late April planting date.

Marigold seeds
I saved some seed last fall from marigolds and now I need to get a few of them sown to see if they're viable while I still have time to order new ones in case they're not. Though not usually a seed saver, I found that these marigolds produced so much easily gathered seed that I couldn't resist taking the short time needed. One was a new hybrid variety. It will be interesting to see what grows and how closely it resembles the original.

The other marigold is one of the Gem series that I plant yearly. I grow

it from seed because it's not always easy to find in the garden centres. It produces a large mound, about 30 cm high and wide, covered with hundreds of tiny blooms, which are edible and wonderful for decorating salads or any other part of your dinner plate.

Moth repellent
But that's not the main reason I grow them. They're scattered throughout the vegetable garden to act as a repellent for the cabbage moth. It's not 100 % effective - nothing in gardening is - but it does work. They don't always appear in garden centres because when they're small plants, they're scrawny little things that have minimal sales appeal to people who are unfamiliar with the beauty of the mature plant.

By the end of this month, I'll be sifting through the box of shredded paper to find my stored bulbs and tubers. The colocasia will be the first to be planted followed by the tuberous begonias. I'll be a bit slower this year with my dahlias because I was overanxious last year and wound up with rather large plants that wouldn't even fit into the cold frame by planting out time in late May.

Now with some bright sunny winter days and having finished planting seeds (and writing this column), I'm off to celebrate winter on the local ski hill, like a real Canadian.

That's what gardeners do in the winter.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword

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- Across
- 1 Toiletry item

5 Wrath

8 Related to or having filaments

13 A nursemaid or maid in East Asia or India.

14 Ripened

15 Any of various organs that synthesize substances needed by the body and release it into the bloodstream

16 A tropical Asian starling, sometimes a good imitator of human speech

17 Not bare

18 Becomes limp

19 Pertaining to or exhibiting magnetism

22 Midwestern state in the Great Lakes region of the United States.

23 Stubborn one

24 People who are condemned to eternal punishment

27 Spirit

29 One way to stand

33 Durable wood

34 Buenos ____

- 36 Poseidon's domain

37 Undertaker.

40 Ultimate ending

41 Noses (out)

42 Antler point

43 Snorkeling site

45 Neighbor of a Vietnamese

46 Sound system

47 Waikiki wear

49 Hipbones

50 Type of painting

58 United States anatomist who identified four pituitary hormones and discovered vitamin E

59 Sack

60 Golden rule word

61 The third canonical hour; about 9 a.m.

62 Top-of-the-line

63 Memorization method

64 Egyptian symbols of life

65. Use

66. Form of ether

9 More icy.

10 A jaunty rhythm in music

11 Voting no

12 Reduced instruction set computing (acronym)

14 Like thick smoke

20 They are (contraction)

21 Player

24 Yield

25 Invective

26 ____ Carlo

27 Broadcasting visual images

28 Pupil's place

30 United States capitalist (born in Germany) who made a fortune in fur trading (1763-1848)

31 Sierra ____

32 Florida's Key ____

34 Pond organism

35 Infected

38 Unrehearsed

39 An animal or person.

44 Draw back, as with fear or pain

46 Shade of gray

48 Softens

49 Often-missed humor

50 Bristle

51 Uniform

52 Attach a tag or label to

53 Sharp rebuke

54 Hammer or sickle

55 Privy to

56 One of four Holy Roman emperors

57 Yuletide



Local Cub Scouts Create And Race Kub Kars

Submitted by Bob Nixon



In February, more than 200 Cub Scouts from across Whitby/Port Perry Area raced their Kub Kars down the track. There are 11 Cub Packs in the Whitby Area drawing both boys and girls from the south end of Whitby to Community, including Brooklin and Ash-



This year's event was hosted by the Burns Presbyterian Church in Ashburn with groups scheduled every week night and Saturdays from February 15 to March 2. Each night the racers put their Kars to the test for speed and design with lots of vocal support from family and friends. The winners (speed and design) were invited to the Area Finals held at the church on Saturday, March 2. Awards were presented for Speed, Design and a special category for Kars built solely by youth.

Kub Kars is a yearly event that starts with the youths getting hands-on experience designing and building their own Kars. Each one starts with a standard kit consisting of

just the wheels, the nails to hold the wheels on, and a rectangular block of wood. From there, the Cubs create Kars they believe will be the fastest or the "coolest". They've made cars shaped like anything from Formula 1 race cars to last year's design winning orca whale Kar.

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Despite sales being down year-over-year, new listings actually declined by a greater annual rate. This suggests that market conditions became tighter compared to last year. Tighter market conditions continued to support year-over-year average price growth. Buyers who have been waiting to see if prices would plunge are now recognizing that isn't going to happen. Buyers are more confident that interest rates aren't still rising. Meantime, sellers are coming to terms with the reality that double-digit price gains have given way to low percent annual gains in real estate.

"The government mandated mortgage stress test has left some buyers on the side-lines who have struggled to qualify for the type of home they want to buy. The stress test should be reviewed and consideration should be given to bringing back 30 year amortizations for federally insured mortgages. There is a federal budget and election on the horizon. It will be interesting to see what policy measures are announced to help with home ownership affordability," said Mr. Bhaura, Toronto Real Estate Board President. (TREB)

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