

Incidents of vandalism at Heritage House

Muddy bicycle tracks were left across the inside of the unfinished Heritage House in West Lorne sometime between June 23 and June 24.

The perpetrators kicked in the north door of the Heritage House and rode their bicycles around inside. The construction crew superintendent Paul Thuss, reported that some tools were stolen as well. The Heritage House has been targeted by vandalism before. There were repeated break-ins between March and April which resulted in torn drywall, broken windows, doors, and other damages.

The Heritage House will be a 16-unit housing apartment for seniors. Twelve single rooms and four double rooms. It's scheduled for completion sometime early July. Twenty people have been selected to move in.

"The funds are flowing, everything's in line to open and have the resident's move in by the end of August," said Harry Mezenberg, the Heritage House project Chair. "The official opening probably won't be until August or September."

A public meeting was held June 26 at the West Elgin Municipal Council Office to consider the naming of a municipal road allowance south of Monroe Street, adjacent to the Heritage House building. Council had suggested the name 'Heritage Lane'. Nobody from the public showed up for the meeting. Council approved the road name since it was unopposed.

West Lorne girl wins at championship

Brodi Jewell is back in West Lorne after her team, the London Ramblers, took first place in the 2008 Ontario Provincial championships for U17 girls Basketball, held May 9-11.

Over the regular playing season, the London Ramblers placed second. The top eight teams made it to the championships in Kitchener-Waterloo and the Ramblers placed first, beating out the Toronto Sultans.

"It was amazing. We lost our first game on the Friday night," said Jewell. "We all got kind of nervous after we lost that game. We ended up having to win by 4 for our third game in order to move on, and we ended up winning by 6 which put us into the semi-finals, but first in our pool."

Jewell said her team's strength is its speed and defensive play.

"There's little things like social gatherings, that you think are such a big deal at the time, and the drills where you just feel so sick at the end, but it's all so worth it when you come to that point and play the game."



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Brodi Jewell of the London Ramblers

Handy man returning to New Orleans to help

Steve Schleihaf is heading to New Orleans for the second time to offer his handy-man skills in the city devastated by hurricane in 2005.

Schleihaf visited New Orleans last November along with others from the Dutton Baptist Church to help rebuild homes and churches. On April 25, he and others from the church are heading right back, and will offer their help for 10 days. Visiting New Orleans once was enough to convince Schleihaf he should return.

"It's unbelievable how much there's still left to do," said Schleihaf. "You can't imagine how much stuff you have until you go down there and see how little people have."

Schleihaf has been working as a repairman since he was 13. He's a licensed plumber, and has experience in electrical and heating systems, and carpentry. While he's in New Orleans this time, he said a big focus will be on repair to a day care centre. Fifty children are waiting for it to be finished.

Everyone going needs to raise about \$1,000 for the trip. The 27 hour drive will be made by van instead of by bus like last November. The last fundraiser to pay for the trip was an April 5 silent auction in Aylmer.

Schleihaf said he knows of other churches who've sent people on missionary work to New Orleans before, but there's still much work to be done.

"They're actually still finding bodies down there," he said. "They don't know how many people died. One and a half million people dislocated, there's about 350,000 back"

Schleihaf mentioned an 83-year-old woman who made the trip with him last time. She was willing to make the trip despite the cost and the 27 hour drive. Schleihaf is just as willing to do what needs to be done

"My heart's down there now. As a Christian, it's just something I have to do." He said.

Anyone who would like to help Steve Schleihaf or the mission can call (519)



Follow the white robin

A bit of an unusual sight, Ken and Nancy Murray of West Lorne spotted a white robin in their field April 11.

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Arson causes over \$25,000 in smoke damage to building

An 18-year-old West Elgin man has been arrested and charged after an incident of arson in a West Lorne apartment building March 24 resulting in over \$25,000 worth of damage from smoke.

