



WESS Senior Girls defeat Arthur Voaden

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WESS number 5 Debbie Levesley ran to get around Erika McCulloch of the Vikings Oct. 7. WESS won 26-24. WESS Girls basketball play at home against Central Elgin Oct. 16. 2008



St. Mary's Mother's Day Dinner

St. Mary's School held their Mother's Day Dinner theatre May 8. Jason Fehervari hugs mother Kathy. The children all placed a tiara on their mother's heads to make them princess for a day. MAY 15/08

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Wildcats win in Woodstock

-by Greg Burns

On Oct. 10 the West Elgin football team travelled to Woodstock to take on College Avenue Secondary School. The game was a rare opportunity for the team to play a night game under the lights and in front of a large crowd. After losing two close games to start the season the Wildcats were looking for their first win of the year.

The game started well for the Wildcats as starting quarterback Kevin Greenfield demonstrated why he's considered the top passer in the league. The team opened up a 23 - 8 half-time lead on touchdowns by Greenfield, Brad Bint and Jason Carroll. Having blown a half-time lead the week before the Wildcats made no mistake this time and destroyed College Avenue in the second half. The

team rolled to a dominating 51 - 8 victory. Carroll scored 2 more touchdowns and singles were added by Mike Johnston and Wyatt Ocolisan.

The story of the game for the Wildcats was a dominating performance on the offensive and defensive lines. Outstanding efforts were turned in by veterans Joe Peternel, David Clark and Kyle Kuska among others.

The team was boosted by a fan bus that made the trip down the 401 carrying 47 dedicated Wildcat students to cheer on their team. The Wildcat fans cheered wildly under the lights and helped make the night memorable for everyone at the game.

Next action for the Wildcats will be Thursday October 16 when they again travel to Woodstock - this time to take on Huron Park. The team will host two home games later in October. On October 23rd the team plays Arthur Voaden and on October 28 they play College Avenue again. Both games are scheduled for 2PM at West Elgin.



St Mary's Mother's Day Spa

St. Mary's Catholic School pampered mothers at their Mother's Day Spa May 9. About 112 people attended the spa organized by grade 4/5 teacher Tara Lopes, and grade 5/6 teacher Kelly Hayes. There were 5 stations; one for pedicures, manicures, facials, massages and a dessert station. The mothers rotated around the stations, led by their personal aesthetician - their kids. (Above) Emma McDonagh & Mom, Shelley at the manicure station

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WESS defeats College Avenue Secondary School

West Elgin Secondary School fans cheered the Wildcats on to a 51-8 victory in a football game in Woodstock Oct. 10.

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WESS Field hockey loses to Strathroy

West Elgin lost 3-0 to Strathroy in girls field hockey action on Oct. 14. Shown above are Megan Mateev (West Elgin) and Danielle Szela (SDCI) competing for the ball. 2008

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WESS Spirit Rally

West Elgin Secondary School Principal Richard Pincombe headed an impromptu Spirit Rally at the school Oct. 10 to celebrate the spirit of the school. The rally emphasized to all students, regardless of involvement in the school, that every student equally counts.

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Annual end of Semester WESS BBQ

Grade 12 student Abe Peters takes a hotdog from Instructor John Fithern during the May 2 BBQ at WESS. Tech. teacher Pete Soos holds the BBQ every year for his tech. class and the rest of the school. MAY 08

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West Elgin Secondary School has a new improved courtyard

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WESS students stand proudly over the pond they helped build in the school courtyard between April 21 and April 25. Landscaper Sean Young came to the school and showed the students what they needed to know. The renovated courtyard was built in honour of Earth Week and includes picnic tables and a stone walkway. From left: Instructor Danny Kajan, Lydia Stone, Stephanie Duarte, William Browne, Skylar Farr, Sam Hemlin, Allan Percival, Sarah Hamelin, Ron Jenkins, Kaylie Wood and Matt Soos.



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WESS Girls Basketball lose to Parkside

WESS Senior Girls' Brodi Jewel tried to block Parkside S.S player Brooke Watterworth Oct. 2. Despite a strong effort, the WESS team ended up losing 44-5. The next home game is Oct. 16/08



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Cut hair for Cancer wigs

Katey Close, a 13-year-old WESES student, participated in her school's Terry Fox Run Sept. 26. However, she decided to do a little more for the cause, and on Sept. 25 she cut 13 inches of her hair, which will be donated to make wigs for cancer patients.

