

Erie winds could become power source

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By Patrick Brennan
For The Chronicle

They say it's windy along the Lake Erie shoreline, but is there enough wind to power some turbines?

Test results from turbines erected in different areas in Elgin county along the Lake Erie shoreline should provide some answers in about a year, according to Chuck Edey, a senior business development officer with Ontario Power Generation.

One of the turbines is located on Dennis Zettler's property on Plum Point Road in Dutton/Dunwich.

Edey said the five others in Elgin are closer to Port Burwell. It's part of an Ontario Power Generation series of tests to determine where wind powered turbines to produce electricity will work best in the province.

Edey said OPG was urged to explore the Lake Erie shoreline as one test area.

"Everybody says it's windy out here," he said.

Surprisingly enough, he said, meteorological records show the windiest periods are the winter months.

Data is retrieved from the turbines by calling a cell phone.

The turbines will be hard to miss on the landscape. They stand approximately 360 feet high and are equipped with instrumentation to measure wind speed

temperature and humidity. The turbine blades are 80 metres in diameter.

"It's attracting a lot of attention," Edey admits.

Attached to the scientific community exploring wind generation in Canada are meteorologists, engineers who erect the turbines, specialists in hydro generation and physicists.

As eye-catching as they appear, Edey said the turbines are nothing more than the latest generation of windmills erected centuries ago in countries like Holland to take advantage of the wind.

"This isn't a new science to the world, only Ontario," Edey said. "These are very sophisticated machines, but, they're much quieter than the old windmills."

A simple formula gives a glimpse at how much energy one turbine can produce. Doubling the windspeed going through the turbine nets eight times the energy, Edey said.

Finding the best place to put them is an adventure he admitted.

"It's a lot like hunting for gold," he said. Scientists know there are many potential places to put them, but finding the best place is a challenge.

Edey said the turbines being tested in Ontario are either a design from General Electric or a Danish firm.

"We don't design them ourselves, we take ones off the shelf."

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Remembrance Day a time to pause



ON THE HILL

by Gar Knutson

Nov. 11.

From coast to coast to coast, it's a day that gives Canadians time for pause. Indeed, it's a day that gives us all an opportunity to reflect on Canada's history, as well as what Canada is, and stands for in the world today. Above all, it is an occasion to think about the valiant men and women who sacrificed their lives in the interests of their country — our country.

On Remembrance Day, we think about the more than 1.5 million Canadians who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945) and the Korean War (1950-1953). We recognize the more than 100,000 soldiers who died, and the enormous sacrifices made by their families — families split apart by war and tragedy. We also think about the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the service of peace in such faraway places as Bosnia, and those who continue to defend our country and our interests today.

At the same time, we recognize the significance of what it is they have fought for, namely the values, freedoms and way of life that we cherish and are privileged to enjoy today. This includes the liberties that we take for granted, our ability to actively participate in political, social and cultural life in Canada, and the rights that protect us — all embodied in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which governs our everyday lives.

As Canadians, we remember those who gave their lives for us by wearing poppies — the flower of remembrance. We recall the poem In Flanders Fields, written by Lieutenant Colonel John McRae — a Canadian — during the second battle of Ypres, in the spring of 1915. We take part in Remembrance Day services and activities in our local communities. This includes observing two minutes of silence, which offers each and every one of us the chance to reflect privately on peace, and the forces that have shaped our country's great history.

There are many ways you can become involved in honouring our veterans and those who have made the supreme sacrifice. You can attend one or more of the many ceremonies taking place in the riding of Elgin-Middlesex-London. Purchase a poppy from members of the Royal Canadian Legion and proudly wear your poppy: it is an international symbol of remembrance, in tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

In this regard, at a time when we are all much more acutely aware of how important peace truly is, today we can appreciate even more, our Canadian heroes, their bravery, and the great sacrifices they made.



BLASTED BY WINDS...

