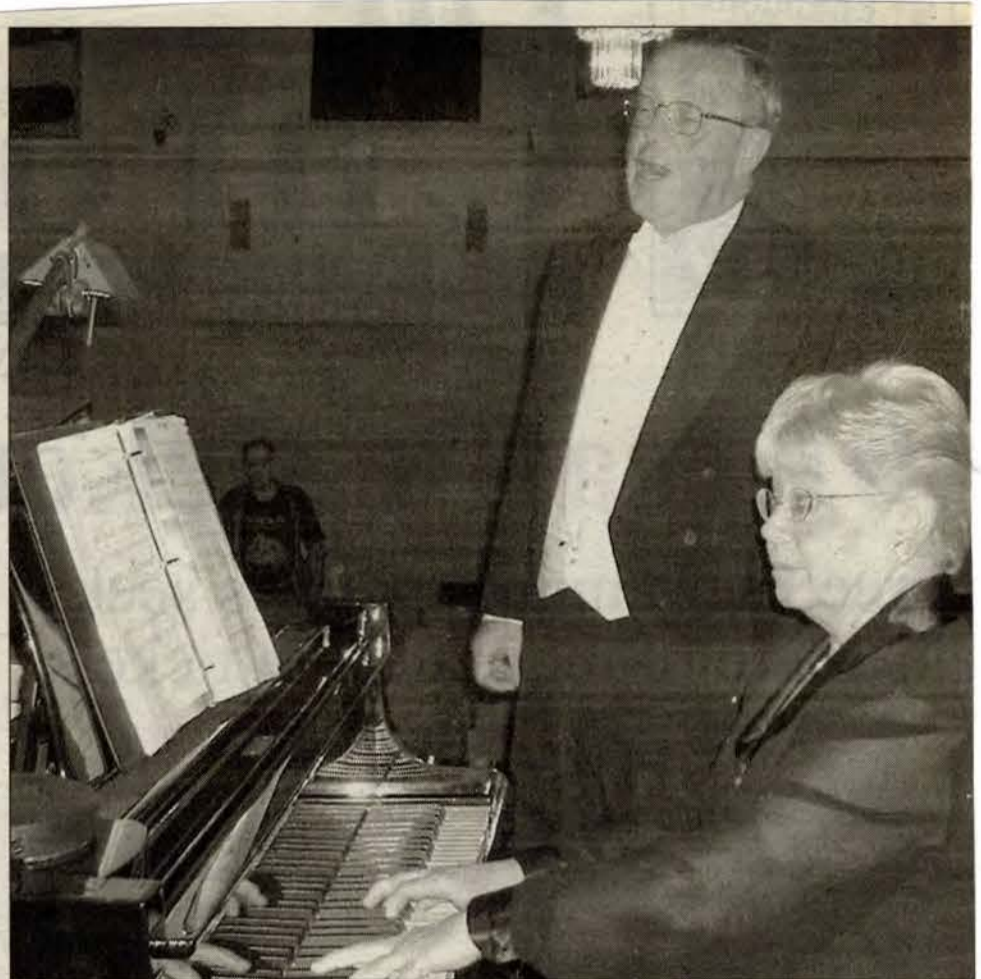




Dave McAdams, left, president of the St. Thomas-Elgin Tourist Association, and Robert White, right, STETA board member from West Elgin, congratulate Patrice Gumpert of West Lorne, winner of the Christmas in the County "Bag O' Bucks" worth more than \$1,200. Gumpert's name was drawn from those entered at businesses throughout the county over the Christmas season. The prize package includes \$500 in downtown dollars and a number of gift certificates. **JAN 20/03** (T-J photo)



MAY 8 2003

Bands from east and west perform

East meets west Monday night at West Elgin Secondary School when the East Elgin Community Band and West Elgin Community Band perform together for the first time. The concert was mistakenly printed as being held this past Monday night but, in fact, occurs May 12, starting at 7:30 p.m. and is a fund raiser to help purchase some percussion instruments. The bands will perform some pieces together with Sharon Little and Dave Dykeman conducting.