A fire was started in the laundry room of Parkview Apartments on Graham Road March 24 around 1:15 a.m. Two building residents managed to put out the fire using pots of water before the fire department arrived. No one in the building was hurt.

An 18-year-old was arrested and charged with mischief endangering life, arson, and breach of probation. He appeared in Court March 31.

Donald Deleary of West Lorne lives on the third floor of the building. He was trying to sleep when a friend smelled smoke and woke him up. The two checked his apartment for fire first. When they found nothing, Deleary went out into the hall.

"As soon as I opened the door, you couldn't even see out into the hallway. My eyes instantly started watering," said Deleary. "You could see the glow on the second floor. The whole floor was like orange-y."

Deleary said he pulled the fire alarm and then he and a neighbour from the second floor dealt with the fire. The fire was spreading up the wall of the building laundry room. The two of them put out the flames Deleary described as "at least eight feet high", using two pots of water.

"I had to do it. I wasn't going to let the place burn," said Deleary.

Deleary said that after the fire was out, he opened up some windows to let the smoke out, then went outside and vomited from smoke inhalation. Deleary is feeling fine now and is back living in his apartment on the third floor.

The fire did little structural damage, but smoke damage has affected nearly every room of the building. Economical Insurance sent in an MJL Disaster Kleenup team to clean up the building. The MJL team was at the apartment building for the rest of the week using special chemicals and sponges to clean soot and ash out of the walls and ceilings. Tim Scott, the project manager, estimates the clean-up to be a job somewhere between 25 to \$35,000.

"It's like cigarette smoke. It stays in soft furniture, rugs, and carpets and leaves a film behind," said Scott. "If you leave this, it will smell forever."



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Arson at Parkview Apartments

Restoration workers were busy scrubbing smoke damage off walls and ceilings at Parkview apartments on Graham Road in West Lorne. The laundry room was lit on fire March 24 around 1:15 a.m. A West Elgin man was arrested and charged.



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Youth on Track conducts Sunday service

Amy Gordon plays the keyboard April 18 while the members of the Youth on Track youth group rehearse at Melody Fellowship Church in West Lorne. The youth group held Sunday service April 20 for the first time in about a year. The group meets at the church every Friday.

Quarantine of ash trees extended in Elgin County

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Staff

The quarantine restricting movement of firewood materials within Elgin County is being extended another year in an effort to prevent the spread of 'the most serious pests ever to be introduced to North America', the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Government of Canada issued a quarantine of a 5km area of Elgin County in 2006, which restricts the movements of firewood species and ash tree materials. The quarantine area is infested with the Ash Borer beetle and Ministry of Agriculture hopes restricting movement of firewood and ash tree materials will slow the infestation to other areas.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) met with Dutton-Dunwich Municipal Council March 5 and discussed plans to maintain the quarantine another year. The CFIA also plans a training event for their staff on March 18. Over 70 people are booked to come to the Elgin County quarantine zone so they can take a look at infected trees and get an idea of what to look for in their own communities.

"This site offered a unique opportunity to study how it disperses," said Murray Pink, an Acting Regional Director with the CFIA. "[The emerald Ash Borer] is fatal to almost every tree it comes in contact with. There's nothing naturally that seems to slow it down or eradicate it."

A continuation of the quarantine zone as it is could be called a relative success for Elgin County. The quarantine zone is roughly a square area from Graham Road to Willey Road, and from Celtic Line to Talbot Line. CFIA inspections of areas surrounding the quarantine zone have found no evidence of new infestations by the Ash Borer.

"In London there was surveying done, as there was in Elgin, and that area had to increase" said Rebecca Canty with the CFIA. "That's not something that has to happen in Elgin because residents have kept it controlled."

Residents within the quarantine zone will soon receive public notices announcing the extension of the quarantine. Anyone within the zone is prohibited from moving any species of firewood or ash tree material such as nursery stock, trees, logs, wood chips or wood packaging materials without written authorization from the CFIA.

