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Our man on the ice

Morinville's Bryce Van Brabant (No. 48) made his NHL debut after signing a contract with the Calgary Flames the previous week. Van Brabant played for the Flames during their 3-2 loss to Toronto Apr. 1 and during the Flames 4-1 victory over Tampa Bay Thursday night at the Tampa Bay Times Forum

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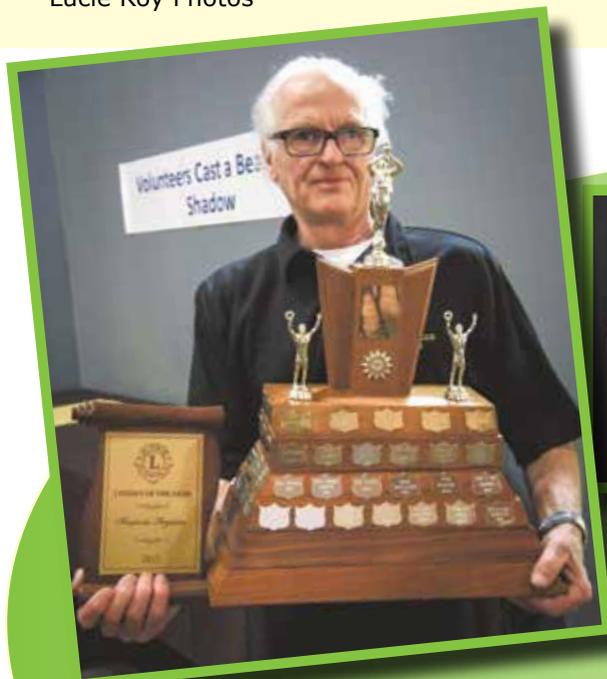
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Local volunteer award recipients line up for a group shot after Friday night's 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Awards evening, a gathering to recognize those who made outstanding contributions to the community in 2013.

- Lucie Roy Photos



From left: Award winners Sandra Stolson, daughter Alyssa, father Francis Fryters, Gary Pool, Laura Hennie on behalf of the Jessica Martel Foundation, Leah Elzinga, Cynthia Wandler, Blair Brown, and Staff Sergeant Tom Love on behalf of the Morinville RCMP.



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for complete details
on this year's winners



**More 2013 Award
Winners on Page 18**

Clockwise from top left: Francis Fryters was the recipient of the Lions Club's Citizen of the Year Award. The Fryters family was also recipient of the 2013 Volunteer Family of the Year. Laura Hennie accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of the Jessica Martel Foundation. Rebecca Balanko was also Volunteer of the Year. Blair Brown Was Youth Volunteer of the Year. Cynthia Wandler was recipient of the Unsung Hero Award for her work on the *Reuse It Or Loose It* program. Sarah Hall accepts the Coach or Mentor of the Year award on behalf of winner Tasha Potiuk.

Morinville man a flood hero

by Stephen Dafeo

Morinville resident David LeBel was the recipient of a citation from the province last week for his efforts assisting last summer with flood relief in High River. The 25-year-old welder and front man for the band Edgore said he was surprised to receive the package in the mail, but grateful for the recognition. "It was really unexpected," LeBel said. "I opened it up and there was this award. At first I didn't know how to react, but I was thankful there was this level of recognition. I'm thankful for the appreciation."

LeBel was in school learning the welder's trade last summer when waters rose in High River. Though in an intensive course of study, there was little choice for the Morinville man. He had to drop the books and equipment and leave SAIT to assist.

"As soon as I saw there was a call for volunteers on Facebook, I let my classmates know and two of them decided to go down with me," LeBel recalled. "We told our instructor we were leaving, and he had no problem with that."

The three men got in LeBel's truck and headed south to High River to an evacuation point. LeBel said by the time they arrived the water had risen so high they were sent to a nearby school where they were asked to help get supplies. "We went and did that and kept trying to find work for ourselves," LeBel recalled, adding the work included shovelling four or five truckloads of sand into sandbags.

But eventually that work ran out and it was at that point that LeBel's adventure began along with the heroism he was recognized for. Riding on the back of a flatbed truck dropping sandbags, LeBel and his schoolmates came upon an older man who was trying to get back into his house to rescue his dog. LeBel said after being given



the keys and the trailer number they set off in the waste-deep water to find the dog, but soon found themselves responding to another emergency.

