



Twins

Joe and Renee Kleinjan are proud to announce the birth of *Mallory Anne* and *Jo-lynn*. The girls arrived on Friday, May 11, 2001. Bragging rights go to big sister Courtney and big brother Chad. Proud grandparents are Peter & Donna Kleinjan, Sandra Clarke & Irvin Ford, Don & Edna Clarke and Madeleine Cross. Delighted great-grandmother is Feby Van Praet.



Gel band members, Andrew Schneider, (bass guitar), Bruce Bobier (drums) and Nathan Ouellette (guitar and vocals) played to the crowd on Canada Day in West Lorne. 2001

Small ~ Van Brenk



Louise Small and Fred Small are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Lisa to Brian Van Brenk, son of Helen and Rien. The wedding will take place at 2:30pm on Saturday, June 23, 2001 at Holy Angels Church, St. Thomas.

Engagement MAY 2001



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Auckland of West Lorne wish to announce the engagement of their son Robert, to Helen Wolfe, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wolfe of Leamington, Ontario.



Meghan Bell has been picked by judges as the new ambassador for the 147th annual Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Fair. Bell was announced as the winner last Friday night during the opening ceremonies of the fair. Congratulations goes out to Bell, a WESS student. Bell is sponsored by Niki Amlin Quarter Horses. **SEPT. 17, 2001**

60th Wedding Anniversary



Sharon, Janis & Steve invite you to help them celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of their parents, Harold & Evelyn Lancaster on Saturday, September 16th from 2 to 4:30pm at the West Elgin Legion Hall. No gifts please. 2001

Happy 68th Wedding Anniversary
 Mary & Roy Gammon ~ March 18th, 1933



*Many more years of happiness ...
 Love and best wishes from your family and friends*

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Stuart & Betty Patterson



Please join us for an Open House celebration in honour of Stuart & Betty's Anniversary on Saturday, April 28th from 2 to 4pm at the Rodney Community Christian Mission. Best wishes only.


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Survivors and friends attended the Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast at the London Convention Centre, recently. Carol Ann Cole, a survivor and former Vice President of Bell Canada and founder of the Comfort Heart, was the guest speaker and Julie Simpson of the *New PL* was the MC. It was a celebration of support and hope to many.

50th Wedding Anniversary



The family of Wilf & Kay Cowan invite you to come and celebrate their 50 years together at 3:00pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall in West Lorne on Saturday, November 3, 2001. Your presence is your gift.



Long Service Recognized

Don and Betty McKillop were surprised to receive the Steadfast Stewardship Award 2000 from the Church of Christ (Disciples) in West Lorne. The award, unique to their church, is in "grateful recognition of their many years of faithful and dedicated ministry." Betty served 10 years as treasurer with 20-plus years as clerk-secretary for Don. The couple have decided to retire and thanked all those who helped make their church life so enjoyable. JAN. 2001



Icy Fun

Three-year-old Allison Rose gets a helping hand from grandma Lily Van Acker when she laced up her skates to glide around the West Elgin Arena during the weekly Tots Skating sessions. JAN. 22, 2001



Keith Kelley and his wife Marie arrived to church on November 24 in a 1928-29 Model A Ford. They, among others, participated in the 75th Anniversary of Calvary United Church in Rodney. The Model A is owned by Don Gosnell of Highgate. Nov 18/02



It's a tie! AUG. 2002

Marg Bickell (left) is seen here teaching Karen Sullivan how to do a European Hand-tie with 12 different flowers. The class was one of three during the Mezenberg Flower Festival held August 17. Hundreds of people from all over Southwestern Ontario came to the annual festival.



HAPPY 45th ANNIVERSARY
John & Elaine Conway
October 19th, 2002
Love from your family and friends



The Weiss children (Don Root, Rosemary, Jo-Anne, Tom & Deb Weiss) invite family & friends to join them Saturday, November 2, 2002 to honour our parents Fran on her 80th birthday (Dec. 7) and Joe on his 85th birthday (Dec. 24) and as well, celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary (Dec. 3). Guests are invited to gather at the Whitelock Place Room, Bobier Villa, Dutton from 2pm to 4pm on November 2, 2002 to greet Fran and Joe. Best wishes only.



