



## Dynamos dynamite

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Chelsey Roberts, Hannah Hewitt and Shelby Neilson of the Dynamo Singers sing Christmas carols for fellow Dunwich-Dutton Public School students Dec. 15, in a special assembly. The choir, with director John Robertson delighted family the night before, performing with a brass quartet in the gymnasium.

*Shelby Neilson is the granddaughter of W.S member Mary Liepmann.*



## Snowmen

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Cassandra Gionet, Amanda Hood and Tyler Deyle cozy up with a snowman their class made at West Elgin Secondary School Dec. 14 during a snowman making contest. Using some water, the class managed to get the light snow packed.

## Students to help with Web surfing

Two computer whizzes are eager to teach the basics of using a computer at local libraries.

Computer education programs will be offered at the West Lorne and Dutton branch libraries starting this November.

Timothy Waite and Daniel Martyn, two students from West Elgin Secondary School have been hired to teach about 400 hours of classes over the next few months.

Free lessons will cover the basics of

using a computer, word processing, slideshows, spreadsheets and web page design.

"Show me what you know and I'll show you more," said Waite, 15. "Show up and I'll take you from there."

Computers have become essential for research, business and communications, said Waite.

"The Internet has an infinite amount of information," said Waite. "It's just finding what you want and what is real."

More rural people have access to the online world with wireless Internet offered as of early this year.

"The idea is to teach the community. There are still seniors and other age groups that want to learn more. Businesses can get help building a web page," said Shelley Flemming at

the West Lorne Library.

The Community Access Program has been offered in the area for about five years now, funded by Industry Canada.

Waite will teach youth on Tuesdays and adults on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

He is also avail-

able after school on most days and Saturday's 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Martyn will be available from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Mon., Tues. and Thursday as well as Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Moms and daughters play for good cause

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Kathy Gionet gives Tracy Donaldson a hard time as she attempts to toss in the ball during a friendly mother/daughter basketball game Nov. 10. About \$60 was raised for Operation Christmas Child. The girls won.



## WESES holds tournament

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Jonathan Godfrey volleys to Andrew Ford, centre and Zach Welch during for the West Elgin Senior Elementary School's senior boys team during the WESES tournament Nov. 12. John Dearness Public School won in the Grade D division.



## WESS gets new van

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Tech department head George Cipu sits behind the wheel of a 2005 Dodge Caravan donated to West Elgin Secondary School's transportation program Dec. 16. Students in the technology program joined in the donation ceremony with representatives from the Thames Valley School Board and McNaughton Dodge who presented the van on behalf of Daimler Chrysler. The van can't be driven off school campus and will be used for learning about new vehicle technology.

