

AYLMER HIGH SCHOOL

An August 5, 1937 Aylmer Express article reported town council voted money for the new Aylmer High School. Features of the new building included: sloping blackboards to prevent light reflecting into students' eyes, mechanical ventilation, home economics room and, a gymnasium with a hydraulic stage that was part of the floor when used for games, or raised for performances. Cost of the building would be about \$100,000. To recondition the old building would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, and to put on the necessary addition \$45,000 to \$60,000. At the time there were 173 students in a school designed for a maximum of 125.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY

St. Thomas Times-Journal, Tuesday, December 28, 1999



This undated postcard photo shows the old Aylmer High School, now the site East Elgin Secondary School in Aylmer.

TIMES-JOURNAL**BYGONE
DAYS**

Until recently we have had a backlog of photographs waiting their turn, but our supplies are now low enough that we once again welcome contributions.

If you have a photograph, at least 25 years old, that you would like to share, please bring it into our office. We need actual photographs — not photocopies or clippings.

J. St.



Sara Provost of East Elgin Secondary School midget girls basketball team shoots for the hoop during a game against Park Hill Secondary School in an invitational round-robin tournament in Aylmer on Saturday. Miss Provost was EESS's top scorer for the day, with a total of 57 points in three games. East Elgin's midget team was undefeated in the tournament.

Sara Provost top scorer for the day.

*J.H.
A.V.R.*

November 4, 1996



East Elgin Secondary School's top-scoring scholars for the 1995-96 school year were recognized at an Awards Night on Monday, November 4. They include: Megan Hiepleh, seated, grade 9, 96.1 percent; Sara Brooks, left, grade 10, 93.8 percent; and Mara Sarcevic, grade 11, 95 percent.

1996

East Elgin Secondary School's
top-scoring scholars for the
1995-96 school year.

Congratulations !

J.A.
A.V.A.

1997

-AYLMER EXPRESS—Wed., March 12, 1997



East Elgin Secondary School won the senior high-school band division at St. Thomas Rotary Music Festival recently. Band members include, front, from left: Helen Bergen, Susie Loewen, Justina Reimer, Melodie Keseru, Joanne Newell, Julie Bardwell, Monique Brouwer, Lindsay Campbell, Amanda Beukema, Elizabeth Wales, Michelle Froese; second row: Meredith Hamilton, Becca Knapp, Annette Buchner, Kim Martin, Kim Legg, Pam Graham, Deb Brown, Amanda Irwin, Megan Jenkins, Mary Bueckert, Bernice Heide; third

row: Jacqui Newell, Justin Newell, Beth Peters, Becky Raddatz, Diane Wiebe, Beth Stover, Michelle Addley, Tim Norman, Brenda Noble; fourth row: Nicole Watters, Megan Goble, Jill Hare, Emily Chariton, Amanda Newell, Emma Ellsworth, Amanda Provoost, Chris Hare; back: teacher Dave Dykeman, Troy Spicer, Sean Goble, Meredith Noble, Mark Stutzman, Bryan Ball, Phillip Borm, Adam Klassen and Jason Zacharias.



East Elgin Secondary School tied for second in the concert-choir division at St. Thomas Rotary Music Festival recently. Choir members include, front, from left: Helen Bergen, Bernice Heide, Kim Martin, Meredith Hamilton, Sue Loewen; middle: Melodie Keseru, Justina Reimer, Brenda Noble, Deb

Brown, Heather Legg, Troy Spicer, Meredith Noble; back: teacher Dave Dykeman, Megan Goble, Megan Hiepleh, Michelle Addley, Mary Bueckert, Tim Norman, Michelle Froese, Jason Zacharias, Brandy Peters and Helena Neustaeter. Absent is Carroll Harder.

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November 24, 1997



East Elgin Secondary School awards for academic excellence in 1996-97 were presented at a special ceremony at the school Monday night. Recipients included

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scholars of the year Ian Bierman, Grade 11, seated. Standing from left, Megan Hiepleh, Grade 10; Evelyn Schmidt, grade 9; and Meredith Noble, Grade 10.

East Elgin Secondary School awards for academic excellence in 1996-97 presented to scholars of the year. Congratulations recipients. !

J.H.
A.V.B.

