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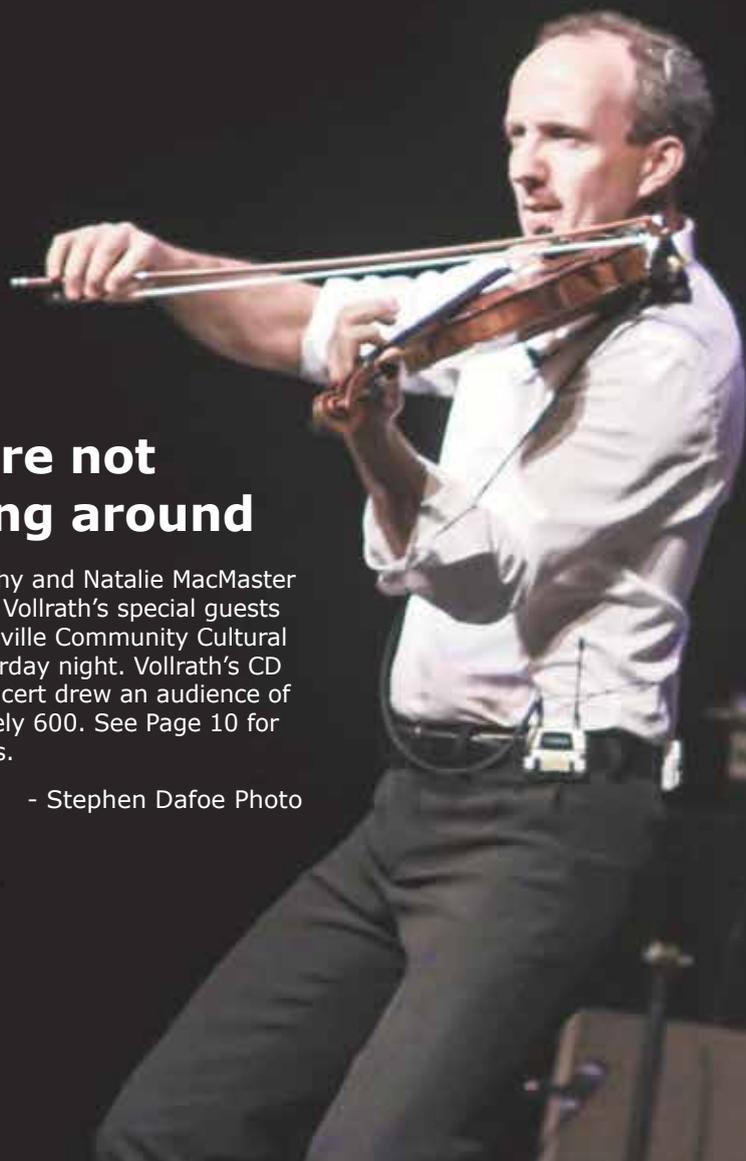
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## They're not fiddling around

Donnell Leahy and Natalie MacMaster were Calvin Vollrath's special guests at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre Saturday night. Vollrath's CD Release Concert drew an audience of approximately 600. See Page 10 for more photos.

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**Right:** Sturgeon Composite High School student Aaron Rabski

**Below:** Sturgeon Composite High School student Lane Lawrence.



## Service clubs give area students a glimpse of their potential futures

by Lucie Roy

Adventures trips are an annual outing for high school students to experience a taste of what their future could be like. On May 20, students Lane Lawrence and Aaron Rabski spoke to local Rotarians about their experiences on recent Adventures in Technology and Adventures in Citizenship trips.

### Adventures in Tehnology

Sturgeon Composite High School student Lane Lawrence of Calahoo spoke to local Rotarians May 20 about his experiences on a Rotary trip to Saskatoon Apr. 27 to May 1. Lawrance was one of the 30 high school and three exchange students from across Western Canada to attend the Adventures in Technology (AIT) event, which involves exploration of advanced technology, research, development and applications.



Lawrence said his group toured different businesses looking at what kinds of new and innovative technology they use in real life situations and day to day business.

