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Haiti fundraiser cheque presentation

A silent auction event, sponsored by the West Lorne and Rodney Legions, was held at the Rodney Legion March 27, which raised over \$3,500 for Mission for Kids to rebuild Coram Deo orphanage in Haiti. On March 31, the cheque was presented. (L-R): Mary Beech, President of the Rodney Legion, Helen Jones, Silent auction organizer, Alice Paterson, Treasurer of Mission for Kids, and Henry Mooser, President of the West Lorne Legion.

, May 6, 2010



Scouts Canada would like to take this time to recognize the valuable contributions made by the following group of volunteers of the 1st West Lorne Group.

Scout Leaders: Lars Larson, Chris Morton, Chuck Ruppel

Cub Leaders: Brenda Miller, Byron Mitchell

Beaver Leaders: Becky Byers (Group Treasurer), Chris Mitchell

Group Commissioner: Patrick Sawyer

Thank you for your dedication in supporting our youth in the scouting movement.

To the West Elgin Community Health Centre, those who participated in our Miller Park Vendors' Village and the downtown Farmers' Market, the Arts & Cookery Bank, West Lorne Legion, West Lorne & Dutton firemen, WEDS, all the dedicated volunteers who donated their time, and others too numerous to mention.

Thank You for helping to make the "2010 Cactus Cattle & Cowboys Festival" a successful event!

THANK-YOU

Canada Day Celebrations - Thank-you to everyone who volunteered their precious time and efforts including:

Municipality of West Elgin Council	Canadian Heritage
Optimist Club of West Lorne	West Elgin Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Slater & Recreation Dept. Staff	West Lorne & Rodney Fire Dept.
Knights of Columbus-Fish Fry	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #221 & #525
Joe Preston, M.P.	

Special Thanks to the following for contributing/participating:

#2884 Army Cadet Corp. West Lorne	Rodney & West Lorne Legion Colour Guard
Anne Prud'Homme - Singer-O'Canada	Foodland - Canada Day Cake
Jim Carmichael-piper for Colour Guard	John Johnson, Auctioneer (microphone)
Rodney Aldborough Agriculture Society Chronicle	West Lorne Library
	Rick Gordon - Train Rides

Out to Lunch Cafe - coupons for firemen/baseball players;
Volunteers- Lori Parker & Kayla Gibbens; Kristyn Fishleigh-YWCA staff & Rodney Day Staff Hope Pinter & Emma Wilkins for doing children's games, face painting;
Councillors Balint, Bodnar, Wiehle & Wolf for all miscellaneous duties;
Erie Flooring & Milner Riggsby-sponsoring Snake Lady Show

Businesses: ART Concrete, Besley's Furniture, Bonita Spa Essentials, CBM-Martin Slaats, Dave Lilley Excavating, NAPA Auto Parts, Heather Bell's Sewing & Dye Studio, International Erosion Control, Johnston's Canadian Collision, Judy Regnier-Judy's Family Hair Care, Knight's Home Hardware, Penney's Plumbing & Heating, P.J. Pizza, Preferred Insurance, Ripley & Giles Ltd., West Elgin Pharmacy.

Service Clubs: West Lorne Optimist Club; Knights of Columbus;

Sponsoring Train Rides, Balloon Jump & Clown for children.

AND ALL THE PEOPLE/CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED OUR CANADA DAY EVENTS!



Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS- 2010



Volunteer of the Year awarded

Jesse Cnockaert
The Chronicle



Our community, as a whole, is richer for this person's long-term commitment

— *Grace McGartland*

The recipient of the 2010 Rosalie Krebs Memorial Award for Volunteer of the Year is Dorothy Staddon.

Staddon was given her award July 1 by last year's winner Bill Prieksaitis at St. Mary's Parish Hall in West Lorne.

"I'm so overwhelmed I don't know what to say. This is really an honour. I'm going to cry," said Staddon.

Prieksaitis introduced Staddon by saying she has a volunteer career spanning over 40 years.

"The selection committee of the West Elgin Chamber of Commerce has made 2010 the year of the lady," said Prieksaitis.

"In 1988 she was the first lady member of [the West Lorne Optimists] club and since then has held every office at the local, provincial and national level."

Prieksaitis said that Staddon was involved in creating four new service clubs in the district area of the West Lorne Optimists.

