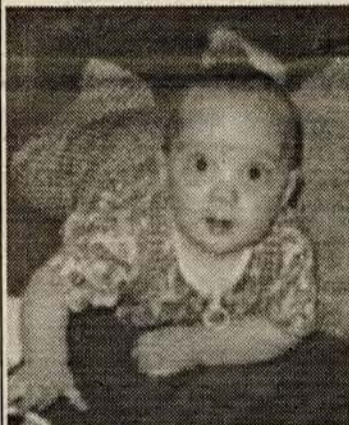


Brian Krier has graduated from Wilfred Laurier University with an Honours Business Administration Degree. Brian was named to the Dean's list and was chosen as Laurier's 1999 Co-op Student of the Year. Son of Lorne and Helen Krier of Rodney. Brian is currently employed with IBM in Corporate Sales.

**Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Nick (Nov. 16th)



Love Mom, Dad, Cora & Robin

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLORIA**  
(Nov. 16th)

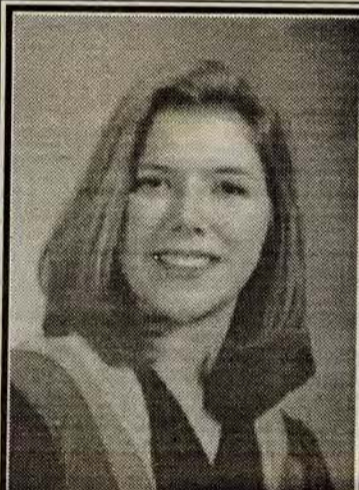


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**HAPPY 5th BIRTHDAY Justin**



Love Mommy, Daddy & Little Brother Brandon



Lorraine Kebbel graduated October 31, 1999 from Wilfred Laurier University with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours Program). She also has passed the entrance exam for the Certified Management Accountants. Lorraine is currently employed as a Financial Accountant at Cadbury Chocolates in Toronto. Proud parents are Ed & Gail Kebbel of Rodney.



**Happy 90th Birthday**  
Agnes Coleman



**99 in '99**

It was quite the occasion at Babcock Nursing Home in Wardsville last week as resident Susan Kana celebrated her 99th birthday. Kana, born in Yugoslavia, bought a farm in West Lorne in 1937 and still remembers working in the tobacco fields for 50¢ an hour. Still spending most of her time crocheting, playing bingo and reading her bible, Kana was asked if there was a secret for living such a long life. "God must have liked what I did to give me such a long life," she says.

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**Going one, going twice...**

From sports memorabilia to home-made apple pies, there was definitely something for everyone at the recent Silent and Live Auction held at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The auction brought in more than \$6,000 for St. Mary's School and will go towards everything from new computers to student activities. NOV. 29

Wedding Announcement



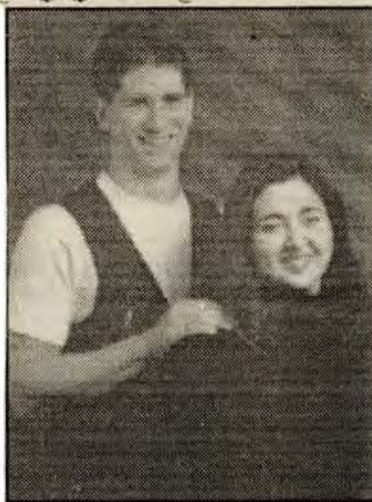
BEGIN ~ NEWMAN

On July 27th, 1999 Julia Begin and Wentworth Newman were joined in marriage at the Mt. Brydges United Church. They were attended by Winnis Van Lierop and Bill Bearfoot. Rev. Don Keenlside officiated at the 11:00 am service.

A special thank you goes to Winnis for all her help in organizing everything. We would also like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts in celebrating our marriage.

Julia & Wentworth

Engagement Announcement



McCallum ~ Oliveira

Manuel and Maria Oliveira, Sandy McCallum and Dave and Linda McCallum wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Debbie and Ryan. The wedding will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, West Lorne on Saturday, July 17, 1999 at 2pm.

Engagement Announcement



HIND ~ GORSIC

Vancouver comes to West Lorne ... August 21, 1999 is the scene of a country wedding celebrating the marriage of Jill Hind, daughter of Gerree and Herman Hind to Daniel Gorsic, son of Carol and Frank Gorsic of Scarborough.

