



District Winner

The West Elgin Legion honoured 12 year-old Jackie Hwang recently after the West Lorne resident finished in the top level (98%) of the Royal Canadian Legion essay contest, district level. Here, Hwang receives a plaque and \$50 from the legion's youth education coordinator Jim Orchard and legion president Ray Jobson.

Local students honoured for remembering

The West Elgin Legion, Branch 221, honoured a number of local school students for their participation in the legion's annual Remembrance Day competition, including essays, poems and colour and black & white posters.

The local legion gave out \$700 in prize money to the top winners in junior, intermediate and senior levels in each of the four categories. Each winner also received a certificate to recognize their participation.

All five of the local schools took part in the competition. The winners include:

Poems

Junior - Robert Jones, Karen Godfrey and Erin Moss (tied) and Nicole Hilliard.

Intermediate - Travis Small,

Jaymee Peternel and Julie Oliveira (tied) and Julie Hilliard.

Essay

Junior - Katie Campigotto, Stephanie Leys and Amanda Knapp (tied) and Robert Loeters.

Intermediate - Jackie Hwang, Savannah Vanraes and Kyler McGaffey.

Senior - Mallory Peternel

Coloured Posters

Junior - Kelsey Budgell, Emma Wilkins and Lexi Wilson

(tied) and Katelyn Pinder.

Intermediate - Lisa McCallum, Alexandra McFadden and Mike Hatch.

Senior - Kristyn Watterworth, Rachel Yorke and Sara Liske.

Black & White Posters

Junior - Jessica Van Vugt, Kim Krieter.

Intermediate - Melissa Warren, Ashley Dinga and Will Smith (tied).

Senior - Nicole McPhail, Ilse Fleuren and Rob Grigore.



The West Elgin Legion, Branch 221, honoured the winners of their annual Remembrance Day competition recently. Here, legion president Ray Jobson, left, presents the winners of the writing categories Katie Campigotto, Robert Jones, Mallory Peternel, Jackie Hwang and Travis Small. Also helping with the presentation is legion education chairperson Helen Mooser.

Angel Tree ceremony Dec. 17

The sixth annual Angel Tree ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17 in front of the West Lorne Complex beginning at 7 p.m.

The ceremony is held to honour the memory of loved ones who have died this past year. Prayers and music is planned for the evening ceremony.

Santa Claus Parade winners

The winners from the West Lorne Santa Claus Parade were the Dutton and Dunwich Chamber of Commerce (Commercial), Rodney Fair (Service), Grace Lutheran Church (Family), WESES (Youth), Portuguese Club (Best Illuminated) and Erie Flooring and Wood Products (Best Decorated).



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Sensational Scout!

West Lorne's Breanne Podebry, centre, was honoured recently with a Chief Scout Award for her four years of hard work and badge achievement. Podebry was one of 96 youth from across southwestern Ontario to receive such an award. Here, Podebry accepts the award from RCMP Constable Ralph Petersma, left, and Chuck Lawrence, Ontario Provincial Commissioner. **JULY 3, 2000**



Tops at TOPS APR 24/00

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter ON 792, West Lorne, recently honoured its members. From left are weight loss winners Blanche Graham, Wendy Collins, Beverly Witroway and Cathy Sloetjes.



Optimist Youth Appreciation

The Optimist Club of West Lorne handed out their annual 'Youth Appreciation' awards last week to a select few Grade 8s to OAC in the community, chosen by their respective schools. Honoured with plaques were, seated from left, Mark Godfrey and Sarah Dyck (WESES) and Alexandra McFadden and Michael Oliveira (St. Mary's School). Back row from left is Candice Ryan and Matt Mistele (WESS Jr.), Jeremy Karn and Sara McCallum (WESS Sr.) and Optimist Youth Appreciation chairperson Nancy Coburn. **NOV 27/00**



Happy 40th Anniversary
 Anthony and Betty Balint ~ January 17, 1959
 Love and Best Wishes from your family



In Loving Memory

Local residents remembered those who have died at the fourth annual Angel Tree Ceremony recently at the former West Lorne municipla building. Take part in the ceremony were Emily Bandeen, (back row left), Kenzie Beer, Kylie Beer (front row left) and Kim Bandeen.