WESS Soccer preview

-By David Burke and Suzanne McCullough

Boys team: The Wildcat soccer season is upon us and the prognosis for another good season is as favourable as the weather. After a month of solid practicing the coaching staff is confident that this team can roll into this season with as complete a team as they've ever had.

With the loss of several key players to graduation, the coaches are looking to this year crop of seniors to step up and fill the void. Contrary to most years in the past, expectations for a return trip to 'OFSAA' are high and anything less would be considered a disappointment.

Along with 8 returning starters, this years team can look to several other seniors with considerable playing experience. The future also looks bright for the program, as five talented grade nine students have managed to make this year's roster.

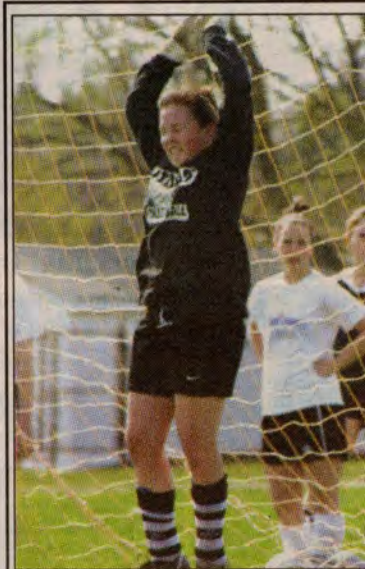
The Wildcats don't have much time to adjust to the new season as they play their most important league game next Thursday at home against Glencoe. Although it is only the second game of the season it will have a huge impact on the team's ranking going into the playoffs.

In the playoffs the Wildcats are looking for a rematch against a tough Holy Cross team that beat them three times last season: once in the 'TVRAA' final, then in overtime at the WOSSAA' final and finally in an extremely close 'OFSAA' final.

We look forward to playing again in the 'OFSAA' finals.

Girls team: With a large crew of returning players and some very talented rookies, the Wildcat Ladies Varsity Soccer team is on the hunt for their first trip to 'OFSAA'. After a disappointing finish last year, the girls are looking for redemption which they hope to have on the field this season.

Tryouts began for the girls in the



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Getting ready for the season

Grade 12 student Rhonda Knight guards the net during soccer practice April 24. Both the Boys and Girls teams are hungry for OFSAA this year. WESS coaches say the season looks hopeful with a strong roster of returning students and a handful of rookie players rounding out the teams.

snow and have evolved into daily practices in the warm sunshine. With at least 8 returning starters having made the team and some new, strong grade nines and tens, our season is looking very promising.

We have many veterans on the team who have years of experience with both the Wildcats and competitive traveling teams and are positive role models for our younger players. As long as everyone continues to make it to practice, their skills will improve and the chance for pounding the ball into the back of the net becomes even better.

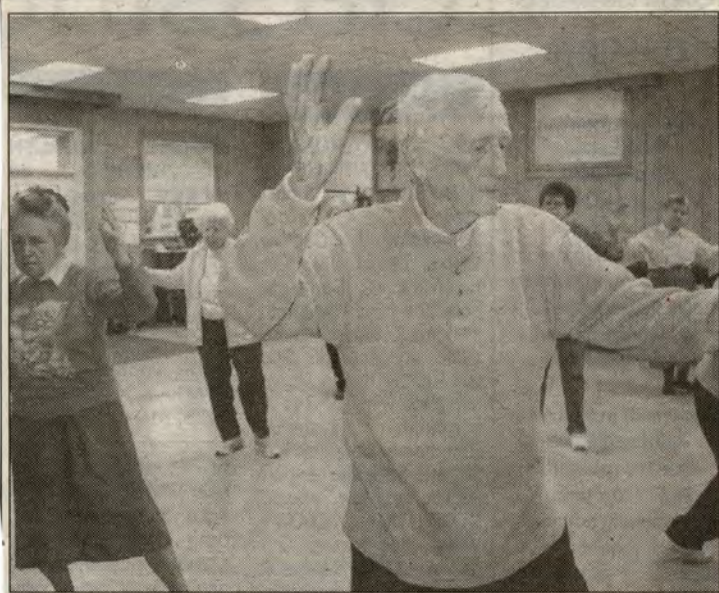
Our season has already started with a tournament at East Elgin. Our girls managed to hold their own against the 'OFSAA' gold medalists, Lucas with a score of 2-1 for Lucas. Our girls won their first game of the season and plan to follow up this win with many more, taking us all the way to Timmins for 'OFSAA.'



