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Family bus firm gets industry recognition

Allan Badder of Badder Bus Lines of Thamesville was recently honoured with a lifetime achievement with more than 60 years in the business.

The award was presented to Badder at the 2010 Ontario Motor Coach Association conference and marketplace.

In the 1950s, Allan and his wife, Marianna, started their bus company. They began with one school bus route carrying high school students. Over the years the company grew to 40 routes.

They purchased their first motor coach in 1978 and expanded in 2006, opening two new offices – one in Essex and another in London and acquired another coach company.

Today the company operates 101 school bus routes and 31 coaches.

Allan Badder has dedicated his life to the industry and celebrated a huge milestone this year of over 60 years in business," said OMCA president Brian Crow. "We are proud to acknowledge this achievement with the lifetime achievement award."

FERTILITY CARE CENTRE

Having problems conceiving children?

Mary Ann Miller of the Fertility Care Centre of Chatham-Kent may be able to help.

Miller, a fertility care practitioner and graduate of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, has worked with more than 60 clients over the past 10 years.

"I can readily think of at least 11 clients that have had children with my assistance," she said recently. "Nothing gives me greater pleasure than being able



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For more information call Miller at 519-354-0265.

SWEDEN FREEZE ASSISTS

Bob Houweling, of Sweden Freeze restaurant in Charing Cross, is collecting personal hygiene items for Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

This marks the second year for the Christmas collection program. The deadline for dropping off items at the restaurant is Nov. 29.

Maple City Bakery has donated 100 dozen cookies.

ROYAL WINTER FAIR

Several local 4-H members walked off with ribbons at the recent Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

Mathew Mckeon took the top ribbon for second cut hay while Leanne Dieleman and Brandon Fields won first and second prizes for their soybean samples. Amanda Craven was second in the bean category, white or coloured and Kyle Craven was fourth in the same category. Andrew Derynck was fourth in oats and Laura Dieleman was fourth in shelled corn.

Thanks to Tom and Judy Mckeon for providing the 4-H results.

CHATHAM-KENT HEALTH ALLIANCE

The Chatham-Kent Health Alliance has received a 2010 quality

are Monday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 noon to 4 p.m.

ARBY'S SUPPORTS SAFETY

The Chatham Arby's restaurant is collecting donations for the Chatham-Kent Children's Safety Village.

Donations will be accepted through the end of December to help raise money and awareness in the prevention of deaths, injuries and disabilities in the youth of Chatham-Kent.

Arby's is dedicated in supporting local charities and has chosen the safety village as its charity of choice for making a difference in Chatham-Kent.

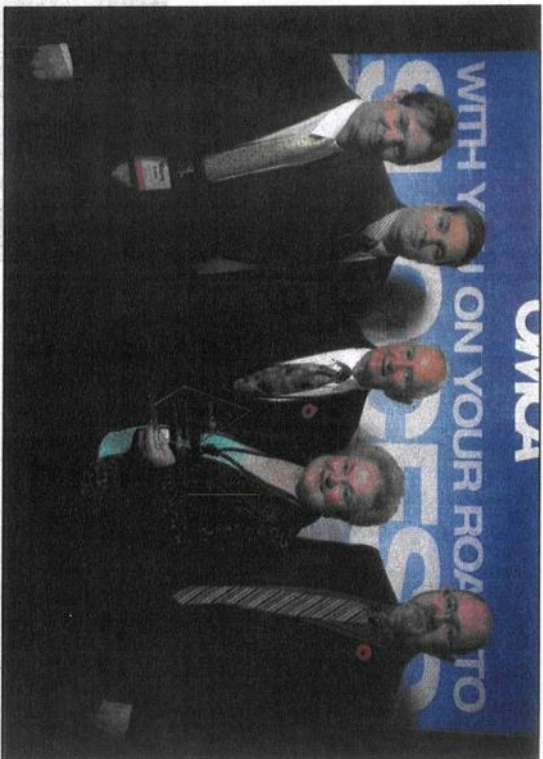
SEARS DEALER STORE

The fifth annual food/tow-drive/ at the Sears Dealer Store on St. Clair Street raised more than \$400 in cash one ton of food for Outreach for Hunger. Ed Caldwell said the event also received more than 300 toys which have been turned over to the Salvation Army.

He said Everette Koper, a store customer, donated a pickup truck load of toys – the second year in a row she has contributed in a large way to the event.

Readers are invited to share information on new business starts, expansions, relocations.

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CHRIS BEARD Photograph members on hand recently as Allan received a lifetime achievement award by the 2010 Ontario Motor Coach Association.

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