



WORK PROGRESSES ON NEW WORKS GARAGE -- The new West Lorne works garage which will soon be used by town employee George Nute to house the town's vehicles and equipment.
 (Photo By Brian Outhouse)



West Lorne Reeve Dianne Buchanan planted a tree in front of the new fire hall on May 10 to mark Arbor Week. She is pictured here planting a white ash tree with the help of Clark Haskins, conservation events planner for the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority. The authority is currently in the process of planting 80,000 trees.

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Straddling the rafters- These construction workers for Van - Ver Construction are seen installing the framework for the roof of the new Town Hall in West Lorne recently. Construction of the final phase of the Community Complex has been moving along on schedule according to the builders of the new structure.
 (Photo by Brian Outhouse).



On hand for the official opening of the new bank machine at Bank of Montreal in West Lorne last week were: (left to right) Ann Neville, Irene McGregor, Marlene Goos and bank manager Veronica Sewell. (S. Staats)

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Information Frontiers



John Kolar, Information Frontiers

West Lorne has gained another new business 'Information Frontiers' which is owned and operated by John Kolar.

John first became interested in computers at an early age and his first job was with the Federal Government in their data processing and programming department.

After leaving the government Kolar joined the Military and is currently stationed at the old Wolsey Barracks in London.

His duties at the base include the supervision of all the military installation's computers which control the operations of several bases.

Since moving to West Lorne John decided to start a small business out of his basement at home and teach area residents

how to use a computer so along with his wife Information Frontiers was born.

The new venture by Kolar specializes in computer consulting and training people on the various programs that are out there and how to operate a computer. Information Frontiers also sells and services computers.

The new firm also offers full Internet service to its customers and Kolar is offering a new system called OS4 which replaces the old OS2 program.

John has also recently started a Computer Club in the area called WECUG (West Elgin Computer User Group). Meetings are held at Information Frontiers which is located on Siver Strret (Concession 12), the last house on the left side before the Aldborough Townline. Anyone interested in joining the group are welcome to attend.

For more information on 'Information Frontiers' and the services John offers call 768-3590.

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A family affair- The new discount store that has recently opened in West Lorne is truly a family affair with 3 generations involved in the operation of the store. From left to right they are: Samantha Swain, daughter of Tammy Swain (centre) and her mother Betty Ostrander. (Star Photo).

West Lorne residents get a di\$count

West Lorne has gained another new business, U-Need-A-Discount. The new store is located where the West Lorne Sun was and it offers area residents a large assortment of items at bargain basement prices.

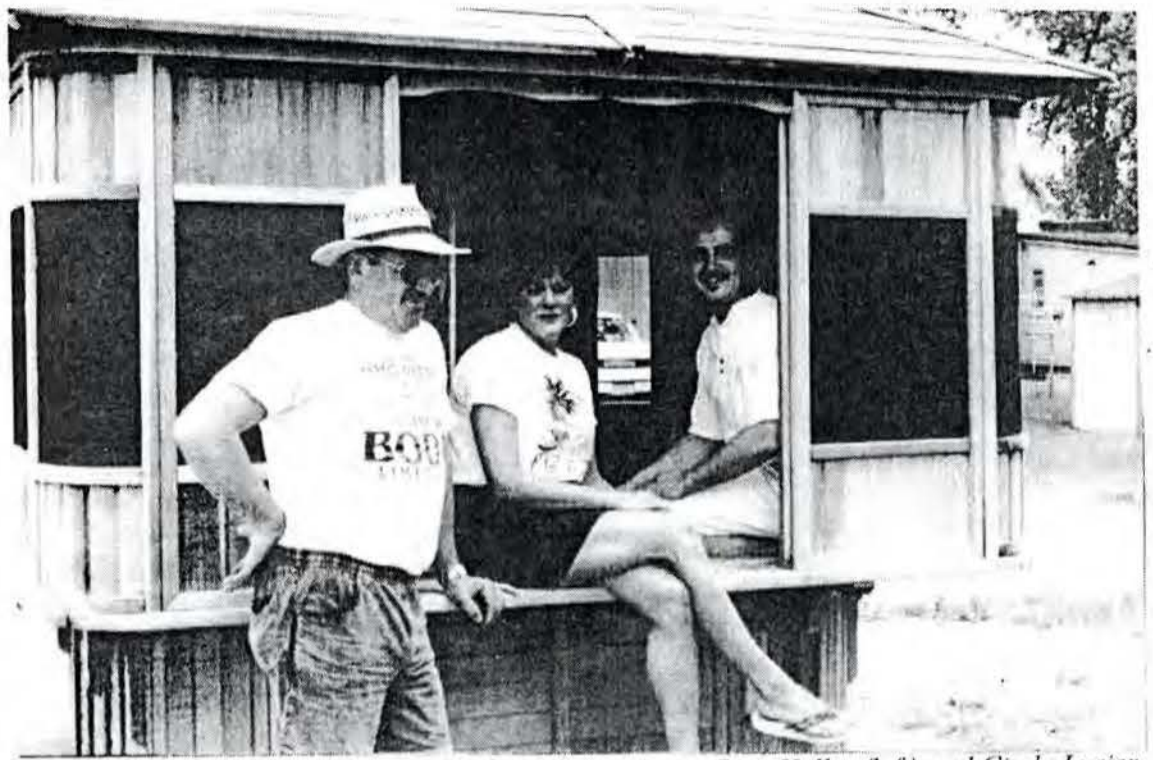
Store owner, Tammy Swain stated that she felt there was a need for a discount store in the area and that the store will carry some products that

residents had to go to London to get. She also added that if a customer doesn't see what they need she will do her best to get that item for the customer.