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Having some spring-time fun

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Fourteen-year-old Tiffany Krier and her five-year-old sister Julie play outside their home on Elm Street in West Lorne April 3. It's been officially spring since March 20, but it's only recently felt warm enough to go outside without a jacket.



This is what fall is all about

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Four-year-old Quinn Frazer of West Lorne didn't let these leaves go to waste Oct. 19 after his father raked them into a pile.

Election 2008



Joe Preston - Conservative Party

Age: 53
Profession: Wendy's Restaurant owner since 1990.
Political history: Elected in Elgin-Middlesex-London in 2004 and 2006.
Answer: "Far and away, the issue I'm hearing the most is leadership. Who's in best shape to lead the country? Who should be in charge? Who should have their hand on the tiller when we're in economic distress? That's the biggest thing. We've heard of the economy and the environment, and there are other issues in this election, but all of them are best served by having the right leader at the helm at the time. Locally, it's really the same thing. Who's best suited to do the job for this area? I try to be as modest as I can, but I've been doing it for four years and doing a pretty good job I think. We said we'd bring customer service back to the government locally, and I think we have."



Ryan Dolby - NDP

Education: Studied at the University of Waterloo and is currently completing the Labour Studies Certificate Program at McMaster University.
Profession: Currently employed by the Lear Corporation, an international automotive supplier. Currently, a member of the Canadian Auto Workers Union.
Answer: "The most important issue is the economy. Over 3,000 families supporting manufacturing jobs have been lost in this region in the last 18 months and farmers are having a difficult time making ends meet because of high gas prices and free trade agreements. We will invest \$2 billion a year into a made-in-Canada green manufacturing policy that will protect jobs, create new green jobs for agriculture and manufacturing. We will renegotiate NAFTA, which is a sell-out deal for average Canadians. We need fair-trade agreements where environmental and labour standards are top priority. This will be beneficial for farmers and manufacturing workers."



Fun on the ice

Cheryl Kosciak, home for the holidays and Mike Aquino spend some time skating together at the West Elgin Area on Dec. 27.

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Suzanne van Bommel - Liberal

Age: 41
Education: Has a BA, a BE and an Ontario Teachers' certificate from the University of Western Ontario.
Profession: Currently works as a farmer, teacher, entrepreneur and consultant.
Political history: Took a leave from teaching in London to manage MPP Steve Peters' first provincial election campaign, and subsequent re-election campaigns. She later joined Peters at Queen's Park, where she worked as his Executive Assistant. When Peters was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Food, van Bommel served as Chief of Staff within the ministry for two years.
Answer: "Jobs, jobs, jobs; be they manufacturing or agricultural. The economy. In our area alone, in the last year, we've lost 4,500 net jobs. That's taking into account new jobs that have been created off that net total. That's huge. You cannot just sit back and watch good jobs leave the region and not invest in the prosperity of our future."



West Lorne United Church turns 133

The congregation of the West Lorne United Church gathered Oct. 19 for a worship service and a potluck lunch to celebrate the church turning 133 years old.

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Family wants cars to slow down for their children's safety

If you're driving down Graham Street in West Lorne, you might see the anti-speeding sign the Browns put up. The couple has children with special needs, including deafness, and they're frustrated with the number of speeding cars because of the danger they pose.

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Barn again

A local group intent on saving the history and culture of old barns is moving one to a new location to have a new purpose as an arts and cookery bank by SCOTT HILGENDORFF

Renovated

■ The barn portion of the building will house the project's demo kitchen and photo lab and the dismantling of the barn this month in Dutton/Dunwich is just one more big step toward the completion of the project, expected to open in early 2010.

New life and a new home is being given to a more than 125-year-old barn in Dutton/Dunwich as part of a complex project preserving the rural heritage of several communities southwest of London.

"These old barns are being torn down and new ones being put up. There goes our heritage," said Mary Gillett, who donated the barn for the project that is aimed at protecting both heritage and culture.