One of the companies Lawrence toured, WBM Office Systems, is one of Canada's Top 50 largest IT Solution providers. They supply technical office solutions, including printers, photocopiers, and computers. "They install it

and once installed maintain it and you can run your own business without worrying about updates on computers or fixing printers," he said. "I'd like that. I like computers; I am into that kind of scene. I took an IT course last semester and found that one [WBM] really interesting."

Another company Lawrence liked was Space Engineering Division (SED), who develop and integrate systems used in communications, test and control systems. "They are heavily involved in the satellite communications sector where they serve satellite manufacturers and operators," he said, adding he saw a satellite control center that for an American dish network. "It was a big cable company down there, and they actually run that. I enjoyed SED the most due to the fact that I understood a lot of the things they explained there. My Dad has a history in that kind of stuff; he is a radio technician, and some of the work benches reminded me of my work bench — messy and stuff everywhere. I also saw a possible future of working at SED or a place similar to it."

But the visits to tech businesses has not solidified his thoughts on what to do after school. "Throughout the trip, I didn't see anything in exactly what I envision myself doing," he said. "I enjoy sitting behind a computer and figuring things out, solving problems, and learning something while doing it. While I didn't see anything like that, I could see myself building a career at a place like SED, WBM or Agtron in a sort of specialized position. This trip really opened my eyes as to what kinds of fields there are to make a living in."

### Adventures in Citizenship

Sturgeon Composite High School student Aaron Rabski was one of the 200 senior high school students from across the country to be the Rotary Club of Ottawa's guest in the National Capital Region May 2 to 6.

For the 65th year, the club has sponsored the four-day Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program to promote a better understanding of the meaning

and responsibilities of Canadian Citizenship. Students selected for the trip have been recognized as the future leaders.

The program provides better understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship. Students return home with greater insights into the shared values and diversity of all Canadians.

Rabski, who hopes one day to be a senator, said he had no idea what to expect as he had never been to Ottawa before. Though he was not sure what he was getting into, in the end he said he "totally enjoyed the trip."

Activities included a walk to Parliament Hill, the House of Commons Chamber, presentations by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, foreign diplomats, and First Nations. Rabski said the group attended a Citizenship Ceremony where he took part and renewed his Canadian Citizenship.

The student said the schedule was tight and ran from early in the morning until late at night. The first full day included a mock election campaign where participants campaigned from within their groups and elected their own Prime Minister. Rabski said he was happy with the speeches and debates and happier still to be on the campaign team of the political candidate selected as Prime Minister.

"[It was a] great experience to be part of that," he said, adding a personal highlight of the trip for him was touring the Parliament Building, sitting in the House of Commons, and seeing where things actually happen.



## Give a little bit

Sheila Scharmann donated blood at the Mobile Blood Donor Clinic held at the Rendez-Vous Centre May 19. The next clinics are scheduled for July 14, Sept 15 and Dec. 8.

- Lucie Roy Photo



## Volunteers appreciated

Kelli Allen sits with her daughter Dacie at the MPS Volunteer tea held Thursday afternoon. The guests of honour were the parents who volunteer their time for school events and functions. Sixty parents responded to the call and were served cake, iced tea or juice by the Grade 5 students. Grades 1 to 4 entertained the audience with song. Parents were also presented with a gift as a token of appreciation. Students also created artwork for the event which filled the gym walls.

- Lucie Roy Photo



## Freezies for funds

Notre Dame School students Morgan Sweezie, Hannah Ralph and Clare Rollston spoke at the Freezie Fundraiser for Development and Peace May 20. The Fundraiser is in support of the school division's efforts to build a school in the Philippines with the Development and Peace organization. Students, teachers and staff watched a presentation of the areas hit by the typhoon in the Philippines and the daily life of the children at work and at play. Development and Peace supports people internationally who are impoverished or facing injustice. It promotes education and social change throughout the world.

-Lucie Roy Photo

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# Letter: MLA offers thanks

Dear Editor:

As the newly elected MLA, I wish to express my thanks, and at the same time, reaffirm my dedication to effectively represent our region. My sincere congratulations and thanks to the many volunteers and party workers from each of the parties. Your efforts are so very important because you help ensure lively public debate. It was an honour and pleasure for me to work with our team of Wildrose volunteers. Thank you so very much.