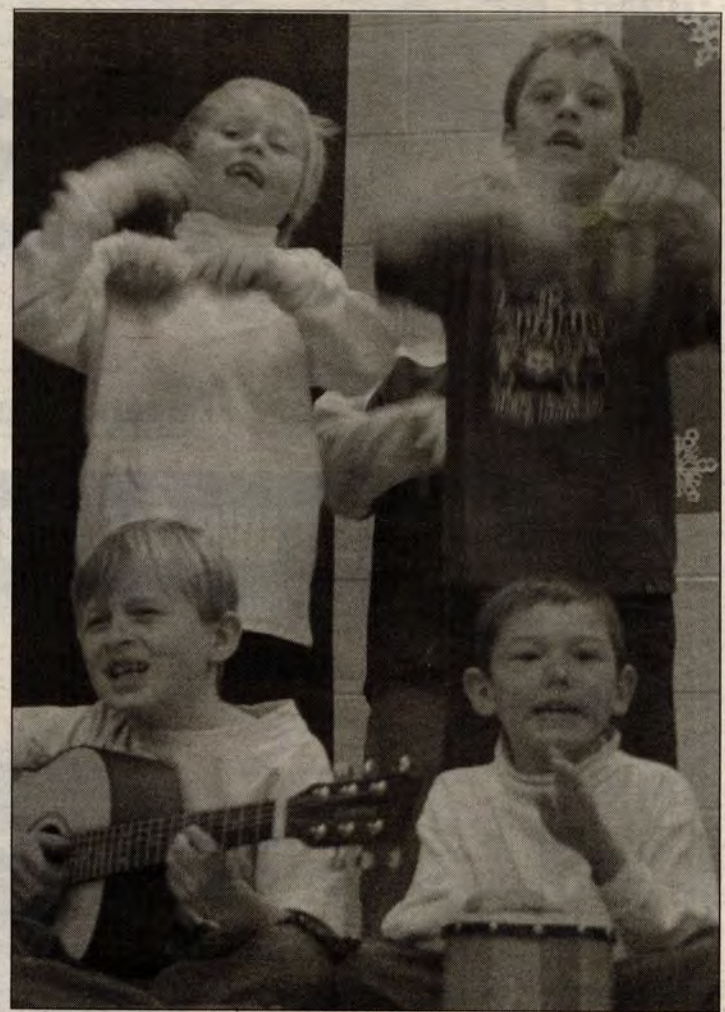


## St. Mary's holds fundraiser

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St. Mary's Catholic School parents held the annual fundraising silent auction and dance at the Dutton-Dunwich Community Centre Nov. 19. Left: more than 250 came, bidding on hundreds of donated items. Right: Hogwild, from St. Thomas played music.





**Do you hear what I hear?**

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Mikayla Pelcz, left and Nathan Payne listen to Santa Claus, Caleb Hood, during the Aldborough Public School's presentation of December in Our Town. The musical followed a group of Christians collecting donations from different multicultural groups having various celebrations. Right: Billy Girling and Matthew Vanderloo play the maracas in the back while Jessie Hejna and Austin Perry also play musical instruments in a Spanish Fiesta.



**WESES holds Winterlude of Music**

With decorated saxophones, Molly Schleichauf, Nicole Collard and Michelle Parezanovic play Jingle Bell Rock with the West Elgin Senior Elementary School's concert band for parents Dec. 20. Right: Teresa Nestic plays the accordian during the winterlude.

**St. Mary's takes friends and family on Journey of Love**

Above: Emma McDonagh, Alicia McCreedy, Lina Bettencourt and Kailey McMillan sang Silent Night as shepherds along the long road to Bethlehem on the Journey of Love presented by St. Mary's Catholic School Dec. 22. Below: Merchants, Nick Johnston, Kyle Oliveira, Jessica Small, Sara Oliveira, Kelsey Gosnell and Kelsey Vandenburg sought shekles at the market place.



**Pipers piping**

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West Elgin Secondary School Junior band members, Nicole Carew, Bailey Lamon, Rashel Moriarty, Brooke Wilson and Sara Vandaele played Dance of the Reed Flutes by Tchaikovsky at the 2005 Sounds of the Season Dec. 7 in the school cafeteria.



## Students learn lots about life while at West Elgin Secondary School

### Excerpt from Adam McKillop's Valedictorian speech

So here we are. For most of us, we are no longer high school students. For all of us, we are still following our school motto.

Many of us are unfamiliar with this phrase, and do not pay much attention to it; however, I believe it can help explain a lot about our high school experience and future endeavors. "Non scholae

sed vitae discimus" which means, "We learn" not only for learning alone, but for life.

West Elgin is a part of life for every single one of us in here.

Past, present and current stu-

dents do not have a choice even the smallest cut will bleed a little purple.

There is a certain level of pride in everyone who attends West Elgin.



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### Grads return for convocation

Jason Enns, Jayme and Jennifer Ford and Greg Gangle make their way into the West Elgin Secondary School gymnasium for commencement Oct. 6.