During the presentation, Prieksaitis quoted from the letter written by Grace McGartland, Chair of the Arts and Cookery Bank, which nominated Staddon for Volunteer of the Year.

"Our community, as a whole, is richer for this person's long-term commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our villages, making them a better place to live," said McGartland.



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Rosalie Krebs Memorial Award

On July 1, Dorothy Staddon was announced as this year's Volunteer of the Year by last year's winner, Bill Prieksaitis.

MY COMMUNITY ~

Are you celebrating any of these special occasions birth of child, wedding, wedding anniversaries 25, 40, 50, 60th - new to the area? A free personalized Keepsake Gift Offer is waiting for you, compliments of community-minded sponsors. Contact Martha Groniger 768-3397 (Rodney, West Lorne) or Barb Patterson 762-2314 (Dutton-Dunwich) for more information. tfn//



PIER project in West Elgin

The PIER project, with the goal of contending with substance abuse among youths, is working on raising awareness in the West Elgin area.

PIER (Peers, Information, Education Resources) is a two-year funded project by Health Canada, lead by Addiction Services of Thames Valley Youth Prevention Workers.

People who volunteer to become Youth Leaders assist in making presentations, facilitating focus groups and be leaders in the community toward the prevention of illicit substance use.

"We're in the process, now that it's the end of the school year, looking for recruits. We're looking for any youths who might be interested in participating and getting some community volunteer hours," said Jessica Austin, Youth Prevention Worker for PIER Elgin. "We did a presentation June 9 at the Talbot Teen Centre with some of the St. Thomas Youth Leaders involved, and I'd like to try to organize it for West Elgin as well as Aylmer."

West Elgin Secondary School student Rylie Hunt, 17, has volunteered to be a PIER Youth Leader. She participated in a one-day prevention training session, where she learned facts about drugs, and how to facilitate work groups.

Rylie has previous experience working with you-support groups as a member of Stomp Out Smoke, active at the St. Thomas Talbot Teen Centre.

"I was involved in Stomp Out Smoke, with Youth Action Alliance, but the government cut the funding," said Rylie. "So I thought, why not get involved in [PIER]? It's a good cause."

Anyone interested in becoming a youth leader should contact Jessica Austin, Addiction Services of Thames Valley Youth Prevention Worker for Elgin, at 519.768.1715 x.2231 or visit www.adstv.on.ca They may also contact Rylie Hunt at Hucath9@aol.com.

Four Counties Health Services 16th Annual Golf Tournament

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The Four Counties Health Services held its 16th Annual Golf Tournament on June 3 at the Wardsville Golf and Country Club with 18 Teams registered. All of the golfers enjoyed 18 Hole's of golf, cart and roast beef dinner. Approximately \$10,000 was raised; enough to purchase one new patient care bed for the active care area.

This year the tournament featured five Hole-In-One Competitions including \$10,000 cash prize and four Vacations sponsored by RBC-Bruce Fairles and Hully Gully & Tracker Boat Centre (London) Paul Van Bilsen-Marine Representative for a Boat. It added a lot of excitement to the day and we will be working with these sponsors for next year's tournament.

"The success of the Tournament would not have been possible without the sponsors of our community and the volunteers," said Debbie Munn, Fundraising Developer.

Results of the Tournament are:

