

# Orangeville District SS celebrates 125 years

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Orangeville District  
Secondary School cele-

brated its 125th anniversary last Saturday with a tree planting, unveiling of its Wall of Fame, and opening the 1984 time

capsule, among other activities.

The wall includes the names of 125 persons who went on to excel in six categories, among other activities.

According to the school's Website, the wall was "inspired by the rich legacy of achievement at their school, ODSS staff and students have chosen to honour alumni who have excelled in their chosen fields and/or made significant contributions to society by creating a Wall of Fame in the front foyer."

Orangeville was a small town when the first high school opened in 1870 as a small stone cottage on Second Street with "a handful of students and a staff of four teachers."

It was expanded to its present site in 1884 with space for 150 students, but the original school at the site burned down and classes moved into local churches while a new one was being erected.

Murray Young, a retired teacher at ODSS and, later, a supervisory officer with the former Dufferin Board of Education, told a packed cafeteria that the high school had grown to a staff of 130 and a student population now of about 1,500. (Actually it had grown to more than 2,000 by the time Westside Secondary School was built in 1998.)

In its 125 years, ODSS has come under the umbrella of three school boards: Orangeville, Dufferin and now Upper Grand District, and amalgamation of the former Dufferin and Wellington boards.

Although the number of graduates in more than a century would be great, Mr. Young said he was amazed by how many had gone on to great accomplishments — and how far widespread those are.

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In honor of the school's 125th anniversary last Saturday, the first 125 people were inducted in the categories of Athleticism, Brilliance, Compassion and Citizenship, Courage, Creativity and Entrepreneurial Spirit.

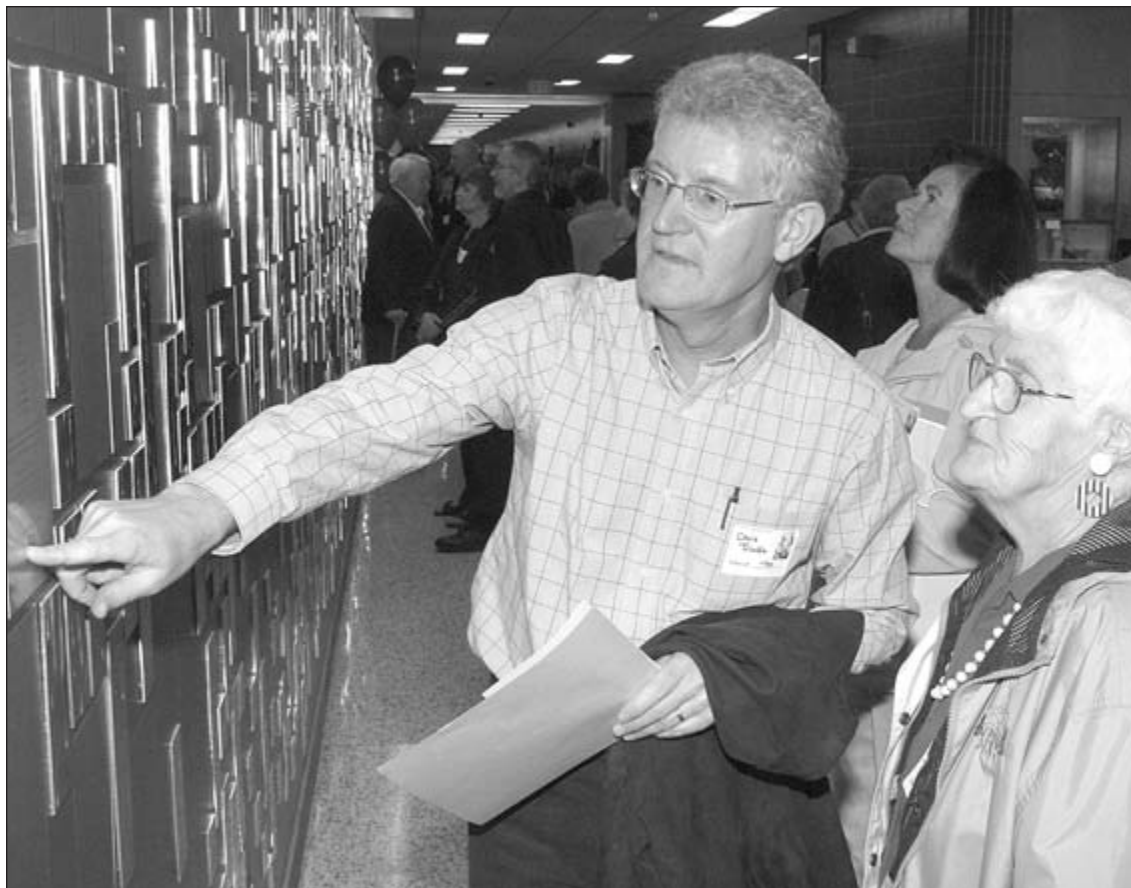
These include:  
ATHLETICISM: Dr. George Campbell, Al Pilcher, Bernadette (Casey) Bowyer, Ron Howden, Dr. Lee-Anne Lavery, Michelle (McKendry) Ruthven, Kevin Stittle, Keith Beavers and Sarah Bonikowsky (Olympic