The new store carries a large assortment of greeting cards, toys, party supplies, school supplies, chips, pop, candy, jewellery, make-up, candles, giftware, baby supplies, paper products pet supplies, and assorted hardware supplies.

Store hours are: Monday and Tuesday from 10-6, Wednesday, 10-1, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-9 and Saturday from 9 - 5.

So if your looking for that special something different or you want to just browse around and check out the bargains try the new discount outlet.



Checking out a cool spa- Kevin Walker (right) shows Greg Hollis (left) and Cindy Lucier (centre) the "Muskoka House" Spa at Clearwater Pools grand opening that was held recently in West Lorne. (Photo by Brian Outhouse).

Clearwater pools celebrate grand opening

West Lorne's newest enterprise held its grand opening recently much to the delight of area pool owners. Hundreds of area residents stopped by Clearwater Pools to check out the bargains on pool chemicals and other pool accessories that the new firm had on special for the opening ceremonies.

Owners Kevin Walker and

by Brian Outhouse Rob Hakker also had a "Muskoka Spa" on display which was quite popular with area residents. The grand opening festivities didn't only feature good buys on various pool items as there were plenty of hot dogs, hamburgs and cold drinks to help celebrate the occasion. Clearwater pools offers residents of West Elgin the

latest in pool designs plus an excellent service package for area pool owners. The new business is located behind Beckers in West Lorne and their hours of operation are from 9:00 to 6:00 Monday thru Thursday and 9:00 to 9:00 on Fridays and 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For friendly and speedy service for your pool or spa call 768-3510.

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A family affair- D J's Appliance staff member Heather Seman, and store owners Donna Bowles and Jason Bowles display some of the used appliances that are available at West Lorne's newest store. (Star Photo).

D&J Appliances opens store in West Lorne

West Lorne has gained another new business at the corner of Main and Graham (where Cherub's Delight used to be). The new store called D&J Appliances is an outlet for used fridges and stoves, washers, dryers, and other appliances with some used furniture to be added in the near future by owners Donna Bowles and her son Jason. The mother and son team from Wardsville felt that area folks needed a place they could go and buy reliable used

appliances at a reasonable price so they opened the store here in West Lorne. The store will also operate a repair service for fridges and stoves as Jason Bowles is licenced to repair all makes of gas and freon systems. All appliances at the store are guaranteed for 30 days from the date of purchase. Patrons will also be able to buy replacement burners and other stove fridge and washer and dryer parts from the new firm. D&J's will also buy and take

old appliances on purchases of their stock. Store hours for the new shop are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 - 6 p.m., Wednesday from 9 - 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 - 9 p.m. D&J's also offer free delivery to area residents. Staff members urge everyone to join them for coffee and donuts at their Grand Opening this Saturday Oct. 12 and check out the bargains galore that they offer area residents.



Heather Bell

NOV. 1996

Heather Bell's Sewing Studio

After working in marketing in Toronto, Heather Bell moved to this area eight years ago. In 1991, after a lifelong interest in textiles, she decided to go into business for herself. Bell is a fully authorized Pfaff Canada sewing machine distributor, as well as a sewing teacher and seamstress. Pfaff sewing machines are made in Germany and have a lengthy tradition of over 130 years of experience behind them.

Bell enjoys running her classes, which are for everyone from youngsters to seniors, and she says people are amazed at the things they can make, either for themselves or as gifts. From simple items, such as placemats, to more mplex projects, Bell guides small groups from start to finish. Some items take just one class to complete, while others may take three, four or more sessions. Sewing classes are set to being in the next few weeks, and Christmas crafts will be offered. Class sizes are usually four to six people and are very reasonably priced. Bell says she likes to keep the prices as low as possible because students must also buy their own materials. Since sewing is not offered in schools like it used to be, Bell says she especially enjoys working with young people, and says she's surprised to find many women who can't even mend their childrens' clothing. Bell is also qualified to do repair work on all makes of machines, and anyone who purchases a Pfaff machine can be sure they'll receive expert instruction before they take it home. For more information, call 768-1284.



Checking out the new West Lorne Postal Outlet at TLC- Maria Tennant, Manager of the TLC Corner Store & Variety Store in West Lorne looks after one of the new Postal Outlets first customers George Nute from West Lorne.

November 12, 1997.