Last Thursday's high winds ripped through western Elgin County uprooting trees and tossing limbs around. Above, Wentworth Newman and Julie Begin-Newman look out on the damage caused to their home when two trees from the front lawn came crashing down Thursday morning. At right, a tree blocked Fingal Line in Southwold pulling down a power line. Police reported numerous calls about trees falling down but through it all, power was not lost in western Elgin County.

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Paramedics make special delivery

Baby boy delivered in ambulance at crossroad in Wardsville



By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

When West Lorne's newest edition came into the world last week, he was supposed to be born in a London hospital, not in the back of an ambulance in Wardsville, the opposite direction.

But Jeff and Linda Cipu are glad paramedics John Bryan and Rob Redman of the Dutton station for the Rodney Ambulance Service, were there when plans for the birth of their second child went astray early last Thursday morning.

"It was quite a rush," said Jeff on Friday, his wife back home already from what could have been an ordeal.

"It was quite an experience. I'd have never imagined anything quite like this," said Linda, who, through her pain, barely had time to realize what was actually happening.

"They did really great," Jeff said of the paramedics who delivered their second child, eight-pound Brett Jeffrey Cipu at 2:19 a.m.

It was the fifth time Linda had experienced labour pains; two placed her in the hospital and family had to take care of their two-year-old daughter Lauren, while they spent a night at the hospital only to find out it was false labour.

When Linda felt the labour pains again last week, they decided to wait a little longer before making another mad dash to London.

It was for real this time. Talking to the hospital on his cell phone from Highway 401 to tell them they were coming, a nurse could tell from Linda's screams there wasn't going to be time.

An ambulance was needed and the

nurse told them to pull over at Dutton and call "911".

They arranged to meet the ambulance at the OPP detachment and got there in minutes where an officer gave the couple some blankets.

No time for a London hospital, they informed a surprised Four Counties Hospital in Newbury that the ambulance was on its way and the hospital, without an obstetrics program, needed to be ready to deliver a baby.

Jeff was helping Bryan in the back of the ambulance, getting things he needed while Redman, his fifth month on the job, was in the driver's seat, racing against the baby to reach the hospital.

"I was kind of working as an ambulance attendant," said Jeff, as he assisted Bryan in the care of his wife.

They didn't make it to the hospital. Jeff said Bryan all of a sudden yelled at Redman to stop the ambulance and call ahead. The baby was coming right then.

"The little fellow just wouldn't wait. It was strenuous. I don't need to do it again," said Bryan, adding he has been through the delivery of his own two children but never in an emergency situation at the side of the road.

They were at the hill in Wardsville on Funnival Road.

Bryan said they knew they couldn't make it to London in time and even without obstetrics, wanted to see the child born in a hospital setting, choosing Four Counties as their best chance at making it.

While they didn't make it, Dr. Stephen Jones, nurse Gabriella Ross and two nursing students from the hospital raced to meet them by car to help.

By the time they got there Brett was

"THAT WAS MY FIRST DELIVERY IN 12 YEARS ON THE JOB,"

— Paramedic John Bryan



Linda Cipu holds newborn Brett while dad, Jeff, holds his two-year-old sister, Lauren. Brett was welcomed into the world by paramedics Rob Redman and John Bryan, bottom photo, left to right. The Dutton station of the Rodney Ambulance Service was called out early Thursday morning to meet the Cipus on Currie Road in Dutton. Linda was not going to be able to make it to Victoria Hospital in London and a nurse advised them to call 911 from the roadside.

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Tribute given to John Kenneth Galbraith

Dutton Library named after him

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

Professor John Kenneth Galbraith extended his own honours to the Dutton/Dunwich community and library in a letter read by his nephew, Jerry Galbraith at a special ceremony to officially rename the Dutton library as the John Kenneth Galbraith Reference Library.

"The honour you pay me is great. Your service to the community is much more," said Galbraith in his letter read last Wednesday night, regarding staff at the library.

While the guest of honour couldn't be there, a video tape of the event was being sent by courier to his Massachusetts home, where Galbraith is awaiting the release of yet another in a series of business and economic titles he has written.

His letter, written with humour, was one of the highlights of the evening, which featured a celebration of the renaming of the library in conjunction with Galbraith's 95th birthday

yesterday and the library's 10th anniversary.