Wed., July 29

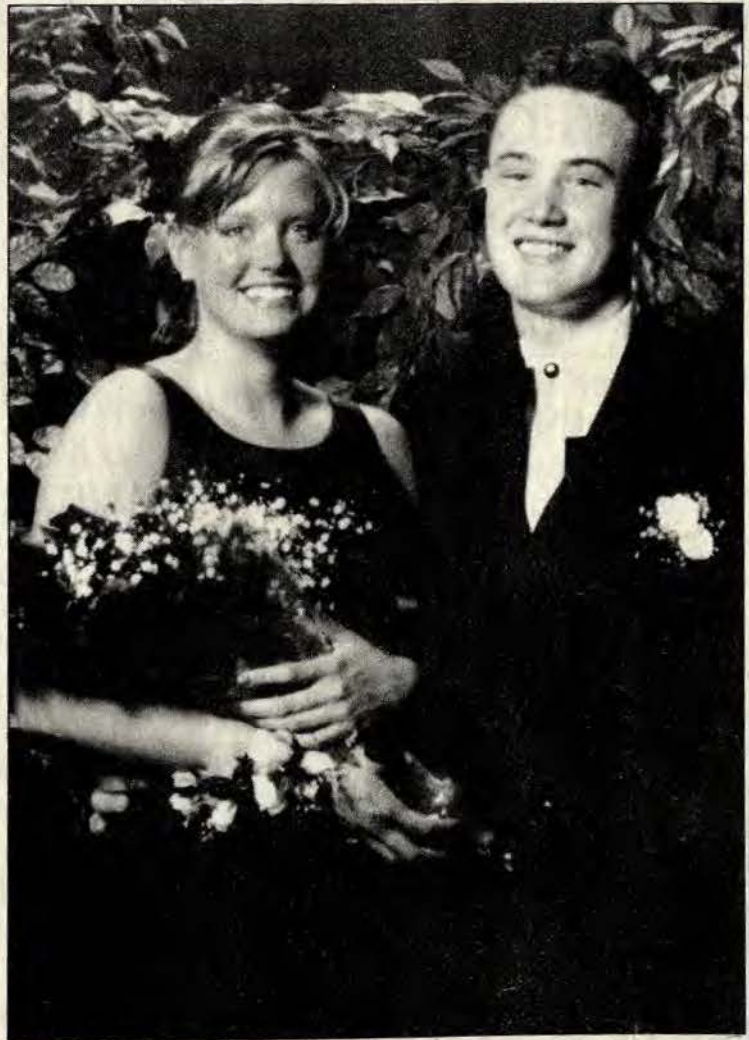
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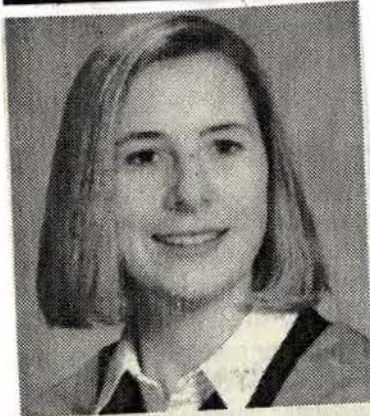
Lynn William "Skip" Phoenix has received a Doctor of Education at the Spring Convocation - University of Toronto. Congratulations. Mom, Dad, Faye & Leigh. Skip is a graduate of East Elgin Secondary School.

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-AYLMER EXPRESS-Wed., May 27, 1998



Amanda Provoost and Darren Shackelton were voted "Queen and King" by fellow students at East Elgin Secondary School's Prom on Saturday, May 23. The theme for this year's Prom was "Titanic."



Jim & Pat Thomson of R.R.#1, Belmont are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter Carrie Thomson from the University of Guelph on June 12, 1998. She is graduating with her Honours Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Human Nutrition. Love and best wishes from all your family.

17p

J.A.
A.C.R.

DAVID SCHUYLER - 80th Birthday. To celebrate our dad's birthday, family and friends are invited to an open house on Sunday, January 31, 1:30-4 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, Main St., Belmont. Given by his family. Best wishes only. 1




RUTH CHARLTON

Ruth Charlton, of Aylmer, will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 17. Miss Charlton, who was born near Mapleton, taught in 'Aylmer and the surrounding area for 43 years. The family wishes her many more years of health and happiness. 1993

RUBY APPLEFORD


In celebration of Ruby Appleford's 80th birthday an open house is being held at the home of Jim and Dorothy Brackenbury, 15 Albert Street, Aylmer, on March 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Best wishes only, please. 1993



Happy Birthday
to Mabel Legg
October 29, 1993
- 98 Years Young -
Best Wishes from Irene, Ward,
Larry, Janice, Shane and great
granddaughters Tasha & Carley
27p



Beatrice Garton, of Bel Parc Apartments in Belmont will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, October 31. Her family invites all her relatives, friends and neighbours to an Open House at the Oddfellows Hall, Main Street in Belmont from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Best Wishes only please. 1993 27p



Happy 16th Birthday
Danny Shoup-Corey
November 3, 1993
From Mom & Rod, Laurie & Crystal & Grandpa Reid 3p

Happy Birthday!