West Lorne's Newest Business- Ron Snelgrove and his wife Donna are West Lorne's newest business members of the community (Forest City Roofing & Siding). Ron and Donna recently moved from London to West Lorne. Ron has been in the roofing and siding business for over 18 years.

New roofing & siding business locates in West Lorne

West Lorne has some new residents in town. Ron and Donna Snelgrove have recently moved to our little corner of the world. They bring with them their roofing & siding business, Forest City Roofing & Siding.

Ron has been in the business for over 18 years, so he has plenty of experience to handle all your roofing, siding, window and renovations that you may need.

Forest City Roofing & Siding has the capabilities of handling small or large jobs.

The firm has a long standing reputation in the Middlesex area as being highly professional, and a reputation for providing their clients with quality workmanship and they also stand behind their work.

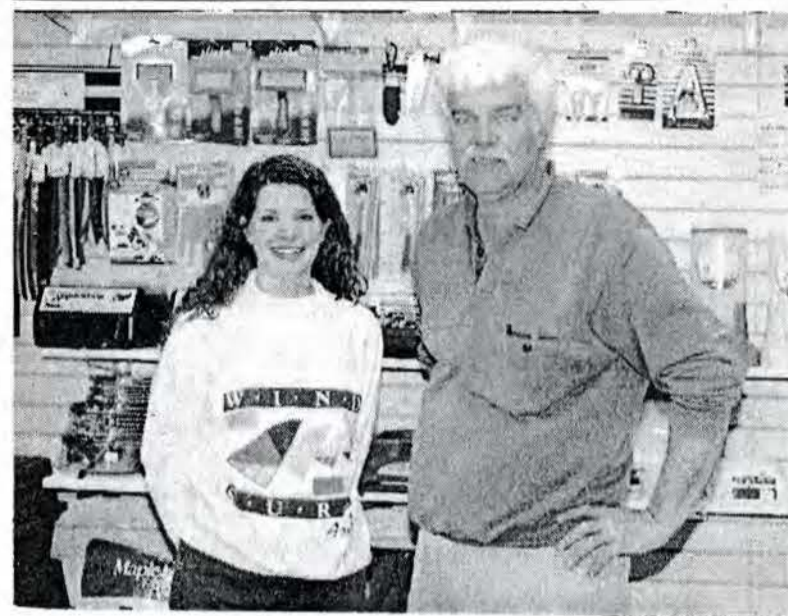
The new firm also offers area residents free estimates, and when Ron's wife Donna isn't busy being the office manager for the firm she is looking after their boy Robbie.

The pair are very community minded and hope to get more

involved with area community projects.

In Ron's words we live, work and socialize here so why not get involved with the community.

So if you need any work done on your house or business give Forest City Roofing & Siding a call at 768-0022, you won't be disappointed with the service and job that this highly professional organization will give you from the time they start until they finish the job.



Dixon Feeds opens new store- Dave Dixon has officially opened his new store in West Lorne. The new facilities are located on Graham Road across from the old Beckers store. Pictured here in their new quarters are Cheryl Daniels (employee) and Dave Dixon (owner).

Dixon Feeds now in new quarters

Dixon Feeds are now operating from their new home on Graham Road across from the old Beckers Store.

The new facility has an expanded showroom and a huge 40 x 60 warehouse to better accommodate the consumer.

The new store will feature the same friendly and reliable service that Dave has given his customers in the past. The new store will carry an expanded line of pet accessories and an expanded line of horse accessories.

Dixons also carries name brand feed products, health foods and animal health products for its customers.

Dave will be holding some Grand Opening Specials in the near future for area residents. The store is currently open from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday.

One of the stores current specials for area shoppers is that they can buy any size Nutrim Adult Cat Food and receive a 1.8 Kilo free (this offer expires on March 18).

September 3, 1997 -



New Store Owners- Glen and Sue Cook are West Elgin's newest entrepreneurs as the couple are opening a new sports store in West Lorne. The new store will be called West Elgin Sports and it will carry a full line of sporting needs for West Elgin residents to enjoy.

New West Lorne store caters to area sporting enthusiasts



New Branch Manager-The West Lorne branch of the Bank of Montreal has a new Bank Manager in Paul Gunn from Chatham. Paul takes the place of the retiring Veronica Sewell.

Bank of Montreal gets new bank manager

The West Lorne Branch of the Bank of Montreal has a new manager in Paul Gunn from Chatham. Paul replaces the retiring Veronica Sewell.

