



The promising musical talent in Elgin County was evident at the 49th Annual West Lorne Kiwanis Talent Show, held recently at WESS. Some of the winners above in the Pop Piano (10 years and under included, front row from left, Danielle Schnekenburger (1st) and Jamie Stone (2nd). Back row from left are April Kornacker (3rd), Kaitlin Kennedy (2nd), Ashley Woolley (3rd) and Tracy Donaldson (3rd). In picture at right, Wardsville's Jasmine Dick, 9, performs as part of the Junior Ballet dancers.

Photos by Kathy Hollingsworth



# West Lorne Kiwanis Talent Show a huge success

The 49th Annual West Lorne Kiwanis Club Talent Show was full of beautiful music and strong voices as some of Elgin County's top musical talents competing in a variety of categories. The festivities were kicked off by the West Elgin Senior Elementary School's award winning jazz band, directed by Tom Pitriangelo. Here are a list of the winners in their respective categories at

this year's show:

- Pop - Piano, Age 10 and under**  
Dannielle Schnekenburger
- Piano Solo, Age 10**  
Jannessa Lashbrook
- Dance Program**  
"Get the Groove" -  
Cassandra Vandenbrink, Erin Fleming, Sara Peternel and Kylie Hilliard
- Piano Solo, Age 11**  
Lisa King

- Violin Solo**  
Caren Campbell
- Trumpet Solo**  
Amanda Breen
- Keyboard**  
Julie Oliveira
- Cello and Piano**  
Lydia Helsdon and Ryan Phelps
- Piano, Age 12**  
Candice Vanden Dries and Vanessa Gray
- Piano, Age 13/14**

- Amanda Breen and Ian Molnar
- Pop - Piano, Age 14**  
Lisa King
- Piano Duet, 13 and over**  
Matt Mistele and Betty Kosciak
- Open Class Vocal, Age 13**  
Stacey Zeger
- Vocal Solo, Age 12/13**  
Jennifer Ford
- Piano Solo, Age 17**  
Ryan Phelps
- Open Class Piano**  
Ryan Phelps and Cheryl Kosciak
- Vocal Solo, Age 6**  
Shelby Woolley
- Open Class Vocal, Age 6**  
Shelby Woolley
- Piano Solo, 6 and under**  
Breanne Carter
- Piano Solo, Age 7**  
Nicole Hilliard
- Spelling Bee, Grade 5-7**  
Alana Gibbons
- Piano Solo, Age 8**

- Becky Stone
- Vocal Solo, Age 8/9**  
Brodie Jewell and Katherine Wright
- Piano Solo, Age 9**  
Dannielle Schnekenburger
- Piano Duet, 8 and under**  
Becky Stone and Lydia Westerveld
- Piano Duets, 12 and under**  
Mary-Jo McWilliam and Emily Moreau
- Piano Trio**  
Jonathan Wright, Charlotte Shaeken and Katherine Wright
- Vocal Solo, Age 10/11**  
Dana Woolley
- Open Class Vocal, Age 11/12**  
Dana Woolley
- Open Class Duet, Age 10/12**  
Mary-Jo McWilliam and Dana Woolley



## TOPS celebrates 30 years in West Lorne

They've been shedding pounds sensibly now for 30 years in West Lorne. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON792, West Lorne marked their milestone with a little cake and punch last week at the IOOF Hall in West Lorne. The group shared many success stories of the years of members losing the weight and keeping it off. Here, Betty Percival, left, and Loraine Tunks, who have both been members in West Lorne for the full 30 years, toast to the succes of the club while one of the group's newest members Linda Connolly shows off the birthday cake. **JULY 1999**





### West Elgin Legion Election & Awards Night

West Elgin Legion, Branch 221, recognized some of their top members recently at an election and awards night. In top photo, Edward McCallum was honoured with a Meritorious Award recognizing his 50 year membership with the legion. He is the second West Elgin Legion member to receive this award (George Berdan was first). McCallum also served 34 years with the local fire department and 14 years as membership chairman. Here, Zone Commander Marg Emery presents McCallum with his award, along with legion president Doug Cavener. In bottom photo, Emery presents Marg Cavener with a Certificate of Merit, the second highest service award a legion member can receive. A number of members also received Certificates of Appreciation including Bill DeWild, Judy DeWild, Marion Orchard, Amy Mooser and Bill Schneider.