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145<sup>th</sup> Rodney Fair  
September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup>

Cynthia has DeWild year

By Cynthia DeWild

My reign as Ambassador of the Rodney Aldborough Fair is coming to an end. This year went by very quickly allowing me to experience many new things.

Some of these exciting experiences include, riding in the Fair and the Santa Claus parades, attending the Ontario Association of the Agriculture Societies Convention in Toronto, riding with the Hell Drivers and attend other District meetings.



Cynthia DeWild

Over the year I have had the opportunity to interact with many new and exciting people, making friends all over Ontario.

The position of Ambassador has given me a chance to become a more active member in the community and have a more realistic view of the hard work required to put on a fair. It was an honour to represent something that has been an annual event in my life. A special thank you to the Rodney Lions Club and the fair board. See you at the 1999 Rodney Aldborough Fair.

Chronicle Kid!



Name: Christl Kirschner

Age: 9

School: Aldborough P. S.

Interests: Soccer, going to the library, shopping

Career Goal: Veterinarian

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](http://www.execulink.com/~chronicl)

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Wedding Announcement



On September 25, 1999, Angela Katherina & Keith Edward, exchanged their wedding vows in St. Mary's Church, West Lorne. Officiated by Father Joe Nevitt. Angela is the daughter of Harry & Betty Mezenberg of Rodney and Keith is the son of Ken & Jean Wilson of Hamilton. The happy couple now reside in London.



Jungle Journey

Local children were making their way through the jungle last week at Grace Lutheran Church in West Lorne at the annual Vacation Bible School. The theme of the week, Jungle Journey, had approximately 50 children busy with numerous jungle-like adventures, from games and crafts to most importantly, learning more about God. Here, school instructor Barb Ward helps out Courtney Van Dyke in making her "worm buddy" while Trevor Lyons and Scott Vanraes keep busy with their crafts.

# The wonderful world of Vergeer

**Paul Mayne**  
*The Chronicle*

Many of us, surely, have dreamed at one time in our life of being part of a Walt Disney production. Whether it being flying like Peter Pan or roaring like Simba in The Lion King, we all have fantasies.

For West Lorne resident Diann Vergeer this fantasy has come true. She just wrapped up five performances this past weekend in Detroit of the Disney on Ice version of Toy Story and will be landing in Houston, Texas today (Nov. 22), continuing what will be a seven month tour of North America.

"This is absolutely exciting. I haven't been able to sit down once," says an deservedly excited Vergeer.

She was home visiting family for a day prior to

performing in Detroit last week. "When I got the news I just knew I had to do it."

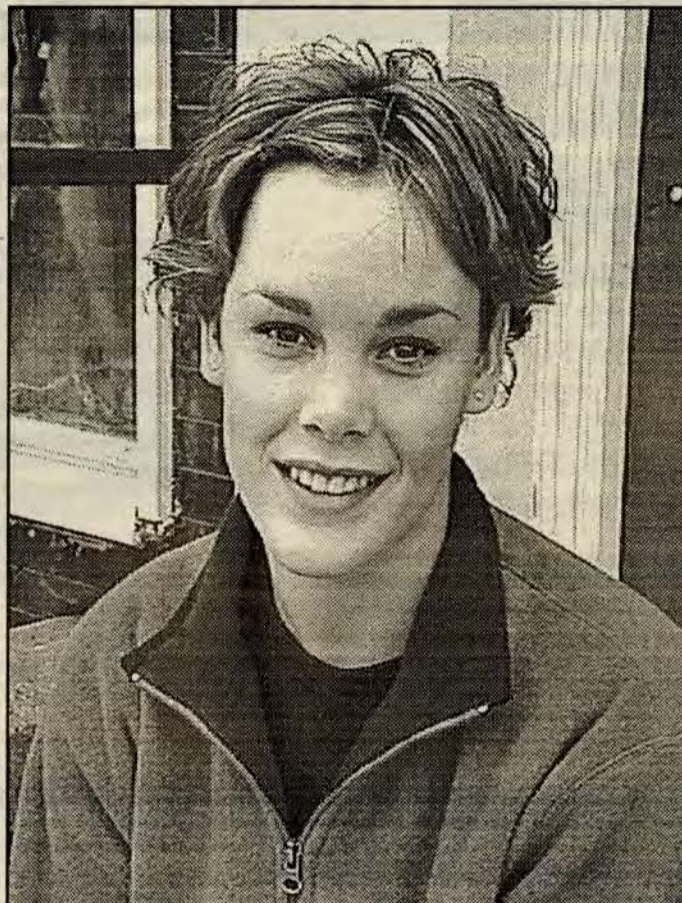
Vergeer auditioned for a posi-

"It's not as bad as you might think," she says. "The skaters I perform with are great so that makes a big difference with all the travelling."