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Lung Health and Asthma Awareness

Kids from the YWCA Day camp visited the West Elgin Community Health Centre (WECHC) Aug. 10 to Aug. 14 to take part in a Lung Health and Asthma Awareness program. Erin Langstaff, 9, and Ben Langstaff, 6, enjoyed making an "edible airway", a model of an airway using marshmallows and licorice. Other children who attended were Briana Olivera and Julia Morgan. The kids learned about triggers for asthma, made model lungs, and enjoyed a puppet show. The program was led by Francis White, a registered respiratory therapist and certified respiratory educator, with help from Diane Van Dyk, WECHC Community Health Worker, Jolene Peternel, YWCA Day Camp Leader, and Stephen Mardell, a student working at the WECHC for the summer.



Tai Chi classes on Morden street

Marg Hull (left) and Bill Hill lead a set of Tai Chi Jan 4 inside the Grace Anglican Church on Morden St. in West Lorne. Classes are held every Friday and are open to people of all ages. Tai Chi is a form of soft martial arts which stresses strength and longevity. There are five major styles of tai chi chuan, each named after the Chinese family from which it originated: Chen style, Yang style, Wu or Wu/Hao style of Wu Yu-hsiang, Wu style of Wu Ch'uan-yü (Wu Quanyuo) and Wu Chien-ch'uan, and Sun style.

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Get it while it's hot!

Cooking Groups for Seniors was held at the West Elgin Community Health Centre March 5. Above, Olive Howard got a little help from dietitian Angie Cornwell. Cooking that day focused on Chinese dishes, so everyone helped prepare Egg and Mushroom fried rice, sweet and sour pork and baked egg rolls. The cooking group is run by Cornwell and Tobi Maniacco, WECHC's therapist for older adults. The cooking group meets again March 19.



BBQ.

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May 4 - 10 was Mental Health Week. The West Elgin Community Health Centre held a barbeque in West Lorne May 5 with proceeds going to the United Way. Above, Melanie McLeod, Community Health Worker, got some burgers ready.



Volunteer Recognition evening.

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On April 29, Cate Melito, Executive Director of the West Elgin Community Health Centre in West Lorne addresses more than 50 volunteers who attended a Volunteers Recognition Evening. Melito thanked volunteers for all their efforts. The evening included a performance by Magician Cobin from St Thomas.

Living Tree.

A "Living Tree" has been erected in the lobby of the Health Centre. Each leaf commemorates a volunteer who passed away while volunteering at the Centre.

Exciting summer for West Elgin Cadets

-By Trudy Balint

The summer of 2008 proved to be a valuable learning experience for our local cadets of 2884. We had seven of our Senior cadets employed as Staff cadets at various camps all over Canada. Two had the opportunity to work in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, and 5 were employed at Blackdown- CFB Borden Ont. which is the largest Cadet Training Centre in Canada. We are also very proud to have had 3 of our cadets chosen for advance courses as well.

Chelsea Drent was chosen for a six week course, Maple Leaf Exchange to England where she was introduced to British Army Cadet training which tested her physical as well as mental abilities. Army Cadets in England are viewed as the third line of National Defense, therefore their training is more militaristic than here in Canada.

Amy Kalita and Rebekah Brayton were selected for the six week Leadership and Challenge course at Rocky Mountain, Alberta. This course included advanced outdoor training, such as canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, glacier training, trekking and expeditions.

We are very proud of these three girls and their accomplishments this summer along with all of our other cadets who enjoyed their courses.

Course cadets attended camps in Ontario - Borden and Connaught.