50th Wedding Anniversary
Norbert & Florence Rivest
July 25, 1953 to July 25, 2003

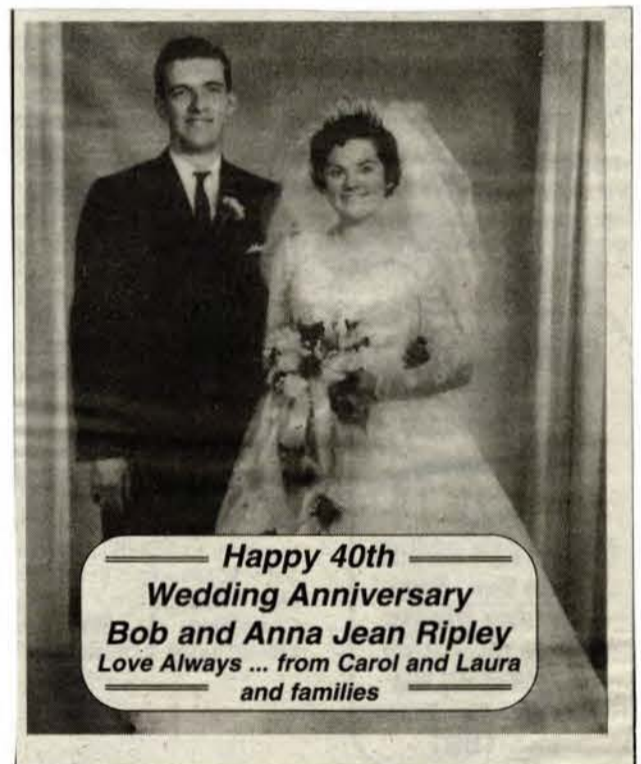


The children of Norbert & Florence invite family and friends to an Open House on Saturday, July 26th, 2003 from 2-4 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, West Lorne. *Best wishes only.*

90th BIRTHDAY



Nellie Butler recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Family members visited from Indiana, Michigan, Ottawa, London, St. Thomas, Aylmer, Brantford and Clachan. Special thanks to daughter Joan and her husband Don and family for their contributions and planning. Thanks to Ted for the use of the common room and to the Cosy staff for the excellent meal, service and lovely fruit basket. **MAR 17/03**



Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary
Bob and Anna Jean Ripley
Love Always ... from Carol and Laura and families

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Corporal George G. Lippold RCASC. Served overseas in England, Iran, France, Holland 1941 - 1946. Life member RCL Br. 221 West Elgin - Past President



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Chronicle Kid!



Evan VanDyk
Age: 4
School: Aldborough Public School
Favourite tv show: George Shrinks
Favourite activity: Playing baseball
What you want to be: A cowboy

If you or someone you know would like to be a Chronicle Kid, just give us a call at 768-2220.



Irene (Boonman) McGregor born in Dunwich then resided in West Lorne served in the CWAC after trying to enlist 3 times but was turned down each time due to her young age. Irene was finally accepted in February 1944 and served until March 1945.

Enns is first male CNE ambassador

SOCIAL 2003

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

Chris Enns, Ambassador of the Wallacetown Fair made history this week, being named the first male Ambassador of the Fair at the Canadian National Exhibition.

"I think it's a great adventure for him," said his mom, DJ Enns.

"He really wants to take it to heart and visit as many fairs as he can," she said Monday.

Chris couldn't be reached at deadline at his Toronto hotel Monday, while he was on a photo shoot for the fair.

Before being named Ambassador to the Fair, Chris won the congeniality title.

DJ said they knew he had the capability to win but when he was awarded the congeniality spot, she figured that was it.

Enns is an active member of the Wallacetown and Dutton-Dunwich community where he has been a

member the Elgin Presbytery Youth Council and enjoys working with children and coaches basketball.