J.A.
11-3-93
1993




Mom warned us not to put your picture in the paper but we know you love us so much that you can't be angry for long, so...

Happy 50th Birthday Dad (John Hulst)

from Cherie & Marcel,
Jason & Lilly, Sjon and Tina
(But not Mom)
Love you!

19p

1994



Happy 50th Liz


You've come a long way baby!
Keep on smiling.

Love family & friends
back in Ontario

1994

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appeared Feb 12 1994



Happy 80th Birthday Mildred

August 4th

Love & Best Wishes
from your family

1994

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MILDRED PAKE

Happy Birthday!

J.H.
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1994

MINNEMA - It's a boy - **Matthew Nicolaas**, 7 lbs. 15 oz, born February 14 at 10:10 a.m. A special and blessed little love bundle for **Herman and Kathy (Lunn)** of Dutton. A little brother for **Carrie and Kirk Shively** of Springfield. Proud grandparents are **Nellie Minnema** of Appin, and **Russell and Shirley Lunn** of Belmont. Special thanks to **Drs. M. Roe and G. Emrich** and all nurses on 3rd floor of **St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital**. **Matthew** would like to say Hi! to his roommate **W. Brennan Layng** of Springfield and all my aunts, uncles and cousins. 1995 21p

JENKINS
Gordon and Ruth are happy to announce the arrival of their son, **Quinton Jeronimo**, born on **March 24, 1994**, a baby brother for **Maryanne and Scarlet**. Proud grandparents are **Rev. Elgin and Mary Rintoul of St. Thomas**, and **Donald and Leila Jenkins** of Belmont.

BERKLEMANS **Bill and Lisa** (née **Corriveau**) are pleased to announce the birth of their son **Tyler Francis**, born **June 7, 1994** at **Victoria Hospital**, weighing **7lbs. 2oz.** A nice little brother for **Nikki, Brent, Devyn and Eric**. Proud grandparents are **Pete and Sien Berklemans** of **Aylmer #34** for them. **Francis and Anna Mae Corriveau** of **Dorchester, #8** for them. Thanks to **Dr. Atack** and **4th-floor staff Victoria Hospital**. 3c

A Beautiful Girl!
JENKINS
Charlie and Betty Jane (nee **Smeaton**) of Belmont welcome with love their first child, **Jessica Jane**, born **August 17, 1995**, weighing **7 lb. 7 oz.** Proud grandparents are **Russell and Marjorie Muir, Princeton** and **Don and Leila Jenkins, Belmont**. Special thanks to nurse **Dianna, Drs. Bohdanowicz and Maruncic** and the **OB staff at Victoria Hospital**.

VANDERWYST - **Paul and Julie** are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their first little miracle, **Garrett James**. **Garrett** chose to bless their lives on **September 8**, arriving at **STEGH**, weighing **6 lbs. 11 oz.** Very special thanks to **Dr. Whitmore**, our intern **Simone** and all the **OB staff**. 1994 3c

PETTIT - **James and MaryAnn** (nee **Van Wychen**) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of our fourth child, **Jesse William James**, weighing **7 lbs. 13 oz.** A little brother for **Katlynn, Kelsey, Marley**. **Born May 10, 1995** at **Victoria Hospital, London**. Proud grandparents are **Ralph and Joyce Pettit** and **Rudolph and Frances Van Wychen**. Proud great grandmother **Clara Pettit**. Special thanks to those who helped during my stay at the hospital. It was greatly appreciated. 31p

EVERT - **John and Sharlene** (nee **Den Harder**) praise God for the safe, though early, arrival of their daughter, **Nicole Sandra-Jean**, **4 lbs. 5½ oz.**, on **Christmas morning December 25, 1995**. First grandchild for **John and Sandra Den Harder**, and second grandchild for **Chuck and Jean Evert**. Special thanks to doctors and nurses at **St. Joseph's Hospital, London**. What a Christmas for the **Evert and Den Harder families!** 3p

EVERT - **Paul and Sue** (nee **Wall**) thank God for their Christmas bundle of joy, their daughter **Natalie Sharon**, **7 lbs. 1 oz.**, born on **December 23, 1995**. Sixth grandchild for **John and Donna Wall, Aylmer**, and first grandchild for **Chuck and Jean Evert**. Special thanks to doctors and nurses at **St. Joseph's Hospital, London**. 3p

Births 1994 & 1995

J.H.
 m.j. 38
 1996



MAXWELL JAMES ZAVITZ
MAY 27, 1995

Happy Birthday Max!

