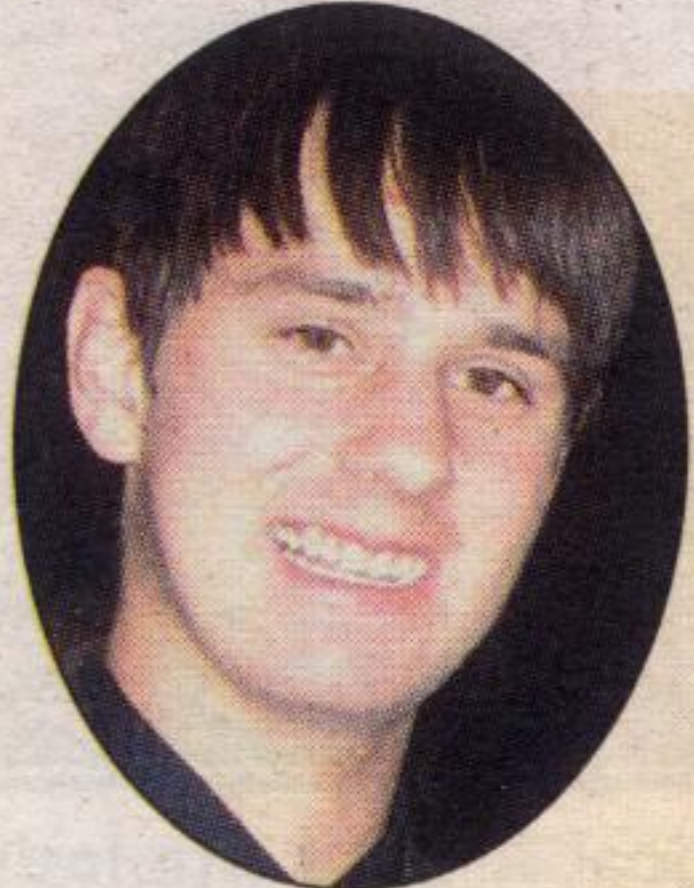


International Youth Week

May 1-7, 2005

in recognition of International Youth Week, the following pages are filled with samples of the talents, writing and contributions of the youth in our community.

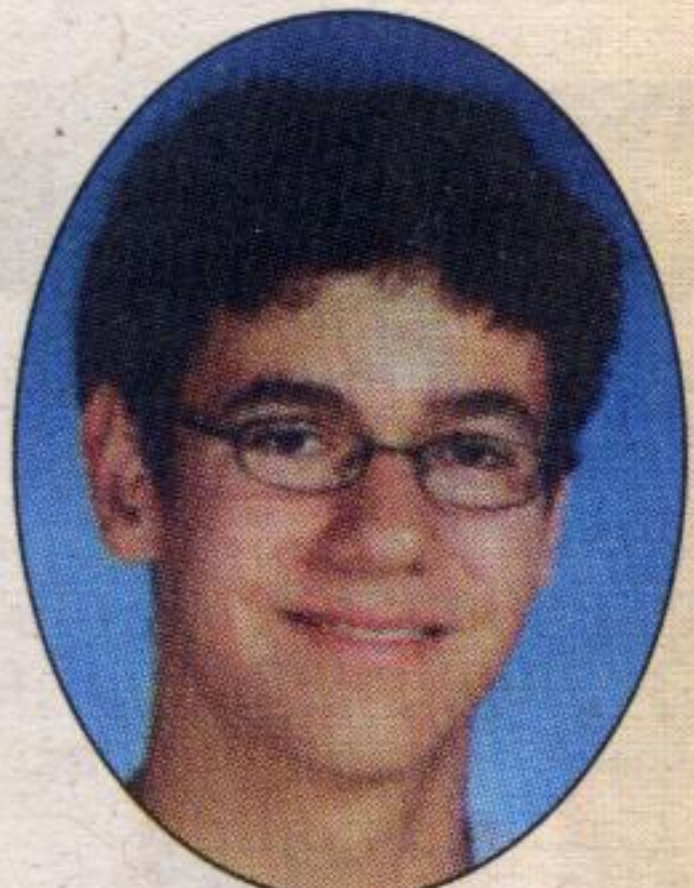


GRAEME OWENS

The following youth have been nominated for a Youth Recognition Award for their contribution to the community. They will be honoured by the Halton Hills Mayor's Youth Action Committee at the Youth Recognition Award Ceremony being held at the Civic Centre on May 5 at 7 pm.

