



West Lorne Girls win bronze at provincials

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West Lorne Intermediate C girls won the bronze medal at the provincial championships.

The West Lorne Intermediate C girls travelled to Mississauga on Feb. 23 for the Ontario Provincial Championship.

The girls brought home the bronze medallion.

The girls played their first game on Friday morning where they beat Belleville 5-0.

In the pipes was

Amanda Ford who earned the shutout.

Game 2 of the round robin was a 2-2 tie against Strathroy. In net was Laura Degraw.

Points earned in the round robin gave West Lorne a bye to the quarter finals.

In the quarter finals West Lorne played Embro on Saturday night.

The girls skated to a 4-1 win against Embro.

Semi-finals were played on Sunday

morning.

West Lorne came up against Elma Logan (also known as Monkton). But the girls came up short and lost 3-2 against Monkton.

The loss to Elma Logan put them in the bronze game against St Thomas.

West Lorne was not to be denied and won the game 2-0 against St. Thomas.

Elma Logan went on to win Gold against Owen Sound.

And in the

SWGHL playoffs West Lorne girls continue to fight through their series.

First round saw the West Lorne girls up against a tough Kitchener Rangers team. West Lorne lost the first game to Kitchener but won at home and beat Kitchener out of the first playoff round.

Their next opponent is the Sarnia Sting ladies. Sarnia won the first game in West Lorne. The second game is in



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Bantam Travel Gold!

On March 29 the West Lorne Bantam Travel Team won Gold in the "B" division finals of the Shamrock Hockey League against Glencoe in a best 3 out of 5 games series. Congratulations and thanks go to Ken and his coaching staff for a great year!

Front row: Nolan Collard and David Given.

Back row: Asst. coach Scott Campbell, Trainer Tim Emmett, Kyle Barber, Cody Parker, Tyler Hull, Tyson Ford, Ryan Frizzell, Julian Kovacs, Curtis Gosnell, Matt Hooghiem, Michael Brennan, Bryan Johnston, Coach Ken Shine, David Vergeer, Asst Coach Karl Shramowsky, Malcolm McWilliam and Manager Susan Hull.

Skater Showcase

Shown on the right is Alicia Machado, who was one of over two dozen skaters who performed at the West Elgin Arena Feb. 18 for the annual Skater Showcase.

The showcase is presented by the West Elgin Skating Club.

Individuals and some groups of skaters performed routines for the crowd, and a performance was made by the one and only West Elgin Excess Energy Synchron skating team.

The West Elgin Skating Club will be holding their 55th carnival "Dance to the Music" March 28. There will be 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. shows.



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Three earn Junior black belts.

Above, Sensei Cam Zuefelt of West Elgin Martial Arts along with students Will Robb, Jade Preston and Phillip Downie. All three students were successful at earning their International Modern Martial Arts Federation, Junior Black Belt designation at a grading in December. Congratulations to all three!



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West Lorne Bantam Local team are Consolation Champs!

The West Lorne Bantam Local team went to Blenheim for a tournament Nov. 20-22. They played teams from Blenheim, Godrich, Durham, and Tavistock and came out as Consolation Champions, beating Tavistock 5-0, giving Gregory Vanderveen the shut-out. Team members: Skyler Welch, Jason Timmermens, Brodi Faircloth, Tim Gould, Logan Poels, Kent Vandenburg, Tristan Rhode, Tristin Lockery, Dustin Van Hee, Derrick Somerville, Greg Vanderveen, Austin Hansen and Mich Bradshaw. Way to go boys! Absent: Steven Reimens and Dylan Simpson. Coaching staff: Gerben Vanderkeem, Ted Vandenburg, Tim Hansen, Tony Poels and Sherry Somerville.

West Lorne Shooting Stars win League and Cup Championships



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Shooting Stars are Champions

Lying in front: Jacequelyn Wood. Front row (L-R)- Karlie Willcocks, April Kueneman, Shelby Kemp, Emma Wilkins, Lindsay Laing, Allison Borton, Stephanie Campbell. Back row (L-R)- Chris Leys (coach), Emily Varga, Morgan McCulloch, Melanie Ganhadeiro, Brielle Perl, Stephanie Leys, Jessica Varga, Debbie Levesley, Vanessa Paiva, Jessica Small.

