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Morinvillans took to the polls Monday to decide the Photo Radar and Red Light Camera Bylaw plebiscite. When votes were tallied Monday night, the No side won the day. See story page 6.

YES	NO
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Above are the unofficial results

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Don Summers and Doris Jolicoeur of Professional Reality will be on HGTV's Caribbean Life Apr. 27 at 8 p.m. The real estate couple spent three days filming the reality TV show in St. Lucia, a Caribbean island they plan to make their home when they retire.

- Submitted Photo



From real estate to reality TV

by **Stephen Dafoe**

Morinville - Set your PVRs. A well-known real estate couple will be appearing on your TV screen later this month. Don Summers and Doris Jolicoeur of Professional Reality will be on HGTV's Caribbean Life Apr. 27 at 8 p.m.

The couple recently did three full days of filming in St. Lucia to create the 30-minute program. "It's tracking our pursuit of a property down in St. Lucia," Don Summers said of the show's topic, adding he and Jolicoeur started the process last November on a trip with a fellow realtor. "The show kind of recapitulates some of that. There might be a difference between reality TV and reality. They might not always be the same thing. Basically it's us looking at three different homes on the show and pursuing one of them."

Summers said when the opportunity came to be part of the show, he did not need much prodding since he is always happy to return to the island. But the experience of being behind the cameras made the island trip a little different. Though treated like gold by the producer and his staff, the normally reserved Summers found going a little over the top was the order of the day when the cameras were on. "I think I'm generally a pretty laid back and reserved guy, but you made a commitment, you step out of your comfort zone and you see where you end up," he said. "I have no idea what it's going to look like on TV but they said they're very happy with the results."

Like Summers, his partner Doris Jolicoeur found the TV experi-

ence a little different from their professional life. "It was too much work," Jolicoeur said with a laugh. "I totally respect actors now." The realtor went on to say she would frequently have to say her lines over again because she would forget to add the phrase "thousand US dollars," preferring to express real estate prices as 240 or 250 as they do in their day-to-day life.

Wonderful island

Summers and Jolicoeur are both big fans of the island they filmed the show on and are looking to spend even more time there. "It's a beautiful island," Summers said. "That's where we're looking to retire. It's a low cost of living and wonderful, wonderful people. They really like people. They're down-to-earth people."

Jolicoeur agrees. "Every Friday night they have a thing called a Jump Party," she said of the community of Gros Islet where they stayed. "They shut the town down and get out these huge speakers. They blare the music and there are people on the side of the street cooking food. Every age is there. You'll be getting gas and be invited."

Summers and Jolicoeur now have properties on MLS in St. Lucia and will be buying a property themselves to rent out on a short- or long-term basis until they retire there one day. Both realtors said the opportunity is great for investors looking to buy rental property.

Champion Petfoods donates \$32,000 to local groups

by Stephen Dafoe

Morinville – Two community groups were the recipients of \$32,000 in sponsorship monies from Champion Petfoods Monday. The local manufacturer donated \$20,000 to the Morinville Festival Society and \$12,000 to the Orijen Sabretooths, a basketball club formerly known as the Morinville Road Runners. The donations are part of Champion's ongoing commitment to support local initiatives.

Making better festivals

Champion's donation to the Morinville Festival Society is the second year the company has assisted the non-profit society fund its festivals. This year's donation will help the volunteer organization run the annual St. Jean Baptiste Festival in late June and the annual Rocktober and Food and Jam Festivals in October.

"We know this is a great place to raise families and for people to work and people to play," said Champion President and CEO Frank Burdzy, adding the donation helps his employees and their families as well. "We'd like to give them the opportunity to participate in their own community. This is a good way to do it."

Morinville Festival Society Chair Paul Smith said he was pleased to receive the sponsorship once again. "I'm absolutely elated because this helps us with our stability," Smith said, adding Champion's commitment helps ensure his society can continue doing festivals.

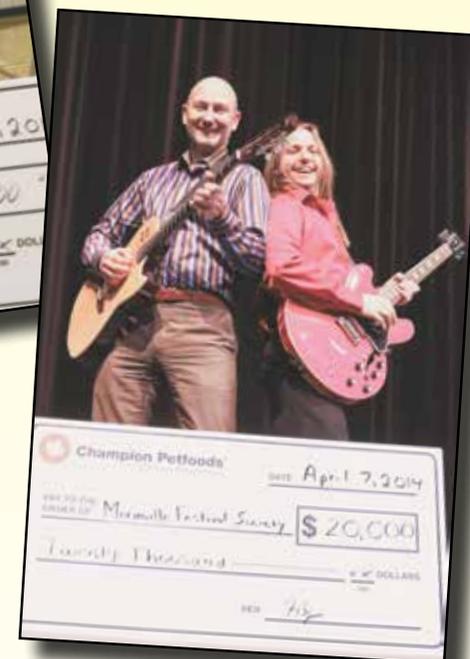
More basketball funding

Champion has once again supported youth basketball in Morinville with a \$12,000 donation to the program. The team changed their name last year from the Morinville Road Runners to the Morinville Orijen Sabretooths after receiving a substantial sponsorship from Champion.



