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The Morinville outdoor arena was filled with lumberjacks and logging skills on Fathers' Day, the last day of this year's St. Jean Baptiste Festival. Looking to add a little something different to the festival mix, the Morinville Festival Society brought in competitors from Can-Log to entertain audiences with Canada's ultimate extreme heritage sport. See Page 20 for more photos.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Pastor Lou and Shirley Brunelle are retiring after four decades of faith-based teaching. The Morinville couple have been at Morinville Christian School for the past seven years.

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Couple retiring after four decades of faith-based teaching

by Stephen Dafoe

Pastor Lou and Shirley Brunelle say goodbye to Morinville Christian School this week after 39 years of faith-based teaching. Although the couple began their teaching careers in Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1976 — he a Grade 5 teacher, she as a Kindergarten teacher — the couple have called Morinville home for the past seven years.

"We carpool each day," Pastor Lou Brunelle said. "It's funny, we carpooled when we started our first job in 1976. We lived in a little town 20 minutes away. And 39 years later we are finishing our career carpooling again and teaching at the same school [just] as we did way back then."

Though the couple is sorry to be leaving the school, they are looking forward to spending time with their children and six grandchildren. The Brunelles have a daughter moving from Ohio to California this year and a son who lives in British Columbia.

"We're just looking forward to spending some extended time with them, not just the five or six days that we get here and there," Shirley said.

Beyond added family time, the couple is hoping to spend a little time travelling as well. However, having taught school, ballroom dancing and even boating courses over the past 39 years, the couple is certain they will continue to educate even in retirement.

Over their careers, the Brunelles have had a variety of experiences as educators and a variety of fond memories.

For Shirley Brunelle, the family atmosphere created at Morinville Christian School over the past seven years will be the fondest memory she takes away from her time at the school. "Working together I've learned a lot just having to keep up with the kids, researching along the way," she said.

For Lou Brunelle, two international trips with the school's high school students are among his fond recollections of the time spent at the school. One trip was a missions trip to Mexico. The other was a trip to an international student convention in Missouri where students competed in some activities

"I love travelling with kids and organizing activities," he said. "I love taking them to another culture and learning as we go."

Both educators take away many fond memories of the staff, teachers and parents at the school they have called home. "It's just a wonderful atmosphere," Lou said. "We both thoroughly enjoy coming to work each day and just enjoy the children and the parents and the staff very much. It is certainly with mixed feelings that we are pulling the plug. It is not an easy decision."

The Brunelles are planning on remaining in Morinville for the present but do have plans to move back to Saskatoon where the couple met in University and spent 30 years of their nearly four-decade teaching career. "We sort of feel the sense to go back home," Lou Brunelle said, adding they have been away from the community for 14 years. "We did a four-year stretch in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a four-year stretch in Regina Beach. Fourteen years away from home and we feel like it's time to go back."

But the couple will not just be leaving the school when they eventually

move, but they will also leave the broader Community of the Father's House Christian Fellowship.

"I've seen it grow. I've seen the volunteerism grow exponentially," Pastor Brunelle said of the church. "We just have massive amounts of people jumping in and helping out in all these ministry areas."

For Shirley, there has been joy in seeing the large number of young married couples that have joined and found encouragement in the church in recent years. "It's exciting to watch the whole refreshing energy that precipitates people experiencing something for the first time," she said. "The fellowship through the care groups that we have in the church has caused people to network with people in a way that is just healthy."

The influx of fresh young faces in the church has transferred to the student population at the school. The Brunelles have seen seven Kindergarten students at the school this year, a number higher than previous years. Eight are already confirmed for this fall, five for the following year, and 10 preregistered for the fall of 2017.

"You can see where this thing is going," Pastor Brunelle said, adding he expects the school will need more space for the 2017 school year. "It's a good problem to have."

Families and students had another opportunity to bid farewell to the Brunelles at the Morinville Christian School Awards Night held in St. Albert June 18.

Chan returns to town to tell his tales

by Stephen Dafoe

Author Marty Chan brought a little magic and a lot of story telling to the Morinville Community Library Thursday night as part of his launch tour for *Infinity Coil*, book two in the Ehrich Weisz trilogy. The young adult novel is a steam punk tale of a young Harry Houdini and features other prominent figures from history, including Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison.

Although the 50-year-old writer's latest adventure takes place in an alternate version of New York, the inspiration for his first two books came from Morinville, the community he called home in the 1970s.

Chan's parents and a younger sibling still call the community home, and the author has fond memories of growing up in town when his father owned a grocery store here.

The writer's first two books: *The Mystery of the Frozen Brains* and *The Mystery of the Graffiti Ghoul* were both inspired by childhood events he experienced in Morinville. The former from seeing some brains in his parent's refrigerator and thinking his parents might be aliens, the latter from his time living in an apartment building near the Morinville cemetery. *The Mystery of the Frozen Brains* earned Chan the City of Edmonton Book Prize in 2005.

The writer's time in Morinville was chronicled in The *Dim Sum Diaries*, which ran on CBC Radio Edmonton from 1994 to 2000. The commentary series told Chan's tale of being "the only Chinese kid in a small prairie town."

