

Ted and Kathy Johnston from West Lorne were lucky to beat the rainy weather during their walk to raise money for cancer research.

Cancer fundraiser shines despite the rainy weather

Rain didn't damper the spirit of dozens of members of the community who took part in the Great Ride 'n' Stride for the Canadian Cancer Society recently. Our community helped to raise almost \$2,300 for research to help find a cure for cancer.

"We're really happy with the amount of people considering the rain," said Leola Lawrence, coordinator of the April 26th event in West Lorne. In the last 15 years since she's coordinated the annual event, over \$40,000 has been raised in our community.

This year fewer people participated but the pledges were larger. Participants received a "goodie bag" of items donated from local businesses, such as toothpaste, toothbrush and water bottle.

Lawrence thanks everyone who walked or rode their bike,

as well as those who gave money to help make a West Elgin rainy day into a sunny day, by helping fund research.

The money raised will help fund the most promising cancer research across Canada, prevention and early detection programs and support services.

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Georgina Jensen - President for West Lorne

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Elgin County Chapter

Our Mission: To be a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.



Lucky Winner of the 10K Family Ring in the Mothers Day draw at Krebsz Jewellery West Lorne is Mary Steinbacher with Rosalie giving her the ring. It also was Mary's Birthday.



One of the Winners from the Mothers Day Contest.

Marilyn Howse who donated the gifts for the girls to be given to their mothers. Dawn Bennett received her 3 plants for her mother who is also present in the picture. The other girls were not able to attend for the pictures, they were Melissa Gray and Katrina Mark.



The ladies from the Horticulture Society were planting flowers in the flower boxs in West Lorne last Tuesday the 12th.

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WEST ELGIN SECONDARY SCHOOL TAKES TWO SILVER IN *MONTREAL*



Pictured above are the students from West Elgin Secondary School who went to Montreal recently.

West Elgin Secondary School tour Quebec City & Montreal

On Friday, May 8th the West Elgin Secondary School Concert and Jazz Bands left for their annual trip to compete at the school festivals held in different cities in Canada and United States each year. This year under the direction of Mr. Enns the bands brought home two silver medals.

Some of the highlights of this years trip included meeting the Prime Minister of Canada as he was staying at the hotel where they attended an awards banquet and dance after their competition was complete. Some of the band members shook his hand and took his picture. The students attended the "Festin du Gouverneur" on the Isle St. Helene where a taste of Colonial Quebec was discovered. They enjoyed dinner and entertainment with French songs and comedy. A highlight for some was swimming in an Olympic size pool that was used in the summer Olympics held in Montreal in 1976.

The residents and families of West Elgin can be very proud of the students who take the time each morning to practice in the two bands and work hard to raise funds so that they can travel and compete in these festivals each year.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK IN THE FUTURE TO ALL THE BAND MEMBERS AND THEIR TEACHER MR. ENNS!

WELCOME BACK CAMPERS FROM WEST ELGIN

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Fatima, the village and sanctuary is located on the tableland of Cova da Iria, 18 miles southeast of Leiria. Named for a 12th century Moorish princess, Fatima has since 1917 been one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world, visited by thousands of pilgrims annually. On May 13, 1917, and each subsequent month until October, three young peasant children, reportedly saw a lady who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. On October 13, a crowd of about 70,000 gathered at Fatima

witnessed a "miraculous solar phenomenon" immediately after the lady had appeared to the children. After initial opposition on October 13, 1930, the children's visions were accepted as the appearance of the Virgin Mary. In the same year papal indulgences were granted to pilgrims. The content of the devotion includes frequent recitation of the rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The first national pilgrimage to Fatima took place in 1927 and the basilica was begun in 1928 and consecrated in 1953. It has a tower, 213 feet high, surmounted by a large bronze crown and a crystal cross, it is flanked by hospitals and retreat houses and faces a vast square in which is the little Chapel of the Apparitions.

On the 50th anniversary of the first vision, May 13, 1967, a crowd of pilgrims, estimated to number 1,000,000 gathered at Fatima to hear Pope Paul VI say mass and pray for peace.



In March-a party of thirteen gathered at the Harmony House in London to Celebrate the 85th birthday of Nellie Butler of West Lorne, Relatives gathered from Ottawa, St. Thomas, London and Wardsville. Mrs Butler is the widow of Lloyd C. Butler who worked for the Erie Flooring for many years.