"There was a sense of discovery," said Galbraith in his letter of his time exploring the aisles in the original Dutton library he discovered as a high school student.

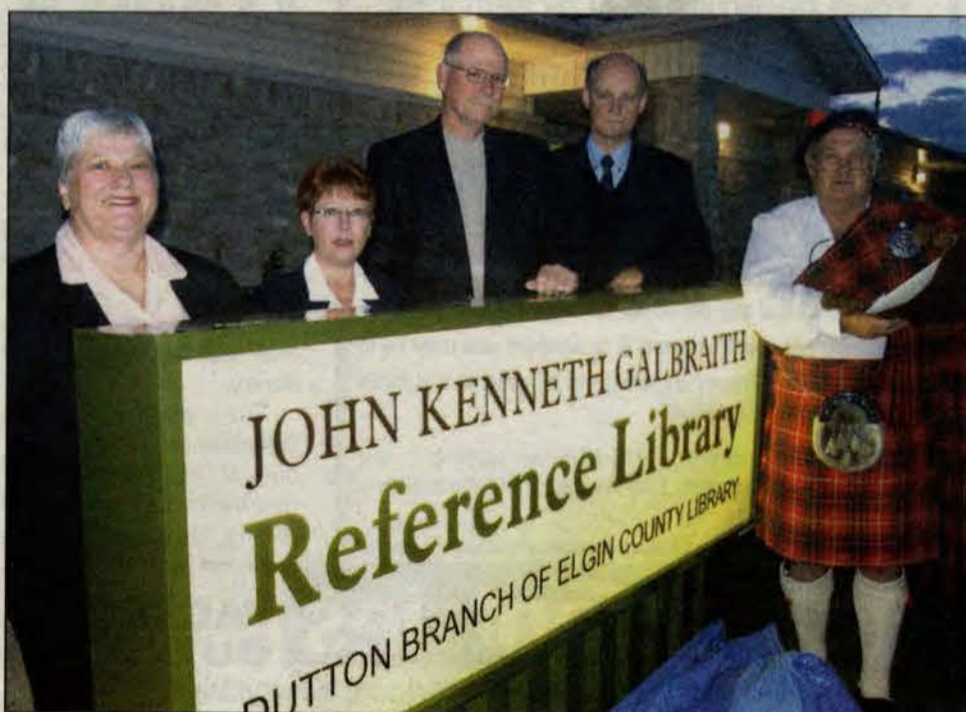
The library provided a means to quench his thirst for reading that, until then, had been left parched by little resources for a young boy growing up in a rural area.

In his letter, he humourously described the books available in stores in St. Thomas that would sometimes be bought for him as a child.

One series told tales of the adventures of a young girl living on a plantation at the time of the civil war and her eventual escape to Italy.

He asked what in the world kind of relevance those stories had to a farm boy growing up in Dunwich Township, before he found the library and resources there he could consume.

In later years, he said he watched the library grow and change, seeing



Library manager Mary Lou McMillan, Elgin County manager of Library Services Cathy Bishop, nephews Ron and Jerry Galbraith and town crier Dave Phillips unveil the new sign for the former Dutton Library.

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the new building, new staff and new collections of books.

Ten years ago, Galbraith took an active role in fundraising for the new library. As a renowned economist and political advisor to several US presidents, including John

F. Kennedy, Galbraith came to Dutton and held a speaking engagement at the University of Western Ontario, to help raise funds for the project.

"You get an impression of just how respected and important this man is when you see all these people

here," said nephew Ron Galbraith of the crowd of more than 50 people who packed into the library branch for the event.

Representing the Galbraith family, he said the event and turnout honoured them.

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Noah Heard meets Santa Claus Friday night at the West Lorne Fire Hall. The Optimist Club invited Santa to meet with children after their parade.

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Ann Pfeifer, left, and Emma Wilkins were sledding their way through the Santa Claus Parade with friend Steve Wilkins (not shown) on the Pfeifer Metal Products float.