Bev and Bob Padfield of Rodney, Ontario would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their son Jared to Jolene Martin, daughter of Linda and Murray Martin of Huntsville, Ontario on Saturday, August 10, 2002 at 4:30pm at Trinity United Church, Huntsville.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mooser are pictured following their June 29, 2002 wedding at Christ Church, Warley, England. The Bride wore an ivory gown with delicate beading on the bodice and carried a white rose hand-tied bouquet. Amy Mooser-Schneider and Lindsay Hayes were attendants. Abbie Roach was flowergirl. They wore ivory gowns with shoestring straps and carried hand-tied bouquets. Bestman was Eric Perron of Ottawa. Ushers were Chris Hayes of London, England and Chris Hayes of London. A formal reception was held at Mary Green Manor Hotel in Brentwood, England. The couple spent their honeymoon in Italy. Andrew is the son Mike & Helen Mooser, West Lorne and Suzanne is the daughter of Jennifer Hayes and the late Allan Hayes of Brentwood, England. The couple reside in London, Ontario.

Harvey Miller turns 100 amongst a lot of friends and family

Well known resident, teacher, insurance agent, organist, and family man Harvey Miller was honoured November 30th for his ongoing contributions at this 100th birthday.

Hundreds came to visit Miller at the Bobier Villa throughout the day and his daughter, Marilyn Rumble, said she was very pleased with the turnout of people who wished Harvey a happy birthday.

Rumble had set up many photos and mementos for viewing to bring back people's memories but also exhibit her father's illustrious life.

Well wishes came from local politicians including Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk, MPP Steve Peters, West Elgin Mayor Duncan McPhail and Elgin Warden John Wilson.

During a ceremony, others expressed their greetings and honours towards Miller, including Keith Kelly (former neighbour at New Glasgow and former student of Miller),

Andy Cipu (of IOOF Lodge and good friend), Bernard Toth (former student of Miller and now Small Claims Court Judge).

Master of Ceremonies was Reverend Andrew and Loetta Brndjar from Tillsonburg.

While as a teacher, Miller touched many people's lives in West Elgin. He taught at Kerr Public School from 1923-26, New Glasgow School from 1926-34, and was Principal of Rodney Public School from 1934-1953.

He was also a president of the West Elgin Teacher's Association.

After teaching, he became a General Insurance Agent from 1931 to 1974. In 1974 he became an Excelsior Life Agent from 1927 to 1986. He retired at the age of 86 after almost sixty years in the insurance business!

Miller has spent many years donating time towards numerous service clubs over the years including: Past President of the Rodney Library, Past President of

Elgin County Library Association, Past President of Aldborough Old Boys' Association and Past President of Rodney Kiwanis Club.

He was also Past Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis, Past DDGM of Rodney IOOF Lodge, and musically he was organist of Churchville then Calvary

EUB Church for 50 years. He was also accompanist of Churchville Men's Octette for 20 years.

Rumble said people will forever know her father through education, insurance and music locally because of one major thing:

"People always came to him because they trust him," she said.

"He always went on a handshake," she added.

She said her father is also known for his dedication and

caring. It is these qualities that have always made him a favourite in the community.



Marilyn Rumble with her much beloved father Harvey Miller who celebrated his 100th birthday on December 3.