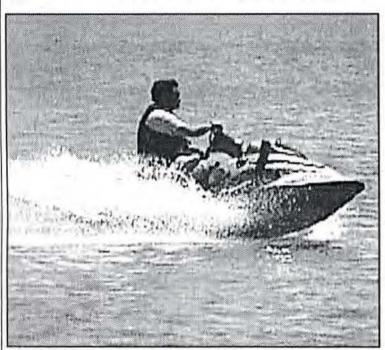
Also on March 28th Mrs. Magda Kriter, of West Lorne entertained a luncheon of six to honour Mrs. Butler. Thank you all.

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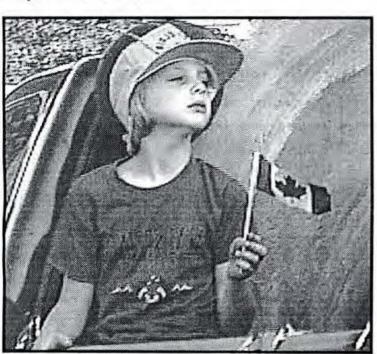


Pictured here are Marg and Doug Cavener. Doug is the new President-Elect for the West Elgin Legion Branch 221.

HAPPY 131st BIRTHDAY CANADA!



What better way to spend a holiday than enjoying the waterfront. That's just what West Lorne's Jeff Bechard did as he takes a spin on a jet ski on Lake Erie.



No matter where you were on Canada Day, flag waving was a popular activity.



The West Lorne Legion Color Guard led the way for this years Canada Day Parade in West Lorne.

Canada's Birthday Bash!

Activities celebrating Canada's 131st birthday were happening all across West Elgin and Dutton.

Whether you headed out to the beach, the cottage, went camping visited friends, watched the parade or simply spent the day with your feet up in your back yard, there was no wrong way to celebrate Canada Day.

And what better way to wind up the day's celebrations than with a big boom - fireworks, that is. The late night pyrotechnics lit up the skies in both West Lorne and Dutton.



Photos by Kathy Hollingsworth and Paul Mayne



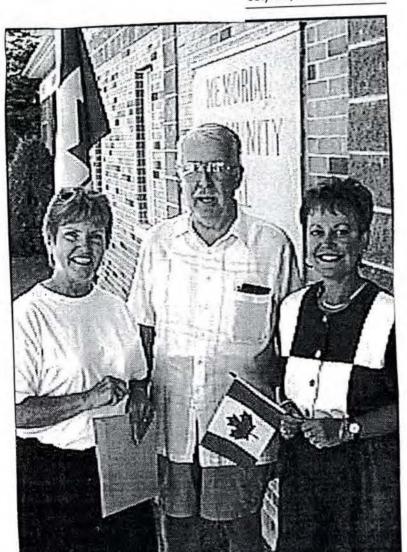
Despite the early morning winds in Dutton a number of people still got the chance to take a brief ride in the Pilot Insurance hot air balloon that is making its way across Ontario this summer. The balloon was tethered and rides were given for a donation to the Fire Truck Fund.



1997 Rodney-Aldborough Fair Ambassador Charlene Carroll was all smiles during the West Lorne Canada Day Parade.

CANADA DAY WEST LORNE





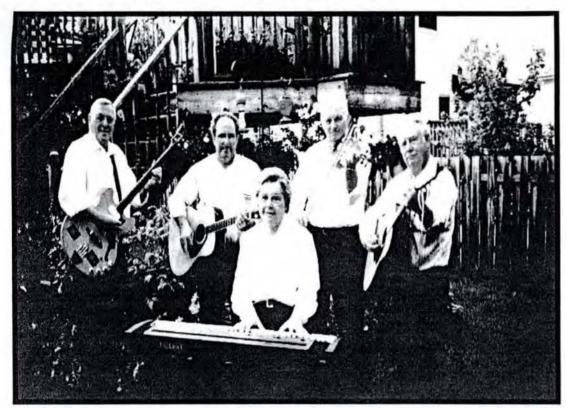
West Lorne is tops when it comes to Canada Day activities. The Elgin-St. Thomas Health Unit held a Canada Day Community Active Living Challenge for Elgin County. Seven Communities took part. Certificates went to all, but prizes went to West Lorne (\$200) and Aylmer. West Lorne also received a plaque for their community activities. Here, Jory Parent, left, physical activity promotions officer for the health unit, presents the cheque to PROWEL (Proud Residents of West Elgin) representatives Ray Jobson and Rosalie Krebsz. The money will be used for future community activities.