Vergeer, who plays a number of characters in Toy Story and has four costume changes, says as much fun as she's having it is also a lot of work.

"We're on the ice at least four to five hours everyday," she says. "This is a really good group of people who are professionals. They're amazing skaters." The majority of skaters are Canadian, but Vergeer says there are also performers from the United States, Russia, Finland and Switzerland.

A production the size of Toy



*Diann Vergeer*

tion in the cast earlier this year in Hamilton and wasn't planning on the phone call. She was all set to start school at Seneca College in Toronto where she's studying Marketing and Economics.

But realizing this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity, she took the year off school to hit the road with Disney. And at the age of 18, she is the second youngest performer on the tour.

"It's just been so much fun. Everyone is so great," says Vergeer. "We've practised the program so much that I think we can all do it in our sleep."

Since the show opened in Lakeland, Florida at the end of October, it's been nonstop travelling for Vergeer, who is taking it all in stride.

Story, and performing in front of large crowds as big as 17,000, you would think there would be a lot of butterflies for Vergeer.

"I'm never nervous," she admits. "I've always been one who likes to show off so the large crowds really don't bother me. I guess I'm having too much fun to get nervous."

Once the show finishes its North American run, Vergeer will then travel to South America for three weeks of performances. Vergeer is not sure if she will sign on again next year or return to school. She also has the option to take correspondent course while on tour.

"I'll have to see what happens once the show ends," she says. "Right now, I just enjoying myself."



## Creepy Creations

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There were a lot of scary creations handed in for the West Elgin Chronicle/U-Need-A-Discount Halloween Colouring Contest. It was a hard decision for the judges by this year's winners were Jesse Bowering of Dutton, left, (7-9 age group), Kelsey Vandenberg of Rodney, right, (3-6 age group) and Stacie Gowan of Dutton (10-12 age group). Each winner received a portable radio courtesy of U-Need-A-Discount.

