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Discovery made during LMH structural renos *'Understanding what we were dealing with was quite the mystery'*

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LISTOWEL – At the Listowel Memorial Hospital (LMH), HVAC renovations are well underway at the hospital's location on Elizabeth Street in Listowel. The 17-week project will include installing all new duct work in the area to allow for improved patient comfort in the hospital. However, during the demolition phase of the project, it was discovered that the current north wing of the hospital was built around the old three-storey residence that was once the hospital.

There was a structure found within the current walls of the building on the second floor. The old building's structure was found in multiple rooms, and even had allocated spaces for old chimneys.

"What we think is that this roof (original house's) has actually come off and the third storey (of LMH) added onto that," explained Steve Baxter, manager of facilities for LMH.

"It was kind of cool but a little bit of a pain in the butt!" joked Baxter.

For fireproofing reasons, they needed to remove all of the wood to ensure proper fire prevention measures, which took some time, as lumber from the 1930s is much mightier

compared to today's.

Further, in some locations of the construction zone, the original brickwork detailing from the structure can be seen as well, and even antique wallpaper is found on some of the walls.

"While it has been interesting to see the style of construction, wooden framing and brickwork utilized in the historical construction, we have yet to see the estimated cost impact of the required demolition," explained the highlights from the Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance (LWHA) board.

The structure was a partial mystery to the construction crew and Baxter, as they would open a ceiling and find another, then another, and through more renovating they found the old structure.

"Understanding what we were dealing with was quite the mystery, I'll say," explained Dan Stevens, employee of K&L Construction, the company contracted to do the renovations.

"Well before we kind of pieced together the history, through those pictures because when we were first taking it out there was a ceiling, then another ceiling, then there was a ceiling underneath that."

"I mean, I've done renovations my whole life and I went 'OK, I don't get it,'" expressed Stevens.

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Dan McNee Photo

MASKED MAN OF STEEL – Chris Kurz added to his local fundraising lore on Monday night, May 22, when the Listowel gym owner performed approximately 1,500 walking overhead press lunges around the entire half-mile of the Agricultural Society Fairgrounds track to raise money for school nutrition programs. Despite some ongoing cramping issues, Kurz completed the monumental undertaking in three-and-a-half hours.

Kurz conquers eighth fundraising strength test

Gym owner press lunges 99-pound tire around track in latest school snack program booster

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LISTOWEL – In terms of mental preparedness, Chris Kurz had never been more ready for his eighth fundraising feat of strength on May 22. But sometimes despite that mental strength, the

body doesn't always cooperate.

Kurz knew that something wasn't right with his body early on in his bid to complete an entire lap of the half-mile Listowel Agricultural Society Fairgrounds track on Monday night in support of school nutrition programs.

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Listowel Walk for Alzheimer's goes May 27

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LISTOWEL – Between The Lines Sports Campus will once again host the Listowel edition of the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's on Saturday, May 27.

The Alzheimer Society Huron-Perth is holding seven such fundraising walks across its coverage region, with registration taking place at 9 a.m. and the event itself slated for 10 a.m. on Saturday in Listowel. Potential participants can also register online at walkforalzheimers.ca, and collect pledges to raise funds towards finding a cure for an affliction that directly affects 3,100 people living with Alzheimer's disease in Huron-Perth alone.

To that end, organizers are challenging participants to walk more than 3,100 steps at the event.

Listowel Memorial Hospital Foundation

'Puttin' on the Ritz'
LMHF Steppin' Out
Spring Gala 2023

June 3, 2023

Listowel Golf Club, Listowel

Cocktails 5:00 pm. Dinner 6:15 pm

Live entertainment, Silent & Live Auction Items

- SNEAK PEEK -

- Lift Master Garage Door opener.
- Auto Detailing Services, Two packages of gift certificates for car detailing, \$750 each package.
- Internationally Inspired: A dining experience adventure for 8 guests, 7 course meal.
- Experience a round of golf with a professional golfer. Enjoy 18 holes of golf with 2 time PGA tour champion Corey Conners and 3 avid golfers, dinner or lunch, refreshments, level wear golf attire, golf balls, signed PING hats.
- Four piece canvas Junction outdoor/patio conversation set
- Blue Jay weekend away! Two night stay at Toronto Delta Hotel in a 2 bedroom suite. 2 Blue Jay games for four people on Friday, July 28 (7:07 pm) and Saturday, July 29th (3:07) Watching Los Angeles Angels in TD clubhouse section, plus \$500 spending money.
- Custom Dinner Party for 10 guests, includes custom menu, consultation and local delivery.

- One week stay at Sheraton Desert Oasis, Scottsdale, Arizona. One bedroom unit, Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Saturday, October 28, 2023. Dates are firm.
- Nothing like a Round of Golf! Two foursome packages for 18 holes with carts plus a \$50 gift certificate for each package, Listowel Golf Club.
- Custom made Stand up Paddleboard made by Steve Wilson. The paddleboard is made from western red and yellow cedar from BC. Beautifully hand crafted.
- Two night Autumn Getaway to Meaford at Drs. Barb Matthews and Rex Warren's beautiful home away from Home. Experience the fall leaves and great outdoors no other way. Maybe take in the Dam pub for a Whiskey pairing dinner.
- Experience Muskoka in 2023 for 2 couples. Enjoy the JW Marriott Rosseau Muskoka Resort for 2 nights and 2 rooms. Travel for lunch by plane with Cottage Air to 'Henry's Fish Restaurant' from the dock at JW Marriott.