

# GRAPEVINE

## KEEP PEDALLING

The kilometres that Halton Hills residents are putting on their bikes in the Community Cycling Challenge continues to climb – 39,816-kilometres from 218 riders at press time – and the stakes are higher now, as well.

Paul Armstrong Insurance had pledged \$5,000 to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation if the 200,000-kilometre goal is reached by the end of summer. Georgetown Canadian Tire pledged \$20,000 when the half-way, 100,000-kilometre mark is met, and the \$20,000 from Peter Gilgan Foundation/Mattamy Homes, is now \$25,000 as it will match the Armstrong pledge when the goal is reached. “When we get to 200,000-(kilometres) the extra bump up is \$30,000 – if you add it all up, it’s \$50,000 is on the line to the hospital when we meet our challenge of 200,000-kilometres,” Fogal said, urging people to join the challenge at [www.bikechallenge.ca](http://www.bikechallenge.ca)

## AUTHOR REVEAL

This year’s *One Book, One Halton Hills* program author will be revealed on June 15 at the Acton and Georgetown libraries.

Like a community book club, the program encourages everyone in Halton Hills to read and talk about the same book. At 11 a.m., you can pick up or reserve a copy of

the book, and enjoy some cookies and lemonade.

The library will host a reading and book signing with the author on September 26. For details visit [www.hhpl.on.ca](http://www.hhpl.on.ca) or call 519-853-0301.

## WHO’S GOT TALENT?

Think you’re ready to strut your stuff? Twenty contestants with all types of talent will perform for celebrity judges – including Acton’s Ryan Parker, the Q107 morning guy – at the Acton’s Got Talent contest on Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m.

Winners in the Acton Town Hall Centre show will vie for a spot on the stage at Canada Day celebrations in Prospect Park.

There are two categories for performers – 14 and under, and over 15. Sign up before June 10 by emailing the Acton BIA office at [actonbia@cogeco.ca](mailto:actonbia@cogeco.ca)

## BEAUTY OR BEAST?

Performers who can handle a pantomime of music, dance, romance, adventure and zany fun are invited to audition for the Century Theatre Guild at Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh, which is casting *Beauty and the Beast*.

Auditions are Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., for older teens and adults and Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. for children up to Grade eight. For detailed information visit [www.centurychurchtheatre.com](http://www.centurychurchtheatre.com) or call 519-855-4586.



**COKER IN CONCERT:** There was a large, appreciative crowd at St. Alban’s Church on Sunday for the debut piano concert of Acton’s Cassis Coker (centre) who staged the fundraiser to help pay for her future musical studies in England. She was accompanied by her music teacher Jennifer Culpepper and Dave Mashinter. – Ted Tyler photo



**IN SAFE HANDS:** Halton Hills Deputy Fire Chief John Olivieri (left) said he was ‘proud and excited’ to present a certificate of certification from Emergency Management Ontario to Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette at a recent council meeting. – Frances Learment photo

# Town ready for emergencies

When preparing for an emergency, the mindset is not what if, but when. Proof that Halton Hills responders are ready in the event of an emergency has been verified by Emergency Management Ontario in an annual review of compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

With mandatory Certified Community Management Co-ordinators, and two alternates, a risk management program backed by Town bylaw, Halton Hills’ Fire department Deputy-Chief Harry Olivieri detailed components of certification at a recent council meeting.

Olivieri said annual training and exercises are the biggest part of any emergency preparedness plan with at least one training exercise and one training event required annu-

ally. There were two training events in Halton Hills last year, including a familiarization for councillors and senior staff of the Emergency Operations Centre. A training event in Georgetown was based on the mall collapse in Elliot Lake.

In the event of emergency, a Community Emergency Notification system will get out the word. “We have the ability with an electronic computerized program to have an automatic callout by using the phone system using the phone system,” he said, adding the system makes calls to designated areas. The new system was successfully tested in the Lakeview area of Acton last year, and again recently in a call out to the emergency support group.

For 2013, Olivieri said they will

help responders better respond and better manage resources with an Incident Management systems training session, and will test responders with an influenza outbreak scenario and a Hurricane Sandy-type storm.

In congratulating all of the Town’s emergency personnel, Mayor Rick Bonnette said they wish they “never, never, never have to go through a disaster, but you don’t prepare yourself,” Bonnette said, pointing to the tornado that suddenly devastated Goderich several years ago.

“You never know when some sort of disaster will come – you hope it never does happen – but I once took a risk management course they said, ‘it’s not a matter of if. It is a matter of when,’” Bonnette said.

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**SENIORS**  
RECREATION CENTRES  
415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON

Myra Sartor, the fundraising chairperson for the Acton Seniors Centre, is very happy to report we made almost \$3,000 at the Spring Bazaar, thanks to all the hard work of the fundraising committee and the many volunteers. Of course, we wouldn’t be successful without the support from the residents of Acton and the surrounding areas and friends and relatives. Thank you, once again.

Last week was a very busy week between the Birthday Tea, which had a record amount of people attending. Our own line dancers provided the entertainment and everyone enjoyed watching them.

On Wednesday, 40 members from the Acton and Georgetown Seniors Centre’s descended on Blue Springs Golf Course for the seventh semi-annual golf

and lunch event.

On Saturday, 26 people went to the St. Lawrence Market and the Ontario Food Terminal. We purchased cheese, bagels, breads, fish and meat at the St. Lawrence Market, and later enjoyed sampling a variety of unusual fruits and vegetables thanks to the generosity of the wholesalers at the Ontario Food Terminal. We came home with a variety of free vegetables. Several of us bought plants. The displays of exotic fruits, vegetables and plants were incredible. The Ontario Food Terminal is not usually open to the general public, but for this occasion it was a fund raiser for Food Share, Toronto.

On Sunday, 32 members and friends went to the matinee show of *Calendar Girls* at the Guelph Little Theatre, followed by dinner at Angels. Now I can catch my breath and start to think of a destination for our winter break.

If you have you name down to go to Grand River Raceway

in June, please pay as soon as possible as I have to confirm numbers.

Lorraine McDonald will be holding a watercolour workshop on Wednesday, June 12 from 1 – 3:30 p.m. There will be limited space, so please call Wendy Krever at 905-873-2601 ex 2406 for more information or to reserve a spot. Please bring your own art supplies.

Lunch on Friday, June 7 will be chicken noodle soup, a variety of sandwiches plus dessert, tea and coffee. Add you name to the list if you are interested.

Bingo lovers we will be having another Bingo evening on Saturday, June 15 in the community hall starting at 7 p.m.

On Thursday afternoon, Frances Hogenbirk and Roberta Thompson had the only mooners during Bid Euchre.

There was no winner again this week at the weekly 50/50 so next Friday the amount to be won should be around \$200.