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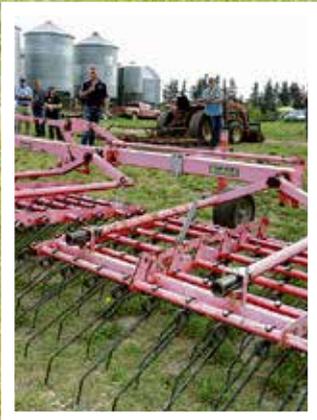
## Jumping for joy

École Notre Dame student Jack Reiter participated in the sack race during the school's year-end School Fun Day wrap up last week.

- Lucie Roy Photo



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# Community Champions

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**Right:** A Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch sign sits as a warning on the entrance to a township road.

**Below:** SRCW President Francoise Meunier holds a map of the various zones her organization covers.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos



## Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch going strong after 32 years

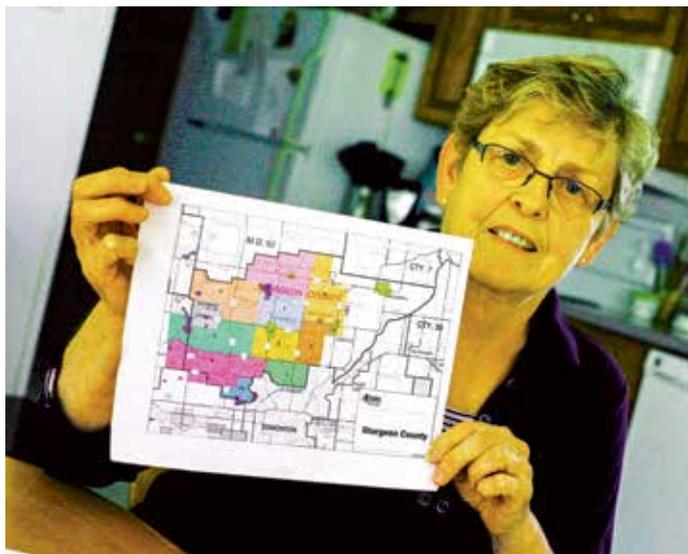
by **Stephen Dafoe**

A bright yellow sign sits affixed to a fence at the end of a township road. Its message is straightforward and to the point: Rural Crime Watch Area. They are four words that let residents know their neighbours are watching out for them, and criminals know their activity is being monitored.

Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch (SRCW) is a 785 member strong, all-volunteer, community-based organization. They work in partnership with the Morinville RCMP with a simple goal, increasing and strengthening "crime prevention activities in Sturgeon County and its municipalities through broad citizen participation."

SRCW President Francoise Meunier said the organization began in 1983 and has continued its mission of being an extra set of eyes and ears for an often overworked and overstretched RCMP Detachment for the past 32 years.

"It was started in December of 1983 by a group of farmers that noticed there was an increase in crime. And so this is why they wanted to band



together and see what they could do to get together and work with the RCMP," she said. "I think this is how it became the eyes and ears of the community because the whole point was they wanted everyone to keep an eye on what was going on."

But Meunier is quick to point out the organization's mission statement goes beyond the mandate of watching out for criminal activity - it extends to raising awareness of crime and SRCW's role in preventing it, as well as educating citizens.

"This is why we go to trade shows and meet and greets in all of the little towns around to promote as much as we can."

### Large area of coverage

SRCW covers 2300 square kilometres and a population base of 19,578, not including Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, and Morinville, all of whom form zones within SRCW.

"Sturgeon County is divided into zones, and each area and town has their own zones," Meunier said, adding ideally each zone has a Zone Director and an Associate Zone Director. "Each one takes care of their members, promoting, getting new members and going to meet and greets."

With a large area to watch and a greater need to do the watching, the

organization is hoping to attract more members to join SRCW.

"Crime is on the rise, and if we don't take the chance of watching out for each other, it's not going to be safe for anyone," Meunier said. "It's something that everyone from seniors on down to kids can be very aware. Aware of different vehicles in the area. Aware of different people. It's just a matter of safety. We have to be careful to be aware of what is going on in our neighbourhoods, particularly in the country. We can be pretty isolated."

Although 785 members may seem like a lot, Meunier said when one factors in the population of Sturgeon County and the member municipalities within it, the organization really could use more members.

Members of the organization receive regular email fanouts that identify crimes and other suspicious activities. It is something the organization sees as valuable information for a lifetime membership fee that is only \$25.