By Chris Leys

The season started slowly with the girls balancing their club season with their high school season. It took a few games for the girls to adjust to playing together again as a number of them play for different high school teams. Once all of the pieces fell back into place, the Stars quickly established themselves as the team to beat. The girls quickly jumped to the top of the league and remained there for the entire season. Defensively the team played very well relying on a number of veteran players. The Stars were a difficult team to defend as 15 of the 19 players contributed with goals during the season. The final league results were 14 wins and two losses for a total of 42 points. The Stars lead the league in goals scored -79 and also in fewest goals allowed - 17.

In Challenge Cup the Stars first faced the Southwest Renegades. This would be an emotionally charged game as the Stars had played the Renegades in the last two league games and the teams were quickly developing a dislike for each other. The girls scored early and often and cruised to a 6-0 victory. Their next opponent was Greater London Blitz who was the only team to beat the Stars during the regular season.

The girls were very surprised to see some new faces in the Blitz line-up and it turned it they had brought some players from their competitive ladies team to ensure a victory. The plan backfired as it only served to provide the Stars with additional incentive and motivation. West Lorne opened the scoring in the first few minutes and never looked back as they handed the Blitz a 5-1 loss. The game became a bit rough at the end but the girls maintained their focus and cool realizing Greater London had nothing left to lose. In the final the Stars faced Oakridge

United. The girls once again jumped out into an early lead but Oakridge also played well and the Stars held a narrow 2-1 lead at halftime. In the second half West Lorne increased their level of play and Oakridge was unable to respond. After West Lorne scored their third goal the game was all but won and they coasted to a 5-1 victory.

The Shooting Stars began playing in the LDYSL in 2002 and returned this year for their eighth season. In their first season, they won both the league and cup championship. The goal this season was to end the way they started and win both league and cup championship. The Stars were led by a group of six players who have played all eight seasons together - Allison Borton, Debbie Levesley, Emma Wilkins, Melanie Ganhadeiro, Shelby Kemp and Stephanie Leys. Also returning to the Stars were April Kueneman, Chloe Steele, Emily Varga, Jessica Varga, Kristin Mylrea, Lindsay Laing, Morgan McCulloch, and Vanessa Paiva. The team welcomed a number of new players and a couple of players who had made a few guest appearances. The new players were Brielle Perl, Jessica Small and Jacqueline Wood. Stephanie Campbell and Karlie Willcocks joined the team on a fulltime basis.

The team has been very successful over their eight seasons winning 4 league championships, 3 challenge cup championships and being challenge cup finalists twice. There are a number of other things that they will also be remembered for - blue and yellow socks, their off-side trap, Montreal and being asked by an opposing coach from a large center -where exactly is West Lorne?

Next year the girls are planning on making the jump to the ladies division and are looking forward to establishing themselves as a team to be reckoned with!

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J.J. Wrobel

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J.J. Wrobel

West Lorne hockey player gets tribute night for 500 pro games

This has been a great year for J.J. Wrobel of West Lorne.

Wrobel, who plays hockey for the Knoxville Ice Bears of the Southern Professional League, was honoured Jan 15 when Knoxville held 'J.J. Wrobel Night' in recognition of his 500th professional career game.

The team rolled out the red carpet in front of fans and presented Wrobel with a framed picture of himself with the Presidents Cup from last year's championships, a silver hockey stick signed by his teammates and coaches, and a personalized Ice Bear jersey.

Wrobel's parents John and Ann were there to surprise him and the team had John drop the honorary puck for the opening face-off.

This past month, the Ice Bears have won back-to-back championships with the Presidents Cup and J.J. Wrobel will receive his second diamond championship ring.

To top it all off, Wrobel has just become engaged to Ashley Smith of Richmond Virginia. The couple is planning a summer 2010 wedding. A big congratulations to Wrobel for everything so far!



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West Lorne Black Novice wins Bronze!

The West Lorne Black Novice team played in the John Henry Tournament in Strathroy over the Christmas break. West Lorne scored with 50 seconds remaining in the 3rd period to capture the Bronze medal beating out Ilderton.

Front row - Riley Pemberton. 2nd row (L-R) - A.J. Gerardin, Jake Mateev, Brody Bodkin, Wyatt Sloetjes, Emily Arn. 3rd row (l-r): Drew McIntyre, Mason Lopes, Matthew McCallum, Travis Wickerson, Ian MacDonald, Ryan Long, Robin DeCook. Coaches (l-r): Gerry Lamb (head coach), Victor Lopes (trainer), Garrett MacDonald (asst. coach), Todd Bodkin (asst. coach).



