


SOCIAL 2006

DARRYL J. ARVAI




June 14, 2006
 Graduated from Carleton University Ottawa, receiving his Bachelor of Commerce degree with Honours. Darryl has accepted an accounting position with Deloitte Inc. in Ottawa, commencing Sept. 2006.
 Congratulations Darryl, we are all very proud of you.
 With much love from your Mom, Dad, sister & brothers, as well as all of your grandparents

OPEN HOUSE





You are invited to a special 90th Birthday Open House for Elizabeth Bilty
 Sunday April 30th ~ 2 to 5 p.m.
 at West Lorne Grace Lutheran Church
 Best wishes only.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
ANNIE JOYCE
 APRIL 25, 2006
 Love from your family



101 Years Between Them ...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 "Pa and his Princesses"
 Love all your family

Happy 1st Birthday, MacKennah Anita Deeley
 Happy 65th Birthday, Papa Frank Deeley



MacKennah was born August 26, 2005 at 2:50am weighing 8lbs. 4ozs. She is a precious daughter for Anita Orchard and Gordon Deeley. Kennah has been a real joy for big brother Cody, big sisters Kelsey and Alexandria, grandparents Frank & Carol Deeley and Keith & Sandy Orchard & Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

It's A Girl!



KAYSEE AUDREY HELEN KALITA
 Katrina & Mike are proud to announce the arrival of Kaysee Audrey Helen, born July 15th, 2006, weighing 7lbs 9 oz. Proud grandparents are Audrey & Gary Jamieson, Rien & Helen Van Brenk, Gary & Linda Kalita. Great Grandparents are Ed & Thelma Kalita, Madeline Cross



HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY JANNA
 August 26th
 Best Wishes from the Gang




It's A Girl!




Proud parents Pat & Tammy Timmermans are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their baby girl Kaitlind Chelsey Rose born July 26 at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital weighing 6lbs, 8oz. Spoiling privileges go to big sisters Chastity and Cassy. We would also like to send special thanks to our OB Dr. Roe for making her birth possible and the doctors and staff at the hospital.

OKOLISAN



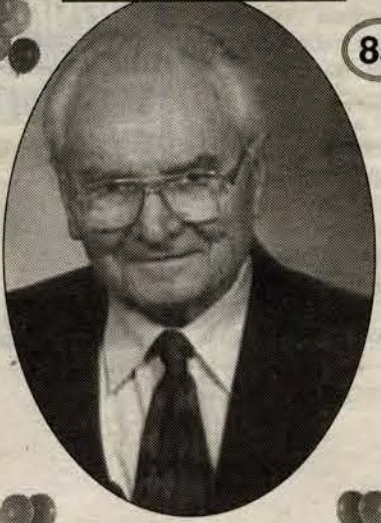
Jason and Joanna Okolisan are pleased to announce the arrival of Lily Anastasia Sylvania Okolisan on September 20, 2006, 6:31pm at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. Weighing 8lb 13oz. Lily is welcomed by first time grandparents Pat and Marion Meister of Burlington and Steve Okolisan of Rodney, as well as great grandparents John and Liz Okolisan. Grandma Sylvania Okolisan, who passed away just a few months before Lily was born, will be proudly watching over her from heaven.

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 20TH
MATHEW & CINDY DA COSTA
 Love from your family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



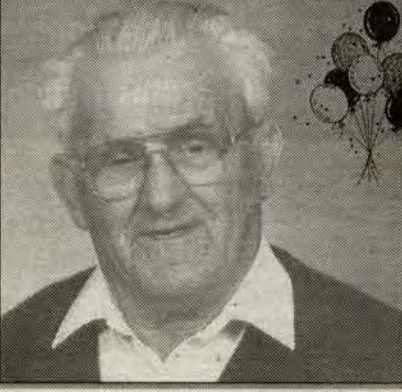
FRANK NEMETH
 85th Birthday!
 Love & best wishes from your wife & children

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEN
 August 27th




Best Wishes from Cathy

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE



John DeWild's 80th Birthday
 Sunday, August 13th
 Open House 2 to 4:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's Catholic Hall
 132 Main St., West Lorne
 Best wishes only, please.

Celebrating 40 Years!



Happy 40th Anniversary Mom & Dad
 (Esther & Fred Titus)
 October 15, 2006
 Love from your family


50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



DOUGLAS & DOROTHY STADDON
 OPEN HOUSE
 Please join us in celebrating our parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Saturday, October 21, ~ 2 to 5 p.m.
 at the West Lorne Legion
 Best Wishes Only
 Love, Doug, Diane & Ted, Darryl & Kathy, Darlene & Muro & families

CONGRATULATIONS

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY
 October 6, 2006



Alma Perger
 Love from your family

CONGRATULATIONS



Dutton:
Local youth comes up big in the 2006 Thames Valley Riders Fall Series races

Pictured left:
Jordan Boux (Dutton) shows off his awesome 2nd place trophy. Great job Jordan!

Mom and Dad are very proud!