Happy 89th Birthday
Nov. 17th
Lola Ross
Love from your family



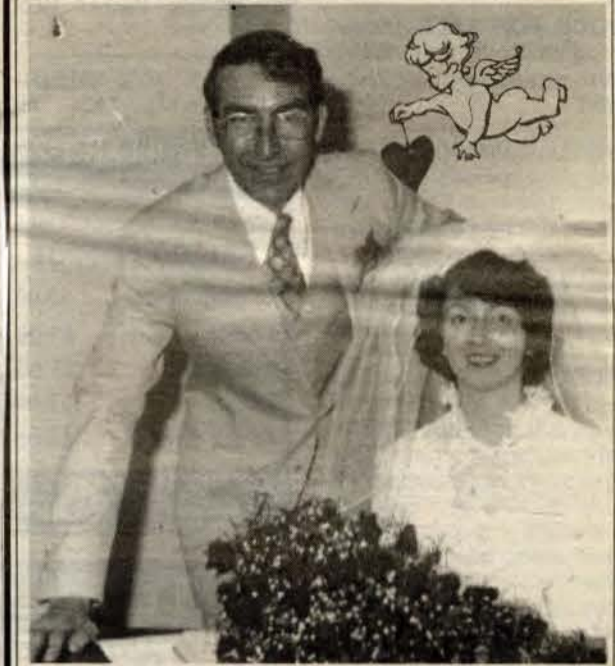
Trudell ~ Knight

Mr. David and the late Rebecca Trudell wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Michelle to Douglas Knight, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Knight and Mr. & Mrs. William DeWilde. The wedding will take place in Highgate on June 1, 2002.



Shields ~ Doan

Dr. John Shields of West Lorne and Bonnie Doan of Chatham were married Saturday, April 6, 2002. The ceremony took place at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Chatham. They thank everyone for their support and best wishes.



Happy 22nd Anniversary ~ February 9, 1980 to 2 'Sweethearts' (Jack & Donna Ripley)

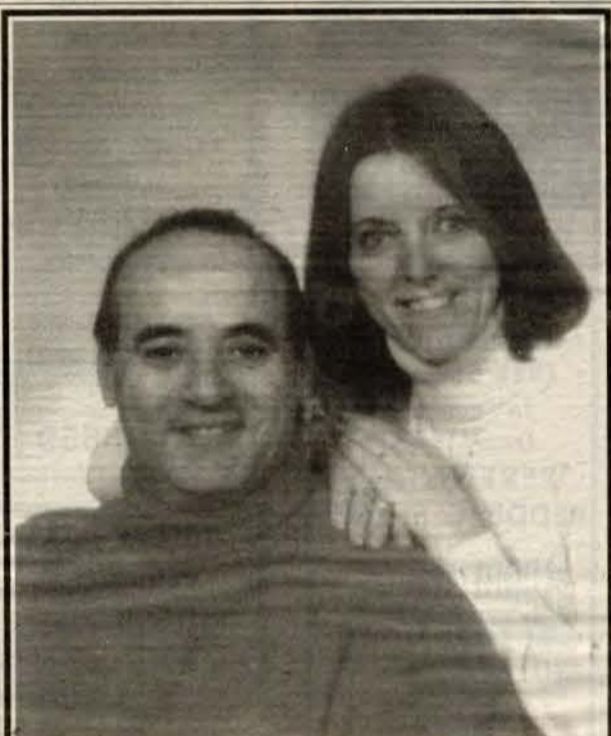
Love and best wishes from your children ... Donnie & Nicole 2002

CONGRATULATIONS



Mr. & Mrs. Tex Tobias and Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cowan wish to announce the marriage of their children, Scott Tobias to Karen Enns. The Wedding took place on June 29, 2002 in Niagara Falls.