At the good old hockey game

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Fans like Kaitlyn Rose, Adam Oliveira and Derek Heard cheered on West Lorne during the 4th annual Girls Hockey Tournament at the West Elgin Arena, which finished Jan. 27. The West Lorne Atom and Pee wee teams both reached the championships games. Read about the final results inside!

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Atom Girls play London

Amber Lumley (Left) and Alison Mitchell (Right) maneuvered the puck from one of the London players during the first period of the Championship game of the 4th annual Girls Hockey tournament in West Lorne Jan. 27. The first period went by with neither team taking the advantage. West Lorne got the first goal in the second period, followed by another goal in the third. London tried to make up ground by exchanging their goalie for an extra player, but it wasn't enough. The buzzer sounded, ending the game with a score of 2-0 for West Lorne.



Bonnie McGill

Bantam Local Team beats Blenheim

The West Lorne Bantam Local Team finished their season 20-1-1. Due to teamwork and hard play they finished first out of 11 teams. Way to go guys! They are in the playdowns and have won three games and tied one, which puts them in first for now. They played Blenheim (the only loss in their regular season) on Feb. 27, and beat them 9-2 in a game they dominated through all three periods. Front Row (L-R): Dustin Van Hee, Derrick Somerville, Mitchell Bradshaw, Gregory Vanderveen, Austin Hansen, Steven Riemens, Timothy Gould. Back Row (L-R): Kent Vandenberg, Tim Hansen (asst coach), Skyler Welch, Brody Faircloth, Jason Timmermans, Tristan Rohde, Logan Poels, Tony Poels (trainer), Tristin Lockrey, Gerben Vanderveen (coach). Absent Dylan Simpson, Ted Vandenberg (asst coach), Sherry Somerville (manager). MAR. 18/10 CHRONICLE



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Atom Girls win Gold by beating London!

The West Lorne Atom Girls played against London in the Championship game Jan. 27. The game ended 2-0 for West Lorne. Way to go Girls! Front row: Chelsey Grexton, Madison Murray, Zoey Thornton. Second Row: Heather Nicol, Jada Krebs, Amber Lumley, Bailey Sloetjes, Alison Mitchell, Jocelyn Delgado, Karrissa Page. Third Row: Grace Thornton, Mallory Hooghiem, Kayla Smith, Journey Bois-Groissant. Back Row: Trainer Bonnie Grexton, Asst. Coach Derek Smith, Asst. Coach Ken Sloetjes, Coach Laurie Sloetjes. Absent: Manager Tim Grexton.

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4th Annual Girls hockey tournament

The 4th annual Girls Pee wee and Atom Girls hockey tournament got started Jan. 14-16, with competing teams from West Lorne, Lucan, Ridgetown, Chatham, and Lakeshore. On the third day of the tournament, a water main on Graham Rd. ruptured, cutting off water to the arena.

Washroom facilities were unavailable without water, so the remainder of the tournament had to be postponed. Pictured is West Lorne Pee wee number 7 Melissa Hooghiem as she battled for

control of the puck during the game against London on Jan. 16. The game ended in a tie, but that still gave the Pee wee girls enough points to make it to the finals against Ridgetown.

The Atom girls tied 3-3 in their first game against Lakeshore, then won 6-2 over Chatham the next day. The Atom girls still need to play against London before it's decided what teams will face-off in the Atom championship game. It is still being determined when the tournament will resume.



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West Lorne VS St. Thomas at Timken Centre

Jacob Vader, right, of St. Thomas goes after a loose puck with a West Lorne player during the March 13 Shamrock Hockey League Midget AE playoff series at the Timken Centre. The game ended in a 1-1 overtime tie.



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Synchro team wins gold at their first competition!

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The West Elgin Excess Energy Beginner I Synchro team received a gold medal at the Lloyd Ogilvie Memorial Synchro Competition on Jan. 23. The team has been together since October 2009, and this was their very first competition. (L-R) Coach Lois Hathaway, Sarah deWit, Alexis Ford, Sydney Martin, Faith Lamb, Kate Docherty, Agnes Gowan, Emma deWit, Nadia Rodrigue, Terri-Lynne Wardell, RaeAnna Puspoky, Lucille Gowan. Absent: Brooke Hillman and Manager April Ricker. Synchronized skating is the newest program being offered by the West Elgin Skating Club. Formerly known as Precision Skating, synchro is ideal for skaters interested in a team activity. Basic maneuvers, formations and transitions are taught in a social, team atmosphere.