FIRST BABY



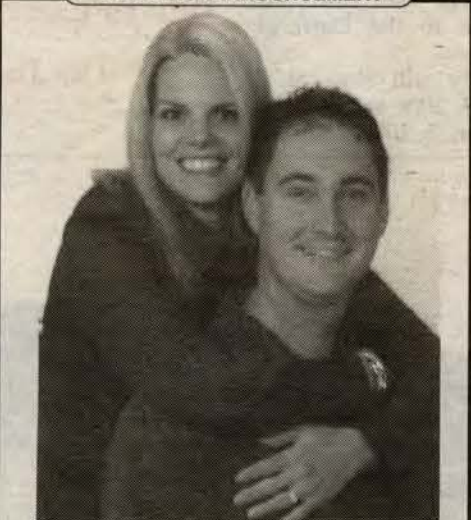
Danielle & Brad Simpson are happy to announce the birth of their first born. A son Brady William was born at home in Ayr on September 21st. Weighing 9lbs, 2 oz. Proud first time grandparents Dave & Lisa Downie of Bothwell. Proud first time great grandparents are Neville & Doddie Lather. Second great grandson for William Downie of Rodney.

ENGAGEMENT



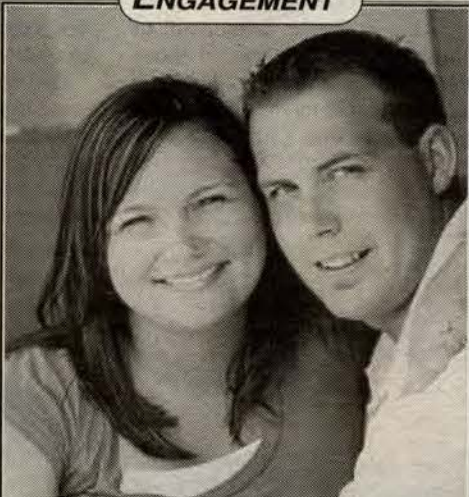
Ruth & Gerry Davis of Rodney are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tira Davis to Toby Wootton son of Angela & James DesJardine of Grand Bend and Paul Wootton of Hamilton. Their wedding will take place next October in Puerto Plata with a reception in London, ON the following week.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Robert & Diane Drummelsmith are happy to announce the forthcoming wedding of their son George to Shari DeHoey, daughter of Rick & Diana DeHoey, Blenheim, On. The wedding will take place on February 24, 2007.

ENGAGEMENT

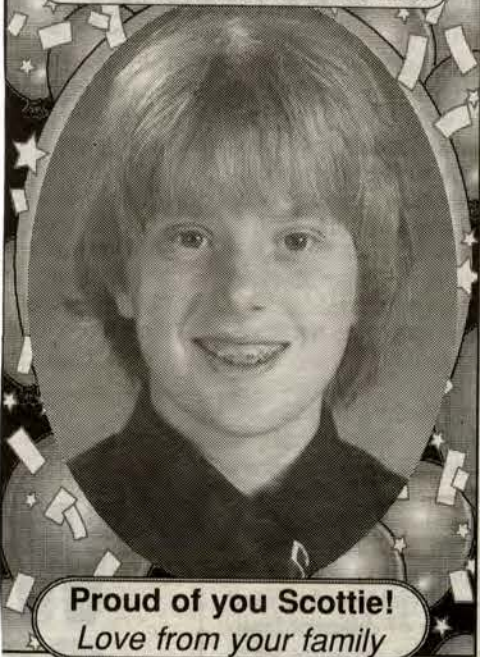


Tex & Deb Tobias are pleased to announce the engagement of Colette to Terry Weed, son of Jim & Dorothea Weed. The couple will exchange vows July 14, 2007.



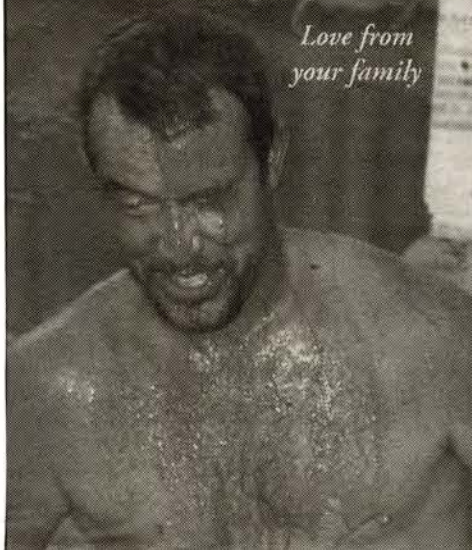
Denning-Oliveira Engagement
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel J. Oliveira of West Lorne and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Denning of Strathroy join together in celebrating the engagement of their daughter and son, Kelly Oliveira and Bill Denning. The wedding will take place in the summer of 2007.