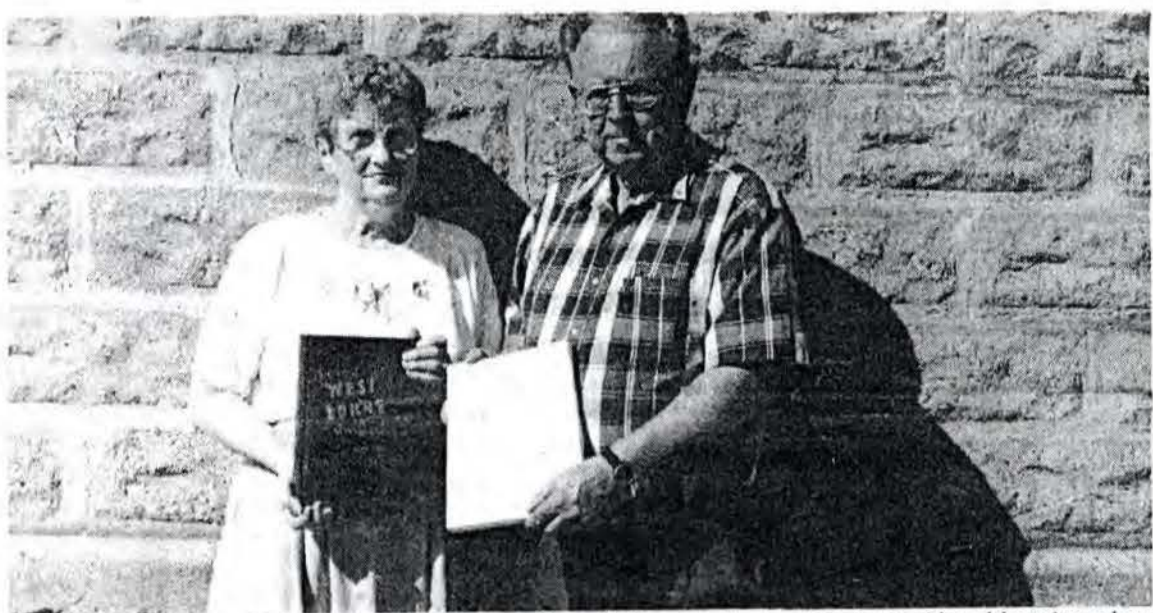
Paul started his banking career in Chatham in 1990 holding the position of Accounts manager. In 1996 he was transferred to Bothwell where he assumed the duties of Service leader before coming to West Lorne to take over the managerial duties of the West Lorne branch.

Paul believes in a more personal aspect of banking and is currently getting in touch with

many of the bank's customers to get to know them better and to better know their banking needs. He hopes to spend more time out in the field talking to people than being bound to his desk at the bank.

Paul resides in Chatham with his wife Lorrie and his two children. Paul's wife teaches figure skating in Chatham, while Paul likes to spend his spare time playing hockey and baseball.

So if you in the branch drop by and say hi to your new bank manager.



Local authors record history of West Lorne- Nancy (left) and her husband Harley Lashbrook have just released a new book entitled West Lorne, which for the first time records 90 years of West Lorne's history.

Ex-newspaperman and his wife pen book on the history of West Lorne Oct. 15, 1997

Local residents Nancy and Harley Lashbrook have recently launched a book that records the history of West Lorne.

The couple undertook the project a few years ago as they realized that nothing had ever been done to record the history of the village and they felt that it was long overdue to get the village's history in print before many important events of the past were lost forever. After scouring microfilm at the local library, tracking down old photos of people, places and events and talking to older area residents their dream has become a reality.

The book stretches back as far as the days when West Lorne was divided into two small towns Bismark and West Lone.

The book covers a wide range of historical photos, events and changes throughout the village's history. Highlights include West Lorne sports teams, churches, schools, councils, West Lorne industry, the depression and war years in the village plus many more interesting stories about the village.

The couple also felt the need to finish the book before amalgamation takes place

because West Lorne will cease as a village when the new municipality of West Elgin is born next January.

Nancy and Harley hope to pen another book on the village as they have a ton of information yet to use.

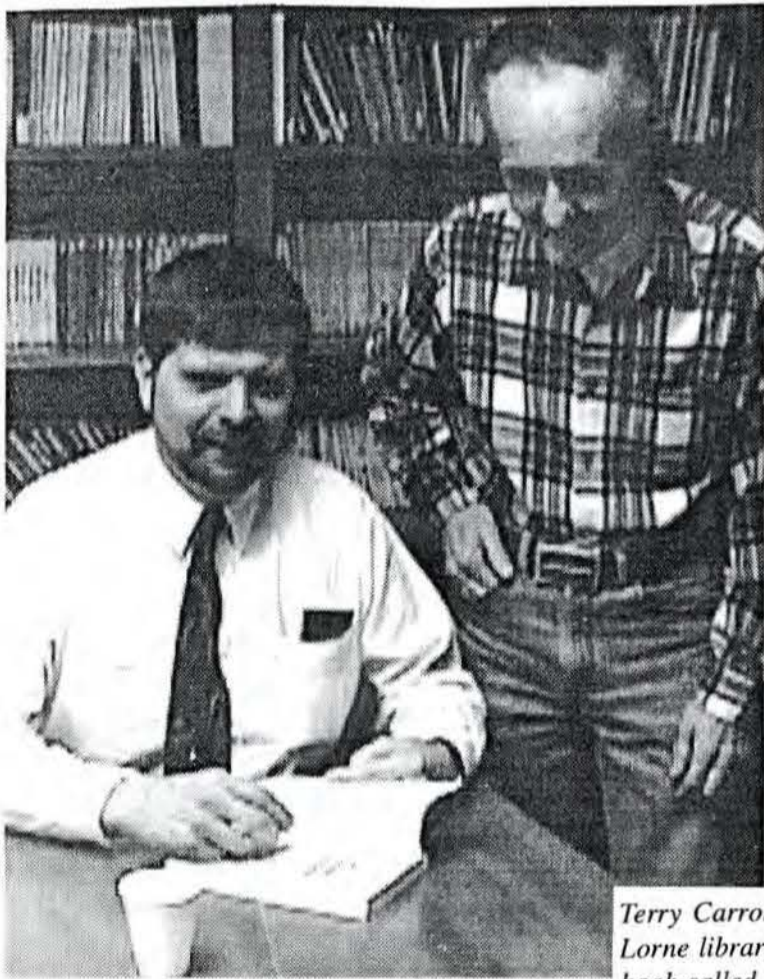
The books come in hardback or paperback form and sell for \$40 hardcover and \$30 softcover.