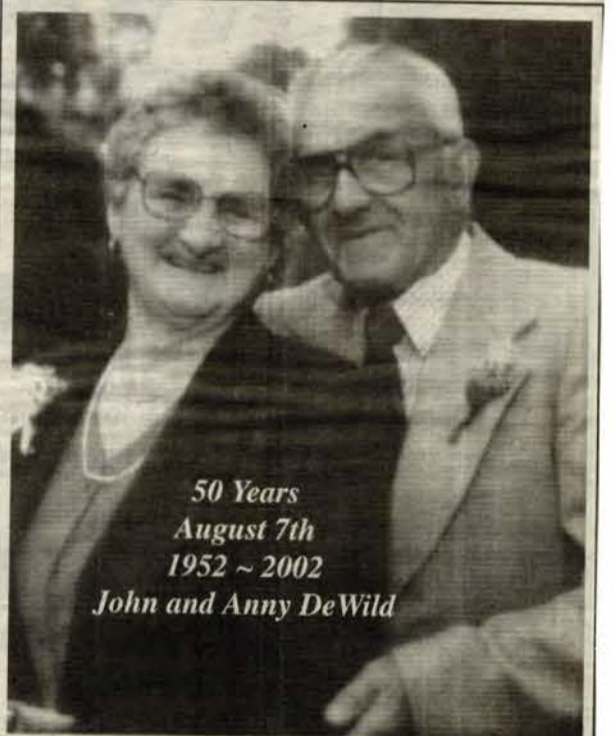
Engagement



The children and grandchildren of Connie Mark and David Edwards are thrilled to announce their forthcoming marriage. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 6, 2002.



Rose and Karl Riess will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Come and wish them well at an Open House in their honour. Sunday, August 4th from 3 to 5pm at the home of Rick and Terry Travers, 9900 Graham Road, West Lorne.



**50 Years
August 7th
1952 ~ 2002
John and Anny DeWild**

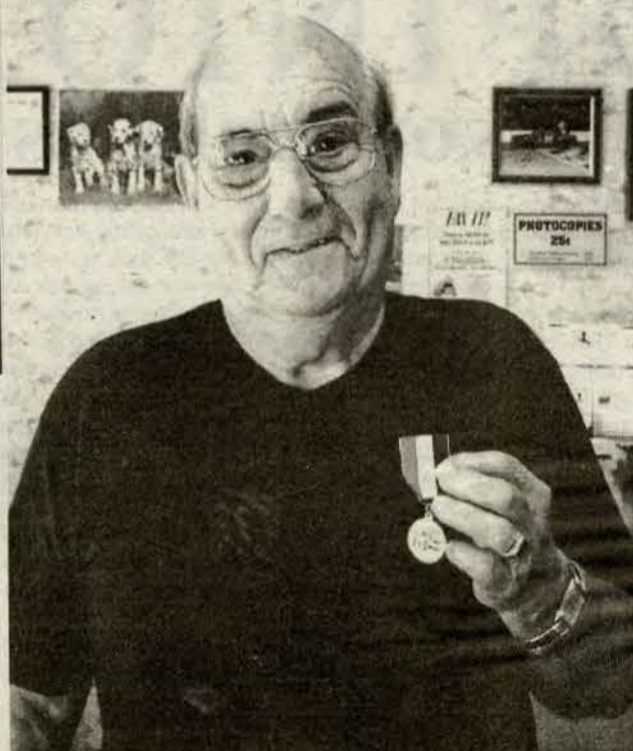
In honour of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Anny DeWild, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at an Open House on Sunday, August 11th, 2002 from 2pm to 5pm at Liz and Ted Vandenberg's house, 29692 Edinborough Line, Dutton. *Best Wishes Only!*



Happy 3rd Birthday, Katelyn Rose ~ Aug. 9th
Happy 5th Birthday, Allison Rose ~ Aug. 18th
Love Mommy & Daddy and all your family - xxoo

