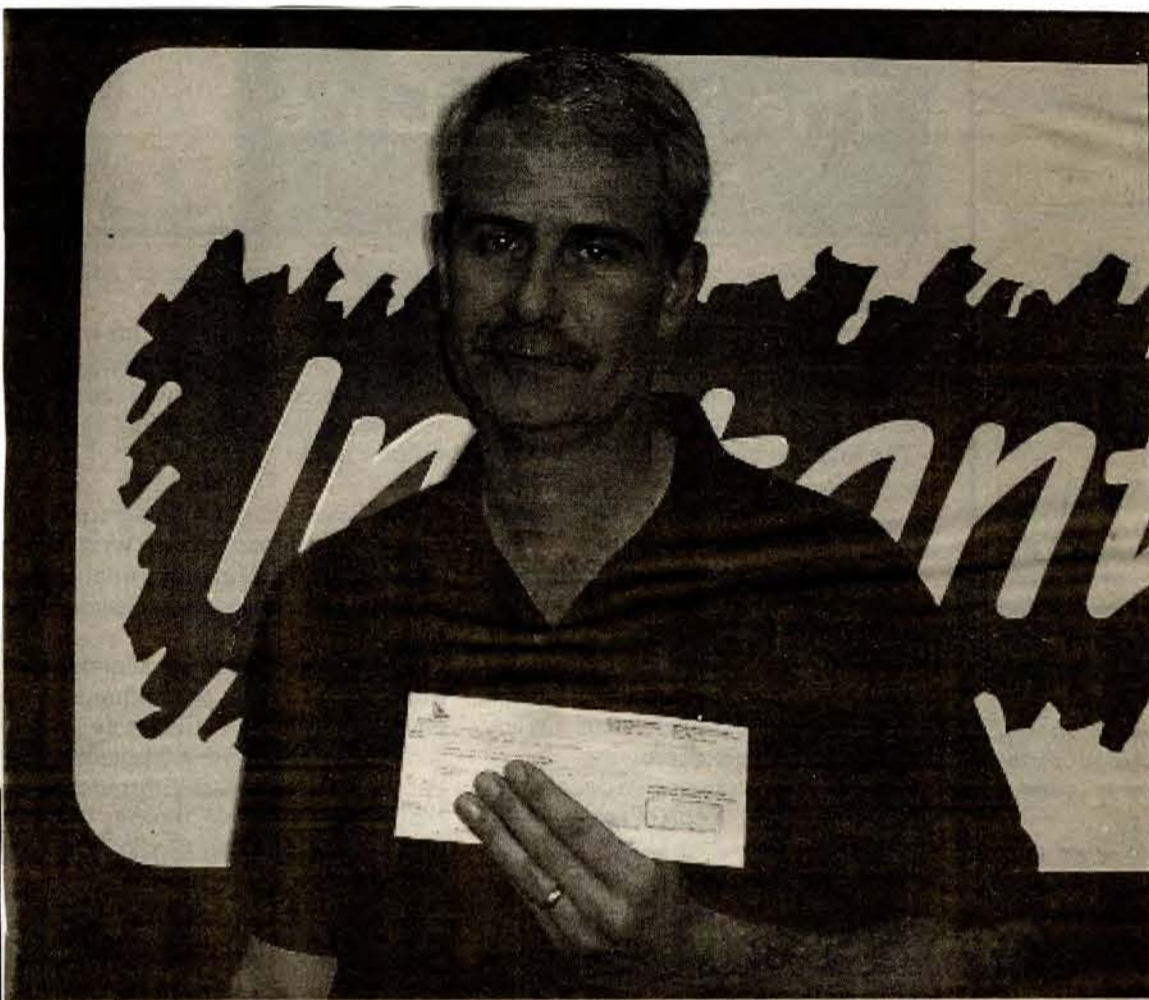




Happy 80th Birthday  
on December 29th to  
**JOHN PERGER**  
of West Lorne

Love, Your family



## After Dinner Treat

It was probably the best dessert West Lorne's Peter Soos ever had. The 38-year-old school bus supervisor had three bucks left over after paying for dinner at Machado's Family Restaurant and decided to pick up an Instant Crossword scratch ticket. Next thing you know, he was \$50,000 richer. "I don't buy tickets very often," says Soos. "I happened to have three dollars in my pocket after I paid for dinner, so I thought I'd try my luck." Soos and his wife, Kathy, have two sons, ages 11 and 13. He plans to pay off his mortgage and bank the remainder.