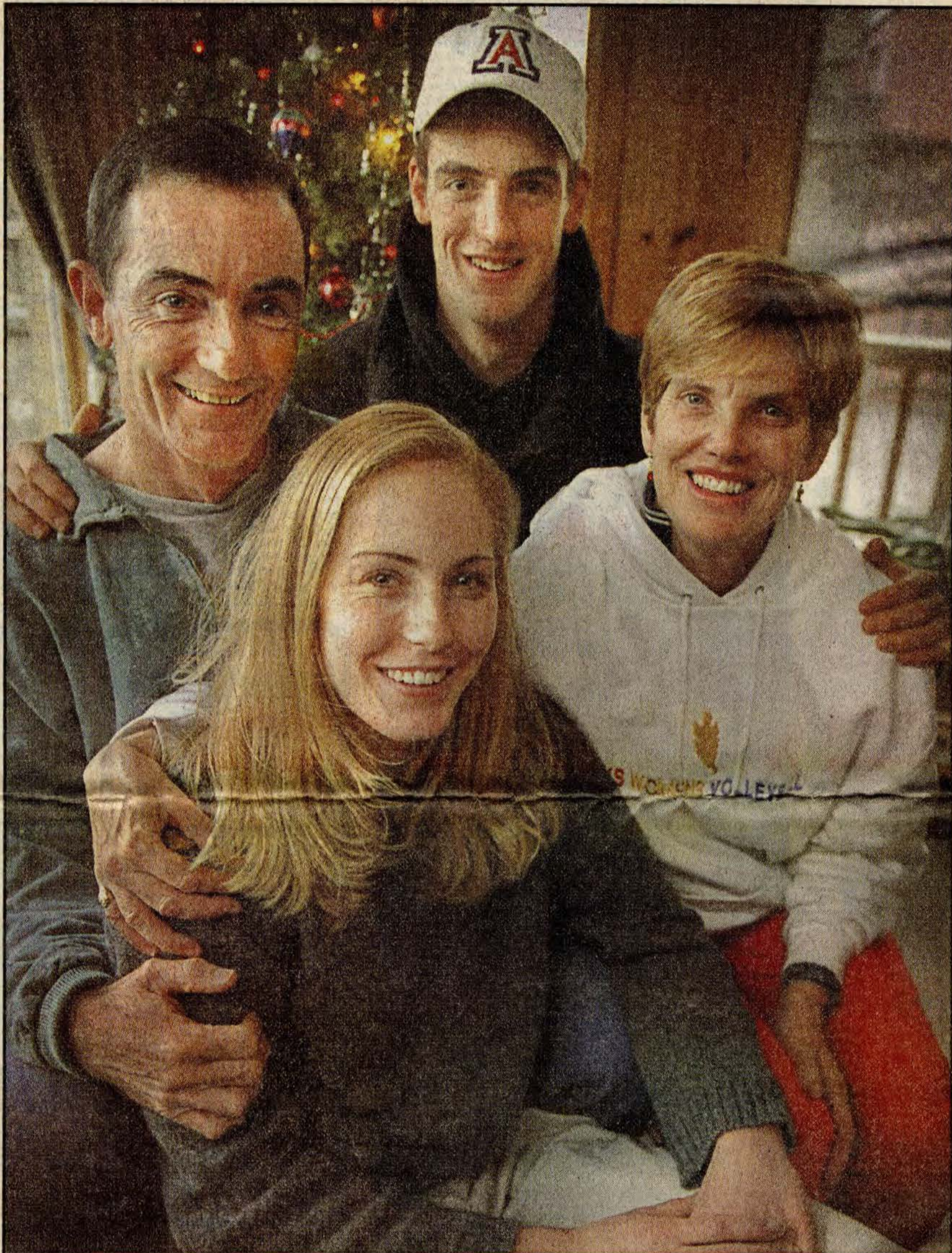
## Congratulations

### Retirement



**Jim Branchflower**

Friends and family are invited to an Open House on Saturday, December 4, 1999 from 1 to 4pm at the Lambeth Legion, 7097 Kilbourne Rd., Lambeth, Ontario. In lieu of gifts a donation of canned goods would be appreciated.



Vaughan and Jane Peckham at home with two of their three children — Allie, 21, and Mark, 18.

KEN WIGHTMAN The London Free Press

## It's a wonderful, volley-ful life

By Kathy Rumleski  
Free Press Sports Reporter

You could say "It's a Wonderful Life" when referring to the Peckham family of London.

Vaughan Peckham isn't quite actor Jimmy Stewart's character, George Bailey, in the Christmas movie, but he does admit his family has had "a charmed life."

And carrying on with the theme of the 1946 classic, what would life be like if Peckham had not been around?

It would have meant fewer provincial volleyball championships for Oakridge secondary school, for one.

Since Peckham began teaching at the high school in 1978, he has coached the Oaks to four OFSAA titles and one silver medal.

With his retirement in a month's time, Oakridge is losing its most successful volleyball coach. Vaughan, 53, is retiring Feb. 4, the end of the high school semester, marking the end of a 30-year career as teacher and coach.

"My intention is to continue to do the kind of things that I enjoy," he said at his home this week. "I'd like to stay heavily involved with the Forest City Volleyball Club. It's not the end of a career, it's just sort of a transition, changing focus a little bit. I don't look at it as being over."

He's hinted that he may like to coach univer-

sity volleyball again. He coached the men's varsity team at Western from 1978 to 1985, winning Ontario University Athletics coaching titles in 1978, 1980 and 1985.

The Peckham family is synonymous with volleyball in London.

Vaughan's teacher wife Jane also coaches volleyball at Oakridge and the Forest City club; son Scott, 23, played varsity volleyball at Western; daughter Allie, 20, is in her second year of a volleyball scholarship at Colorado State University in Fort Collins; and son Mark, 18, plays volleyball at Oakridge.