The barn, built in 1883, is being moved from its Shackleton Line home in Dutton/Dunwich to a location in the middle of nearby West Lorne's downtown core. There, it will become part of a \$750,000 Arts and Cookery Bank project being developed, which includes more than \$285,000 in funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"It's going to go back up exactly as it was," said Grace McGartland, chairperson of the committee putting the project together.

Gillett said the barn came with the house and property, four acres of land severed from a larger farm when she moved there from London in 1989. She didn't want to just have the barn torn down and sold for its wood and while it has no use for her dog kennel business, she held onto it until she heard about the Arts and Cookery Bank Project.

"It was standing there doing nothing. All it housed were my garden tractors," said Gillett, happy to donate the structure to see it preserved.

The barn will be retrofitted to the back of the old Bank of Montreal Building on Graham Road. The combined barn and bank complex will serve as the home to the Arts and Cookery Bank, a combination of a cultural and heritage centre that will appeal to both local residents and tourists with its wide range of functions and activities.

Programming at the Arts and Cookery Banks will range from cooking lessons by local and guest chefs based on local fair as well as community cook-offs and photographic exhibits featuring local culture from the past to the future in addition to digital photography courses.

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It will be devoted toward creating experiences built around local heritage. For example, people can book a weekend at a bed and breakfast during which they will



► THE 125 YEAR-OLD BARN AT DUTTON PHOTO COURTESY JOHN ST. PIERRE, ARTS AND COOKERY BANK

tour local farms, see a play and take a cooking class on preparing a meal from local foods they picked or harvested themselves.

All will be done with a state of the art kitchen going into the barn.

The barn will also house the photography lab where digital photo training can take place while seeing permanent displays on touch-screens archiving the area's rural way of life while catching rotating exhibits that feature aspects of the region as seen by amateur and professional photographers.

Retrofitting the barn, complete with beams made from tree trunks, to the bank building is going to be easier than most people think, said Wade Davey of Upper Canada House Fitters

He has been tearing down barns and old churches or schools and rebuilding them as homes or for other uses for more than 20 years now, across North America.

"It's not complicated at all. We take them apart just like an Erector Set," said Davey. "We've taken them down and put them back up as additions and put them up as houses."

This is the closest project he has had to his Sparta home and he said the biggest challenge is lowering the height of the barn to line up better with the bank building.

"The frame will be basically the same, just a little shorter," said Davey.

He said attaching the barn is easy and expects to be able to have the framework up in as little as a day and a half.

A date hasn't been set yet on when the reconstruction will take place. The bulk of the retrofitting work will take place on Gillette's property where the height of the barn will be lowered, piece by piece.

The Arts and Cookery Bank project includes partners in Dutton/Dunwich, West Elgin, Southwest Middlesex and Newbury in both Elgin and Middlesex County and the concept of incorporating the use of a barn seemed like a natural idea toward promoting and preserving local heritage, McGartland said.

It's hoped the project will bring in more than 5,000 visitors to the area by 2011 and as much as \$800,000 in direct investment in the region.

The barn will become one of the highlights of a visit to the Arts and Cookery Bank as guests will step inside and see all of the original barn structure including a beam with the year, "1883" carved into it.

But on the outside, structural insulation panels will be put in place. Davey said it will not only insulate the barn well, but make it virtually airtight, adding the barns are so well-built, he wishes more people would see them converted to homes or for projects like the one in West Lorne.

"They're just built so strong. It really is the best construction," said Davey. "These barns have stood for 150 years. They've got more than 100 years left in them."



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Federal grant helps Arts & Cookery Bank

MPP Steve Peters shook hands with Grace McGartland, Chair of the Arts and Cookery Bank in West Lorne. Peters made an appearance at the Bank Feb. 5 to publicly announce that the Bank will get a grant of over \$286,000 through the province's Rural Economic Development (RED) program. The RED program provides funding for community projects that will revitalize communities. When completed, the Arts and Cookery Bank will showcase the local heritage through photography and food economy.

