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North Stormont Fire Services' Station Number 2 officially opened Following the official opening of the new fire station in Crysler on Sat., April 1, firefighters were joined by local dignitaries for a photo in front of a gleaming fire truck.

North Stormont Fire Station No. 2 officially opened

Carolyn Thompson Goddard

North Dundas 2023 budget features numerous challenges

Joseph Morin Record Staff

WINCHESTER – It appears the 2023 budget for North Dundas will be one where taxpayers situations outside of their control. The council will now begin looking at the details of the budget. The 2023 North Dundas budget's first

treats. For more information contact Ernie Coumont at 613-984-1762.



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CRYSLER – The new fire station in Crysler was officially opened in a well attended ceremony held on Sat., April 1. Completed in early 2023, the new fire station replaces the two bay fire stations built in 1976 which was demolished in May 2022, with construction beginning the following month. The new station has three bays, a meeting space, and a training centre on an upper level, as well as potential to grow in the future.

"I'm honoured to be here today for the official opening of the Crysler fire hall. I was a member of the Crysler Fire **Continued on page 3** get what they need not what they want.

Mayor Fraser said, "When I speak about how I see it at our end, I said it is what can we stomach, and what can we stomach to present honestly and confidently that best serves our community, and best serves the desires, and wants of our community. We have to truly understand where we are, and what is acceptable to everyone, and what is needed by all."

The rest of the council echoed the mayor's comments citing the need to come up with a fair budget for everyone while being challenged by draft made its appearance at a special council meeting on Friday, March 29 with an overview of the budget presented by Lachlan McDonald, South Dundas treasurer who is filling in for North Dundas Treasurer John Gareau who is on leave.

The preview of what councillors will be working with, and no doubt arguing over, included all of the "asks" for 2023 from all of the different departments at the municipality.

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North Dundas 2023 budget

Continued from the front

In his overview McDonald stated: "Given the current inflationary environment, senior staff have been diligent, and their assistance, and dedication with the preparation of this document deserves thanks, as do the efforts of our CAO in providing strategic guidance, and oversight over the budget process.

McDonald thanked Deputy Treasurer Michelle Dories who stepped up to keep the budget moving forward while Treasurer Gareau was on leave. He also mentioned the work Deputy Clerk Chloe Preston has done to help out in the finance department.

His introduction to the 2023 budget highlighted the provincially mandated items that the municipality cannot control that will affect the budget.

They are:

• Provincial legislation has mandated

training requirements for fire fighters at an increase of \$157,520 to come from taxation.

• Municipal insurance premiums have increased (in addition to the \$169,000 increase from 2021). That increase will have to come from taxation and is \$225,644.

• Ontario Infrastructure Fund has decreased by 15 per cent. That will come from taxation to the tune of \$83,143.

• Mandated to offer the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Systems, (OMERS) to part-time employees at a cost of \$37,226 from taxation.

McDonald said, "In addition to provincial and insurance pressures, inflation has had an outsized expected impact on the 2023 budget."

He said, "Insurance premiums have gone up considerably, I think it's something that has been discussed at council before, but looking at it just from a regional perspective, it's been 109 per cent over two years to your budget and that is a hefty burden to carry especially an inflationary period where the cost of just even doing services are increasing." He mentioned that other municipalities are not facing the same kind of insurance premium increases.

He warned the council that maintaining the current level of services the municipality has or adding to them may be a challenge as inflation, reduced provincial funding, and mandated costs result in either increases in taxes or a reduction in the level of some services.

There are around 400 km of roads in North Dundas that need looking after and the cost of the materials needed to maintain the roads when it is time to repair them has gone up significantly.

Most municipalities have made their network of roads a priority because residents need roads to get to work or for industry to continue to service an area or grow.

McDonald said in addition to provincial and insurance pressures, inflation has had a significant impact on the proposed 2023 budget.

Inflationary impacts include:

• Non-residential construction building price index, (Ottawa), was up 12.6 per cent from the fall of 2021 to the fall of

2022.

• Diesel prices remain high in comparison to pre-2022 levels.

• On April 1 the carbon tax will increase to 14 cents per litre compared to 11.05 cents, (The Canadian Taxpayers Association).

• Two 2023 tenders from SD&G Counties have come in over last year's numbers by 28 per cent, (hot mix for paving), and 22 per cent, (cold patch). This is the process used to repair potholes in a road surface.

• A total dust suppressant tender was greater than 20 per cent above 2022.

His presentation stated that a significant number of projects had been reduced or removed by North Dundas staff before bringing this first budget preview to the council.

The tax levy as the budget stands now, before councillors start taking it apart, stands at \$8,240,945, which is roughly \$1,000,000 more than 2022.

Mayor Fraser said the council would be discussing the challenges in the budget with municipal staff as budget deliberations continue.

firehall for conversation

and light refreshments.

North Stormont Fire Station Continued from the front

Department for 30 years, and like many of you, I saw the need for this new building. Discussions started while Mr. Fife was mayor; finally got approval under past mayor Wert; then COVID happened. We're now in 2023 and I'm proud to see this project finally become reality. With fiscal responsibility in mind, we're proud to say that this building meets the needs and requirements of the fire department. This station will house the next generation of firefighters who serve and protect the growing community of Crysler and surrounding areas. To all our firefighters, rest assured that your work does not go unnoticed," commented North Stormont Mayor François Landry in a post event email.