OUR TEENAGER! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



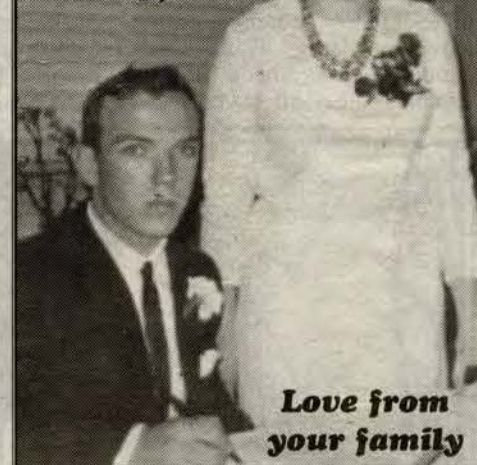
Proud of you Scottie!
Love from your family

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY Dean November 13



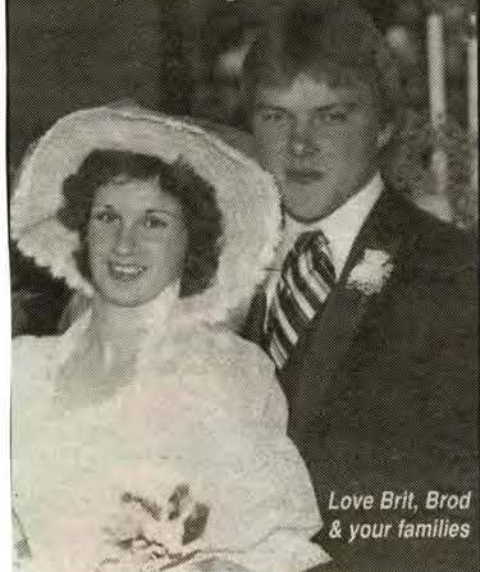
Love from
your family

Happy 40th Anniversary Dick & Sharon Nov. 25, 2006



Love from
your family

Congratulations Mom & Dad 25 years ~ April 4th, 2006



Love Brit, Brod
& your families

LOOK WHO'S 40!



Happy Birthday Mom!
Love from Matthew, Mark & Tommy

40TH ANNIVERSARY




**Larry & Gloria McLeod
Happy 40th Anniversary**
November 26th
Love Laurie, Neil &
Alex, Wendy, Chris, Ben & Abby

Western Elgin's 2007 Arrivals

<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Keirsyn Melina Wood December 25, 2007 Daughter of Shane & Shelby Wood</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Carter Jeffrey Joseph Robison April 4, 2007 Son of T.J. Robison and Peggy McGill</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Taytem Elivia Lamb September 13, 2007 Daughter of Jerry and Debbie</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Madison Lily Lumley September 1, 2007 Daughter of Jolene and Matt Lumley</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Lydia Dianne Drummelsmith December 8, 2007 Daughter of George and Shari Drummelsmith</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Evan Cipu November 20, 2007 Son of Dave and Stacy (Machado) Cipu</p>
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<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Karly Alyssa McCallum May 5, 2007 Daughter of Jen and Steve McCallum</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Jaityn Sydney Sutton December 8, 2007 Son of Tara and Jeremy Sutton</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Layton Lee Chamberlain February 9, 2007 Daughter of Roy and Cheron Chamberlain</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Hannah Dawn McIntyre July 29, 2007 Daughter of Donald and Julie McIntyre</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Jackson Playford June 10, 2007 Son of Bill and Chantyle Playford</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>William Richard Cook June 8, 2007 Son of Richard and Tanya Cook</p>
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<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Matthew Brown April 20, 2007 Son of Aaron and Jennifer Brown</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Carson Joseph Szabo May 20, 2007 Son of Shaun and Krista Szabo</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Rhainne Autumn Hales October 11, 2007 Daughter of Rodney and Suzanne Hales</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Lily Ava Carr July 9, 2007 Daughter of Dave and Karrie Carr</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Ethan John Minogue July 5, 2007 Son of Casey and Melissa Minogue</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Kaitlyn Mackenzie Paton February 8, 2007 Daughter of Shawn and Kristy Paton</p>
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<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Brooklyn Elizabeth Hewitt December 21, 2007 Daughter of John Hewitt and Crystal Blair</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Olivia Isabel Sutton September 21, 2007 Daughter of Kory and Cindy Sutton</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Adrian Joseph Baran August 23, 2007 Son of Dimitrius and Vanessa (Paine) Baran</p>	<p>It's a Boy!</p>  <p>Liam Andrew Price May 10, 2007 Son of Jenny and John Price</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Natalie Florence Moore February 3, 2007 Daughter of Chad and Melisa (Patterson) Moore</p>	<p>It's a Girl!</p>  <p>Reese Madeline Weekes August 21, 2007 Daughter of Rob and Monique Weekes</p>
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It's Girls



Cameran Taylor Rae and Addisan Lynda Leone Mancari - Sept. 28, 2007
Daughters of David and Laura Mancari