The makeup of the new legislative assembly in Edmonton will be quite different than it's been in the past. Overall, voters have decided the NDP will hold a majority government.

Voters have also decided that Wildrose will be the Official Opposition. It's a responsibility my colleagues and I take seriously because legislative opposition is a necessary and essential part of good government. Over the years, legislative analysts have repeatedly pointed out that effective opposition is the only way to ensure the people are accurately represented, because effective opposition is the "chief bulwark" against the



irresistible temptation every elected government will have toward using compulsion and what is often called "bureaucratic empire."

My sincere best wishes to candidates Maureen Kubinec and Tristan Turner.

I wish our new premier, Rachel Notley; Leader of the Official Opposition, Brian Jean and each and every MLA who will be part of the next session of the Alberta Legislature, the very best as they discharge the responsibilities that have been entrusted to

them by the people of Alberta.

As your MLA, my door is wide open to every member of the constituency. Please contact me at any time regarding any matter. My job is to listen, represent, and to work with you, and for you.

Yours truly,

**Glenn van Dijken, MLA**  
**Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock**

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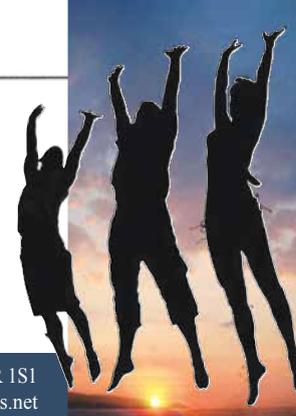
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### Suspect dead after Morinville RCMP shooting

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) has been directed by the Director of Law Enforcement to investigate an RCMP officer-involved shooting.

Morinville RCMP members were called to a person in distress event in remote rural Morinville, near Range Road 263 at approximately 8:40 p.m., May 22.

There was a discharge of a firearm by the RCMP and one adult male suspect was fatally shot.

No other details are available at this time as to why the suspect was shot.

The RCMP has fully contained the scene and there is no threat to the safety of the public.

No other persons, police or public, have been injured.

### Major Morinville road closed

According to the Town of Morinville's Facebook page (no notice was issued to media) 100 Street motorists will need to find another route to work for part of this week.

CN is planning a temporary road closure on 100 Street south of 95 Avenue in Morinville. The road will be closed from 8 a.m. May 27 until 9 p.m. May 28. CN is closing the road to allow them to make upgrades to the CN Railway crossing.

The Town is advising residents to use Highway 2 or East Boundary Road (RR252) as alternate routes in and out of the community.

Pedestrian and non-motorized bike traffic will not be affected and will be escorted through the work zone.

For further information please contact CN Rail at 1-780-268-0525.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the wonderful volunteers and supporters who worked so hard and contributed so generously during our recent campaign. It was certainly an interesting journey that took us to many homes and businesses in this great constituency of Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock.

#### To all of my volunteers:

You will never know how much I appreciate your support and help. We all learned a lot and had fun along the way. Thank you, thank you!

#### To the constituents of Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock:

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your MLA for the last three years. I have learned so much and will always cherish the lessons and memories. We live in an exciting province in an amazing country. We must never take that for granted. God Bless.

*Maureen Kubinec*

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### Sturgeon Hockey Club

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**May 27 - 7 - 9 p.m.**  
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Novice	2007 - 2008	\$465
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Peewee	2003 - 2004	\$625
Bantam	2001 - 2002	\$675
Midget	1998 - 2000	\$700

A LATE FEE of \$200 will be charged AFTER June 24th but does not apply to new registrations. Fee does not include \$50 Gala ticket which is also due at Registration.

Incomplete registrations will NOT be accepted.

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## Thank You!

The Town of Morinville and Pitch-In Canada thank all of our wonderful "Clean Sweepers" who participated in our annual Operation Clean Sweep Event. Your energy, enthusiasm and great community spirit helped make this one of our best sweeps ever! Thank you to our local schools, businesses, residents, sponsors and partners. Keeping the community looking good is not just a one day event! Let's keep the "Clean Sweep" spirit up all year long!