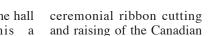
"It is important to keep our firefighters well equipped as they support our community," said North Stormont Deputy Mayor Steve Densham prior to the beginning of the ceremony, during which the newly completed fire station was blessed and officially opened to serve the North Stormont community. As the official opening began, North Stormont fire chief Nancy-Ann Gauthier welcomed people to the new, over 4,000 square feet fire station and thanked council for the support shown over the past year. She noted the old fire station held many memories for people, expressing how new memories will be formed here as time goes on, and mentioned the important role played by spouses of firefighters. Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry Member of Parliament Eric Duncan noted the dedication shown by the volunteer firefighters and thanked them for the role they play in serving

is a growing village and needs a modern firehall," commented Duncan shortly before the ceremony began. Nolan Quinn, who represents the riding in the Ontario legislature, also thanked the firefighters for their dedication and noted how it was "a beautiful building" and was "ready for the growth which is coming."

their community. "Crysler

North Stormont Mayor François Landry, who has served as a volunteer firefighter for 30 years, noted he had many memories associated with the old fire hall and mentioned how there are more to come in the new building. He expressed his thanks to the North Stormont administrative staff led by North Stormont administrative chief officer/clerk Craig Calder, Brian Shane, Eastern Engineering, and the Public Works' Department of North Stormont. He also thanked Paul Provost who provided storage space for the equipment during the construction of the new firehall; firefighters for their adaptability and to fire chief Gauthier for her dedication and input during the construction phase.

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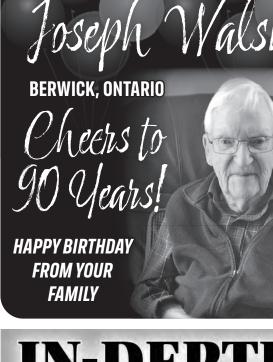
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By Kate Link-Horvath Student Council Communications Welcoming spring at NDDHS

Right before the March break, the student council hosted an Oscar's Dance. With over a hundred students in attendance, this dance was a huge success! With a DJ, red carpet, appetizers, as well as an awards show, this night was one for the books. Following the dance, the Friday before March break, was Tacky Tourist Day. Students could dress up to earn grade points.

Coming back from the break, a Student vs. Staff hockey game was held at the Chesterville arena. Taking place during the school day on the 24th of March, students were bussed over to watch the events unfold. During the first intermission, the leadership class had a "chuck a puck" event, where anyone who bought a hockey puck could throw it onto the ice in an attempt to get it closest to the center. The winner, Ava Holmes, got to take home a Tim's gift card. During the second intermission, figure skaters Hailey Hodge, Alicia McNaughton, Hannah Biemond, and Kate Link-Horvath took to the ice. They each performed a routine for the school, while the student team recuperated from a rough first two periods. Although the students put in a valiant effort, in the end, it was the teachers' team who took home the title, with an end score of 12 to 5. Even with the students' loss, the game was a perfect event to strengthen school spirit and welcome students back from the March Break.

As the ground begins to warm up, the leadership class has begun to collect the sap from the maple trees on the ND property. With a new reverse osmosis system, sap goes in through a special tube and through filters, which separates the syrup from water and creates a heavier sugar concentration in the sap. This also reduces the boiling time which enables the class to make more syrup in a shorter amount of time. This water is reused, making for a timely and cost-efficient process. The class has begun to execute tours, so other students can learn about the syrup process, and so leadership students can show off all of the fantastic work they have put in.

This past Wednesday, the student council hosted an egg hunt throughout the school, with prizes for the winners. Both Wednesday and today, students were able to pay a dollar to guess how many jellybeans are in a jar. By the end of today, whoever has the closest guess gets to take the jar home! And today, students were encouraged to dress in pastel, or wear an Easter themed hat.

Not a made in North Dundas problem

The arrival of the 2023 North Dundas budget brings with it the realization that at some point taxpayers in the municipality have to make a decision between keeping the services they have at the level they have, and in doing so, agree to pay a little more in taxes or taking scissors to their pet community projects.

One could simply cut back as much as possible to keep taxes relatively the same but to many that is going backwards.

The North Dundas council has an interesting challenge to find a solution too

Outside events from inflation to the cost of living, to the cost of raw materials for all manner of projects, and a wobbly supply chain recovering from a pandemic all contribute to increasing municipal costs.

Add to that provincially mandated items that cannot be ignored, but will add to the taxpayer's burden, and increased insurance premiums thanks to climate change and rough weather, all taxpayers will be taking a hit.

The council is not made up of councillors who necessarily love to recklessly spend taxpayer's money. At the same time they seem to be earnest about keeping their community healthy and moving forward.

Taking the 2023 budget on, and finding a way to make everyone happy with how it will be handled, and resolved will be an interesting exercise to watch.

What should make everyone frustrated, and even angry is that the province is the body responsible for a great many of the cost increases the municipality is facing.

The province must have realized that taxpayers will have to accept an increase in their taxes to deal with some of the apparently odd decisions made at Queen's Park.

Don't forget that raising money through development fees to help pay for community growth has been dented by Provincial Bill 23, which calls for reduced development charges so that developers will hopefully be enticed to speed up their housing projects.

All in all, Ontario's municipalities have been to a great extent set adrift on a sea of increased costs, with little ways to recover from those increased costs, and little or no way to mitigate their situation.

Any budget is only good for a year, so if councillors chose to avoid new capital projects and elect to keep the municipality growth slow and steady, that may be the way to go.

Those community members disappointed with this budget because it is a disappointing one can look forward to hopefully better times next year with a "dreams come true" budget. They can at least hope for that to happen even though history would indicate otherwise.

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The council is trapped between a rock and a hard place.

Traditionally the different departments in the municipality arrive at budget time with a wish list of items they would like to have the council of the day approve. There is always something that needs to be repaired or roads that need to be paved and new equipment to be purchased.

The funds to make everyone happy come from a combination of revenue streams but mostly from the taxpayer and a lot of soul searching goes into agreeing to requests or slashing potential items on someone's wish list.

Normally the main enemy of any council budget is inflation; traditional price increases from everything from municipal salaries to the price of a new fire truck.

However, the rules get thrown out altogether when the council has to work with a loss of revenue because of another government body's decision.

That circumstance makes for a tremendous challenge for any municipality.

gone.

Joseph Morin

Is it spring already?