"Our communication director sends them out, and they come from the RCMP," Meunier said of the email fanouts. "There are a lot of break and enters in the country, in the Sturgeon area. If we can have as many members [as possible] be aware of what it is that's going on."

Meunier and her fellow SRCW volunteers have been working hard to build the crime watch organization's membership base. The experience has shown that once people start reading the email fanouts and see what is happening they are eager to keep an eye out and report what is happening.

Although the organization has a monthly meeting at the Provincial Building in Morinville on the second Tuesday of each month, members are encouraged but not obligated to attend. They are strongly encouraged, however, to record and report suspicious activity to help fulfil the organization's mission statement: "To aid our local RCMP and other local law enforcement agencies in the prevention of criminal activities in the County of Sturgeon, its town and villages and to educate, inform and assist in crime prevention and awareness."

Observing, documenting and reporting are the three activities that have made SRCW a regional success for more than three decades. They are activities she recommends for those living in municipalities like Morinville, which is SRCW Zone 16.

"People think because you are in town you don't have to worry about that sort of thing, but I think maybe they should be thinking about keeping an eye out," she said. "I think they can be doing the same thing as we do in the country. If something looks a little fishy, it might be. We've got to think about the other guy."

Meunier said she is grateful for the hard work and efforts of the many volunteers who keep the organization running and growing. Though the membership numbers are increasing, they are looking for more general members as well as a few zone directors.

A lifetime membership in the Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch is \$25. Membership forms are available from the organization's website at [www.sturgeonruralcrimewatch.org](http://www.sturgeonruralcrimewatch.org).



Beyond being extra eyes and ears for police, SRCW members participate in a number of community events to raise awareness.

**Top:** SRCW members at the SJB parade in Morinville June 20.

**Above:** SRCW members at Sturgeon County's Open House June 18.

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# Guest Column: One Person's Opinion

## 2015 First Quarter Statistics Morinville Community Cultural Centre

At a recent Council meeting, Administration presented the Town's 2015 First Quarter Statistics to Council. Of particular concern at this time is the information concerning our Community Cultural Centre.

First of all, to receive any report on first quarter activities just prior to Council's summer break demonstrates an abysmal and apparent absence of ability on the part of some of our senior administrative staff. Make all the excuses you wish for this, but it should never take the better part of three months to make this information public!

Secondly, the first sentence of the report states: "The first quarter of the Community Cultural Centre was an absolute buzz with all kinds of various activities". However, as one reviews the actual statistics the reality of our situation proves once more to be more than a little disappointing. With almost 38% of the total available hours going to waste, the methodology being utilized to secure clientele for this facility must be changed — yet again.

Thirdly, not one of the four live performances held during this quarter broke even, although the Little Mermaid show did make a valiant stab at it. It is recognized, and it has been reiterated by Councillor Dafoe on more than one occasion, that the making of money, especially when shows are for the whole family or the children of our community, is not necessarily the overriding factor in deciding whether or not any given act will be hired. Once again, the methodology being utilized to determine which acts should be hired should be re-examined.

While it may indicate "success" to some people, most taxpayers are not particularly impressed with Administration's statement that: "... Morinville numbers for the 1st quarter of 2015

exceed that average ..." when referring to national averages for earned revenue amongst performing arts organizations.

So — what does all this tell us?

We have had nothing but controversy and a multitude of organizational difficulties from Day 1 and the opening of this facility. Perhaps, as stated quite clearly in the Town's recently-completed "Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency Review", the time has come to get Administration out of the business of trying to run this facility and giving it over to an "at arms-length" board. The operation of our own Library Board comes to mind when considering such action and might provide a valid start-point template.

By the way, it is definitely NOT too early to consider keeping Administration at "arms-length" when deciding exactly how our new "multi-use recreational facility" is going to be run — and by whom!

This Town's Administration has a large number of exceptional and dedicated "worker" staff, and the significant problems do not originate with those members. The senior and mid-level managers appear to have way too much on their collective plates and, consequently, some important items may slip between the cracks. Perhaps the time has long passed when we should divest Administration of some of its responsibility.

**James O'Brien  
Citizen**

**Author's Note:** Over the next few weeks (the "Dog Days of Summer") I intend to produce a series of articles which are critical of the Town of Morinville's handling of several issues. This is being done in response to discussions with a number of residents, not all of whom are entirely pleased with the manner in which these concerns are being addressed.