## Seniors' Celebration Thursday, June 4, 2015



Come out and celebrate being a senior with a proper **English Tea**. We will be serving fancy sandwiches and delectable sweets in the foyer of the Community Cultural Centre (9502-100 Ave.)

- Entertainment
- Transportation can be requested
- Choice of times: 10:00 to 11:30 am or 2:00 to 3:30 pm

This event is **Free**, but an RSVP is required to select your time.

Register by calling 780 939 7833  
Registration Deadline: 4:30 pm on May 29

**Make sure to wear your best spring hat!**



## Reuse It or "Loose It"

**May 30 & 31, 2015**  
**Ray McDonald Sports Center (9908-104 Street)**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**



Residents are invited to set "loose" items no longer wanted or needed (but still useable) by bringing them to a central location for others to browse through and take home **FREE OF CHARGE**. This event lessens our environmental impact by sending less to the landfill.

The Town provides a removal service for residents with disability or mobility issues, and for those who are participating in the 2015 Town-wide garage sale.

For more information call Public Works at 780-939-2590.

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## Council Community Grants

**2<sup>nd</sup> Intake Deadline: May 30**

If you are a not for profit organization, have not applied in this fiscal year, and have a project that benefits our community, you may qualify for assistance through the Council Community Grants Program.



For more information regarding this program, please contact Melonie Dziwenka in Community Services at 780-939-7833.





## Photo Contest

We are in the process of designing the Fall Community Guide and are looking for your great fall photographs that showcase Morinville. Whether you are out walking the dog, kids playing in fallen leaves, or you are attending a great Morinville event, we would love to have it! Email your best fall pictures to [fbergman@morinville.ca](mailto:fbergman@morinville.ca)! From all of the photos received we will choose a selection to appear throughout the guide! We may also choose a winning photograph or two to appear on the cover with photo credit recognition on page two. Let's showcase what makes this community so great!

**Please email your high resolution photos by May 30, 2015!**



Notice of Annual Meeting  
**The Morinville Historical and Cultural Society**

will hold their  
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on **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

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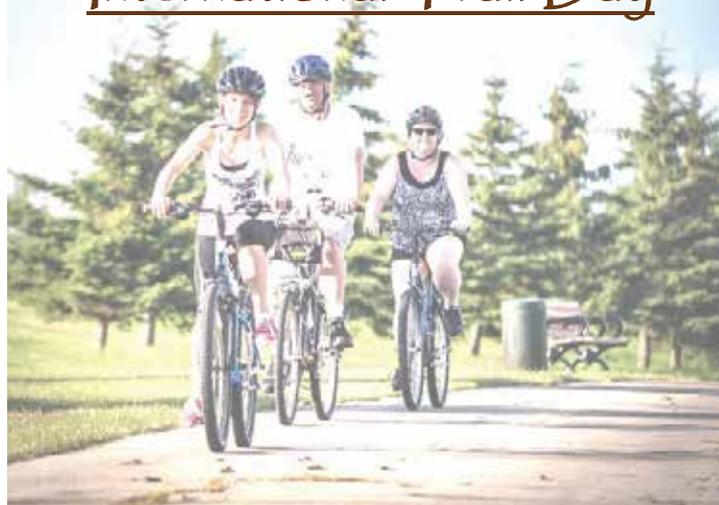
## Did you participate in the Town-wide garage sale on May 23?

If you have leftover items, you can contact Public Works at 780-939-2590 and they will come and retrieve your leftovers for free and bring them to the Reuse It or "Loose it" event taking place **May 30 & 31 at the Ray McDonald Arena from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

*Please note:*

*Pickup of items will only be done from outside of the home, and this service is ONLY for residents who have registered their garage sale with the town for the May 23 event.*

## International Trail Day



When: June 6 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Where: Morinville Fish and Game Club (107 St. & 107 Ave.)  
 Cost: Free

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## Development Permit Public Notice

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

**DP074/2015** – As-Built Detached Garage – 817 Grandin Drive (Lot 63, Block 30, Plan 922 2863) – Minimum Required Rear Yard - Variance (R-1B 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 780-939-7857 or visit [www.morinville.ca/planningnews](http://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 June 10, 2015. Appeals can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by calling 780-939-4361.