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Medal for saving Holland

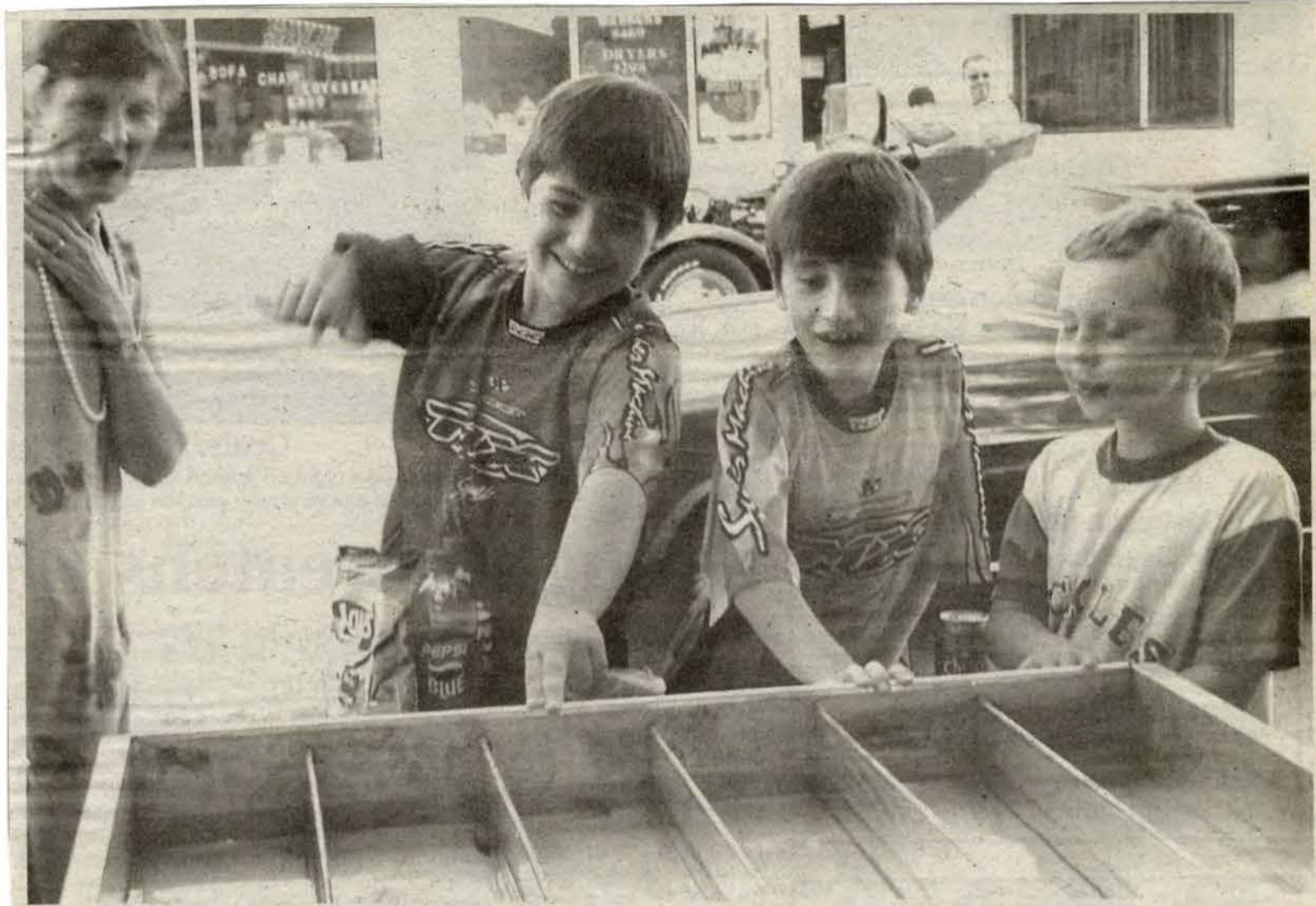


World War II veteran George Bell of West Lorne holds up one of the medals that have been sent from Holland to veterans who fought to liberate the country. Holland wanted to commemorate and thank the veterans still after 57 years since the liberation. Bell served in Holland from 1944 to 1945.

Happy 30th Anniversary Mom & Dad (Marie & Renald Begin) June 3, 2002

Love Richard & Mick and Ryan & Monique





And the winner is ...

Brandon Wittek signals victory during the goldfish races at West Elgin's Downhill Derby held August 30 and 31. His brother Daniel (centre) and friend Daniel Alderton (right) watch on. Friday night was family fun night with the goldfish races, a car rally, and games for the kids which were very successful with a large turnout of people. The much anticipated downhill races were held Saturday morning and a dance was held in the evening at the IGA parking lot. The Downhill Derby was sponsored the Optimist Club of West Lorne.