Left: Champion Petfoods President Frank Burdzy plays a little one-on-one with basketball coach Serge Froment.

– Stephen Dafoe Photo



Right: Champion Petfoods President Frank Burdzy and Morinville Festival Chair Paul Smith rock out for a cheque presentation photo Apr. 7.

– Stephen Dafoe Photo

Basketball coach Serge Froment said the funding helps fund tournaments and an annual team party, sends players to provincials, and helps to keep costs low. "It allows every one of our players to play at the lowest [cost] of any community around," Froment said. "We're still under \$300." Froment went on to say Champion has been supportive above and beyond their annual financial donation. "Every time I turn around they are helping us and soon we'll have a real nice surprise for everyone in the basketball community in Morinville. Champion was a big part of that as well." Froment would not elaborate on what that surprise might be.

For Burdzy, funding a Championship basketball group made sense on a number of levels. "Champion loves to deal with champions and the Orijen Sabretooths are definitely champions in our eyes," he said. "It's been a great partnership for us."

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Conservative Views

**In search of ... Financial
Accountability**

by Calli Stromner calli@morinvillenews.com



It is well-understood that contractors typically charge for their services. They are not volunteers; they are businesspeople who take on a certain amount of risk for the potential to generate an income for themselves and, in a good year, a profit.

So when the owner of Independent Traffic Services (ITS) suggested (during the Open House held March 26) that photo enforcement services provided to the Town of Morinville were done so "without cost to the municipality", it sparked some skepticism... from the curious citizens who gathered around owner Bruce Kaminski and from a certain Morinville News correspondent.

During that March 26 Open House, Kaminski did indicate his company received a fee for this service, but that he couldn't disclose what that fee was because, as he stated "the fee structure

is protected under FOIP (the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)." He explained that even though municipalities are obligated to provide full accountability and transparency in their financial accounting, his contract was exempt because his "fee structure was proprietary information protected under FOIP."

In Kaminski's explanation, he said that if other photo enforcement service providers knew what his fee structure was, he would no longer have a competitive advantage. Really.

As fate would have it, Council's acceptance of the 2013 Audited Financial Statements on April 8, provided a little more insight into what those contracted services could cost. Whether a fee structure can really be considered proprietary information is a moot point. Taxpayers have a right to know what their municipality is spending on contracted services. Period.

Financial Services Director Andy Isbister told Council that the net revenue from photo enforcement tickets in 2013 equalled \$267,000. The 4th Quarter Report (also accepted by Council on April 8) indicated that ITS issued 5,049 tickets in 2013. A quick look at the Specified Penalty Listing for the Traffic Safety Act indicates that speeding penalties range from \$78 for 10 kph over the posted speed limit all the way up to \$351 for 50 kph over the posted limit.

For illustrative purposes, let's say the average photo radar ticket is a conservative \$129. Multiply that by the number of tickets issued (5,049) and subtract the net revenue (\$267,000) and the 27% the province takes to pay for court services and the calculated fee for ITS might be \$208,464 for 2013. Not bad for a company providing 35 hours of enforcement time per week. That works out to \$114 per hour.

Morinville's Director of Corporate Operations estimated that hiring an additional Community Peace Officer would cost about \$100,000 per year in pay, benefits and equipment. A savings of \$108,464 over the ITS fee calculated by this skeptical Morinville News correspondent. And that may be worth Council's consideration when the ITS contract expires at the end of April 2014, regardless of how the April 14 plebiscite vote turned out.

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Letters and Opinion

Letter: Rumours, Rumours and more Rumours

During the past municipal election our present Mayor and Council said they wanted to interact with citizens, get out into the community and listen to whatever issues or concerns residents wanted to discuss.

I attended both nights of the Town of Morinville Budget Open Houses in February and made a presentation to Council regarding the rumours on the street concerning the replacement of the Ray McDonald Sports Center. Some of the rumors buzzing about are:

The Ray McDonald Sports Center is unsafe. The Ray McDonald is perfectly safe and there is no rush to replace it. An engineering study was done on the present structural conditions and this study cannot be released to the public. The study will be released. No decisions have been made. Then, a new facility will open for the 2015 hockey season.

The rumors go on. The Town has already made the decision and we are locked into an arena with Morinville going it alone. The Town does not want anything to do with a regional recreation facility. Or, the Town does want to be part of a regional recreation facility. There are ongoing discussions with the County on a regional partnership and a recreation facility. Or, there are no discussions taking place with the County.

The answer is a new arena and curling club. The answer is a new multi-use regional recreation centre. User groups want an arena only. Or, user groups are strongly in favour of a multi-use regional recreation facility. A go it alone arena is best because that's what Morinville can afford. Or, a regional facility is best because that's where all

the government grants are.

There is no shortage of rumors but there sure is a shortage of clear information.