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# Police seek assistance in Bon Accord robbery

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville RCMP responded to a call at the Bon Accord Mac's convenience store May 19 at approximately 10:10 p.m., where a lone male entered and robbed the store at gun point. The lone Caucasian male entered the Mac's store brandishing a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. The male was wearing all black and had his face covered, except for eyes, with a black bandana. The male entered the till area where he pointed the handgun at the clerk, pushed him out of the way, and was able to gain access to two tills where an undisclosed amount of money was taken. The money stolen was in bills and coins. The male then left the store and ran north into the Town of Bon Accord. Morinville

RCMP along with Traffic Services were on scene within minutes of the call but the male was not located. The male is described as 5'9" - 5'10", weighing 160 to 170 lbs.

He is in his early- to mid-20s with short blonde hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a black hoodie with white lettering on the front, blue jeans with white stitching, a black bandana, red and white sneakers, and black gloves. The weapon is described as a black and silver handgun.

The Morinville RCMP is requesting the public's assistance in locating the offender. Anyone with information is asked to call the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4550. They can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-847, or by internet at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

# Morinville RCMP not behind phoney CRA collection calls

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville RCMP are advising the community they have no intention of arresting people if they don't hand over the money some Morinville residents say they have been asking them for.

Some older residents have recently been targeted by a fraudster posing as a Morinville RCMP member.

Constable Peter Tearle told Morinville News the caller is very aggressive in their demands for money. "The person has a very thick accent, and what they're doing is they're either saying they are from the CRA [Canada Revenue Agency], or sometimes they are posing as a police officer and saying there is a warrant out for your arrest," Tearle said. "They're using this actual address.

They'll say that they require money. They are very aggressive and they will try to get ways for you to pay the money."

The constable said it is extremely important that residents understand the RCMP do not call people on the phone, never ask for money, and always identify who they are. "We'll give our regimental numbers, and we'll go see them face-to-face or make them come here. We just want the public to be aware. It's of the utmost importance."

Tearle said the recent scam complaints identified 613-704-1303 as the caller's number.

Those receiving these types of scam calls should not give any personal information, get a name and a number, and call it into the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4550.



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## Town testing new crosswalk markings

by Morinville News Staff

Public Works crews ended Public Works Week Friday installing some new crosswalk markings. Morinville Public Works Department employees installed thermoplastic pavement markings at the intersection of 100 Street and 90 Avenue across from the No Frills Gas Bar.

The Markings are made with surface applied and intermixed glass beads to provide both high initial retro reflectivity and better visibility throughout its service life. The material cools and sets rapidly within a few minutes of application.

Although the system costs approximately \$2,000 per crossing, it is believed to last for years. The Town currently paints crosswalks twice each year.

The new material will be tested at a few high traffic areas in town, including the crosswalks at the Firehall and at the Husky and Tempo Gas Bar crossing.



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## Vollrath packs the house

Canadian fiddler and composer Calvin Vollrath was back in Morinville Friday through Sunday for three days of fiddle music. Vollrath held a Dine & Dance event Friday night, followed it up with his CD Release Concert with special guests Donnell Leahy and Natalie MacMaster Saturday night, and closed the weekend Sunday afternoon with a Fiddle Gala.

## Red Skelton show entertains

by Lucie Roy

skelton5AI Greenwood entertained more than 40 residents and guests at the Chateau Sturgeon Lodge Thursday night with his Reflections of Red: A Tribute to Red Skelton. Favourite Skelton characters included the Two Seagulls, Gertrude and Heathcliff, Clem Kadiddlehopper and Freddie the Freeloader.

The American comedian's well-loved characters came to life in a comedy routine that pleased the crowd. Greenwood spent time with his audience after the show, posing for pictures and enjoying some refreshments.

Greenwood has been a professional clown for more than 30 years and is the only Canadian that performs as Red Skelton. Residents found Greenwood's voice and facial expressions to be a close representation of the American comedian whose show ran on television from 1951 to 1971.