GRAEME OWENS

Graeme has been involved in the community for many years. Through his achievements in his community, parish, and school he has demonstrated a great will to display his leadership skills and his desire to help others. He is extremely active with his school community, participating in student council, athletics and academic clubs. Graeme has volunteered in many ways throughout the community, including his efforts with the Town's Recreation Department and The Halton District School Board. His remarkable skills, efforts, and commitment have made him an exceptional leader and role model. His enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity allow him to develop personally, while at the same time encouraging those around him. Graeme is a great advocate for youth issues and continues to promote and contribute to positive recreational and social opportunities in the community.



MAX HALPARIN

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Max is an incredibly diverse and pro-active young man. He currently serves on the Halton Hills Mayor's Youth Action Committee. This group works to develop a youth friendly community and positive relations between the youth and adults of Halton Hills. By being elected the Prime Minister of his high school's student parliament, he has been heavily involved in the school community through music, clubs, and athletics. Max has written articles for local newspapers, urging that venues be made available for teen band concerts. He has organized various music events at local churches, community centres, and restaurants. Through Max's involvement in this wide range of activities he has developed a keen understanding of youth issues and is working hard to create a positive image of young people in this community.



KEITH BAKER

KEITH BAKER, ANDREW FILICE & JQ SMITH

Keith, Andrew, and JQ are all extremely active members of the theatre community. The Georgetown Little Theatre Youth Company was established in 2003 and is an exciting way for youths aged 10-18 to experience the theatre, develop new skills and learn about teamwork and leadership. It is a vital and vibrant part of the GLT, and is unique in community theatre in Ontario. These three young people have all played an active role in developing and maintaining the youth company's reputation and it's constantly growing program. JQ has directed, choreographed, and acted as the assistant stage manager for various plays since 2001. Keith has been involved in a variety of plays as assistant stage manager, lighting design, and set design. Andrew is a chairperson for the GLT Youth Company Executive and is active in play selection, acting workshops and various fundraising decisions. All three have been described as enthusiastic, creative, hard working and committed individuals. Keith, Andrew and JQ have shown a passion for the theatre and act as role models for youth within the theatre and the community as a whole.



ANDREW FILICE



JQ SMITH

DAN SMEREKA & SHAWN WALKER

Dan and Shawn are both volunteers at the local Youth Centres. The Open Door Youth Centre in Georgetown and Off the Wall in Acton both provide support to youth aged 9-19, in a caring, non-judgmental, safe and friendly environment. There is no fee to enter and government funding is limited. The Youth Centres are able to operate thanks to the dedication of many community sponsors and volunteers, such as Dan and Shawn. The boys attend the programs and consistently display the highest level of respect towards staff and peers. Shawn volunteers at Off the Wall in Acton twice a week. He runs the snack bar, helps supervisor the youth, and cleans up at the end of the program. He is always dependable and able to follow through with requested tasks with little guidance required. Each year, Dan prepares and delivers a speech about the importance of Youth Centres in the community. While raising the awareness of their importance, he has proven himself to be extremely honest and trustworthy. Both young men are dedicated, spirited, motivated, and selfless, making them ideal recipients of this year's Youth Recognition Award.

