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MAKING THE BID – Steve Bjorkman, left, talks with 96.7 CHRY FM employee Jen Thomas about bidding for Essex Appliance Centre's Great Kitchen Appliance Giveaway Sept. 23. The centre, along with CHRY FM and Schinkel's Meat Market, held a Price Is Right-style contest for 50 qualifiers. Those who came closest to naming the actual price of three items without going over won the contest. Su Marshall of LaSalle won a self-cleaning range, her sister Sherry Marshall of Windsor won a top-mount fridge with glass shelves and Leamington resident Randy Lepp won a manual defrost freezer.

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Nominations open for Essex Business Excellence Awards

Nominations for the Essex Business Improvement Area Business Excellence Awards (formerly called the Pride Awards) are now being accepted.

Members of the public may nominate a business for the outstanding customer service award by filling out the form located on page 14 of this week's Free Press.

Other awards include volunteer of the year by a member and by a non-member, exterior improvements to a business, interior improvements, unique and new look to an existing business, relocating an existing business to a new or renovated building.

Nominations must be received at the BIA office by Oct. 15.

The Business Excellence Awards evening will be held Wednesday, Nov. 1 at the Essex Legion at 7 p.m. The theme this year is "nostalgic military" in honour of Fort Malden National Historic Site's 150th anniversary. Tickets are \$25 and are available from the BIA.

New members needed for BIA Board

The current BIA Board will dissolve with Essex Town Council and a new board must be appointed. Names must be submitted by Nov. 15 to stand for election. Business owners or

their representatives are eligible and should submit their nomination in writing to Clerk Jerry Marion at the town hall.

Great Turkey Caper

The BIA's Great Turkey Caper returns for another year. In the spirit of giving back to the community in time for Thanksgiving, businesses or individuals are encouraged to purchase a turkey at Schinkel's, Zehrs or Essex Foodland and ask them to set it aside for the Essex Food Bank. Volunteers from the food bank will collect the turkeys before Oct. 9 and distribute them to people in need.

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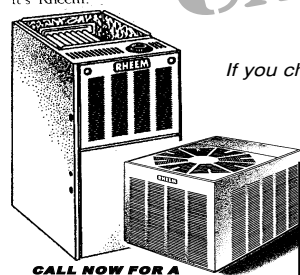
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