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## Celtic rocks

Derina Harvey performed some celtic tunes at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre Thursday night during the Active Living Fair. Harvey and her band — The Derina Harvey Band — will perform a full show Jan. 16, sponsored by Andrew Webb Carpentry. Tickets are \$45 for the dinner and show, and are available at the CCC and [tixonthesquare.ca](http://tixonthesquare.ca) now.

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Local realtors Don Summer and Doris Jolicoeur will soon be leaving Morinville after 20 years for the warmth and beaches of St. Lucia.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



## Realtors go from reality TV to TV reality to take up Caribbean Life

by Stephen Dafoe

Local realtors Don Summers and Doris Jolicoeur will soon be leaving Morinville after 20 years for the warmth and beaches of St. Lucia. The Professional Realty agents were featured on HGTV's Caribbean Life last spring as they looked for a property on the island. That goal and dream is now a reality as the couple recently got a purchase agreed to.

"We have a deal. We have funds to our solicitor," said Don Summers, adding the deal is set to close Sept. 14, and the couple are planning to be on the island in mid-October.

Although the couple said they will miss Morinville and the people they have come to know over two decades, neither will particularly miss Alberta's cold winters.

"It's not a case of us leaving Morinville. There's nothing driving us out of Morinville," Summers said. "I'm just so done with minus 20, minus 40. We've travelled a fair bit. I like the tropics. The cost of living is low once you are established, and we've got our pensions. It's a matter of how much money do you need. How much crap do you need. So we're downsizing."

Although Summers and Jolicoeur are looking forward to semi-retirement., they will be spending some of their time as landlords. The couple will rent part of their new home to locals and perhaps travelling Morinvilians looking for some sun in the depths of winter.

"There are two suites below and a four-bedroom suite for the owners up top," Jolicoeur said. "It's more than what we need, but the dogs can have

an air conditioned room. The dogs are going to need an AC room."

For the near future, the couple is looking to rent the two lower units to locals on a long-term basis. Renting to tourists is a possibility down the road. Jolicoeur said they will likely have a discount for Morinville residents and military personnel when they begin renting their suites to visiting tourists.

"There is a lot more work with short term rentals, but the pay off is there," Summers said, adding their new home is 250 metres from the hospital. It is an opportunity the couple hope to work with by renting their suites to visiting doctors. "There aren't really hotels in St. Lucia per se. It's more resorts, and they are expensive. Most of them are all inclusive, and the all inclusive portion is \$150 US a day. That's just your food and drink."

Summers and Jolicoeur see an arrangement with the hospital or nearby police academy as a win-win situation. "If the hospital can save money, and the doctor can have more of a home as opposed to a resort, I think it is a win for everybody," Summers said.

But it is not the financial opportunities that are drawing the couple to the island. It's the weather and the people.

"They're just really, really nice," Summers said of island residents. "They're not materialistic the way a lot of North Americans are. They are focused on family and being together. They're just into enjoying life."

With great people and great weather, Summers and Jolicoeur are looking forward to the opportunity to shift gears and relax, getting off what they see as the hamster wheel.

The couple will be keeping a property in Morinville and Jolicoeur will be staying there into the fall with the couple's dogs until the pets are cleared to travel to St. Lucia.

"It's scary. It's nerve racking. It's exciting," Summers said of the opportunity. "It's just going to be a whole change. Any time there is a big change like that, there's a mix of emotions with it."

### Business will continue

Summers and Jolicoeur are passing the reins of their Professional Realty operation to Barry Wilhelm, who will occupy the same office in Paras Place in downtown Morinville that Summers and Jolicoeur used. "He will effectively be taking over from me in mid-September," Summers said. "Same office. Same company, and we will be introducing him to all our clients."



### Citizens unite

The Regional Recreation Facility Citizens Group were one of several local groups and organizations at Thursday night's Active Living Fair at the cultural centre. The group is advocating Morinville and Sturgeon County work together on the project. They were set to appear before Morinville Town Council at their Sept. 8 meeting.

- Morinville News Staff Photo

# Teen Centre reopens in cultural centre

by Stephen Dafoe

Pool balls cracked and video games beeped Thursday night with the official re-opening of the Morinville Teen Centre. The facility, originally located across from the arena in Lions Park, closed recently, but was reopened Sept. 3 in classier digs.

The centre, located at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre's mezzanine level, will operate Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for general activities, and on Wednesdays for youth and recreational programming. At other times, the centre will serve as community open space for residents to sit, chat, play some pool, or have a cup of coffee and read.

Youth Worker Katie Filipowski is excited about the brand new location.

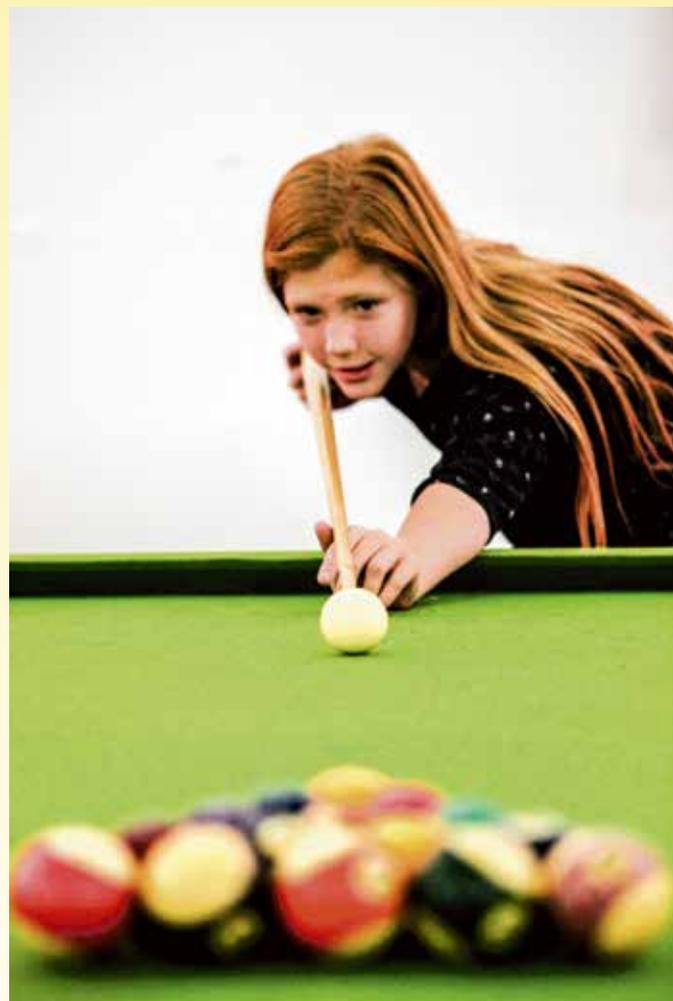
"We design our programs around the youth and what interests them and motivates them," she said, adding the new location has a new game system, movies, a foos ball table and pool table, and a offering of programs outside the community.