DEC. 18, 2000



Joined in holy matrimony by Rev. Kirby Breithaupt at Rodney United Church, in a beautiful evening ceremony, November 11, 2000 were Lisa Jarvis, daughter of Lloyd & Jane Jarvis of Rodney and Matt Hind, son of Bonnie McGill of West Lorne & William Hind of Bothwell.

## Remembering loved ones during the holiday season

The 6th annual Angel Tree Ceremony (Dec. 17), to honour the memories of loved ones who have died, was brought indoors this year due to weather. But cold temperatures did not dampen a wonderful evening of remembering friends and family members who are no longer with us.

There was \$60 raised during the ceremony for the Children's Hospital in London.

The following names were read during the ceremony:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sid & Josie Authier      | Joanne Bell               |
| Katherine Lynne Alderton | Armindo Coelho            |
| Abigail Kate Bandeen     | Edna Ray                  |
| Matthew Earl Bandeen     | Jean Wyatt                |
| Christopher Beer         | Joe Simpson               |
| Josy Beer                | Ralph Simpson             |
| Michelle Burk            | Jamie Schnekenburger      |
| Christopher Cowan        | Steve Vaterlaus           |
| Pam Cowan                | Andy van Koeverden        |
| Shane Cowan              | Dennis Dodge              |
| Timothy Cowan            | Wilson Pete Dodge         |
| Andy DeWulf              | Charles Dodge             |
| Lloyd Cecil Doan         | Mary Campbell             |
| Michael Doan             | Nellie Hewings            |
| Marnie Fleming           | Herbert Leith             |
| Michael Gammon           | Manson Robinson           |
| Jason Koyelaitis         | Helen Rewbotham           |
| Ashley Ann Murray        | Ethel Ripley              |
| Margaret McColl          | Annie Pituk               |
| Jeremy Robinet           | Barbara Spring            |
| Willy A. R. Merks        | Constantine Lipan         |
| Sonia Oliveira           | Mary Lipan                |
| Alicia Marie Tomezyk     | Sam Lipan                 |
| Elaine Watterworth       | Aunty Rose                |
| Patty Winter             | Grandad John              |
| Janet Oakey              | James Hale Sr.            |
| Donna Smiljanich         | James Hale Jr.            |
| Munro McMillan           | Alice Hale                |
| Nickie Lipan             | Katherine & George Driver |
| Sophie Lipan             | Bill Nash                 |
| Grace Havens             | Joe Nash                  |
| Ken Okolisan             | Wayne Van Breda           |
| Jim Shostak              | Sydney Miles Duffus       |
| Bill Griffin             | Helen Woods               |
| Lorne McGill             | Madison Robinson          |
| John Hulaj               | Susie Staddon             |
| Yancy Begin              | Hazel Stalker             |
| Justin Ray Bell          | Patty Moody               |
| Roy Dos Santos           | Fred & Frony Redinger     |
| Chris Ayling             | Paul Babanin              |
| Gordon Haven             | Jose Dos Santos           |
| Chris Kauzen             | Marie Sadecky             |
| Ron Jones                | Ivan Buck Edwards         |
| Murray Keys              | Charles Begin             |



## Feeding Time

Even wooden animals get hungry now and then. Just ask two-year-old Kailey McMillan, daughter of Joe and Wanda of West Lorne, who took time last week to feed a little hay to the cow in the Nativity scene at Dutton's recent Christmas in the Park. See additional photos Page 2.

Photo by Ruth Ferguson



**Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary**



**Donald and Florence Kelly ~ August 26, 2000**

The family would like to welcome their friends and relatives to an Open House on Saturday, August 26 from 2 to 4pm at 229 Monroe Street, Rodney, Ontario. Please join us to celebrate this joyous event. Best wishes only.

**50th Wedding Anniversary**



Glenn and Alberta Jones were married on June 17, 1950 at West Lorne United Church. Congratulations ... from your family.

**Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary ~ July 5, 1975  
Christine Monica Bint & Curtis Joku Hay**



Love Michael, Meaghan and Marci 2000

**Happy Birthday  
Szanaeue DeWilde**



"We Love Ya Sweetie"

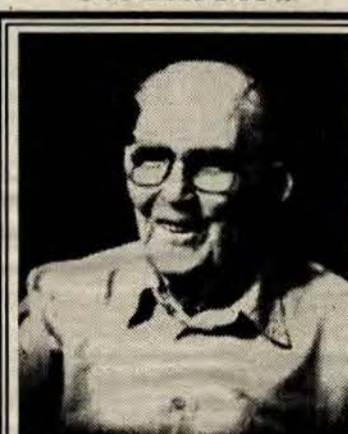
With Love ... Grandma & Gumpy  
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**Happy 97th Birthday  
Mary (Nana) Ocolisan  
June 29th**



Love From All Your Family  
xxxx 0000 2000

**100th BIRTHDAY  
Gordon Ford**



Gordon Ford will celebrate his 100th Birthday at the Bobier Villa, Dutton on Saturday, May 20th. Family and friends will be welcome 2pm to 4pm.

"Best Wishes Only"



Jesse Sojak, 15, of Wallacetown, prepares to do his part for the Trans Canada Relay 2000 in West Elgin at the corner of Hwy. #3 and Furnival Rd. He carried a bottle of water from the Arctic and Pacific Oceans.



Sojak passes the water on to the next carrier, Eagle's Rita DeWild who walked her portion of the route.



DeWild passes the water on to Dutton resident Ron Poisson who hopped on his bike to continue the relay into Dutton-Dunwich.



Poisson hands-off the water to London's Susan Charron for the next leg of the route.



Charron passes the water to Dutton-Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk in Wallacetown.



Van Brenk arrives at the Backus-Page House in Tyrconnell to the cheers of dozens of supporters.

**Trans Canada Trail rolls through Elgin**

With the sun shining brightly, Canadian history was made in Elgin County last week as the Trans Canada Relay 2000 made its way through West Elgin and Dutton-Dunwich, part of the 16,400 km trail that spans across Canada.

across the country in anticipation of a Sept. 9 gathering in Hull, Quebec where all three will be brought together.

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The trail, the longest of its kind in the world, winds its way through every province and territory, linking our major cities, small towns and countless communities.

To date, more than 3,300 carriers have passed the water along the route.

"We've come a long way to see this trail come through our community," says Dutton-Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk. "I'm honoured to have had the opportunity to walk with the water."



*Happy 1st Anniversary - June 12th, 2000*



*All My Love Always .... Melissa*

**Steve & Audrey Cabral**



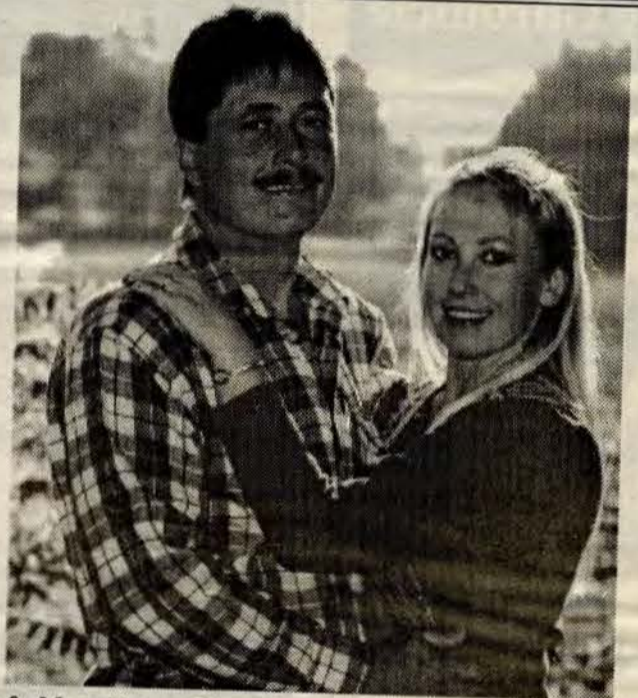
*Congratulations to Steve & Audrey on their recent marriage on May 6, 2000 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Lorne.*

*Wedding Announcement*



*Greg and Wendy Begin are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Danielle Leigh-Anne to Jeremy Peter, son of Mac & Dale McGill of Muirkirk. The Wedding will take place June 24, 2000 at St. Michael's Church in Ridgetown.*

*Wedding Announcement*



*Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Carroll are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alanna Beth to Kevin Dennis VanRaes, son of Mr. Daniel VanRaes and Ms. Nancy VanRaes. The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2000 at 2:00pm at the Calvary United Church.*

