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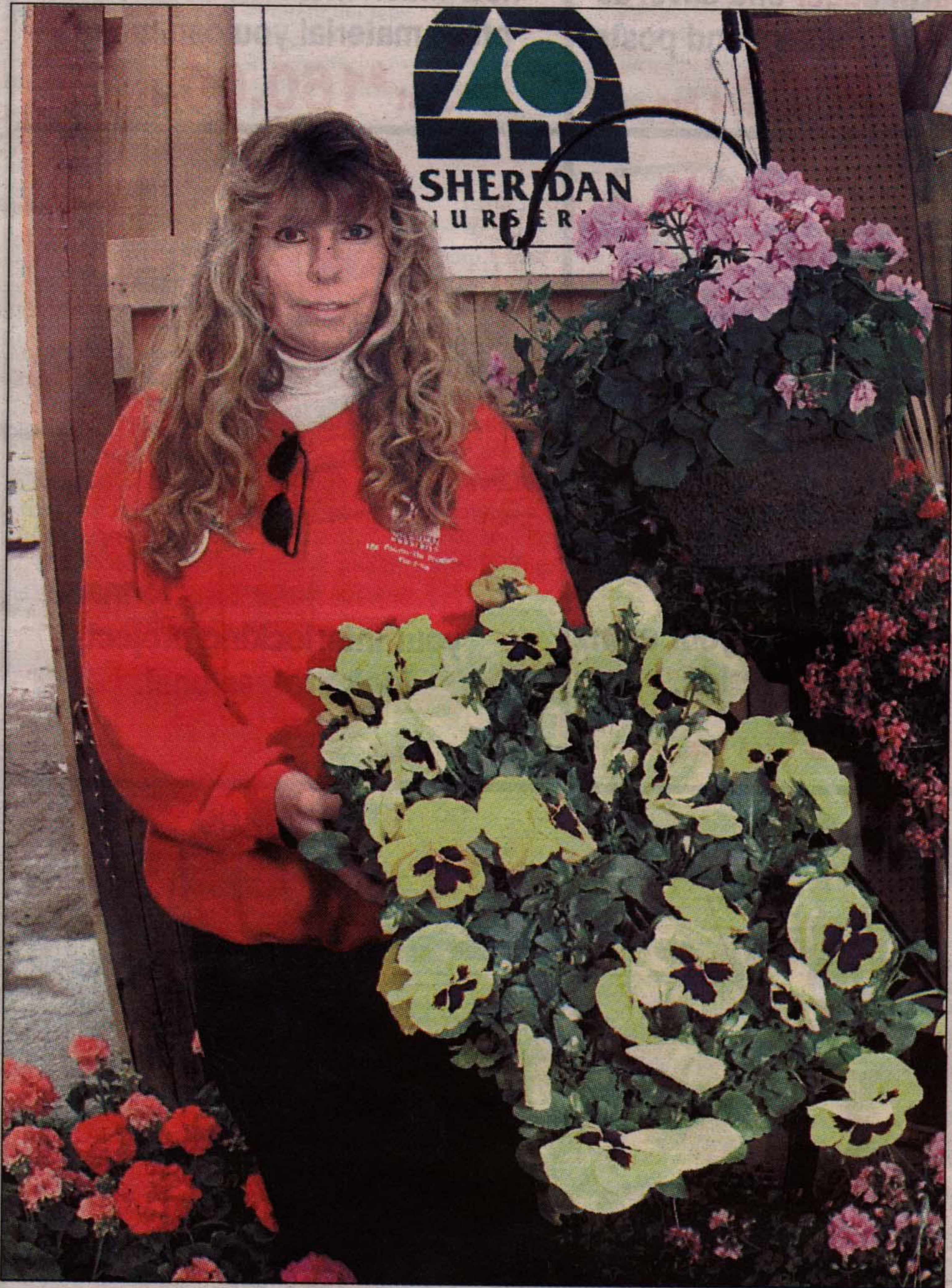
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Janice Maile, supervisor of the Sheridan Nurseries Glen Williams' garden centre, displays a flat of pansies, just one of the many varieties of flowers available. The garden centre can also help you plan your landscaping. By pre-booking appointments, Sheridan staff can help you decide which flowers will thrive and look best in different locations. Sheridan Nurseries was recently named one of the top 50 managed companies in the country.

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A blooming success!

From a small beginning, Sheridan Nurseries has grown into an operation recognized across Canada

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Sheridan Nurseries has had a lot of reasons to celebrate lately.

One year after the Glen Williams-based nursery marked its 85th anniversary, it was named one of the 50 best-managed private companies in the country. It was selected from a field of 800 entries from across Canada.

"It's quite an honor," said Janice Maile. "Everyone around here worked very hard for it and we're very proud of it."

Sheridan Nurseries was founded in 1913 with a head office in Toronto and a farm in Oakville. It purchased 884 acres of farm land north of Glen Williams in the 1950s and moved its head office to the location in 1987. Today the Glen Williams location serves as the main growing farm for Sheridan's seven garden centres.

With an early spring this year, Sheridan's Glen Williams garden centre opened in March for its sixth season. So far, shrubs and evergreens have been very popular, a fact Maile attributes to the number of new developments.

In addition to the wide array of trees, plants and shrubs available at the garden centre, it also carries an assortment of lawn care prod-

ucts. White grubs are once again proving to be a problem locally but Sheridan can help protect your lawn against the pests, which eat the roots of the grass. It has both sprays and granular products, some of which are included in its Parkwood lawn care package, to combat the problem.

Sheridan Nurseries has also responded to the popularity of ponds by expanding its products to include pre-formed ponds, exotic and water plants and small pumps.

"(Ponds) are another extension of gardening," Maile said. "Just because you have a small backyard doesn't mean you can't have a pond."

Sheridan can also put the finishing touches on your landscaping with decorative pots, custom planters, fountains and bird baths.

And if you're not quite sure how to plan your landscaping, you can pre-book an hour-long session with Sheridan Nurseries to arrange your garden and choose the most suitable plants.

"That gives them that personal attention," Maile said.

The garden centre is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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