The centre is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays after school for town youth programs.

Participation in the teen centre is open to youth ages 11 to 17.

But the centre will be open to other community members the rest of the time. "It's just an open space where they can just relax. There's also a cafe part of it as well, and if they have younger children that are in a program, they can come up here to wait."

**Above:** Eleven-year-old Ana Bocher plays a little pool during Thursday night's opening of the new Morinville Teen Centre.



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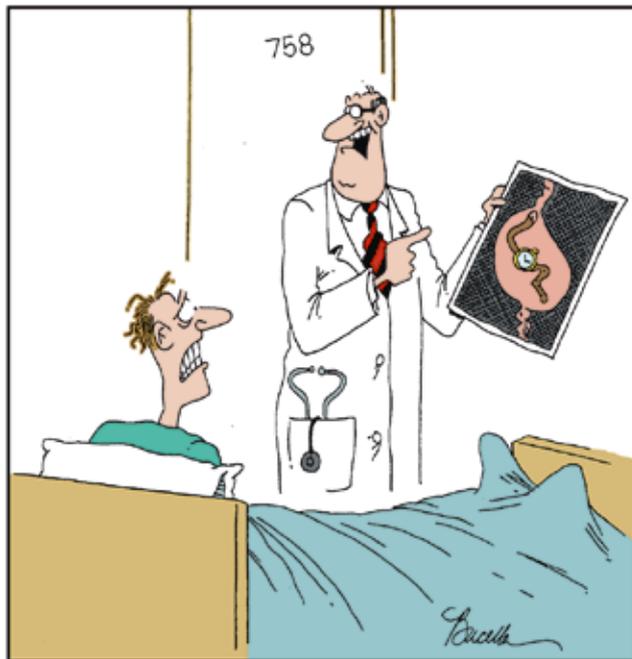
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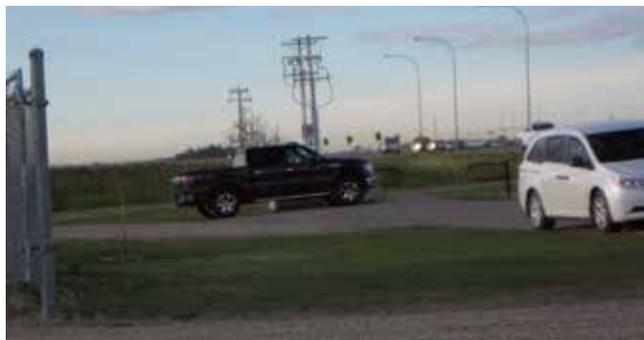
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# LETTERS

## Where was photo radar on the first day of school?



at 8:30 and yes the photo radar vehicle was still sitting there. Causes one to wonder hmm – safety versus revenue. Which is it?

Out of curiosity – we drove around all the schools to see WHO were protecting the safety of our children and we were so happy to see the Community Peace Officer cruising around Morinville Public School and an RCMP parked by the Notre Dame School.

Thank you to the CPOs and RCMP for the boots on the ground.

**Thank you,  
Linda Lyons, and Cliff Haryett**

First day of school and where does one find our photo radar set up? Not at the school zones where it was crazy with vehicles pulling in, pulling out, etc. Not at any of the multiple residential sites that have large volumes of children that would be riding their bikes to school, walking to school, crossing busy streets, etc.. No, they were set up at the UFA Card Lock parking lot, just across the road from LUBEX [Jiffy Lube] or officially known as Zone M402.

We drove by at 8:10 a.m. in the morning and there they were sitting, and we assume taking pictures of north-bound [traffic]. We drove back

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# What Are You Talking About?

Response to this week's letter on photo radar was quick and plentiful on MorinvilleNews.com and our Facebook page. Here is a sampling of what you had to say.

**Alberta MacAulay wrote:** That very action speaks volumes. Safety has to come first.

**Rob Pelletier wrote:** This should be brought to the town's attention. Money grab? Maybe they can use this money to make the dog park dog friendly. Photo radar in a town that has one street light should be and needs to be used in school zones and to keep children safe, not to catch the guy going 71 in the 60 zoned industrial park. What a joke.

**Douglas Manuel wrote:** Photo radar has nothing to do with safety.

**Seema King wrote:** When I dropped my son off, the streets around the school were filled with kids and cars going every which way. Glad the Town feels this area is where priority is for the safety of Morinville residents.

**Bonnie Davison Vreugdenhil wrote:** It wouldn't be a 'cash cow' if people didn't continue to feed the cow! It doesn't matter where it's located, if you're speeding you deserve to get caught. Pretty simple logic really.

**Patrick Milligan wrote:** It makes sense to me. The photo radar vehicle doesn't have the same visibility as the Peace Officers and RCMP who were present at the schools. They will have more of an impact on the speeding in school areas and create top of mind awareness for drivers better than the photo radar on the first day of school. They were out in the afternoon as well. Having the RCMP and the photo radar at the school at the same time would be poor distribution of manpower. Just because the police are at the schools shouldn't be a free pass to speed near the

industrial park where speeding is problematic. I would vote for their visible presence at the beginning of the school year every time over photo radar to remind the public that school zones are now in effect.