"As we were wading we heard someone calling for help," he said. "We instructed her to keep calling and keep whistling and we would find her." What LeBel and his friends encountered was an elderly woman and her two dogs. "She couldn't get out and she was panicking. She wouldn't leave without her dogs though, so we took her kitchen table, broke the legs off and made a raft for the dogs."

When they got the woman out on the water, LeBel said he realized it was rising too fast so they placed the woman on a nearby deck that was well above the water level, then went searching for another way to get her across. "When we tried to get back, the street that we were trying to cross was a river," LeBel said. "There was no way we could swim across with the dogs. We had to find another

way. We were all stuck and would have been unnecessary victims."

That's when LeBel spotted a canoe sitting atop a camper, a vessel the Morinville man and his friends quickly commandeered for their mission. They put the elderly woman and dogs in the canoe and busted up some deck boards for a makeshift paddle to get everyone back to safety on the other shore.

But the dogs had other ideas, untrusting of their saviours, one of the dogs caused the canoe to tip sufficient that LeBel and one of his co-rescuers took in cold water into their lungs. "Unfortunately when cold water hits your lungs like that it triggers hypothermia instantly," he said, adding after getting the woman and her dogs to safety, their new mission was to get dried off and take care of themselves. "No one would give us a ride. We looked like a couple scuzzy kids swimming around in the water. We took off our boots, wrung out our socks and walked to the fire hall where they gave us a hot meal."

LeBel said he was compelled to help because of his own views on life. "I believe it is my responsibility and obligation to humanity to do them whatever I wish done unto myself," he said. "Those people needed help, so I went and I helped. That's all it is."

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Editorial and Letters

Letter: Concerned Photo Radar Citizens respond

There have been quite a number of articles, letters and comments published concerning the upcoming photo radar vote on April 14th in Morinville, with many statistics and other statements made in support of retaining photo radar. Some of these however are questionable.

1/ Members of Morinville's Town Council, Administration and the Traffic and Safety Committee have stated that the petition and resulting proposed by-law are poorly worded, since the term "Photo Radar" was used instead of "Photo Laser". The challenge to this is to be found with the Town's own signage:

- ◇ As of April 1st, turning EAST off Highway 2 onto Cardiff Road, the sign clearly states *PHOTO RADAR ENFORCED*. Look for yourself!
- ◇ If any of the above-mentioned parties were aware of this, why is the wording of either the petition or the proposed by-law even an issue?
- ◇ Perhaps the Provincial Solicitor General's Department, responsible for conducting the audits of Morinville's photo radar program would be interested in the signage inconsistencies

2/ As well, international studies from countries such as Australia and the United States have been used in support of the photo radar argument. Unfortunately, like any set of statistics or data comparisons, the risk of likening apples to oranges does exist. Do any of these studies actually relate to Morinville's present photo radar situation? The Town's Director of Corporate Operations (who has apparently been overseeing photo enforce-

ment programs in Devon and Morinville for about 11 years) has stated "*Speeding in Morinville in itself is not an issue.*" (From the St. Albert Gazette article posted 3/26/14.)

3/ Data from the Town's Mar. 26 Open House revealed that Photo Radar is active for about 35/40 hours per week. This is a normal work week for one average worker, yet the town argues for a requirement to hire three (or more) Community Peace Officers and purchase another vehicle to replace photo radar if it were abolished! While there are other options available, such as entering into a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with Sturgeon County, it would appear that neither Council nor Administration have taken the time to examine any other possibilities.

4/ Other information given at the Open House indicated that some 5,000,000 vehicles have been checked and about 28,000 photo radar tickets issued since the program began. This works out to 0.54%. Do these numbers truly constitute a speeding problem in Morinville?

In closing, it has been written, "In a free democratic society, should we not have a say in how we are to be policed, and how we feel our police should protect us?"

It is up to you Morinville to exercise your voting privilege so, on April 14th, get out and vote "**YES**" to eliminate photo radar in Morinville.

**James O'Brien on behalf of
Concerned Photo Radar Citizens**

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Send Your Letters

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The Sturgeon Hockey Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and Hockey Awards Night*

Tuesday, April 15 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Rendes-Vous Center

(9913 104 St. - across from the arena)

*Awards presentations will begin at 7:00 pm with AGM to follow.

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INFORMATION SESSION

Highway 2 and Cardiff Road Intersection Improvements

Alberta Transportation has retained Al-Terra Engineering Ltd. to design and manage the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 2 and Cardiff Road, south of Morinville.