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m. 7. 31
1995

Mabel Legg celebrating 100th birthday Sunday

Mabel Legg of Aylmer will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday with an open house at New Sarum Diner from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Legg is known in the area for her youthful appearance, looking at least 20 years younger than her actual age, according to friends.

She was born in Aylmer on Tuesday, October 29, 1895, to the late Randall and Sarah Ann Learn, at the family's house on Talbot Street West. Their home stood to the west of the historic Sinclair house at 418 Talbot St. W.

Her father was a horse dealer, who both raced the animals and traded in them. Her mother was a home-maker.

Mrs. Legg said she could recall a time in her childhood when wooden blocks were used as paving on Talbot Street, and most of the town's streets were dirt roads.

After attending Aylmer Public and High Schools, she got her first job as a cashier at the long-gone downtown department store of Youell and Wrong.

She recalls working in a cashier's cage. Overhead wires with cups transported cash, cheques and bills from salespersons to her, and she sent receipts and change back.

She got into trouble her first day on the job, because she had absolutely no training to prepare her for the job.

A cup arrived at her cage



Mabel Legg

with a customer's cheque to be cashed, but she didn't know what to do with a cheque. She was nervous and refused to cash it, angering Mr. Wrong, who had authorized the transaction at the counter.

Mrs. Legg received a salary of \$4 a week for her work. "I was just a rich person" with that much money, she said.

She used her pay to buy a car with the help of her mother. She started driving when she was 16, and didn't stop, by her own decision, until she turned 95.

She worked at the department store for four years, but toward the end was increasingly frustrated by problems

balancing the books.

Her accounts would be out by as much as \$8 a day, so she finally gave up and quit.

That has bothered her for decades. Only in the last month she concluded that one of the salesman had been shortchanging her.

At 21, Mrs. Legg was married to Gordon Legg, who operated a gravel truck and looked after beef cattle for farmers. They resided in South Dorchester, where they had three children, including Marjorie Robins, who died in 1969, Doretha Rolland of St. Thomas and Irene Dickhout of St. Thomas.

Mrs. Legg now has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Legg died in 1974, and the following year Mrs. Legg moved to Aylmer.

She has been active over the year in Aylmer Church of Christ, Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples and Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute.

She said she enjoyed residing in East Elgin, and wouldn't change any part of her life. "This is home."



Open House

The family of Mabel Legg
invite you to share in celebrating her
100th Birthday
at an Open House
Memory Lane Room,
New Sarum Diner
Sunday, October 29 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Best wishes only please

1995

Congratulations Mabel !!

Happy 80th Birthday



Ed Bridgeman

Mapleton Cheese King celebrates his 80th Birthday this Sunday, Dec. 10th, 1995. Congratulations love your family and friends.

John

m.g.z.

Belated 90th birthday con-
gratulations to Lorne Hamlyn.
We understand that the occa-
sion was celebrated with a
family dinner at New Sarum.

APRIL 1995

Happy 75 Years Young Robina Finch

Love, Hugs & Kisses from all your family



**Open House
Lyons Community Hall
Sunday, August 13, 1995
2 - 4 p.m.**

Best wishes only

9p

Happy Birthday Robina !

*J.P.
11/13/95*


★BIG 4-0★
DAVE JENKINS



from Maureen, Mom
and all those who love you.


You've still got the
beautiful smile even if the
pony and some of the hair
is gone!

FEBRUARY
1996



The family and
friends of Margaret
Brunsdon would like
to wish her a happy
80th birthday on
Sunday, Jan. 21/96.

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Happy
90th
Birthday 
Grey Fuller
October 6, 1996
Best Wishes
Marie

25P



Legg Twins
Evelyn Scanlan &
James Legg
Happy 75th Birthday
Mom & Uncle Jimmey
Love Lucille & Richard Fenn,
Louise & Stuart Liddle
& families

APRIL 1996

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Happy Birthday !

J.H.
A.V.R.