ERIC FRANKE

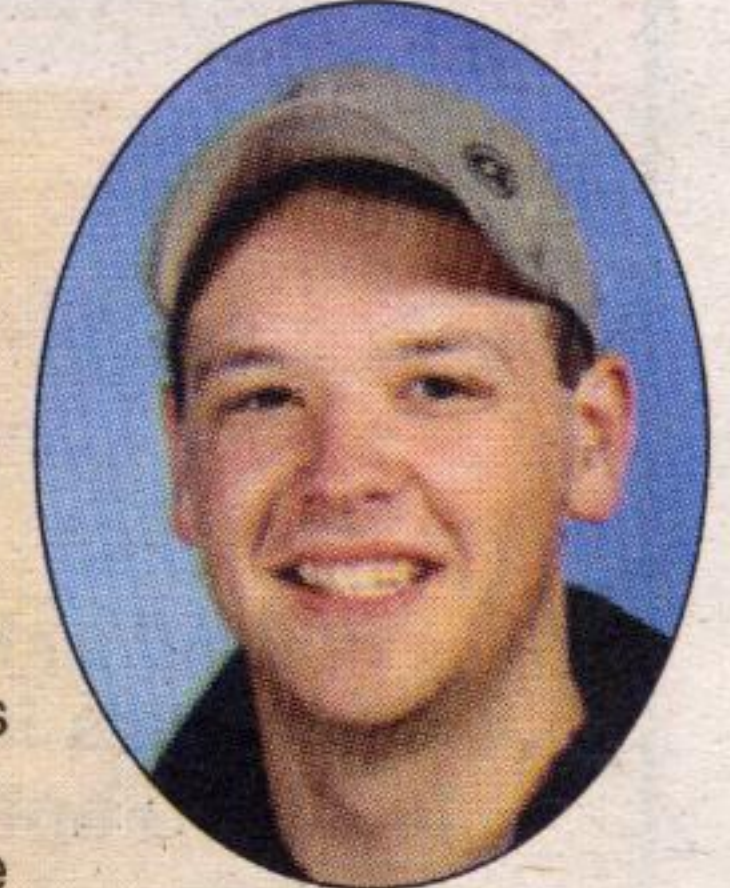
Eric is a tenth grade student who volunteers with the Georgetown Breadbasket. The Breadbasket is a registered not-for-profit food bank that collects and distributes non-perishable food to needy families and individuals in the community. It is run entirely by dedicated volunteers, such as Eric. He has spoken to his peers about the importance of the food bank and is a definite leader amongst them. He is also a member of his school's wrestling team. When the team began in September and they were without a coach, Eric stepped up to help train and encourage new wrestlers. He is well respected by his peers and adults alike for his willingness to work hard. The community and school have been positively impacted by the efforts of this mature young man.

KYLA HITCHCOCK

Kyla is an active member of St. George's Anglican Church. She is active in their youth program as a participant and a leader with the younger members. She is a talented piano player and provides music during worship services. She has represented the parish at two diocesan Youth Synod's and is an active member of the church's Parish Council. In addition to her involvement in the church, Kyla volunteers at two health care facilities and hopes to pursue a career in geriatrics. Kyla wants to help in whatever way she can to alleviate poverty, hate, and war. Kyla has a friendly and sunny disposition and is an excellent role model for her family, friends, and other youth. Halton Hills, particularly St. George's, is a better place because of Kyla's presence and example within the community.