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While there was no snow for the parade Friday night, the West Elgin road's department was out in force with Christmas spirit in West Lorne.

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OPTIMIST CLUB OF WEST LORNE NIGHT-TIME SANTA CLAUS PARADE WINNERS	Best Commercial Float
Best youth group - tied	Rockland Industrial Products
1st West Lorne Sparks	Best Service Club Float
1st West Lorne Girl Guides	Employment Services Elgin
Best Illuminated	Best Family Float
Albert's Generator Service	Melody Fellowship Church
	Best Decorated Float
	Rodney Firefighters Assoc.



A flock of shepherds gathered on the float entry from Melody Fellowship Church.



Corrie Monaghan portrays Charlie Brown on the Rodney Lions Club entry in the West Lorne Optimist Club's Santa Claus parade.



Sammy Wilson, left, Emma McDonnaugh, Emily Guigan and Aaliyah Clark sang carols on the float by the First West Lorne Sparks.

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Kylie Beer and Ben Thompson portrayed Mrs. Claus and Santa, at least, miniature versions of the famous pair, at the Optimist Club of West Lorne's Santa Claus Parade Friday night.

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WESS prom was a great success according to organizers

by Keith Peever
The Chronicle

West Elgin Secondary School's prom this year was a great success based upon the feelings of the students, the school staff and the local police.

Sarah Langelaan, prom committee co-president and student said afterwards the event went off "amazingly."

For the first time the high

school held the evening dinner at the school.

Langelaan said this made the prom a success because it insured that the students stayed at the school the whole evening.

"I think it really gets the people together and it certainly cuts down on the drinking and driving."

A special awards presentation was also held during the evening, where students could let loose

with some special awards to faculty and certain students.

Langelaan, who co-produced the prom with fellow student Heather Kindornay, said the school should definitely look at having the dinner held at the high school next year.

"I think it really brings the graduating class together," said Langelaan.

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Serenade Future Students

Grade 8 students and their parents got a special treat when they attended the Grade 9 information night recently at West Elgin Secondary School. Members of Crescendos, left to right, Sarah Fischer, Scott Bray and Amanda Breen, performed for the visitors as well as being on hand for questions in the music room.



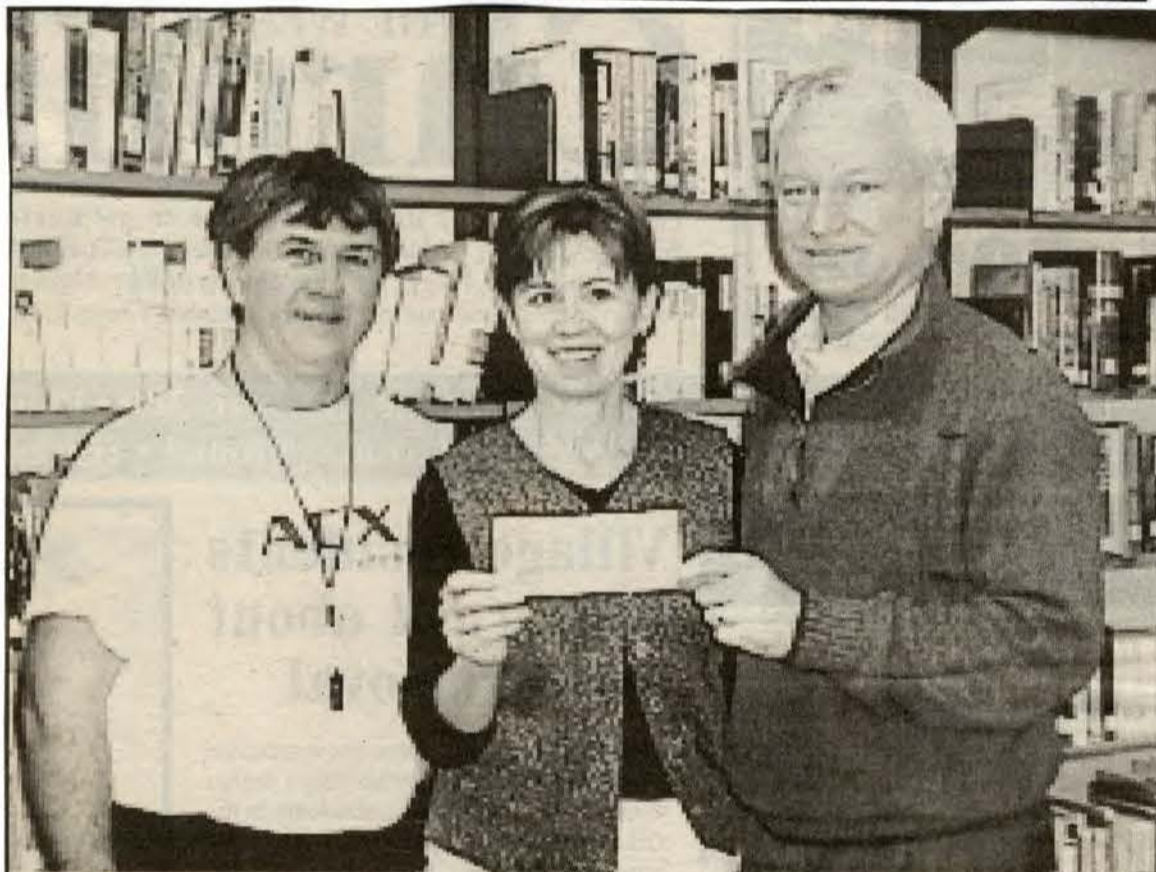
WESS prom Princess Joanne Freeman dances with her Prince, Greg Nogrady. Freeman and Nogrady were selected along with Kelly McGill as prom King and Sophia Salgado as prom Queen. The WESS prom was a great success with no incidents.