Here are some fresh rumors that I heard in the last two days: The Town has already purchased the land needed to build the new arena and it's a done deal. And, the Town has already signed a contract for an arena with a builder.

This is one of the most important decisions for our town. What is fact? What is fiction?

I think it is time for our Mayor and Council to Stop, Look and Listen. It is time to stop the plans for a "go it alone" arena, if those are the plans. It is time to look at whether an arena or a regional recreation centre is what is best for Morinville, and it is time to listen to what everyone thinks.

On Feb. 15 our Mayor commented on Facebook: "While it's a shame that we will eventually have to say goodbye to our Ray McDonald Centre, I think we should all be excited about the possibilities of recreation in our community in the near future. Further, I think this is a perfect opportunity for our youth to step up and advocate for what they believe the future of recreation in Morinville should look like." Other parts of the Mayor's Facebook comments that day were: "Our arena is not condemned; the community's safety is our first priority." "Timelines: No date has been set to close the Ray McDonald Centre." And "Our priority is planning for the future and putting our resources there".

Who is doing the planning? What is being planned? What are the resources that are being put there? And, are taxpayers having a say?

The Town of Morinville will be undertaking a

census starting Apr. 15 and the hope is that we will be around 9,500 citizens. Using this projected number of residents it may mean we would be spending \$10 to \$15 million to meet the recreational needs for hockey and curling. The current hockey and curling numbers account for only about 6% of our population while we will be asking 100% of taxpayers to pay the bill?

I am a huge supporter of facilities for hockey and curling. But we also have to think of the future as Morinville grows. Do our Mayor and Council really think that hockey and curling facilities are going to meet the recreational needs of all residents as we grow beyond 9,500? As Morinville grows our recreation facilities also need to grow. We should be planning to support the health and fitness of everyone from babies to seniors. Our recreational facilities and programs also need to be expanded so we can keep and attract young families, businesses and employees.

I just want to clear the air so that we can all look at what is the best for our town. It is time for our Mayor and Council to Stop, Look and Listen. It is time to provide us all with the necessary factual information that shows whether a go it alone facility or a regional multi-use recreation facility is best for our growing community.

I would also ask the citizens of Morinville to take our elected officials up on their offer to meet and discuss issues that are important to us all. This is one for sure. Please get involved.

Murray Knight
Morinville, Alberta

Letter: Why I love Morinville

I recently saw a Facebook post by a young woman I was able to assist in relocating with the involvement of the JMMF last summer and fall. This young woman fled extreme abuse in her third trimester and was here on a temporary VISA in a country not her own. She had no resources, knew few and stumbled into our community.

She stated given the chance, she would have loved to make Morinville home. She has relocated to her country, and has on more than one occasion shared with me, she will never find another community like ours. She is in awe of the supportive community we call HOME.

I was fortunate to receive the Volunteer of the Year award here in town, an award I would like to share with each of your readers.

I supported this woman in some very difficult situations, but I never once acted alone. Ruthann Weeks from Sunflower Community Resource Program went over and above to meet her needs. The JMMF assisted with some finances and at that time, I was a board member who was able to have continued backing of the board to support this young Mom and her three kids. Our local RCMP had check-ins and visits with Mom to make sure

she was ok. Our local Food bank helped out too.

Our community responded in one continuous act of kindness. Not for credit or bragging rights, but to be part of something bigger than ourselves. It makes me proud to live here, proud of my neighbors, my council, our amazing school divisions, our fantastic Morinville Moms Page, the coaches who give of their time, the people who lack recognition, but do the role anyway knowing full well they are leaving this world better than they found it.

We can complain about what is wrong in our community, but I prefer to look at what is right~ it lives in each of us. YOU ARE WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT MORINVILLE!

I would like to sign off on this letter by sharing a quote I value: "Remember that your reputation is made by others, but your character is made by you." Napoleon Hill

We are the power of one, and the possibilities of many.

Thank you for presenting this award to me and in turn, I share it with each of you.

Warmest Regards,
Rebecca Balanko

Residents vote to keep photo radar

by Calli Stromner

Almost 1,200 Morinville voters turned out to cast their ballot in the Apr. 14 plebiscite to determine the fate of photo traffic enforcement, with just over 55 % of electors choosing to keep the controversial traffic enforcement tactic.

The unofficial results posted late Monday night saw 525 in favour of the bylaw to ban photo radar and red light cameras while 654 electors were against it. The bylaw was triggered by a petition submitted by Morinville resident Cliff Haryett on Nov. 15. That petition was deemed valid by Administration and was formally received by Council on Dec. 10. Council chose to put the bylaw out to plebiscite during their Jan. 28 meeting.

Cliff Haryett and Linda Lyons, bylaw petitioners and advocates against Morinville's current photo enforcement program was grateful to the 900 people who signed the petition last October and to the voters who turned out this week. "The people have voted to retain photo radar – the people have spoken," they said in a written statement. "The purpose of the petition was to get the people talking about the pros and cons of the program and get the program reviewed or revamped." They added that it is now up to Council to take the time to review all of the concerns brought up about the program over the course of the last few months.