I saw a robin the other day perched on my neighbour's roof and I thought there is another sure sign of spring. A couple weeks ago I saw a flock of Canadian geese gleaning a farmer's field and since then have heard the honking of these harbingers of spring almost daily. Looking out my front window, the six-foot snowbank in front of my house has receded and been reduced in some areas to only three feet. Despite winter, needs to be pruned, a few snowflakes now and again in the Seaway City, most of the precipitation in while as can removing last my neck of woods has been rain – not the warm summer rain but rain just the same. Facebook reports of the maple sap running and being boiled down to maple syrup or other maple products are occurring almost daily and people riding bicycles or skateboarding just add to my contention that yes

spring is here! In my front garden Romeo, my oversized garden gnome, is visible now that the snow has totally left the garden and I have had to restrain my desire to rake my front flower garden and rid it of the leaves, fallen flower stalks and other miscellaneous natural items. This is in aid of the still hibernating insects which may be located just under the surface and has nothing to do with the fact I can't seem to locate the rake. My Loyalist Rose Bush, which suffered from the wind and ice over the

grandchildren has resurfaced and the plants in the back garden area seem to have wintered okay.

The last few days have been a bit windy, rainy, and chilly but there are promises of warmer days ahead apparently. For the most part a heavy sweater is suitable for use on colder days and the fluctuation in temperature makes it either too hot or too chilly in the house. The greening of the country has led to the return of my "allergy mask" and sniffling as the winter relief of snow covering outside is pretty much

Let it be said that my snow boots are still near the front door and my gloves are handy for I am not taking any chances.

One year in April, about thirty years ago, I mistakenly put away all the heavy winter boots and clothing, only to have to pull it all out again when a late spring snowfall hit. Not to be fooled again, my winter clothing stays accessible until at least the beginning of May. Is spring really here or not? Only time will tell.

Carol Thompson Goddard





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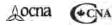
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but this can also wait for a year's buds from the stalks.

Although the path to my backyard is now pretty much snow free, I haven't made the trek to the backyard to see which of my berry plants have survived the winter. I did notice however from my bedroom window that a blue ball left there by my

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I did not grow up in a particularly religious family. I have memories of going to a Sunday School where there was a flannel board - with lambs made of flannel and Moses made of Flannel and Jesus.

When we lived in Calgary, my school was kittycorner to a large Alliance church. And some of the older women of that congregation would hold "bible studies" in my school. I went, at first, because they had cookies. I kept going because of the nice lady who gave me a bible that I still have.

I grew up in the 1970s on the West Island of Montreal. Like many of us in North Dundas, most of my family lived nearby. Every Easter there would be a petting zoo at the Fairview Mall. My dad and uncles would take me, my sister, and the cousins to see the animals. I was always entranced by the ducks and goats, the calves, and foals. I loved feeding them; I loved the smell of them (and the manure!). Remember, the West Island, at that time, wasn't completely sub-urbanized and there were still farms nearby. Also, there was MacDonald College - the McGill Agricultural School - where we'd visit at least once a year for a picnic. So, seeing farm animals wasn't all that special. Except it was.

Then, another memory I have is when we lived in Calgary. It was Good Friday when I was about 10. My parents took me and my sister to Calgary Zoo. It was spring, it was mild, and the Calgary Zoo had Dinosaurs. Add orangutans and T-Rexs— and you have a 10-year-old boy's dream day.

The weather began to change, and it began to storm when we got home - at about 3 o'clock. It was then that my mom turned on the TV and "The Robe" was on. The juxtaposition of my feelings of being at the zoo, of having some notion of what Good Friday was about (we were learning about it in (public) school (by my Jewish teacher)), of having spent a day with my mom and dad (who were normally at work on Friday!) and my 7-year-old sister but reinforced a vague feeling of the "specialness" of that day and time.

These memories have made me think of the importance of Easter in our world. Unlike today where it seems that anything can become commercial, the Easters of my childhood were very different from Christmas. Christmas, though about Jesus, was about presents. Easter was something more.

I knew in my young 7-year-old heart that we were seeing lambs, bunnies and hens at that season of the year for a reason; just as my 10-year-old self knew that taking time to watch THE ROBE after having a wonderful day at the zoo hinted at something that I wasn't able to grasp then; forty years later I am beginning to get a glimpse.

Rev. Blair Paterson



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– OBITUARY – Brian Powell

Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, March 27, 2023, Brian Powell of Crysler, age 77. Loving husband of Andrea Powell (nee Peters). Loving father of Ian

and Diane Powell of Crysler. Dear brother of Barbara Fox (Malcolm) of Wales, Jennifer Cossey (Terry) of Wales. Dear brother-in-law of Margaret Peters of Wales, Christopher Peters of England, and Alan Whittick of Wales. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law Joy Whittick. Brian is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families in the UK and Australia.

A Celebration of Brian's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville on Saturday, April 8 from 1-4 p.m. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Research Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at <u>marsdenmclaughlin.com</u>.

OBITUARY – ALLISON, Rev. W. Dale

It is with great sadness that we announce that Dale passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 29, 2023 at the age of 79. Dale will forever be remembered with love by his family: His children Paul (Julia), Blair (Gillian), Kelly (David) and Leanne (Matthew) and their mom