Low Team-Greg Penny, John Watson, Amos Sutherland

Low Men's Team-Bruce Fairles, Brian Vickers, Jim Thournout, Adam Bain

Low Mixed Team-Tim Hamilton, Paul Van Bilsen, Tim Lilley, Sophie Fields

Low Women's Team-Brenda Fairles, Charlene Quinlan, Donna Wilton, Larissa May

Most Honest team- Jerry Kok, Barb Kok, Gary Woods, Sherry Haggith

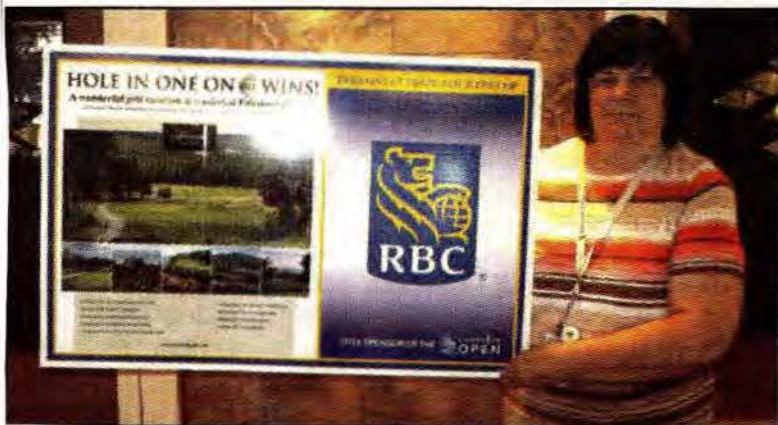
Men's Longest Drive-Wade Munn

Ladies Longest Drive- Sophie Field

Men's Closest To The Hole-Chris Webster

Women's Closest To The Hole-Karen Currah

Winner of the 50/50 draw was Duncan Gillies of Rodney.



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Hole-In-One prizes

Photo cutline: The 16th annual Four Counties Health Services Golf Tournament was held June 3 in Wardsville. This year's tournament featured a Hole-In-One competition with prizes to be won, such as for a vacation or boat.



Karen Goncalves The Chronicle

Elected Executive at West Elgin Legion

Newly elected executive for the West Elgin Legion in West Lorne started their term June 1, 2010. Back row (L-R): Past President Henry Mooser, 2nd vice president Joe Santos, 1st vice president Don Hawken and President Robert White. Front row (L-R): Executive members Pete Pinter, Kim Penney and Tom Leitch. Missing from photo is 3rd Vice President Jim Carmichael.

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Now Starting
SATURDAY BBQ'S
 West Elgin Legion
 2 PM - ?
 Hot Dogs • Hamburgers
**Stop and enjoy a
 Burger & a Bevie!**

**West Lorne Optimist
 Breakfast**
 Sunday, June 27
 9 am to Noon
**Old Boy's Park
 Port Glasgow**
*Join Us for Breakfast
 At the Bingo Hall*

**WEST ELGIN LEGION BR. 221
 WEST LORNE
 Country Music Jamboree
 Saturday, May 15th
 1:00 p.m. til ??
 'Live Local Music'
 This is Family Entertainment ...
 Come Out and Bring The Kids!
PLAY & SING & DANCE & JUST LISTEN
 Admission • Donation at the door
**FOOD AVAILABLE
 50/50 DRAW**
 All Proceeds for Legion Community Activities**

Local blood donors recognized

Jesse Cnockaert
 The Chronicle

Three blood donors from Dutton and one from West Lorne were honoured at an event in London during National Blood Donor Week (June 14 to 19).

At the 12th Annual Honouring Our Lifeblood donor recognition ceremony, community partners and local residents who have reached blood donation milestones of 50, 75, 100 and more units were

recognized. In total, 540 honourees were invited to attend this year's event.

The West Lorne donor, John Campbell has given 50 units of blood in his lifetime. Of the Dutton donors, Glenn Ford has given 50 units of blood, Rachel Hales has given 75 units, and Gerry Leeson has given 150 units.

The Dutton and District Lions Club also received a Certificate of Congratulations at the event in recognition of their efforts for supporting the blood system.

**West Lorne
 FOODLAND
 CAR WASH & BBQ**
 Saturday, July 3
 11am to 3pm
**ALL PROCEEDS to
 CANADIAN CANCER
 SOCIETY**
*"Come on out kids - and work off
 some of your community
 service hours!"*

■ **WEST LORNE:** Lack of volunteers cited

Music-arts festival shelved for this year

T.J. TUES. JULY 13-10
QMI Agency

WEST LORNE — There won't be a Music and Art in the Park festival in West Lorne this year, and it's unclear if it will happen next year.

Music and Art in the Park, an event put on by the Centre Ice Youth Centre, was first held two years ago in Miller Park. The event was meant to generate interest in talent from the local area; it included local artists displaying their work and local musicians performing on an outdoor stage.

This year, the event didn't materialize because there weren't enough volunteers to go around.

"The Centre Ice Youth Centre, we are now being run under the (municipality's) recreation department, and we only have a certain number of volunteers, and some of those volunteers are sitting on the other events that

are going on," explained Trudy Balint, a CIYC board member.

The recreation department has been looking after CIYC since early May and it has to take care of many other community events coming up in July and August, such as Cactus, Cattle and Cowboys Days, the Dodge Rodeo, and Movie Night in the Park.