And a thorough review is precisely what Mayor Lisa Holmes suggests will happen. "The vote creates an opportunity to change the delivery of traffic enforcement or make improvements on the current program," said Holmes. "Either way the focus is on increasing traffic and pedestrian safety."

Voter turnout for Bylaw 1/2014 was tallied at 1,179 of an estimated 5,800 eligible voters, or 20.3%. That number is considerably higher than the 2012 by-election, an election that saw a total of 734 votes cast, or 13.68% of the then 5,362 eligible voters in Morinville.

It is anticipated results in Monday's votes will be made official by the Town on Friday, Apr. 18.



On the ballot question to get rid of photo radar and red light cameras, Morinvillians voted to keep the controversial traffic enforcement method.

YES	NO
525	654

Above are the unofficial results

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Morinville United Church

Easter Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 a.m.

St. Andrew Anglican Church

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Pembina Pipelines and Keyera Pipelines are in the process of acquiring land access for two new major pipeline projects. Their proposed route is roughly adjacent to the existing Alliance Pipeline.

If your land will be affected by any of these projects, you'll want to consider all your possible options as well as how these projects might affect you and your property. Landowners working together can make a difference. To understand how and why, attend an upcoming meeting in Morinville sponsored by Grassroots Alberta Landowners Association.

Tuesday, April 22nd

6:30 p.m.

Morinville Cultural Centre

Grassroots Alberta Landowners Association is a non-profit, pro-development association of landowners.

Landowners: In the past many years, when new pipeline and power-line projects have been initiated landowner associations in several provinces or regions have pulled groups of landowners together in order to have important issues addressed and negotiated.

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However, every energy project is unique, and regulatory provisions can change from one project to another, which will influence outcomes as well as the manner in which landowners must approach situations. For many landowners, working together has proven to be an effective way for them to address concerns. For more information:

www.grassrootsalberta.ca

News From Morinville

COUNCIL

by Calli Stromner

Council receives Audited Financial Statements

Morinville - Council accepted the 2013 Audited Financial Statements provided by Hawkings Epp Dumont, the auditing firm contracted by the Town. Under the Municipal Government Act, the town must prepare an annual financial statement that follows generally accepted accounting principles for municipal governments. The Town must also make the financial statements and the auditor's report available to the public.

"The audit itself went very smoothly," said Hawkings Epp Dumont Partner Curtis Friesen during a presentation to Council. "It was a good process and there were no issues. Essentially the news is positive and the town is in a better position than it was last year."

The auditor's report to Council found no significant deficiencies in the Town's accounting practices or policies nor did it "detect fraudulent or illegal activities." Hawkings Epp Dumont also reviewed the Town's 2013 FCSS Annual Report, its compliance with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, and the Town's statement of Library receipts and disbursements; there were no issues identified with any of these areas either.

Net municipal taxes account for 41% of the town's revenues while water and waste water fees account for a combined 23%. Water and waste water revenues were \$600,000 higher than budgeted because of a settlement with Epcor that saw lower water rates take effect. Development permits and associated fees were about \$80,000 lower than budgeted as were the penalties and fines at \$40,000 under budget. Traffic related fines accounted for a total revenue of \$480,000, including photo enforcement at \$267,000 and approximately \$200,000 for late penalties on tax and utility payments. The remaining \$13,000 in revenue in this area was for tickets issued by the Planning & Development office and Bylaw officers.

On the expenditures side, Public Works takes the largest chunk of the tax dollar at 25% and the largest variance was in Parks and Recreation, posting \$231,000 over budget due to additional salaries. All other line items, including Protective Services, General Administration and Planning and Development were relatively close to the 2013 budget and to 2012 levels.

The Town posted a deficiency of \$1.9 Million on paper, but due to government grants of \$3 Million and a valuation of tangible capital assets of \$7.4 Million, the Town posted a surplus of \$8.5 Million and an accumulated surplus of \$130 Million with a combination of net financial assets (cash), tangible capital assets and prepaid expenses.



Morinville Council presented David LeBel with a certificate of recognition for volunteering during the unprecedented floods in southern Alberta last June. LeBel was recently recognized a Flood Hero by the province of Alberta.

- Calli Stromner Photo

"We're required to present it this way to meet accounting standards," said Friesen. "When you work out all the numbers, you come out with a \$1.6 million dollar surplus."

The 2013 Audited Financial Statements are publicly available on the Town of Morinville website at www.morinville.ca.

Council Briefs

Land Use Bylaw Amendments

After convening a speedy Public Hearing which saw no one come forward with comments, Council unanimously approved second and third reading of Bylaws 2/2014 and 8/2014; the former dealing with several text amendments and clarifications to the Land Use Bylaw adopted in 2012 and the latter pertaining to enhancing the aesthetics of shipping containers stored in non-residential areas (excluding industrial areas).

