

Party honors quartet for 330 years worth of birthdays

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY--Candles on two birthday cakes were blown out by four Walkerton kin Saturday afternoon. The birthday boys and girl are, left to right: Chester Cunningham, Gordon Tanner and his twin, Doronty Alton, and Ed Tanner. (Wassink photo)

by Cindy Maloney

WALKERTON--If there was a cake big enough to hold 330 candles, it would have been at a special celebration of the Tanner family last weekend.

The party recognized three 80th birthdays and one 90th. Family and friends gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion in Walkerton on Saturday for Gordon Tanner, his twin sister, Dorothy Alton, 80, older brother, Ed Tanner, 90, and Chester Cunningham, nephew to the three, also 80.

The birthdays don't all fall on the same day, but were celebrated before the winter weather would keep some people away from the party.

The oldest of the celebrants, Ed, will turn 90 December 7. One of nine children to Henry and Lavina Tanner, the family grew up on the South Line of Brant Township. Ed said he thinks he is the longest living male in the Tanner family. Both his parents and grandparents lived to their early 80s.

He credits his long, active life to working hard, long hours, and smoking his pipe.

"Smoking my pipe, that's the



THE 1991 WALKERTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE includes, left to right, front row: Clayton Meyer, second vice, Owen King, past president, Anne MacDonald, president, Lyn Mullen, first vice; back row, Wilf Crerar, consultant, directors Peter Schmalz, Steve Harper, William Read, Harvey Gutscher, John Markauskas, Ray Beckberger and Jim Pattison. Missing are directors Bruce Kenny, Ella Carnegie, Ruth Lancaster, Iason Jerry Walter, and consultant Mary Fleming.



OCTOBER--Recycling came to Walkerton and with the Blue Box program, helped along by Public Works director Owen Turner.