

Hartley, Miller thrilled to be nominated for Business of Year

Nominations a welcome surprise for local business owners, who give generously to many organizations

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Being nominated for Business of the Year (25 employees or less) by the Chamber of Commerce for the 2000 Community Awards wasn't something Laurie Hartley gave much thought to.

"It was great, I was thrilled," she said.

Ms Hartley worked at Delacourt's for three years prior to purchasing the store from Vera Delacourt in 1997.

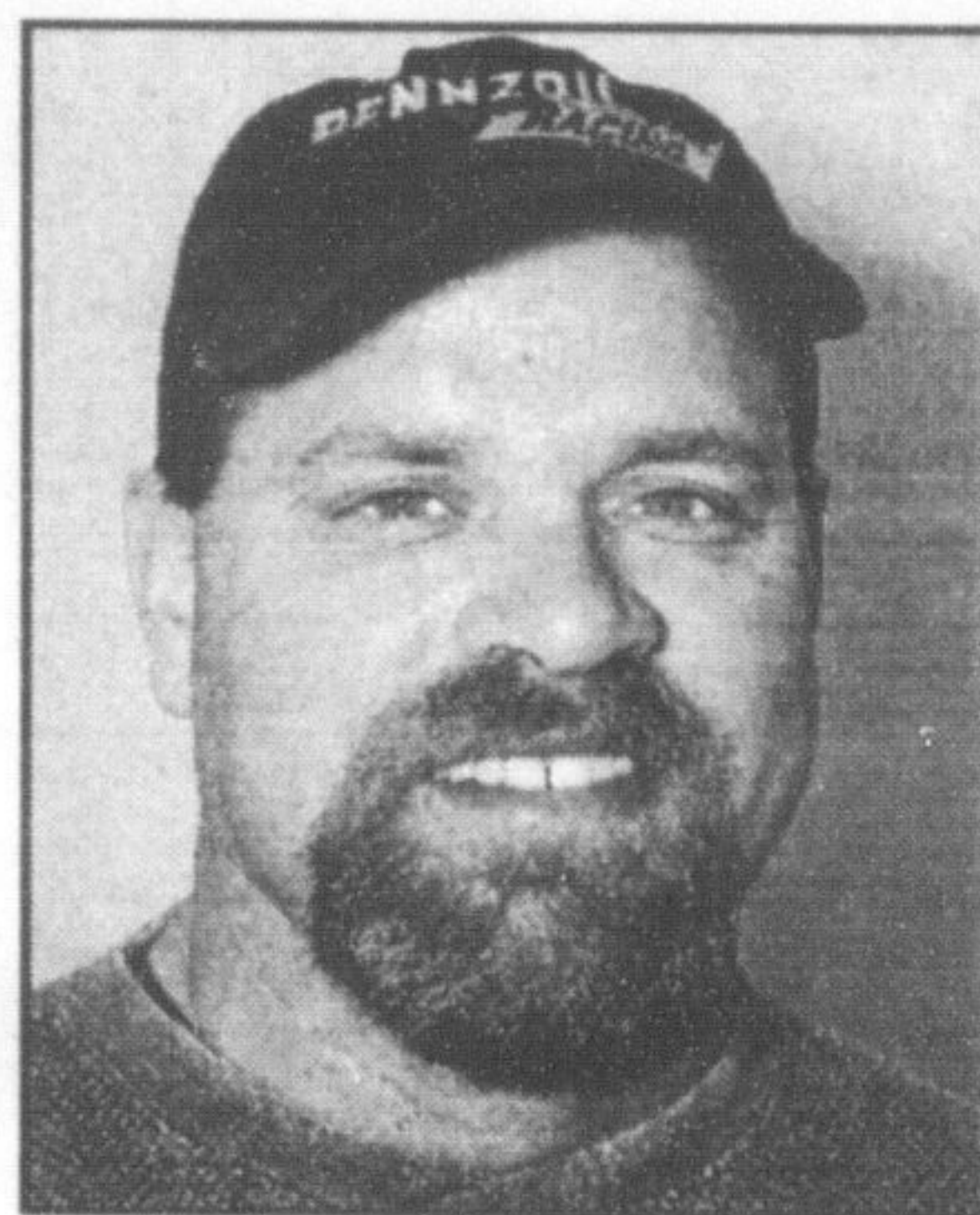
She gained indepth knowledge and expertise in the gift, tableware and bridal registry business from working in the industry for 10 years.

"I think the community awards are great," Ms Hartley said. "The recognition is nice."

Delacourt's donates annually to the Milton District Hospital Foundation, the Cancer Society and different churches in Milton. Tickets for the pro-



Laurie Hartley



Steve Miller

ductions of the Milton Players Theatre Group are also sold at Delacourt's.

Steve Miller, owner of Milltown Tire Service Ltd., said he was a "bit surprised" by the nomination.

"I'm not very familiar with these awards so I didn't even know we were eligible,"

he said. "Anything that comes along the lines of being recognized is a positive thing."

Even if Mr. Miller doesn't take home the award, he said he's happy to just be nominated.

"I want to make it clear that it's a team effort at the shop," he said.

"There are seven people here who work very hard."

All nominees and the award recipient will be announced at the Community Awards gala Saturday at Granite Ridge Golf Club.

Milltown Tire Service sponsors the Milton Merchants Jr. A hockey team and a local fishing derby for disabled children, as well as donates to Milton District Hospital's charity auctions.

For gala tickets, contact the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

Students invited to enter heritage awards program

Kindergarten to OAC students from the Halton District and Halton Catholic District school boards are invited to enter the Visions Canada Scholastic Awards Program.

The deadline for receiving projects regarding students' impressions of Canada in the past, present and future is Friday.

Interested students are advised to discuss their entries with their teachers or school principals who are responsible for selecting and forwarding submissions to the board coordinators.

Last year's award-winning entries ranged from a school's millennium play and video to a handcrafted chest complete with treasures from across Canada.

Projects are assessed based on clarity of expression, creativity, depth and relevance of topic to Canada. Projects submitted in either official language (English and French) are acceptable.

"The Visions Canada Awards program provides students with an excellent opportunity to learn more about Canada and express pride in their country," said Paul Attack, manager of heritage services at the Halton Region Museum.

All students entering the program will receive a certificate and a one-year pass to the Halton Region Museum. Award recipients will receive Canadian mint-coin packages at a gala ceremony at the Halton Region Administrative Centre June 4.

Catherine McMartin, a retired teacher, started the program in 1979 when she left an endowment to the Halton Public School Board.

Together, the Halton Region Museum and the Halton District School Board organized the awards program that later expanded to include the Halton Catholic District School Board.

Entry forms may be obtained by calling (905) 875-2200 or by visiting the Halton Region Museum Web site at www.museum.halton.on.ca.

Deidre Foundation holds golf tourney

The Deidre and Friends Foundation will host a charity golf tournament at Granite Ridge Golf Club June 14.

Deidre and Friends is a local foundation that sponsors bone marrow research, education, awareness and family and patient support.

Check-in will take place between 10 and 10:45 a.m. From 10:45 a.m. to noon will be tee-off time, followed by a cash bar from 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner and prizes will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The tournament costs \$110 per player and includes green fees, a golf cart and a prime rib dinner and prizes.

Checks should be made payable to the Deidre and Friends Foundation and be returned with the registration form to: Deidre and Friends Foundation, 360 Satok Cres., Milton, Ont., L9T 3P5.

To receive a registration form or for more information, call 878-3401.

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