

# GRAPEVINE



## Duffers donate

Congrats to Acton Ladies League golfer Margery Fidler who recently had a hole-in-one on the fourth hole at the Acton Golf Club. Members of the Acton Tuesday Ladies league got into the holiday spirit recently for their annual Christmas in July celebration. Members dressed in red and white outfits with a Christmas theme, and the dining room was festooned with Christmas decorations. Members brought non-perishable food items and donated 450-pounds of food for Acton's FoodShare.

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## Still on the links...

The 10th annual 3 Musketeers Memorial Golf Tournament is slated for August 25 at Acton Golf Club. With an 8 a.m. shotgun start, the scramble format event is a fundraiser for in memory of Acton teens Rory Dick, Mark Everson and Travis Toth, tragically killed in a train/car accident south of Acton 12 years ago. Proceeds from the event will be used to help build an outdoor skating rink in Acton. Past events helped fund the Acton skateboard park.

For details, or to register, call Kathy at 519-853-2151 or email [reversion@cogeco.ca](mailto:reversion@cogeco.ca) before August 11.

## Mental health fundraiser

The Dr. John Dougan Centre for Mental Health Promotion is staging a garbage and bake sale on July 21 at the Acton Town Hall Centre. The charitable organization helps improve the lives of people and their families with mental health concerns in the

North Halton area. The sale runs from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## Summer starts here

Halton Region wants to know what the favourite summer activities of its residents and visitors are and invited people to post a photo, name the activity, or tell Halton about a treasured summer pastime for a chance to win prizes, courtesy of Conservation Halton.

Tourism in Halton, Halton Chair Gary Carr's video blog, highlights some attractions – festivals, farmers' markets, cultural and sporting events – and a list of things to do can also be found at the Region's tourism portal, Discovering Halton.

For details about the contest, which runs until July 27, visit [www.halton.ca/tourism](http://www.halton.ca/tourism) or dial 311 or toll-free 1-866-442-5866. You can also find Halton Tourism on Facebook and you can join the conversation on [Twitter@HaltonTourism](https://twitter.com/HaltonTourism) or on Pinterest at [pinterest.com/haltontourism](http://pinterest.com/haltontourism)

## Writing contest

Local kids in Grades four through 12 are invited to enter the Halton Hills Public Library's Ink Writing Project, an annual creative writing contest. Those in Grades four through eight (Inksters) and Grades nine through 12 (Inklings) are invited to enter their poetry, short stories or illustrated fiction work.

Twelve \$50 gift certificates will be awarded as prizes. Official entry forms are available at the Acton and Georgetown libraries and will be accepted until August 25. For details call 519-853-0301 or visit [www.hhpl.on.ca](http://www.hhpl.on.ca).



**KITTEN FUNDRAISER:** There were great deals at the North Halton Kitten Rescue garage/yard sale on Saturday at the Limehouse Memorial Hall. Shoppers Candyce Drover (left), Gerda Potzell and Frances Walker checked out some of the donated items. – Ted Tyler photo

## Life hostage – Stockholm syndrome?

Recently I was mentioning to someone about a friend of mine and referred to her “man” as her boyfriend. I quickly found myself stumbling after that. Boyfriend just isn't the right word in one way, yet in another way, that's what he is. I mean as far as I know he isn't her fiancé and I know for sure he isn't her husband, so how else would one describe him?

With people getting married later in life and having more than one marriage, which involves a period of dating when one is more, shall we say, mature. Even for people who just choose not to get married there seems to always be a time when you need to introduce or mention the other person, but what do you call them other than a boyfriend or girlfriend without lying about the actual status of your relationship? It wouldn't be honest to call them your husband or wife if you weren't married.

At this point, the internet came into play. I quickly felt a need to solve this dilemma for my friend even though she never asked me. My search was titled “mature words for boyfriend.” Isn't it amazing you can ask the internet almost anything in any



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way and it will somehow find an answer for you.

First responses included the obvious. Queue the phrases “partner” and “significant other.” Egad, I detest those phrases. Ever since same sex couples and marriages became the media's Cinderella stories it seems the terms partner and significant other have become terms to describe your same sex partner. As well, partner for me sounds too business-like. You have business partners however relationships need more than partners in my opinion.

I suppose when you are mature you could just introduce your significant other in this manner; “this is...” Now the problem with that is if you don't know the people well enough, they wonder is this a boyfriend/girlfriend or are they just friends, and if you are nosey like me, that is just a cruel way to introduce someone that you are “involved” with.

Another option suggested through my search was lover – nosey people like me just think this person is just your

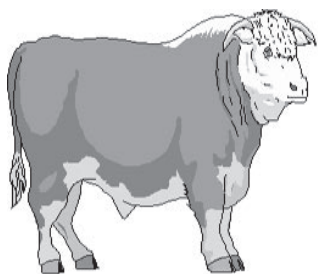
roll in the hay and you don't want to tell me their name because they won't be around long. This is “my friend” tells me totally platonic, or the friend has a good chance of being gay and you're not their type. How about escort or companion? That one makes me think it is costing you by the hour.

Is it just me or do other people find the term soul mate totally annoying? “Hi! This is my soul mate (note: at this point they usually have themselves intertwined with one another and are totally inseparable.) As well, I can't ever recall a man saying that about his girlfriend. It usually is the female saying it.

Then, as I was ready to finish my synonym expedition I found it. I was so excited I called my friend immediately. “I HAVE IT! I FOUND THE PERFECT DESCRIPTION,” I yelled, absurdly giddily into the phone to her. She was on the edge waiting for what I found. “Life Hostage.”

She loved it in a funny yet intriguing way. When you think about it, it really is perfect. You can use it for boyfriends/girlfriends and even spouses. I love it so much I might use it myself. “And, this is my life hostage...the Dude.”

## What's Your Beef?



Put it in a letter  
to the Editor!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.