

# Ross Mineview graduation <sup>July 9/86</sup>

## Stacey Brydges is top student

The challenge of moving on to high school and meeting new friends will soon be upon the 23 grade eight graduates from Ross Mineview Public School.

During the graduation ceremonies held at the school on the evening of June 24, valedictorian Stacey Brydges said that Ross Mineview Public School played an important and unforgettable role in the lives of the graduating students, many of whom have attended the school since kindergarten.

"Reach out, set your standards high... Prove yourself and bring credit to Ross Mineview," she said to her fellow students.

Principal Jack Eady, who is also leaving the school this year, spoke to the students about the challenges they will face when they enter the next phase of their education.

He stressed to the graduates the importance of participating in school activities. "Your social life will

almost become on equal par with your school studies. Get involved, participate in something."

He also told the students they must use self-discipline in dealing with peer pressure and in doing their school work.

Twelve special awards for excellence in academics, sports and citizenship were presented to well-deserving students.

Top student Stacey Brydges received four awards for her outstanding achievements. She was the recipient of the Renfrew County Medallion, the Science Award for the highest science average, the Alden May Memorial Scholarship for being the top English student and the Cobden Legion Special Award.

This was the first year the Alden May Memorial Scholarship has been presented. It is presented in memory of the former Ross Township reeve to the student who has the highest

English average and who displays much concern and involvement in the community and towards other people.

The special award from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 550, Cobden, is being presented this year to graduating students who maintain the highest average at their school in the Cobden area. It is being presented in observance of the diamond jubilee of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Most Improved Student Award was won by Devlin Helferty. The award is presented by the staff to the student who has shown the most improvement over the past four years.

Mandy Smith was presented with the French Award as well as the Dorothy McKibbon Memorial Award for visual arts and creativity.

The Female Athlete Award, donated by Chromasco and the Leadership Award, donated by the

Queen's Line Women's Institute, were both presented to Jennifer Stoppa. Peter Alexander received the Male Athlete Award donated by Haley Industries.

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, John Elliott and Lisa Davidson, each received the Citizenship Award for grade seven boy and girl. The awards were donated by the Cobden Civitan and Civinette Clubs.

The twenty-three 1986 Ross Mineview Graduates are: Peter Alexander, Kerri Bennett, Tracey Bennett, Stacey Brydges, Roger Carr, Jason Chapman, Jennifer DeBaeremaeker, Shelley Desormeaux, Devlin Helferty, Dennis Huckabone, Debra Landry, Michael Mackay, Kevin Mottershead, Shelley McGregor, Duane McLaughlin, Robert Peever, Trent St. Pierre, Harry Smith, Mandy Smith, Clinton Stevens, Jamie Stoppa, Jennifer Stoppa and Sandra Vos.



Five students of the twenty-one grade eight graduates from Ross Mineview Public School won awards for their achievements in sports and academics. Back row [l-r] Peter Alexander, Male Athlete Award; Delvin Helferty, Most Improved Student. Front row [l-r] Jennifer Stoppa, Female Athlete Award; Mandy Smith, French Award and the Dorothy McKibbon Award; Stacey Brydges, Renfrew County Medallion, Alden May Memorial Scholarship, Science Award and the Cobden Legion Special Award.