

## In the footsteps of a role model

By KAREN SMITH  
The Champion

Winning the Peggy McCandless Memorial Award has special meaning for Debbie Dyment.

The award is in memory of a woman she saw as a role model.

"It's such an honour because I knew Peggy," said Ms Dyment, 37, supervisor of children's services for the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (NHADH).

Ms McCandless died in a tragic car accident three years ago. She was in her late 40s.

Prior to the Milton woman's untimely death, she worked for years with developmentally handicapped children through the NHADH, making a lasting impact.

Earlier this year, a NHADH committee which chooses a winner for the award asked staff to submit candidates who exemplified the qualities that Ms McCandless showed.

Ms Dyment's name was called at the organization's recent annual general meeting.

"I was overwhelmed," recalled the Lower Base Line resident. "It's an honour to think that I might display those same kind of characteristics."

She has worked with the NHADH for the last nine years, starting out as a volunteer.

Ms Dyment was later hired to work part-time and is currently a full-time employee as supervisor of Tinker Bell Nursery School — an education centre for mentally handicapped children — located in the E.C. Drury High School complex.

There she works with six children. Ms Dyment also oversees the Halton Hills Child Care Centre while working with another developmentally handicapped child.

In the form of a plaque, the Peggy McCandless Memorial Award is presented annually to a NHADH worker who shows leadership, understands the needs of others, and displays an ability to grow and change.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE  
Debbie Dyment proudly displays the award she won for her work with developmentally handicapped children. The winner said she drew on the example provided by the late Peggy McCandless.

## Ride the rails at night

The Halton County Radial Railway will host its second Summer Night Show of the season Saturday, Aug. 15.

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of building activity took place in Milton. For the same period in 1992, only \$3.3 million in building starts were approved.

In the first quarter of 1991 Milton issued building permits for almost \$4.1 million worth of industrial construction, but that tumbled to \$352,000 in the first quarter of 1992.

On the commercial front, which includes retail outlets, things were looking up locally as \$965,000 in permits were issued in early 1992, as opposed to \$444,000 for the first quarter of 1991.

Residentially, Milton remains

mostly mired in a freeze due to lack of utility servicing.

Approximately \$1.6 million in residential building permits were issued in the first quarter of 1992, as opposed to roughly \$637,000 in early 1991. That represents "less than a dozen" houses, Mr. McQueen pointed out.

On a regional level, the news is better. Halton's total building permits increased 54 per cent in the first quarter of 1992 from the same period in 1991, to \$111,624,000 from \$72,305,383.



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