Celebrating 60th Anniversary



Frank & Katie Nemeth
May 4, 2007

Love & best wishes from your family

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OPEN HOUSE



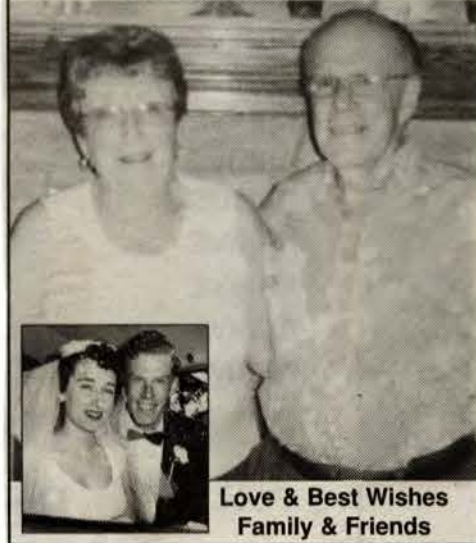
"50 Years"
To celebrate such a special milestone as 50 years of life together, the family of Allen and Betty Ross invite you to join them at an Open House being held in their honour Sunday, July 1, 2007 at the West Elgin Legion from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. As friendship is one of the most valuable gifts in life, best wishes only please.

FISCHER - GRIFFITHS



On July 7, 2007 high school sweethearts Sarah, daughter of Dennis & Sandra Fischer or Rodney and Bryan, son of Ron & Bev Griffiths of Dutton were united in marriage. Family & friends joined the couple for a beautiful outdoor ceremony at The Oakes Golf & Country Club in Delaware where dinner and reception followed. Sarah and Bryan are now residing in St. Catharines.

Happy 50th Anniversary
John & Elaine Conway
October 19, 2007



Love & Best Wishes
Family & Friends

GRADUATE



MICHAEL HOWARD has graduated with distinction from the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Education. He received a Diploma in Education (Technological Studies) at convocation on June 15th, 2007.

Congratulations from family & friends

Celebrating 100 Years



Family & friends are invited to help celebrate Adrianna Van Dooren's 100th Birthday at Bobier Villa, May 6th, 2007 ~ 2 to 4 p.m. Best Wishes only please.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Angela (Foreman) & John Bobier of West Lorne were married May 27, 2006 at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Tyrconnell. Daughter of Sam Foreman of Wallacetown and Robert & Janice Ellis of St. Thomas. Son of Don & Betty Ann Bobier of West Lorne.



Carlos & Ilda Oliveira and Larry & Gerda Brokenshire wish to announce the marriage of their children Marisa & Russell on Sept. 30, 2006. The happy couple now reside in Dutton.

80TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE



Congratulations to Eleanor Wallace, formerly of St. Thomas, now at the Bobier Villa, 1 Bobier Line, Dutton, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday. Please join Eleanor for an Open House on Saturday, January 13th, 2007 from 2 to 4 p.m. Best Wishes Only, please.

BIRTH

OLIVIA ELIZABETH CORNEIL



Jim and Trish Corneil are thrilled to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Olivia Elizabeth Corneil. Olivia was born on December 21, 2006 at 6:15 p.m., weighing in at 9 pounds, 3 ounces. Bragging rights go to grandparents Phil and Kathy Corneil and Peter and Tina Hentz.



Please join us on Sunday, July 22nd from 2 to 4pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, West Lorne to wish Brenda Odanski a Happy Retirement after 39 years of teaching. Best wishes only please!

OPEN HOUSE



Happy 60th Birthday
Chris Kirschner
Love your family

Open House
Come celebrate with us!
West Elgin Living Water
Pentecostal Church
July 28th 2-4pm 2007
Coffee • Tea • Cake • Ice Cream

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY ~ APRIL 27, 2007 ~



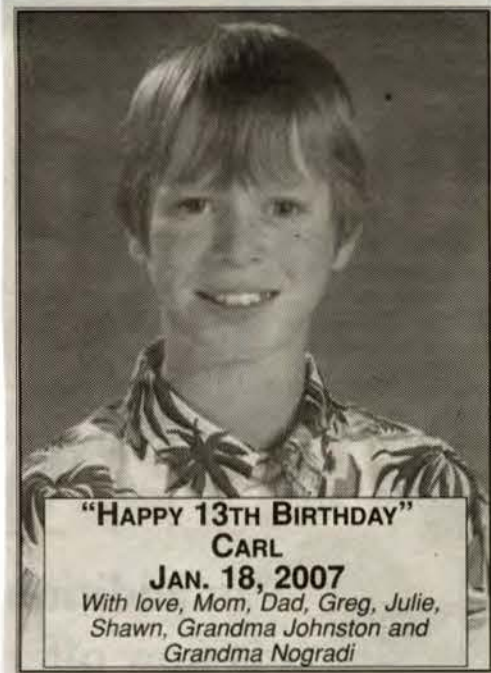
Joe & Sylvia Fischer
Love from your family,

Dennis & Sandra, Pam & Terry, Linda, and your 5 grandchildren

"HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY"
CARL

JAN. 18, 2007

With love, Mom, Dad, Greg, Julie, Shawn, Grandma Johnston and Grandma Nogradi



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The Family of Anna McCallum invite you to join them at an open house and celebration of her 80th birthday at the West Elgin Legion Branch 221, John St., West Lorne. November 17th, 2-4pm

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Lisa Madeira Silva graduated from Medix College as a Pharmacy Technician and is employed at West Elgin Pharmacy. Congratulations from your family.