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PeeWee Girls place 2nd in Simcoe

The West Lorne PeeWee Girls travelled to Simcoe on the Family Day weekend to play in the Cassie Turner Memorial Tournament. The girls placed 2nd and received Silver Medals. The PeeWee's were undefeated until the final where they once again met Ridgetown. Congratulations Girls!

In front: Goalie Chelsey Grexton. Second Row: Tiana Chappell, Melissa Hooghiem, Allison Rose, Montana Sloetjes, Melanie Van Schaick. Third Row: Jodie Aldred, Carley Oliveira, Scarlet Redman (front), Calli Barnes, Kayla Smith, Trainer: Tracy Hooghiem.

Back Row: Coach: Paulo Oliveira, Asst. Coaches Jay Chappell and Pete Barnes

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PeeWee Girls place 2nd

The 4th Annual Girls Hockey Tournament was held at the West Elgin Arena on Jan. 27. The PeeWee Girls placed 2nd, losing to the Ridgetown team who scored the only goal in the shoot out. Congratulations Girls!

Back Row: Asst. Coach Jay Chappell, Asst. Coach Pete Barnes, Trainer Tracy Hooghiem and Coach Paulo Oliveira.
Second Row: Scarlett Redman, Calli Barnes, Carley Oliveira, Jodie Aldred, Rachel Gray, Montana Sloetjes
Front Row: Melissa Hooghiem, Tiana Chappell, Melanie Van Schaick.
Goalie: Allison Rose

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West Lorne VS Ridgetown

Tension mounted Jan. 27 as the first three periods of the PeeWee Girls Championship game against Ridgetown went by with neither team managing a goal. The overtime period finished without any goals either, so the teams went into a shoot out. Pictured is West Lorne's Carley Oliveira during her turn to take a shot at the net. Ultimately Ridgetown scored first and the game ended.

The PeeWee Girls deserve credit for getting so far, since they only have 10 girls on the team and their goalie is just one of the regular players that happened to "step in" in the absence of a regular goalie.

WEST LORNE W.I. 2008

We catered to a dinner on January 22 for Rodney Fair Board at the Complex.

Workers - L - R.

Georgina Jensen, Grita Van Raes, Leola Lawrence, Shirley Walker, Nancy Baillie, Mary Lippold, Frances Graham, Olive Chambers.



Tea for cancer JEFF KEMPENAAR/THE CHRONICLE
Sarah Hoffman, Kathleen Johnston, Donna Miller and Joyce Baker enjoy tea and conversation at the annual Cancer Tea hosted by local Women's Institutes at Bobier Villa Saturday. The event raised more than \$2,000 for the Daffodil Society.



Ninety-fifth year anniversary at the Women's Institute JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE
Members of the Women's Institute gathered for a luncheon at the West Lorne Complex Jan 8 to celebrate the 95th anniversary of their branch. It was back in 1913 that Mrs. Tom Sims, wife of the editor of the Elgin Sun, gathered 60 women at an old opera house to begin the West Lorne branch. This local branch first held meetings every month in the homes of members. It was in 1930 the Women's Institute opened the Women's Institute Room at a memorial hall.
Each branch of the Women's Institute is part of an international network of women who try to work for the betterment of their communities and countries. The Women's Institute promotes programs on Family and Consumer affairs, do work with museums, libraries and schools, partner with environmental safety and health organizations, identify and act on local, national and global issues, and many other projects.
Back row: (left to right) Rita Hurley, Nancy Lashbrook, Club Secretary Anita VanRaes, Treasurer Mary Liepmann, Olive Chambers, Barbara Popham and Leola Lawrence
Front Row: (left to right) Fran Graham, Mary Lippold, Dorothy Japoc, Donna Driver, Vice President Gwen McLain and President Shirley Walker

- February 27 we attended the "Winter Picnic" in Fingal
- April 12 - The Cancer Tea was held at Bobier Villa
- April 27 - Supplied hot dogs and pop for the Great Ride
- June - We went to a play in Petrolia then to Actors for dinner
- Sept - We donated to Beattie's Haven for water
- Oct - We donated to Optimists for the Splash Pad
- Danielle McGill won the bursary.
- We donated to the barrels for Jamaica
- We cater to the Kiwanians Thursdays

West Lorne Women's Institute News

Twelve members were in attendance for the meeting held on Sept. 15 at the West Elgin Community Complex. The meeting opened with everyone reciting the Mary Stewart Collect followed by singing The Women's Institute Ode.