**Lisa Piche wrote:** Yes, they are more interested in making money than saving and protecting lives it seems.

**Joe Jacob wrote:** Photo radar has nothing to do with safety, Morinville town council should get on this.

**Bob wrote:** Maybe it's time for Council to get their heads out of their a\*\*es and put a limit of how much time has to be spent in residential areas against commercial areas. 60-75% of time in residential especially during school hours? Just my opinion.

**Rick Price wrote:** As one who has followed this issue since the days leading up to the day when the people of this community voted to keep Photo Radar, I can say without a doubt that it is not Council who have their heads where the sun doesn't shine. There have been many times when they have set up times for us, the community to come out and tell them first hand what we want. As one of the 10 people who showed up to these meetings, I somehow wonder where everyone else was. Linda and Cliff have put in a great deal of effort into bringing the issues involved with Photo Radar to our attention and to this I applaud them. There are a lot of us who agree that Photo enforcement needs to spend more time in high risk pedestrian areas and less time in areas of no pedestrian risk. After all, Cardiff Road has had zero accidents with no pedestrian incidents, the infamous pump house the same. Morinville Public School [had] one child hit by a passing motorist that I know of. As Linda so valiently pointed out to us, on the first day of school after the summer break, at 8 in the morning, where was our valued Photo Enforcement?

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Town of Morinville Office  
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# Multi-use rec facility plans will include full build out

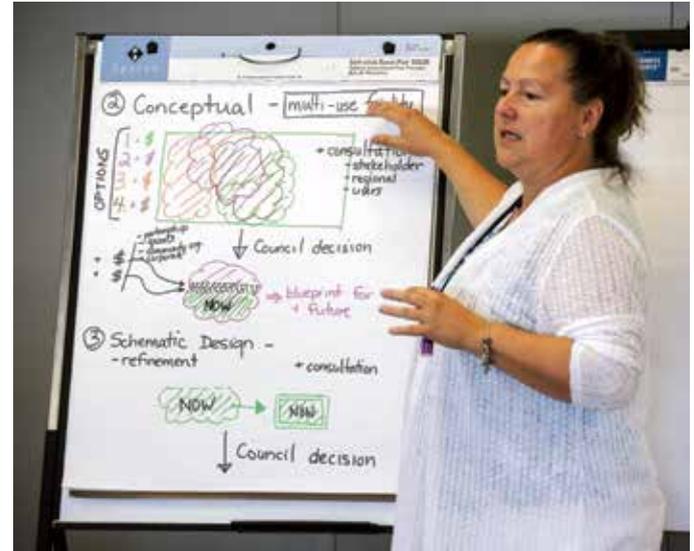
by Morinville News Staff

The Town will undertake a six-stage process for the proposed multi-use recreation facility planned for east of town. That was the word from Town of Morinville CAO Debbie Oyarzun in her presentation to Morinville Town Council in their role as steering committee during a Sept. 1 meeting.

The six stages encompass the Pre-Design, Conceptual Design, Schematic Design, Detailed Design, Construction Documents, Procurement and Construction, Post-Construction and Administration of the new facility.

Oyarzun told Council 114 companies looked at the architectural Request for Proposal, which closed Aug. 31. Of that number 16 attended an onsite meeting and a total of 11 firms submitted proposals by the RFP deadline. The 11 proposals contain 38 different companies in total proposing to work on the project.

The CAO said the Town challenged companies to come back with a team approach, rather than the town going out to hire an individual for this and one for that. "This way we know right up



front that they can work [together]," Oyarzun said.

But just what the successful architectural firm will be designing was a question for Councillor Stephen Dafoe. Dafoe said he wanted to ensure the conceptual designs would include all the major components discussed in the stakeholder meetings the Town held. This despite the RFP identifying only an arena, concession, common area and a running track as a minimum build.

"The footprint for the conceptual design will be the 25 acres," Dafoe said. "Whether we ultimately build a pool or not [in this phase] I see it as being in there [in the conceptual designs]."

Oyarzun assured Council the architects would be doing conceptual designs for a full project. "Whoever we hire is pricing out the whole meal deal," Oyarzun said. "They are pricing out the whole project. In their decisions, Council can go back to them if they like the prime contractor for example and the engineer but not the other. It is all part of the negotiations."

Oyarzun said the arena portion was motion driven but the track was not. "The common area and concession [are] part and parcel of an arena," she said.

Mayor Lisa Holmes said part of the problem with public perception is the terms arena and multi-use are confusing to some. "It makes people think it is an arena or multi-use," she

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said. "The project is not just that. It started as a motion for an arena. The multi-use is the future or opportunity. From now on this is a project, but when we start talking about the rest of the site that is when it is a separate project."

The architectural RFP focuses on the multi-use project and not the full 77 acres, which requires a master plan for the full land purchase.

Councillor Nicole Boutestein raised the issue of whether or not the curling rink would be included. It is her belief that when Council made the decision early in their term to replace the arena, she and others assumed the curling rink would be part of that build.

Once the conceptual design is done, meetings can take place and adjustments may be made, reviewing the wish list to create a Master Blueprint for now and into the future. Council will be asked to decide what they will tackle in this first stage year of construction.

With an estimated start time of spring 2016, the steering committee will need to work their way through each of the six stages at a rate of about one per month.

Councillor Brennan Fitzgerald queried as to the flexibility and timeliness in each of the six stages. Oyarzun said the main thing was looking at having the arena constructed for early 2017 at the latest. It would be in alignment with the construction of the public middle school on parts of Town land where the current arena is. She said it would be important to watch timelines. Pushing too much longer could result in additional investments to keep the existing arena open.

Council is expected to make a decision on an architectural firm at the Sept. 8 meeting of Council.