BIRTHS



Announcing Lily Ava Carr
David and Karrie Carr along with Hannah, Gracie, Emma, and Ben are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Lily Ava, born July 9th, 2007 weighing 7lbs 15oz and measuring 18.5" long. Special thanks to proud grandparents Grandma and Al Palazzo, and Nana and Papa Carr for taking such good care of Lily's brother and sisters while Mommy and Daddy were in the hospital.

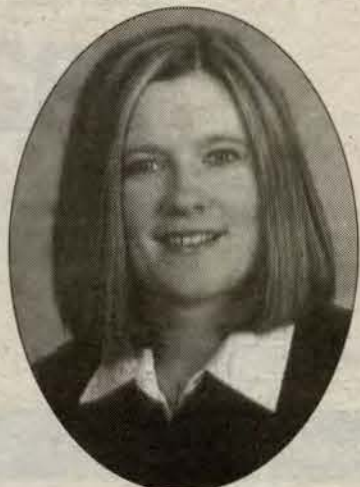
ANNIVERSARY

Happy 40th Anniversary ^{Nov 02}
Bruce & Linda McCann '07



Love always,
your family and friends.

GRADUATION



CASSEL

Michelle Cassel received her masters of business administration, MBA from the University of Windsor at convocation ceremonies October 20, 2007. Congratulations and best wishes for the future. We are proud of your accomplishments.
Love from you family.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ETHEL FRANK**



92 years old on March 28th
Love from your family

Happy 15th Wedding Anniversary
October 17, 1992



**CONGRATULATIONS
FRANK & LAURIE SURA**

Love & Best Wishes
Alex, Michael, Dad, Moms & all the family!

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE



**Happy 80th Birthday
Jean Ross**

From your families
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday March 25th,
2 to 4 p.m. West Elgin Legion
142 John St., West Lorne
Best Wishes Only

ENGAGEMENT



Ross & June Lunn of Wallacetown and Al & Carole Giles of West Lorne are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children Marlene & Jeremy. The happy couple will exchange their vows on October 6, 2007 at the Lunn Farm. Congratulations from both families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY



LOIS CARROLL

December 13, 2007

Love: Anne, Audrey, June, Janice & Families

OPEN HOUSE

Sat. Dec. 8th • 1:00 - 4:00pm
Pearce Hall at
Pearce Williams Retreat Center
8009 Iona Rd., R.R.#1 Fingal
BEST WISHES ONLY

ANNIVERSARY



HAPPY 40th ANNIVERSARY

Don and Betty Ann Bobier

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY

Don Love, Don Jr. & Deb, John & Angela, Amanda, Abigail, Zachary and Ethan

STAG & DOE

SATURDAY 8 PM
JULY 7, RODNEY ²⁰⁰⁷ TO
COMMUNITY 1 AM
CENTRE
Kelly Oliveira Bill Denning
PIG ROAST
MUSIC DJ \$6 advance \$8 at door **DOOR PRIZES**



Marlene and Jeremy Giles

were united in marriage on October 6, 2007 at the Lunn-Haven Farm in Wallacetown. Marlene is the daughter of Ross & June Lunn, Wallacetown and Jeremy is the son of Al & Carole Giles, West Lorne The happy couple now reside in London, Ontario



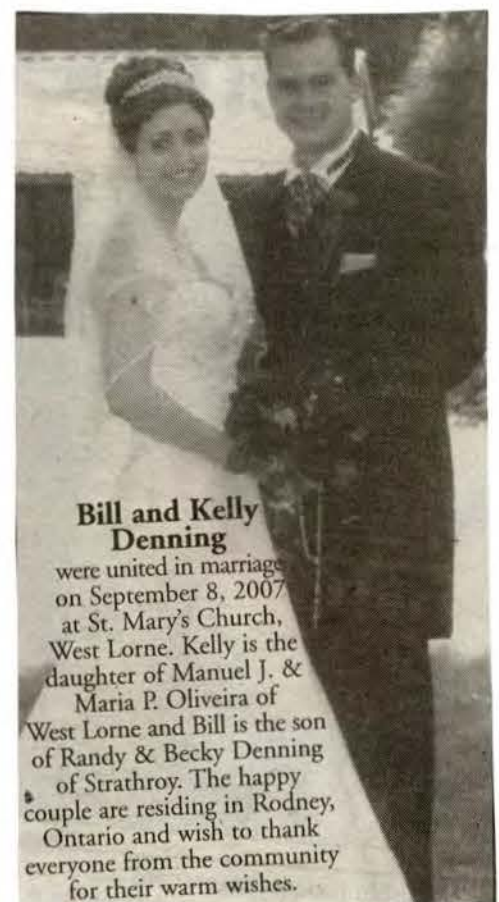
**HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY
Carlos**

Love from all your friends and family

**Happy 25th Anniversary
Carlos and Adelia Oliveira**



Love from all your friends and family



Bill and Kelly Denning

were united in marriage on September 8, 2007 at St. Mary's Church, West Lorne. Kelly is the daughter of Manuel J. & Maria P. Oliveira of West Lorne and Bill is the son of Randy & Becky Denning of Strathroy. The happy couple are residing in Rodney, Ontario and wish to thank everyone from the community for their warm wishes.