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

**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday April 17, 2014
in the Community Cultural Centre
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Mixed commercial / residential project coming to downtown

by Stephen Dafoe

Morinville - A new commercial development that will mix 10,700 square feet of commercial space with three stories of residential will soon break ground on 100 Avenue. Located between the Morinville Christian School and Rednex Bar and Grill, the development is scheduled to ready for occupancy in the spring of 2015.

Scott Jendruck from Trade Developments spoke to the Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce at their April luncheon Apr. 2, giving an overview of the scale and scope of his project.

Jendruck said the development, which will carry a French architectural theme, will have the commercial units on the bottom with 36 apartments above, the latter consisting of 24 two-bedroom and two-bath apartments that are fully air-conditioned and approximately 900 square feet in size. "We're targeting the 50-plus adult market," he said. "They are what we call a premium rental model."

Below the project will be fully heated underground parking with 43 stalls and an elevator. Below that, 22 geo-thermal boreholes are being drilled to heat the building.



Choosing Morinville as a location to build was an easy one for Jendruck and his company, he said. "We recognized there's two opportunities: one is in-fill development. It's more and more expensive to build outside in terms of greenfield development. The other driver is the effects and power of the Capital Region in bedroom communities in the region," Jendruck said. "Morinville seemed to fit right into our niche model."

Jendruck said his company has owned the land since 2012. Construction on the project is anticipated to start in May with a hope to have the development ready for occupancy in the spring of 2015.

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Morinville C.O.P. Members will vote "NO" to the Bylaw.

We are in favor of maintaining photo radar as a speed enforcement option

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Town Talk

Notice of Advance Vote on a Bylaw - April 9 & 12, 2014

Notice of Advance Vote on a Bylaw

Local Authorities Election Act
Section 7, 12, 35, 46, 53

Local Jurisdiction: Town of Morinville, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that an Advance Vote of the electors will be held on the following:

Bylaw 1/2014
Photo Radar and Red Light Camera

Are you in favor of Morinville passing Bylaw 1/2014 – Photo Radar and Red Light Camera Bylaw, a bylaw to ensure that Morinville and any agents of Morinville responsible for traffic enforcement on behalf of Morinville are prohibited from the use of Photo Radar equipment or Red Light camera equipment?

Advance Voting will take place on the following dates:

April 9, 2014, between the hours of 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
The voting station will be located at:

Morinville Community Cultural Centre—Banquet Hall B
9502—100 Avenue
Morinville, Alberta

April 12, 2014, between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
The voting station will be located at:

Morinville Rendez Vous Centre—Main Hall
9913-104 Street
Morinville, Alberta

In order to vote, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of the following:

Government issued identification which contains your photograph, name and current address. This includes an Operator's (Driver's) Licence or an Alberta Identification Card.

or

Identification from the following list that confirms your name and address:

- Utility bill, for example: Telephone; Public Utilities Commission; Television; Hydro, gas or water.
- Bank/credit card statement or personal cheque.
- Income/property tax assessment notice.
- Insurance policy or coverage card.
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate.
- Government cheque or cheque stub.
- Residential lease or mortgage statement.
- Statement of government benefits, for example:
Employment insurance; Old-age security; Social assistance; Disability support; Child tax benefit.
- Pension Plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation.
- One of the following issued by the responsible authority of a shelter or soup kitchen: Attestation of residence, letter of stay, admission form or statement of benefits.
- Correspondence issued by a school, college or university.
- Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee.
- Attestation of Identity and Residence issued by the authorized representative of a correctional institution.
- Attestation of Identity and Residence issued by the authorized representative of a shelter or soup kitchen.
- Attestation of Residence issued by the authorized representative (landlord) of a commercial property management company.
- Attestation of Residence issued by the responsible authority of a Supportive Living Facility, as required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Dated at the Town of Morinville in the Province of Alberta, this 12th day of March 2014.

Jennifer Maskoske; Returning Officer

Notice of Vote on a Bylaw - April 14, 2014

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Section 7, 12, 35, 46, 53

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Voting will take place on April 14, 2014, between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.
The voting station will be located at:

Morinville Community Cultural Centre—Meeting Rooms 3, 4 and 5
9502-100 Avenue
Morinville, Alberta

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- Bank/credit card statement or personal cheque
- Income/property tax assessment notice
- Insurance policy or coverage card
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate
- Government cheque or cheque stub
- Residential lease or mortgage statement
- Statement of government benefits, for example:
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Jennifer Maskoske; Returning Officer



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If you are interested in becoming an Enumerator for the Municipal Census (April 15 – June 30), please contact Jennifer Maskoske at 780-939-7852.

