

# Louise Women's Institute quilt tops Meaford auction

by Mary Golem

A quilt made by the Louise Women's Institute brought the top price of \$500 at the 17th annual Quilt Auction for Participation Lodge on Saturday, October 1.

This year's auction was held in conjunction with the Apple Harvest Craft Show in Meaford, the fifth year in a row the auction has been held in conjunction with the Meaford Show.

Once again, Chesley's mayor and former auctioneer James Jacklin donated his services as auctioneer for the auction, which brought over \$9,800 for Participation Lodge, a year-round recreation/vacation facility for physically disabled adults, located near Holland Centre.

According to Quilt Auction chairperson Verna A. Maluske of Chesley, there were 43 quilts and two wall hangings sold at this year's auction.

"We're very grateful for the support received and for the amount of work that went into these quilts."

Also at this year's event, tribute was paid to the late Frances Middleton of Chesley, who for many years was a member of the Quilt Auction organizing committee.

Several local groups donated quilts to this year's auction. A list of those groups and the price received for their quilt are as follows:

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Women (E.L.W.), Chesley, \$350; Malcolm Women's Institute (W.I.), \$340; Chesley Senior Citizens, \$360; Elmwood Senior Citizens, \$300; Gillies Hill Women's Institute, \$425; St. Peter's ELW, Sullivan, \$200; Williscroft Women's Institute, \$420; St. Matthew's ELW, Hanover, \$300; Southline W.I., Brant Township, \$180; Desboro Women's Institute, \$260; St. John's United Church Women (U.C.W.), Chesley, two tied comforters, \$80 and \$90; Sconecrafters, \$475; Soloway W.I., Brant Township, \$480; Marmion Women's Institute, \$155; St. James' ELW, Williamsford, \$320; Williamsford Sunshine Group, \$300; Geneva Presbyterian Church ladies, Chesley, \$435; Chesley Women's Institute, \$250; Sunnyview Women's Institute, \$200; Burgoyne Women's Institute, \$470; Arkwright Women's Institute, \$115 and St. John's ELW, Elmwood, \$385.

Two individuals also donated quilts for this year's auction. A quilt made by Ida Middleton of Chesley brought \$185 and a crib quilt made by Clara Minke of Chatsworth brought \$70.



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Chesley businessman Jack Johnson and his wife, Olive celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday night and as a surprise to them, their family arranged for an hour long limousine ride prior to an anniversary dance planned in their honor at the Community Centre. (Golem photo)

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Retiring members of Chesley Town Council were presented with gifts of appreciation from Mayor James Jacklin at council's last meeting, in recognition of their years of service to the town. Councillors Bruce O'Connor and Ross Foote, along with Deputy Reeve Dave Middleton decided not to seek re-election in the November 14th municipal election, while Reeve Alf Pratt announced he too was retiring from political life. All of them are to be commended for their efforts on behalf of the town during their term of office. The newly elected members of Chesley Town Office will be sworn into office on Monday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. (Golem photo)