## Graduating Class of 2005

Melanie Baptista  
Daniel Barry  
Ursula Beauchamp  
Lindsay Besley  
John Boughner  
Christine Bray  
Michelle Campbell  
Sandy Campbell  
Scott Campbell  
Shaun Carroll  
Stuart Clelland  
Brandyn Cook  
Robin Cowan  
Joleen Crawford  
Philip daCosta  
Donald Deleary  
Tracy Deyle  
Katie Dietrich

Kathleen Drent  
Jennifer Drummelsmith  
Joshua Duplessis  
Sarah Dyck  
Christopher Emery  
Jason Enns  
Meghan Ford  
Greg Gangle  
Clayton Gillick  
Brett Gosnell  
Frank Hatch  
Michael Hatch  
Sabrina Howarth  
BJ Huguenin  
Gregory Hull  
Stacey Johnston  
Leslie Johnstone  
Kimberly Joyce

Racheal Kalita  
Clint Kennedy  
Robert Kennedy  
Lisa King  
Craig Knight  
Jamie Knowles  
Jan Kool  
Hillary Kriter  
Kate Kuranyi  
Dana Kuska  
Amanda Leonardes  
Sarah Lilley  
Jennifer Loos  
Katie Lyons

Julie Marcus  
Katherine Mark  
Daniel Martyn  
Keith McCallum  
Michael McCallum  
Jonathan McDowell  
Kyler McGaffey  
Adam McKillop  
Maryjo McWilliam  
Whitney McWilliam  
Emilie Moreau  
Wade Munn  
Michael Murray  
Sarah Nagy

Ashlynn Newport  
Elana Oake  
Jeffery Okolisan  
Lindsay Oliveira  
Laura Park  
Lance Peskar  
JoLeen Peternel  
Matthew Pfeifer  
Kory Preston  
Lucas Rastapkevicius  
Colette Rastin  
Lacey Reeves  
Colin Reid  
Tennille Robinson  
Martin Sacher  
Chantelle Sadecky  
Troy Schliehauf  
Melanie Schramowsky

Erica Silva  
Trevor Sinclair  
Carolyn Smith  
Daniel Soos  
Nichole Stallon  
Scott Swan  
Ruben van der Zon  
Michael Vandenbrink  
Savannah Vanraes  
Bernardt van Zyl  
Nick Vojin  
Melanie Voll  
Jeffery Walker  
Chelsey Wilson  
Dana Woolley  
Sarah Woolsey  
Shane Young



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### WESS students paint the town

Taylor Gosnell, Grade 10 West Elgin Secondary School, joined other art students to paint shop windows in West Lorne Nov. 25



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### Student work sites visited

Janet Pinder, administrator at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Rodney explains her involvement with the WEST program to Jim Donnelly and Judith Aspinwall, two principals from Liverpool England. Left, Sabrina Howarth, told the principals about her experience in the WEST program, working at the OEYC

## Former WESS vice principal elected warden

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To address challenges that threaten rural ways of life, Elgin county's 137th warden plans to re-establish a rural initiatives committee to demand reforms from senior levels of government.

Acclaimed as warden in a ceremony held Dec. 13 at the county administration building, Aylmer Mayor Paul Baldwin stressed the need to "constantly remind all of Ontario of their rural roots, their rural provisions and our rural needs."

In his inaugural address, Baldwin said he will urge council to reconstitute a rural initiatives committee to consist of past wardens John Wilson and Jim McIntyre, and West Elgin mayor Graham Warwick.

Their task will be to "examine and suggest rural initiatives council should take to advance the rural cause," explained Baldwin, the first Aylmer warden since Roger Vandierendonck in 1993.

To prepare for the next decade, Baldwin also promised to undertake a "visioning exercise" that will identify key demographic, social and

economic trends that will effect Elgin.

The process will "encourage us to develop the strategic goals and tactical plans that will allow us to prepare for and to capitalize on those trends."

"I think that timely, strategic planning is vital for all Elgin and, in such cases as this, my Elgin includes St. Thomas."

Raised in St. Thomas, he and wife Jacquie have lived in Yarmouth, Aylmer, West Lorne and Rodney.

For 33 years Baldwin was on staff of the Elgin County Board of Education with stints

as a high school history teacher in St. Thomas and Aylmer, a vice-principal at West Elgin Secondary School and Parkside Collegiate Institute before returning to East Elgin Secondary School as principal.