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### Rest Stop

Residents in West Elgin will be able to take a pit stop in West Lorne thanks to the Kiwanis Club. The bench, located outside the West Lorne Complex, was donated by the club from some of its proceeds from their recent car show. Testing out the bench are Kiwanis members Ray Joboson (sitting), Winfrid Liepmann (standing left) and Ernie Fodor, who presents Gerry Stomphorst of Milton, the benches' maker, with a cheque.

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### Optimist Officers

The Optimist Club of West Lorne have elected the new executive board for 1999/2000. Holding positions this term are, from left, Ken Neil (director), Bill Trask (treasurer), Dorothy Staddon (recording secretary), Dick Hale (director), Julie Lawrence (director), Jim Gardner (vice-president), Nancy Coburn (president), Don Boos (past-president), John Eagleson (president-elect) and Al Kobler (director). Absent from photo are Karen Cormier (vice-president), Sandra Swan (director) and Jim Kolar (director).





## Giving and Receiving

The West Elgin Branch Daffodil Auxiliary for Cancer were in Dutton last week to make a cheque presentation to Bobier Villa in order to purchase a mechanical lift, which is used to easily lift patients from a sitting or lying position. In top photo, Marilyn Fleck (left), Director of Homes and Seniors for Elgin County, accepts a cheque for \$7,500 from Daffodil Auxiliary members Leola Lawrence and Norma McMillian, while health care aide Diane Kuranyi demonstrates the mechanical lift. In left photo, Audrey Major (left), President of the Bobier Villa Resident's Council, surprised McMillian and Lawrence with a presentation of her own. The Daffodil Auxiliary were given a cheque for \$100, which included profits from the recent poor boy lunch at Bobier Villa plus funds from the Resident's Council.



## TOPS Awards Night

Toes were tapping last week as TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 792, West Lorne celebrated its annual awards night with a "Western Ways" theme, complete with a live country band. Honoured for their achievement in '98 were Mary Lou McMillian, left, Division 2 winner for weight loss, while KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) members were acknowledged for their continued accomplishments, including Jean McRae (nine years), Twila McWilliam (three years) and Marie Reynolds (one year). Absent from photo was Olive Chambers (two years), Mary Liepman, Division 4 winner, and Kelly Ranson, Division 4 runner-up.



WEST LORNE

SCOUTING NEWS

On the weekend of January 29-31 the West Lorne cubs, fourteen youth and four leaders camped at Ernie Warwick, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Area. We went on several hikes, during which we did Bird, Tree and wild animal tracks identification. We spent a lot of time making snowshoes thereby learning different knots. When snow shoes were finished, they were put to use, as there was sufficient snow left for this event.

Akela got another thrill, of her longtime leadership, when she got a sleigh ride down to the lake! The sleigh was pulled by all the cubs, but two whom were at the back, to push and steer the sleigh. Great fun! Akela's comments "sometimes it pays to be getting old and still be a Cub leader!" On Saturday night we held an indoor campfire, with skits, songs and cheers. On Sunday, a Scouts own was held. The weather was great for mid winter and all had a wonderful time! It is not too late for youth to join Scouting, if you are 5-8 years old, more can join Beavers, Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Cubs age 8-11, on Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. and Scouts 11-14 on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Scout Hall, on Chestnut Street, West Lorne. For more information you may call Helena at 768-1796. Also a reminder that we still have our garbage bag fund raiser. Garbage bags are available in Rodney at the Knechtels Food Market and in West Lorne at Ripley and Giles Motors. We still take pop cans, they may be dropped off at the Scout Hall, on meeting nights, above and also egg cartons may be dropped off at the Scout Hall or at West Lorne I.G.A. Food market. We are always looking for adults, leaders or Group Committee members.

WEST LORNE CUBS ENJOYING WINTER



Akela having her sleigh ride with the cubs pulling her up the hill.



Building their own snow shoes while out camping.