The two authors will be holding a book signing at the West Lorne Town Hall on October 16 & 17 from 2- 4:30 p.m.; so drop over and say Hi to Nancy and Harley and purchase one of their books before they are all gone.

OCT. 22, 1997

Former West Lorne resident inducted into UWO Hall of Fame

John Wydareny, formerly of West Lorne, was inducted into The University of Western Ontario Club Hall of Fame. John started his football career with the Western Mustangs. He played halfback with the Toronto Argonauts for three seasons and with the Edmonton Eskimos for seven seasons. While playing with the Eskimos he held the Canadian Football League single season record for eleven pass interceptions. He was a Canadian Football League Western Conference All Star and Winner of the Jackie Parker Trophy as the Eskimo's Most Valuable Player. John and his family now reside in Edmonton and he is the brother of Sophia Howse, brother-in-law to Earl Howse, and Uncle to Linda and Kerry Kulak. They attended the induction ceremony at the University of Western Ontario on Friday, October 3, during Homecoming.



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Terry Carroll was at the West Lorne library to talk about his book called, "No Blood Relative". Carroll, originally from Aldborough township, lives in St. Thomas. Above: Carroll (left) signs a copy of his book for Ron Payne of Eagle. (W. Tunks)



New entrepreneurs- Kim and Scott Hwang are the new owners of West Lorne's newest variety store, B&J Variety. The couple have re-opened the old Beckers outlet.

New variety store hopes to keep P.O. outlet

The old Becker's store in West Lorne has been re-opened by a young businessman from Windsor and his family. The new variety store will be called B & J Variety and store owner Scott Hwang and his wife Kim plan to offer area residents specials every week.

The young couple hope to keep the Post Office right where it is but the final decision is up to the government if they keep the postal operation, until then the Hwang's will continue to operate the post office in West Lorne.

The new store will operate 7 days a week and be open from

7:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

B & J Variety is offering area residents several bargains for its Grand Opening week which include 4 ltrs. of 2% and 1% milk for \$2.99, assorted chocolate bars 2 for .99, canned pop 2 for .99 and cat food, 3 for .99.

Kim and Scott offer smokers a bargain with their cigarettes as a carton goes for \$26 tax included and two packs of smokes for \$6.80 tax included.

B & J urge area residents to watch for their weekly specials.

The young family has two children which attend St. Mary's School.



A Grand Affair- Helen Rose, proudly stands in front of her new Flower Shop (The Village Green) in West Lorne at the store's "Grand Opening" Celebrations.

The Village Green Flower Company holds "Grand Opening Ceremonies"

Gary and Helen Rose, owners of West Lorne's newest business 'The Village Green Flower Company' held their Grand Opening Celebrations recently.

Several area residents took the chance to view the new store and purchase some of the grand opening specials that were offered.

The new store offers area residents a full flower shop service, plus a wide variety of silk-like flowers, wicker, gifts and a host of balloons for a special occasion.

Village Green also offers free delivery in West Lorne for its customers and they charge a small fee for delivery in the surrounding territory.

With the fall season here the store has many fall decorations and other items on special to bring that burst of summer color into your home during the drab dull days of winter.

Village Green, is open from Monday to Saturday from 8:30 to 6:00 p.m. The phone number of Village Green is 768-2818.

Postal outlet relocating

Canada Post Corporation has announced that postal services for residents of West Lorne will be available at a new location, beginning today.

The retail postal outlet had previously been located at Becker's and the new owners of B&J Variety - Scott and Kim Hwang - at the same location, had hoped to retain the service.

However, Canada Post has announced the outlet will be located at TLC Gas Bar & Corner Store at 265 Graham Street. Hours of operation for the postal outlet will be: Monday to Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Unique store for West Lorne

One of West Lorne's newest businesses is giving everyday items a second chance.