# Congratulations

## West Elgin Secondary School

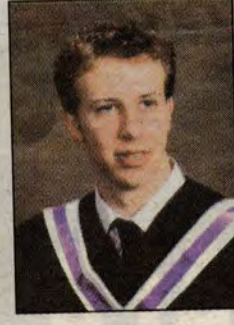
### Ontario Scholars



**Christine Bray**  
From: West Lorne  
Parents: Randy and Anne  
Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Arts & Humanities-English



**Jenna Campbell**  
From: Iona Station  
Parents: Grant  
Attending: University of Guelph  
Enrolled in: Applied Human Nutrition



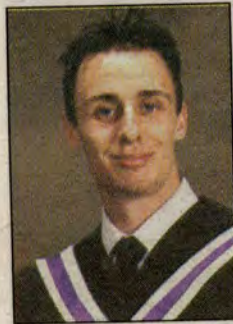
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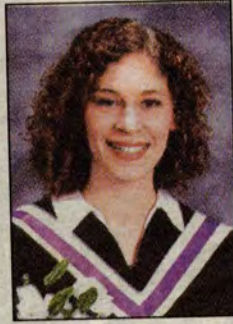
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From: Rodney  
Parents: Jeff & Sheraine  
Attending: Fanshawe College  
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**Jennifer Drummelsmith**  
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Enrolled in: Kinesiology



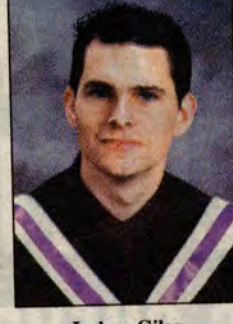
**Josh Duplessis**  
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Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Kinesiology



**Sarah Dyck**  
From: Dutton  
Parents: Margaret  
Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Faculty of Arts: Humanities



**Jayme Ford**  
From: Dutton  
Parents: Wayne & Chris Horst, Jamey & Kim Ford  
Attending: Wilfrid Laurier University  
Enrolled in: Business Administration



**Joshua Giles**  
From: West Lorne  
Parents: Carole & Allan  
Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Engineering



**Kendra Goos**  
From: Rodney  
Parents: Dave & Beth  
Attending: Wilfrid Laurier University  
Enrolled in: Archeology



**Michael Hatch**  
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Parents: Marianne & Bob  
Attending: University of Toronto  
Enrolled in: Civil Engineering



**Brianne Hein**  
From: West Lorne  
Parents: Hal & Yvonne  
Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Honours Arts (Social Science)



**Leslie Johnstone**  
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Attending: University of Guelph  
Enrolled in: French



**Craig Hogland**  
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Attending: University of Guelph  
Enrolled in: Bio Medical Science



**Ashton Keith**  
From: Wallacetown  
Parents: Karen & Robert  
Attending: Wilfrid Laurier University  
Enrolled in: Concurrent Education



**Lisa King**  
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Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Health Sciences



**Jan Kool**  
From: West Lorne  
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Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Political Science



**Hillary Kriter**  
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Parents: Kevin & Irene  
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Enrolled in: Bachelor of Arts



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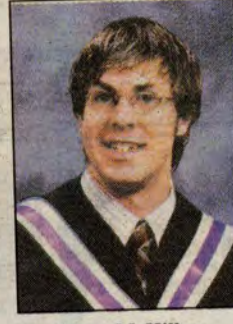
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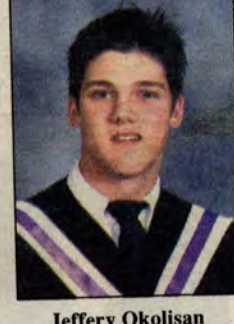
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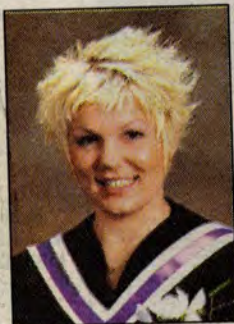
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Attending: University of Guelph  
Enrolled in: Political Science