Supporting women in Jamaica

A young Dutton woman will be heading to Jamaica next month to help make a difference in women's lives.

Brittany Jewel, 21, will leave Canada July 30. She'll be visiting impoverished communities along with other members of WISE (the Women's Initiative for Solidarity and Empowerment) until the end of August. WISE is a non-profit group that seeks to support women's emotional, educational and economic growth in Jamaica.

"That's what we aim to do. Go down and work with groups of women there and try to teach them different things for them to teach their communities. In turn they can pass things on to us as well," said Jewel. "My personal initiative is to go down there and teach women about healthy pregnancy and to be informative about labour and birth, different things about breast feeding and fertility."

Jewel is in the middle of a four-year midwifery course at Laurentian University. Once she's in Jamaica, she'll be passing on what she's learned so far.

"It's great. We're actually going to be living with the natives in the area. We're really immersed with them and their culture," she said.

Jewel was able to take advantage of this volunteer trip because she is a recipient of a scholarship from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation and a winner of the Millennium Excellence Award. Jewel received a Millennium grant to be used to further her studies. Jewel met other scholarship winners at an annual conference held by the Millennium Foundation, including Stephanie Chapman, the founder of WISE.

Jewel decided to get involved with WISE because her midwife studies and WISE's goals of supporting women complimented each other.

Jewel said she's looking forward to the trip, but she's also a little nervous because she hasn't traveled much before.



Helping women in Jamaica

Brittany Jewel

"I really want to be able to ground myself and see what these women need and what they want to learn. I've really only been exposed to upper or middle class white women in their pregnancies. It'll be interesting to get a different perspective," she said.

The Government of Canada declared in its 2008 budget that it would not renew the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation after its initial mandate is complete. As a result, the Foundation's ability to make awards to students will expire in January 2010. Jewel was one of the lucky students to get a grant while there was still time. She found out she was going to get the grant when she graduated from high school two years ago.

WISE is currently accepting donations to make their trip a success. They are interested in medical supplies such as gauze and condoms, and schools supplies. Anyone who would like to help may contact Brittany Jewel at 519-762-3009.



This is harder than it looks!

Craig Campbell (far Right) helped up Julian Kovacs while the West Lorne Junior Fire team tested their teamwork skills by strapping their feet to slabs of wood and walking in unison to get to the finish line.

West Elgin Community Expo

The first annual West Elgin Community Expo was held Nov. 7 to offer a major business-networking event for the community.

Almost 50 businesses and service clubs had stations set up in the Elgin International Club to show people what they have to offer. The response from business and clubs was so strong, that Monica Pelcz, West Elgin's Rural Development officer, said they had to start turning groups away since they ran out of space.

"I'm very pleased. We have such a diverse

group that's come out and registered for our first annual event...there's something different at every table," said Pelcz. "I think it's really important the service clubs are here as well. There's not usually a venue for them to come out. I think it was so important to include everyone."

The Expo took place for most of the day. Local Nature Clubs, Historical Societies, Optimists groups and many other clubs tried to promote themselves to the public, and local businesses did the same. Deborah



Raising public interest

Irene Puddester and Ed Markham, Past president of the West Elgin Chamber of Commerce answered questions about the COC to Ann Staddon and Thea Long. The Expo had such a strong response that there wasn't enough room to accommodate every business and community group that asked to attend. Organizers of the Expo are hopeful next year's event will take place in a larger venue.



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Music and Art in the Park!

June 19 was the first day of the 2nd annual Music and Art in the Park event in West Lorne. The event provides local artists and musicians a chance to show off their craft to the community. On Left, Marilyn Lowes showed her woodwork crafts to Sue Davison, Brandon Weselowski and Rayann Davison. On Right, Amy and Brenda Gordon and their table of flower assortments. The next day of Music and Art in the Park will be July 10 and will feature band performances.