## Remembering Paul

June 30 marked the second anniversary of the passing of Paul Krauskopf at the age of 63 following a long battle with cancer. Krauskopf is remembered as one of Morinville's greatest citizens. Councillor, mayor, and a friendly face members of this community could count on seeing at community events and festivals.

Though remember by many for the role he played in making some of the decisions that have helped this community grow, he was best known

as a dedicated family man, loved by all who knew him.

As we did on the first anniversary of his death last year, we have placed a small turtle on the cover of this edition of the Morinville News. It is a nickname he proudly wore from his children and grandchildren.

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- Stephen Dafoe, Publisher

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You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to AltaGas Utilities Inc. or the Town of Morinville on or before July 7, 2015 at:

AltaGas Utilities Inc., Irv Richelhoff, 5509 -45th Street, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6T6, phone: 780-980-7305; email: businessdevelopment@agutl.com.

Town of Morinville, Andrew Isbister, CMA, Director Financial Services, 10125 100 Avenue, Morinville, AB, T8R 1L6, phone: 780-939-4361; email: aisbister@morinville.ca.

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either AltaGas Utilities Inc. or the Town of Morinville at the addresses listed above.

**For more information:**

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# Town Council approves school locations after emotional debate

by Tristan Turner

After a lengthy and often emotional debate, Council has decided to go ahead with two new school sites that were both requested by their school boards.

Council passed a bylaw that would transfer to Sturgeon School Division their preferred location adjacent to the current Ray McDonald Sports Centre for a new public middle school (Grades 6-9). The existing arena will be demolished as the new recreation facility east of Town is ready.

Council also directed Administration to draft a letter of support, allocating GSACRD the necessary land for their new elementary school in the Westwinds ASP (west of 100 Street in the empty lot between the railroad tracks and the No Frills grocery store). A subsequent motion was passed to direct Administration to continue to work with Westwinds owner Landrex to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of GSACRD.

Both school boards had recently informed Council about their preference for the sites awarded June 23. The schools are expected to be completed by September of 2017, pending updates following the design process.

## Emotional debate

Frustration and disappointment towards the province and Sturgeon School Division were common themes in the debate that lead to Council's decision. Council's vote came three days ahead of a provincial deadline of June 26 to have sites awarded to release \$750,000 in planning dollars from the province. A failure to award the sites may otherwise have caused a delay of years if a site was not chosen.

Deputy Mayor Barry Turner felt that the Town and Council hadn't yet done all of the work they could have to "really nail down some of the potential." With the new rec centre going

up east of Morinville, Turner said he felt there might have been potential to partner with one or both schools, building them on the Town-owned land. Later in the evening, Turner said he would be willing to "play chicken a little bit" with the province's June 26th deadline. He felt with a new government and a new Minister of Education, the Town may be given more time to investigate other sites, including the rec facility site.

Ultimately the GSACRD school site motions passed unanimously after Mayor Holmes closed the discussion saying that building a GSACRD school on the rec land would be difficult as GSACRD is not currently permitted to operate schools in Sturgeon County.

When it came to the decision about the public school, the discussion became much more uncertain, with much of Council saying they had not made their mind up until right before the final votes. Councillor Ladouceur said he thought it was a mistake to not partner the middle school with the rec centre, and that in the meantime students could be bussed to schools in Sturgeon County while the process for a partnership was worked out.

Councillor Fitzgerald called Council's position "awkward" in that they were optimistic for school partnering opportunities with the rec facility but also the immediate need to ensure that public school students have a junior high school to go to in a few years. Fitzgerald said he was "disappointed with the level of politics at play" with the Sturgeon School Division, particularly its chair.

"At the end of the day it is about kids and making sure that our kids get in school," Fitzgerald said before quickly finishing his statement, nearly holding back tears. The Councillor said he wished the Division's board had acted more in the spirit of collaboration in this process, but that he had to support the school site to make sure that the school opens on time.

Councillor Stephen Dafoe commended Fitzgerald for his courage in bringing up his dis-



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appointment with the process, and echoed his comments.

Throughout the debate, Council expressed the opinion they were not happy with the process and had hoped the Town would be engaged earlier on in the decision-making process.

Some parents and SSD trustees attended the meeting to hear Council's decision on the new sites.