Wednesday January 4, 1999

**HAPPY 65th
 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 MARIE AND CHARLES PFEIFER**



Love and Best Wishes from your children,
 their spouses, grandchildren and great-
 grandchildren

The family of Ralph and Blanche VanHee wish to invite family and friends to a open house on December 6th, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

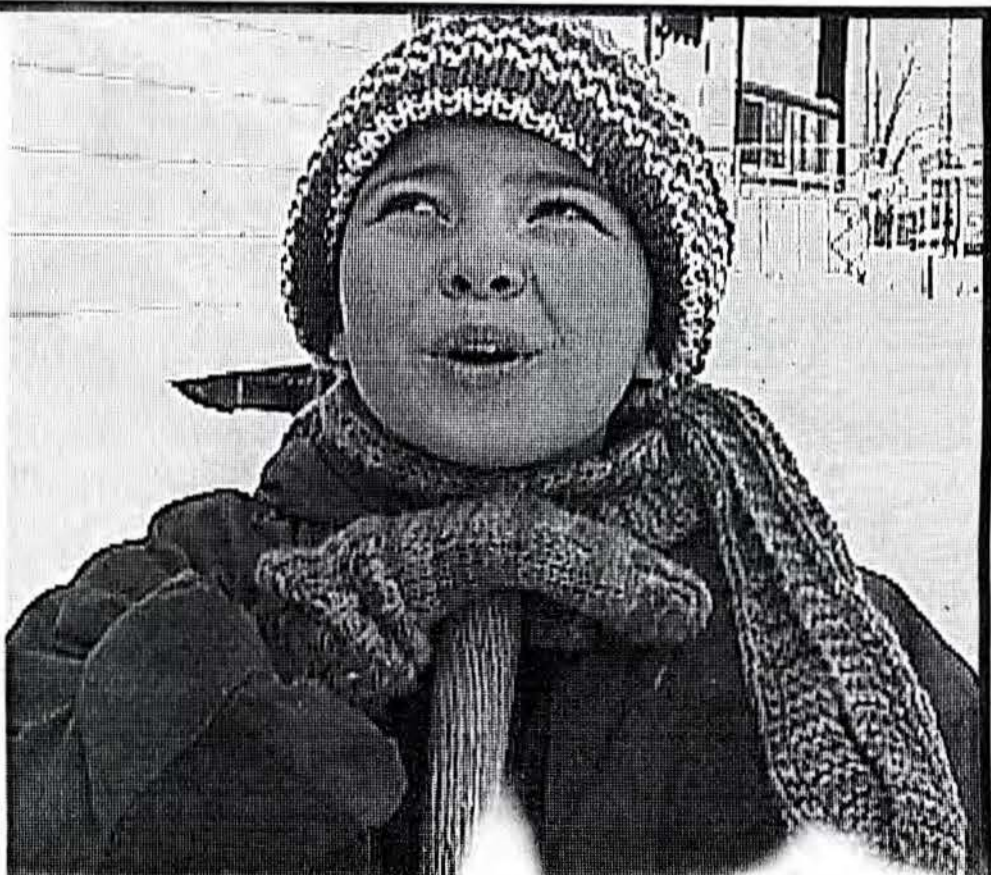


Happy 40th Anniversary Mom and Dad. Love Your Family

January 18, 1999

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 please!**

It's probably safe to say West Elgin residents have had enough of the white stuff to last them for quite some time. Here, 10-year-old Candace Gratton looks skyward wondering when her next shovelling duties will begin. The bone-chilling temperatures and accumulative snowfall has made for one of the roughest winters in recent memory. And with it being only mid-January, we're definitely not out of the woods yet as far as winter is concerned.