"You can only use your volunteers so many times," said Balint.

As to whether Music and Art in the Park will see the light of day next year, it remains uncertain.

"We are looking at what next year brings to us," noted Balint. "I honestly don't feel we are shutting the door on that because it is a great event."



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Take the Lead

Taylor Cundy of West Lorne, Left, was congratulated by Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario for being one of the three finalists in the "Take the Lead" public speaking contest open to all female Ontario students in Grades 11 and 12. The event was held at Brescia University College, U.W.O. on April 10.



Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

Out of my way!

Four players and two coaches from the Western Mustangs stopped by St. Mary's Catholic School, West Lorne to teach the students about goal setting and healthy living. The students then went outside and had fun learning how to catch, throw, and run obstacle courses. Shown here, Jesse Collier (L), grade 8, tries to push his way past Jayden Myers, grade 7.

Break the Bank winner

Diane Felder of Rodney has won the final Grand Prize from The Arts & Cookery Bank's "Break the Bank" draw. Sabrina Oliveira, of West Lorne, drew her name at The Bank, with several Board members and volunteers at hand. Felder received the cheque for \$5,000 in front of friends and family, who immediately had plans for her winnings. The "Break the Bank" final draw followed two earlier draws, each for \$500.





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Colouring contest winner

The lucky winner of the West Lorne Optimist colouring contest was drawn at the West Lorne July 1 festivities. Joesph Await of Wallacetown has won a family pack of tickets to the West Elgin Rodeo, to be held July 24 and 25. Joesph is shown standing with Isabel Lewis of the Optimist Club of West Lorne.



Bunny Day at St. Mary's

Lukas, an SK student at St. Mary's Catholic School, West Lorne, holds one of the special visitors his JK/SK class had on Bunny Buddy Day April 1. The two female bunnies were brought in by Mrs. Joers, a parent, much to the students' delight.



R. Mark Butterwick QMI Agency

South Dunk Contest

West Elgin Wildcat Jon Godfrey flies to the basket April 15 during the TVRAA South dunk contest held at Arthur Voaden SS in St. Thomas. Godfrey and fellow Wildcat Brad Bint also played in the following all-star game.

Mother and daughter honoured for life saving

Jesse Cnockaert
The Chronicle

Two local women have been honoured for the part they played in saving a life, almost two years later.

On August 26, Tracy Van Breda and her daughter, 19-year-old Courtney, received a Commissioner's Citation for Lifesaving, presented to them by Jack Goodlett, Detachment Commander for Oxford County. On September 28, 2008, the two women administered CPR to a 65-year-old woman of Wardsville who went into cardiac arrest while she was driving in West Lorne.

“ I feel quite honoured. I can't say anymore. It's amazing,”

said Tracy Van Breda.

After the woman fell unconscious behind the wheel, the vehicle's passenger took control of the wheel and brought the vehicle to a stop. Tracy and Courtney Van Breda were out driving and stopped when they came upon the scene. The two took turns administering CPR to the woman until an ambulance arrived. The woman was revived en route to the hospital.



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It's an honour

Tracy and Courtney Van Breda received their Commissioner's Citation for Lifesaving August 26. The two women administered CPR to a 65-year-old Wardsville woman in 2008. (L-R): Detachment Commander Jack Goodlett, Tracy Van Breda, Courtney Van Breda, Const. Michelle Murphy, Const. Stacey Culbert

“You're to be highly commended on your life saving actions,” said Inspector Goodlett as he gave the two women their citations and pins.

The citations were originally going to be given to the Van Breda's at the

Ontario Provincial Police Awards Ceremony in Norwich, September 17, but they got them early because Courtney plans to head off to University before then.

“I feel quite honoured. I can't say anymore. It's amazing,” said Tracy Van Breda.



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Making a difference

The students of St. Mary's Catholic School, West Lorne were out September 24 for their Terry Fox Run. Ten-year-old Ard Dieker, left, is shown participating, despite having a leg injured playing soccer.



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Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

Together, We Play contest continues

'Together, We Play' is a community-wide contest and lucky draw launched in support of the need to raise funds for new anaesthesia equipment at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital and new colonoscopy equipment at Four Counties Health Services. People can win \$10,000 by entering the contest at www.togetherweplay.com. Two new clues may be found on the website. It is free to play and the Change Cups are for people to drop any spare change into. Local Business are supporting the Change Cups. On left, Fundraising Developer Debbie Munn, and Steve Browne Owner of the West Lorne Foodland, shown holding a Change Cup.