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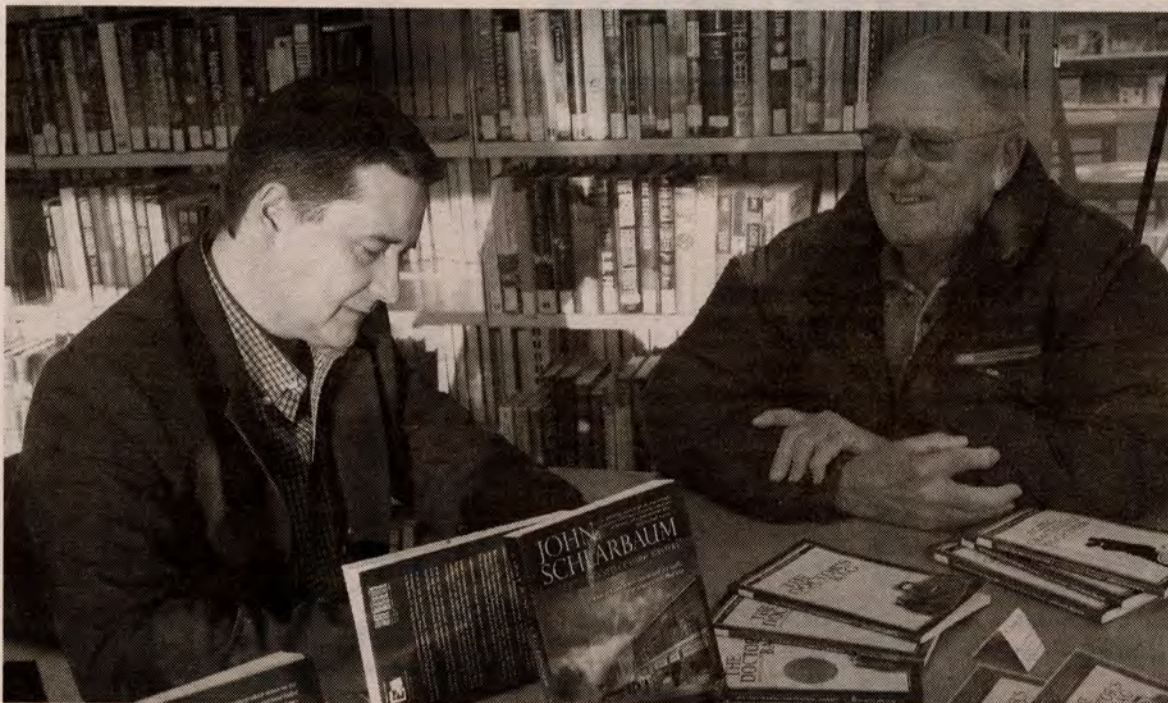


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Dutton golf tournament for Cancer research

The 5th Annual Oktoberfest Golf Tournament for Cancer was held Oct. 3 at Dutton Meadows Golf Club. Over \$13,000 was raised for the Daffodil Society for cancer in memory of Carl and Georgina Staddon. The 18-hole tournament was basically rained out but one team opted to play it out and finished all eighteen holes in the rain. (L-R) Merv Connolly, Donna Connolly, Joseph Danowski and Robbie Danowski.

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When Angels Fail to Fly

John Schlarbaum, Left, appeared at the Rodney Library Dec. 22 to promote his latest book, When Angels Fail to Fly. Schlarbaum grew up in West Lorne and currently owns a bookstore in Amherstburg. Bruce Cantelon, Right, stopped by to get Schlarbaum's signature.

West Lorne author writes new book

Former West Lorne resident John Schlarbaum has just finished his latest novel, the second book in his Steve Cassidy Mystery series.

In 2008, the first book in the series, Barry Jones' Cold Dinner was released, featuring a mirror image of the main street of West Lorne on the cover as a tribute to Schlarbaum's home town. The new novel, When Angels Fail To Fly, may not picture West Lorne on the front, but it does continue the story of the series' main character, Steve Cassidy, as he finds himself again at odds with the law, the press, friends, and even other investigators.