"The Land Use Bylaw is fundamental to how planning occurs in Alberta," said Planning & Development Director Greg Hofmann during the Public Hearing. "We have an ongoing responsibility to make

sure that to critical planning document is always up to date and always reflects the usage of it on a daily basis.”

Both bylaws come into effect immediately and can be viewed on the Town website.

2014 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

Council unanimously passed second and third reading of the 2014 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, which sets the mil rate for all properties within the town. Every tax bill will see a percentage increase of 1.23% or a dollar increase of \$32 for the average home valued at \$280,000. 2014 property taxes will fund the \$7.6 million budget that Council approved in March, but the Town will also collect \$2.9 million for the Alberta School Foundation and \$108,443 for the Sturgeon Foundation.

Property owners can expect to see tax bills in their mailboxes in late April or early May. Taxes will be due by the end of June.

4th Quarter Report

Chief Administrative Officer Deb Oyarzun took Council through the 4th Quarter statistics which measure the operations for the various Town departments, including statistics for the Community Cultural Centre, the Fire Department, Community Peace Officers, and Planning and Development.

Highlights from the report include:

- Housing starts totalled 106 in 2013 (up from 91 in 2012) and included 46 single-family and 60 multi-family housing starts (68 and 23 respectively in 2012)

- 81 per cent of the stray dogs turned into the Morinville Vet Clinic were returned to their owners while 24 per cent of the stray cats found their way home.

- Morinville's photo enforcement program issued 963 tickets from October to December for a total of 5,049 photo enforcement tickets in 2013 (compared to 3,146 in 2012).

- The Morinville Community Cultural Centre posted a gross revenue of \$160,261 for the 4th quarter and had approximately 42,000 people come through the doors to various events and functions.

Council unanimously accepted the 4th Quarter Report as presented and Councillor Stephen Dafoe made a subsequent motion to have town staff provide more information about how to enhance crosswalk safety around school zones.

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Last Week's Stats

Last week in addition to our print edition, we had 13,947 Page Views On MorinvilleNews.com. On Facebook we had a post reach of 11,900, had 416 likes, 76 comments, 146 shares, and 1,400 post clicks. We also published five letters to the editor last week, none of them written by ourselves. We are most proud of that last achievement.

THANK YOU!



The Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the exhibitors and patrons that attended the Leap into Spring Expo. Each of you have made this year's event a success.

Congratulations to Rachel Bulger, winner of the grand prize backyard package sponsored by Home Hardware and Pleasant Homes. Thanks to all who entered.



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Stabbing suspects arrested

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville - Two men were charged Saturday in relation to a stabbing incident that took place in Morinville Apr. 7. Morinville RCMP announced Saturday afternoon that Christian Dupas and Cory Nelson were located early Saturday morning at a rural property near Athabasca.

Dupas and Nelson are alleged to have attacked a 22-year-old male victim in the lobby of the Morinville apartment building where he lived, beating him and stabbing him with a knife.

The victim still remains in hospital at this time.



Christian Dupas

Cory Nelson

MFRC reaching out to families

by Stephen Dafeo

Morinville - The Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre is looking to connect with local military families where there live. The organization is hosting a meet and greet night at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

MFRC Communications Coordinator Angela Duckworth is excited about the opportunity to connect local military families and their children. "We're inviting Morinville residents to come out and find out about the programs and services that we offer to military families [and] learn a little bit more about what we are and what we do," Duckworth said, noting the MFRC is a not-for-profit organization that offers a variety of services, including deployment support, language services, community development and other resources for families.

One of the key services the MFRC offers is deployment support. Duckworth said though the mission in Afghanistan is over, they still provide the service. "Canadian Forces mem-

bers are still deployed," she said. "They're still doing training. They are still involved a lot in other communities."

Duckworth said the reason for the Morinville visit is to make sure the community's families are aware they do not have to live on the base to take advantage of the services and programs offered by the MFRC. "We'd like to expand. This is the first time we've done this type of outreach program but we've been talking about it forever," Duckworth said. "We'd love to, in the fall, reach out to all the communities that surround the base."

Though there will be a short presentation on the MFRC, the main purpose is for families to connect with one another over some refreshments. "It's a chance for families to come together and connect, meet each other," Duckworth said, adding she estimates there are 400 to 500 military families in Morinville.

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Weekend will be hopping

by Morinville News Staff

Local children will have the opportunity to take part in a Morinville tradition this weekend with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Morinville Historical and Cultural Society is once again organizing and running the event at the Ray McDonald Sports Center. The event runs Apr. 19 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., with the actual Easter Egg Hunt portion running 11 a.m. until noon or when all the goodies run out.

Organizer Murray Knight said they have about 58,000 grams of eggs, enough to provide about 30 candy eggs for a large number of children. Knight said about 990 bags of eggs are being bagged for the event.

"Involvement of the community is a big priority; young families are our future," Knight said of the society's involvement in taking over the event from the Ag Society. "It's an event for us at the Historical and Cultural Society to involve our youth so they can say this is a pretty good place to live."