*50th Wedding Anniversary*



**Norman and Agnes Rose**

*In honour of our parents 50th Wedding Anniversary, we welcome you to attend an Open House on Saturday, May 6, 2000 ~ 2-4pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, West Lorne  
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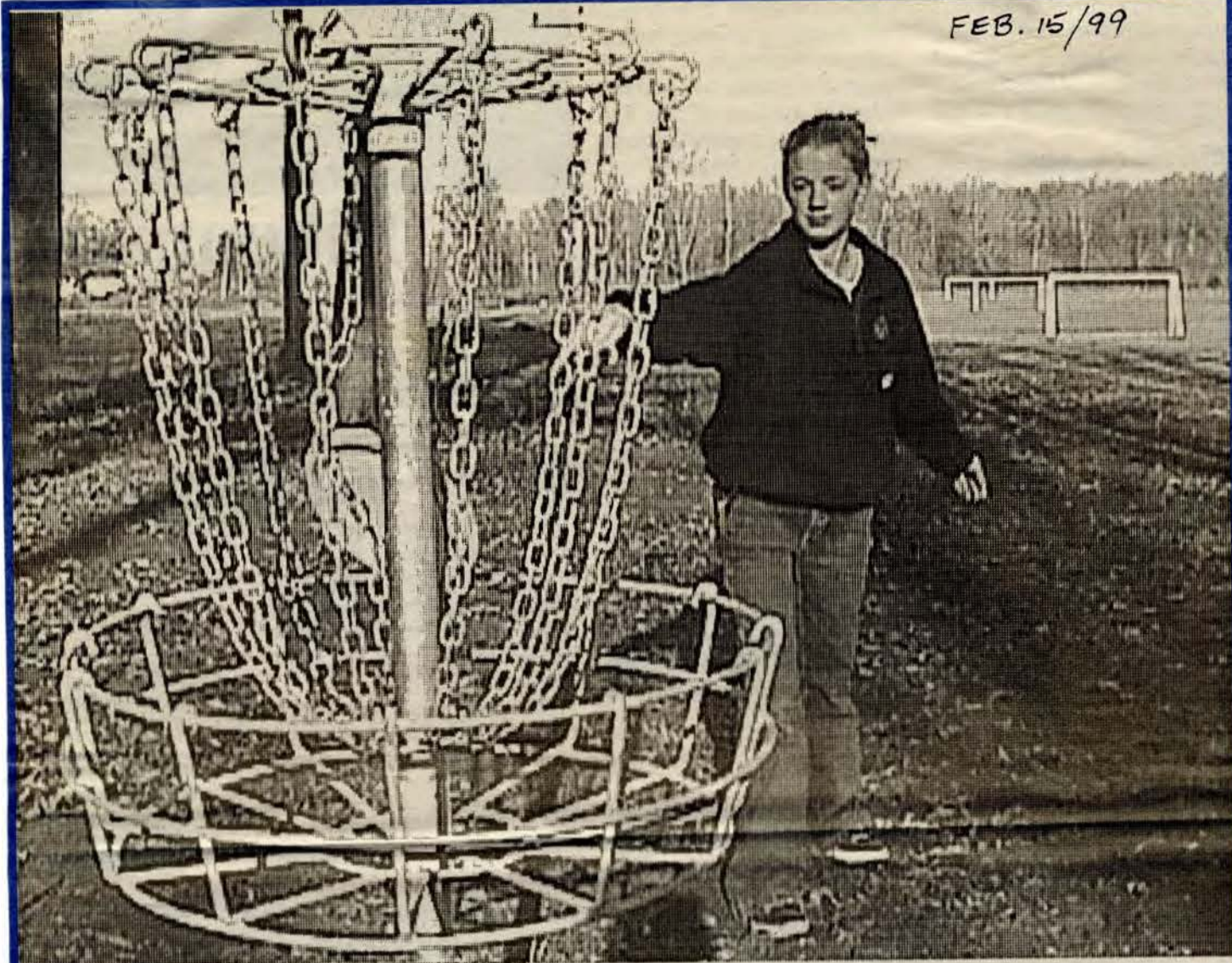
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*High winds and heavy rains pounded West Elgin last week, leaving behind in its wake a number of down trees and power outages. The residents of this home on Mary's Street in West Lorne received a rude awakening when a tree fell on their roof. Another tree on the property, a large pine, also toppled over but luckily landed in the driveway. There were other reports of downed limbs on cars as well as other branches on roads.*