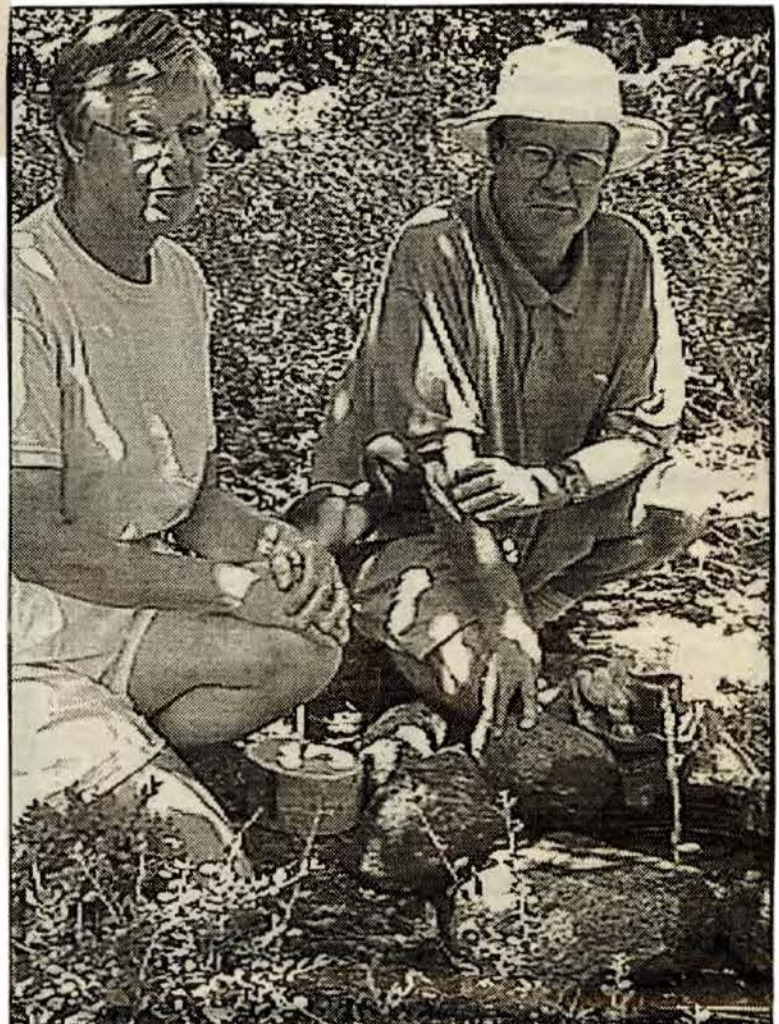


Trying out the new snowshoes.



Optimist Breakfast

When the high temperatures there's no better place to be than the waterfront. And while you're there why not have breakfast? That's just what the Optimist Club of West Lorne did recently at the Old Boys Park in Port Glasgow. Here, Ray Young and President-Elect Nancy Coburn enjoy a quick bite to eat. Money raised from the breakfast will go to youth programs in the community. JULY 12/99



Garden Beauty

The West Lorne Horticultural Society held its annual Garden Tour recently with a number of members opening their gardens to the public for viewing. Here, Michael and Helen Hamilton show off some of their hard work they put into their garden. 1999





### Trees Abound

The West Lorne Horticultural Society appears to be the first off the mark with its Millennium Project. A group of enthusiastic volunteers planted a vista of Sugar Maple trees, just north of the parking area on Munroe Street. At left, John (Bing) Humphrey works on the trees with helpers Stephanie and Ryan Leys. Humphrey continued his tree expedition by inviting a group of students from Dutton-Dunwich Public School to his home to learn about planting trees. Humphrey then donated a handful of trees to the school for its Peace Garden.



### May Flower Show planned for May 28

The West Lorne Horticultural Society will soon sprucing up the village by planting the civic flower beds by the library, R. R. Park, street planters and the West Elgin Arena.

The society is also gearing up for its May Flower Show which is planned for May 28. For show schedules and further information, call Mary Lippold at 768-1244.

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## West Elgin Legion, Branch 221, news

By Doug Cavener  
President, West Elgin Legion,  
Branch 221

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my executives from 1998-'99 who worked very hard to accomplish news ideas and update our club. Their hard work brought new members and community friends

into our branch.