He is also a 4-H member and was a 2001 Ontario Beef Essay Contest winner, as well as the recipient of numerous awards in high school. He was also a member of the Thames Valley District School Board all-star basketball team and is certified in Basic American Sign Language.

According to a CNE media release, Enns is an excellent public speaker and has impressive writing skills, which went toward his win of the competition.

DJ said while serving as the ambassador is a priority to Enns, he is also dedicated to pursuing a career in biology at Dalousie University in Halifax before pursuing a career in medicine.

Also of note, the first runner-up was Shannon Thornicroft from the Glencoe Fall Fair.

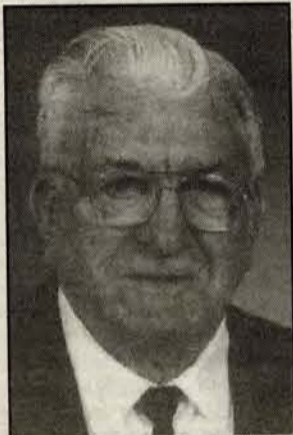


Chris Enns
AUG 21/03 Chronicle photo



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Nancy and Harley Lashbrook

The family invites you to an Open House on Sunday, September 21, 2003 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, West Lorne. Best wishes only.



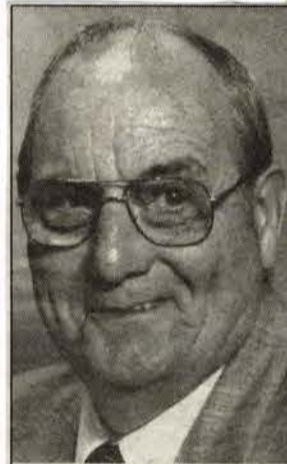
Happy 80th Birthday John Trupish September 22nd Love and best wishes from our family

There is an Open House invitation on Sunday, September 21st from 1pm to 4pm at the Rodney Adult Centre. Your presence is your gift.



60th ANNIVERSARY

Dunc and Grace McPherson wish all our old and new friends to share with us the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of our marriage. It will be held at Crinan Presbyterian Church, Graham Road on September 27, 2003 from 2pm to 5pm. No gifts, just your best wishes only please. If you desire, any donations to our home church of 80 years would be gratefully accepted.



Come and join the Bell Family to celebrate George "Scotty" Bell's 80th Birthday

Sun., Sept. 14th, 2003
Drop in between 1pm & 4pm at the West Elgin Legion in West Lorne.
No gifts!
Just come and enjoy!!!



BELLAIRE ~ NEWMAN

Carol Marie Bellaire and Michael Alan Newman are pleased to announce their forthcoming marriage on Friday, September 19, 2003 to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Exeter, Ontario. Open reception to follow at 9:00pm at the Exeter Legion.



CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL PEROVICH

On your election as student representative to the Board of Governors of Lambton College in Sarnia for the 2003/2004 school year.

Love and best wishes from Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa and family. Michael is the son of Trish and Mike (Mickey) Perovich of Aylmer and grandson of Dan & Olga Perovich, RR #3, West Lorne.



RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

Board Members of the Crinan Community Centre pose on the steps of the newly renovated school house at the official opening and ribbon cutting. Left to right are board members Lorne McLeod, Sandra Payne, Nancy McGregor, Sheila Simpson (from the Trillium Foundation who helped with the funding), Judy Aldred and Don Jamieson. Many community members and contractors helped the Crinan Women's Institute complete the needed renovations to update the community centre, while managing to keep the old school house look intact.

SEPT '03 Chronicle photo



PATTERSON ~ DAVEY

Albert and Joanne Patterson along with Marilyn and the late Bruce Davey are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Karen Lynne to Paul Davey. The wedding will take place at the Polynesian Resort, Walt Disney World, Florida on September 15, 2003.