The president, Shirley Walker, presided over the meeting and began with roll call of what you did over the summer. There were some interesting stories.

Shirley then introduced our guest speaker and WI member, Bonita Berge, who gave an interesting and informative talk on incontinence.

Bonita is a graduate of St. Mary's Nursing School in Montreal and also obtained her masters in nursing.

She worked in several places in management positions and, while in community nursing, became familiar with the incontinence program by regional geriatrics at Parkwood Hospital. It is estimated that the Canadian Health Care System is paying approximately \$1 million annually for direct and indirect care of incontinence, not only in supplies but in nursing care as they require more care than others in the same ward.

She went on to explain some of the myths of incontinence, causes, various kinds, and

what can be done to prevent and/or treat it. Gwen McLain thanked Bonita for her interesting talk.

Members donated pint jars of preserves which made up a gift box for the Rodney Fair's silent auction.

Leola Lawrence reported on the annual district board meeting held earlier this week.

A motion was made to donate a sum of money to the African Clean Water Project and also money to buy a barrel for the Newmans for their shipping of needed goods to Jamaica.

Theresa St. Pierre is to donate the WLWI scholarship to Vanessa Paiva at Commencement exercises at West Elgin District High School in November.

An invitation was accepted from the Wallacetown Women's Institute to join them for the Christmas dinner at Lakeview in December.

In the absence of our secretary, the minutes of the last meeting was read by Mary Liepmann, who also gave us the treasurer's report.

The meeting closed with a repeating of the Lord's Prayer. Following the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by Shirley and Gwen, our hostesses for this month.

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Celebrating 95 years.

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Members of the Clachan Women's Institute celebrated the organization's 95th anniversary Feb. 23 at the Clachan Community Hall. They enjoyed a lunch, an anniversary cake and a performance by Daisy-May the clown. Grace Campbell, the Elgin County District President of the Women's Institute was there as a guest speaker. The Clachan Community Hall has been nearly finished renovations including a new furnace, windows and bathroom. The renovations were made possible through a Trillium grant the W.I. received in the amount of \$30,600.

WE WERE GUESTS

Submitted

The monthly meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute was held in the West Lorne Community Complex Oct. 6. Eleven members and two guests were present.

President Shirley Walker presided over the meeting, which opened with singing the Women's Institute Ode, followed by a recitation in unison of The Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll Call was answered by each one telling of her most memorable vacation.

Many interesting stories were told and it seemed that all had done a lot of traveling. Mary Liepmann introduced our guest speaker, Donna Miller, who enjoys traveling. Her latest trip has been to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where she, her

daughter and son-in-law went to visit Donna's grandson.

After finishing university, and with the teacher's situation the way it is at present, he attended an International School in Toronto and was sent to UAE to teach Grade 3. He went to the American International School in Abu Dhabi where he is one of 90 teachers from kindergarten to Grade 8.

There are 20 different curriculums there, but English is the most prevalent. Donna went on to show beautiful pictures, mostly around Dubai.

UAE is a wealthy country due to the oil, and has the largest mosque in the world with the pillars of marble inlaid with mother of pearl, as well as the tallest building in the world.

She showed the world's only indoor ski run, with real snow, in a

shopping mall. Dubai is building what they call a sky train, which will take people on tours all round the city. We saw many more beautiful pictures, too many to mention.

Leola Lawrence thanked the speaker for taking us on her most interesting tour by all the slides shown.

A delicious lunch was served by Donna Driver and Mary Liepmann.

The secretary report and the financial report were both read. A couple of thank-you notes were also read; from the Clean Water Organization for our donation and from the Elgin Quilt Competition for a donation to the plowing match.

A few other articles of business were discussed and carried over until next month's meeting.

The Lord's prayer was recited at the closing of the meeting.

West Lorne Women's Institute News

Submitted

The monthly meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute took place at the West Lorne Community Complex on Nov. 3 with 16 members present and one guest.

President Shirley Walker opened the meeting with the Women's Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. She then introduced our guest speaker, Winfred Liepmann.

Win spoke on his early years in Germany during the war. He was born in the city of Hamburg which, at the time, had a population of over 2 million people. His father was captain of the high seas and was captured as a prisoner of war. He was offered a ship or a chance to immigrate to Canada. He chose the latter.