After passing 1st and 2nd reading with only Councillor Ladouceur and Deputy Mayor Turner voting against the new site, Council voted on whether or not to hold 3rd reading of the Bylaw. A unanimous vote is required to allow Council to do three readings in one night. Councillors Dafoe and Fitzgerald voted against giving 3rd reading at the meeting, meaning the motion would not come back until Aug. 25th, or prior if the mayor

## Town passes slew of land-use bylaws

by Tristan Turner

Following public hearings for each bylaw, Council passed 2nd and 3rd reading of land-related bylaws 9/2015, 10/2015, 11/2015 and 12/2015. Bylaws 10/2015, 11/2015 and 12/2015 are all associated with a new development in the Notre Dame area of Morinville off of Grandin Drive.

Administration described the development as a medium density development of small multi-floor semi-detached homes with detached and attached garages. It has been compared in density and style to the more recent Village Champlain developments on the north end of town just off of 100 Street and 105 Avenue.

In order to construct the development, a narrow strip of municipal reserve land that is a part of Notre Dame park will need to be redistricted for the development, with a new section of public open space (POS) that is slightly larger to be opened just south of the development.

Bylaw 9/2015 had to do with a change in a property along Maisonneuve Street and Forget Avenue that is in the Coeur de Morinville area of town. The property changes from a single-fam-

called a special meeting.

Most of the left the meeting, perhaps thinking the decision wouldn't come back before the deadline set by the province.

Councillor Dafoe said his opposing vote was not to delay the decision past the deadline but to give council more time to reflect on an important decision between second and third reading and that he expected a special meeting could be called prior to deadline.

Dafoe agreed to reconsider the motion for third reading and motioned that third reading be tabled until the end of the meeting. When the decision came off the table Council voted 5-2 in favour of proceeding with the SSD / Town arena land for the new public middle school. Councillor's Turner and Ladouceur opposed the site preferred by the Sturgeon School Division.

ily dwelling to a vertical duplex structure with a detached three-car garage.

## Town supports LAV

by Tristan Turner

Following a unanimous vote from Council, the Town will be supporting an application by Morinville resident and veteran Jason Wood to receive a decommissioned Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) as part of a monument. The new LAV monument program operated by the Department of Defence (DND), private businesses/sponsors and local communities provides an opportunity for worthy communities to receive one of the decommissioned units. While Wood is hopeful sponsors and partnerships can be found to lower or eliminate the upfront cost of the monument, he said the project could end up costing up to \$42,000. Although Council voted in favour of supporting the application, they did not agree to allocate any money to the project yet.

Following this motion, Council has agreed to send a letter of support and allowed Town Administration to work with Wood to find a potential spot for the monument. Wood said his preference was near the east end of town, towards CFB Edmonton.



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# Council briefs

by Tristan Turner

Council held their last meeting before their summer recess June 2. Council's next meeting, barring any special meetings called by the mayor, will be Aug. 25. As a result, their meeting was longer and held more items than typical.

## Council appoints their compensation review committee

Council has unanimously agreed to appoint all five people recommended for Council's compensation and review committee. This committee would provide advice to Council on their compensation and benefits when it comes up for review during the budgeting process.

A joint administration and Council group consisting of three Town staff and Councillors Rob Ladouceur and Stephen Dafoe selected the five candidates from eight possibilities.

The only element of examination was on the matter of the appointment of one member of the board that was identified as a family member of a municipal employee. Mayor Lisa Holmes commented that Administration "may have made a mistake" in not excluding family members of municipal employees as potential applicants. Councillor Dafoe, who sat on the committee to recommend the new board, said the subject did come up. However, the candidate was ultimately recommended despite this relationship because of the candidate's character, commitment on other committees, and the fact being related to a Town employee was not one of the disqualifying criteria.

The appointed members of the board are: Sheldon Fingler, Troy Grant, Sarah Hall, Warren Maskoske and Brandi Robinson.

## Administration to draft legislation for youth council

After a unanimous vote, Council has agreed to support Councillor Brennan Fitzgerald's bid to have Administration draft legislation to establish a framework for a new youth council. The body would be something that will exist, according to Councillor Fitzgerald, as a sub-committee of Council, and will bring issues of concern for Morinville's youth to Council.