**Anita Pessoa**  
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Attending: McMaster University  
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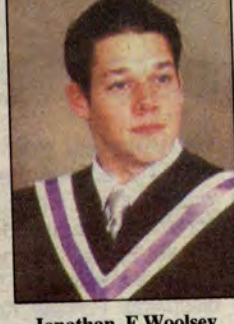
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**Bernardt Van Zyl**  
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Enrolled in: Civil Engineering



**Chelsey Wilson**  
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Attending: Fanshawe College  
Enrolled in: Pharmacy Technician



**Jonathan F Woolsey**  
From: Rodney  
Parents: Robert & Wendy  
Attending: University of Western Ontario  
Enrolled in: Engineering





**Trees go home**  
June Ford's, left, Grade 4 class took home these trees last week. Gina Toth, Meghan Dennahower, Elizabeth Beer, Joshua Buchanan, Sabrina Fletcher, Brian Johnston (back), and the rest of the class planted seeds for the Trees For Tomorrow program earlier this year.

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**Flea market held at Aldborough PS**  
Kyle Brown works out a deal with Samantha McCullough at the annual flea market held at Aldborough Public School Tuesday morning raising money for a trip to Backus-Page House.

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**The light of the New Year rises**  
Kasey Kosikar guided her flock to Bethlehem on the Journey to Love, presented by St. Mary's Catholic School students in the cold Dec. 22. night.

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**Track and field at WESES**  
Above: Paula Hejna jumps 1.15 metres during the girls high jump competition at WESES on May 20 during the school's track and field day. Below: Katie Feere puts everything she's got into the ball throw competition.

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## WESES TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

### High Jump

Girls 12: 1st Samantha Gallant, 2nd Madison Gosnell, 3rd Sarah King  
Boys 12: 1st Ryan Ireland, 2nd Andrew Ford, 3rd Jason Carrol

Girls 13+: 1st Meghan Schneider, 2nd Jessica Varga, 3rd Ariel Taylor  
Boys 13+: 1st Michael Godfrey, 2nd Josh Dionne, 3rd Kelsey McConnell

### Long Jump

Girls 12: 1st Paula Hejna, 2nd Laura Szusz, 3rd Michelle Parezanovic  
Boys 12: 1st Andrew Ford, 2nd Jason Carroll, 3rd Johan Nagy

Girls 13+: 1st Jessica Varga, 2nd Mary Jane Petermel, 3rd Jacqueline Lamb  
Boys 13+: 1st Drew Lebedz, 2nd Michael Godfrey, 3rd Jordan Drouillard

### Triple Jump

Girls 12: 1st Laura Szusz, 2nd Debbie Levesley, 3rd Michelle Parezanovic  
Boys 12: 1st Brandon Caughell, 2nd Jason Carroll, 3rd Andrew Feere

Girls 13+: 1st Alana Maclean, 2nd Jessica Varga, 3rd Mary Jane Petermel  
Boys 13+: 1st Michael Godfrey, 2nd Jordan Drouillard, 3rd Kelsey McConnell

### Ball Throw

Girls 12: 1st Madison Gosnell, 2nd Samantha Gallant, 3rd Carol McMillan  
Boys 12: 1st Brad Bint, 2nd Jason Carroll, 3rd Brandon Caughell

Girls 13+: 1st Brodi Jewell, 2nd Elysia Peskar, 3rd Chelsea Drent  
Boys 13+: 1st Allan Percival, 2nd William Feere, 3rd Kyle Petric

### 400-metre

Girls 12: 1st Debbie Levesley, 2nd Nicole Campbell, 3rd Laura Pinder  
Boys 12: 1st Andrew Ford, 2nd Jonathan Godfrey, 3rd Ryan Ireland

Girls 13+: 1st Jordan Emmett, 2nd Jessica Varga, 3rd Morgan McCulloch  
Boys 13+: 1st Dylan Weselowski, 2nd Kelsey McConnell, 3rd Jason Eichenberger