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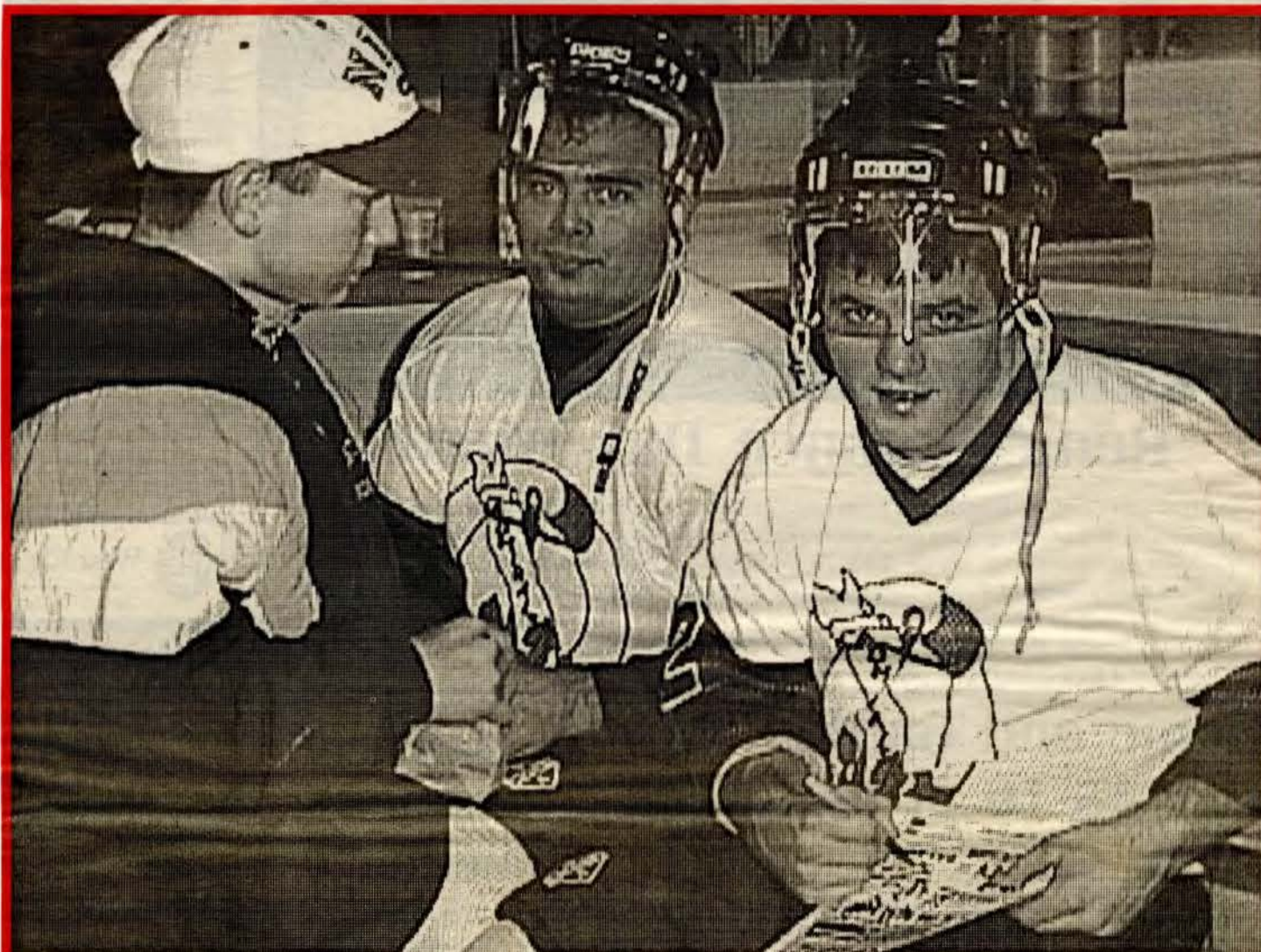


## Fun "Disc"overy

There have been numerous reports of flying discs in Miller Park lately, but not to fear, they're the friendly kind. Actually, it's frisbees that have been seen soaring through the park. The newly installed nine-hole disc golf course is up and running in the wooded lot of Miller Park. The course is open year-round and is playable by all ages. Here, WESES Grade 8 student Jessie Jones finishes off one of the holes during a recent phys. ed. class.