Matt McLandress took part in the Run for Retina Research held in London April 13 to raise funds for research to find cures and help for people with retinal diseases including McLandress's sister, Amy. At 17, she has the retinas of a 40-year-old and asked her brother, a stronger athlete in the family, to run for her. The two are members of the Dutton Leo Club and, with the club's help, raised \$650 toward the event.

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Mary Lippold, Rosalie Krebsz and Shaney, Janice Lawrence, Helen Mooser, Leola Lawrence and Nancy Baillie were among the walkers and volunteers for the Great Ride 'n' Stride in West Lorne held recently. Rosalie and her walking partner raised \$2,000. A total of more than \$3,500 was raised at the event which will go toward the Canadian Cancer Society.



Marjorie MacLeod, a cancer survivor and volunteer sells some daffodils to Canadian Cancer Society volunteer Kay Attridge, left, at the IGA in West Lorne on April 4. Daffodils are sold to raise money for the society.



Tara Wilson, left and Katelyn Rose, play in the West Lorne United Church basement last Wednesday morning as part of a playgroup. Behind them are Kailyn Pyka and Allison Rose.

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Happy 130th to Ken and Mary from Carrie, Mike & Trish, Connor & Katie and the Howard and McCallum families

Aug 2003



HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY ELSIE!

Love & Best Wishes

Bill & Whiskey

Renee, Derreck, Miles & Alicia



CONGRATULATIONS BRAD KRITER

Lorne and Helen Kriter are pleased to announce that their son, Brad recently graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is presently employed by Siemens in London.



MONIQUE VERBRUGGHE

Steve and Cheryl Verbrugghe are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Monique from the Interior Design program at Fanshawe College. Good luck in your future endeavors.

Francis Sobieralski featured among the Pizza Wars performers at Dramatics Society event

FEB. 17 2003

The music training Francis Sobieralski had as a child is keeping her busy in retirement.

Born in England, Sobieralski starting dancing lessons at age five and enrolled in a singing and drama school at age 14. While she fit many stage roles - with the London Little Theatre and West Elgin Dramatics Society - in around her working life, its been in retirement that Sobieralski has been able to take advantage of every opportunity.

She played Mother Superior in the highly successful WEDS production of Nuncrackers at Christmas.

Feb. 22, she will be featured in the Pizza Wars



Francis Sobieralski

Cabaret with other soloists from the West Elgin Choral Society.

Sobieralski, from West Lorne, will be performing the hilarious monologue The Bicycle, made famous by the late British actress and singer Hermoine Gingold in

Gigi.

Since her husband Ted passed away three years ago, Sobieralski sings in the church choirs at both Grace Lutheran and St. Mary's churches.

In April, she's performing at the Baptist Church in West Lorne.

Saturday's performance at the WEDS Performing Arts Centre in Dutton is part of a fund raising effort by the choral society. Tickets are \$25 or a table of eight for \$150 and include the show and all-you-can-eat pizza from three area pizzerias.

The Kiwanis Club, co-sponsors of the event, will be selling refreshments. Call Shenanigans at 762-5662 for reservations.



Having a bubble blast

Kailyn Pyka of West Lorne, 19 months old, catches some bubbles blown by her sister Shelby at the Tiny Tots Trike-A-Thon held Saturday at the Rodney Community Centre.



Kevin Gibson taught himself how to play chess at eight years old. Now, at 10, the West Lorne area youth is preparing to go to a world tournament in Greece.

Chronicle photo

Youth takes on challenges of chess, heading to world tournament in Greece

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

With pieces of paper, some markers and a single chapter in a book about games, eight-year-old Kevin Gibson taught himself how to play chess.

Two years later, he's qualified for a place on the Canadian Youth World Chess Team that will compete in Greece Oct. 22 to Nov. 3

"His first official chess set was

out of paper," said his mom, Ann Gibson, who never expected buying him that book would enter the family into the world of high-pressure chess tournaments.

Now Kevin is hoping to attain a master rating through tournament play.