Our Green Star cadets attended the two week Basic Army Cadet, our Red Star cadets attended the six week Cadet Leader, Our Silver and Gold Star cadets attended the Cadet Leader Instructor - Adventure & Expedition, Cadet Leader Instructor - Drill and Ceremonial, as well as some of our cadets attended these other courses Military Band six week course, Pipes & Drums (a three week and a six week course), one in PERT-Physical Education & Recreation Training, and three in Marksmanship (two in Basic - three weeks and one in CLI Rifle Coach- six weeks).

All course cadets learned to improve their leadership abilities by having the opportunity to take control of situations, as well as learning to accept direction before taking responsibility as a leader. They improved their physical stamina throughout summer activities such as canoeing, obstacle courses, hiking as well as expeditions. The cadets are entitled to a \$60 per week Cadet Training Bonus. The Cadet program offers endless opportunity as well as memories and friends for a life time.

If you are aged 12 - 18 and would like to learn more about this exciting program we welcome you to come out to the Rodney Legion at 6:30 pm on Sept. 4 to our information night and find out more about this awesome Youth Program

Just a reminder to those who have gone on to other activities and still have in their possession their uniforms and jackets, could you please take them back to the Rodney Legion or possibly arrange for a pick up by CI T. Balint - Supply Officer. As we keep growing each year the new cadets like to be outfitted to look like the rest of the corps just as you did when you joined. Thank you.



West Elgin Cadets head overseas for courses

West Elgin Cadet Chelsea Drent visited Stone Henge and Vimy Ridge while she took part in a six week course, Maple Leaf Exchange to England where she was introduced to British Army Cadet training.

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Easter Egg Hunt in West Lorne

The Optimist Club of West Lorne held its annual Easter Egg Hunt March 22. Nearly 100 kids participated searching for chocolate eggs. There are three age categories and one winner from each. (From left) The Easter Bunny stands with Amie Kennedy, McKayla Simpson and Nathan DeMatos

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Mixed Oktoberfest in memory of Pat Smith

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Oct. 4 was the day of the annual tournament at Dutton Meadows Golf Club to raise money for the Daffodil Society of West Elgin. This year's tournament was dedicated to the memory of Pat Smith, a club member who died of cancer in March of this year. Pat's family participated in the tournament: (from L) Chuck Smith, Leigh Smith, Butch Smith, Vicki Gough, Jim LeMay, Peggy LeMay, Randy Smith, and Terri MacIntyre.

Nature club gets \$1,500 donation

► Some of the money will go toward an organized burning of prairie land

A \$1,500 donation from the Ministry of Natural Resources will enable the West Elgin Nature club to conduct an organized burning of prairie land between Coyne Road and Dutton.

The club held a meeting March 20, and was surprised with a donation presented by Mark Emery, a co-ordinator with the Elgin Stewardship Council, and Pud Hunter, a biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The West Elgin Nature club helped the MNR transplant 100 pheasants to West Elgin from Saskatchewan in 2004. As a thank-you, the MNR presented a cheque of \$1,500 and some frozen pheasants to the club.

The club plans to use this money to get liability permits they need to have an organized burning of a two-mile strip of prairie land outside Dutton. The land is home to some rare species of flower including the pale purple cone flower and echinaceas, which are at risk of being pushed out by trees and shrubs. A burning would eliminate trees and shrubs and at the same time warm the ground and accelerate the germination of prairie plants. The cost of burning the land would be about \$750. The club also plans to use the money to purchase equipment for regular meetings, such as a power point projector and a laptop computer.

West Elgin Nature Club President Margery Davis said most club activities are done through volun-



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Nature Club gets money and pheasants

Pud Hunter (left) with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Mark Emery (right) surprises Bill Prieksaitis, treasurer of the West Elgin Nature Club, with \$1,500 and some frozen pheasants March 20. The money is in appreciation of the club's help in a pheasant relocation program that took place in 2004

teers. This \$1,500 cheque from the MNR will be a real benefit to the club.

"I am just absolutely amazed at how wonderful it is," said Davis. "It's going to be a wonderful boost. As a nature club, we want to contribute where we can."

In 2004, the MNR had a plan to introduce pheasants to the area as a game bird. Two hundred pheasants were taken from Saskatchewan; 100 to be introduced to West Elgin and 100 for Lambton County. The West Elgin Nature club helped the project with volunteers who kept track of the birds after they were released at the corner of Grey Line and Black's road. The MNR needed the pheasants to be monitored to make sure they adapted to the relocation.