## Steering Committee could expand to include stakeholders

During the steering committee meeting, Councillor Dafoe moved to refer Mayor Holmes' suggestion to expand the Steering Committee from just Council. The motion would be to include a minimum of one member from each of the seven

stakeholders groups that had previously met on the project. Those groups include current arena users, other sports groups, businesses, schools and institutions, and the general public.

"The purpose of the Steering Committee is to receive information," Dafoe said of the idea. "Now all of the stakeholder [groups], one person from each, would receive the information concurrently [with Council].

Now they can advocate and go back to their groups and fill them in."

Councillor Boutestein made a motion that the Steering Committee recommend that Council invite all municipalities in the area to a meeting so one message is provided to all simultaneously. This is a follow-up to discussions Council had at their Aug. 26 meeting and prior to the summer break about sitting down with municipal partners.

The steering committee does not have the authority to pass the two motion suggestions, only refer them to Council for debate and decision. That is expected to take place Sept. 8.



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Christian Heritage Party of Canada Sturgeon River-Parkland candidate Ernest Chauvet speaks at a party event in Morinville Thursday night. - S. Dafoe Photo



# Christian Heritage Party leader and candidates make Morinville stop

by Stephen Dafoe

About 30 Christian Heritage Party of Canada (CHP) supporters and interested residents popped by Higher Grounds Espresso Bar Sept. 3. Party leader Rod Taylor, Sturgeon River-Parkland candidate Ernest Chauvet, and Edmonton-Mill Woods candidate Peter Downing visited to speak on the party's platform.

Taylor is en route to Ottawa from his native BC and has decided to stop in and visit his party's candidates along the way. Chauvet, a resident of Legal, is one of six CHP candidates in Alberta presently, and one of 25 nationally.

Taylor told his Morinville audience he would like to see the party field 100 candidates in this election. "I would be happy if we had 100 candidates or more, but I'm happy with the candidates that we do have now, he said.

Taylor went on to say the party would need 170 candidates, all of whom would have to win their seat to form a government. It is a reality he knows will not come to pass this time around, but he is confident the 25 candidates already registered to run will get the party's message out.

"You will face rejection. You will face disappointment. You will be misunderstood at times," Taylor said of those running for the party this election, adding he hoped local media would give the party an airing of its platform.

Taylor said the party has taken the approach this election to run candidates where the Conservative candidates are not strong on pro-life.

"The Christian Heritage Party has primarily taken the approach that we are going to run primarily candidates where the Conservative MP or the Conservative candidate is not enthusiastically, joyfully and boldly pro-life," Taylor said. It is a move he felt gives the party credibility and deepened the party's relationship with the pro-life movement in general. "Some of them, in spite of sharing exactly the same values as we do, have thought it is a wasted vote. Our goal is to raise the level of righteousness in Canada. If there're good men and women in office today, who are doing everything that can be done. Right now we only have 25 candidates registered. Why should we run against the exceptionally good ones? We should run where there is a need."

## Chauvet running for the first time

One of Taylor's 25 candidates running on a Christian values, pro-life, responsible spending, platform is Legal resident Ernest Chauvet, best known for turning his community into the French Mural Capital of Canada.

Chauvet spoke passionately about his reasons for running and the party's platform. "It is my hope that as you look and reflect on this party, it is a reflection of you, of your inner values, and

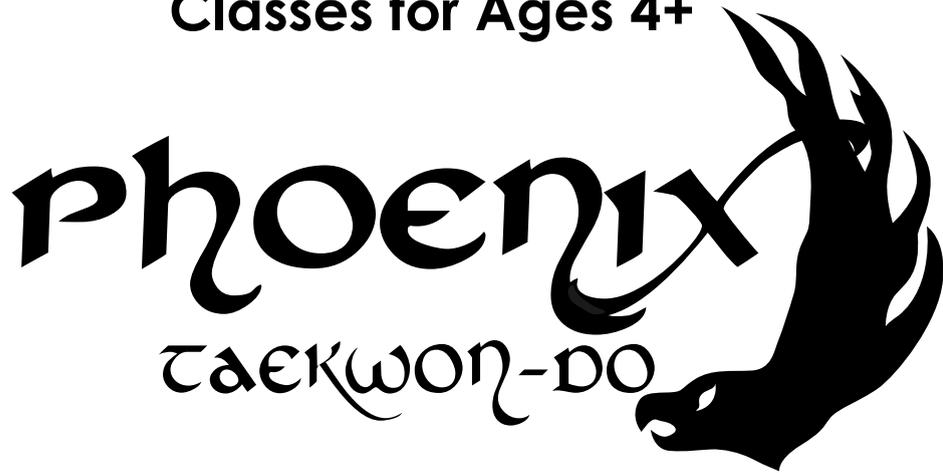
who you are as a person," Chauvet told the 30 gathered to hear the party's values.

Chauvet tackled the notion that CHP is a one issue party head on. "It is a pro-life party," he said. "But what is life? It is the unborn, but it is more than the unborn. It is not limited to that. The other issue like the budget come out of that or the richness of what life is all about and what it has to offer."

On the pro-life side of the party, Chauvet had strong words including calling for a federal study on the psychological impact of abortion on women. "You don't hear about the emotions and the struggles," he said. "In the campaign we will be presenting this — why not have the pro-choice people and the pro-life people do a study together to see the impact of abortion on women. I will suspect many pro-choice people won't want to see it. Why would you not want to have research done if you truly are pro-choice to see if there is a psychological impact?"

Chauvet also spoke about the national debt. "It is completely unacceptable to run a country, which becomes the parent in the care of all the citizens, and say, 'I will not be responsible fiscally. I will give all these things that the people want and then make them pay later,'" Chauvet said. "It's like saying to your kids, 'I'll provide all these things for you and when it's time to leave home at 18, here's the bill. Whatever it cost — you pay for it.' That's irresponsible government."

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New Morinville Christian School (MCS) Principal Rachel Ritchot came from Kelowna, BC where she ran an after-school program. Before that, she taught in Fort St. John. Ritchot will be teaching the senior students and oversee the more than 40 students attending the K to 12 school this year.

Ritchot said the school uses the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) program where students work on their own and she supervises their learning.