The Municipality of West Elgin bank account is a little bigger now - \$253,613.60 bigger to be exact-thanks to a cheque from the province. The money is part of a \$70 million Municipality Restructuring Fund that was created by the Ontario government to assist communities with the expenses that go along with restructuring. Here, West Elgin Mayor Duncan McPhail, left, accepts the cheque from Middlesex MPP Bruce Smith.

CURRENT EVENTS WEST LORNE'S BACK PORCH

COUNTRY & GOSPEL



West Lorne's Back Porch Country and Gospel are going to center stage at Roy Thomson Hall: Front row is Teresa Bobier Back row Jim Carmicheal, John McIntyre, Carl Bobier and Bill Graham

WEST LORNE'S BACK PORCH COUNTRY & GOSPEL take center stage at ROY THOMSON HALL TENTH ANNIVERSARY **PRODUCTION** of the ROYAL BANK SENIORS' JUBILEE

A Week-long celebration of ageless talent! August 17 to 21, 1998 Crowning ten years of phenomenal success, the 1998 Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee comes to Roy Thomson Hall for the tenth anniversary celebration August 17-21. The week-long event, officially proclaimed "Seniors' Jubilee Week" by the City of Toronto, will feature more than 1300 performers from over 75 Ontario communities, and is one of the province's most anticipated happenings. Over the years Canada's largest annual seniors' entertainment showcase has provided thousands of performers with the opportunity of fulfilling a dream, advancing their talents and being challenged anew. As only Jolson could put it-"You ain't seen nothing yet"! The JUBILEE presents a new experience every year and each day's production is unique. What a spectacular

kaleidoscope of entertainment...the variety show that has the best of everything ... the beauty and grace of ballroom dance and the fast stepping beat of cloggers; the lyrical Celtic rhythms and the lilt of romantic ballads; the story telling songs of country and folk singers and the harmony of barber shoppers; the popular melodies of today and the nostalgic tunes of yesterday; the soloists, the duets, the trios, and the choral groups ... and the bands ... big brass bands, dance bands, polka and fiddle bands. Add to the perfect mix ... comedy and magic and a few surprises and voila ... great entertainment! As JUBILEE '98 "Strikes Up the Band" West Lorne's Back Porch Country & Gospel take center stage in the cast of the best ever variety showcase. These exceptional entertainers perform extensively throughout the community and they are a welcome addition to this year's salute to talented seniors.

Reprising his role of Master of Ceremonies is famed broadcast journalist and writer Bill McNeil. Known to audiences across the country as the "Voice of the Pioneer" and host of CBC Radio's Fresh Air

has brought his unmistakable voice and charming personality to the JUBILEE since the beginning.

Another special feature is the annual presentation of the Pauline McGibbon Life Achievement in the Arts Award. Soprano, Adriane Stewart will be this year's recipient. Adriane's musical career began early and she has performed in major venues all over North America. Now living in Whitby, she continues her musical training and study on a regular basis, performs as a soloist and is a member of the Whitby Jubilee Choir. "Music is my life" says Adriane whose motto is "just keep on singing". To add to the festivities this

and producers, Wayne Burnett and Glenda Richards, Richburn Entertainment will introduce more new acts and performers than ever. And for the first time there will be door prizes and a draw for a fabulous trip for two to Spain's Costa del Sol, courtesy of SENIOR TOURS CANADA.

year the JUBILEE, creators

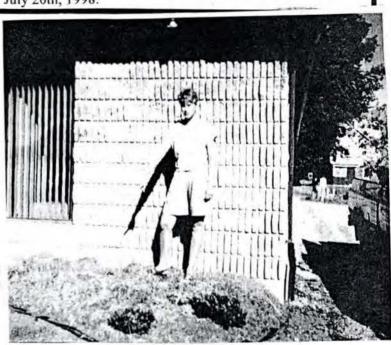
So if you have a chance and want to go to see the West Lorne's Back Porch you can call1-416-872-4255 for single tickets or 1-416-593-4822 ext. for over 20 years, Bill McNeil 225 for Groups of 20 or more.