### 800-metre

Girls 12: 1st Debbie Levesley, 2nd Nicole Campbell, 3rd Laura Szusz  
Boys 12: 1st Andrew Feere, 2nd Brandon Caughell, 3rd Jarrod Baughman

Girls 13+: 1st Brodi Jewell, 2nd Teresa Nestic, 3rd Lauren McWilliam  
Boys 13+: 1st Dylan Weselowski, 2nd Kelsey McConnell, 3rd Drew Lebedz

### 1000-metre

Girls 12: Debbie Levesley, 2nd Madison Gosnell, 3rd Laura Pinder  
Boys 12: 1st Jason Carroll, 2nd Andrew Feere, 3rd Brandon Caughell

Girls 13+: 1st Jacqueline Lamb, 2nd Meghan Schneider, 3rd Jordan Emmett  
Boys 13+: 1st Jordan Dionne, 2nd Mike Parezanovic, 3rd Dylan Weselowski

### 1,500-metre

Girls 12: 1st Debbie Levesley, 2nd Nicole Campbell, 3rd Laura Szusz  
Boys 12: 1st Andrew Feere, 2nd Jarrod Baughman, 3rd Jason Carroll

Girls 13+: 1st Brodi Jewell, 2nd Ashlee Aldred, 3rd Teresa Nestic  
Boys 13+: 1st Kelsey McConnell, 2nd Jeremy Delouw, 3rd Darren Downie

## What does it mean to be a Wildcat?

1. Are we not one of the only schools that have cattle beside our football field?
2. I am almost positive that we are the only school that has been contacted by NASA for strange craters in the student parking lot.
3. A classroom without windows? Only in West Elgin!
4. Classrooms that carry a different odor every day depending on the season.
5. Constant wet-paint signs around the halls but only around the dry paint.
6. Checking your family tree before you ask someone out on a date. (From Adam McKillop's speech)



# School packed like sardines with new students

Life at WESS is back in full swing after another busy summer of upgrades and renovations. The school is literally humming with activity. We welcome all of the new Wildcats, those who have entered the school in Grade 9 (a very large incoming class), as well as a substantial number of students who have moved to the area or transferred here from other schools.

It is absolutely wonderful having so many students in the school, although between classes the hallways do feel a bit like a sardine can. Our current enrollment is about 590 students, up from 490 just two years ago. This allows us to offer an even broader range of courses and programming for our students, and several new extra-curricular activities.

I would like to congratulate our recent graduates on their many achievements over their time here at WESS and wish them well as they begin their post-secondary education, enter the world of work, or in several cases, return to WESS to take some additional courses. We look forward to seeing them again at our commencement ceremonies on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. The students voted to try a new day and date, as many have been unable to attend commencement in recent years as so many post-secondary institutions have mid-term exams over the weekends in late October and early November. While the grads are home for the Thanksgiving weekend, we will also be hosting the launch of "The Scars That Never Fade", a new anthology of student writing and artwork which resulted from an initiative by WESPAC, which had our Grade 10 History students interview local veterans in the spring. Grade 12 Writers Craft students helped as well with editing and writing. This project commemorates the Year of the Veteran, and will be celebrated in the cafetorium at WESS at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7. All are welcome to attend, and copies of the book will be given to the veterans and the students. Copies will also be available for sale at a cost of \$5.

At times during the summer the hallways of the school looked like a moon station, sealed off with orange tarps as the roof above was

replaced.

Approximately one-third of the school's roof was replaced in July and August. Other renovations included the installation of a beautiful new display cabinet for our athletic plaques and trophies, constructed and installed by Calmbrook Construction; the installation of two new boilers to keep us warm during the winter; a new drain under the kitchen which will eliminate some chronic drainage problems, and new urinals in the boys washroom. New textbooks have been purchased for several courses, and we will shortly be receiving 25 new computers for our classrooms.

