

# The 25th Strawberry Fair

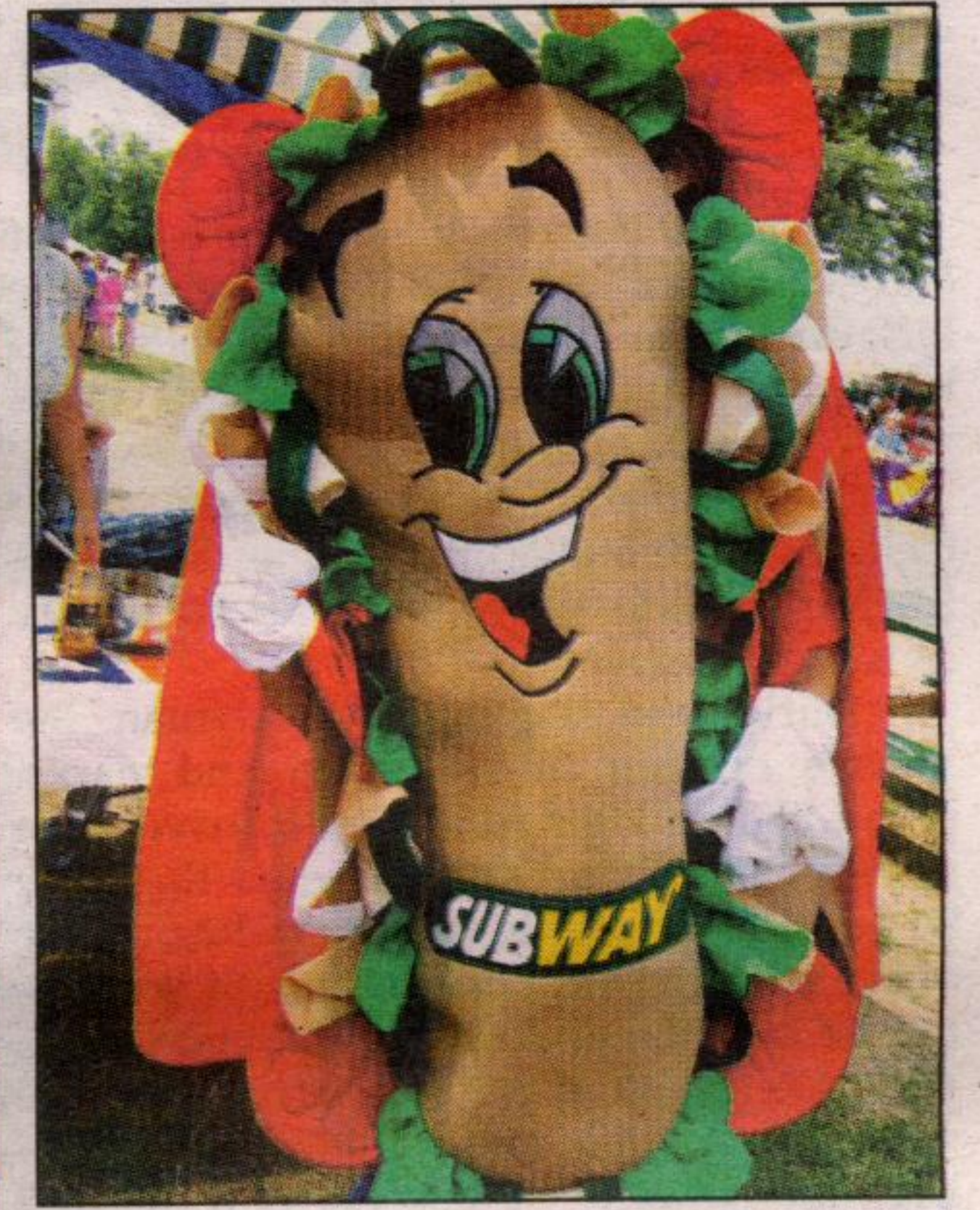
By ANN KORNUA

Milton District Hospital Auxiliary held their 25th Strawberry Fair on Saturday, June 25 at the Milton Fair Grounds. Entertainment was provided by local dance ensembles, singers and musicians, including local country music stars, Alysha Brooke and the Snow Family. The heart of the Fair is the strawberry, served up in different ways from fresh berries to daiquiris (non-alcoholic of course). Proceeds from the Fair benefit the Milton District Hospital Foundation.



Above: Performing in bright orange costumes are the little dancers of the Georgetown Dance Company.

Right: Sarah Bone finds cold water on tap to escape the heat of the afternoon. The children's play area was hosted by Tiny Tim Developmental Centre.