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Family Members from Back Row Left to Right: Ian Moore, Debbie & Donny Bobier, Lillian and Doug Murray and Craig Elliot. Middle Row Left to Right: Sandi Moore, Myrtl & Chuck Joyce, and Miranda Joyce. Front Row Amanda Bobier and Mike Murray.

Chuck, Myrtle and family would like to thank family and friends for Celebrating thier 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 20th, 1998.



Judy Gangle is MAD

On Saturday Judy, Paul and their two boys worked cleaning up and reseeding the front part of the P.J. Gangle building on Main St. When Judy came to water the shrubs on Monday morning low and behold someone had stole some of the shrubs out of the flower beds. Judy said that they were trying to help make the business look a little

nicer. This was not the first incident, back about a month ago other shrubs were taken and she knows who it is. Some of the shrubs that were taken were Blue Rug Yew, and Blue Colorado Stand. Well now they aren't going to be able to take anything as Judy and Ryan have taken every last one out leaving the landscaping

85th BIRTHDAY PARTY



Celebrating Mac Websters birthday are daughters Helen Mooser, Mac Webster and Mary Taylor. His other daughter Linda Russel of Ottawa was unable to attend.

Mr. Mac Webster celebrated his 85th Birthday at the Bobier Villa on Saturday, August 8th, 1998. He is from Wallacetown and retired to Dutton. He was a farmer for 35 years. Mac said there has been a lot of changes in the past years and they have

The annual year ending lawn bowling tournament, the Merchant & Manufacturing plus the Lashbrook Memorial Trophy, was held last week at the West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club with more than 100 bowlers on hand, including Jim Kenehan, above, from the Sarnia club and Joan Lashbrook, right, from the West Lorne club. Taking top honors on the day were Ed Braitwaite and team (Sarnia). Second place went to Frank Boussen and team (Aylmer) and G. Lane and team (Sarnia) took third place. The members of the West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club wish to thank all the businesses and individuals who gave generously to make this a very excellent tournament.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE WEST LORNE FIRE CHIEF RETIRING



On October 31st, 1998 Mr. Dave Cadogan will be retiring from the West Lorne Fire Department.

Dave handed in his resignation at the August Council meeting. He has decided it's time to relax, take it easy for awhile and maybe spend more time with his wife of 23 years. Dave has been a member of the fire department for the past 251/2 years, the last 141/2 years as the fire chief. He is a long time resident of West Lorne and has worked at Timken in St. Thomas for the past 25 years. When asked about the last quartercentury on the Department, what stood out most were the differences between then and now. "There have been so many changes over the past 25 years." Dave said. From a Department that had no radios then, to one that has just been connected to the 911 system. There are a new fire hall, new trucks and now a new tanker is on the way sometime in the middle of December. There has been such a dramatic increase in the work load and in the associated paper work because of new government regulations. Dave stated, "I will miss the Fire Department and working with all the men."

We hope he enjoys his retirement and thanks for your dedication over the years. SEPT, 1998

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DANCE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



Here is Heather Timson, Cherie Ansems Dance Instructor, Corey Hilliard, Helen Mooser and Denise Noddin

Dance Instructor Cherie Ansems from Harrietsville comes to Rodney each week to teach Dance, Ballet and Gym. You're never to old to learn how to do any of these. If you are interested in learning how just come out to the Rodney Rec. Centre at 9:00 a.m Saturday mornings for Adult dance or call Sheila Flemming at 785-0919



Caring Community

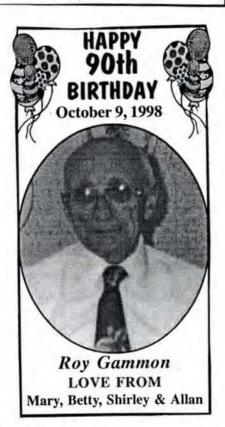
The offering from the Rodney-Aldborough Fair Interdenominational Service was given back to the community via the Caring Cupboard. Here, Larry Schneider presents Sylvia Logan of the Caring Cupboard with the \$418.85 collected.