Joan, his grandchildren Emma, Andrew and Paige, Finley and Bennett, and Samuel, Avery and Gabriel; his sister-in-laws Janice (Ron) and Barb (Allan) and all his nieces and nephews: Peter, Jane, Kirk and Jennifer, Michael, Paige and Stacey, Alana, Meghan and Paul, and Tony and Angela. He was pre-deceased by his parents Mildred and Ralph, and his brothers Lloyd and Keith. Dale was born in Winchester Springs, Ontario. As a youth, he excelled in many of his pursuits including his studies, playing the piano, football and hockey and graduating as Head Boy from Winchester High School. Dale was forever proud of his invitation to try out for the Toronto Maple Leafs as a seventeen year old. Dale went on to complete his undergraduate degree at Carleton University. his Masters of Divinity from Queen's University and was ordained into the United Church of Canada in 1968. Before he was ordained, Dale served as a student minister to pastoral charges at Saddle Lake Cree Nation in Alberta, and Spencerville and Sharbot Lake, in Ontario. As an ordained Minister. Dale served the United Church in Oxford House. Manitoba, and in Ontario, at Trinity United in Capreol, Southminister United in Niagara Falls, First United in Cambridge, Linden/ Troy United Church and Brownsville United Church. Dale also served as a Prison Chaplain at Maplehurst Correctional Complex. Ministry was his calling. Dale had a deep faith in God which sustained him throughout his life. He was an eloquent and authentic preacher and loved nurturing and strengthening the church community. He made many lasting friendships in these communities throughout the years. Dale loved people. This genuine interest and curiosity in others resulted in Dale chatting up all new acquaintances including most restaurant waiters and waitresses much to his family's chagrin. His ability to listen and show empathy to others was one of his greatest strengths. One of his favourite roles was being a dad. Affectionately nicknamed "Ralphie" by his kids, Dale loved spending time with his family. Trips to Tobermory and Manitoulin Island on the Chi Cheemaun, camping at Pog Lake or canoeing in Algonguin Park, driving the motorhome out West (even with the kids fighting and yelling) were cherished family times. Ever a playful spirit and prankster, he would delight in jumping out of closets to scare us, pulling April Fools' Day pranks or sneaking in the family dog to scare his sleeping daughter and her friends during a sleepover after they had watched the movie "Cujo". Dale also loved his grandchildren deeply and they loved to hear him read and tell stories. Dale was a die-hard hockey fan. Whether it was watching Canada beat Russia in 1972 (and accidently breaking the neighbour's coffee table with his enthusiastic fist slam of a cheer) or his faithful following of the Toronto Maple Leafs, he would rarely miss an opportunity to watch a game (especially if it included pop, chips, and dip!) In his later years, as his health declined with Parkinson's, he enjoyed car rides for ice cream with Paul. Dale was a kind, generous human being and he will be dearly missed. The family would like to thank all the staff on Maple Grove at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas for the wonderful care of our dad over the last 12 years. A Memorial Service will be held on April 15 at Cedar Hill United Church, 241 Cedar Street, Cambridge at 2 p.m. A visitation will be held at 1 p.m., and a reception will follow the service in the church hall. The family wishes memorial contributions be made to either the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church or the Canadian Mental Health Association.



- OBITUARY - **ROGER DALE SALMON** January 4th, 1936 - April 2nd, 2023

Passed away peacefully at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute on Sunday, April 2, 2023, Roger Salmon of Chesterville, age

87. Loving husband of June Salmon (nee Bartholomew) for over 67 years. Loving father of Jay Salmon (Margaret) of Chesterville and Michael Salmon (Sue) of Ottawa. Roger will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jason, Jennifer, Owen, Olivia, Mia, Sebastien, and great grandchildren Dylan and Sarah. Brother of Kay Hanson (Foster) of Oshawa and Wayne Salmon (Bessie) of Gallingertown. Fatherin-law of Earl McIntyre of Ingleside. Roger was predeceased by his daughter Donna McIntyre, his parents Jay and Bessie, his siblings Willis, Ellen Schatch, Percy and his special aunt and uncle Clara and Percy Merkley. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews. Friends may pay their respects at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Wednesday, April 12 from 11 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. A reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chesterville. Interment will be at Grantley Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. If you are making your donation online or by cheque directly to the charity, please include the following note with your gift "please notify the family". Online condolences may be made at marsdenmclaughlin.com.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <u>www.couttsfuneralhome.com</u> for the Allison family.

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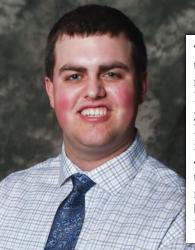
Robinson elected to JFO Executive

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NORTH STORMONT - Dougie Robinson of Payneside Farms Inc. in North Stormont was elected as the 4-H Ontario representative for the Junior Farmers of Ontario at the annual general meeting of the Junior Farms of Ontario (JFO) on March 24 in Kitchener.

Robinson comes to the position with many years experience in the



Ontario 4-H program including serving two years as 4-H Ontario Ambassador.

"I feel that I have a strong connection that can help build a stronger relationship between JFAO and 4-H Ontario members/leader. My goal would be to have each Junior Farmer Club become more involved with their home county 4-H associations, modelling a better image of what JFAO is." commented Robinson who is a member of Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers' Club. Courtesy Photo



Enjoying Lunch at **Trinity**

The annual Spring Luncheon and Bake Sale held was at Trinity United

Church in Ingleside on Sat., April 1. There was a steady stream of people coming to enjoy the full course ham and scalloped potato meal and the opportunity to socialize or perhaps purchase a sweet treat from the bake table. From the left: Doris Warner and Maureen Thompson.

Thompson Goddard Photo

North Dundas Senior Rockets take EOSHL Championship

Joseph Morin Record Staff

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CHESTERVILLE – For the second year in a row, the North Dundas Senior Rockets' Hockey Club

enjoyed back-to-back Eastern Ontario Senior Hockey League, (EOSHL), Championships. The Rockets were able to win the cup in a 4 game contest



The Rockets lost the third game of the finals on their home rink in Chesterville after taking the first two games in the best of five series. On Sat., April 1 the Rockets could not put the game away, but not for lack of trying. In this photo a stubborn Islander goalie, Jordan Ruby had a near perfect game while watching his teammates hold off waves of attacks by the Senior Rockets. Morin Photo

TAGWI Report By Brooke Donnelly Student Reporter A week with the Warriors

This week in Avonmore, our Tagwi Warriors were busy yet again. On Monday, our Health and Wellness SHSM students took off to Ottawa for a trip. As well, on Friday, both the Novice boys' basketball and girls' volleyball teams competed. Finally, students attending the Global Student Leadership Summit in the coming weeks sold pizza at lunch on Friday.

On Monday, students in Tagwi's Health and Wellness SHSM got the opportunity to travel to the Canadian Tire with the Gananoque a 7 - 2 Rockets' win. On April Islanders in the Islanders' rink on Sun., April 2.