West Elgin writer releases new book, "Kings Without A Country"

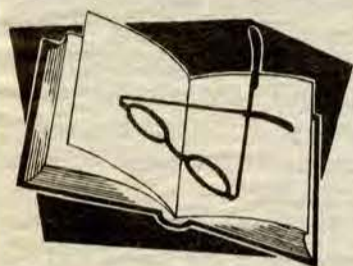
West Elgin author Robert King has penned a sequel to his book "I Will Be King Someday." Written from the perspective of a life-long farmer, "Kings Without a Country" imparts King's experiences in caring for animals and the land, in what might have transpired in the years 1845-1900.

A book launch is scheduled for March 26 at the Legion in Rodney beginning at 8 p.m. The Rodney Coffee House are co-sponsors with Sharon Little and Harry Wilkinson providing music during the social hour.

A short presentation will be offered for your entertainment featuring Evelyn King, Bill and Kristopher King, Lisa King, Barbara Bijker and Earla Walker.

If you wish to order a copy of "Kings Without A Country" you

can do so by sending \$20 (plus \$5 for shipping and handling) to Robert King, Box 531, Rodney, ON, N0L 2C0.



The day-to-day activities of the people in this story are based on solid knowledge of those ancestors, real people, and their real movements from place-to-place. King credits that information to McNicol cousins, accredited genealogists, living today on the land which their mutual great grandfather, Peter King, raised his family.

"Kings Without A Country" leads you through a maze of true history and the romance of the many exciting and imaginative

60th Wedding Anniversary



William E. (Bud) and Ellen Irene Ford celebrated their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary on May 11, 1999. Congratulations ... from your family



Engagement Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Rick Van Acker of Rodney are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Vicky to Syd Heard, son of George & the late Geraldine Heard of West Lorne and Bob & Janet White of London. The wedding will take place May 1, 1999 at the West Lorne United Church.

4 Generations



Four Generations enjoyed Mr. & Mrs. Leo Machado, of West Lorne, 25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration in August. Mae Coulthard, Donna Murray, Cheryl Machado, Stacy Machado and sisters Marcy & Carrie. SEPT 27/99

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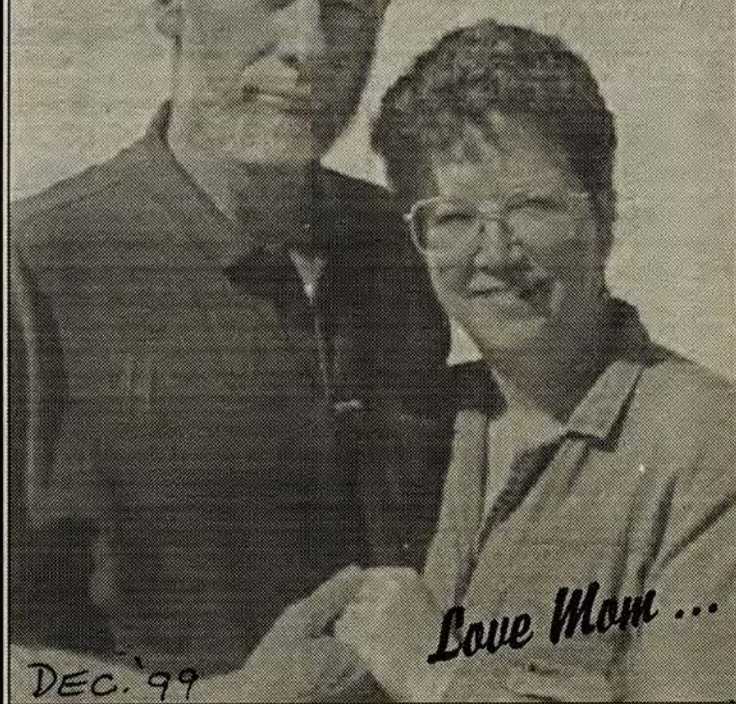
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Christmas Comes Alive