Midget C Girls finish second at provincial finals



From the bench

SUBMITTED

Coach Henry Dryfhout, stands behind the bench during the Midget C Girls hockey provincial finals. Left to right: Angela Dick, April Haynes, Kylie Dionne, Brittany Degraw, Kayla Shine and Erika Eckersley. The girls finished second overall.

West Lorne Midget C girls competed in the Provincial Tournament held in Mississauga April 7-9. The girls went undefeated in their round robin playing three solid games and earning first position in their pool.

First game saw West Lorne face off against Alexandria. After 30 minutes of play the game was tied 0-0.

The second game was a tough battle against Clarington. West Lorne won the game 3-1 but not without losing defensive player Ashley Knapp who was hit from behind and had to leave the game. She was unable to play for the remainder of the tournament. Goals were scored by Emily Dryfhout, Brittany Degraw and Chelsea Dionne.

Game three of round robin was a 2-0 win for West Lorne as they played Wingham. Amanda Ford was impossible to beat in net and played a great game.

West Lorne then faced Blenheim in sudden death quarter final playoffs. As trainer Janice Dionne said "Who would have thought we would go all the way to Toronto

to play a team from right down the road".

West Lorne and Blenheim had played each other twice in exhibition games during regular season and everyone knew it would be a tough match. With three minutes left in the first period Blenheim scored and another unanswered goal came in the second.

Final score was Blenheim 2 - 0. West Lorne girls were knocked out of the Provincial Tournament.

"It was a heck of an experience for the girls. Many girls do not ever get this opportunity and our girls played a very good tournament. On this night, they were beat by a faster team," said coach Henry Dryfhout. "For those girls who have a chance to play at this level of hockey again, in the provincials, they will know what to expect. This is not an easy tournament and every game you play the level of hockey just keeps getting better".

Blenheim went on to win the Provincials beating Alexandria 1-0 to take gold. West Lorne Midget C girls would like to thank WLMHA for their support throughout the year and a special thanks to all the fans who cheered us on.



Up and over

Drake Campbell competes in the Grade 7 triple jump during the West Elgin Senior Elementary School track and field day May 18. Right: Caitlin Simpson jumps 1.30 metres in high jump.



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WESES track and field results

<p>High Jump Seniors Boys 1. Doug White 2. Rob Roos Senior Girls 1. Caitlyn Simpson 2. Kylie William Open Boys 1. Ryan Ireland 2. Brian Taylor Open Girls 1. Laura Szusz 2. Madison Gosnell</p> <p>Long Jump Senior Boys 1. Doug White 2. Zack Dymock Senior Girls 1. Andrea Felder 2. Jolisa Tumball Open Boys 1. Jason Carroll 2. Jonah Nagy</p>	<p>Open Girls 1. Teresa Nesic 2. Laura Szusz</p> <p>Triple Jump Senior Boys 1. Doug White 2. Dustin Welch Senior Girls 1. Emily Varga 2. Stephanie Campbell</p> <p>Open Boys 1. Jason Carroll 2. Andrew Ford</p> <p>Open Girls 1. Laura Szusz 2. Michelle Parezanovic</p> <p>Ball Throw Senior Boys 1. David Hatton 2. Robert Johnson Senior Girls</p>	<p>1. Stephanie Campbell 2. Kelsie Zoller Open Boys 1. Brad Bint 2. Jason Carroll Open Girls 1. Madison Gosnell 2. Morgan McCulloch</p> <p>100M Dash Senior Boys 1. Dustin Welch 2. Jason Ambrose Senior Girls 1. Adreanna Felder 2. Stephanie Campbell</p> <p>Open Boys 1. Jason Carrol 2. Andrew Ford Open Girls</p>	<p>1. Debbie Levesly 2. Laura Pinder</p> <p>400M Senior Boys 1. Dustin Welch 2. Zack Dymock Senior Girls 1. Kelsey McTavish 2. Nicole Durbridge</p> <p>Open Boys 1. Jason Carroll 2. Ben Welch 2. Andre Ford Open Girls 1. Debbie Levesly 2. Teresa Nesic</p> <p>800M Senior Boys 1. Dustin Welch 2. Jason Ambrose Senior Girls</p>	<p>1. Nicole Durbridge 2. Kelsey McTavish Open Boys 1. Brandon Caughell 2. Ben Welch Open Girls 1. Debbie Levesly</p> <p>1500M Senior Boys 1. Dustin Welch 2. Jason Ambrose Senior Girls 1. Kaitlin Cedar 2. Haley Hewitt Open Boys 1. Andrew Ford 2. Bryce Dorian Open Girls 1. Debbie Levesly 2. Teresa Nesic</p>
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Local players continue abroad