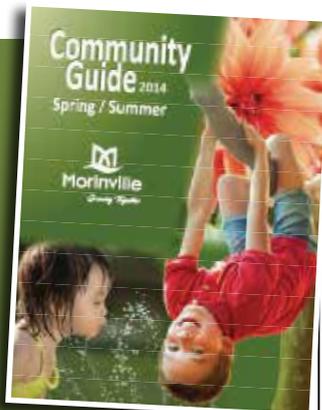


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Morinville's 2014 Census will commence on April 15 with the on-line phase available through to June 15.

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.

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- Aspen House, Alberta Health Services
- Adult Day Program, Alberta Health Services
- Sturgeon Foundation
- Rendez – Vous Centre

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Sturgeon Foundation
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When to Vote

- April 9 • 4-8pm **ADVANCE VOTE**
MCCC
- April 12 • 10am-4pm **ADVANCE VOTE**
Rendez Vous Centre
- April 14 • 10am-8pm **VOTE**
MCCC
- April 14
• 10-11am **INSTITUTIONAL VOTE**
Heritage Lodge Residents
- 1-2pm **Aspen House Residents**



Your Vote DOES Matter!

Q: Are you in favour of Morinville passing Bylaw 1/2014 — Photo Radar and Red Light Camera?

Bylaw 1/2014: "Ensure that Morinville and any agents of Morinville responsible for traffic enforcement on behalf of Morinville are PROHIBITED from the use of Photo Radar equipment or Red Light Camera equipment."

YES VOTE:

You **support** the proposed Bylaw **prohibiting the use of photo radar and red light cameras** in Morinville's Traffic Enforcement Program over the next 3 years.

NO VOTE:

You **do not support** the Bylaw and **wish to allow the use of photo radar and red light cameras** as part of Morinville's Traffic Enforcement Program.

Traffic Safety is important to your Community
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For more information related to Traffic Safety and Photo Enforcement visit www.morinville.ca.

Notice of Special Ballot

Local Authorities Election Act
Section 77.1 & 77.2

Local Jurisdiction: **Town of Morinville, Province of Alberta**

Notice is hereby given that any Elector who is unable to vote at an advance vote or at the voting station on election day because of: physical incapacity, absence from the local jurisdiction or being a returning officer, deputy returning officer, constable, candidate or agent who may be located on election day at a voting station other than that for the elector's place of residence, may apply for a Special Ballot package.

Electors must apply for Special Ballot packages by completing the "Request for Special Ballot Package" and submitting the form to the Returning Officer. Packages must be requested from the Returning Officer to allow enough time for the Special Ballot package to reach the elector and to be returned to the Returning Officer before the close of the voting station on election day. The "Request for Special Ballot Package" is available on the Town's website at <http://www.morinville.ca>.

An application for a special ballot may be made by any one or more of the following methods:

- A) In writing
- B) By telephone—780.939.4361
- C) By fax—780.939.5633
- D) In person—St. Germain Place; 10125-100 Avenue
- E) By email—jmaskoske@morinville.ca

By an elector to the Returning Officer between Thursday, March 27, 2014, and close of the voting station on Election Day.

Jennifer Maskoske
Returning Officer

Development Permit Public Notice

Take notice that the following Development Permit(s) listed below has been approved in accordance with Morinville Land Use Bylaw 3/2012.

DP037/2014 – Accessory Building, 761 Grandin Drive (Lot 61, Block 27, Plan 792 3020) – Minimum Required Side Yard (as-built) – Variance (R-1A District).

DP038/2014 – Single Detached Dwelling, 9610-87 Street (Lot 2, Block 24, Plan 062 6938) – Minimum Required Side Yard (as-built) – Variance (R-1B District).

DP041/2014 – Single Detached Dwelling, 9606-90 Street (Lot 15, Block 27, Plan 102 1451) – Minimum Required Rear Yard (as-built) – Variance (R-1A District).

DP044/2014 – Stripping and Grading – Parcel A, Plan 782 2855 – Discretionary Use (R-VC2 District).