One ship was taking the prisoners of war to Australia, and the other to Canada. The Liepmann family, being left without the head, made Win the "man of the house" at a very young age. The family

had many hardships to overcome and were moved closer to Poland where it was quieter, and later settled in West Germany. Win saw bombs fall within a short distance of where they were standing.

Win often lined up at the butcher shop for meat at 6 o'clock in the morning, before his mother would come to relieve him so that he could get to school by 8. He had to gather wood for heat and for cooking and he used to hide under railway cars filled with coal when they stopped, so he could gather the pieces that fell to take home for heat.

Win emigrated to Canada in 1946 and, after finishing schooling here, he took a lumberman course in Memphis, Tenn. He became a Canadian citizen in 1957. He said that Canada was a country of opportunity and immigrants had to adapt to the new country.

Business was discussed with the treasurer's report and financial

reports read. Several thank-you notes were read. A donation is to be made to the Optimists towards candy for the Santa Claus Parade. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

A delicious lunch was served by Mary Liepmann and Helen Mooser.

Nov 14/09

*He donated to -
Eli Khan Fund
Children's Hospital
Pennies for Friendship
Bobier Villa - Birthdays
Quilt Auction - IPM.
Water - Africa
Julie & Wentworth Newman
for Jamaica book fund*

*Theresa St Pierre to present the
bursary of \$100.00 to Vanessa Paiva
at Commencement.
Olive Chambers to lay wreath Nov. 11
West Elgin Community Expo at
International Club Nov 7 from 11-8
Leola Lawrence made a Women's Institute
display.*

West Lorne Women's Institute

Eight members from the West Lorne Women's Institute attended the annual winter picnic in February, hosted by Talbotville W.I. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all.

Later in February, 11 members attended Clathan's 95th anniversary. Following a delicious meal served by Clathan members, Grace Campbell, the Elgin County District President of the Women's Institute, gave a very interesting presentation of the activities and history of the association. West Lorne Institute presented Clathan with a plaque to commemorate their 95 years since organization.

West Lorne's monthly meeting was held March 3 with eight members and four guests in attendance. The meeting opened by singing The Women's Institute Ode and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect.

Nancy Lashbrook introduced the guest speaker, Sue Swain, who gave a most interesting talk on her work with the Keystone Equine Centre. She attended a school in Saskatchewan on handling horses with peo-

ple. Many people at risk, especially teenagers, have had their personalities turned around due to participation in the Behaviour Modification Program. There are only four of these facilities in Ontario and 57 across Canada. Horses act like a mirror as to how we behave. If we are afraid, they are afraid. If we are confident, they are confident.

Roll call was taken with each one mentioning what to change in the education system. The consensus was that the students should show more respect to property, teachers, and seniors. It was also stated that the Lord's prayer be reinstated and repeated daily in the schools.

A letter was received from the Figure Skating Club asking for money and a motion was made to make a donation to them.

We were all reminded of the annual Cancer Tea to be held at the Bobier Home in Dutton on April 4.

The meeting closed with all repeating The Lord's Prayer, followed by lunch provided by Mary Lippold and Nancy Lashbrook.



LEFT - RIGHT, NANCY LASHBROOK, LEOLA LAWRENCE, GWEN McLAIN, MARY LIPPOLD, OLIVE CHAMBERS, TWILLA McWILLIAMS, DONNA DRIVER, LOIS WOOLNER, PRESIDENT OF CLATHAN W.I. DOROTHY JAPEK, SHIRLEY WALKER, WEST LORNE W.I. PRESIDENT, PRESENTING A PLAQUE TO LOIS. WE WERE GUESTS FOR THEIR 95th ANNIVERSARY.

The April meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute was held on April 7 in the West Lorne Community Complex. Eight members were present as well as five guests.

President Shirley Walker presided over the meeting which opened with the signing of The Women's Ode followed by repeating the Martha Stewart Collect.

Barbara Popham introduced the guest speaker, Grace McGartland, who is the general chairwoman of the Arts and Cookery Bank. Grace gave a history of how the project is progressing and what will be there. She explained that the old bank was of good solid foundation but needed an 'uplift'. Due to government assistance, hard working members of the committee, volunteers and general donations, this is a reality. Financially they are half way there. There will be photography showing old and new, lessons in digital photography, cooking demonstrations and possibly a space for small groups, meetings or whatever, as well as other activities and interests. There will be an entrance at ground level and an elevator to the second floor. The Arts and Cookery Bank project is not only for today but to keep people in touch 100 years from now.