The Consignment Shoppe, located at 225 Graham St., opened its doors this past November to Elgin residents giving them a store unique to West Lorne.

"There really wasn't something like this in town," says Cathy Cooper, who owns the retail es-

tablishment with K. M. Dardarian. "That was the main reason for opening a store such as this. There's a big demand for shops like this."

The Consignment Shoppe offers both new and used items ranging from jewellery, coins and crafts to books, toys and clothing, for both adults and children.

The idea of the store is for the public to bring in items to the store that they want to sell. If Cooper feels that she would be able to sell the items, a contract is signed.

When the item(s) are sold the customer is notified and receives a percentage of the selling price, which is worked out in the contract.

Dardarian also deals locally with jewellery and coins through his own website at www.diamondcowboy.com

Customers can visit the site and check out the vast array of items available, and at great prices.

The Consignment Shoppe also boasts a handful of antiques, including a beautiful brass cash register, which unfortunately is not for sale but is worth checking out.

The store is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and are closed Sundays and Wednesdays.

The Consignment Shoppe will be holding their Grand Opening this coming Friday and Saturday (Jan. 30-31). Everyone is welcome to stop on by.



Cathy Cooper

West Lorne Kiwanis to hold info session on alternatives to deal with young offenders

In 1996, a report entitled "Community Health and Well-being in southwestern Ontario" clearly illustrated a sobering fact - the physical, social and emotional health of youth in our area is at higher risk than in other areas of Ontario.

For example, auto thefts in Toronto are 8.9 per cent (in southwestern Ontario it's 11.6 per cent), marijuana use in Toronto is 50.5 per cent (in southwestern Ontario it's 64.8 per cent) and assaults are 11.6 per cent in Toronto (it's 18.6 per cent in southwestern Ontario).

Unfortunately, the youth of West Elgin are part of the southwestern Ontario data. Clearly there is a great need to improve

the conditions for West Elgin youth, their families and the community at large.

The West Lorne Kiwanis Club is sponsoring an information evening this Thursday evening at the IOOF Hall about the efforts taken by the community of Byron.

Now part of London, Byron has addressed the issue of troubled youth by establishing an innovative program that provides support for its youth and their families. It is called the Community Justice Circles.

The program, which uses an alternative to court appearances for some young offenders, is based on the healing circles used in native communities.

People from the community, including the victims, determine an appropriate punishment. The program gives the young offenders a connection to the community and in return the community gains insight into the real problems experienced by young people.

"We are following the adage that it takes a community to raise a child," says Alice Lewis, the program's founder in Byron.

The Thursday evening information session begins at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend at no charge. If people wish to attend dinner (\$7) which begins at 6 p.m., please notify Bob Walker (768-1095) or Ray Jobson (768-0482).

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GRAND OPENING
Fri, Jan 30 &
Sat, Jan 31

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768-2893

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January 19, 1998

Elgin County OPP assisting Ontario ice storm victims

Four Elgin County OPP officers are part of the approximately 60 officers from the western region of the OPP that are currently in eastern Ontario assisting with the aftermath of the ice storm.

"If we have the opportunity, and we did, we send officers if needed," says Constable Dennis Harwood, Elgin County OPP Community Services Officer. "We know that for all intents and purposes this could have been us in the ice storm and we would have needed the assistance. The truth is, we're glad to be sending (officers) than accepting."

Elgin County officers currently helping in eastern Canada include Constables Ron Bell, Tina Forrest, Deb Hodgins and Paul Stevenson.

An Incident Command Post has been set up in the region. There have been no specific duties given to the officers.

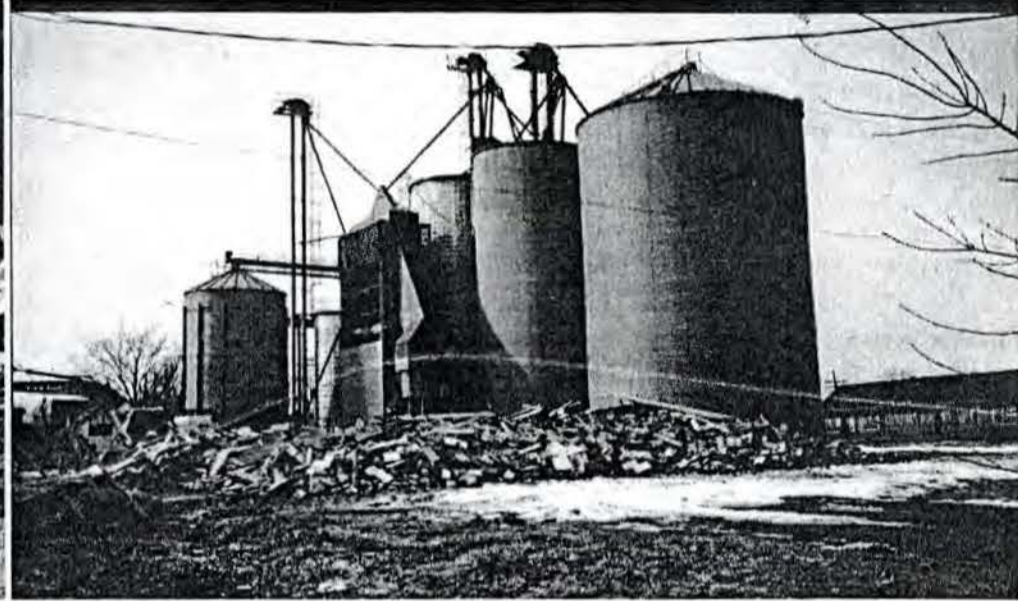
They will provide support services and response to any assistance required at the scene of an emergency. Hundreds of thousands of residents and business still remain without power after more than two weeks in the dark and cold temperatures.