For further information or to arrange for an appointment to view the above development permit(s) or plans, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-939-4361 or visit www.morinville.ca/planningnews.

Persons wishing to appeal the above noted decision(s) of Morinville's Development Authority must do so by filing a "NOTICE OF APPEAL", along with payment of a \$200 non-refundable fee to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, NO LATER THAN April 23, 2014. Appeals can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by calling 780-939-4361.

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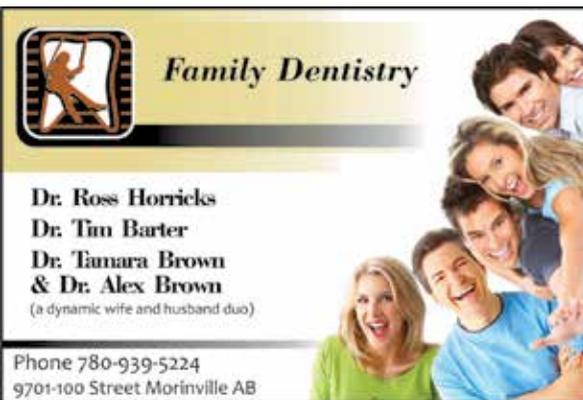
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Chamber ready to Leap into Spring

by Morinville News Staff

The Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce is getting ready to open the gates on their annual trade show, which will take over the Ray McDonald Sports Centre Apr. 11 to 13. Now in its 12th year of operation, the show is operating once again under its *Leap into Spring Expo* name, but will continue the long-standing tradition of combining local and regional businesses and organizations with plenty of entertainment and a special door prize.

"I think it's really great to see the district show off the wares that they are selling," said Chamber President Simon Boersma, adding the region has a lot to showcase. "It's amazing what we have in our community, and [we're excited] to be able to show that to the public."

Although Morinville and area residents may be familiar with some of the community's larger businesses, visitors will also have the opportunity to see some of the community's home-based business, entrepreneurial enterprises that are offering interesting products and services in Morinville and surrounding area.

Showcasing talent as well

Not only will the arena be full of small, medium and large businesses, the event will fill the stage with a variety of entertainment once again this year. "I think what is im-

portant is the community," Boersma said of adding entertainment. "We go back into the community because the community can be a part of this. This is about families and community coming together."

Saturday brings a variety of entertainment to the stage, including the Morinville Veterinary Clinic's 2nd Annual Pet Fashion Show. Sunday's entertainment includes The Morinville News' Annual Baby Crawl contest. The former event puts critter versus critter on the stage to see whose animal is the best dressed. The latter event is pure knee to the carpet speed crawling.

Those interested in registering their pet for the fashion show have until Apr. 11. They can do so in person at The Morinville Veterinary Clinic (9804 - 90th Avenue) or by phoning 780-939-3133. Registrations can also be made online at morinvillevet.com. Entry forms for The Morinville News Baby Crawl are available at the Morinville Chamber of Commerce Office and the Morinville Community Library as well as at the door Apr. 11-13.

This year's contest door prize is a backyard package valued at approximately \$1,000. "We're going to have a stamp card again," Boersma said, adding visitors enter by getting their card stamped at booths.

The Leap into Spring Expo runs Apr. 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Apr. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Apr. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, \$10 per family. Children under 2 admitted free.

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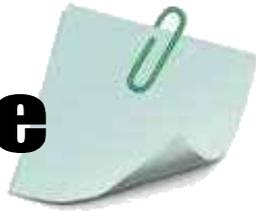
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Champion Petfoods to invest in dog park

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville – Champion Petfoods announced Wednesday it will be investing in a new off-leash dog park in Morinville.

“We’re committed to supporting Morinville families, and dogs are members of the family too,” said Champion Petfoods President and CEO Frank Burdzy in a release Wednesday. “We’re very proud to be a part of this community and to help make it a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and do business.”

Funding for a dog park was included in the Town of Morinville’s 2014 Budget, with \$50,000 allocated towards the project. Champion’s \$20,000 additional investment will help ensure the park meets the needs of all Morinville residents and those with cherished pets.

“Requests for an off-leash dog park have been brought forward several times over the past couple of years, but it has always been dropped from the budget,” said Morinville Mayor, Lisa Holmes. “This year with the additional sponsorship from Champion Petfoods we will be able to finally make it a reality.”