Members of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Lorne brought the true meaning of Christmas to life recently as they presented a live Nativity scene, complete with animals. The cast included Pastor Eric Betsch, Trudy Dengel, Scott and Linda Dunn, Melissa and Vanessa Gray, Julia Griffore, Cindy, Craig and Rhonda Knight, Kanda and Wyatt Ocolisan, Margaret Schachow, Tasha and Albert, Margaret-Ellen, Kelsey Schachow, David and Anita, Caitlin and Tanya VanRaes, and Justin and Krysta Walker. The donkey and sheep were provided by Tom and Ruth Rudavsky. The construction and lighting was courtesy of Gabriel Griffore and the Grace congregation women provided the refreshments.

Happy 32nd Anniversary
Betty Ann & Don
Happy Birthday, Don
(December 2nd)



Love Mom ...

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Wedding Announcement



Mr. & Mrs. John Campbell and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Thompson are pleased to announce the November wedding of Melissa Dawn to Matthew Paul. The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and are presently residing in Welland, Ontario. "Congratulations...love from your family." MAR. 99



Getting "Cub"fortable

When West Lorne resident Nancy Ward says she has a couple of cats, she's not lying - or should that be lion. As owner of the Lilac Grove Wildlife Sanctuary, a non-profit organization, Ward's latest border is 3 1/2 year-old Kebby, an African Lion Cub. Ward is currently working on completing a lion enclosure on her property and to help raise funds for this she is offering residents to have their photo taken with Kebby. To make an appointment with this friendly feline, call Ward at 768-0369. MAY 3, 1999

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Great Ride 'N' Stride

The weather was perfect for the recent Great Ride 'N' Stride to beat cancer, held at the West Elgin Arena. A great turnout helped to raise over \$3,200 for this year's campaign. Those riding and striding included Robert Walker, Ellen and Rick Van Vugt and family, Barb Campbell, David Van Raes and family, Mary Liepmann, Shirley Kenny, Janet Holmes, Helen Mooser, Kathy Attridge, Matt and Mike Henderson, Joyce Axford, Allison Beer and family, Rosalie Krebsz, Kathy and Ted Johnston, John, Dale, Peter and Rob Thomson. Here, Mary Lippold (left), Janice Henderson and Leola Laurence welcome Trina Lusse, who was one of the first to arrive for the event. Lusse raised \$89.25 herself. Event coordinators would like to thank all the participants and sponsors who made this campaign so successful.

50th Anniversary

Bob & Francis Waite
 Friends and relatives are invited to an Open House to be held at the Rodney Legion Hall on Saturday, June 26, 1999 from 2 to 4pm.
 Best Wishes Only Please



Getting revved up!

The hum of yo-yos were buzzed around Miller Park in West Lorne during Canada Day celebrations. Would-be yo-yo stars were vying for the top spot and more importantly the overall top prize of a remote control race car donated by the West Lorne Business Association. Here, overall winner Eric McGill proudly shows off his new toy. 1999



Sharon Jobson is pleased to announce the accomplishment of attaining her L.P.P.O. status (Licenciate Professional Photographer of Ontario), in October 1998. She has been recognized by her peers as an individual who captures quality images that conform within the guidelines set down by the Professional Photographers of Ontario. Her images were critiqued by a panel of Master Photographers and were judged to be of professional quality. Sharon is also a member in good standing with the Professional Photographers of Canada. Her images are on display at Collins Formal Wear in the CrossRoads Design Centre, Exeter Road, London, Ontario. 1999