Unless needed further, the officers are expected to return this Tuesday.

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Going

One week in January we saw the demolition of the Elgin Co-Operative buildings. A land mark for many years it was formerly owned by the McLandress family. A very important and active part of the community saw wagons of grain hauled in from many miles around. The feed part of the business saw a dependent area of farmers making their way for all sorts of farming essentials. A substantial amount of men held jobs here, they ground the grain, mixed feeds and shipped to various outlets. In an old film resurrected of the village on or around 1947, one can see that men returning from the war found a job here. It was the beehive of activity for the village and surrounding

area. It is safe to say it was a McLandress family operation, James A. McLandress and his two sons Bill and Mac. It is thought that it was eventually sold to Elgin Co-Operative in the early fifties. Farmers continued to bring their grain to the mill, many by wagon, but in later years wagons drawn by tractors started coming. During harvest it was nothing to see these deliveries waiting to be unloaded for hours and well into the night. Feed was still being made and the farmers would bring their grain to be ground up for feed, leaving in the morning to pick it up later in the day.

Going

The Co-Op had branched out into a sort of hardware store in the later years, and it was a one stop trip for a busy farmer that needed posts for fencing, fence wire, staples, nails, even medication for his animals. It became the dropping place for chicks, ducks and wee turkeys. It was a feed supply source of these as well as horses, rabbits, etc. It was not uncommon to see pickup vehicles lined in front of the entrance. The farmers had their little visit with each other, I suppose they exchanged the weather, the crop situation, and sometimes general news about the neighbor who wasn't in their speed bracket. When the co-op closed its doors it became a vegetable and produce outlet run by Tom Jones and

Gone...

Tammy Swain. They decided to move onto other things and sold it to Betty Ann and Don Bobier which was cozy corners for many to come and have coffee and purchase items. When the Bobiers decided to give this up do to Betty Ann's ill health it again became a feed store known as Dixon's Feeds. They too had a good business, but felt when the opportunity arose, that they would build a store of their own with living accommodations above. For a while after the Dixon's moved, it stood there, a monument of other days, well weathered by the years, but it was a noticeable landmark and only when it was evident that it was coming down did one realize then what a part it

played in our community life. Unlike other old buildings it came down gracefully and quickly. It was cleaned up in the shortest possible time if it has any significance on many? To me it was the end of an era, the old giving way to the new. I was a bit sad, but I thought how graceful it was to end it while it was still intact, no walls down, no windows out, built long ago to sustain the course of time. Yes, you are gone, but us older people remember, you are still in our minds what you gave to us. There will always remain the ghostly activities that provided for so many.

by: Irene McGregor

Gangle Insurance celebrates 20 years

Paul Gangle will be celebrating his 20th year in the insurance business this Friday (May 1) and he sums up the reason he's still going strong - "hard work and dedication."

For Gangle, it began back in 1978 when he literally started from scratch. He saw the need for an insurance company in West Lorne, so he started his own.

"I got myself a desk, a phone and a filing cabinet and went at it," he says, from his office at 173 Main St..

And the business has come a long way since then. To-date Gangle has purchased three brokers: G.R. Hanley Insurance ('87), John Watterworth Insurance ('88) and part of the portfolio from Craig and Van Oirschot, through McNeil Insurance Brokers ('94).

Gangle Insurance Ltd. covers many types of insurance policies from home and farm to tenants commercial.

significant changes in the insurance business from 20 years ago.



The length of insurance forms is one, laughs Gangle, but it's more to do with the onslaught of the information age.

"The business is much more complicated and complex these days," says Gangle, who also serves as a councillor for the Municipality of West Elgin. "More information is needed with ongoing changes to legislation.

demanding and knowledgeable than ever," he adds. "We're expected to know our business, and rightly so, but we also need to know the customers business in order to better meet their insurance needs."

Gangle admits to be successful in any business you have to be willing to go that "extra mile" to satisfy the customer. For example, he recalls meeting a farmer in the middle of his field at 6 a.m. to do business.

"We're selling an intangible here," says Gangle. "We're in the people business, the service business."

And Gangle remains strong in the business thanks to his staff. Melanie Rose has four years experience while Cindy Ross is celebrating her 15th year with Gangle Insurance.

