

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Two stores, repair shop up for major community award

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Quality service with a smile seems to be the trademark of successful businesses in Milton.

It's certainly what's helped three local companies garner 1996 Business of the Year consideration.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce has selected a hardware and home decorating business, a specialty food store and an auto body repair shop as the nominees for the community award.

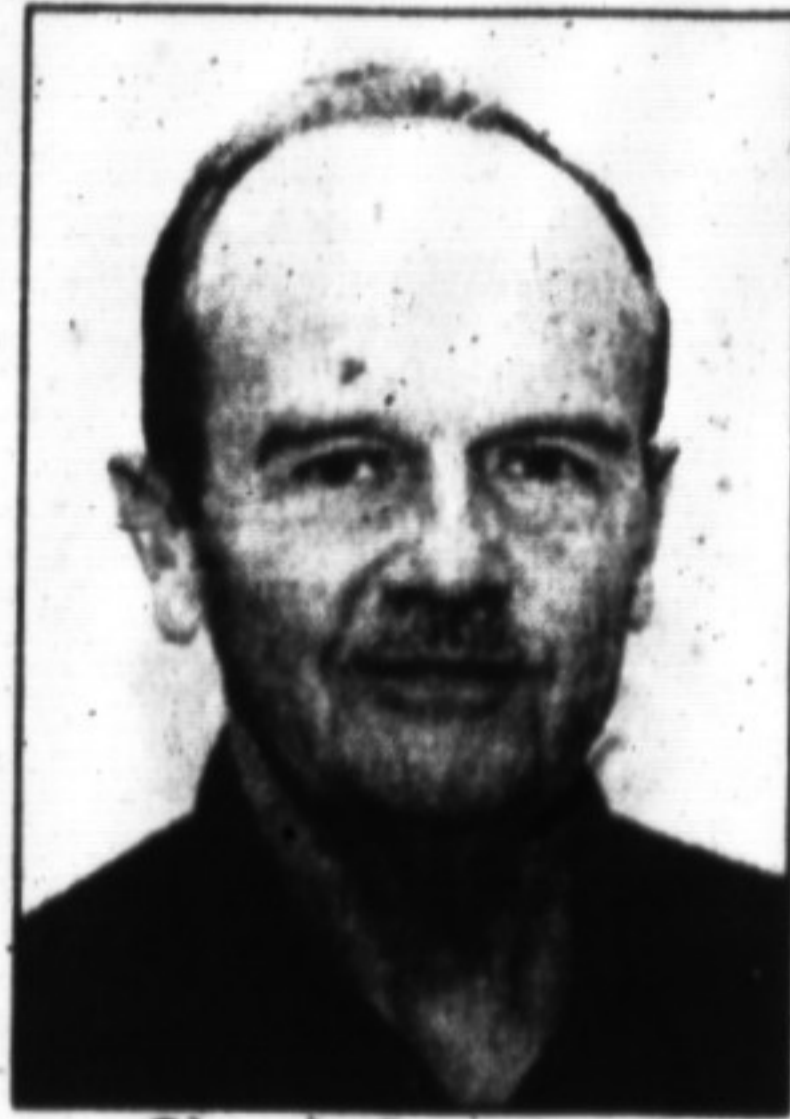
The past year marked the end of Copeland Lumber, one of Milton's long-standing companies. The Copeland family sold the Main Street business to Cashway Lumber after 34 years of operation.

Since the early 1960s, Copeland supplied both contractors and do-it-yourselfers with quality lumber and a full line of hardware products.

"I'm very pleased about the nomination. I consider it a compliment to my father and I as well as all the long-time, valued employees we've had over the years," said former owner Chuck Copeland.

In addition to his business commitments, Mr. Copeland was active with the Rotary Club and various church and community groups.