Ritchot said her teaching career is based on the needs of students, and she enjoys spending a lot of time on the art and décor, wanting children to feel welcome and safe while they learn academically. She has decorated the learning room and did a painting on the wall.

"I Love it. I am excited. I have great inertia behind me, great opportunities," Ritchot said, adding she felt there was a steep learning curve ahead. "Lots on my plate, but I am happy to get up and be in a classroom."

- Lucie Roy Photo



## Holmes new principal at Morinville Learning Centre

by Lucie Roy

Morinville Learning Centre's new Principal Thomas Holmes said there were lots of students attending the centre this year.

"We have students that are in High School that are upgrading classes, taking course work here because traditional classroom setting is not best for their learning," he said. "This could be students that want to go through a course faster than they might otherwise in a regular classroom."

Holmes said there were also adult learners coming to the centre to upgrade courses to get into college, university, or technical schools.

"We have older adult learners that never graduated with a diploma and want to come back and finish their diploma because they made a promise to themselves or to the family that that is something they would do," he said.

Homes said the Learning Centre reflects flexible learning for everybody.

"We meet students and adults at the level that they are at and we help them to achieve those goals," he said. "We have students that will work from home, that will pop into the Learning Centre and drop off their work for marking, but at the same time, we have students that will call our teachers on the phone and say, 'I am stuck on this section on my assignment; can you help me,'" he said. "The students have the flexibility to come in even if they work from home to get the help they need."

The centre also offers summer school. One does not have to be a Sturgeon School Division student to take courses there. Students from any jurisdiction are welcome.

Each year approximately 175 to 200 students go through the Morinville Learning Centre. This year they are forecast about 175 students by the second semester.

**Above:** Morinville Learning Centre Math and Science teacher Bill Crittenden, Social Studies and English Teacher Adele Johnson, Admin Assistant Tanya Sloan, and new Principal for the Morinville Learning Centre and Sturgeon Learning Centre Thomas Holmes. Absent from Photo Counsellor Miranda Candie and Admin Assistant Debi Thomas.

# Radford back as Catholic School Board chair

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville resident Noreen Radford is back as board chair of Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No.734. The board held their organizational meeting Aug. 31, a meeting that included an election for Board Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2015-2016 school year. Joining Radford is St. Albert Ward Trustee Rosaleen McEvoy, who will serve as Vice Chair. Both women were elected by acclamation.



"It's a privilege to be re-elected as Chair and to know that my fellow trustees have the confidence in my leadership in representing our communities," Radford said in a release. "This will be an exciting year for our District as we begin the groundwork for the construction of two new schools; a K-6 in Morinville and a K-9 in St. Albert. I'm blessed to be part of an outstanding District that achieves at the top provincially and to have the opportunity to expand Catholic Education to many more families in our communities with the opening of new schools."

Radford went on to say the District's families value the importance of education and faith in their child's development as future citizens and leaders in our communities.

Radford and McEvoy are joined by St. Albert Trustees Dave Caron, Joan Crockett, and Serena Shaw, and Legal Ward Trustee Cathy Proulx.

A by-election will take place this fall to replace Morinville Ward Trustee Brendan Kaup.

The board of seven trustees represent 16 schools in the District.

## GHP welcomes new staff

by Hayley Deveau, Primeau correspondent

Knapsacks have been packed and lunches prepared for the beginning of a new school year.

Georges H. Primeau has some new members to the Coyote family. The school would like to introduce them. New to Primeau is Mrs. Nadine Trenchard as Vice Principal, and teachers Mr. Michael Hrebi-en and Mr. Earl Victor.

The school's new Educational Assistants are Mrs. Theresa Barnes, Mrs. Sharon Van Brabant and Ms. Dawn Herrington-Rice.

We welcome them all to École Georges H. Primeau middle school, home of the Coyotes.



## Golden skies

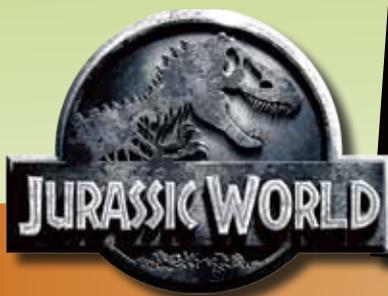
The sun sets in the sky over Morinville, casting an orange hue that is a harbinger of the coming colours of fall.

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## Sheldon Casavant kicks off magical season for CCC

by **Stephen Dafoe**

The Morinville Community Cultural Centre will kick off its fifth LIVE at the CCC performance series Sept. 26. Half a decade into bringing entertainment to Morinville it is no surprise that Cultural Services Coordinator Laurie Stalker sees this season as a magical time. It is also no surprise that the first show of that magical season is a magician. Sheldon Casavant will open the season with his entertaining and interactive show Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by Morinville Sobeys, offers families an

affordable afternoon of entertainment. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 per family (maximum four people).

Casavant is recognized as one of Canada's most sought after performers, one who involves his audience with a highly interactive repertoire of magic.

"It's a lot of audience participation; I get a lot of people up on stage to see the magic close up," Casavant said. "There is a lot of comedic interaction, amazing magic. Things float in the air, appear, disappear, and a lot of mysteries unfold."

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Casavant began his interest in magic at the age of 11 and has been performing for the past 19 years.

"Most kids go through that magic phase. For me, it didn't go away," he said. "I really became curious about it and began performing publicly, and it kind of kept growing and expanding from there. I think why magic appeals to me — from actually doing it — is the dedication in spending time to learn it, the craft. You kind of do that by yourself, but then it's the experience of actually performing it for an audience and getting that reaction. Giving that sense of mystery to others is a great payoff."

The performer is based in Edmonton but is seldom home, having performed across Canada, the United States, Mexico, Panama, China, as well as more than 600 shows in Japan. Casavant's Sept. 26 Morinville appearance is the first time he has been in the community in many years. He was last here in the fall of 2010 at a reading program fundraiser for École Notre Dame School.