The final score in a penalty filled game was 9 for the Rockets and 4 for the Islanders.

On Sat., April 1 the Islanders found their groove, and pummeled the Rockets by a score of 10 to 2. The Rockets made it clear that in the deciding fourth game they would not be taking anything for granted, especially their own ability and determination.

Robyn Sadler is an executive with the senior Rockets and their general manager and head coach.

He could not say enough about how his team rallied to finish off the Islanders.

He said, "Gananoque is an awfully good hockey team. I would be lying to you if I said I was not worried going into the series."

He suggested the loss in the third game was the result of over confidence on the part of the Rockets and the Islanders were able to take advantage of that.

"We started to take some bad penalties," he said.

"No one thought we had played very well on Saturday and we did not think we had played very well. We were definitely hungry on Sunday."

When the Rockets became a bit distracted and 1 the Islanders threatened to stop the Rockets' run with a 10 - 2 win in Chesterville. On Sun., April 2 the Rockets took the championship with a 9 - 4 win, winning the best of a five series, 3 - 1.

In the final contest the Rockets opened up a 2 - 0 goal lead in the first period.

In the second period the Islanders came back with 3 goals of their own, but the Rockets kept up the pressure with 4 more of their own to secure a 6 - 3 lead.

In the third period, the Islanders began to rally with a fourth goal, but the rockets came back with 3 of their own for a cup-winning total of 9.

The Rockets outshot the Islanders 49 - 28.

The 3 stars were Michael McNamee and Brett Gustafson for the Rockets, and the third star was Brock Higgs of the Islanders.

Penalties were 7 - 12 for the Islanders, including a too many men on the ice call for the Islanders.

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Centre in Ottawa and speak with different members of the Ottawa Senators' staff. After spending the rest of their afternoon in Kanata, our Warriors returned back to the arena later that night to watch the Senators take on the Florida Panthers.

Our novice boys' basketball team took off early Friday morning for Glengarry District High School where they played their second meet of the season. They played three close games, but they unfortunately didn't end up with a win.

As well, our novice girls' volleyball team hosted a meet on Friday. They played three games, one against La Citadelle, another against Charlan, and the last against L'Heritage. The girls played a couple of close sets, but they didn't end up coming out of the meet with a point.

Finally, on Friday, students attending the Global Student Leadership Summit sold pizza and drinks at lunch, to raise funds for the trip in the upcoming weeks.

As always, student council and the school community is hard at work planning for the upcoming weeks. To stay up to date on what's happening, we recommend you check out Tagwi's Instagram page (@tagwiwarriors) and our student council Instagram page (@warriors.student.council).

off their game that was all the Islanders needed to take the Rockets' game away and hold off their own elimination.

Sadler said, "Gananoque is a skilled enough team, that if you are not paying attention to hockey, they will make you pay."

Sadler mentioned that winning back-to-back championships was special but another historic note about the game was the return of 50 year-old Chesterville native and veteran hockey player Todd Marcellus to the Rockets, which was a thrill for fans to be able to see.

The four-game final featured a Rockets' win on March 25 of 9 - 2, then another win on March 26 with

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Celebrating our agricultural heritage

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

AVONMORE – Over 90 people attended the 14th Celebration of Stormont Agricultural held on March 31 in the Jean Canham Hall, North Stormont Place in Avonmore. The event was organized in a collaborative manner by several agricultural groups in Stormont County, featuring a meal catered to by Elwyn Massia, a silent auction with funds raised being provided to Beyond 21 in Cornwall and magician Michael Conway entertaining, as well as featuring the awarding of the 2022 Award of Merit and Stormont County Farmer of the Year.

2022 Award of Merit recipient Craig Stevenson received an undergraduate degree in history from Trent University, a Master of Arts in history from Queen's University and from Nipissing University a Bachelor of Education. He is employed as a teacher with the Upper Canada District School Board at Tagwi Secondary School where he teaches Agriculture SHSM.

"Craig has long had an interest in the social history SD&G and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The rich tradition of agriculture in this region has been a cornerstone to the ongoing history that informs Craig's community involvement and teaching. Craig enjoys helping students of all backgrounds make connections to this history as a means to informing our collective future," according to information



Craig Stevenson receives Award of Merit. From the right: Craig Stevenson was unable to attend the Celebration of Agriculture in Stormont County and Charity Stucki received it on his behalf from Jill Robinson. Thompson Goddard Photo

in a prepared biography from the organizers. Charity Stucki accepted the award on behalf of Stevenson and read a statement from him, which expressed his "surprise and gratitude at receiving this award." He expressed his view on the importance of educating students in the agricultural field in this area.

The 2022 Farmer of the Year in Stormont County was announced as being Julie and Thomas Booiyink who own and



2022 Stormont County Farmer of the Year. From the left: Alan Kruszel, Lorraine Regnier, Julie and Thomas Booiyink. Thompson Goddard Photo

operate Jamink Farm. Information on the winners, obtained from a prepared biography for the event, explained the farm takes its name from James (Julia's maiden name) and three letters from Thomas' last name Booiyink. Both received post secondary education in agriculture and amalgamated their herds in 2014, with the herd being certified organic in December 2015. They sell various items at the farm gate as well as participate in Cornerstone Organics' online farmers' market. The biography concluded by commenting how the couple are both "very passionate and innovative about agriculture." In receiving the award, Julie mentioned it was a huge honour to be named 2022 Farmer of the Year in Stormont County, before continuing they are happy to raise their family and excited to have their business in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry Member of Parliament Eric Duncan, attended the event and noted how there have been recently a number of agricultural related activities and events. "Agriculture is the backbone of our economy of life and before spring arrives, it is nice to have these events to recognize local leaders in the industry."