A location for the park has not been final-



Dogs have some off leash fun in a field. Champion Petfoods \$20,000 donation will help bring an off-leash park in town closer to reality. - File Photo

ized but Champion will ask the Town to consider naming the dog park after Champion Petfoods founder and his son, Reinhard and Peter Muhlenfeld. “They are wonderful men,” Burdzy said in Wednesday’s release. “Their business acumen and philanthropic spirit will help Albertans for generations.”

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by Morinville News Staff

Morinville - Tuesday night music jams and weekend bands are part of a new partnership between Morinville's Rednex Bar and Grill, Smith Music and The Morinville News. The unlikely combo of partners and promoters are united in the single aim of promoting the existing music scene in Morinville and adding to it with additional live shows.

Rednex will provide the venue, Smith Music the tech support and some of the musicians, and the Morinville News is offering the weekly jam night its new name and sponsorship. The weekly gathering of strums and suds will be called Joe Jam, named after Morinville News' humorous and controversial columnist Joe Morinville, but intended to represent the average Joe musician or average Joe listener who just wants a great spot to play or be entertained.

"Joe Morinville has always represented and spoken for the average resident, and the Joe Jam does the same thing musically," said Morinville News owner Stephen Dafoe. "We've promoted local and visiting entertainers in our publication since day one and this is really just a continuation of that.

They be jammin'

Local businesses unite to pump up Morinville's live music scene

Smith Music owner Paul Smith and Rednex owner Don Lien talk to music promoter Art Szabo via Skype about upcoming acts for Rednex weekend entertainment lineup.

Rednex owner Don Lien said he was grateful for the support on the idea and is looking forward to hosting more live entertainment through the jam and band nights. "It's going to be more successful with an extra couple hand involved," he said, adding the Joe Jam will be a good fit with his establishment. "It's a good social atmosphere where band members can show their talents and get to know the artists.

For Paul Smith the weekly live jam is a new twist on the old idea of a pub where everyone gathers. "It's a natural extension for people who are musicians," he said. "It's the average Joe that can come and play and see music aimed at the 20- to 40-year old."

Music promoter and Starlight Room Booker Art Szabo will work with Lien to bring high calibre weekend entertainment to the bar. Szabo was impressed with last year's Rocktober festival and the community that supported it and put it on. He sees bringing some of the same great acts he puts on Edmonton stages to Morinville as a reciprocal opportunity for band and audience. "It's about bringing them together. They both want to meet each other. We just need to bring them together," he said. "The Edmonton bands would love to reach out and have another community of fans and grow their audience."

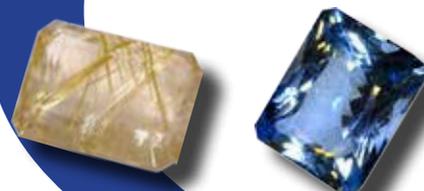
The Joe Jam runs Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. Live entertainment starts Saturday Apr. 12 with Edmonton Music Awards Nominee Stone Iris playing at 10:30 p.m.

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Clockwise from top left: Frank Koenig's photo of a sunset at the Fish and Game Association pond. Jaaki Chatry's photo of her son Colin and his defensive partner watching the action during the last game of the season. Bragan Johanson-Danis' artistic shot of red bird berries. Linda Lyon's photo of a tree full of waxwings, the little birds that look for the berries in the previous photo. Bryon Featherly's photo called Morning Maneuvers.



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The 2013 Rendez-Vous Centre Heritage Award recipient was Gary Pool. It was presented by Rendez-Vous Centre representative Diana Moquin. Pool is an active Rendez Vous member who organizes bridge tournaments, military whist evenings and clears sidewalks. He serves on the board of directors and has served as secretary and President. - Lucie Roy Photo



The Morinville News Community Spirit Award was renamed the Paul Krauskopf Community Spirit Award this year and will carry that name from this date on. The award was presented by Morinville News owner Stephen Dafoe, emcee and family friend Joe Gosselin, Mayor Lisa Holmes and Paul Krauskopf's daughter Lisa Piche. The award was presented to Leah Elzinga (above middle) and Staff Sergeant Tom Love on behalf of the Morinville RCMP.

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Housing Report

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Our wonderful large town is showing signs of catching up to our neighboring larger communities. The market trends Edmonton was showing in December are now quite similar in Morinville.