An "Adoption Auction" will be held on April 24. By bidding on various items needed to complete construction of The Bank you will be adopting that item (windows, doors, plumbing, dishes, etc.) John Johnston is the auctioneer for the evening. Sounds like a fun night. Mary Liepmann and Nancy Lashbrook were appointed to attend The Bank auction on behalf of the WI and to bid on an item to adopt.

The annual cancer tea, sponsored by West Elgin Women's Institute, was held at the Bobier Home the previous Saturday with several members attending. Leola Lawrence was commended for all her work in the cancer society. Well Done Leola!

A financial statement was read by Mary Liepmann. Mary also read the minutes of last month's meeting which were approved. A thank you note was read from the Clathan Women's Institute for our attendance at their 95th anniversary and for the plaque we donated to them. The 2010 Plowing Match, which will be held in St. Thomas, has requested volunteer help from the WI. The Ride for Cancer will be coming soon and the WI will supply hot dogs to all riders. Discussion took place regarding a bake sale at the cowboys weekend in July.

Following the meeting a Dutch Auction was held and a gratifying amount was raised. Next West Lorne Women's Institute meeting will be held May 5.

West Lorne Women's Institute

-Submitted. The June meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute was held in the form of a potluck picnic at the home of Shirley Walker. Food was bountiful and delicious.

Correspondence was read and much discussion took place about various things coming up in the future. The biggest discussion was about feeding the Kiwanians their weekly meals, since there will be an extra meal per month that they want catered. It was finally decided that if more people got involved and helped with the cooking that we would try it until the end of the year. A letter was read from Joan Johnston on behalf of Kiwanis members thanking the Institute for catering to them in the past. It was decided to hold a bake sale in conjunction with the Community Cowboy Days held in late July. Mary Liepmann was appointed convener and Nancy Lashbrook as assistant.

A motion was made to make a donation to the Plowing match towards prizes for the quilt competition. A report was read by the treasurer and any unpaid bills were to be paid. Mary Liepmann thanked our hostess, Shirley. The next meeting will be September 15.

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The May meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute took place at the West Elgin Community Complex May 5. Fourteen members and two guests were present. The meeting opened with the signing of the Women's Institute Ode followed by reciting the Mary Stewart Collect.

The president, Shirley Walker, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. John St. Pierre, who had a beautiful slide presentation for us to view. John took up photography as a hobby after he retired from teaching a few years ago.

The first part of the slides was titled "Autumn Along the Gray Line," then "A Glimpse of West Lorne," "Joe's Bush," "Summer in Dutton-Dunwich," and lastly "Autumn at the West Elgin nature Reserve." These were lovely pictures of nature which we so seldom take time to admire. Olive Chambers thanked the guest speaker for such an interesting program.

Following lunch, which was served by Barb Popham and Gwen McLain, roll call was taken by each member stating how many hours she had put in during the past year on behalf of the W.I. Dues were collected for the following year. The minutes of the last meeting were

read by Anita Van Raes and were accepted by Mary Lippold and seconded by Gwen McLain. Mary Liepmann gave a report of finances and also intake of last month's Dutch Auction.

A report was made on the Adoption Auction which Mary Liepmann and Nancy Lashbrook attended on behalf of the WLWI. A total of \$200 was spent. Shirley Walker read several letters of correspondence, many of which were put on hold until the fall meeting. The Bobier Home asked for \$25 to be donated for the birthday teas for the residences. This was approved.

Money is to be sent to the pediatric cardiac centre as well as a donation to the Eli Kahn fund. Four members will attend the annual district meeting to be held next Wednesday at Bethany United Church, Shedden.

A discussion took place as to what to do for our June meeting which is always an outing someplace. Many places were mentioned but it was hard to make a decision that all accepted. It was finally decided to hold a pot luck picnic at Shirley Walker's place, then a tour of the new Waterworks Plant at Eagle.

Members were reminded of the bake sale at the Cowboys annual weekend in July. The meeting was closed with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

June - We held a pot luck lunch at our president's home, Shirley Walker.

July - Mary Liepmann and Nancy Lashbrook convened the bake sale at Cowboys + Cactus Days. We raised \$301.