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Happy 40th Birthday
Rick Van Breda
 August 17th
 Love Tracy & Courtney

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY
Earl Bobier
 From Don, Betty Ann,
 Donny, John, Deb,
 Amanda & Abby

Happy 80th Birthday
Marg Hyslop
 August 7th
 Love your family
 & friends

Happy 19th Trip
 From Everyone!

*The Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Society
 Would Like To*
**Congratulate
 Meghan Bell**
*On Her Great
 Showing At the
 CNE Exhibition
 Ambassador
 Competition*

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Cast is ready for a night of Nuncracking nonsense



The kids of Nuncrackers, with Sister Amnesia.

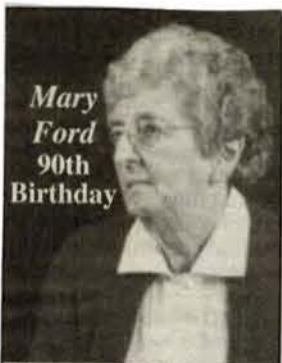
West Elgin Dramatics Society is proud to present their winter program *Nuncracking - the Nonsense Christmas Musical*.

The cast of 7 kids and 7 adults is ready for opening night this Friday, November 29 with additional shows on Saturday, and also December 1 (matinee), December 6 and 7. The November 30 show also involves a wine and cheese get-together.

Tickets are \$12 and are available at Marg's Variety, Krebsz Jewellers, Highland Pharmacy and Shenanigans or call 762-5662.



Adult members of the cast prepare a number.



Mary Ford
90th Birthday

Happy Birthday Mom

Love from Lewis, Louisa, Alice, Ruth Ann, Cathy and families

The family of Mary Ford are holding an Open House on Saturday, August 3, 2002 at The Bobier Villa, Dutton in honour of their Mother's 90th Birthday.



The family of The Rev. Margaret (Peg) Wheeler invites you to join them in celebrating her 80th birthday at Grace Anglican Church, West Lorne on Saturday, June 22, 2002 from 2:00 - 5:00pm
Best wishes only please.



40th Wedding Anniversary
Bill & Alice Laird
September 22, 1962
The most wonderful Parents & Grandparents

DEAR MOM & DAD,
Words cannot express what we feel in our hearts. You both have always been there for us, through good and bad times. You gave us everything we ever wanted. You always supported us whether you thought we were right or wrong. They were our decisions to make and you stood by us. You are cherished grandparents of our children, they adore both of you very much. On your 40th Wedding Anniversary we want to thank you for everything and hope for many more years together.

With all our love and best wishes
Debbie, Joe, Lindsay, Cindy, Lorne, Casaundra, Chelsey, Kim, Jeff & Vanessa
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Happy 80th Birthday

Please come and help Jean Jamieson celebrate 80 years young.
March 16th ~ 2 to 5pm
West Elgin Legion Br. 221
142 John St., West Lorne
~ Best Wishes Only ~

McGill Twins

Rob & Sue are thrilled to announce the arrival of their twin girls. Meaghan Amber weighing 5lbs. 4ozs. and Kayla Victoria weighing 4lbs. 6ozs. born on February 11, 2002. Proud grandparents are Buck & Bea McGill and Steve & Agnes Simon. Proud great grandparents are Louis & Ester Arvai of Rodney and Susan Simon of Blenheim.

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CONGRATULATIONS



Melissa Rachelle Murray

Melissa graduated from the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law on June 7, 2002. Melissa is currently enrolled in the Bar Admission courses and has accepted an articling position at Lerner and Associates, London Ontario that will begin in September.
Wishing you continued success and happiness. Love Mom and Dad and all your family and friends



Sean McGregor

Bachelor of Kinesiology (McMaster), Master of Science Kinesiology (UWO), Bachelor of Education (Althouse). Seeking employment.
Many thanks to all those who have supported, fed and encouraged Sean along the way. We're very proud.