Cultural Services Coordinator Laurie Stalker thinks a half decade is too long a gap for a magician as talented as Casavant.

"People have indicated through our audience surveys that they would like to see a magician on the CCC stage, and Sheldon Casavant is one of the best," Stalker said. "He has been nominated twice as Entertainer of the Year by the Canadian Events Industry, and was selected to perform at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. We are thrilled he will be our feature performer during Alberta Culture Days weekend on Sept. 26."

But Morinville will get more than Casavant's show. The magician recently wrote an illustrated children's book titled *Morton the Magician and his Magnificent Magic Show*. The character from that book will visit the Morinville Community Library prior to the afternoon show.

"It's about a young boy who wants to become a magician, and throughout the book he discovers the courage and confidence he needs to put on his first magic show," Casavant said of the children's book, adding the book will be available for sale at the Sept. 26 show. "Morton, the live roving character will be experiencing and creating magic with the guests."

Casavant said he is looking forward to returning to Morinville with his family-friendly, all-ages show. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$30 per family (maximum 4). They can be purchased at the cultural centre and [tixonthesquare.ca](http://tixonthesquare.ca).

## Eleven shows planned this season

Casavant is the first of 10 performances to hit the stage during the centre's fifth season. Stalker has four children's shows, two family shows, and three main stage events planned, as well as a special 5th Anniversary show now in the planning stages.

"We are all very excited about the upcoming season," she said. "We have several shows that are back by popular demand: Missoula Children's Theatre will provide an opportunity for our local kids to perform two full productions of the *Jungle Book*, and *Treehouse TV's Splash N Boots* are back with another fun, high energy show for all ages. Our fifth season offers another wide range of performances, from icon Sylvia Tyson to the drumming virtuosity and hilarity of BAM Percussion to Rainbow Dance Theatre, who's show is performed in black light."

Stalker is encouraging people to come out and "share the magic of live performance." The generous support of our sponsors helps make it possible to bring in great shows and to keep ticket prices accessible right here in Morinville," Stalker said, adding tickets for the season went on sale during last Thursday night's open house at the cultural centre.



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## Sunny day

Barbara MacArthur sent us this great shot of a sunflower and bee in her garden.



## Politicians gather

The Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce held their first monthly meeting after the summer break Sept. 2 with more than 65 registered guests in attendance. The first guest for the new Chamber year was the Honourable Rona Ambrose who spoke on the economy. Ambrose is the Conservative Party candidate for the new riding of Sturgeon River-Parkland. Mayor Lisa Holmes provided a brief update on the Arena/ Multi Use facility.

**From left:** Sturgeon County Mayor Tom Flynn, Councillor Nicole Boutestein, Chamber President Simon Boersma, Alexander First Nation Chief Kurt Burnstick, Hon. Rona Ambrose, Mayor Lisa Holmes and Councillor Brennan Fitzgerald.

- Lucie Roy Photo



## Wizard's quilt

Candence Foss (left) was the winner of this year's Summer Reading Program quilt. Shelley Faganello (right) made Harry Potter-themed quilt, which took her 20 hours of volunteer time.

- Submitted photo



## Workin' out

Nine-year-old Olivia St-Onge lifts some weights at one of the booths at Thursday night's Active Living Fair. The event offered residents an opportunity to see what was available in terms of health and wellness, as well as community groups.

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# Rotary Club of Morinville at front of Mentorship Program

by Lucie Roy

The Rotary Club of Morinville has partnered with Sturgeon School Division, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, and the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers & Big Sisters (BGCBBBS) of Edmonton. The groups will undertake a student mentorship program for students in Morinville and the surrounding community. A signing ceremony was held at the club's Sept. 2 meeting.

"Kids with mentors in their lives are more likely to finish school, less likely to turn to alcohol and drugs, and are more likely to have a better relationship with their parents as well as their peers," said BGCBBBS Executive Director Liz O'Neill. She went on to say Morinville will be the center of the efforts. "I think you have the opportunity and capacity to do maybe something much more national, and so I am proud I am going to get to do this work together in this community."

Rotary Club member Gordon Boddez, Director for Vocational Services, said part of the vision is to extend the program to Camilla School in Riviere Qui Barre in a year or two, and also eventually to Alexander First Nation.

In her presentation, Jeannette Macmillan said she has always been a relationship teacher. As such, the project is extremely important because there are always a group of students in class who are at risk and the majority of the time those students are reached through relationships and extracurricular activities. Once that relationship is established, they are then prepared to sit for language, social studies, math and science.

Carol Kaup, who was thanked along with MacMillan by O'Neill for being the boots on the ground for the initiative, was pleased. "What you are putting behind this project is well worth it," Kaup said. "We really felt in doing this. I taught Grade 3 for many years, and I think of the relationship I had with my students and all of them. Lots of times they are there in body, but no spirit left. That is what you want to build and when you build that then the learning comes and everything else comes. If they do not have a good feeling about themselves it isn't going to happen."

Notre Dame School Vice-Principal Liz Kleparchuk said the school is excited to begin the project. "I think the opportunity for our students at Notre Dame is going to be amazing," She said. "I am glad we are able to have partnerships and with everyone speaking about relationships that is what it is going to come down for our students — having a relationship with an adult outside of our building.

Morinville Public School Vice-Principal Shawna Walter is also looking forward to the program.

The program is set to start in local schools in January as an in-school



Gathered for the signing ceremony of the Rotary Club of Morinville Mentorship Program, Morinville Public School Vice-Principal Shawna Walter, Sturgeon School Division Ward 3 Trustee and Rotary member Shelley Porter, Sturgeon School Division Board Chair and Ward 6 Trustee Tracy Novak, Rotary Vocational Services Director Gordon Boddez, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Board Chair and Morinville Ward Trustee Noreen Radford, Notre Dame Vice-Principal Liz Kleparchuk, BGSBBBS Director of Service Delivery Kerry Woodland, Carol Kaup and Jeannette MacMillan. Seated in front to sign the documents, Greater St. Albert Schools Secretary Treasurer Deborah Schlag, BGCBBBS Executive Director Liz O'Neill, Rotary President Sheldon Fingler and Sturgeon School Division Director of Service Delivery Mark Lockwood

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mentoring program, which provides boys and girls with a role model and a friend to talk to and share the experiences of growing up within the school grounds.