The following members were elected for 1999-2000:

- President**  
Doug Cavener
- 1st Vice-President**  
Robert White
- 2nd Vice-President**  
Ray Jobson
- 3rd Vice-President**  
Jim Orchard

### Officers

Henry Mooser  
Debbie Kolterman  
Ed Bell

Congratulations on your executive positions.

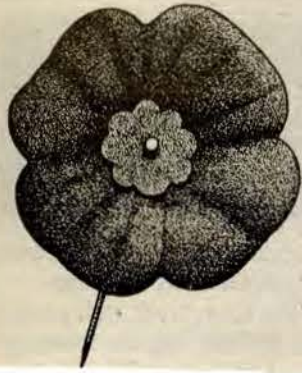
We will try our best to accommodate all community services and help our veterans when needed. We will remember them.



## Promotion Time

Members of the No. 7 RCACC, B Squadron West Lorne received their promotions last week at the West Elgin Legion, Branch 221. Here, Legion President Doug Cavener, left, presents Master Warrant Officer William Lewis with his Certificate for Cadet Medal of Excellence, along with Cpt. Bill Stinson. Other cadets receiving recognition include: Green Star - Cdt. Steve Mosher, Cdt. Josh Giles, Cdt. Vanessa Gray, Cdt. Kyle Vandevodren, Cdt. Ashley Swick, Cdt. Jan Kool, Cdt. Nadine Lewis, Cdt. Nicholas Lunn, Cdt. Phil Fordham, Cdt. Ashley Leclair, Cdt. Kevin Angel, Cdt. Robert Morit, Cdt. Ian Barkwell and Cdt. Jaclyn Vetre. Red Star - Spr. Tyler Rooke, Spr. Carl Ollette, Spr. Rebecca Gray, Spr. Amy Denomme, Spr. Deric Gardener, Cpl. Whitney Deyle, Cpl. John Knight, Cpl. Karen Bowery, Cpl. Clayton Deyle, Cpl. Troy Scheilhauf, Cpl. Zach Timson and MICpl. James Tellier. Tellier also received a Silver Star.





## 'Wave of Silence' to sweep Canada Nov. 11

This Remembrance Day, the Royal Canadian Legion is asking all Canadians to pause in silence for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. The Legion is asking people to stop whatever they are doing, wherever they are, and quietly reflect on war, and peace, and those who gave up everything for us. The silence will begin in Newfoundland, and sweep across the country like a wave as the clock strikes 11:00 a.m. in each time zone.

The "2-Minute Wave of Silence" will do two things, according to Legion Dominion President, Chuck Murphy. "Just weeks before the end of the Millennium, it will serve as an eloquent tribute to the 116,000 young men and women who died defending our country during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It will also help to bring remembrance back to its roots, back to everyday people— especially those who are not able to attend a ceremony at a local cenotaph, or watch the national broadcast on television."

The tradition of observing two minutes of silence began far from large formal ceremonies. It sprang from a heartfelt need to do something to honour those who had given so much. In fact, until the 1950s, a two minute silence was commonplace throughout most of Canada.

There have been several accounts of the origin of the two minute silence, but most agree that it began in South Africa before the end of the First World War. In April, 1918, the German offensive on the western front was still in full force, and there was fear, not only for loved ones, but for the outcome of the war. As losses mounted, the Mayor of Capetown, Sir

Harry Hands made a general appeal to citizens to observe a special silence. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the noon canon sounded, followed by a bugler playing the "Last Post", and then "Reveille" to signal the end of the silence. This was repeated every day until the Armistice was signed at 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

A local correspondent described the scene as the town fell quiet, "It was a most solemn and inspiring function, the effect was magical. There was always a great crowd in Adderly Street at midday, but the observance seems even more

that has never fought a war of aggression. But during this century, over 1.4 million young Canadians volunteered to serve in the military and merchant navy, and 116,000 of them never made it home.

The Wave of Silence campaign is being carried out at the community level. "With almost a half-million Legion members talking to neighbours and local business people, civic and church leaders, we are sure that the message about the Wave is reaching people," says Legion Public Relations Manager Bob Butt.

And there is national support. Legion executive contacted 5,000 businesses, thousands of associations, municipalities, and school boards, as well as the major media. "The leaders of the major networks and newspaper chains responded expressing their support. The CBC will be incorporating the two minute silence in its broadcast on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and many private stations will be doing something they never do, broadcasting two minutes of silence."