Fitzgerald has said he hopes the Town will use the Edmonton Council's approach to this as an example. Edmonton has a bylaw in place for their youth council, but is largely hands off when it comes to the operation of the group. Fitzgerald said a delegation from Sweden recently came to Edmonton to observe and report back on the Edmonton Youth Council in an attempt to implement a similar system. He felt Morinville too should emulate Edmonton's model.

There was some debate on the idea, largely from Councillors Dafoe and Boutestein, who both commented that they didn't know if a bylaw was the best way to establish the Youth Council. Dafoe also commented that Fitzgerald didn't know what the ultimate goals of the organization were and that was never made clear despite Fitzgerald having researched it for a year.

Councillor Putnam said he was eager support Fitzgerald's initiative, and that he was hopeful the bylaw would have a positive impact, comments that were echoed by Deputy Mayor Turner.

Ahead of the vote, administration clarified for Council that if this motion

was defeated, Council would not be able to entertain another motion to draft the bylaw for six months. Following this, Council unanimously voted for the legislation to be drafted.

## Debate over allocation of orgs review dollars

Administration sought the go-ahead to allocate up to \$9,000 for an Automated Work Order System for public works, and \$11,375 to conduct a Service Levels Review, items identified as priorities in the Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency Review.

Debate on the issue started with Deputy Mayor Barry Turner questioning why these items came forward ahead of items identified as higher priorities in the Org Review that still had not seen funding allocation. Turner was concerned that some more important priorities, including a governance priority to work on the relationship between Council and the CAO. He expressed concern those priorities could be lost if allocation to those projects were not prioritized.

Council voted unanimously in support of the Automated Work Order System, something that Administration claimed is likely to save money through new efficiencies in the long term.

The vote on the Service Level review was split, however. It narrowly passed with Councillors Putnam, Dafoe and Boutestein opposing. Councillor Boutestein argued for her position by saying she did not believe hiring another consultant to bring forward a report was necessary right now.

## Fire bylaw passes unanimously

Council unanimously passed 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading of the new Fire Services Bylaw after little debate or discussion. Councillor Nicole Boutestein cited her approval of the "excellent" presentation given to Council at the last Committee of the Whole meeting by Chief Boddez as the reason why she didn't have any more questions or input. Much of the rest of Council offered words of approval and excitement for the new legislation before voting unanimously for it.

The new legislation contains a stipulation that fire services provided by the Morinville Fire Department be exclusively in Morinville, except when there is a contract or agreement with other municipalities, as is the case with Sturgeon County.

The Bylaw also offers a clearer fees schedule that will see some permits and fines increased. Additionally, the new legislation makes the Town, and perhaps Community Peace Officers, responsible for giving fines when residents pose a threat to fire safety. This potentially allows the Town to put liens on properties or add fines to tax bills in more extreme situations. Chief Boddez thinks this will be positive for the Department, saying that he thinks firefighters should focus on their duties rather than delivering fines.

The legislation also allows for new types of permitted controlled burnings and reclassifies the risk of fireworks from high to medium risk fire hazards.

The Fire Services bylaw has not been updated since 1998, and Chief Boddez felt it was sorely needed.

## Council accepts Administration's Community Grant intake recommendations

Council accepted for information their second community grant intake from Administration that awarded two community groups with grants that totalled \$3,200.

The French ACFA will be awarded \$700 to host house concerts for francophone music in Morinville, and the Morinville Scouting Movement was awarded \$2,500 to attend their Pacific Jamboree for 2015.