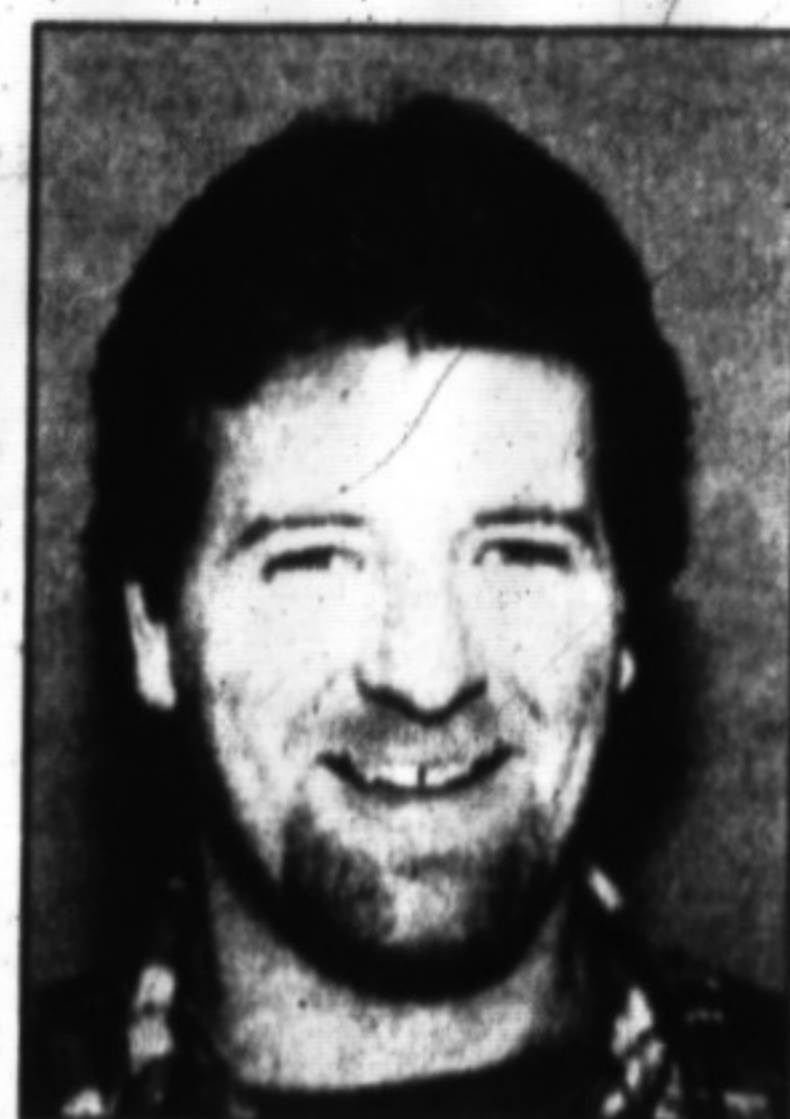
"Excellent service and delivery has made them (Copeland) a growing business from a small lumber operation through many additions to a full-line hardware and home decorating centre of today," the business'



Chuck Copeland



Scott Schlotzhauser



Tim Brown

nominator said.

With more than 330 different products and a full money back guarantee, M&M Meat Shops is ideal for full-scale catering or quiet dinners for two.

Owner Scott Schlotzhauser said he "thought it was great" when he heard about the nomination, adding "it's nice to be respected by the business community."

Along with friendly service, M&M's staff offers tips for catering and preparing meals. They also provide samples of various foods throughout the week.

M&M's nominator wrote, "They do so many good community events all year (often in support of Milton District Hospital) and the staff is always so friendly and helpful."

One customer of Tim's Trim was so satisfied with their work that he nominated it for the Business of the Year Award.

"Our van was vandalized and we took it to Tim's Trim. They did exactly what they said they would and made us feel so confident about dealing with them," told the nominator.

Tim and Jackie Brown specialize in auto upholstery and windshield repair. They have serviced the Milton community for the past seven years.

"Good, friendly service is the key," said Mr. Brown.

Added his nominator, "If every business in-town treated their customers like Tim's, no one would shop anywhere but Milton."

The Business of the Year recipient, along with other Community Award winners, will be announced during a gala evening at Halton Hills Place Saturday, Apr. 5.

Library CEO appointed

Milton Public Library has a new chief librarian. Leslie Fitch, acting chief librarian and chief executive officer, has been appointed to the post.

Ms Fitch has worked at the library since 1990 as deputy chief librarian and has served as the acting CEO since last year. She has been involved in a number of resource sharing partnerships including the Halton Community Network and Halinet.

Ms Fitch was previously CEO of the Town of Haldiman Public Libraries. She holds a degree in history from the University of Victoria and a master of library science from the University of Western Ontario.



Leslie Fitch



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Middle (L-R): 2 Alex Berndt, 3 Scott Collard, 4 Kevin Parker, 16 Robert Hunt, 15 Clayton Holman
Bottom (L-R): 31 Michael Binnington, 7 Kyle Hearn, 17 Elgin Reid, 11 Matt Chuchmach, 1 James Connor, 5 Jeff Kitchen (absent).

Renfilo Dimeo *Ast. Coach* Don Hearn *Head Coach*
 Paul Kitchen *Ast. Coach (absent)* Tony Pedulla *Manager (absent)*

A Special Thank You to team member parents and fans for your ongoing support!

For Those Of You Interested In Seeing Our Next Game... Please note that due to undefined policy for ice allocation our next home game (game three of the best of five series with Belleville) will be held in Acton, Sunday March 30th at 4:00 p.m. Why not head up the road and support another one of Milton's Championship Teams... it's worth the drive to Acton!

Please call 854-1158 for further information