Annual Spring Dinner – Featuring the Celtic Kitchen Party

Joseph Morin Record Staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – The Mountain and District Lions Club hosted their annual Spring Dinner on Sat., April 1 at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain. More than 200 hungry diners took part in the spring feast. The dinner featured freshly prepared steak served up by a great group of volunteers. The dinner also featured a chicken breast option.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by The Celtic Kitchen Party. The band who plays a mix of Celtic infused originals, traditional and contemporary East Coast, Irish and Scottish music.



Is there anything sweeter than Maple Syrup? Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

MOREWOOD – During the first weekend of April visitors are welcomed to participating maple syrup producers throughout Ontario when Maple Weekend is held. There were several sugar bushes to visit throughout Eastern Ontario including Grandpa's Sugar Shack on the outskirts of Morewood, Ontario on McLaughlin Road. Operated by Jean and Arden Carruthers, the sugar hut is a few minutes off the main road nestled in a beautiful hardwood forest.



From the left: Jean and Arden Carruthers enjoyed hosting visitors to Grandpa's Sugar Shack on McLaughlin Road in North Dundas during Maple Weekend 2023. Thompson Goddard Photo

Entering the building, the sweet smell of maple sap boiling and the warmth from the fire was accompanied by the warmth of the welcome from all. Jean explained there are mainly maple trees in the eight acre forest with 460 taps running. She mentioned 2023 has been an awesome season, with sap running more steadily than usual, especially over the past 10 nights. The sap processing operation began five years ago, expressing thanks to family, neighbours, and friends for all their help over the years. Jean continued this is their first year using pipelines, noting prior to this the sap was collected in buckets and transported to the hut for processing and it is also their first year for participating in Maple Weekend.



Cooking up steaks for the Spring Dinner were, left to right: Bill Vermilyea, Terry Triskle, Nathan Lang, Cody Murphy, Shawn Simmones, and Tim Hass. Morin Photo



The dinner happens with the help of many volunteers. Here in the hall kitchen are volunteers putting the meals together. Left to right are Frank Fata, Bob Weagant, Lori Unsworth, Ally Martin, Jennifer Gosse, Roxanne Backes, Nathan Lang and Sandy Shaver.

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Team "Tom's Bucket Run" gets ready for Ottawa run

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WINCHESTER Winchester resident Tom Clapp is continuing his campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's cancer navigator fund and the Ottawa Hospital Foundation.

launched He his campaign on Wed., March 29 from the Dillabough Building in Winchester.

Clapp and his teammates will be taking part in the 2023 Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend taking place in Ottawa from May 27 to May 28.

The race is made up of several different races and distances.

There is something for everyone.

Clapp's team called, "Tom's Bucket Run" will be taking on the 5 km race.

This year Clapp is aiming for a target of \$80,000.

Right now his team is made up of four members, Murray Link, Tom and his wife Jan and Jonas Fossitt.

He said he was not too concerned about how many actual team members were on the team but everyone and anyone is invited to join to help him reach his goal.

Those interested can give him a call or register online.

"Half of what I raise will go to the cancer navigation program at WDMH and the other half will go to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation," he said.

The funds going to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation will be matched 10 to 1.

The team launch was also an opportunity for representatives from the prostate cancer Support Ottawa Group to make their \$5,000 donation to the cancer navigator fund. The group donated same



Tom Clapp is collecting team members for his Tom's Bucket Run team. The team of runners will be taking part in the 5 km race at the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend May 27 to May 28. Left to right: Tom Clapp, Jonas Fossitt, Murray Link and Jan Clapp. Morin Photo



The Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa group donated \$10,000 to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation. Left to right are: Doug Nugent vice chair of the Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa, Tom Clapp, from Dare to Flash a 'Stache committee, Al Carl chair of the Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa, Graham Thompson from the Ottawa Hospital Foundation and Jan Clapp. Morin Photo

\$10,000 to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation.

Over the past seven years, the Dare to Flash a 'Stache campaign also headed up by Clapp has donated \$106,121 to the



Pictured on the right; the Dare to Flash a 'Stache campaign has been taking place in North Dundas for the past seven years. During that time the event has raised \$106,121. Left to right: WDMH manager of direct mail and events Justine Plummer, Tom Clapp from Dare to Flash a 'Stache, and Doug Nugent, vice chair of Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa. Morin Photo

Anyone interested in donating or joining the team can call 613-774-3565.

When you register for Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend, you have the opportunity to raise funds for a charity of your choice through the Desjardins Charity Challenge. Since launching the Charity Challenge at Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend in 2015, participants and their generous donors have raised over \$5 million for local and national charities.

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Team 'Tom's Bucket Run' is raising funds for The Ottawa Hospital. Show your support by donating here: https://raceroster.com/events /2023/64371/tamarackottawa-race-weekend-2023/pledge/team/479825





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Ottawa 5K presented by ASICS Runkeeper start line. Courtesy Photo

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The Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa group also made a \$5,000 donation to the WDMH cancer navigator fund. Left to right: WDMH manager of direct mail and events Justine Plummer, Doug Nugent vice chair of Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa, Tom Clapp from Dare to Flash a 'Stache and Al Carl chair of the Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa. Morin Photo



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In addition, Daffodil Month presents an opportunity to advocate for the importance of cancer screening. Here's a timeline of when various types of cancer should first be screened for.

Cervical cancer: age 25

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Women aged 25 to 65 should get a Pap smear every three years. Starting when they turn 30, they should also get an HPV test every five years. Women over 65 who had normal results over the last 10 years can forgo further testing.

Cervical cancer is highly treatable when caught early, making screening for it

extremely important. Breast cancer: age 50

Previous guidelines recommended that women with average risk begin yearly screening at age 40. However, the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care doesn't recommend it anymore because drawbacks such as overdiagnosis and unnecessary treatment outweigh any possible benefits.

The most current recommendation is to begin undergoing screening every two to three years at age 50.

Breast cancer is by far the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. While survival rates are improving for all stages, the earlier it's caught, the easier it is to treat.

Colorectal cancer: age 50

While people with early stage colorectal cancer have a survival rate of 90 per cent, the prognosis isn't as good for symptomatic cancers, which are usually quite advanced.