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad

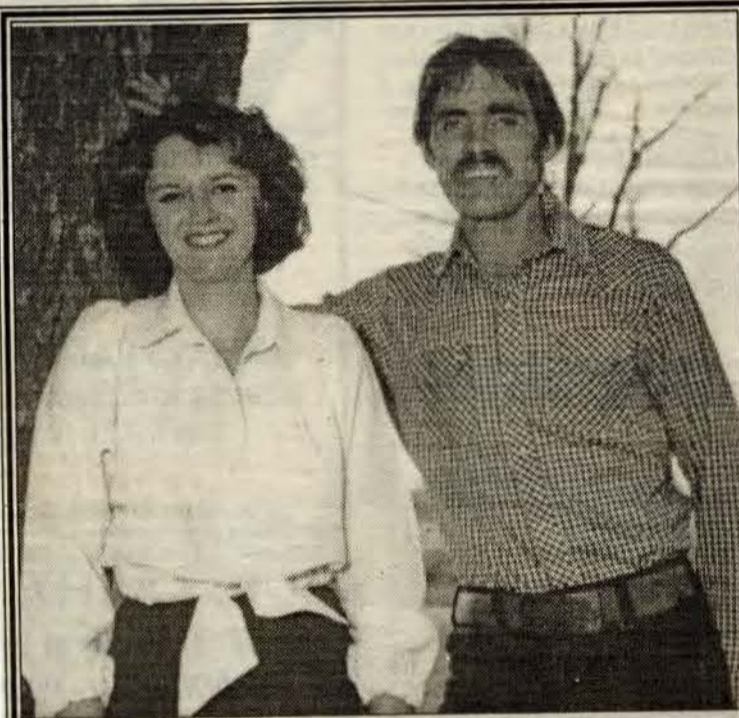


*With Love ...
Heather & Sean*




Cornelius and Katherine Deyle are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Corabeth to Robin, son of Alex and Lorna King. They will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, November 6, 1999 at 2:30pm at the Knox United Church, Newbury.

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary



*Cate & Jacob Deyle
October 5, 1999
With love from your family ...
Whitney, Erin & Clayton*

Wedding Announcement



Mr. & Mrs. Ted & Joyce Kersten exchanged their wedding vows at St. Mary's Church, West Lorne on September 4, 1999.



LOOKING AT ANTIQUES: Mary Lippold, 72, of West Lorne and her friend Nancy Baillie, 61, also of West Lorne checked out an antique doll —Bahr and Proschild made in Germany that dates back to 1905 and was valued at \$1,300 — that was on display Friday at the Ridgetown Rotary Club Antique Show and Sale. *Yvonne Bendo Photo*

Wedding Announcement

OPEN HOUSE

Help Celebrate
Helen Frank's
80th Birthday



Saturday, June 26th
2 - 4pm
West Elgin Legion
West Lorne
"Best Wishes Only"



Irene McGregor would like to announce the marriage of her granddaughter Heather McGregor to Sean Millman son of Joanne & Robert Millman of St. Thomas. The marriage took place on April 17, 1999 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, St. Thomas. Reception followed at the Elgin Labour Temple, St. Thomas. The couple now reside in West Lorne.



