

1999 Students of Excellence



JENNIFER DENNIS

Jennifer Dennis was chosen as student of excellence to represent **Brookville Public School**. Jennifer demonstrates leadership as a member of the Student Forum Executive. She is actively involved in planning events for the school, booking D.J.'s for the school dances and organizing Spirit Days for students. Jennifer is a high achiever, earns excellent grades, participates in athletics and is respected by her teachers and peers.

Chris Darling, a grade 5 student at **Limehouse Public School**, is a fine example of student excellence. In the community he is very involved as both a rep hockey player and rep soccer player. He demonstrates excellent sportsmanship and leadership in both intramural and extra-mural activities. He is involved in all school activities, from helping in the office to safety patrol on the bus. No matter what the request, Chris is always willing and able to assist.



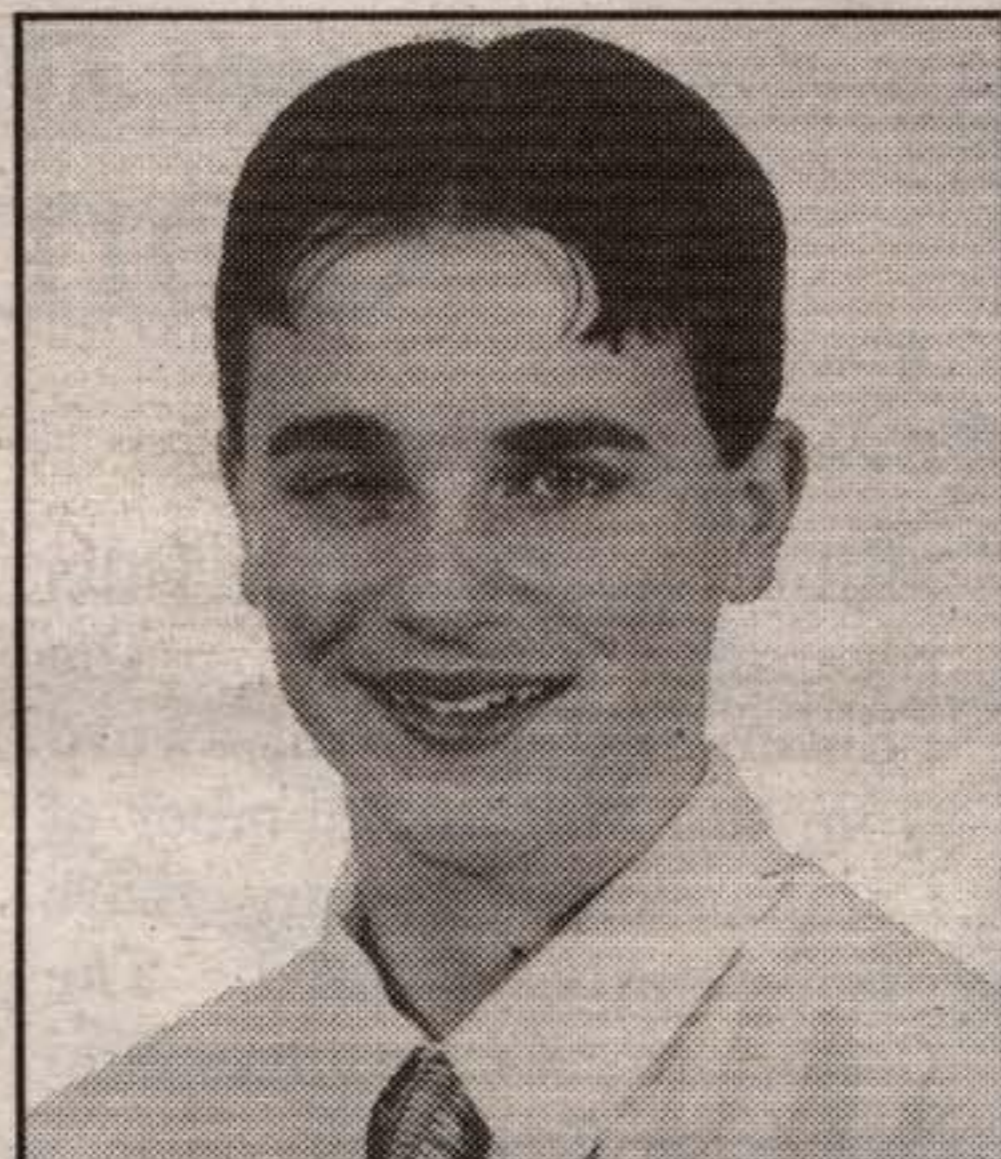
CHRISTOPHER DARLING



ALYSE McHAFFIE

Pineview Public School is very pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's Award for Student Excellence is **Alyse McHaffie**. Alyse, grade 5, has demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship qualities at Pineview. Her participation in a variety of activities: team sports; library helper; lunch monitor; bus monitor; and reading buddy, as well as her strong academic growth, make Alyse a strong role model for her peers. Congratulations, Alyse!