Cruisin' with Chevy Blue

Live music is the best and when you can find it close to home, even better. Founded almost 20 years ago by Richard Szewczyk and Jerry Marsh, Chevy Blue has incorporated the talents of many fine musicians to suit the needs of its audience. The band has recently added Gerry Bock, an excellent London-based keyboard vocalist and guitarist to help the band with its wide range of songs, from the 50s to the 90s. Chevy Blue is, clockwise from bottom left, Marsh, Jim Ryan, Bock, Szewczyk and Steve Browne. And the fact that all five band members sing, they can cover tunes from the Rolling Stones and CCR to Blue Rodeo and Sugar Ray. If you want to check them out for yourself, Chevy Blue will be playing Hallowe'en night at the Rodney Legion. They're also booked at the legion for New Year's Eve.





25th Medding Annibersary





LOCAL ARTIST TAKES 3rd



Jodie Beech, daughter of Harry and Mary Beech 3rd place at Western Fair.

JODIE'S STORY

My first memory of art is Mrs. Kelly's kindergarten class with a miniature easel and paints. Through out grade school art was my favorite subject. When I started high school, I found there were many aspects medival to art. I first started painting on my own using acrylic paints on canvas board. At 16 I started classes with Harry Wilkinson . Harry taught painting with oil paints on canvas. It was strange to work with at first but I found I liked it much better. He has taught me so many things over the period of time I was taking classes such as making you think in different ways and to try challenging subject matter. Recently I won 3rd place in the outstanding competition at the Western Fair.

"The Passageway" was the second painting I had completed, it was very difficult and time consuming. To enter my paintings they were to be photographed first. The photos were to be submitted for approval of entry before being accepted into the competition. Then if they were excepted they would call you to bring them in. Two out of the three pieces were accepted. I never expected to win anything but I was very surprised to take home a ribbon. At the present time I am not taking lessons but I hope to go back to Harry's classes soon. Painting is not easy it can be very frustrating. But as Harry always said, when we would get discouraged, "if painting was easy; everyone could do it."

CURRENT EVENTS 1998

JOHN & RENA SLAGHT ONTARIO HEREFORD BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Here are the proud winners of the John & Rena Slaght Ontario Hereford Breeder of the Year Award front row Karla, Ella, Wyhatt. Back row Theresa, Dennis, Adrian, Paula, and Peter Ocolisan.

Sandy Ridge Farms is in its Fourth Generation as a family business. The business started in the early 50's. There were 5 Zones in Ontario for them to compete in. Over 750 breeders that compete and Ontario is one of the largest cattle breeders next to Alberta.

The John & Rena Slaght Ontario Hereford Breeder of the Year Award was presented to Sandy Ridge Farms of West Lorne, Ontario, at the recent Ontario Hereford Association Annual Meeting. The requirements for this award are as follows:

- each board of director of a zone was eligible to nominate one breeder(Ontario is made up of 5 zones) Also any member of the Ontario Hereford Association may nominate a breeder at large.
- has served or is currently serving on zone, Ontario Hereford Association or Canadian Hereford Association boards.
- consigns to Ontario Hereford Association and zone sales.
- attendance at Ontario Her-

- eford Association meetings annually
- generally supportive of new breeders
- keeps accurate and current records
- record of performance data
- maintains a base of 15 or more breeding females
- uses and supports Record of Performance Records
- consigns to bull test centers to compare and evaluate bulls with other breeders
- participates at Canadian level in Total Herd Evaluation Program

FAIRS

- supports local fairs up to 10-15 years, supports major fairs: Royal Winter Fair, mark of Excellence Shows across Ontario.
- shows cattle outside Ontario-many Junior Shows including: Quebec, Manitoba, Michigan and most recently national Junior Show in Springfield, Illinois where over 750 head of Polled Herefords were shown
 - supports the Prestige Cen-

tre - a display centre located in Rockwood, Ontario, where females were on display for the summer to expand Ontario markets to all parts of the continent and the advertisement of the Hereford Breed

maintains a complimentary environment for farm viewing

SALES

- develops and participates in export sales
- have been instrumental in previous exports to different parts of the world and the U.S.
- successful in private treaty sales including sales of bulls to different breeds of cattle
- consigns to production sales-have been holding successful production sales for the past four years.