"The only predator they had in Saskatchewan was the coyote. We introduced them here to the fox, the skunk, the raccoon, the opossum and the feral cat," said Nature club treasurer Bill Prieksaitis.

Eighteen pheasants were tagged with radio transmitters and volunteers from the club kept track of their movements for over 5 months. Prieksaitis said two pheasants were killed on the highway, and two were likely killed by predators, but otherwise the relocation seems to have been successful so far.

Remembrance Day November 11th Lest We Forget

There are many men and women from right in the local area who have given their best in service to their country. This is the time of year we take a moment and reflect on what that really means.

Here's a look at a just a few names of local people who have made a difference.

Ellis W. Sifton was born in Wallacetown and joined the 18th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914. During the Canadian attack on Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917, his company was held up by the fire of a German machine gun. Sifton single-handedly, killed the crew and held the position against enemy counter attack until his comrades arrived. He was killed in that battle, but was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, the British Empire's highest award for military valour.

The Lancaster Brothers from Rodney, Aldborough, and West Lorne all joined the service. Archibald Lancaster was a part of the Elgin County Reserves from 1943-1945. Donald Lancaster was an army paratrooper and served from 1942-1945. Harold Lancaster

joined the RCAF in March 1941 who received his pilot wings in Brantford November 1941. Hector Lancaster joined the RCAF in November 1940 and earned his pilot wings in July 1941 before being posted overseas. C. Maxwell Lancaster was a member of the RCAF service police from 1942-1945. Lloyd Lancaster joined the RCAF in 1939 and trained as a radio wireless instructor in Trenton.

Robert Carnegie spent many years growing up in Rodney. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery in September 1942. In 2006, he spoke about his experiences at the London Middlesex Kiwanis Club. Local history expert Harley Lashbrook has a copy of the speech and shared it with The Chronicle.

"At the beginning of the war, the recruiting officers made war very attractive to young men. War was described as exciting, fun; an opportunity to make new friends and, of course, be a hero for your country. Since I did not want to go to university, I decided that joining the RCAF was an attractive alternative. I chose the Air Force over the Navy since I always got seasick on a park swing," said Carnegie during his address.

Carnegie first posted to Valcartier Quebec. He said of the graduating class, the top 2 pilots went to Air Navigation School. The next 2 pilots were made instructors. He was one of those two. Weather reports were not as accurate in those days as they are today, and he told a story of how he ran into a snowstorm during a routine run. The snowstorm obscured the signal beacon below, making landing treacherous.

"My fuel was extremely low. I gave my crew two options. They could jump or stay with me in the plane. In all my flying experiences, I had never found myself in such a dire situation. Since I was the son of a Presbyterian minister, I prayed to God. I said "If I ever needed help God, I need it now." All at once, the snow cleared and for the first time, I could see the airport beacon. I thanked God. As I landed the plane on the runway, I ran out of gas and had to be pulled off the runway. My crew and students of the Canadian Commonwealth Plan

were safe."

Carnegie said the story shows how a boy became a man capable of taking responsibility as he was trained to. Of the class of 1941, 75 per cent of them gave their lives for their country.

Harley Lashbrook is writing a book about people from the West Lorne, Rodney and the Former Aldborough Township area that served during the Second World War. He will speak at the WEDS auditorium Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m.



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Lest We Forget

Charlie Cronkite and George "Scotty" Bell, both from West Lorne, stand beside the Cenotaph outside the West Elgin Arena.



Donation to Daffodil Auxiliary.

Rachel Hales, West Lorne TOPS Leader, presented Ruth Hockin, Dutton/Dunwich Daffodil Auxiliary - Welfare, with a cheque for \$80.00 in lieu of TOPS club Christmas gift exchange. Wayne Ross and Alice Menard, TOPS members, were at the Dutton Community Centre to observe the presentation.

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West Elgin Cadets in West Lorne

2884 West Elgin Army Cadets, Natalie Porter, Josh Baddems and Colton Robinson were just a few of the large crowd who attended the service in West Lorne Nov. 11.



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Golf Club donates \$15,000.

