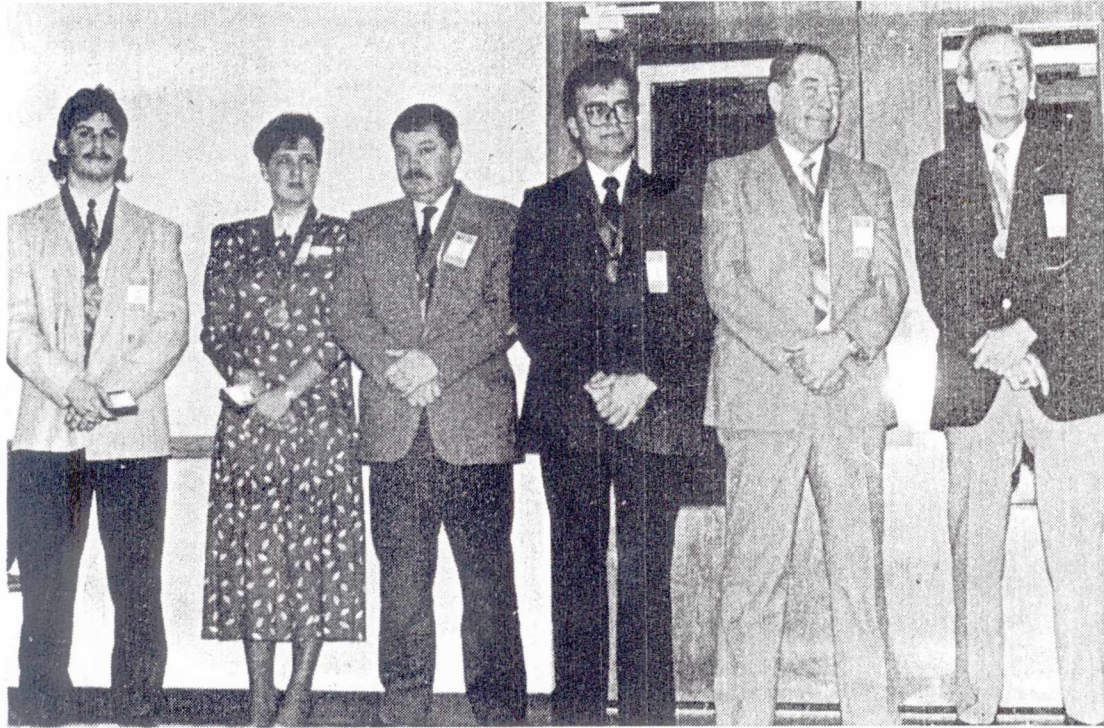


Celebration '88 awardsSouth Plantagenet salutes18 community champions

CELEBRATED CITIZENS — South Plantagenet Celebration 88 medal recipients pose with their awards. (From left) Athletes Miguel Wathier and Denyse St-Denis, sponsor Jean St-Amour, official Germain Labrèche, coach Gaston Lalonde, and

volunteer Raymond Couture received medals while 12 other township residents received certificates at a ceremony held last Saturday night at the municipal hall near Fournier.

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FOURNIER — While Canadians were going for gold at the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, South Plantagenet Township was saluting 18 residents who had already proven themselves as community champions.

Medals and certificates were presented to the citizens last Saturday evening in recognition of the contributions they have made to amateur sports and their community in general. The awards were bestowed under the federal government's Celebration 88 program with recipients being chosen by a local committee chaired by

Reeve Claude Gravel.

Medals were awarded to athletes Denyse St-Denis, who competes in just about every imaginable sport, and former Hawkesbury Hawk Miguel Wathier, now studying physical education at the University of Ottawa; volunteer Raymond Couture, coach Gaston Lalonde, official Germain Labrèche and sponsor Jean St-Amour.

Certificates were awarded to residents who have been active in various community groups in the township. Receiving their certificates from MP Don Boudria were: Hervé Castonguay, Marcel Desforges, Laurelle Gagnier, Stella Harkin, Hubert Harrigan, Alphonse Lalonde, Henry McCulloch, Simon Poirier, André Péloquin, Ronald Racine, Gregory Ryan and Nicholas Séguin.

Many area municipalities have honored their home-town heroes by participating in the Celebration 88 awards, one of the many ways the nation is celebrating the Olympic Winter Games and the efforts of its citizens.

The awards presentation was the first event held at the South Plantagenet municipal hall since it was renovated. The hall, located near Fournier, will be officially opened March 20.