Walk Across Canada

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WESES students participated in the "Walk Across Canada" for Jesse's Journey May 6. WESES one day fundraising total was \$600. Pictured are students from 7A who organized the event for their school.



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WESES Terry Fox Run!

West Elgin Senior Elementary School held their own Terry Fox run October 1 around Miller Park, West Lorne. Because 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, the school's staff and entire student body got together to form a giant '30' in behind the school.

Shown here taking part in the Run (L-R) are: Alissa Krafft, Sophie Kiss, Emilee Buchanan, Mistique Piskun, Tasha Bowers, Damon Page, and Keira Alcock.



2010-2011 REGISTRATION

12/02/10

Come Participate with
1st West Lorne Scouting Family
Sept 9 from 6 - 7 PM
142 Chestnut Street • West Lorne

Beavers Age 5-7 Monday evenings
Cubs Age 8-10 Tuesday evenings
Scouts Age 11-14 Thursday evenings

Leaders and Group Committee
VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

For Further Information Please Contact
Chris Mitchell 519-762-0665
or
Pat Sawyer 519-785-2001



Chief Scout Award

Bethany Morton of West Lorne recently received the Governor General's Chief Scout Award at a ceremony in Windsor. This is the highest award available in the Scouting Program. To attain the Chief Scout ranking, a scout must complete several challenge badges, First Aid, World Conservation Badge, do 30 hours of community service, and achieve excellence in the areas of Citizenship, Leadership, Personal Development, and Outdoor Skills. This takes several years within the Scouting program.

Bethany is the first scout to be awarded this honour since the First West Lorne Scouting Family was re-organized in 2006. She is pictured with her Dad, Scouter Chris, as she accepts her certificate.

September 9, 2010

letters to the editor

Volunteers make it happen

Dear Editor,

The Knights of Columbus West Lorne and Thamesville, together with the Ladiesgroup from West Lorne and the Catholic Womens' League Wal-lacetown ran a food booth at the International Plowing Match in St. Thomas.

The planning of this giant event started already a long time ago, since it was a lot of work to make it all happen.

Together we were selling schnitzel and fries, local pork on a bun, chili and a bun and pies, muffins, cookies and drinks. We had about 18 volun-teers working a day!

Some of our members had to start around 4 o'clock in the morning with their own work to be ready for a shift at the I.P.M. beginning at 7:00 a.m. Other people took a holiday for a week to help out!

It felt like a big church family was working together!

A big compliment goes to all the enthusiastic volunteers. Wow they are awesome people to work with.

Thanks everyone for all your help to make it into a success!

Peter and Idith Fleuren

Pastor Appreciation



On October 18, the congregation of West Lorne Baptist Church presented their Pastor, Adam Hall, and Rosalee Hall with a surprise lunch and cake in their honor to celebrate pastor appreciation month.

Interested in Recreation In West Elgin?

The Municipality of West Elgin is looking for Volunteers who would like to participate on the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee meets once a month to discuss, plan facilitate and implement Recreation Activities for the residents of West Elgin. We work closely with outside organizations such as the YWCA, and various community groups.

If your interested please contact:
Recreation Superintendent Jeff Slater at the Arena,

519-768-1380

or via e-mail at arena@westelgin.net.



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OPP commendation

Jonathan Wolf (centre) received a St. John Priory Meritorious Certificate and a Commissioner's commendation from OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis (right) at an award ceremony October 15 in Wingham. Wolf was the first on the scene of a vehicle crash on Furnival Rd., West Elgin, in July 2009, in which an OPP officer lost his life. Wolf was honoured for assisting the police at the accident site.

West Lorne councilor honoured for assisting police

Jesse Cnockaert
The Chronicle

A West Elgin councilor has been honoured by police for his assistance at the scene of a vehicle accident last year, where an OPP officer lost his life.

Jonathan Wolf, a councilor on the West Elgin municipal council, received a St. John Priory Meritorious Certificate and a Commissioner's commendation from OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis at an award ceremony held in Wingham, Ontario, October 15.