If you have any questions in regards to insurance you can call 768-2831, toll-free at 1-800-380-4250 or stop by Gangle Insurance this Friday (May 1) from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for an Open

Wednesday April 1, 1998

Alborough Township Council Meeting

March 26th, 1998 at 9:30 a.m.
 Members present: Trudy Balint (Councillor), Michael Mooser (Councillor), Paul J. Gangle (Councillor), Robert F. Coles (Councillor), Brad Bandeen (Councillor), Rita DeWild (Clerk), Joanne Groch (Administrative Treasurer), Graham Warwick (Deputy Mayor), and Duncan McPhail (Mayor).

Issues discussed included: Milner Rigsby Minor Variance and Storm Water Management.

Planning Matters included: A Bethel Park update, Krieter's Severance, Fordham Development, Civiero Subdivision, Site Plan Guidelines and the Position Paper on Elgin County.

Roads discussed were: Gilbert Street in regards to Erie Flooring, Walker's Bridge in Middlesex County and the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways and Bridges.

In regards to Milner Rigsby, there was a petition signed by 15 tenants residing at Maple View Apartments. Ideas were passed about a fence barrier for a safe playing environment and a little noise insulation. The factory will proceed with building a new and bigger storage facility. The conditions are as follows: the warehouse is for storage only, a storm water management report will be submitted and approved by the committee, a planning scheme for a tree buffer submitted and approved. It is to be a compromise for the Senior Citizen's Apartment and the factory, Milner Rigsby.



Former Alborough Township employee George McDonald was honored for his 22 years of service to the roads department. Here, McDonald, left, receives a replica of a Champion Series V motor grader from West Elgin roads superintendent Rick Jackson. McDonald retired last November.

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ENHANCED 9-1-1 IS COMING TO ELGIN COUNTY

Following a lot of coordinated hard work and effort, 9-1-1 emergency telephone service is soon to be a reality in Elgin County.

Until you are notified that 9-1-1 is operational, please continue to use your seven digit emergency telephone numbers for police, fire or ambulance, or 1-888-310-1122 for O.P.P.

Check your newspaper, municipal mailings, or your children's school newsletters for more information about 9-1-1 in the coming months.

Resident's: Be Ready ...

To be part of the 9-1-1 system, residents must have a municipal address. This address consists of two opponents: **Your Address Number AND Your Road Name.**

- (a) property identification sign
- (b) road intersection sign

When the Address Number is combined with the Road Name the result is an address which is unique to your property and your property only. In townships, your address is located on the blue sign close to the entrance of your driveway.

In the towns, villages, hamlets, and sub-divisions municipal civic addressing, for the most part, was already in place. Other than specific problem areas, the civic addressing system remained unchanged for these areas.

It is important that you know the correct name for the road in front of your property. The name you know the road by may not be the same as the name adopted by the road authority.

An example of a typical inter-

section sign is as follows:

Road Name

<12344 12345>

To assist with identifying the proper road name, road intersection signs indicating the adopted municipal road name and numbering sequence are, or will be, located at most local intersections. Signage along provincial highways will be modified to reflect proper road names and civic addressing information.

Why You Need An Address?

A proper civic address is required for the 9-1-1 emergency call answering system that is being implemented throughout Elgin County.

The Municipal Civic Addressing System implemented in Elgin County is intended to be more than just an emergency number or fire number. Your address should be used to assist visitors, repair and delivery services, school bus drivers, and utilities when locating your property. Remember the ability of individuals to find your residence is based upon the information you provide them.

Overall your municipal address can be used for emergency personnel, for business, and for personal uses. It is a widely accepted standard means of addressing properties.

IMPORTANT:

When the 9-1-1 system is activated in Elgin County, it is only to be used in an emergency situation when Police, Fire, or Ambulance services are required. It is not to be used for general inquiries or administrative calls. If you need Police, Fire, or Ambulance services in a non-emergency situation, please consult your local telephone directory.

BELL Will Be Calling You!

Bell representatives have begun calling residents of Elgin County to verify that the information on their telephone data base is up to date. When you are called they will be asking for your full property address - ADDRESS NUMBER AND ROAD NAME.

If you do not know your property's address, please contact your municipal office to find out what your address is.

Property Signs:

Township employees and volunteers have been busy installing individual property signs on each township property. As this project nears completion there may be a few properties which are not yet addressed.

Once your sign is installed it is your responsibility to ensure that your house number or blue property sign is kept posted and visible at all times.

Your Mailing Address:

Your new municipal address does not affect the legal description of your property. It also does not result in an immediate requirement to update your driver's license.

The municipal address is an addition to your existing address:

Sample Rural Mailing Address:

John Smith
 12345 Any Road or Line
 RR#4
 Your Town, ON
 Postal Code

If you live in an urban area that is renumbered it will be necessary to change your drivers license, etc..

Elgin County, Bell Canada, Amtelecom, Emergency Services, and your municipality are working together to make Elgin a safer place to visit