"I started learning it bit by bit. I was interested in how all the pieces moved," said Kevin, a Mosa Central Public School student from the West Lorne area.

Gibson bought Kevin the book while they were away on vacation two summers ago. Out of all the different games in the book, the complexities of chess are what drew his attention.

"There are so many different strategies, not like checkers where you just capture pieces. There's no real strategy," Kevin said.

While other young children might colour or draw pictures to pass

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Happy 40th Anniversary



RON AND MARLENE PAYNE

Married July 20th, 1963

Love from Sonya, Vic, Alex & Ethan, Blair, Rhonda & Britney

60th Wedding Anniversary

Victor & Norma McMillan ~ May 1, 1943



Victor & Norma celebrated their Anniversary quietly at their home with surprise visitors and many greetings.
Love and best wishes from your families.

The Chronicle

JUNE 19/03

CONGRATULATIONS



Jennifer Fleming

Daughter of Frank and Shelley Fleming has graduated from the University of Guelph with distinction with an honours of Biological Science in Bio-med Toxicology. She has been accepted at the University of Western Ontario for a Masters Degree in Neurology.



Paula Marie Ocolisan

Daughter of Adrian and Theresa Ocolisan graduated from the Graphic Design Program at Fanshawe College on June 11, 2003.



Dennis Peter Ocolisan

Son of Adrian and Theresa Ocolisan graduated from the Motive Power Technician Program at Fanshawe College on June 12, 2003.



Quilting hands

Stacie Littlejohn helps new quilter Rebekah Brayton of West Lorne at the Backus-Page House on Saturday.

JULY 24/03



John, Ann, Trevor, J.J. and David Wrobel are thrilled to announce the wedding of their son and brother, Kevin to Angela, daughter of Betty Charleton of Coburg, Ontario on Saturday, April 19, 2003



Bailey McKillop of Wallacetown learns some quilting techniques from Stacie Littlejohn as the Backus-Page House was site to a quilting demonstration and exhibit as part of events held on the weekend for Canada Parks Day. A pancake breakfast was also held on Sunday.



Melissa Murray

Melissa Murray, daughter of Ken & Nancy Murray, was called to the Ontario Bar on Tuesday, July 8, 2003. She completed her Articles at Lerner, LLP in London, on July 4, 2003. Melissa was offered, and has accepted a position as an associate lawyer in the firm's family law department.

Congratulations, Melissa!

Love from all of your family and friends

JAN 27/03



Kaylie Beer of West Lorne won the category of Best In Show late last year in the Toronto Hunting and Outdoor Show. She won in the category for kids aged 8 and under. She had to carve a duck-head in less than two hours. She won a subscription to Ontario Out Doors magazine and also a plaque, sponsored by Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.



The families of Michelle Bell and Jeff Visser are pleased to announce their engagement. The wedding will take place Saturday, October 2, 2004



HAPPY 40th ANNIVERSARY
Bruce & Jean Swain
July 6, 1963 ~ July 6, 2003

Love Carrie, Bruce, Jason, Jamie, Brian & Anna, Kathy, Jason, Scott, Josh, Wil & Mia, Lisa, Todd & Madelaine

CONGRATULATIONS



80th Birthday

You are invited to a celebration of Ruth Wright's 80th Birthday. This will take place at St. John's United Church, Dutton on Sunday, May 11th from 2pm to 4pm. Best wishes only please.



Happy 1st Birthday
Kathryn Howard
May 8th, 2002

Love Mommy, Daddy and big brother Connor



HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY on
May 15th & HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Myrtle Lewis

Family and friends are invited to an open house celebration for Myrtle on Sunday, May 11th at the Rodney Legion from 2pm to 4pm. Best wishes only.



BONNE FÊTE
LOUISE
HAPPY 60th

avec l'amour de ta famille

Wedding Announcement



Tim and Mona Blain together with Ken and Mary Howard are thrilled to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Trisha Lynne and Michael John. A private ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2003.