As was the case with his first two children's novels, Chan has continued to put a creative and entertaining fictional spin on his real life experiences and recommends the process for other writers.

"The best thing you can do for yourself is to pay attention to the world around you," Chan told his Morinville Library audience. "I think it is a source of inspiration that can eventually feed into a story."

Though Chan has spent roughly the last decade writing for children, and young adults, he is also well known in the theatrical and television world. He has written several theatrical plays, including an upcoming musical for Sheridan College in Ontario.

Author Marty Chan demonstrates how Houdini was put in a straight jacket. Houdini is the central character in Chan's latest young adult novel series.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Infinity Coil is currently available in print and ebook format. For more information on the book and author visit martychan.com.

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Is food bank reform needed?

Editor:

I am thankful that the food bank is there to help those in need and grateful for those who donate to it. However, I believe that as it is run now, it is doing a very limited job of helping. I know a single mom who has two boxes of random canned goods of low nutritional value. Fresh items such as meat, dairy and produce seem to be in short supply at the food bank.

I heard on CBC Radio of a few places where they don't pay rent for a building to house "food" of dubious value. Instead, they give people gift certificates so they can go to a store and buy real food for their families. This way they maintain their dignity and autonomy in what they can provide for themselves. Why can't we do something like this in Morinville? The Food Bank's limited four hours a week access must be very inconvenient for some people with transportation issues.

It hurts to see people you love suffering, even getting sick because of hunger. Reform is long overdue in the food banks of Canada.

Thank you

Cheryl Stewart
Sturgeon County

Re Bill C-51

Dear Editor:

Following the introduction of the Anti- Terrorism Act, 2015, many Canadians have voiced their opinions on this important piece of legislation. Bill C-51 will protect our rights and freedoms by providing better tools to confront the twin challenges of our time: radicalization and terrorism.

As Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Spruce Grove, I want to ensure the debate over C-51 is based on facts and not the alarmist mythology advanced by some critics of the Bill, including the Liberals, the NDP and certain academics.

Following terrorist attacks at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC, and in the heart of our democracy, Parliament Hill, we have a moral imperative to act. The first duty of any government is the safety its citizens. We must not fail in that duty.

The Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015 proposes the following measures in order to better protect Canadians:

• Criminalizing the promotion of terrorism, including websites promoting jihad;

• Granting authority to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)to disrupt threats while ensuring our courts exercise close oversight of such activities;

• Enhancing Canada's Passenger Protect Program to prevent people seeking to participate in terrorist activities from travelling by air;

• Making it easier for law enforcement agencies to detain suspected terrorists before they can carry out attacks;

• Enabling the effective but responsible sharing of relevant national security information between federal departments and agencies.

Furthermore, the government continues to work with communities to prevent radicalization, particularly among Canada's youth.

The terrorist threat has greatly evolved in recent years, and we have witnessed Canadians from all walks of life become radicalized. We must act to prevent this phenomenon. Therefore, we will criminalize the general promotion of terrorism to more effectively prevent radicalization and we will ask CSISto disrupt terrorism by meeting the families and community leaders best positioned to intervene with individuals who have been radicalized. Many allied countries' intelligence agencies already have the capacity to disrupt threats in exactly the same way.

As we said after the October 2014 terrorist attacks, we will not overreact, but neither can we afford to underreact. The Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015 achieves that fine balance. Many Canadians I have spoken with shared concerns about their own security and that of their families. They can rest assured that, under Prime Minister Harper's leadership, our government will take all necessary steps to safeguard our communities from terrorist threats. Unlike the Liberals and NDP, who believe security and freedom are competing rights, our Government firmly believes these two values go hand-in-hand: there can be no freedom without security. Like the vast majority of Canadians, I believe in the men and women of our police and security agencies who put themselves in harm's way each day to protect us from danger.

Moreover, I have full confidence in the independent, expert review bodies that watch over Canada's law enforcement and security agencies. As the Supreme Court of Canada wrote in 2007 about Canada's Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRe): "The SIRCprocess is…[an] ex-

ample of the Canadian legal system striking a better balance between the protection of sensitive information and the procedural rights of individuals." Those words should inform and clarify the current debate over Bill C-51. Unlike the Liberal and NDP parties, who would like politicians to interfere in the day-to-day operations of security agencies, we believe that receiving advice from independent experts, reporting to Canadians openly, is the best model. In conclusion, we must remain vigilant against the threat of terrorism and adapt to protect our rights and freedoms. And that is exactly what the Anti- Terrorism Act 2015 does.

Sincerely,

Hon. Rona Ambrose, P.c., M.P.
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Application summary:

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from AltaGas Utilities Inc. to renew its franchise agreement with the Town of Morinville, following the submission deadline indicated below.

The franchise agreement will subject to further renewal, continue to allow AltaGas Utilities Inc. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of the Town of Morinville for approximately 10 years from the effective date of the franchise agreement.

The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain the same at 19 per cent. The average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer is forecast to remain at $11.13. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 120 GJ's per year.

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:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 780-427-4903 or at consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca.