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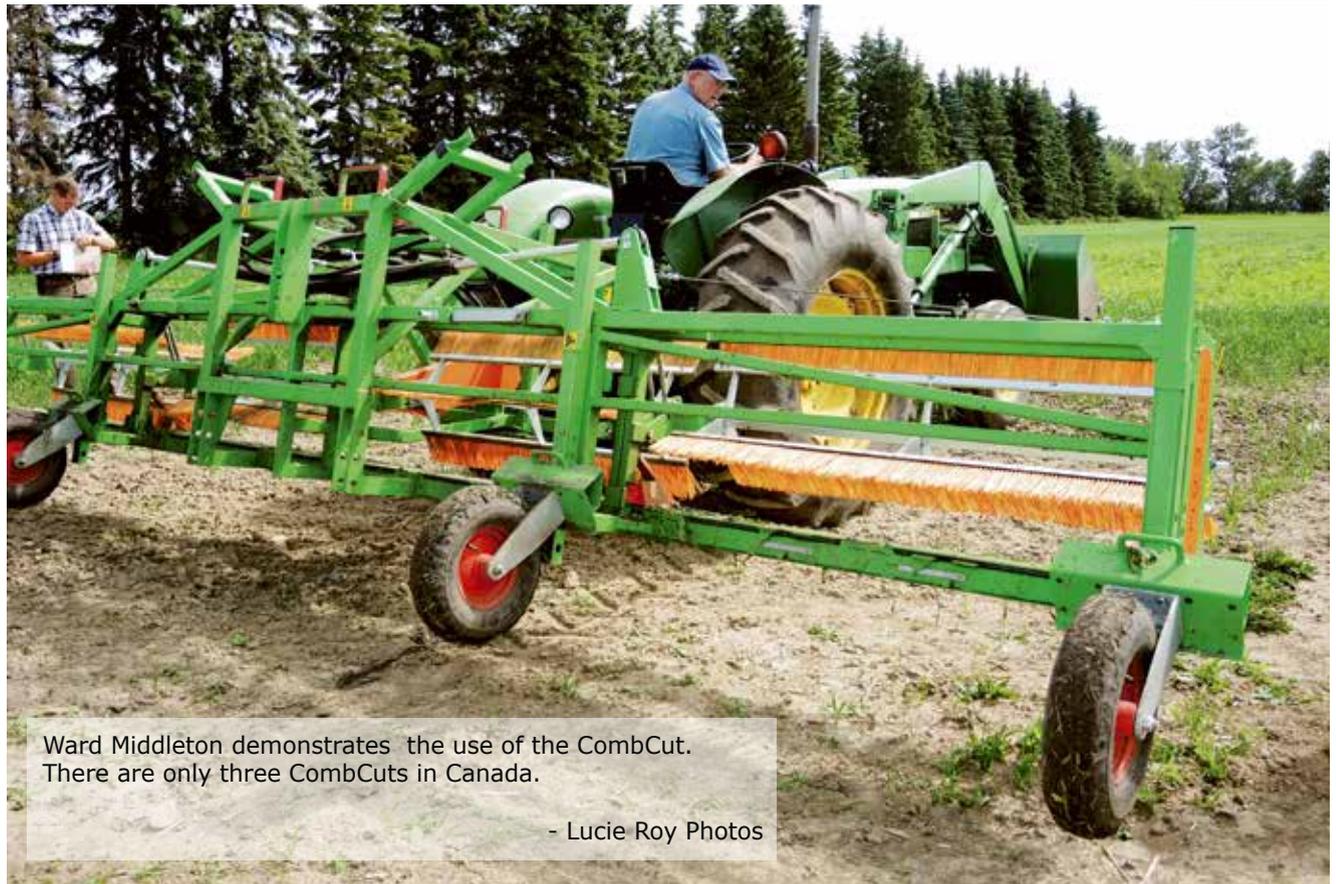
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## Midmore Farm has a field day

by Lucie Roy

On Thursday, Ward and Jo-Anne Middleton opened the doors to Midmore Farm, located just north of Morinville. The Farm Field Day In-Crop Organic Weed Management Tour drew more than 50 people from across Alberta.



Newell of Radway explained the workings of the equipment and said the one he was demonstrating was on loan from elsewhere in the province. Of the remaining two, one is at the University of Saskatchewan, and the other is in Ontario.

The CombCut combs through growing crop, cutting weeds and leaving the crop unharmed. It was introduced in Scandinavia in 2008

and expanded to European countries in 2014. It was introduced in North America this year.

Another speaker was Dr. Neil Harker, a Research Scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Lacombe. He spoke throughout the day on environmentally sustainable integrated weed management systems, weed biology, competition and weed-crop interactions. Breanne Tidemann, a Ph.D. student, also made a presentation. She has been investigating machinery in this realm with a particular focus on harvest weed seed control. Organic Alberta Staff were also in attendance. Jared Scholten of frontline inc. spoke of the Einbock Aerostar tined weeder and choosing the perfect tine for successfully fighting weeds.

A tour of the Morinville Municipal Cleaning Plant followed the Midmore Farm tour.

"The field day is part of a larger project called the Prairie Organic Grain Initiative, a four-year program dedicated to achieving resiliency and stability in the prairie organic sector," said Karen Snethun, Bsc (ag) Agriculture Outreach Coordinator. "We do this by focusing on increasing the quantity and quality of organic grains and developing relationships across organic market value chains. Events such as this field day are part of our work of promoting organic field crop production in the prairies with the aim of bringing non-organic producers into organics."