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So, this is science

There was a great response to the recent information night held at West Elgin Secondary School for students entering grade 9 next year. A tour of the school was included in the session. Here, WESS Principal Martha Foster, right, goes over some of the highlights of the biology lab with Mike Van Raay and his father, Bert.



Encouraging Reading

With the presentation of a \$1,000 cheque to the West Elgin Secondary School Friends of the Library, the Rodney Kiwanis Club has now provided two large comfortable chairs for the school library's reading pit. The area is a great place to hang out and read a good book. The funds were raised at a Quiz Night held on January 19th. WESS librarian Thea Schaeken, centre accepts the donation from Rodney Kiwanis Club vice-president Alan Youngash, left, and president Jim Hathaway.

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Fabulous fundraiser

Students at Aldborough Public School made a heart-warming donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Through their Jump Rope for Heart event, the school raised a total of \$4,867.33 for this worthy organization. Pictured, holding the cheque are the students who raised the most individually: Sandra Hind, left, \$425.00, and Brent Dunn, \$269. In back are, organizers Mrs. Jane Jarvis and Sheila Fleming, and Sharanne MacDonald, Program Co-ordinator School Events for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. June 2001



Seeing Double

People were doing a double check at Aldborough Public School recently thanks to Twin Day. Among those taking part were, in front, real life twins Matt and Dylan Vanseader, and back row, Amanda Jamieson and Jessica Gregory, and Kourtney Arvai and Caitlin Tomczyk. MAR. 26/01



Hockey champs!

The St. Mary's Hockey team won their first-ever London District Catholic School Board hockey title recently. They worked together and showed sportsmanship that was seen by all other participants. They put incredible effort into this as a team and each player contributed in his or her own unique way and everyone was an asset to the team. Congratulations to all who participated, both as players and coaches. Team members include, from left to right: front row - Jeremy Conway, Adam Almeida, Clint Hilliard, Cameron Hewitt and Bradley Oliveira; middle row - Justin Hwang, Paul Culetta, Matt Emery, Jacob Welch, Danny Casimiro, Craig McGaffey and teacher/coach Krista Fox; back row - assistant coach Stuart McCallum, assistant coach Mike McCallum, coach Jeff Slater, Andrew Okolisan, Connor Wilson, Kylie Slater, assistant coach Heather McCallum, Caitlin McCallum and Gillian Collins.



