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RARE PAIR – Classy, held by Sue McWilliam, left, recently delivered twin foals, an unusual occurrence in the equine world. Still unnamed, Lauren, is

holding the filly on the left while Jason holds the colt. Except for the colt needing some antibiotics, both the foals and the mother are doing well.

Two foals born on McWilliam farm

Something of a miracle took place recently on a north Dunwich farm. Twin foals were born at Rob and Sue McWilliams on April 15th.

"We were amazed," said Sue. They had checked on the mare at midnight but she wasn't showing any signs of labour. "But when we went out at 5:30 a.m., there they were running around."

The miracle is not

only that both foals were born alive, but that the mare, Cash Us Class, nicknamed Classy, delivered them completely unassisted.

According to statistics, equine twins have about a 9% chance of being carried to term, 11 months, and of that number only 14% of both foals survive.

When Classy was purchased, it was not guaranteed that she was carrying a foal but later the vet confirmed that the 7-year-old mare was pregnant. However, there was no way of really knowing that she was carrying twins.

The McWilliams, who raise purebred

limousin cattle, have had registered American Paint horses for about five or six years. They chose this breed of horse mainly for their looks. "They are beautiful horses," said Mrs. McWilliam.

Their small herd numbers about 12, mostly mares and a few geldings. The horses are being raised for show as well as breeding stock. Currently, they are being shown on halter and eventually, will also be shown as western pleasure under saddle.

Names for the little filly and colt have not been chosen yet. The McWilliams have decided to host a contest through the Ontario Paint Horse Club where junior members can submit names. Winners will receive a prize and the McWilliams will make a donation to the club.

The leader of a new 4-H Senior Horse Club, Mrs. McWilliam is thrilled with the new arrivals. She noted that they are fraternal twins rather than identical, which is one thing that is in the foals favour. At birth, the female was slightly larger and heavier than the male, but he is rapidly catching up to his sister.

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LOCAL CARRIERS – Among the 5,000 people who had the honour of carrying the water from the three oceans over the Trans Canada Trail on Wed., August 16th, included these area residents, left to right:

Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk, Jessica Carroll, West Lorne; Ron Poisson, Dutton and Rita DeWild, West Lorne. Ceremonies were held at the Backus-Page House to mark this historical event.

Trans Canada Water Relay crosses Elgin

A dream became reality as the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 passed through the area on Wednesday,

August 16th. A good crowd was on hand for a special ceremony at the Backus-Page House where the

water was officially passed from one carrier to another.

Water from the three oceans bordering Canada is being carried across the country where it will be poured into a newly-constructed Trans Canada Trail Fountain in the nation's capital region on September 9th. Bottles containing water from the Pacific and Arctic oceans were carried along the trail route in Elgin.

Greetings

Dutton/Dunwich Councillor Leta West, chairperson of the local trail committee, welcomed everyone to the celebrations. Elgin-Middlesex-London MP Gar Knutson brought greetings on behalf of the Prime Minister and the government of Canada, explaining that the Trans Canada Trail was a millennium project to celebrate the year 2000.

"It's all about part-

nerships," he said, "It is a tribute to the organizers, property owners and municipality to have the trail go through the community."

"The Trans Canada Trail is linking the country and in Elgin is a true link to bring the community together," said Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP Steve Peters. He congratulated everyone involved in creating the trail and in organizing the festivities for the relay.

Local Carrier

Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk was greeted with cheers and waving flags as he carried the water to the ceremony. He walked from Walacetown to the Backus/Page House, a distance of just over 4 km.

He commended Councillor West and the trail committee for the work they did in setting up the local



Rien Van Brenk walking to the Backus-Page house.

The Arctic and Pacific shall meet at Lake Erie!

Aug 16th 2000

On August 16, 2000 the waters of The Pacific and Atlantic Oceans will come together here in Dutton/Dunwich! Come out and be part of this historic occasion.

Dutton/Dunwich is pleased to be part of the historic Trans Canada Trail and The Trans Canada Trail Water Relay 2000. This trail spans our Country and when complete, will become the longest trail in the world. The trail touches all three great oceans and at our point on the trail, an official water carrier will be carrying water from both the Arctic and Pacific Oceans. By the time the water has been carried by over some 5000 water carriers, the waters from all three oceans (Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic) will meet in our nations capital where the water will be poured into a fountain. This fountain will forever symbolize the trails commitment to unity. Help us create a new path of community pride and national spirit



Trans Canada Trail Water Relay 2000
Tentative Reception Schedule

- 10:00 Arrive at Backus Page House
- 10:15 Begin fun centers. Three centres will be available; 1) Storytelling, 2) Traditional Games, 3) Heritage Craft. Each centre will be approx. 20 minutes long and groups will rotate through each station.
- Face painting, activities, organization of receiving lines and distribution of flags, banners, etc..
- 11:10 Cannon/Gun Salute by Cadets at last trade off site to notify reception site of impending arrival.
- 11:15 Official Ceremonies begin with bagpiper piping in the water carrier. As carrier approaches the podium, the Town Crier will announce the arrival.
- 11:20 Delegate welcome and flag raising
- 11:30 Party! Sweets and beverages supplied.
- 11:45 Relay send off by official spokesperson
- 11:55 Face painting, activities, organization of receiving lines and distribution of flags, banners, etc..
- 12:00 Official ceremonies end. Backus Page house will remain open to the public. Brown Bag Picnic and trail walk are also options.
- 1:00 Clean up

