

NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR BROOKSDALE

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE By Laura Green

April's showers bring May's flowers & the new executive of the Brooksdale Women's Institute started their term of office. Conducting her 1st business meeting (May 15) as president was Katherine Grieve. Her other team members are secretary/treasurer Laura Green, program & ROSE convenor Helmy Knoops, Tweedsmuir History convenor Anne Innes & Flower fund convenors Anna Beryl Bean & Helen Piatt. The plant auction was a learning experience for members as well as the auctioneer Mayor Margaret Lupton in identifying the plants without their blooms. Baking also appeared on the item table & a total of \$213 was raised. Helmy Knoops outlined a variety of program ideas & special events for the next 12 months. It will be a busy & exciting year ahead for promoting our mission "to better the lives of women & families through personal growth & community action." On June 4 members will be joining Braemar Women's Institute members to hear Michael Stainton of Toronto speak on the contributions of Rev. George Lesley Mackay as a Presbyterian Minister in Formosa (now Taiwan). Program will be held at the Knox Presbyterian Church, Embro at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcomed to attend this event. Brooksdale Women's Institute will be selling pie & ice cream at the Musical Ride on June 18. This is the major event for the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the Embro Fall Fair. Tickets for the ride are just \$10 & can be purchased at McKay's Embro Food Market.

BROOKSDALE STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

By Laura Green

Oxford District Women's Institute recently presented their scholarship and bursary awards for high school graduates who are members of Oxford County 4-H & are continuing their education. Liz Harrison, chairwomen of the scholarship committee presented Brooksdale area resident Keely Grieve, a first year student in the Trent/Fleming Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Oxford County Scholarship on Nov 9 at Stratford Central Secondary School commencement exercises. Carol Innes, Oxford District Women's Institute president, presented Oxford County Bursary to Megan Ross from the Bright area on Oct 5 at the Huron Park Secondary School's commencement. Megan is a first year student at the University of Western Ontario in the Biological and Medical Science program.