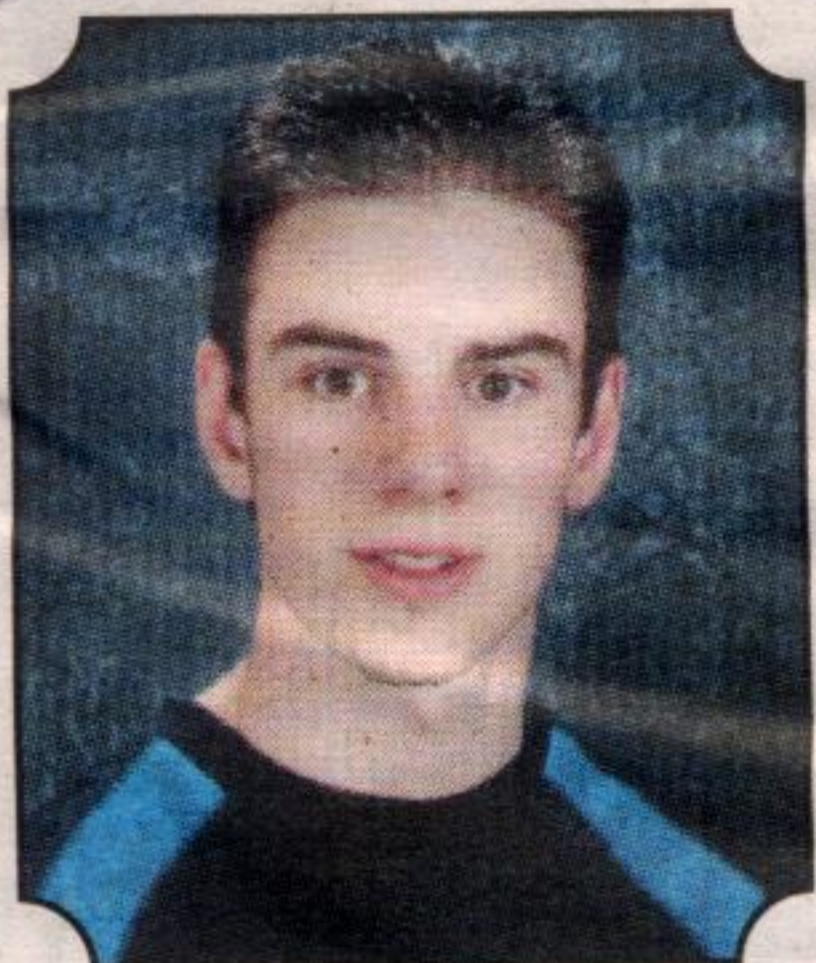


Right: This year's Strawberry Princess is Tina Braam pictured here with her Ambassador Anam Vohra, both of whom are youth volunteers with the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary.

Pictured right are Laurie and Kurtis Andrews of Andrew's Scenic Acres which, together with Mattamy Homes, supplied and donated all the strawberries for the Fair. The hotdogs and hamburgers were sponsored by M & M Meat Shops.



## Milton Chamber of Commerce announces 2005 Chamber Scholarship Fund recipients



Marc Coulombe



Stephen DeMedicis



Christine Marshall



Kathryn Longley

The Milton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2005 Chamber Scholarship Fund recipients. Since 1990, the Chamber has offered scholarships to students to each of the local high schools. This year, the scholarships were increased from \$500 to \$1000 per student. The inclusion of 2 new scholarships was also added this year: one to a high school student registered with the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and one for a son/daughter of a Chamber member. The Chamber



David Gooding

funds its program from the Scholarship Café at the Milton Farmers' Market and from the Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner & Auction. Proceeds from these initiatives allow the Chamber to ensure an ongoing endowment fund for advancing post-secondary education in our community.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the local high school guidance departments, the Region of Halton, Halton District School Board, Halton Catholic District School Board, Halton Industry Education Council, and members of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program initiative, Apprenticesearch.com and the Chamber Selection Committee for their assistance in this program.

Congratulations to:

- Marc Coulombe of Milton District High School
- Christine Marshall of Bishop Reding Secondary School
- Kathryn Longley of E.C. Drury High School
- David Gooding of Milton District High School (OYAP)
- Stephen DeMedicis of St. Michael's School (son of a Chamber member)

The scholarship awarded to the E.C. Drury High School for the Deaf will be deferred for one year.

The recipients will be presented with their scholarship at the Milton Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event to take place on Tuesday, July 26th at Crawford Lake Conservation Area.

## Local yard sale is part of a summertime tradition for Halton residents

STORY AND PHOTO BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

Doreen McCall of Campbellville spent the better part of a day looking for bargains at the Opsteens' charity yard sale off Campbellville Sideroad last weekend. When she was finished McCall had filled her truck with antiques, and an eclectic mix of other items as well as books for her school's library at Hitherfield Preparatory School.

The Opsteens' yard sale is one that she can't pass up, and she's not alone in her interest in finding bargains right in her own neighbourhood. According to the Canada Safety Council, for many Canadians yard sales and garage sales are an annual ritual.

Like a lot of Halton residents who get bitten by the yard sale bug during the warmer months, McCall comes back year after year to check out items available at the Opsteens'. McCall admits part of the attraction is the community aspect: she meets people she hasn't seen since the last sale and she's happy that all the money raised is used to benefit a local charity.

Christina Opsteen, who began the sale along with her husband Cory and neighbour Pearl Eirich back in 1995, says the original idea, then as now, was to raise money for Independent Living Halton, a non-profit

charitable organization that assists adults who are facing severe physical challenges. Since 1995, the annual sales have generated approximately \$20,000 for Independent Living Halton, with all proceeds going to the local charity.

Initially the sale was held only once a year. But it proved to be so popular that the Opsteens began holding the event two times a year. Each June and September, the couples' yard is full of new donated items as well as reused items such as bicycles, books, china, paintings, baskets, toys, computer equipment, and coffee makers.

The Opsteens spend a lot of time preparing for each sale, but they say they are heartened by all the support they receive from the community. Volunteers help out at the yard sales each year and many people have donated items that the couple stores in a shed on their property. "The same people support us year after year with donations," says Christina proudly.

And each year, there are always plenty of people out there looking for bargains available at a yard sale. "Some people stay for an hour," notes Christina. "And some people stay the whole day."



Pearl Eirich (left) and Christina Opsteen take a brief break to display some of the aloe plants that were for sale at the Opsteens' charity yard sale on June 25 and 26.