Hoops Season Ends

The Aldborough Public School Basketball teams enjoyed a good year, learning to work together and showing good sportsmanship and lots of Bobcat spirit. Both the girls and boys teams took part in the Thames Valley regional tournament. Members of the girls team, top photo, are, left to right: front row - Kanda Ocolisan and Kourtney Arvai; second row - coach Mrs. Fleming, Britany Hein, Rhonda Knight, Katie Vande Vooren, Danielle Wilson, coach Mrs. Pease; back row - Krysta Walker, Sara Peternel, Kim Kriter, Courtney Besley, Meghan Nagy and Rachel Humphrey. Members of the boys team include, left to right: front - Aaron Cowell and Peter Mohan; second row - coach Mr. Dunn, Wyatt Ocolisan, Jeremy Koscik, Jared Smith, Jeff Koscik, Will Ullayat; back row - Billy Nunes, Philip Ouellette, Harrison Oake, John Connolly, Matt Szusz and coach Mrs. Pearson.



Local teen recognized for recycling efforts

Katie Slater received top marks for her three Rs of waste management - reduce, re-use and recycle - from the Recycling Council of Ontario.

The Grade 8 student at St. Mary's School was presented with a Willy Harris Youth Award at a special ceremony in Guelph on April 18th, one of only three teens chosen for the 2000 Waste Minimization Awards.

She was recognized for leadership in her school's participation in a new recycling program introduced this year by the London District Catholic School Board.

Katie set up the school's recycling program and organized a team of students to collect each classroom's recyclables and



Katie Slater

have them stored properly until the monthly pick-up date. She

also organized a school assembly to kick-off the recycling program as well as special activities such as a garbage-less lunch day, and an environmental scavenger hunt.

Katie also wrote a recycling handbook along with making presentations on environmental subjects.

"Katie's efforts have been outstanding and have reached all students," her citation says.

"She is a role model and her teachers say there is no limit to what she can do."

Katie also had some special events planned for Earth Day.

She was nominated for the award by Ms. Giampa, the teacher supervisor of the recycling program.

Ann Wrobel receives new school board award

Ann Wrobel was very surprised to learn that she would be one of 23 people receiving the Thames Valley District School Board's Award of Distinction.

The new awards were handed out at a special ceremony on May 1st. The 23 individuals included staff, volunteers, parents and a student.

Presenting these awards is to become an Education Week tradition with the TVDSB.

"These recipients come from all corners of the district and are contributing to our system in diverse ways," said Director of

Eudcation John Laughlin. "Yet, in their own way, each of these individuals exemplify our Board's mission and beliefs; they have all distinguished themselves through their commitment, dedication and achievements in support of a caring learning community."

"Overwhelmed would be putting it mildly," said Ann Wrobel, when asked about her reaction to learning about the award. "I had no idea I was even nominated."

Mrs. Wrobel, who has been the cafeteria manager at West Elgin Secondary School for 13 years, was nominated by Berta Prelaz, a member of the teaching staff at WESS.

Her husband, John Wrobel, and members of the WESS staff surprised her with a limousine ride to the ceremony at the board office in London.

Mrs. Wrobel is very involved in the school and was one of the coaching staff that helped guide the senior girls' volleyball team to a provincial silver medal this year.

"The kids make my job...they make it a pleasure to come to work each day," she said.



Receive inaugural award
Ann Wrobel, pictured, was surprised to learn she was chosen to receive one of the first Thames Valley District School Board's Awards of Distinction in recognition of her "service and dedication in helping to build a caring learning community."

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Mark Milestone

Members of Sharon Nielson's Junior Kindergarten classes at West Elgin Senior Elementary School celebrated a very special day recently. The new students have now attended 100 days of school! Among the 100 things they did was make these festive masks.

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Creating links to literacy for children

Giving parents ideas for ways to prepare their children to enter school is the mission behind the upcoming "Links to Literacy" event.

This information night will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at West Elgin Senior Elementary School from 6:30-8 p.m.