CONGRATULATIONS

'Mario'



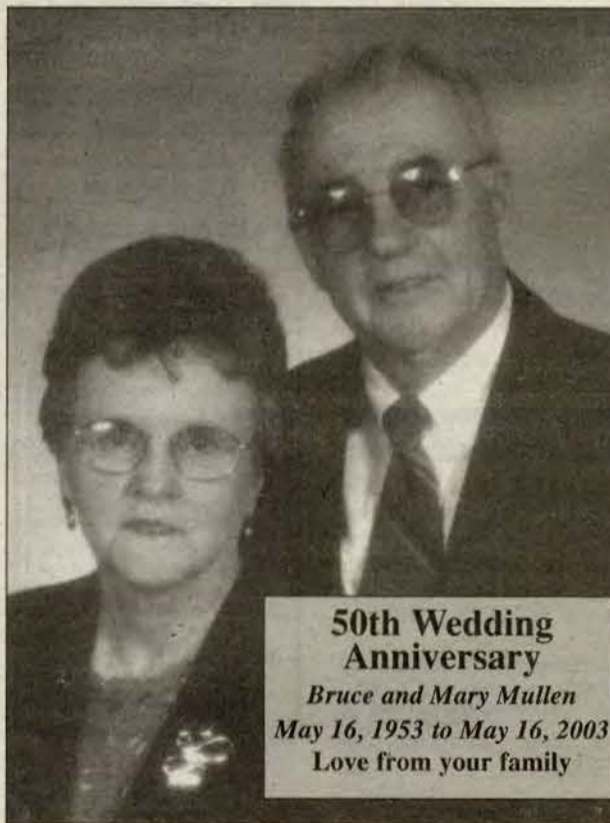
HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY
Love Lyn and Trina

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY BY PLACING A HAPPY AD!!



50th Wedding Anniversary
Joe & Jean VanNuland

Open House Saturday, May 17th, from 2pm to 4pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 132 Pioneer Line, West Lorne, Ontario. Best wishes only, please.
Also celebrating 50 years in Canada!



50th Wedding Anniversary
Bruce and Mary Mullen
May 16, 1953 to May 16, 2003
Love from your family



Riders and volunteers in the Canadian Cancer Society's Great Ride 'n' Stride for cancer took a break on Graham Road. They include, from left, Caitlin and Tanya VanRaes, John Thomson, Win Liepman, Harley Lashbrook, Bill Graham and Lyn Lusse. The event started at the West Elgin Arena on Sunday.

2003



Welcome to the 2003



Logan Christopher Mosher

Born on November 19, 2003 to Chris & Rene. Grandson to Vic & Nancy Schneider and Mary & Gerry Mosher. Great grandson to Ethel Frank, Erna Schneider and Lil Pritchard.



Nolan Edward Schnekenburger

Born on July 13, 2003 to Dan & Stephanie and big sister Taylor. Grandson to Ed & Mary Ellen Schnekenburger and Diana Campbell & Peter Johnson.



Brett Jeffrey Cipu

Born on October 2, 2003 to Jeff & Linda Cipu and big sister Lauren. Grandson for Grandma & Grandpa Azevedo, Grandpa George Cipu and Grandma Margie Cipu.



Owen Robert Lunn

Born on June 29, 2003 to Stephen & Nancy and big brother Gavin. Grandson to Anna Lee Lunn, Walker & Margaret Kydd and great grandson to Anna & Leroy Chapman and Ruth Kydd.



Alyssa Darlene Goos

Born on February 7, 2003 to Jeff Goos & Carrie Holborn. Granddaughter to Peter Goos, Marlene Goos and Carmen & Debbie Holborn.



Chloe Tobias

Born on March 10, 2003 to Scott & Karen Tobias and big sister Mackenzie. Granddaughter for Tex & Deb Tobias, Brenda & Ron O'danski, Mike & Bonnie Cowal and Isaac & D.J. Enns.