For people with average risk, a first colonoscopy at 50 years old is recommended, with follow-up exams depending on the results. Earlier screening is recommended for people with increased risk, such as those who are of African-American descent, those with a family



Prostate cancer: age 50

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men. Detected early, the survival rate is nearly 100 per cent

However, research suggests there may be more downsides than upsides to getting tested regularly. For this reason, it's recommended that men who are about to turn 50 have a discussion about prostate cancer screening with their doctor to determine whether they're at high risk and whether screening would be beneficial.

Lung cancer: age 55

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Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Canada. Contrary to popular belief, it's very treatable if caught early. The problem is that 75 per cent of lung cancers diagnosed in Canada are terminal

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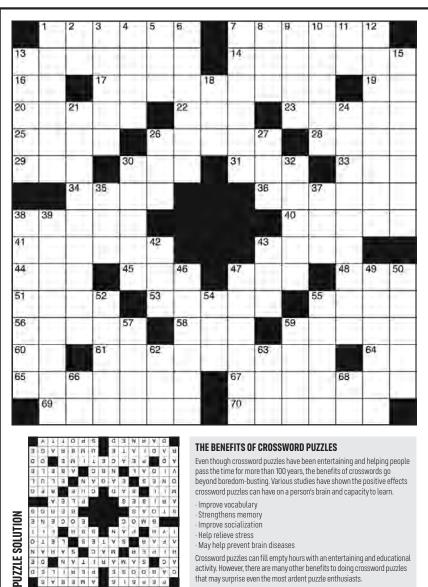
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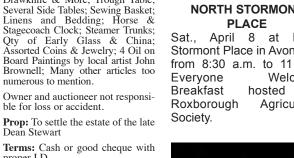
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22. Partner to cheese 23. Type of wrap 25. From a distance 26. Satisfies 28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared 29. God of battle (Scandinavian) 30. Cooking utensil 31. Soviet Socialist Republic 33. Able to perform 34. Big man on campus 36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period 38. Porticos

CLUES DOWN

1. Calm down 2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.) 3. One who pretends 4. Hang glide 5 Distinctive practice 6. Mariner 7. Peaks 8. Queens ballplayer 9. Geological times 10. Twofold 11. Atomic #13 12. Tranquillizing 13. Metric weight unit 15. Indicates 18. Unwanted rodent 21. Partly cooked with hot water 24. One who can be recommended 26. Resembles a bag or pouch 27. Midway between south and southeast 30. Sets up for a photo

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There to help at a difficult time -Marsden Mclaughlin **Funeral Homes**

CHESTERVILLE - David Lapier, coowner with Daniel McLaughlin of Marsden Mclaughlin Funeral Homes, sees his work as helping clients through one of the most difficult times of their lives – the passing of a loved one. Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Homes have locations in Chesterville, Williamsburg, Iroquois, and Cardinal.

Lapier, a life-long resident of South Dundas, explained after taking a University of Ottawa course on the psychology of grief, he felt called to become a funeral director. He explained after completing the pre-requisite 40 hour internship with Danny McLaughlin, owner of the Marsden-McLaughlin Funeral Homes in Iroquois and Cardinal, he enrolled in the Funeral Director course at Humber College in 1991. Lapier joined Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Homes after graduating and getting his licence in 1993, working and living at the newly built Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg.

He described the work of a funeral director as a 24 hour/day, 7 days/week and 52 weeks/per year occupation, noting this is especially true in rural areas where you are on call all the time. Lapier mentioned one of the roles of a funeral director is to act as a mediator when discussing

office at the Williamsburg location. arrangements with family members and

described being empathetic and understanding; helpful to clients navigating through the experience is important in his line of work, noting he finds it rewarding to assist people during a difficult time.

Lapier mentioned how each service or celebration of life is unique to the wishes of the family and can contain elements

David Lapier, co-owner of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Homes, is seen in his Thompson Goddard Photo

> such as a slideshow, short talks from family, friends or neighbours and be either formal or informal in nature. There are a lot of things to consider when planning the service. Lapier noted that many people pre-plan their arrangements. Pre-arranging not only gives an individual the piece of mind of knowing what ceremonies will take place at the time of their death, but it also relieves a great deal of stress on the

family members who would otherwise be responsible for making funeral arrangements for their deceased loved one. There is no cost associated with preplanning unless a person decides to prepay for their arrangements as well.

"Don't worry, I'll take care of everything for you" is a motto of Lapier, who mentioned that in addition to the many facets of planning a funeral or a celebration of life, there are many organizations which have to be contacted after a death has occurred. Lapier has created a checklist of items to be completed and organizations to contact, which he explained is constantly updated and modified as needed. He has developed presentations which can provide community groups on aspects of funeral arrangements, commenting this allows people to ask questions and find answers in a setting that is comfortable and not stressful.

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the holding of a funeral or celebration of life for loved ones who had passed and now that many pandemic health restrictions have been lifted, there is a return to community gatherings following a death. Lapier explained these gatherings allow for people to grieve in a supportive environment; noting how in a rural community these are especially important.

More information on Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Homes is available at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Race Day!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

WILLIAMSBURG There was a lot of the excitement at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church when the Timber Car Race Day was held on April 1. Members of the 1st Williamsburg Canadian Traditional Scouting Association raced their cars, which they had made with assistance from parents. Leaders and support organizations entered cars as well.

Scouter Lisa Vreman explained the racetrack was built in 2019 by leaders and former senior explorers, with many

electronic timer which was put together from a kit purchased online by volunteers and leaders and used for the first time this year. "I am really excited about the new finish judge" commented Scouter Harold Jansen before mentioning it is more accurate and allows the audience to view the finish line. He mentioned how the Timber Car Race Day is "my most favourite event" a feeling seemingly shared by all present.

excited with the new

2023 Timber Car Race Day

Otters: Best Design 1. Emalina Shaver 2. Brentley Odaisky. Fastest 1. Grantley Sneath 2. Emalina Shaver 3. Bentley Odaisky.