In conclusion 1998 will see a climax not only with the Breeder of the Year Award, but also with the complete partnership dispersal sale at Sandy Ridge Farms on Saturday, September 5, 1998 in West Lorne.

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FORTH COMING MARRIAGE



John and Barb Campbell and Paul and Cathy Thompson announce the Marriage of their children, Melissa Dawn and Mattew Paul. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 14th in Chatham at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Melissa is an ECE Resource Teacher in St. Catherines. Matt is a Teaching Assistant at Niagara College in Radio and Television Communication.

Village Green Celebrated their First Anniversary last week. Helen and Gary held a draw the winners were Tony Vergeer, Cynthia Roodzant and Lena Wolodchenko.



Drug awarness topic of educational meeting

Kathy Hollingsworth The Chronicle

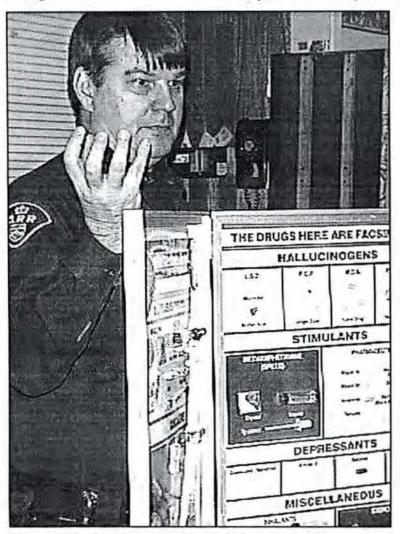
Hash oil, marijuana and magic mushrooms are the top three drugs being used in West Elgin, according to OPP Constable Rob Jamieson.

Jamieson was one of a handful of speakers at the Elgin International Club last week, brought together by the West Elgin Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee for educational evening on the affects of drugs and drinking and driving.

Entitled "In Your Community You Can Make A Difference," the evening focussed a growing problem in rural communities not just in the cities.

"We're trying to expose the community to the resources available to parents trying to educate their children on drugs and alcohol," says Kathy Nesbitt, public health nurse from the Elgin-St. Thomas Health Unit. "The more information and supports systems available the better to tackle the issues."

"It is your community and



Elgin County OPP Constable Dennis Harwood talks to a group of people at a recent drinking and driving educational evening at the International Club. The evening was sponsored by the West Elgin Drug and Alcohol Committee.

together as a community we can make a difference," says committee member Sue Jacobs, who is also a Grade 4 teacher at Dutton/Dunwich Public School.

OPP Community Services Officer Constable Dennis Harwood informed those in attendance of the dangers of drinking and driving. He then proceeded to read from a very long list of alcohol occurrences since May 1 of this year that have occurred in the area.

"In my opinion alcohol tears families apart, they can't seem to get off that cycle," said Constable Harwood. "At least you people have taken that one step forward instead of burying your heads."

Drinking and driving is the largest single criminal cause of death and injury in Canada. It is a criminal code offence to drive with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 milliliters of your blood (.08 per cent blood alcohol level).

"Lets keep trying for the day there is no impaired drivers on the road, then we've succeeded," adds Harwood.

Kirk Sinclair, of the Alcohol and Drug Services of Thames Valley, returned again this year to speak on moderate drinking.

"Set limits for yourself - it can be a positive experience not a negative one," says Sinclair, who has written a book entitled Drinkers Handbook Guide to Lower Risk Drinking.

Darlene Smith of West Lorne brought her 10-year-old son Sam and 15-year-old daughter Stephanie to the meeting believing it's important they receive as much information on the affects of drugs and alcohol.

"As a parent I want to support the committee in its effort to educate the community," says Smith, adding it makes for good dinner table conversation.

When asked what he would say to a person who was drunk and getting behind the wheel of a car, Sam answered, "I'd tell them to come with me on the bus instead of driving."

The West Elgin Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee members are a cross section of people within the community.

In its second year, the committee continues to work throughout the year to bring awareness about drugs and alcohol to the community.

The West Elgin Chronicle

COP program to police West Elgin

Calling all COPs!

The West Elgin Community Policing Committee is on the lookout for concerned volunteers who want to make their community a safer place to live.

The Citizens On Patrol (COP) program is a mobile watch program comprised of volunteers who are willing to spend a few hours of their time once or twice a month patrolling the communities of West Elgin.