Brooke Nicole Trybel

Born on December 8, 2003 to Christine Trybel. Granddaughter to Michael & Stella Trybel.



Jordyn Alyssa Price

Born on December 9, 2003 to John Price and Jenny MacGinnis.

BABY ... OH BABY!

A wee bit of heaven drifted down from above ~ A handful of happiness, a heartfelt of love. The mystery of life, so sacred and sweet ~ The giver of joy so deep and complete. Precious and priceless, so lovable, too ~ The world's sweetest miracle, baby, is you.

- by Helen Steiner Rice



Kristen Grace Lupsor

Born on April 28, 2003 to Roger & Janna Lupsor. Granddaughter to Irma Lupsor and John & Nancy Hollis.



Matthew William Zinkan

Born on July 16, 2003 to Lisa Holborn & Chris Zinkan. Grandson to Carman & Debbie Holborn and Dianne Zinkan and Bill Zinkan.



Drew McIntyre

Born on February 3, 2003 to Bill & Tricia McIntyre. Grandson to Jim & Sandy Holdaway, Carl & Judy McIntyre-Lovas and Doris McIntyre.



Savannah Rachelle Germaine McGill

Born on December 7, 2003 to Jeremy & Danielle. Granddaughter to Mac & Dale McGill, and Greg & Wendy Bégin and great granddaughter to James & Cathy Gammon and Murray & Jean Holmes.



Tanner St. Onge

Born on March 24, 2003 to Stephanie & Eric and big brother Anthony. Grandson to Karen & Jim Robertson and Al & Linda St. Onge.



Jason Dylan Szabo

Born on July 13, 2003 to Shaun & Krista Szabo. Grandson to Roger & Eva VanRaes and Albert & Glenna Szabo.



Tyler Jacob Fenn

Born on June 10, 2003 to Art & Cindy.



Jacob Marvin Howse

Born on January 24, 2003. Happy Birthday from Mom & Dad Joe & Monica and big brother Mike. Grandson to Marvin and the late Jenny Howse and Istvan and Piroaska Kili.



Thomas James Cassidy

Born on January 27, 2003 to Isabel & Tim Cassidy and big brothers Matthew & Mark. Grandson to Manuel & Natalia Dos Santos.



Sonya Simmie

Born on September 2, 2003 to Lynne and Shawn and big brother Nigel. Granddaughter to Michelle Lacombe.



Morgan Charles Dunn

Born on June 1, 2003 to Jeremy & Coralee Dunn and big brother James. Grandson to Elaine & Murray Brown, Daryl & Susan Dickieson and great grandson to Edna Dunn and Marion Pearce



McKenzie Ann & McKayla Lynn

Born on May 1, 2003 to Sarah Simpson & Wayne Vangeel. Granddaughters to Jim & Pat Simpson and Jack & Joanne Vangeel.



Patience Marguerite Boyd

Born on November 9, 2003 to Grant & Lisa Boyd. Grandson to Dave & Jeanette Paton and Gerald & Marguerite Boyd.



Kalinda Haley Richard-Thornton

Born on April 22, 2003 to Kelli & Dan. Granddaughter to Linda Thornton & the late Frank Thornton and the late Audrey & Claude Richard.



Tyson Brody Swan

Born on November 13, 2003 to Samantha & Gerry Swan. Grandson to Wendy & Richard Swan, Tom & Tammy Jones, Aleck & Kelly Swain and Oma & Opa Robin & Mike Steltenpool.



Havana Storm Kini Jackson

Born on September 7, 2003 to Val & Dave Jackson. Grandson to Ann Jackson and Dave & Jeanette Paton.

When A Baby Enters This World ...

When a baby enters this world, into your life A baby can make you forget your worries and strife. It really doesn't matter whether it's a girl or boy, A baby will melt your heart and

bring you joy! So shower a baby with love, every single day. Show a baby you truly care ~ there's so many ways. For with a blink of an eye, time will fly out the door ~ and your precious baby, won't be a baby anymore!

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