Support among Canadians appears high. In an Environics poll commissioned by the Legion, 87% of Canadians said that they would most likely observe the 2-Minute Wave of Silence on Nov. 11.

"As there are fewer and fewer surviving veterans, this seems like a fitting way to pass the torch. The formal ceremonies will continue, in fact they have been growing over the past few years, but as this is the last Remembrance Day of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, we would like to see as many Canadians as possible take part," adds Murphy. "We hope that the 2-Minute Wave of Silence will help them do that."



striking in the less frequented streets." A Reuters correspondent in Capetown cabled a description of the event back to London, and from there word spread to Canada and Australia. Within a few weeks reports were being received in London that the silence was being observed in towns across the Commonwealth. At the conclusion of First World War, the two minute silence became the accepted form of remembrance. Canada is one of only a few countries

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## Honouring Generous Donors

The West Elgin Legion, Branch 221, paid tribute to the generosity of many local businesses and community members last week by unveiling three plaques. The plaques, to be hung in the legion, contain the names of all those who donated towards the new furniture in the banquet room. Here, Legion President Doug Cavener, left, and 1st Vice-President Robert White show off the plaques to the donors, who were also treated to a light lunch. Donations are still being accepted.

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## Pump Purchase

The West Elgin Community Health Centre is the thankful recipient of a brand new breast pump, thanks to the generous donation of the Rodney Kiwanis Club. It is the third pump the Kiwanis Club has donated over the last three years. Here, Kiwanis member Bob Logan, left, checks out the new pump with clinic coordinator Bunny Hubbard.



## New Life Member

The West Elgin Legion, Branch #221, handed out a new life membership to legion member James Orchard, third from left. Along with a certificate, Orchard also received a medal during the presentation. Presenting are Deputy Zone Commander Ian Watson, left, West Elgin Legion President Doug Cavener and Zone Commander Marg Emery.


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## Getting His Wings

West Lorne's Warrant Officer First Class Peter Podebry was honoured to receive his private pilot's licence at a recent ceremony at CFB Trenton Detachment, Mountainview. Podebry was one of just 250 cadets from across Canada who qualified for this Air Cadet League of Canada Scholarship. He is planning a career in the military. Here, Peter's father, Walter, had the privilege of pinning on his wings as Brigadier General D. M. Jurkowski CMM, CD, looks on.

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY

## Sat., November 11<sup>th</sup>

# LEST WE FORGET

## Remembering our fallen soldiers

During this week leading up to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians will be showing their respect for our fallen comrades by wearing a bright, red poppy. But do you really know the reason why the poppy has come to symbolize the Canadian soldiers who gave their lives?

During the Napoleonic Wars, the poppy drew attention as the mysterious flower that bloomed over the graves of fallen soldiers.

In the 20th century, the poppy again was widely popular after soils in France and Belgium became rich in lime from the rubble during the First World War.

The little red flowers flourished around the graves of the war dead as they had 100 years earlier.

In 1915, Guelph native John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Forces Artillery, recorded this phenomenon in his famous poem 'In Flanders

Fields.' Two days before the Armistice, Moina Michael, an American woman from Athens, Georgia, read the McCrae poem and was inspired to wear a poppy year-round in memory of the war dead.

In 1920, Madame E. Guérin of France visited the United States and happened to meet Miss Michael at the YMCA at Columbia University, where the latter was a volunteer.

Mme. Guérin then resolved to sell homemade poppies around Armistice Day to raise money for poor children in the war-torn areas of Europe.

In 1921, Field Marshall Earl Haig, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France and Belgium, and the principal founder of the

British Legion, was sold on Mme. Guérin's fund-raising idea and approved organization of the British Poppy Day Appeal by the Legion to raise money for poor and disabled veterans.

The same year, Mme. Guérin visited Canada and convinced the Great War Veterans Association (predecessor to the Royal Canadian Legion) to similarly adopt the poppy as a symbol of remembrance in aid of fund-raising.

Today, the Poppy Campaign is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important programs.

The money raised from poppy sales provides direct assistance for ex-service people in financial distress, as well as funding for medical appliances and research, home services, care facilities and numerous other purposes.