J.J. Wrobel's Quad City Mallards have entered UHL playoffs this week. At 30-years-old, Wrobel joined the Mallards from the Riverdogs earlier this year and has 26 points in 38 games. Colonial Cup quarterfinals began last Friday. Ryan Rivard's Florida Seals lost in the Southern Professional Hockey League finals last week. Jordan Shine of Wallacetown was traded to the Belleville Bulls this season, who were beaten out of the OHL playoffs. Shine had six points in his second year after starting with the Barrie Colts.

West Lorne's Azevedo scores three

HALMSTAD, Sweden — Canada's power play ran full throttle at the world under-18 hockey championship yesterday. The Canadians scored five goals with a man advantage en route to a 9-2 thumping of Norway. Canada (2-0) takes on host Sweden tomorrow before winding up pool B play against Finland on Monday. The line of Justin Azevedo of the Kitchener Rangers, Francois Bouchard of the Baie-Comeau Drakkar and Jamie McGinn of the Ottawa 67's continued to demonstrate the chemistry and cohesion it had in Canada's opening 3-1 win over Slovakia on Wednesday. Azevedo, from West Lorne, scored three power-play goals, Bouchard had a goal and three assists and McGinn had an assist. Kingston's Cory Emmerton, Kamloops defenceman Victor Bartley and 15-year-old John Tavares of the Oshawa Generals also scored.

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Azevedo Canada's top three

West Lorne's Justin Azevedo was named one of Team Canada's top three players at the U18 World Championships in Sweden last week.

Azevedo returned home April 23 after his team finished fourth at the tournament, beaten by the Czech Republic in Saturday's bronze medal match.

Making an impact, Azevedo had a hat-trick in a round robin game against Norway, playing on the top line with John Tavares and James McGinn.

"It was a great experience. We had a lot of fun over there," he said, from his home in West Lorne. The Kitchener Ranger is eligible for the NHL draft this summer.

"Hopefully I turned some heads at this tournament," he said, adding he'll be with Kitchener again next season.

The 5'6" 18 year said he'd hoped the Rangers would have gone further in the OHL playoffs but it all worked out, getting to compete against the best in the world in Sweden.

Canada's Under-18 team is made up of the best available players born in 1988 or later.

Son of Liz and Carlos, Azevedo played for team Ontario at last year's World U17 Championship in Alberta.



SUBMITTED

Skaters win gold

West Elgin Skating Club's dance partners of Kelsey Fratscher and Matt Westelaken (front), and Kaitlyn Lambert and Chris Van Raay are on their way to the all-Ontario competition as part of the Western Ontario Provincial Team. Both teams won gold at the Boston Pizza Competition, on Saturday in Aylmer, in their dance categories. Kelsey and Matt - coached by Patsy McGill and Kaitlyn and Chris - coached by Patsy McGill, Kelly Lambert and Greg Knight, will be in the all-Ontarios in Waterloo, March 10-11.

Synchronized swim like dancing

The West Elgin Synchronized Swim Team has been practicing its group routine for the upcoming show at the West Elgin Community Pool.

The group of Rodney girls ranging from eight to 16 years old is performing a routine themed What I Want to Be When I Grow Up Aug. 26.

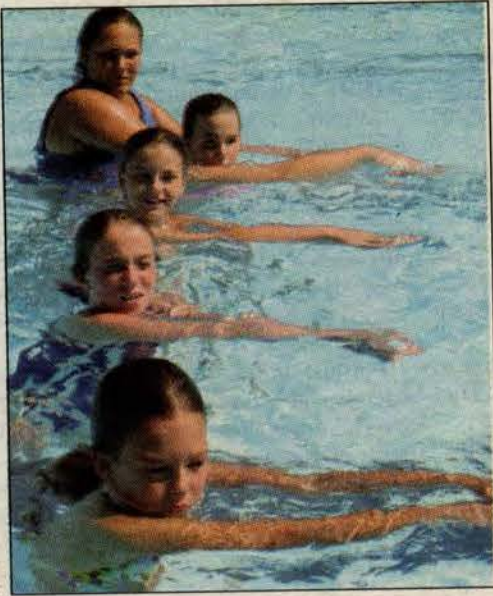
Of course, the girls want to be lifeguards, said coach Hillary Krieter. "Everyone wants to be a lifeguard."

Synchronize swimming is, "dancing in the water," said Brandee Blanchard, team member.

Its one of the most difficult types of swimming, consisting of lots of treading in the water.

"The girls really have to work together," said Krieter.

Twice a week, the girls have been working on their routine and practicing different moves.



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The girls have been perfecting their moves like sailboats, where they skulk (swim on their back with just their arms and raise one knee out of the water).