On July 6, 2009, Probationary Constable Alan Hack, 31, was killed in an automobile accident on Furnival Rd. at Thomson Line in West Elgin. Constable Hack and his partner were pursuing a suspected car thief when their patrol car collided with an asphalt truck at 1:20 p.m., causing both constables to be thrown from their cruiser. Hack succumbed to his injuries at Four Counties Health Services in Newbury, while his partner sustained serious, but non-life threatening injuries, and survived.

On that day, Wolf was picking strawberries at a nearby field when he heard the accident. He made his way over to the crash site and was the first to arrive on the scene.

"I was trying to communicate with Constable Hack. I tried to get initial

coordination of emergency services to respond, as well as trying to tell people to stay off the road and slow traffic down. Then I assisted the St. John's ambulance with stabilizing the officers," said Wolf.

Now that police have decided to honour Wolf for his actions, Wolf says the whole experience of receiving an award leaves him feeling "conflicted".

"Typically, the idea of a reward is to feel proud, and I do feel proud... but when people pay such a high price, and their families continue to pay the price, it leaves me feeling conflicted."

Constable Hack had served with the Ontario Provincial Police for only six months and was assigned to the Dutton satellite of the Elgin detachment. He had previously served as a cadet with the agency for two years and as an auxiliary officer with the London Police Service for two years.

Libraries accept donation of books about coping with suicide

Jesse Cnockaert

The Chronicle Thursday, June 3, 2010

A book about helping suicide survivors work through their grief is now available at the Rodney and West Lorne libraries, after it was donated by the Nick Knapp Kindness Fund (NKKF).

The book is called 'After Suicide Loss: Coping with your Grief' and is intended to help people who have lost someone by suicide understand what they may experience; stages of guilt, fear, and it includes recommendations of healthy ways to cope. The book was co-authored by Dr. John Jordan, a licensed psychologist specializing in working with loss and bereavement, and the book includes input from suicide survivors.

"It's related to suicide loss and grief and dealing with the 'postvention,' after you lose someone by suicide," said Melanie McLeod of the NKKF. "It's kind of like a handbook for survivors, for working through the process."

The NKKF, under Penny Knapp, organized a workshop in March, with Dr. Jordan as guest speaker, which covered new developments in suicide epidemiology and prevention programs in the community and school settings, risk assessment and intervention with suicidal individuals, and guidelines for work with bereavement after suicide.

McLeod said that invitations were sent out to the municipality of West Elgin, but since Council could not attend, they offered to cover the cost of the books. With the books printed, the NKKF decided to donate a copy to the two local libraries to share the resource with everyone.

"We're happy to know this resource will be available in this community," said Shelly Fleming, Branch Supervisor at the West Lorne and Rodney libraries.



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The Chronicle

The Nick Knapp Kindness Fund donated two copies of a book, 'After Suicide Loss: Coping with your Grief'. (L-R): Melanie McLeod, Shelly Fleming Branch Supervisor at the West Lorne and Rodney libraries, and Penny Knapp.

Dr. Jordan works in private practice in Wellesley, Main and Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He was the Founder and director of the Family Loss project until 2007, and has been specializing in work with suicide survivors for over 30 years. He said that suicide survivors frequently turn to mental health professionals and other caregivers in their community for advice and support, but many caregivers have very minimal training about suicide prevention or postvention (the

term used for helping people after a suicide has occurred).

"I was honored to have been asked to present at the conference, and salute the important work that Penny and other highly motivated survivors like her are doing to help bring suicide and its aftermath out of the darkness and into the awareness of the public," said Jordan. "Her efforts will help to prevent suicide in Ontario, and to reduce its traumatic impact on the families and friends left behind."

Suicide Awareness Walk in West Lorne

Jesse Cnockaert
The Chronicle

The 3rd annual Suicide Awareness Walk marched through West Lorne September 5, inviting suicide survivors to symbolically let go of their grief and bring the issue of suicide into the light of day.

The walk was organized by the family of Nicholas Knapp, a West Lorne man who died by suicide in 2007. Many people who walked carried balloons with the names of loved ones written on them who died by suicide. The walk proceeded through the streets of West Lorne, ending in Miller Park behind the Scout Hall, where they released their balloons to the air.

"You can let go of that grief, let go of whatever it is you're walking for," said Melanie McLeod, one of the organizers.