Timber Wolves: Best Design 1. Adelaide Caron 2. Naia Gutknetch. Fastest 1. Jaxon Shaver 2. Louka Papdakis 3. Naia Gutknetch.

Explorers: Best Design 1. Mo Gutknetch 2. Ashlyn Sneath, Vaylea Gutnetch. Fastest 1. Lucas Staebler 2. Sebastien Desrosiers 3. Mo Gutknetch.

Senior Explorers: Best Design 1. Mackenzie Coons 2. Mackenzie Westervelt. Fastest 1. Fiona Dutil-Moser 2. Mackenzie Westervelt 3. Bryce Westervelt.

Open Class: Best Design 1. Bill Shaver 2. Robin Garlough. Fastest 1. Lisa Vreman 2. Patricia 3. Mike Staebler.



The race cars were lined up according to race categories, with Lisa Vreman explaining the ones in the last three rows were created by either supporting organizations or leaders. From the left: Senior explorer Emily Vreman and Scouter Lisa Vreman. Thompson Goddard Photo

Lots of Easter fun!

Carolyn Thompson Goddard Record Staff

IROQUOIS - There was a whirlwind of activity at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370 in Iroquois, when the Easter Bunny Breakfast was held between 8 a.m. and noon on Sun., April 2. In addition to a breakfast buffet, there was plenty of opportunity to socialize while listening to the musical renderings of Dr. Kaboom, have your face painted, enter a colouring contest or fundraising raffles for the plaza pavilion, visit some live small animals or have your photo taken with the guest of honour – the Easter Bunny!

The event was organized by River Rat Treasures and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion explained Candice Latulippe, owner of River Rat Treasurer in



Iroquois. She mentioned this event is well attended and is "a great community event with different groups getting together to organize it. There are many upcoming events in the community including Seaway District High School prom committee fundraisers, a Legion Steak BBQ night, theatre performance of Drop Dead by the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club and for those needing an Easter Bunny delivery on either April 8 or 9 in specified areas can be arranged by calling River Rat Treasures at 613-652-4891.

The Easter Bunny was joined by Lion Evonne Delegarde and Candice Latulippe for a photo during the breakfast event at the Iroquois Legion on Sun., April 2. Thompson Goddard Photo

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Easter Funday in Greely Joseph Morin Record Staff

GREELY—Easter Funday in Greely was a wonderful event for children and their parents.

The Easter event hosted by the Greely Business Association, (GBA), featured all kinds of games and children's activities as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny.

This event was made possible with the support of the Parkway Church and Coun. George Darouze. All proceeds of this event will go toward Greely's Canada Day Fireworks and Festivities. The GBA wanted to give thanks to all the local businesses that have committed to supporting the GCA in 2023 including Ken Gordon Holdings, Greely Optometry -Optométrie, Hunter's Public House, Stagra Automotive, Gingras Real

The Easter Bunny visited the Easter Funday in Greely on Sat., April 1. In this photo the Easter Bunny poses with Erika Gingras and daughter Claire. Morin Photo

Optométrie, Hunter's Public House, Estate Group, Sunset Lakes and Emerald Links Golf & Country Stagra Automotive, Gingras Real Developments, Sentinel Management, Club.

Russell Male Choir steps down off the stage after 25 years

Joseph Morin Record Staff

RUSSELL – After 27 years singing to the region's residents the Russell Men's Choir has ended their musical adventure.

Harry Backer, the choir's coordinator said it was a combinations of issues that more or less forced the choir to end its quarter century of bringing great music into the lives of residents.

The choir members that at its height featured 24 members had shrunk down to eight members.

Covid and exhaustion were the main factors affecting the choir.

The Choir called it quits this past January.

"'We did nine Christmas concerts and we were bushed. Some people stepped down from their various jobs and there was no one to step up and

replace them," said Baker.

During the pandemic the choir was still able to perform using masks and could meet together through Zoom meetings. When the Covid restrictions loosened they were able to meet at the museum in Russell.

"We were able to do some concerts with our face masks on and then things started to pick up again this fall. We started to get bookings."

The challenge facing the choir as pandemic restrictions began to lift was that they were exhausted.

"We had to cancel our bookings."

The end of the choir can be reveresed if enough residents want to try their hand at singing.

In the past choir members have come from Winchester, Chesterville, Embrun, Russell and

Metcalfe. Baker said the choir still has its keyboard and sound system. The choir just needs members.

The list of songs the choir would sing includes Broadway tunes, Christmas favourites and even Remembrance Day themed tunes.

Baker has written a brief history of the Russell Male Choir. In an excerpt from Baker's History he wrote, "Formed in 1996 by Lorne Wade it was first called "Presidents Choice" – the first accompanists were June Graham and Eileen Hamelin.

Neville Brown took over as Director about 2002 and the name was changed to the Russell Male Choir.

Early members included: Sterling Sheldrick, Victor McAthy, Neville Brown, Lorne Wade, Bill Garland, Frank Thompson, Eric Therkelson, Eldon York, Leo Bekkers, Meredith Rombough and David Turley.

From the beginning they sang in nursing homes, retirement residences, churches, Kemptville Hospital - later at the Seniors Day at the Russell Fair, Tim Hortons in Embrun and at Russell Township Council.

The first practice hall was upstairs in the Russell Arena.

By Nov 2007 we had 18 members.

In June 2011 we had 28 members including the Mayor J.P. St. Pierre. March 2020 the COVID -19 Pandemic hit we had our last performance at Promenade Seniors Community in Orleans on March 12. Some of the first COVID related deaths we in that residence."



Happy Birthday Lola!

Russell Meadows Retirement Community would like to extend a sincere Happy Birthday to our darling resident Lola Larmour. Lola celebrated 104 years young on April 3. She was surrounded by family and friends, enjoyed some music and cake, and even spoke some lovely words of thanks to all that gathered by her side. Lola is an inspiration to us all and we wish her health and happiness in the years to come. Happy Birthday Lola! Courtesy Photo



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