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and today's largely unhealthy pre-packaged lunches or cafeteria "treats" can be temptations that many students find hard to avoid. To help your kids refuel at school, here are several ideas for packing a healthy lunch:

### Keep it interesting

Pack a small quantity of several foods in a Japanese-style, bento-type lunch box. Bento is a single-portion takeout or home-packed meal common in Japanese cuisine. A traditional bento holds rice, fish or meat, with pickled or cooked vegetables, usually in a box-shaped container. Each compartment is filled with uniquely shaped, colorful foods.

Bento boxes are a great way to offer healthy foods in a fun and attractive way. Have your child help cut sandwiches with cookie cutters into different shapes. Add colorful fruits and vegetables in different sizes, and pack yummy dips such as fat-free or low-fat yogurt or hummus.



### Pick a theme

Trigger your children's creative juices by suggesting themes, such as:

**The Dip:** Cut a baked chicken breast into strips, and pack them with honey mustard for dipping. Include carrots and broccoli to dip in fat-free or reduced-fat ranch dressing.

**Backward:** Make an inside-out sandwich using lettuce to wrap turkey, fat-free or low-fat cheese, and tomato.

**Mexican Food Mondays:** Set out whole-wheat tortillas, lettuce, fat-free or low-fat sour-cream, salsa, brown rice and beans that aren't refried, and have your student build healthy burritos or tacos.

### Forget the white bread

Banish boredom by using whole-grain pitas, tortillas or rolls for sandwiches. Switch out the fillers, too. For example:

\* If your child loves peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches, try a peanut-butter and banana roll-up. Spread peanut butter on a whole-grain tortilla, add a sliced banana, and roll!

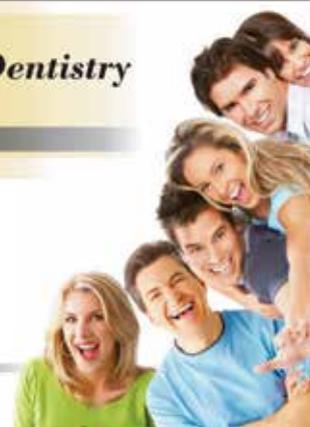
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### Watch the sugar

Don't forget that juice and sodas can be high in sugar and calories. Replace them with water, or fat-free or low-fat milk.

So, before you roll up your sleeves and call on your young helpers, arm yourself with these and other ideas for making a healthy lunch that your children will look forward to all morning. Try packing my kid-pleasing Sneak-Attack Veggie Dip in your child's lunch, along with some low-fat cheese, low-sodium crackers or baked tortilla chips for dipping or as a topping for pizzas, bagels or whole wheat pasta. You also can use this versatile dip on a whole-wheat tortilla. Add some low-fat or fat-free mozzarella cheese, then melt, roll and slice.

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Morinville lawyer Andrew Lawson is an active athlete. He is joining three Calgary friends on a 300-km fundraising cycle ride through Guatemala later this month.

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## Local lawyer to cycle 300-km for charity

by Stephen Dafoe

Putnam and Lawson partner Andrew Lawson will join four friends from Calgary in cycling 300 kilometres through Guatemala as a fundraiser for Cause Canada and maternal health. The group leaves Sept. 27 and returns Thanksgiving weekend.

No stranger to athletics, the 60-year-old barrister said he has been an avid runner for the last decade. He has run in the Chicago and Boston Marathons and the Rim to Rim to Rim event at the Grand Canyon.

"I'm getting on in years, but I have determined that age shouldn't impact on the ability to engage and enjoy," Lawson said. "I've always run recreationally. I find it is a great way of combining exercise and relieving stress. It's a great running community as well; it pulls people together. When I turned 50, I began to run a little more, and began to become a little more competitive."

Lawson said when he is running on single track trails; he feels alive. "I know I'm alive," he said. "All your senses are alert and active and happening. It's just a way for me of enjoying nature. There are three components to happiness from what I'm told: nature, physical exercise and community. I find that running combines or does a good amalgam of all of those."

Last summer Lawson teamed up with some Calgary friends that call themselves Old Guys in Action. The group went to Kenya and ran with some people there, but a return fundraiser was not in the cards this year.

"There are three components to happiness from what I'm told: nature, physical exercise and community."

- Andrew Lawson

"We were planning on a fundraising marathon for Kenya, but political instability and organizational problems arose," he said.

Instead, Old Guys in Action will do their athletic fundraising in Central America this year. The trip coincides with a federal grant currently available that will match each dollar raised with \$6.50 from the feds.

"It's to assist new moms with new infants," Lawson said. "It's an interesting opportunity to dovetail physical exertion and challenges with a great cause."

The Old Guys in Action will fly to Guatemala City and travel with their bikes to Todos Santos to begin their 300-km cycling trek.

"It's not so much the distance because it's only 300 kilometres," Lawson said. "It's at a high altitude [atmosphere] with a lot of elevation."

The group is looking to raise \$40,000 for Cause Canada, monies that will multiply to \$260,000 with the matching federal grant.

Cause Canada — Christian Aid For Under-Assisted Societies Everywhere — has been in the area for five years running prenatal health centres. The funds will help the organization in the development and provision of maternal health care.

"If we can each raise ten grand each, that's the goal," Lawson said. "It's challenging but achievable."

Those interested in supporting Lawson and Cause Canada can do so online at [www.cause.ca/donate](http://www.cause.ca/donate).

# Morinville Kings ready to skate in expanded league

by Stephen Dafeo

The Morinville Senior AA Kings are looking to build on two successful seasons in the North Central Hockey League (NCHL) this fall when they take to the ice in an expanded league.