The balloons were blue and purple, which McLeod said are colours used internationally for suicide awareness.

At the back of the procession of

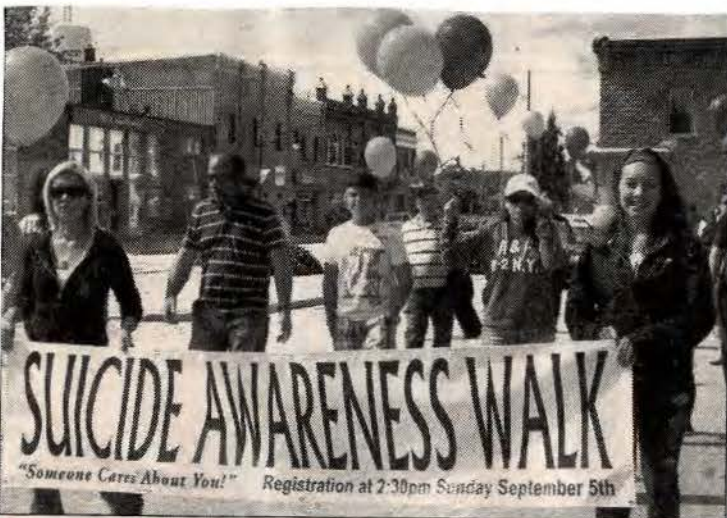
walkers was Brian Dyck, who showed his support by driving his '97 Sunfire, which he plans to enter into the Demolition Derby at the Rodney Fair September 19.

"I see there's a need for [suicide] awareness in this community, in all communities," said Dyck.

Before the releasing of the balloons, Penny Knapp, Nicholas Knapp's mother, said a few words in front of the memorial tree in Miller Park about the need to be open about grieving.

"Often these emotions are new and unfamiliar, that grieving persons will not dare share them," she said. "This fear then drives them to greater isolation... Is it any wonder that it takes courage to grieve?"

The 4th annual Nick Knapp Golf Tournament is coming up October 2 at the Wardsville Golf Club. Funds raised by the tournament supports workshops and seminars related to suicide awareness and prevention. Learn more at <http://www.rememberingnicholas.ca>.



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Walking for awareness

Erika Eckersley and Mikayla Myers carried the banner as the 3rd annual Suicide Awareness Walk made its way through West Lorne September 5.

Upcoming Nick Knapp golf tournament

Dear Editor,

Nicholas, my younger brother, died by suicide at the age of 20, just over three years ago. As you can imagine, his death devastated our family, but we all pulled together, took action and vowed not to let Nick's death be in vain. What also saddened us were the suicide facts and stats; we just had to make a difference. Now, organizing our 4th annual Nick Knapp Memorial Golf Tournament (October 2, Wardsville Golf Club), we know we have a long way to go in raising awareness about Suicide and its prevention and post-vention, but we also know we are all doing a great job of advocating.

Thanks to all our sponsors and 156 golfers, last year's tournament helped us to fund so many new initiatives.

It is our goal to make Suicide prevention awareness and funding for research become more available and accessible in local communities. Our Suicide Awareness Committee does just that and through our "Aftershock" support group, we have been able to provide support to

the families who have also lost loved ones to Suicide.

We would like to invite you, your family and your company/colleagues to get involved with this worthwhile and memorable nonprofit fundraising event in any way possible, through either becoming a golfer, sponsoring a hole, silent auction donations, door prizes, corporate cash donations or grab bag gifts.

I, Marsha, am taking care of all donations and sponsorship and Penny Knapp (flying_birds1@hotmail.com) will look after Golf Registration. Hole sponsorship is \$50 per hole, which includes signage.

Payment for both the sponsorship and registration can be made out to The Nick Knapp Kindness Fund and sent to:

The Nick Knapp Kindness Fund_c/o Penny Knapp_24756 Pioneer Line_West Lorne, ON, N0L 2P0

Marsha Knapp Dunleavy
Public Relations & Sponsorship Coordinator
Nick Knapp Memorial Golf Tournament



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Nick Knapp Tournament

The 4th annual Nick Knapp Tournament was held October 2 at the Wardsville Golf Club. The winning team of four was Richard Penney, Eric Murphy, Bob Doggart, and Tim Lozon, with a score of -8. About 75 people and 20 teams participated.