The event is open to children ages 2 to 12 and children will be limited to three bags each. The hunt will take place outdoors with younger children hunting inside the outdoor rink, older children around the arena grounds. Other activities include face painting and a visit from Ralph the Rabbit.



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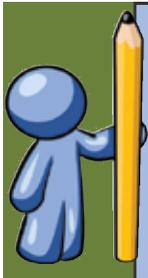
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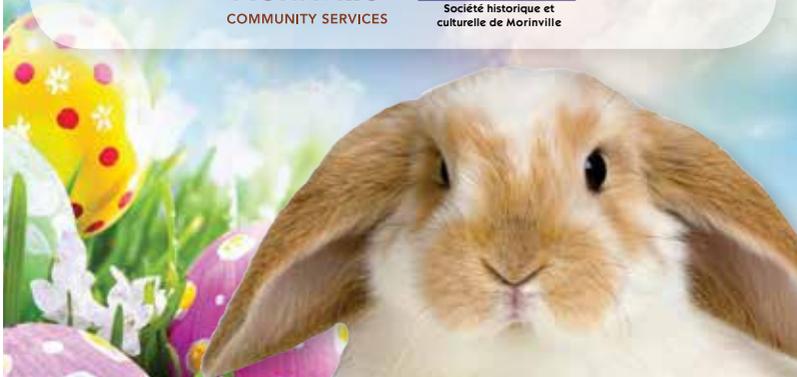
Morinville's 2014 Census will commence on April 15 with the on-line phase available through to June 15.

Unique PIN numbers will be mailed to all households in Morinville in April.

Community computers will be available at Civic Hall (10125-100 Avenue; 2nd Floor) and the Morinville Public Library (10125-100 Avenue; Main floor).

Door-to-door enumerators will be out between May 1 and June 30 to ensure we capture an official count of all residents. Door-to-door interviews will take no more than a few minutes.

For more information, please visit our Census 2014 website at www.morinville.ca.





Town Talk

NEW ORGANICS PROGRAM

Morinville's enhanced Waste Management program received approval from Council for implementation as of May 2014. While the regular waste and recycling streams remain on a weekly basis year round, the organics stream will now accept full organic material from table scraps to yard waste on a weekly basis from May to October, then monthly from November to April. Morinville residents will also have the option to procure an "under the sink" caddie to collect daily organics while receiving a promotional rebate towards this purchase. Watch for additional information and pick up schedule on our website. An information package will be delivered to all residents later in April. The first organics pick-up is scheduled for May 6th, 2014.



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Mango Lime Crumble

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Ingredients:

Oat Topping:

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3 tbsp (45 ml) butter, melted
2 tbsp (30 ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon

Mango Mixture:

3 cups (750 ml) peeled, seeded, chopped mango
1 tbsp (15 ml) grated lime peel
2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh lime juice
1/4 cup (50 ml) Pure Via Granulated sweetener**

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray; set aside.
2. For topping, combine all ingredients. Place on prepared baking sheet in a thin layer.
3. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly



browned.

4. Remove from oven and cool on baking sheet on wire rack.
5. Meanwhile, for the mango mixture, combine all ingredients, stirring well.
6. To serve, divide mango mixture evenly between 6 dessert dishes and top each with oat topping.

*Or substitute 3 tbsp (45 ml) Pure Via Granulated or 4 1/2 packets Pure Via sweetener

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1 bag yellow petites potatoes, scrubbed and halved 907 g
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1/4 / 60 mL cup chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
2 / 30 mL tbsp chopped fresh thyme
1 lemon, zested + 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
1/2 / 2 mL tsp salt

Add All Ingredients

1/ Bring 2 in. (5 cm) of salted water and potatoes to a simmer. Cover with lid and steam until just fork-tender, about 12 to 15 min. Meanwhile, toast almonds in a large, dry skillet over medium heat, tossing occasionally, until golden brown, about 5 min. remove almonds from skillet and set aside.

2/ Add butter to skillet and swirl over low heat until butter stops frothing and turns a light brown colour, about 25 sec. remove from heat and add herbs, lemon zest, lemon juice and toasted almonds. Mix well. Add drained potatoes, toss gently to coat and season with salt.

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COLUMN Faith Matters **100 Ways The Bible Can Change Your Life**

by Pastor Greg Fraser, The Father's House Christian Fellowship



Let me introduce myself and this series of articles: My name is Greg Fraser, and I am the lead pastor of The Father's House Christian Fellowship here in Morinville. For the past ten years my wife, Betty, and I have had the privilege of being part of this community and part of a great church family.

The heart of our church is to let people know that God is for them and not against them.

With all the pressures of life and

the challenges we face every day, it's good to know that we have a Father in Heaven who is on our side. Not a judge, not a distant, forgetful, absentee parent, but an ever-present Father who is always aware of both the triumphs and the tragedies of our lives.