West Lorne residents win \$50,000 in lottery

Elizabeth and Joe Timmerman of West Lorne are the winners of the early bird draw of the 2002 Dream of a Lifetime Lottery. The Timmermans had the winning ticket for the \$50,000 cash Early Bird prize.

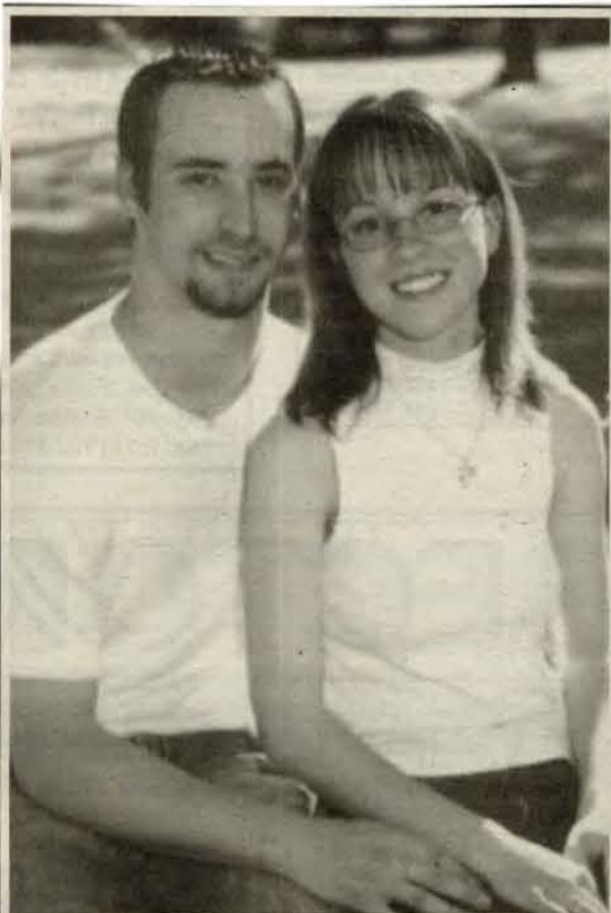
"The Lottery has had a really strong, positive response from the community again this year," explained Ellen Froot, Lottery Project Manager. "Over 90 per cent have been sold, and we expect a repeat of our past sell out success by the time of our final ticket sales cut-off on May 14."

2002 marks the eighth anniversary of the Dream of a Lifetime Lottery campaign. To date, the Lottery has raised over \$8.5 million to support local and regional health care. This year the fund-raising is expected to be \$10 million.



HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY Ken Schleihauf

Ken worked for Ontario Hydro for 37 years. He and his wife Cheryl are now living and working in Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Love and best wishes from the family!



Van Raes ~ Szabo

Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Eva Van Raes and Mr. & Mrs. Albert & Glenna Szabo would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Krista and Shaun. This celebration of love will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2002, 4pm at the Calvary United Church in Rodney.



"Dos tequila por favor"
HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. ANDY!



HAPPY 7th BIRTHDAY Nicole
on June 25th
Love Mom, Dad and your brother Efthimios and all your family

TELL EM' YOU SAW IT IN THE CHRONICLE!



Kellee Jacobs

Kellee, daughter of Susan Jacobs and Bill Spurgeon, has graduated with First Class Honours from St. Joseph's Catholic High School in St. Thomas. She will be attending Queens University's International Studies Program in Sussex, England this fall.



LORDIE! LORDIE! LOOK WHO'S 40!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOUG
Love Pat, Robert & Nicole, Mom & Dad, Mum & Rich, Cindy, Darrin & Cale, Jason, Mindy, Jarret & Carter, Jeremy, Carol & Brit



50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Gerhard and Elisabeth Memering welcome friends and neighbours to an Open House on Sunday, June 30, 2002 from 1:30 to 4pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, West Lorne.

Best wishes only please