"In the first novel Steve Cassidy was a man on a mission, not only to solve a big case, but to make amends for past personal and professional transgressions," said Schlarbaum. "Unfortunately, I could only scratch the surface of his many self-inflicted failures. After Barry Jones' Cold Dinner release, many readers

asked if more of Steve's so-called lost years would be revealed in the sequel. I am happy to say by the end of this book, everyone will know exactly what makes Steve tick, although they might not agree with some of his decisions."

Schlarbaum was raised in West Lorne and began his professional writing career while working as a Writer and Field Director for several nationally syndicated television programs. The Doctor's Bag - A Sentimental Journey was Schlarbaum's first book, followed by Aging Gracefully Together - A Story of Love and Marriage. In August, Schlarbaum opened an independent bookstore in Amherstburg, Ontario, called Page 233.

When Angels Fail to Fly is available locally at Marg's Variety in Rodney, West Elgin Pharmacy in West Lorne, and Crafts Plus in Dutton, as well as Schlarbaum's website: www.scannerpublishing.com

Break-in and theft at Community Complex

Security will be improved at the West Lorne Community Complex building following a break-in April 23.

Employees at Employment Services Elgin got to work the morning of April 24 and found that the rear door had been forced using a bar the night before. A filing cabinet was broken into and some petty cash was stolen. Petty cash was also stolen

from the West Lorne Library one room over. Otherwise, nothing else was stolen or damaged.

"The door they came through at the back of the support service area has been replaced. We are in the process of trying to figure out if we can put alarms in that section of the building," said Recreation Superintendent Jeff Slater.

Slater said it isn't practical to set up an alarm system over the entire building, since it's public access. However, they are looking into arming the more sensitive access points.

The new door in the back of Employment Services Elgin is a more secure door that can't be pried open the same way the last one was.



Dig in

Over 60 people attended a ceremonial groundbreaking behind the Arts and Cookery Bank building in West Lorne. Representatives from the municipality of West Elgin, Dutton-Dunwich and the Office of MPP Steve Peters attended. The Bank is expected to be completed in 2010.

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Project to be completed by March

Groundbreaking at Arts and Cookery

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Arts and Cookery Bank in West Lorne Oct. 1, bringing the project another step towards completion.

Over 60 people joined in the fun at the Dig Day Celebration, with guests as young as five months and as senior as old as 95 years were encouraged to pick up a shovel for a ceremonial turning of soil where the building's planned extensions will go.

"This 'shovel-ready' project offers immediate benefits for our communities, including job creation and community-wide economic benefits," said Graham Warwick, Warden of Elgin County and Mayor of West Elgin.

The Bank project is slated to be completed by the end of March 2010. The project will restore, retrofit and equip a 1914 heritage building on Graham Rd.

The finished building will be a regional, cultural destination, offering a snapshot of Dutton-Dunwich, Newbury, Southwest Middlesex and West Elgin's rural communities, by blending photographic and cooking experiences.

Supporters of the project hope The Bank will promote local heritage/culture and tourism, and also attract new investment and jobs into the region.



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Everything tastes better when it's local

John Mairleitner, Chef at Tall Tales Café Ltd. in Wallacetown was the chef Aug. 18 at the third of a series of six "Outrageously Rural Tuesdays" dinners, which serve as fundraisers for the Arts and Cookery Bank in West Lorne. The menu consisted of locally grown peaches and cream corn which was blended into a roasted chowder, baby back ribs with a Scotch barbecue sauce, grilled chicken breasts and peach and lemon cream tarts which finished off the evening. The dinner was hosted at the Morrison Homestead Farm outside West Lorne. The next dinner, Sept. 1, will be prepared by Chef Ryan Watson of The Villa Dining Lounge, Glencoe.