Even if you don't quite believe in God or if your experience of God begs you to differ, hold that thought, and let me lead out with the premise anyway that God is a good Father, and that He is on your side. If this is true—if He is a kind, loving, yet strong

Father whose heart is to teach us that we can be accepted, secure, and significant through our relationship with Him—wouldn't it make sense that He would want to communicate that to us?

Well He does! And the primary way He communicates to people is through His book written to all mankind, the Bible. Someone has called the Bible God's "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth." The intent of these articles will be to look at what this ancient book has to teach us about life today.

From parenting to generosity; from gossip to thanksgiving; from self-esteem to forgiveness, the Bible is a book for today. Or is it? The heart of these articles will be to plainly lay out what "the Good Book" says and then let you decide for yourself.

Some of these articles will be adapted from a book called "The Bible: 100 Ways It Can Change Your Life." Our church family has purchased hundreds of these and wants to give them as a gift to your family. If what you read in this series intrigues you or raises questions, then please feel free to contact us to get one of these books. Just email us (admin@tfhchurch.ca) or call us (780-939-2992) and we will be glad to drop it off or arrange for you to visit our offices to pick one up.

The introduction of this book says, "The influence of the Bible is impossible to ignore. It is the bestselling book of all time. Although it is an ancient text, it is an amazingly relevant source of wisdom and truth for today. While fad diets, books and apps come and go, the enduring truths of the Bible have changed millions of lives—and they can change yours too." My hope is that you will take the time to discover that for yourself.

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Golden band

G.H. Primeau Band members performed *Three Faces of Kilimanjaro* and *Olympia* under the direction of conductor Nicole Baker at the Arden Theatre Apr. 8. The performance won them a Gold in the 37th Annual St Albert Music Festival, sponsored by the Rotary Club for the past 20 years. Primeau, Notre Dame and MCHS are participating in the 10-day music festival which runs April 7 to 17. More than 2,000 performing artists will take part in over 900 performances at seven venues in St. Albert.

– Lucie Roy Photo



More Gold

Morinville Community High School Band members and conductor Corinna Cormier posed for a picture outside of the Arden Theatre after their Gold Seal performance at the St. Albert Rotary Music Festival Thursday afternoon. The band's performance of *Prairie Song* by P. LaPlante and *A Frontier Fought* and a *City Found* by TS Weller earned the band a Gold with a Seal, a distinction issued with a score of 90 or more.

- Lucie Roy Photo

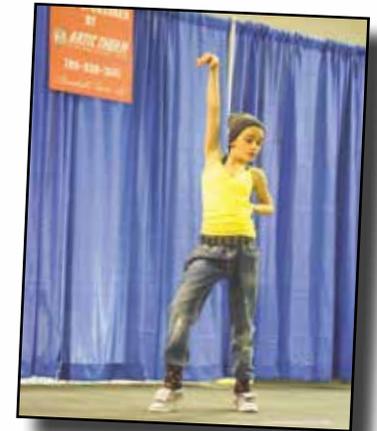


On stage

Carol Czarnecki played Mrs. Kowalski in *Cut*, one of two one-act plays the Caviar Players put on at the cultural centre Friday night. A *Night of One-Acts* featured *Cut* by Lyle Victor Albert and *Bad*

Auditions by *Bad Actors* by Ian McWethy. The evening included deserts, refreshments, snacks and a silent auction items with proceeds to the ALS Society.

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Hip hop

A Dance Connection dancer takes to the trade show stage Friday.

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Left: Don Boutillier sent this photo of a mule deer peeking out from the bush taken in Jasper recently.
Above right: Frank Koenig sent this spring shadow shot taken along the trails.
Right: Frank also sent this great shot of a waxwing in a tree.



INFORMATION SESSION

Highway 2 and Cardiff Road Intersection Improvements

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An information session for interested residents and road users will be held from:

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Al-Terra Engineering representatives will be in attendance to outline the project and answer questions.



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THE Week

IN PHOTOS

A pictorial look at the happening in and around Morinville for the week of Apr. 7 to Apr. 13

TUESDAY



Maybe we got here too soon

Two mallard males and two mallard females walk on ice, wondering if they got back from their southern vacation too soon.

— Lucie Roy Photo



TUESDAY

Nash speaks

MCHS student Angeline Charrois had an opportunity to go on stage and sing a song with motivational speaker Robb Nash Apr. 8. Grade 8 Georges H. Primeau students, Grade 9 Legal and MCHS students gathered in the MCHS gymnasium to hear Nash provide words of encouragement through music and stories. Nash spoke of his life-threatening accident when he was a teenager and the choices people can make in life.

—Lucie Roy Photo



Joe Jam

Rednex Bar and Grill held the first weekly Joe Jam, named after the Morinville News' own Joe Morinville. Hosted by Christian Maslyk, this week's jam included musicians Angela Proulx and Al Pangburn. The event takes place Tuesday nights at 9 p.m.

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Fashionable pets

One of the cats parading with his master in the Morinville Veterinary Clinic Pet Fashion Show stopped to look at the audience Saturday morning.