Barb Campbell (L) and Leola Lawrence (far R) accepted a cheque for \$15,000 on behalf of the Daffodil Aux. from Margaret Gruenbauer and Brian Girard of the Dutton Meadows Golf Club Nov. 12.

Golf tournament raises \$15,000 to fight cancer

Koryn Petrushevsky
The Chronicle

The 9th annual Mixed Oktoberfest Tournament held Oct. 4 at the Dutton Meadows Golf Club raised a whopping \$15,000 which was donated to the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary.

Accepting the cheque was Barb Campbell, a member of the Daffodil Auxiliary and Leola Lawrence, treasurer. The Mixed Oktoberfest Tournament this year was in dedication to the memory of Pat Smith, a member of the Dutton Meadows Golf Club

who died of cancer in March 2008.

What once was an idea between Dutton Meadows owner Brian Girard and his wife Judy has now become an annual tradition.

This tournament has raised over \$40,000 over the past four years. Brian Girard points out that "for a place this small, this is very good."

The first Mixed Oktoberfest Golf Tournament was held in memory of Girard's mother. That year the committee raised \$7,000.

"I've always wanted to do something with cancer," said Girard. Years later, this tournament is still a success. "The community has really grasped onto this event." NOV 20



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Splash pad Committee receives \$60,000 grant

MPP Steve Peters stands with Nancy Murray, Optimist Club President Dorothy Staddon, OTF representative Janet Golding and Kathy Johnston in the West Lorne Scout Hall April 4. Peters and Golding congratulated the Optimists Club before construction of the splash pad began April 7.

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KAREN GONCALVES

10 new members added to the Optimist Club of West Lorne's roster
 The Optimist Club of West Lorne recently installed 10 new members. Pictured l to r back row are Dianne Downie, Bill Lewis, Isabel Lewis, Craig Bowery, Cathy Couper, Chuck Stafford; l to r front row is Bonnie Robertson, Rose McGill and Optimist Pres. Dorothy Staddon. Missing from photo is Theo and Marg Van Dyk. The club raises funds to support youth activities in the community. Their latest project was the installation of the splash pad at Miller Park in West Lorne. The grand opening ceremony for the pad will be held on Canada Day. The club also hosts the annual West Lorne Show and Shine Car Show that will be held on Sunday, June 29 at Miller Park. An all you can eat breakfast will also be available that day.

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Babcock Carol Sing.

Members and friends of the West Lorne Kiwanis Club held a Carol Sing for residents at Babcock Community Care Centre on Dec. 5

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Crushing cans for a good cause

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Magnum Fodor helps out at the Scouts can and bottle drive by crushing cans under-foot. Parents and kids went door-to-door collecting recyclables which the Scouts could trade in for money to help pay for supplies and camp programs. They managed to raise \$168 and are looking forward to their next drive March 1.

Scouts can and bottle drive doesn't raise as much as hoped

More than 20 adults and children met at the West Lorne Scout Hall Feb. 9 for their first can and bottle drive which was open to the public.

The Scouts hold a can and bottle drive for members on the first of every month. The Scouts Committee has decided to expand their program to the rest of the community to try and get more recyclables. The money raised through can collection goes towards camp supplies such as tents, stoves, lanterns and ropes, as well as funding camp activities. Money raised also helps pay the overhead for the Scout Hall on Chestnut St. The program is also meant to encourage people to recycle more to benefit the environment.

This year, the Scouts who went door-to-door collecting cans and bottles managed to raise about \$168 dollars. This fell short of the amount they hoped to raise considering the costs of camp materials. Brenda Miller, one of the Cub leaders, says a camping tent can cost around

\$250, and campers may need up to eight tents on a trip.

"It gets quite expensive for kids to participate in some of the things, so it is important for community support that we can supplement the camps and make sure they have the equipment they need," said Brenda.

Nelson Fodor was helping out with the can and bottle drive on Saturday. His son is a member of the Bears, so he said he should do his part. He said the turnout was good in terms of volunteers, but they're hoping to improve the number of bottles and cans they collect next month.

"Maybe it's just the communication next time, or maybe the community will be aware next time there's a pop can drive," he said.

The Scouts next can and bottle drive will be March 1. Brenda Miller hopes by then more awareness will spread through the community that will help them achieve their goals. She thanks everyone who has helped them so far.