Tom O'Sullivan at **Stewarttown Sr. Public School** holds top grades in a French Immersion Program, has athletic ability, leadership skills, artistic and musical talents. Tom, grade 8, is an honour student, a member of the jazz and concert bands, the decorators club, lighting crew, cross country running, and intramural teams and is a Student Council Rep for his class. He still finds time to enjoy biking, swimming, time outdoors and playing soccer with the Georgetown Mustangs.



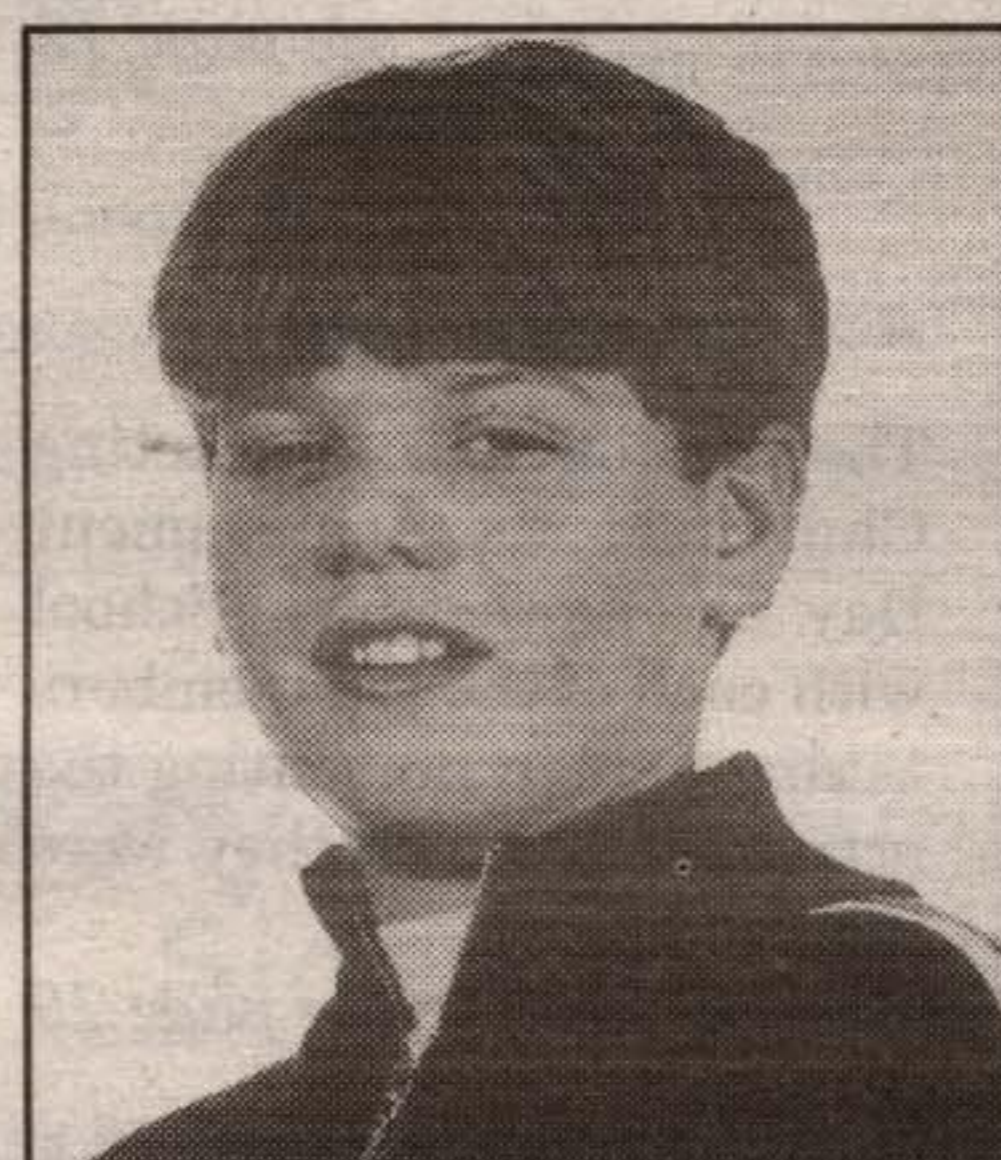
THOMAS O'SULLIVAN



NATALIE MCKENZIE

Natalie McKenzie, a grade 5 student, was selected to represent **Glen Williams Public School** because of her strong academic performance and her positive attitude. Natalie is a caring, considerate member of our school community. She has participated in school activities such as Cross Country, Battle of the Books and Relays. Outside of school, Natalie enjoys horseback riding, playing soccer and basketball. She also plays the piano and takes tap and jazz lessons.

This year the staff and students of **Percy W. Merry Public School** have chosen as their representative of Student Excellence, **Michael Thiessen** - a hard-working student, trusted friend, and responsible citizen. Michael is a grade six student, who has consistently displayed mature behavior, a positive regard for both staff and students, and a high level of academic achievement.



