



Members of Centennial Middle School's Grades 7/8 robotic team, from left, Gareth Viray Cox, Brandie Cordery, Brad Haynes and Justine Rogers pose with their robot and laptop, after competing in the Lego Robotics section of the Halton Skills Competition held at E.C. Drury. Photo by Graham Paine

Quarterly report shows Town's water is up to standards

Halton Hills' drinking water has met Ontario's quality standards between January and March.

Halton Region released its water quality report for the first quarter of 2003 last week.

"It (the report) demonstrates that Halton has a system in place that works," said Patrick Murphy, Halton Region's Commissioner of Planning and Public Works. "And it shows that we are consistently meeting or doing better than provincial water quality standards."

Water in both Acton and Georgetown are monitored and sampled daily by region staff, working out of the Georgetown Water Purification Plant, located in Cedarvale Park.

Testing at Acton's five wells failed to meet Ontario's standards only once. On Feb. 21, plant staff reported a treated well sample with a turbidity spike that was attributed to a malfunctioning analyzer sensor. It was replaced.

Turbidity indicates the presence of natu-

rally occurring particles in the groundwater source.

Halton Region will also continue to monitor chlorine residuals in Acton this year, after swabbing the lines and installing bleeders into the Lakeview subdivision to keep the water moving last year.

In Georgetown, on March 31, staff reported a well sample with a fluoride spike. Once again this was attributed to malfunctioning equipment, which was replaced. Fluoride is added to town water to prevent tooth decay.

Georgetown's nine wells serve Georgetown, Glen Williams, Norval and Stewarttown.

To obtain a copy of Halton's Water Quality Quarterly Report: Download from the Halton Region Web site at www.region.halton.on.ca/ppw/water/waterquality; pick up a copy from the Planning and Public Works Department at Halton Region's Headquarters (1151 Bronte Rd. Oakville) or order the report by phone at 1-866-4HALTON.

Local schools fare well at Halton Skills Olympics

Halton Hills students claimed 15 medals, including four gold, at the Halton Skills Olympics.

Acton High School's Bryan Rauwerda and Greg Demand each won gold. Rauwerda won in the architectural CADD division while Demand took first in mechanical CADD.