They would act as a second set of eyes for the Elgin OPP by getting licence numbers of suspicious cars and ple in the neighbourhood.

Here's how it works. Two volunteers patrol their community (much like an OPP patrol) in a car from about 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. (though they can put in only a couple of hours). If they see any criminal activity, they have a cel-



Jeremy Lapadat

lular phone (supplied) to contact the OPP, who will then respond. The volunteers also record noncriminal activity in the Patrol Log Book.

Book.
Along with the cellular phones, a

with large flood lights to check out dimly lit areas, and binoculars to view at a distance.

OPP remind volunteers that they are not to make an arrest, to intercept anyone or even get out of their vehicle. The COP program will act as a deterrent to criminal activity for both residential and business areas with criminals knowing he/she is being watched.

To be part of the COP program you can call Jeremy Lapadat, who will be heading up the project in West Elgin, at 768-2992.

Bag phones are also required for the program. Should anyone have such a phone they want to give or lend to the program they can call Lapadat.

Applications are also available at the Chronicle office (24283) Graham St., West Lorne).



Here is Dora Fisher and Dave Grant lining the ice. Hockey commences September 16th. The new line machine purchased with fund raising dollars.



In West Lorne - Graham Street is being repaved at each end. The intersection at Main and Graham at times can be confusing. When the men are working some day's there is a flag man. The curbs are dug up so becareful especially at night not to take sharp turns at the corners.

NEW ROOF STARTED



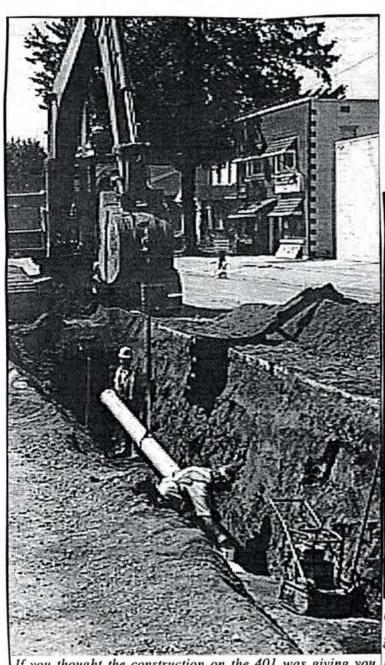
The new roof was started last week at the West Elgin Arena. Here they are unloading the roofing material. It won't take long if the weather co-operates with the workers. OCT 98

Hwy. 410 construction to be around for awhile

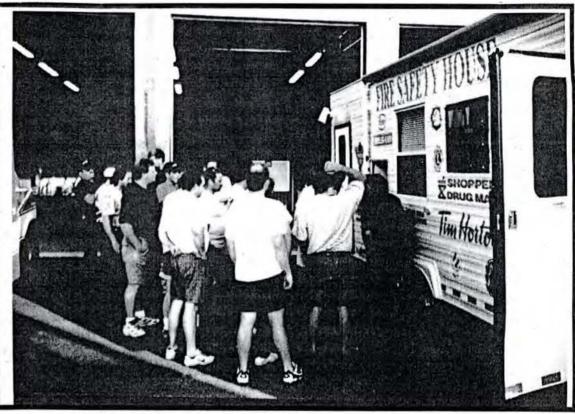
We all like smooth roads to drive on, but we hate the construction that takes place to get to that point.

Expect a few delays for the next month on Hwy. 401 near Dutton. Construction crews are doing hot mix patching operations in both the east and westbound lanes. Traffic is down to one lane in both directions. Work is expected to be complete by mid-July

Also on Hwy. 401, between Elgin County Road 20 and 14, structure rehabilitation is being done on the CNR bridge. Traffic in both directions are down to one lane with minor delays expected. For up-to-date information on construction projects in the area, you can call 1-800-268-1376.



If you thought the construction on the 401 was giving you headaches, its now crept into downtown West Lorne. And not to worry, it won't be lasting as long as the work on the 401. The 45 day contract will see workers replacing watermains around the downtown block made up of Main, Ridge and Munroe Streets.



On August 12th the West Lorne and Rodney Fire Departments joined together to receive training on the New Fire House which they will be using If you thought the construction on the 401 was giving you in the Fall to show children and adults what to do in case of fire.

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