MICHAEL THIESSEN



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SAYER'S MILL

For more than 75 years the lumber mill, known as Sayer's Mill, operated on the east side of 5th Line Nassagaweya, between 15th and 20th Sideroad. The property is now home to Bill and Lena Grierson.

Built by Thomas Easterbrook in 1847, it was sold to Henry Cargill who is shown as owner in the 1877 Halton Atlas. At that time there was a pond, five buildings and the mill. Cargill purchased 10,000 acres of timber for \$10,000 at Greenoch, Bruce County in 1868 and moved his family there, where he built another mill. The Town of Cargill was named for him.

Peter Sayers took over the 5th Line mill which became known by the family name. The Sayers family lived in the farmhouse and a lane just south of it led to the mill. Sayers built the house on the north side, where Jean Kidd lives now, for one of his sons. In 1895 Sayers put in steam power at the mill. The boiler was brought by rail from

Toronto to the Moffat station on flatcar and they used a log boat and three two-horse teams to transport it from Moffat to the mill. My grandfather Edward (Ted) Britton was the stationery engineer at the mill at the time and until it closed 27 years later, and as such he had the honour of firing the boiler for the first time. Because Grampa Britton spent so much time at the mill it was an important part of his children's lives. My mother and her brothers and sisters used to tell tales of playing on the piles of lumber and skating parties on the mill pond.

Before the railroad came to Moffat in 1890 the milled lumber was drawn to Guelph on horse-drawn wagons and sleighs. Later it was taken to Moffat where it went by rail to various destinations. Massey-Harris was one customer and they used the Nassagaweya lumber for parts such as tongues on the horse hitches of their farm machinery. In the early part of this century there was still plenty of timber standing in blocks on nearby farms particularly in the area just south of 15 Sideroad.

The mill burned down in 1902 but was rebuilt a year later. During the busy season the mill employed 10 to 12 men. Employees who did not live locally stayed in a bunkhouse that was heated with a woodstove on the property. A build-

ing closer to the road served as the office and housed the company safe. Mr. Sayers dispensed the payroll from there on Fridays. The late Davey Henderson, who lived in Moffat for many years, always recalled his very first job at age 14 packing shingles at the mill for 50 cents a day.

Sayer's son Frank, who was born on the property in 1879, took over the business, which he sold to Duncan Campbell in 1917. Campbell also owned the mill in Moffat. The Sayers family moved to Cooksville, now part of Mississauga. When Sayer's Mill closed in 1922 the steam engine went to a mill owned by Tom Coxe on 1st Line, Esquesing Township, now part of Halton Hills. The boiler went for scrap and the 12 foot flues which raised the steam from the boiler were still on the property 20 years later. The bunkhouse was moved to the Kennedy farm, just south of the mill, and became home to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kennedy. The dam broke during the 1940s but the creek and wetland is still there. When I visited with the Griersons several months ago we looked out on the land and there are still some clues to the history of the property.

If any of our readers have more information about this property please contact Bonnie Mullen (519) 837-1300 as the present owners would welcome more details.

Chamber of Commerce tourism launch for Escarpment Country

BY DONNA DANIELLI
THE COMPASS

Bagels, coffee, politicians, community leaders and a vulture all in one room. The launch by the Milton Chamber of Commerce and the Escarpment Tourism Partners of the 1999 spring/summer tourism season on Tuesday, May 18 was both good natured and informative. Those in attendance included Tidy the Turkey Vulture, Mayor Krantz, representatives from many community organizations and business people. Even MPP Ted Chudleigh took time out of his campaigning schedule to say a few words of encouragement, and pose for a few photos.

More than two years of planning and work by a volunteer committee of the Chamber of Commerce has led to this marketing alliance of

45 tourism-destination businesses and services. Escarpment Country aggressively and successfully pursued a \$49,500 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Rural Job Strategy Fund for marketing and promotion. As well, members have grown from eight to 29 partners with a goal of 40 partners in membership by the end of 1999. Escarpment Country has not only been established as a unique and identifiable tourist area, but there is also increased overall tourism awareness with the design and installation of Escarpment Country signage along Highway 401 and header boards for rural destination signage, leading visitors to individual partner locations. Milton's Escarpment Country

encompasses the hamlets of Campbellville, Moffat, Hornby, and the 380 square kilometers north and south of the Highway 401 corridor.

Escarpment Country unveiled its new 1999-2000 Escarpment Country Visitors Guide, new rural destination signage and introduced its diverse partners roster at the ceremony. Everyone attending received a souvenir ostrich feather courtesy of White Rock Ostrich Farm.

Escarpment Country Committee Chairman, Ken Moore spoke of the many things available to do in Escarpment Country, from museums, sports, antiques, horse racing and much more, summing it up best when he said, "We're not just a destination, we're a beginning!"



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The Milton Chamber of Commerce and Escarpment tourism partners launched the 1999 Spring and Summer Tourist season and the 1999/2000 Escarpment Country Visitors Guide. Pictured L. to R. - Escarpment Country Chair Ken Moore, Chamber of Commerce Chair George Takaki, Conservation Halton's Tidy the Turkey Vulture, North Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh and Mayor Gord Krantz.