athletes); Jeff Ellis (Ontario's most decorated high school athlete to date); Lisa Patterson (cross-country skier); Bryon Mackie (boxer); Adam Edge Copeland and Jason Christian Cage Reso (wrestlers); Gerry Henry (varsity basketball player); Chris Borden ("All American" volleyball player); Dirk Leers (staff and inductee, York University Sports Hall of Fame for football); Irwin Scott and Dan Ellis (hockey players); Lindsay Beavers (Pan Am swimmer); Pat Coyle, Rusty Kruger, Brandon Miller, Patrick Merrill, Brodie Merrill, Jon Mason and the Sanderson Family (lacrosse).

BRILLIANCE: Drs. Hannah and Minerva Reid (Women's College Hospital); Dr. Bernadette Garvey (Haematologist) and Jennifer Juno (AIDS researcher); Alan Rayburn (geographer and historian); Dr. Bill Leggett (Principal Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Biology, Queen's University); Lt. Col. George Clingan, Chief Medical Officer of a Canadian convalescent hospital in England during the first Great War; Prof. C.H. Lee Head, Bacteriology Department, Manitoba Agricultural College; Economists Dr.

O.D. Skelton (Dean, Faculty of Arts, Queens University, civil servant and advisor to Canadian delegation, Imperial Conference in London (1923), Dr. William Irwin Gillespie, chair, Department of Economics, Carleton University, Dr. John Meek Agricultural economist and consultant and Dr. William Waters, Professor Emeritus, Rotman School of Management, U of T; Earl Fagin (engineer and co-founder, Magnotech and Eastern Scale Magnotech); John Burnside (engineer and CEO, RJ Burnside and Associates); Robert Andrew Dods, Sloane Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Olivia Lindsay (United Church missionary in Japan and recipient of S.T.A.D. in 1932, at that time the highest degree bestowed on any woman; Alan Rayburn (1952) Canadian geographer and historian; Dr. Tim May, CBC reporter, editor, foreign correspondent and Professor of Journalism, Carleton University; Dr. Brad Clissold, Assistant Professor of English, Memorial University; recipient of FCAR Postdoctoral Research Fellowship; Dr. Jean-Paul

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ORANGEVILLE DISTRICT Secondary School welcomed home former staff and students this past Saturday to commemorate the occasion of its 125th anniversary. While estimates vary on the total number who attended the event, more than one generation of many families have passed through the halls of the "School on the Hill". One such family is that of Chris Trimble (1970) and his mother Bernice Trimble (1949) here looking at some of the 125 names inscribed on the ODSS Wall of Fame.



## YMCA is beginning Phase 2 research

Please participate if you are called

The YMCA is beginning the second phase of its research to determine if our region is a candidate for "Y" programs and services.

This phase will help to determine the level of community support for a YMCA by exploring such issues as:

- Programs and services required
- Likely active support and use of such services
- Distances people are willing to travel
- Response to possible site locations selected by the YMCA
- Prices that people are willing to pay for "Y" programs and services



The YMCA is a charity offering opportunities for personal growth, community involvement and leadership. It offers financial assistance to people who would not be able to participate because of their financial circumstances.

This next phase of the research process will include a survey of residents in the municipalities of Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Shelburne and Southgate.

The survey will be conducted by telephone during October. Interviewers will indicate that they are calling on behalf of the YMCA.

The Mayors of the six municipalities in the study area are urging all residents who are called by the researchers to participate in the survey. The community's response to the possibility of a YMCA in the region will play a significant part in the decision-making process.

The Highland Companies, which has been working with the municipalities and the YMCA throughout this process, has indicated in that it will pay for this research as a demonstration of its commitment to the community.

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### NEW FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that Oct. 13 - 25 is the FALL shotgun/archery season for wild turkey in 2009. Wild turkey hunting may occur only from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. Suspected violations of the *Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act* should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries can be directed to the County Forest Manager at 705-435-1881.

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