With 12-13 girls on the team, over the last few weeks moves were lined up for the entire routine which will be performed to the theme from Baywatch.

The girls have also begun working on duet routines for the upcoming show.

Synchronized practice

Members of the West Elgin Synchronized Swim Team prepare for August show.

"We make them do it a billion times, so they get it," said Krieter, who was also on the synchro team for five years before becoming a lifeguard at the pool.

The team is a lot of fun, the girls said.

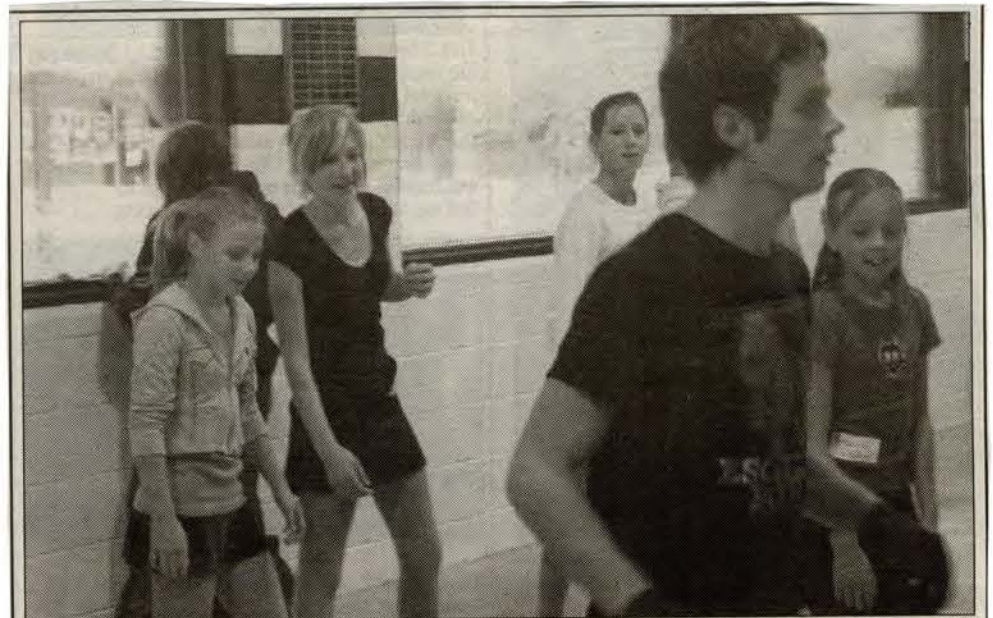
"It's better than sitting in front of the T.V.," said Rebbe West, of Rodney, in her second year on the team.



West Lorne U-8/9 undefeated

SUBMITTED

The West Lorne girls U-8/9 soccer team went undefeated in the regular season. The team is Coached by Paul Oliveira and Jeff Gray the team is, back row: Sam Wilson, Emma McDonagh, Sierra Poels, Khloe Beer, Sophie Taskar, Sarah Dewit and Alyssia Paiva. Front row: Sabrina Oliveira, Chatel Gray, Allison Rose, Emma Dewitt, Carley Oliveira and Anastasia Machado. Absent is Scarlet Redman, Jami Jensen and Kailey McMillan.



Pros lead seminar

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Chris Mabee from Tillsonburg leads off ice training at a Fall Skater Development Seminar all day Oct. 4 at the West Elgin Arena. Hosted by the West Elgin Skating Club, skating coaches from Mariposa School of Skating in Barrie led programs for local skaters and skaters from as far away as Blenheim.



Day campers use pool

MEAGAN DAVIS/FOR THE CHRONICLE

West Lorne YWCA Day Campers take the community bus to the West Elgin Community Pool. Sabrina Oliveira, Brendan and Lucas and Amy McGahan and Skylar Hodgins have had a fun summer with day camp counsellors Katie Slater and Christine Bray. The pool bus runs from West Lorne to Rodney Thursdays at 1 p.m.



Men's ball team finishes third at nationals

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Waltron, an intermediate over 40-years-old baseball team with many local players finished third at the national slowpitch championships in Newfoundland recently. The team is managed by Cheri Lamb, front. Back row: Rob Fysh, Joe Mylrea, Bob McLachan, Todd Hull, Joel Sutton and Tom Vink. Middle: Guy Lamb (coach), Andy McRitchie, Mike Lilley, Tim Kinsmen and John Lamb. Front: Bob Carder, Gerry Lamb, Dale Mitchell and Mark Kelly. The team also qualified for the world championships in B.C. next year.

Mike Oliveira tops UHL goal scorers

West Lorne native Mike Oliveira finished as the top goal scorer in the United Hockey League (UHL).

The 27-year-old centre on the Richmond RiverDogs, finished with 61 goals, for his best season in the

UHL.

Oliveira finished third in points, with 105 and led the league with 10 short-handed goals.

His RiverDogs missed the UHL playoffs this year.

Oliveira was named UHL offensive player of the month twice this year, April and January.

The UHL is a feeder league for the American Hockey League (AHL), the farm league to the NHL.