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VAUGHN'S MOTHER ALICE WAS A WESTLORNE W.I. MEMBER



## Our Lady of Fatima

The West Elgin Portuguese community recently celebrated the annual Our Lady of Fatima festival in West Lorne. The two-day celebration included dancing, food and a procession from St. Mary's Church to the West Elgin Arena. Here, the procession, which included Portuguese Queen Michelle Silva, makes its way down Graham Street. The celebration was open for the entire community to enjoy. **MAY 29/00**



## Distinctive Women

It was yet another honour for West Elgin native Charlene Carroll, centre, as she was honoured with a Young Woman of Distinctive Award by the Elgin-St. Thomas YWCA. The banquet is held every two years to honour women in Elgin County who have made significant contributions to their local community. This was the first year for a 'young woman' category. Carroll is pictured here with West Elgin's Rosalie Krebsz, left, '98s Woman of Distinction, and Kate Young from The New PL, who was the guest speaker at the awards ceremony. **MAY 9 2000**

### Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Art & Jean Ross ~ March 25th, 2000



Harold, Cindy, Matt & Nicole, Ron, Barb, Tyler, Evan, Kayla & Morgan wish to invite friends and family to attend an Open House in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, March 25th from 2pm to 4pm at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 154 Chestnut St., West Lorne.

### CONGRATULATIONS

on your  
67th Wedding Anniversary  
"Mary & Roy Gammon"  
March 18th, 2000



Love from all your  
family & friends

## Confirmation

The West Elgin Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada (Calvary United Church and West Lorne United Church) welcomed 19 new members at a Service Confirmation held March 5.

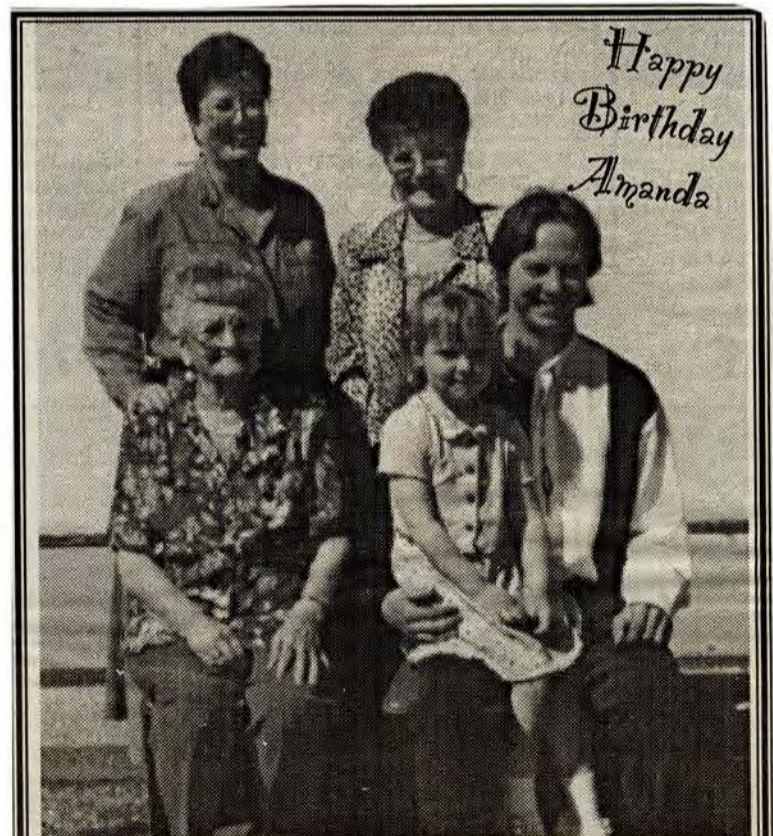
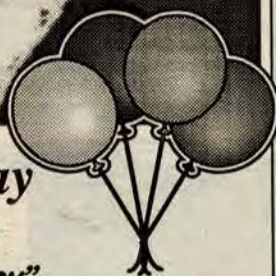
Welcomed into the church were Jake Fischer, Mike Pinder, Katie S..., Jennifer Pinder, Rev. Schneider, David Lawson, Blair Noddin, Jonathan Wright, Craig Waterworth, Kim Krieter, Jonathan Woolsey, Justin Zander, Amanda Mistele, Chelsea Dionne, Brittany Jewell, Sarah Woolsey, Matthew Mistele, Hillary Krieter and Bryan Blanchard. **MAR. 2000**

### Margaret Scafe



Happy 80th Birthday  
January 17, 2000

"Best Wishes, Love Dave & Joy"



Happy  
Birthday  
Amanda

### FIVE GENERATIONS

Standing: Grandmother, Betty Ann Bobier; Great Grandmother, Betty Ostrander. Sitting: Great-Great Grandmother, Lois Mizon; Amanda Bobier; Father Donald Bobier. **FEB 7/00**