At this field day, participants got to look specifically at in-crop and post-emergent weed control for field crops and organic farms.

One of the highlights of the tour was a demonstration of the selective weed mower CombCut, one of only three in Canada. Speaker Charles



## Changing faces at Notre Dame

The 2015-2016 school year at École Notre Dame School will see a number of teachers and staff no longer at the school. Sheri Crowston is going on maternity leave, Monique Blinston is to be secretary at Legal School, Nadine Trenchard will become a Grade 1 teacher at JJ Nearing School, Janice Black is moving on to become an Educational Assistant at Legal School, Earl Victor is moving to GH Primeau to teach Grade 5, and Judy Matyjanka is also leaving the school. Absent from photo: Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Shymr who is leaving to be a Kindergarten teacher at Vital Grandin School, Mrs. McDougall who will serve as a speech language therapist at various GSACRD Schools, and Mrs. Mah who will be an occupational therapist at various GSACRD Schools. Retiring are teacher Dolores Ricard and School Office Support worker Marlene Therres. Ricard is retiring after 32 years teaching French Immersion in Vanier and Notre Dame and Therres after 35 years in Vanier and Notre Dame.

- Lucie Roy Photo



## Pitching in

Morinville's Community Development Coordinator Allen Jacobson presented Primeau Vice Principal Christina Mackinnon and students with an Operation Clean Sweep Certificate from PITCH-IN ALBERTA for their participation in the 2015 PITCH-IN CANADA Week event.

- Lucie Roy Photo

## Primeau awards its students

**Above left:** Students Carter Fingler, Samantha Luomala and Anastazia Bochar were three of the 10 recipients of the Service Through Active Responsibility (STAR) Award.

**Above right:** Primeau School Principal Allen Menduk presents the Father Primeau Legacy Award to Jenna McKinney. McKinney also received the Grade 8 Honours and STAR Awards.

The presentations took place at the Primeau Spirit Awards held June 24 at the cultural centre with two separate ceremonies: Grade 5 and 6, and Grades 7 and 8 to accommodate the many family, friends and other guests.

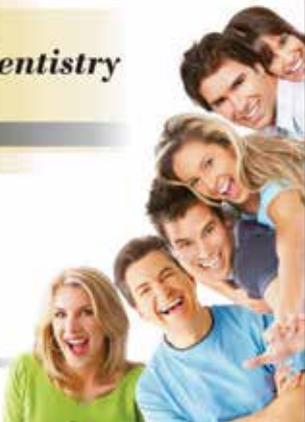
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## Year-end concerts offer students a chance to shine

Photos by Stephen Dafoe

Smith Music students took to the stage at the local music school last week for five night's of concerts, each evening an opportunity for the audience to see what the students had been working on in their lessons.

As was the case in previous years, the show mixed a variety of skill levels, age groups and instruments into one interactive show. Opening the show was Paul Smith and his fellow music teachers.

**Above:** Grant and Jacob Craplewe perform a Beatles number.

**Right:** Ashleigh Ethier plays *Down by the Bay*.

**Opposite page from top:** Crystal Belanger plays bass to the Beatles. Ethan Deren plays guitar. Janet Blouin performs *Time in a Bottle*.



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## Police looking for suspects in Bon Accord robbery

by Morinville News Staff

Police responded to a robbery call at the Bon Accord Alberta Treasury Branch shortly after noon on Friday. Two disguised males had entered the ATB branch and robbed the lone female teller at gunpoint.

Once in the bank, one male pointed a black handgun at the teller and told her to lay face down on the floor. Police say once the teller was on the floor, the second male made his way behind the counter and gained access to the bank's safe from where the robbers stole an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspects left the area on the Lily Lake Road in an older model green Dodge Caravan.

Police describe the first suspect as an older male between 5'10" and 6' and weighing 200 to 230 pounds. He is described as having dirty feet and long toenails. The suspect was wearing sandals, blue track pants with a silver stripe, a black sweatshirt with a white logo on the left breast, black balaclava, white and black gloves and possibly a red undershirt or shorts.

The second suspect is described as being the same height and also older. He was wearing sneakers, blue jeans, black hoodie, a scarf or bandana over his face, sunglasses and dark gloves.

Police describe the weapon as simply a black handgun.