Take one, it's FREE!

February 8, 1999



## Welcome Back!

West Elgin welcomed back some familiar faces recently as Paul Duarte, left, and J.J. Wrobel returned to the ice where they played their minor hockey. The pair, who play Senior A hockey for the London McMaster Chevy's, were at the West Elgin Arena for a regular season match-up against Bothwell. Here, 13-year-old

Kyle Chouinard gets a couple of autographs prior to the game. London ended up crushing Bothwell 15-3. London may be making a return engagement to the West Elgin Arena for an upcoming playoff game against Petrolia. Check the Chronicle for details.

Photo by Kathy Hollingsworth





**Sister Act** MAY 1999

*It's all in the family for West Lorne sisters Colleen, left, and Stephanie Tobias. The duo are currently showcasing their baseball talent in London's Tier 1 Girls Fastball League. With the season underway, Colleen (midget) and Stephanie (bantam) are tearing up the league.* Photo by Kathy Hollingsworth



**Medal Marvels**

*Members of the West Lorne Figure Skating Club are the proud owners of a handful of medal after a some recent competitions. In top photo, local winners from the Kent Regional in Tilbury include, back row from left, Janine Vergeer, Trina Lebedz, Brittany Eichenberger, Danielle McGill and Joe Armstrong. Front row from left are Nathan Beke, Cassandra Clayworth, Kaitlyn Connolly, Elysia Peskor and Jennifer Drummelsmith. Absent were Dan Armstrong, Jennifer Oliviera, Amy Mezenberg, Courtney Besley and Lindsay Besley. In centre photo, winner from the Stars Unlimited Competition in Dresden included, from left, Cassandra Clayworth, Eichenberger and Melanie Ganhadeiro, who won the John KcKay Trophy for "competing for the fun of the sport." Absent from photo are Kayla Poels and Jan Kool. In bottom photo, Glencoe Sweetheart Competition medal winner included, from left, Emily Vandenberg, McGill, Clayworth and Vergeer.*



MARCH 1999



# Arvai planning OHL career after Battalion takes West Lorne native

By Paul Mayne  
The Chronicle

The hot summertime weather is upon us and thoughts usually turn to baseball and soccer, but for Darryl Arvai he's too busy thinking about hockey.

And for good reason. The West Lorne resident began his summer being selected by the Brampton Battalion of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). Arvai was invited by the Central Scouting Bureau to attend the draft, which coincidentally held in Brampton.

"I was invited to the draft last year as well as an under-ager, so I really wasn't expecting anything," says the 17 year-old Arvai. "This year I was expecting more."

And that expectation paid off for the burly forward who played last year with the Jr. B Petrolia Jets, helping them to fourth place overall finish in the league. Arvai was billeted with a family in Petrolia during the hockey season and just recently returned home after school ended at LCCVI.

Brampton was actually his first choice of teams because of "the schooling and the overall package." Arvai had also expressed interest in going to Toronto and Barrie.

Following the June draft, which parents Louis and Marlene and brother Tyler attended, Arvai took part in a two-day mini-camp. "There really wasn't too much ice time involved," he says. "It was more about fitness tests."

But that will change Sept. 1 as he heads back to Brampton for training camp and an opportunity to fight for a spot on the team. And Arvai is confident he's ready.

"Sure there'll be nerves at first, but once you get on the ice that all changes," he says. "I'm right

where I want to be as far as my skills. There's going to be some adjustments that you have to make no matter where you go. I had to made adjustments for Jr. C and Jr. B, so this is just one more adjustment."

Arvai, who will enter OAC this coming school year, says the OHL is first and foremost in his

mind, but the possibility of a hockey scholarship is in the wings.

"I've already taken my SATs for that specific reason," he says.

Arvai is currently following a workout program given to him by Brampton coaches and says he will be in "OHL calibre" form come September.



Darryl Arvai



## West Lorne U5A Champs!

The West Lorne USA soccer team, sponsored by PJ's Pizza, picked up gold medals recently at the Wallacetown Youth Soccer Tournament with a first place finish. The team is made up of, front row from left, Logan Poels, Jesse Tilbury-Brennan, Jake Silva, Jessalyn Betsch and Jason Alves. Middle row from left is Aidan Roos, Tyler Duarte, Kyle Barber, Brandon Pereira and Amy Oliveira. Back row is assistant coach Roy Delgado, left, and head coach Abel Duarte.