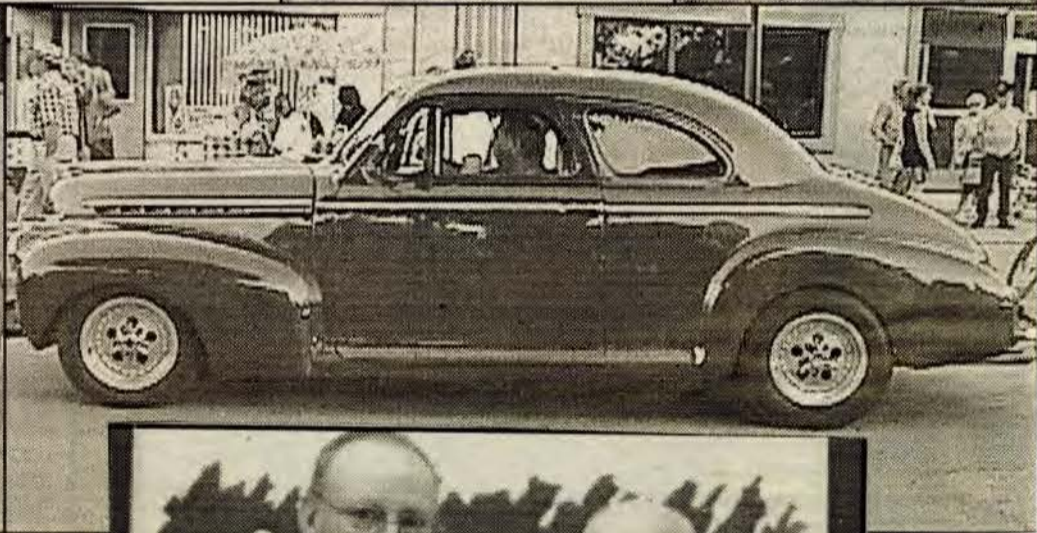
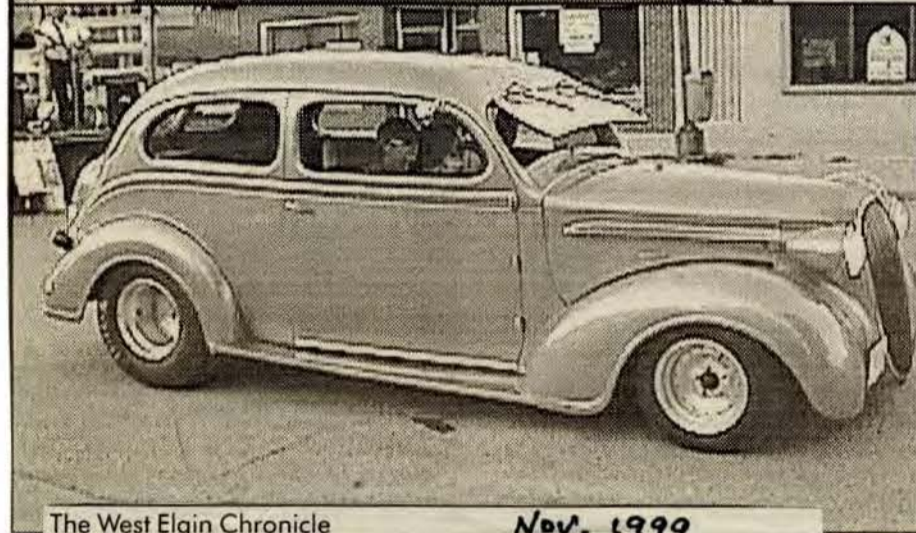
Tim & Lisa Johnston were married on July 17, 1999 by Rev. Duncan Calquhoun in a pretty garden wedding at the home of the bride's mother. Lisa, daughter of Rose Simpson and the late Joe Simpson and Tim, son of Ted & Kathy Johnston of West Lorne wish to thank all their family and friends for making their day a special one.



Labour Day Liveliness

It may have been Labour Day weekend but the only work being done was having a great time. The streets of West Lorne came alive recently to celebrate the last long weekend of the summer with a street dance, classic car cruise night, a down hill derby, baseball games and numerous sidewalk sales by local merchants. At left, the Back Porch Country Gospel group kept toes tapping on Main Street. At right, Graham Crackers player Tammy Swain awaits a pitch from the Legion Hooters member Rick Falkins, who definitely came dressed for the occasion. Below, two of the more than 40 classic cars cruise down Main Street. Check out next week's Chronicle for complete results and photos from the Downhill Derby.

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Chronicle Kid!



Name: Scott Van Raes

Age: 4

School: WESES

Interests: Playing baseball, playing with toy Batman

Career Goal: Computers

If you or someone you know would like to be a Chronicle Kid, just give us a call at 768-2220. Your picture will appear above and on our Internet site at www.execulink.com/~chronicl



All in the Family

West Lorne resident Norm McGill, left, made his way to Toronto last week to pick up his \$50,000 prize from the Ontario Lottery Corporation. So he decided to take a friend with him - Norm Jr. The elder McGill decided he would split the prize with his son, who lives in Glencoe. McGill won on a Crossword scratch ticket. Neither have any immediate plans for the money.

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