"It was an amazing two seasons, and now we are getting ready to add to that," said Kings President Wayne Gatza. "We've got some players that won't be coming back. That happens every year, but we have some promising prospects coming in with some AJHL experience. And there're some guys familiar with this arena that played with the [North Edmonton] Red Wings that have expressed interest in coming with us. So now we're going to add to that younger, core group."

Gatza said this season saw the departure of first line center Shane O'Neil for his new home in Vancouver. Danny Forbes has also decided to pack it in this season, and Gatza said he is not expecting Jeremiah Burak to return to the ice when the Kings begin their season.

"On the bright side, we have four new defencemen coming out to join us," Gatza said, adding he could not yet disclose who those players were.

The Kings will hit the ice the week of Sept. 20 and will hold an exhibition game against CFB Edmonton's team, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 26 or 27.

The Senior AA players regular season starts Oct. 16 at home with an out-of-the-gate contest against the Drayton Valley Wildcats, a club Gatza said the Kings have never managed to defeat in the team's two-season history. "Obviously, we want to win," Gatza said of the home ice opener.

## Expanded League – same number of games

The NCHL expands this year to add the Daysland Northstars, Bonnyville Pontiacs, Big Valley Oil Kings, and Tofield Satellites, four teams from the Battle River Senior Hockey League. The Drayton Valley Wildcats also return to the league after a year on leave.

Gatza said the increase of four teams to a 12-team league would not increase the number of contests each play. "We're going with a 16-game schedule, and we are divided into two divisions," Gatza said. "Because of travel, that will be great. There were lots of talks [as to] if we would go with a 24-game schedule or stick with 16. Sixteen was what everyone decided on."

The 16-game set up will give the Kings eight home and eight away games. October will see the Kings doing back-to-back home games.

"We don't go on the road, so we are hoping we can fill the barn and show those new teams what kind of support we have behind us," Gatza said.

The Morinville Kings home opener against the Drayton Valley Wildcats is Oct. 16 at the Ray McDonald Sports Centre. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

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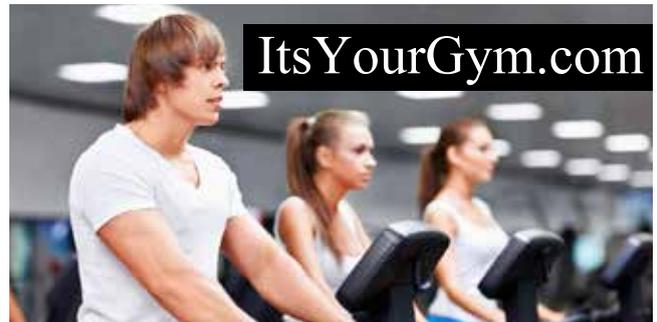
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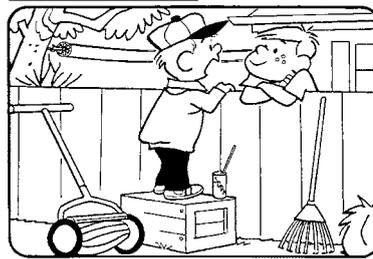
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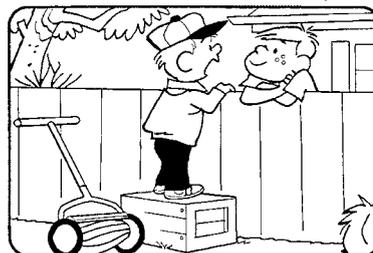
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### ACROSS

- 1 Eastern potentate (Var.)
- 5 Musical symbol
- 9 Do some lawnwork
- 12 Scoop holder
- 13 Verdi opera
- 14 Indivisible
- 15 Newlyweds' rip
- 17 "— Town"
- 18 Acute
- 19 Feel
- 21 Madison Avenue types
- 24 Marshy tracts
- 25 Suitable
- 26 Horse-drawn carriage
- 30 Yoko of music
- 31 Top of a wave
- 32 "— Got a Secret"
- 33 Army bigwigs
- 35 Soon, in verse
- 36 Crazy bird
- 37 Mix
- 38 Khaki fabric
- 40 Calif meat (Fr.)
- 42 Tatter
- 43 The Who drummer

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- 48 Ordinal suffix
- 49 "Born Free" heroine
- 50 Pleasant
- 51 Drenched
- 52 Use a rotary phone
- 53 Saxophone range
- 8 Splays
- 9 Backwoods' beverage
- 10 Burden
- 11 "The Way We —"
- 16 Longing
- 20 Early bird?
- 21 Eager
- 22 Finished
- 23 Hold two jobs
- 24 Employer
- 26 Cereal choice
- 27 Prot. or Cath.
- 28 Shakespear's river
- 29 Repair
- 31 Bent
- 34 A billion years
- 35 Bryn Mawr graduate, e.g.
- 37 Scrooge's cry
- 38 Staff
- 39 Loathe
- 40 Passport endorsement
- 41 And others (Lat.)
- 44 Inventor
- 45 Lubricate
- 46 Autumn mo.
- 47 Ultra-modern

### DOWN

- 1 German interjection
- 2 Cattle call?
- 3 Hostel
- 4 Stunk
- 5 Arrived
- 6 49-Across, e.g.
- 7 Tokyo's old name

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- ### Trivia test
- by Fifi Rodriguez
- GEOGRAPHY:** In what country is the city of Sao Paulo located?
  - MUSIC:** What singer made the song "Mack the Knife" famous?
  - HISTORY:** When were the anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti executed for crimes that they may not have committed?
  - LITERATURE:** Who wrote the children's book "Charlotte's Web"?
  - EDUCATION:** Which field of study has been described as "the dismal science"?
  - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president's nickname was "Old Hickory"?
  - MATH:** What is the decimal equivalent of the fraction 3/4?
  - MOVIES:** What film features the theme park "Walley World"?
  - ASTRONOMY:** In which constellation is the Big Dipper located?
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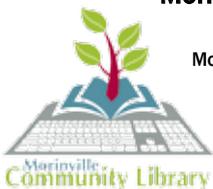
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