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Above: Jaeda Reaume on stage at the Pet Fashion Show with her dog Coco, a mix Pom, Shih tzu and Poodle. **Left:** Pet Fashion Show participants Tiana Beck with Pomeranian Max, Jodi Damon with Pomeranians Ricki-Lynn and Boo, and Marilyn Tessari with Pomeranian Rylee.

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Baby Crawl

The Morinville News held its annual Baby Crawl at the Leap into Spring Expo, cosponsored by Neighbors Vitamin Shop and Higher Grounds.

Left: Rhett Carrol at the finish line in the Morinville News Baby Crawl contest held Sunday at the Leap into Spring Expo. He finished the contest in first place.

Right: Emcee Sheldon Fingler does a mid-race baby talk interview with first-place finisher Rhett Carrol.



Lucie Roy Photos

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First place in the Morinville News Baby Crawl went to 10-month-old Rhett and his mom Erin Carrol. Presenting the award was Morinville News owner Stephen Dafoe and Ron Cust, race official. Dafoe presented the Morinville News trophy and a gift basket and gift card from sponsor Neighbors Vitamin Shop who were unable to attend.

2
Second place went to 11-month-old Bryson and his mom Heather Hennie. In addition to the Morinville News trophy, the winner received a gift basket from Crystal Terhorst from Higher Grounds.

3
Third place in the Baby Crawl contest went to nine-month-old Bridget and her mom, Sam Goodwin. Team Goodwin received a third-place trophy and a pair of movie tickets for mom and dad.



Derby girls

Avery (left) and Zoey (right) Scrimshaw roller skate through the trade show floor Saturday afternoon, handing out flyers for the Sturgeon Junior Roller Derby Association, a group that meets Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Morinville Arena and Friday nights from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bon Accord Arena. Skating starts Apr. 23.

The league is open to girls between the ages of seven and 17, offering a safe, fun and positive environment where girls of every size and body type can develop leadership skills, self confidence and teamwork skills while improving overall fitness through the sport of flat track derby.

Those interested in learning more about roller derby can call 780-995-5389 or email sturgeon.county.jrda@gmail.com.



Sports history

Morinville Historical and Cultural Society members Solange Bachand (left) and Lorette Champagne (right) received a photo of the 1933 Morinville Hockey Team from Norm Meunier Friday night. Meunier's father Gustave played on the team.

- Lucie Roy Photo



Precision routine

Students from Desa School of Karate demonstrate their moves at the Leap into Spring Expo Saturday afternoon.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Morinville rocks hard at stick curling

Canadian Open Stick Curling Championship were held Mar. 30 to Apr. 2 at the St. Albert Curling Club. Ryan Meyer and Dennis Fitzgerald of Morinville placed second and received Silver in competition, defeated for the gold by a team from Armstrong BC. Also showing strong were Vern Hanson and Frank Vollmer of Morinville, who were A Consolation winners. The B, C and D consolation went to teams from Barrhead, Woodland, MB, and St Albert respectively.

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upcoming events

Morinville Farmers' Market

The Morinville Festival Society's Farmers' Market runs every Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ray McDonald Sports Arena (9908 - 104 Street).

Open House

An open house on the traffic lights to be installed on Cardiff Road and Highway 2 will take place at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre Apr. 17 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. See details in the advertisement on page 17 of this edition.

Candle Light Vigil

A Candle Light Vigil will be held Apr. 29 in memory of Jessica Ryan Martel (1982-2009) and the many other victims of domestic violence. Although her life was taken way too soon, her legacy will be remembered forever. Jessica's story is one that has touched the hearts of many and has driven change in the community.

The event will take place Apr. 29 at 7

p.m. at Morinville Christian School (10515-100 Avenue). There will be guest speakers, a choir singer, light snacks and coffee. This event is open to the public.

Cozy Corner Stories

Come listen to stories in English and French Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Morinville Community Library. This is a FREE program made possible by the library and ACFA.

COMMUNITY COUNTDOWN

Time flies when you are having fun. Here's a little countdown to upcoming events:

Historical Society Easter Egg Hunt = 3 Days

MPES Community Carnival = 59 Days

St. Jean Baptiste Festival = 65 Days

Calendar Ad Word Listing \$20

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Wednesday, April 16th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Between the Covers Book Club

Left Neglected by Lisa Genova

Wednesday, April 23rd 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Battle Macchiato Library Trivia Night

Friday, April 25th 7:00 pm at Higher Grounds
Register at the library—\$10 per person
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Cozy Corner Stories

Thursday mornings 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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WORD SEARCH - EASTER TIME

- Word List**
- April
 - Basket
 - Bonnet
 - Rabbit
 - Chocolate
 - Bunny
 - Cotton Tail
 - Easter Basket
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Spring
 - Sunday
 - Church
 - Cross
 - Good Friday
 - Psalm Sunday
 - Easter Parade
 - Hippity Hoppity
 - Pastel Colours
 - Passover
 - Lily

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