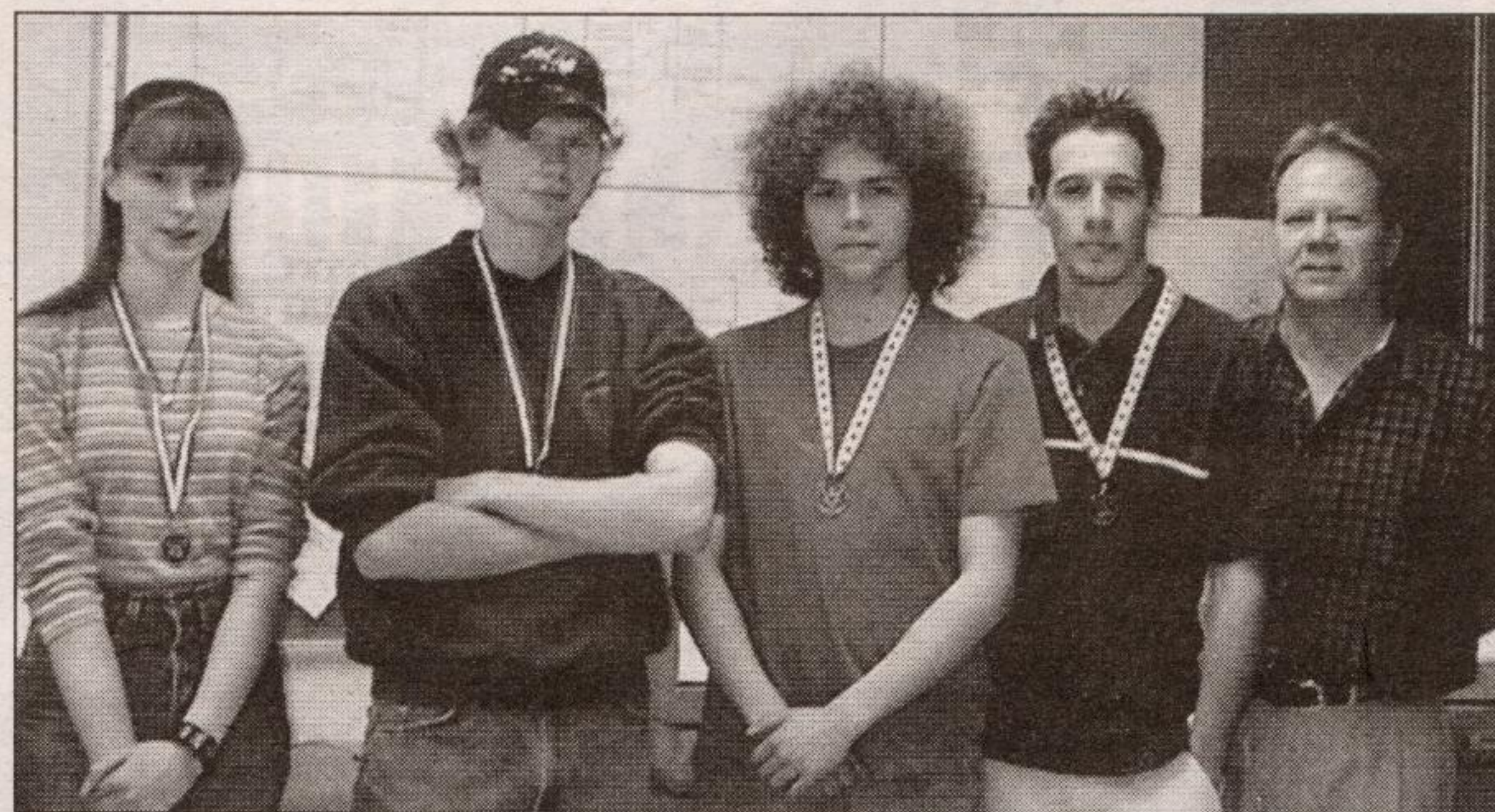
Georgetown District High School's J.Q. Smith won the desktop publishing division and Mike McDonald was first in the electrical wiring class.

Georgetown's Brenna Moore took the silver medal in desktop publishing and Adam Duke was second in electrical wiring. Baley

Kozack of Georgetown won the silver in hairstyling.

Earning bronze medals were: Angela Henderson, Acton (architectural CADD), Bryon Poullos, Acton (mechanical CADD), Hillary Banks, Steven Damphousse, Steve Kutarna, Sarah Field, George Kennedy (Grade 4-6, Lego robotics challenge), Sean Dzieda, Georgetown (cabinet making), Luke Willmott, Georgetown (auto service technician), Rachel Martin, Georgetown (women's apparel), Bill McCallum, Georgetown (auto service, OYAP).

First-place finishers advance to the Ontario Skills Competitions in Kitchener later this month.



2003 Halton Technical Skills medalists from Acton High School are, from left, Angela Henderson, Byron Poullos, Greg Demand, Bryan Rauwerda and technological design instructor Norbert Axtmann. Submitted photo

Prom dresses/suits needed

Anyone with a prom/grad dress or suit cluttering their closet can donate the attire to someone who may have to miss their prom.

For Those in Need National Network, a network of local businesses and charities that work together to help those in need, are collecting prom and graduation attire to give to students who may not be able to attend their prom or graduation.

In Acton, the clothing can be

dropped off at bins at Price Check, Beaver Gas, Queen's Tire, Amber Gas, Mac's Convenience, Acton Gas Bar, Sam's Service Centre. In Georgetown, they can be dropped off at A&P, Esso, Suny's Gas, Mountainview Variety, Georgetown Fruit Market, Penny's Gas, Silver Creek Service Station and Olco Gas Bar. In Norval, they can be dropped off at Arnie's Garage and in Hornby at Canadian Gas Bar.

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