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Legion donates flag pole

A flag pole was donated by the West Lorne Legion to the Heritage House in West Lorne. On Nov. 25, members from the Heritage House and Legion gathered to show it off.

From L - Nancy Murray, President of the West Lorne Legion, Robert White, Vice Chair of the Heritage House, George Bell, Legion Member, Ray Jobson, Executive of the Heritage House, Doug Staddon, Heritage House Chairperson, and Stephen Huver, Secretary of the Heritage House.



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Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Annually the Knights of Columbus sponsor a poster contest relating to Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness. This years winners: left to right: Carley Oliveria, Sierra Poels and Jessica Mendonca. Back Row: Brian DeRooy (Knights of Columbus)

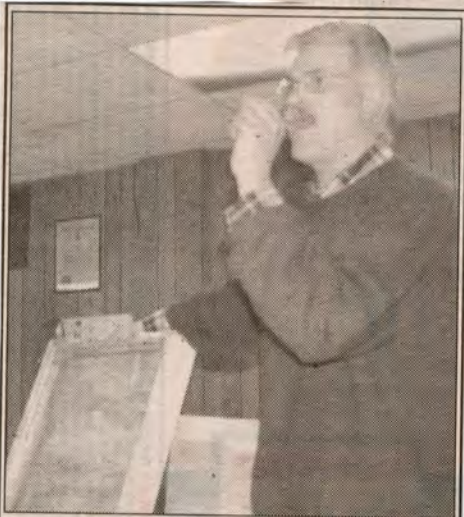
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Lawn Bowling tournament Sept. 3, 2008
 Joan Lashbrook got some practice Aug. 28 before the M&M and Bev. Lashbrook Memorial tournament Sept. 3 in West Lorne. Prizes were donated from local businesses.



Optimist Club Youth Appreciation. SUBMITTED
 The Optimist Club of West Lorne held a Youth Appreciation Night Nov. 20. Certificates were given to students from local schools who were chosen by their teachers for being exceptional in some way. Front Row: Sophie Tasker; St. Mary's, Steven Wilkins; St. Mary's, Rob Roos; WESS, Tyler Ross; WESS, Kelsey Slater; St. Mary's. Back: Justin Delgado; Aldborough, Lauren McWilliam; WESS, Jennifer Long; Aldborough, Amanda Charlton; WESES, Matthew Hooghiem; WESES, Taylor Cundy; WESS, Paul Dieker; St. Mary's.
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Horticultural Society hears from bee expert at meeting
 Besides being the deputy-mayor of West Elgin, Bernie Wiehle is a bee keeper. He spoke at the Horticultural Society April 15 in the Rodney Legion, and gave some interesting facts on bees and honey.



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Plant sales in West Lorne
 Eleven-year-old Nikita Donovan takes a closer look at some sugar daddies during the West Lorne and Community Horticultural Society's annual garden fair held May 10. Plants, and lots of garden accessories were sold outside the West Lorne Arena. On May 9, WESS horticulture students Matt Burdett and Kylie Dionne water some flowers during the annual school plant sale. Students learn about plants by growing them in the school green house, then the sale of those plants provides money so the school can buy plant supplies for the class next year.



Annual Horticultural Society Flower Show
 Ann Staddon, Elaine Conway and Carol Cornwall admire some of the entries in the West Lorne and Community Horticultural Society Flower show June 20 in the West Lorne Community Complex. This year's theme was Springtime Symphony. Carol Cornwall had seven first place winners across 42 categories.
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Lions support Scouts.
 On Nov. 28, Frank Solomon, President of the Rodney Lions Club, presented a cheque of \$1,000 to Ron Buchanan, Group Commissioner of the West Lorne Scouts. The money will be put towards camp equipment and a camping fund.



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West Elgin Chamber of Commerce annual meeting
 The West Elgin Chamber of Commerce had their annual meeting Oct. 7. Ed Markham became the new president of the Chamber. From L - Treasurer Ed Kebbel, President Ed Markham, Past President Heather Bell, Tourism Director Robert White, Chamber Secretary Ted Uffen, Former Secretary Irene Puddester, and Vice President Keith Fretter