The Morinville RCMP is requesting the public's assistance in locating the offenders. Anyone with information is asked to call the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4550 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. tips may be submitted online at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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## Morinville MINOR BASEBALL



### PeeWee Baseball wrap up

The Morinville Mets (red) and Mavericks (blue) took to the Skyline Diamonds over the weekend for the Morinville Minor Baseball Association wrap up tournament. Perfect weather made for two days of action for Mosquito and Rookie teams.

The Morinville Minor Baseball Association offers minor ball for children and youth aged 4 to 18 (mixed teams) for residents of Morinville and surrounding areas. League play is from May until the end of June.

For more information visit [morinvillebaseball.com](http://morinvillebaseball.com).

**Clockwise from top left:** A Met makes his way to first base. A Met winds up for the pitch. A Maverick successfully steals third base.



- Stephen Dafoe Photos



## He's a Derby Girl

Morinville Public School Principal Wayne Rufiange was made an Honourary Derby Girl on Friday by the Sturgeon County Junior Roller Derby Association. Rufiange was surprised with a shirt and a number of gift items from the association, including books for the school's junior high school program. The gifts were a token of appreciation for the principal's support in helping the growing derby group secure the school gymnasium for practice space. "We are so lucky to have him support us," said Eva Scrimshaw, a parent actively involved in the association.

The SCJRDA will host the Junior Invitational-Little Brawl on the Prairie in Gibbons Jul. 18 during their annual Pioneer Days.

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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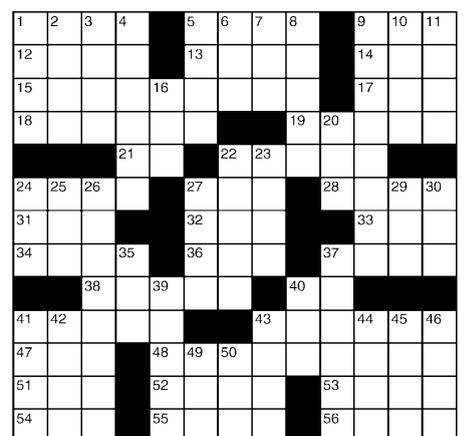
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1. Zeus; 2. Verdi; 3. Picasso; 4. Earl Tupper; 5. Double Doody; 6. 69; 7. Turkey; 8. The Medici family; 9. "Treasure Island"; 10. Isle of Man

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- 1 Taj Mahal city
  - 5 Brat's stocking stuffer
  - 9 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
  - 12 Upper palate
  - 13 Formerly
  - 14 Bygone
  - 15 Caved in
  - 17 See 41-Across
  - 18 Sly
  - 19 Big winds
  - 21 Cellist Yo-Yo —
  - 22 Michelangelo masterpiece
  - 24 Wear a rut in the rug
  - 27 Shack
  - 28 TV's talking horse
  - 31 Pair
  - 32 Exist
  - 33 Mess up
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  - 41 With 17-Across, "Do the Right Thing" director
- DOWN**
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  - 35 Tibetan bovine
  - 37 Olympic Frisbee?
  - 39 Transfer
  - 40 "Gosh!"
  - 41 Stay away from
  - 42 Sit for a shot
  - 43 Stage presentation
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  - 45 "Bill & — Excellent Adventure"
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  - 49 Tramcar load
  - 50 Tyler or Ullmann



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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the father of Hercules?
2. MUSIC: Who wrote the opera "Otello" in 1887?
3. ART: Who painted the anti-war work titled "Guernica"?
4. INVENTIONS: Who invented Tupperware?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of Howdy Doody's twin brother?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How old was Ronald Reagan when he was inaugurated?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Taurus Mountains?
8. HISTORY: Which famous family ruled Florence during the Renaissance?
9. LITERATURE: In which novel does the character of Long John Silver appear?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Where did Manx cats originate?

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- Gail Lunger Photo



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## Signs of change

Town of Morinville employees Brody Stoddart and Marvin Warnecke took down the old St.Jean-Baptiste Park sign June 23. The new sign is scheduled to be installed this week.

- Lucie Roy Photos



## Prize barrel

Janice Hansuk was the winner in the draw for the rain barrel shown in background. The rain barrel has been at RBC since Blue Water Day, a water conservation awareness initiative. On June 22 - Angie Sweet drew the name with the assistance of RBC employee Gisele Bottomley.

- Lucie Roy Photo