SARAH HAYWARD

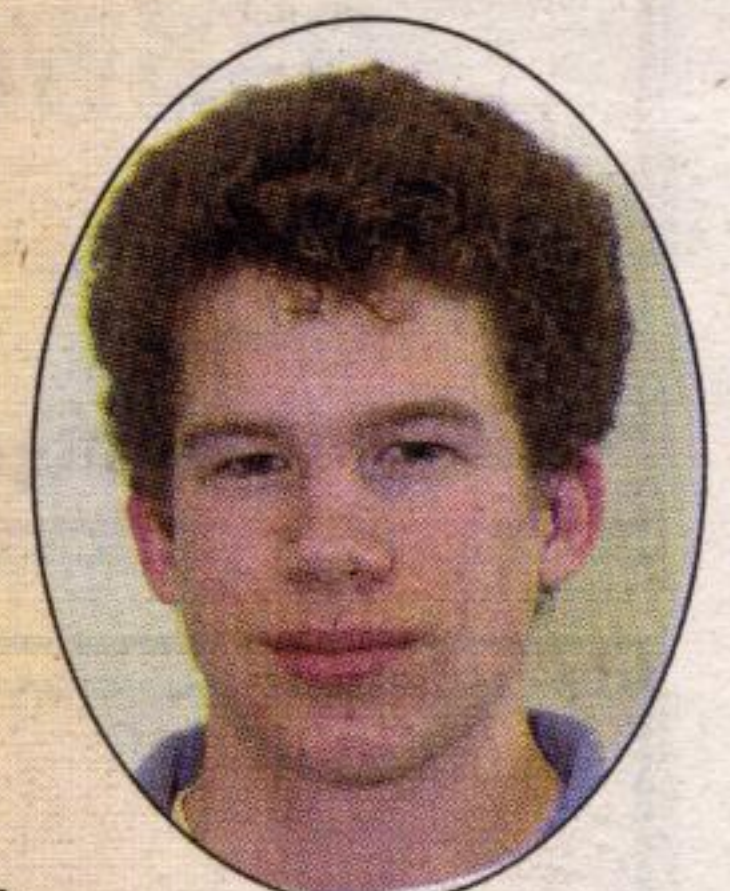
Sarah is a very generous and thoughtful young lady. She is an active member of Holy Cross Parish, acting as a religion retreat leader and is a member of various choirs. She is very generous and thoughtful, always encouraging new members to get involved and participate. Sarah is also an active volunteer within the community schools. She has been a peer tutor for a special education student, as well as volunteers 4 days a week as an apprentice teacher at George Kennedy School in their kindergarten classes. Sarah is a wonderful role model for children. She is dependable and committed, always going above and beyond what is expected of her. Sarah is an individual who stands up for what she believes in, volunteers and helps out because she sees a need in the community, not because she wants to get noticed.



DAN SMEREKA



SHAWN WALKER




ERIC FRANKE




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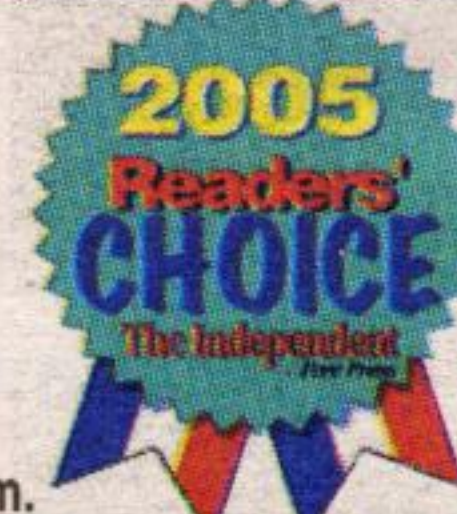


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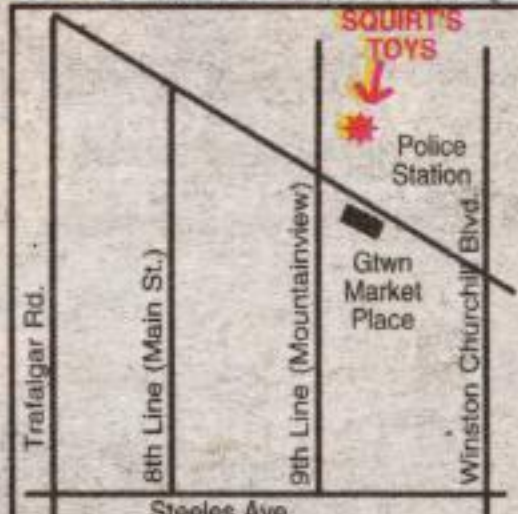


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