**Right:** Greenwood doing Skelton's two seagulls routine.

**Inset:** AI Greenwood in the character of Freddie the Freeloader poses with Leo Charrois.



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# Sports Briefs

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## Christmas in June Toy Run open to all



by Stephen Dafoe

More than 100 motorcycle riders are expected to start and stop in Morinville June 6 for a new motorcycle event that will support the Midstream Support Society.

But organizers of the first Christmas in June Toy Run are hoping those without a bike will come out and support the event as well.

"Individuals who do not have a motorcycle to ride for this particular event can also help out by coming to the event," said co-organizer Deb Robillard. "Even if they aren't riding a motorcycle, if they fill out a registration form and pay the \$25, they will also be entitled to an [event] t-shirt."

Additionally, Robillard said the purchase of hamburgers at \$5 each, or the donation of a toy to the cause all helps out. The barbecue, sponsored by Coach's Corner will take place in the parking lot between Coach's Corner and Capital Health around noon, June 6.

### Passion for motorcycle sports

Lions Club members and motorcycle enthusiasts Marty and Deb Robillard came up with the idea to hold the event, and The Morinville Lions Club were quick to lend their support.

The Lions will be assisting with sponsorship, registrations and promoting the event, as well as providing volunteers to help run the Toy Run on June 6.

The Robillards are personally stepping up through their business Technical Automotives and will be matching the entry fee for the first 100 riders dollar for dollar.

The event is a rain or shine event. The route departs from Technical Automotives in the industrial park and will wind its way through Onaway, Alberta Beach, Barrhead, Westlock, before returning to Morinville.

Organizers are looking to make the event an annual one. Although the Midstream Support Society's Santa Store will be the recipient of this summer's event, the benefactor may change each year. Regardless of the cause, riders will be encouraged to bring a toy.

Registration for the event is \$25 per participant. Registration forms are available at Technical Automotives or TASER Inc. in the industrial park. They are also available online at [wp.me/p4nfyh-7Rx](http://wp.me/p4nfyh-7Rx).

Registration will also take place Friday, June 5 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Technical Automotives and Saturday morning up until 9:30 a.m.

Those interested in pre-registering can call 780-939-3976 or 780-907-8139. Riders are encouraged to register in advance. Those who register in advance will receive a goody bag of local items.

# Sports camp looks to develop total athletes

by Stephen Dafoe

The Town of Morinville is holding a Sports Camp July 6 to 10 offering children aged 6 to 12 a variety of athletic activities in which they can participate. The camp will run from noon until 4 p.m. each day.

"The aim is to promote physical literacy, so we are going to introduce a variety of different sports and different fundamental skills," said Summer Sports Camp Coordinator Lauren Henderson.

Organizers are hoping the 20 hours of full on sports will lay down a foundation that promotes a healthier lifestyle beyond the summer camp, one that provides skills to help children stay in sports longer.

Henderson said after the age of 12, children become less confident in their movements and often pursue other interests. "It's [the age] where they quit their sports and sit at home playing video games," she said. "We find that they're not getting enough physical activity per day. This [program] will help them be confident in their ability to play these sports and find a sport that's right for them."

The Sports Camp will combine a variety of sports into five days. Dodgeball, basketball, rope climbing, rock climbing, cross fit, yoga, bowling, mini golf, floor hockey, floor ringette, rugby, and ultimate frisbee are all in the week-long mix.

Tyler Edworthy, Morinville's Operations and Program Coordinator, said the importance of the program is developing skill sets that participants can carry to whatever sport they wish to pursue.

"This is long-term athlete development," he said. "This will give them a full set of tools to be successful in that sport or sports. There is starting to be a huge shift in multi-sport activities and development. If you look at any camp, whether hockey camp, football camp, baseball camp, they all do a physical assessment before they do their picks. They draw on those results more than they do the on the ice training. They can create a hockey player, a basketball player, a football player. They can't create an athlete by the time that they are 14 or 16. If they don't have those fundamentals down, it takes 10 times longer to teach a 16 year old than a six-year-old."

Registration deadline is June 25. For more information contact Lauren Henderson at 780-939-7841.

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### Benefits of Editing Workshop

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### Loose Threads

Monday, June 1st 6:00 - 9:00 pm

### Knit Wits

Tuesday, June 2nd 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### Lego Club

Wednesday, June 3rd 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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