The evening will feature guest speakers on how to make literacy fun for kids.

Noreen Lanning, a JK/SK teacher from Sparta Public School, will talk about "celebrating your children" and helping them get ready for school, and Suzanna Suchak will present "Tyke Talk," connecting with your children through storytelling at dinnertime, etc.

The event is also designed to be an information fair with a number of community groups



such as the West Elgin Community Health Centre, Parent Child Resource Centre, recreation and libraries, having displays. There will be time at the beginning and end of the session for people to look at the displays.

"Links to Literacy" is meant for families of children ages newborn to 6-years-old who will at-

tend Dunwich-Dutton, Aldborough and West Elgin Senior Elementary schools.

Children are welcome to accompany their parents as child care will be provided.

Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded.

For more information please call 785-2164.



Encouraging Involvement

The students at West Elgin Secondary School were treated to a behind-the-scenes slide presentation of the Sydney Olympics thanks to coach Barrie Shepley, second from left. He was thanked for his visit by SAA co-presidents Catherine Schneider, left, and Janneke Fleuren, second from right. Robert Taylor, right, chiroprapist at the West Elgin Community Health Centre and an avid athlete himself, helped arrange for Mr. Shepley to speak at the school for the Healthy Heart Challenge.

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WEST ELGIN SECONDARY SCHOOL ONTARIO SCHOLARS



**The Principal has recommended to the Minister of Education
that the following students be recognized as Ontario Scholars**



Tiffany Barber
Wallacetown

Parents: Jim & Denise Barber
School: Carleton University
Program: Criminology and
Criminal Justice



Tina Boyd
Dutton

Parents: Cindy & Tab Boyd
School: McMaster University
Program: Nursing



Leanne Carroll
West Lorne

Parents: Alan & Karen Carroll
School: University of W.O.
Program: B.A. in Art History



Tara Lee Chambers
Dutton

Parents: Debra & Brian Chambers
School: University of Ottawa
Program: Criminology & Criminal
Justice



Amy Champigny
Rodney

Parents: Marcel & Lyn
Champigny
School: University of W.O.
Program: Music



Amy Coates
Rodney

Parents: Jane & Nick Coates
School: University of Toronto
Program: Forensic Science



Natalie Ford
Rodney

Parents: Thomas & Lynda Ford
School: University of Guelph
Program: Agricultural Business



Jeremy Karn
Rodney

Parents: Robert W. & Ruth Karn
School: University of Waterloo
Program: Software Engineering



Erin Deyle
Rodney

Parents: Jacob & Cate Deyle
School: Brescia College at UWO
Program: Honours in French



Tim Koscik
West Lorne

Parents: Richard & Heather Koscik
School: University of Toronto
Program: Arts and Science



Sarah Langelaan
Wallacetown

Parents: Emiel Langelaan
School: Wilfred Laurier
Program: Honours Bachelor
of Music



Sara McCallum
Dutton

Parents: Tim & Freda McCallum
School: Queens University
Program: History



Sarah Molnar
Iona Station

Parents: Rob & Lou Anne Molnar
School: University of Guelph
Program: Animal Biology



Krista Mooser
West Lorne

Parents: Henry & Ruth Mooser
School: University of W.O.
Program: Social Sciences



Stuart Murray
Iona Station

Parents: Brenda & David Murray
School: University of W.O.
Program: Health Sciences &
Business



Emmanuel Rodriques
West Lorne

Parents: Antonio Rodriques
and Maria Santos
School: Carleton University
Program: Computer Science;
Software Engineering



Sofia Salgado
West Lorne

Parents: Manuel & Maria
Salgado
School: University in Portugal
Program: E.C.E.



Chris Sedge
Iona Station

Parents: Debby & Jack Sedge
School: Queens University
Program: Life Sciences / X Ray
Technology



Darryl Matthew Swain
West Lorne

Parents: Darryl & Sue Swain
School: Carleton University
Program: Software Engineering



Nathan Wright
Rodney

Parents: David & Raina Wright
School: University of Waterloo
Program: Biochemistry