Last month, Morinville saw 24 single family homes and six condos sell at average prices of \$349,375 and \$198,833, respectively. This is a 1.8% increase over February's average single family home price of \$343,269, and a 3.75% decrease over January's. Given that December's listing to sales ratio was at 95%, a January sale price increase is not abnormal. A year ago last month, the average price was 20.9% lower but only 3.8% lower in 2012. Morinville's average home is now priced at 19% less than Edmonton and 25.5% less than St Albert. The average price in the whole of the Greater Edmonton Area (GEA) last month was 18.4% higher than Morinville's

price, so close to the difference between Morinville and the City of Edmonton's price. You could assume that prices in communities like St Albert and Sherwood Park caused the average in the GEA to increase while at the same time Morinville and Spruce Grove's causing it to decrease.

Morinville homes took 66 days to sell, which is a decrease of nine days from February, 13 days shorter than in January, and 28 days less time than last year. It took a Morinville home 31 to 36 days longer to sell than average Edmonton and St. Albert homes. Hopefully, once spring finally hits we will see average days on the market cut in half and be closer to the larger communities around us.

In March 2014, the MLS System reported 1,585 new listings and 917 units sold giving us a 58% ratio in the Greater Edmonton Area. Morinville had 29 units listed and 24 units sold, giving us a ratio of 83%. Four units were both listed and sold within the month! A few months ago, I speculated that we would follow Edmonton's record breaking 95% December ratio.

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Brent Melville's Remax SPORTS REPORT



Raising funds for local sports proves to be snow much fun



by Stephen Dafoe

Cardiff – Though many slo-pitch players would probably wish the snow would just go away so they can put cleats to grass and shale, it did not stop softball players from hitting the snowy fields at Cardiff Hall recently for the annual Sno-Pitch fundraiser for Youth Basketball. Sixteen teams took to eight makeshift diamonds for the yearly

tournament, an afternoon of sports followed by an evening of food and music. Parents of local youth basketball players volunteer to make the event a success.

Organizer Serge Froment said the recent event was the fifth year the tournament has been in aid of Youth Basketball - previously the event was a fundraiser for baseball. "It allows us in basketball to not charge teams for provincials or three-on-three tournaments," Froment explained. "It's got to be the

This page: Tom Heidinger pitches to teammate Makasi Owen during a game between the Frostcycles and Shyt Show Mar. 29. **Opposite Page from top:** A player makes her way from home plate to third base, following the backward rules of the game. An outfielder catches the dodge ball used in the game.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos

point now where I send out an email and I'm filled with my sixteen teams within a week. They absolutely have a blast."

Unusual rules

Part of the appeal to the event is the unusual rules. Though the sno-pitch bat is a familiar accoutrement to the popular summer pastime, the winter variant is all but unrecognizable from its more familiar counterpart. The softball is replaced with a dodge ball, pitched by the pitcher to players on his team. Baseball gloves are replaced with winter gloves or even bare hands for the seasonally brave. There are also only five innings per game and only four pitches per player, both game elements to keep the game moving in the cold temperatures. But perhaps the oddest difference is players running the bases clockwise - from home to third, third to second, second to first, and back to home again. In fact, anyone caught running the conventional way must come back and touch home before launching backwards to third.

Participant Scott Mason said he never misses the annual event. "It's got to be the



best tournament you can have. You can ask anyone here," he said, adding the mix of good fun and good people is hard to beat. "Baseball I find so competitive. We can come out here, drink our beers, and everyone is family."

For Dave McNalley, another long-time sno-pitch player, the event is a mixture of a good time with a good cause. "I've been here for eight years and it's just a great tournament and a great fundraiser," McNalley said. "Serge puts on a great atmosphere and it's an all around great tournament." Like Mason, McNalley plays ball in the summer. He said though the sno-pitch event is more laid back, it still has its competitive side as well. "There's rivalries within our Morinville league and it kind of comes in to this, but it's all for fun. This is our favourite tournament out of every one all year."

A final tally has not been calculated as yet, but organizer Serge Froment said he is confident that number will be on the plus side of \$10,000, monies raised through the tournament, a 50/50 draw, dinner and silent auction. The funds will help keep Youth Basketball affordable for area families.

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The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for those who only wish to attend the auction (no ticket required). Items can be paid for with cash or cheque at the event. Those wishing to pay with debit can pick up their items at the library Apr. 14th-17th.

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COMMUNITY COUNTDOWN

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

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