Earlier this year, a new head custodian, Ken Hiltgartner, started at WESS, and we have four new teachers on staff: Ms. Green, who is teaching science and coaching field hockey, Mrs. Langelaan, our new head of history, Mr. Lynds, who is teaching drama and English, and WESS graduate Mr. Peter Soos, who has joined the staff of the ever-growing technology department and is again helping to coach our junior boys volleyball team.

While one of our teachers is on sick leave, Mr. Rob Tait, another WESS grad, has joined our teaching staff. Mr. Corey Harmon joins us as our new computer technician, who we share with Glencoe District High School on an alternating day schedule.

This year's School Advisory Council (SAC) has already held their first meeting of the year, and will meet again on Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, and will be held at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month in the staff dining room. We have several new members this year, and more are welcome. We look forward to a great year of collaboratively working together for the benefit of all here at the school.

Fog, ice, or snow may cause bus delays or cancellations over the coming months, and students and parents are urged to listen to the local radio stations (630 AM, 97.5 or 95.9 FM)

## COLUMN



**Principal's Corner**  
Larry Schneider, 768-1350

for news with regard to such occurrences. The special phrase which would indicate that our schools are involved would be: "West Elgin family of schools, or as part of a larger whole." "Elgin". Please listen carefully for such announcements, as they come directly to the radio stations from the bus companies. Please do not phone the school for such information. Families with Internet access may log on to the New PL's

detailed site at [www.thenewpl.com](http://www.thenewpl.com) for up to date information about delays and cancellations, or the school board's web site at [www.tvdsb.on.ca](http://www.tvdsb.on.ca). Decisions to delay or cancel student transportation services due to inclement weather are made in the best interests of student safety. In all cases of student absence, parents should call our attendance line at 768-3888.

This year's Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will not be written in October, as it has been in the past, but on one day, March 29, 2006.

Grade 9 students will have received their first Markbook achievement reports by the time you are reading this article, and our Grade 9 Parent-Teacher interview night will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (with a 15-minute break at 5:45 p.m.) on Oct. 4, in the Cafetorium. Our first Parent Teacher night for all grades will be held on Oct. 26, at the same times.

We have a full slate of teams and clubs underway, including field hockey (the team is off to a great start), football (who won their season opener at home against Arthur Voaden!), junior and senior boys volleyball, senior girls basketball, and golf. New or renewed clubs include the school newspaper and the environmental club. Students Council, the Music Council and the Student Athletic Association held a successful Grade 9 day on Sept. 23, and we had a great dance that evening. We hosted a blood donor clinic on Sept. 23 as well, with lots of student helpers.



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### Blood donor clinic held

Dawn-Marie Bennett a Grade 12 student at WESS gives blood at a Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinic held at WESS Sept. 23.



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### Lakewood Trailer Park helps Aldborough food drive get going

Kyle Brown, Justin Wheeler and Marcel Wright, Grade 4 students at Aldborough Public School pile cans in the front lobby last week. About 900 lbs of food was donated by summer residents of Lakewood Trailer Park in Port Glasgow to the school for its annual food driving kicking off next month.

## Principals from England visit WEST program

Jeff Kempenaar  
Staff

Two principals from Liverpool, England toured local businesses training students in the Wildcats Employment Skills Training program Oct. 5.

A contingent of 11 principals and staff from the Sefton Local Authority came to visit the Thames Valley District School

Board.

The trip's intention was to make links between the two education authorities as well as give the visitors a glimpse of best practices at the board.

As well, the principals got to see communities, parents and schools working together to help students reach their potential.

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### Veterans honoured at book launch

Madeline Farthing, a veteran of the Canadian Women's Army Corp in the Second World War signs a copy of "The Scars That Never Fade" for Amanda Hood and Dawn Marie Bennett, two West Elgin Secondary School students that contributed to the Veteran Project 2005. Organized by the West Elgin Seniors Project Action Committee and staff at WESS, the book was launched at a special ceremony in the cafetorium Oct. 7. Each veteran interviewed for the book last spring, that was able to attend the ceremony was honoured. Afterwards, students, veterans and dignitaries socialized. The book sold out at the and orders are already being taken for the second print.