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Council receives overview of Fire Services Bylaw ahead of vote

by Tristan Turner

MORINVILLE NEWS COUNCIL BRIEFS

Fire Chief Brad Boddez presented an overview of the new Fire Services Bylaw that he had been working on in conjunction with Town Administration. Council is expected to vote on the Bylaw at their June 23 meeting. The presentation took place at Council's regular Committee of the Whole meeting June 16.

The Fire Services Bylaw has not been updated since 1998, something that Boddez hopes will change to update the legislation with modern fire services.

The new legislation contains a stipulation that fire services provided by the Morinville Fire Department offer services 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 would make the Town, and perhaps Community Peace Officers, responsible for giving fines when residents pose a threat to fire safety. This would potentially allow 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.

Council may have decided on this new legislation at their next meeting of Council June 23.

Council sees options for animal control bylaw

by Tristan Turner

Community Peace Officer (CPO) William Norton gave a presentation to Council on an upcoming update to the Animal Control Bylaw that has not yet been finalized, hoping to get direction from councillors.

Much of the discussion following the presentation was about the different options CPO Norton presented surrounding the control of cats and the increasing costs associated with cats.

The Town spent $16,000 in veterinary and pound fees related to stray animals in 2014, most of that related to cats.

CPO Norton says 86 per cent of impounded cats never return to their owners because they aren't properly identifiable, having no tags or microchips. Additionally, Norton cites very little compliance with rules on keeping cats on owner's property as a large concern.

"The evidence shows that cats are happiest and healthiest when they're in the home," Norton said. But it has been proving difficult to get owners to understand this, and the rules on preventing cats from wandering away from their property are often broken.

The options given to Council in response to this were as follows:

1. Status quo, little impounding of wandering cats; owner education.

2. Remove enforcement of cats from the bylaw entirely and focus on education

3. Stricter enforcement; mandatory licensing and proactive patrol; higher penalties and required education for owners.

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– Lucie Roy Photo

4. Softer enforcement; make traps available to private individuals; allow for voluntary licensing.

Council came to no conclusions collectively, and the legislation is expected to be reworked and further developed before it comes back to council after their summer recess.

Councillor Stephen Dafoe advocated for a registration program for cats and dogs with a one-time fee rather than an annual license in order to enter animals into the Town's data base. As such, a stray animal could be returned to the owner by having the finder enter the ID number into the Town's website to acquire the owner's phone number.

Also discussed during the bylaw was the possibility of introducing a town-wide on-leash requirement, something that Councilor Rob Ladouceur disagreed with, arguing that as long as your dog is "under control" and responsive to commands, he sees no issue with them being off-leash. Dafoe agreed that an on-leash component is not necessary for those dogs that are under voice or other commands, as is the case with the Bylaw now. The rest of Council offered no opposition to the on-leash requirement.

The new bylaw will also put into legislation the current rules posted for the off-leash dog park, something that isn't enforceable until the revised Bylaw is passed.

The Animal Control Bylaw is expected to come back to Council after their summer recess.

Boutestein updates Council on 100 Ave. and 107 St. crossing

by Tristan Turner

Councilor Nicole Boutestein gave an update about a meeting she had with Alberta Transportation regarding the intersection of 100 Avenue and 107 Street. The Shell, A&W and the Provincial Courthouse intersection has been identified by residents as a particularly dangerous intersection for pedestrians.

Boutestian told Council the Town's Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee, which she sits on, is looking for a solution to make the intersection safer, including potentially adding new solar crossing lights, something Alberta Transportation was not opposed to.

Also discussed at that meeting was the possibility of installing barricades with pedestrian crossing signage to make the roadway less wide in what is often called "traffic calming measures." Boutestein said that she doesn't know yet if the barricade solution is the right one, but that it is something the Town and Alberta Transportation is considering moving forward.

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Reminder

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COUNCIL BREAK

After the regular Council meeting on June 23, Town Council will break for the summer, reconvening on August 25. Council is always available via email or by calling 780-939-4361. They wish residents a relaxing, fun and safe summer!

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Due to Canada Day falling on a Wednesday, all forms of collection planned for that day will be collected on Thursday, July 2. Tuesday's schedule remains the same.

Communities in Bloom:

Morinville has once again joined the Communities in Bloom program in the non-competitive category. This is a global initiative that celebrates green spaces, environmental responsibility and civic pride! Help us showcase and celebrate our vibrant community through:

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- Heritage conservation

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DON'T LOOK FOR US NEXT WEEK

At least not on Wednesday!

Due to Canada Day falling on our publication day, our next issue will be dated and in mail boxes **Thursday, July 2.**

Those who pick up our paper at one of our local distirbution spots will still be able to do so on **Tuesday, June 30.**

STURGEON SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT JUST GOT EASIER!

Take advantage of the transportation fee early bird deadline of June 30, 2015

Sturgeon School Division is excited to announce our new online payment system! In an effort to reduce time and paper waste, parents of returning students can avoid the long lines of school start-up and pay their children's school fees through a secure online website that is accessed via your existing PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Students new to Sturgeon School Division must first be registered at their local school or school of choice. Once the child is registered, a Parent Portal account will be created.

Contact the Transportation Department at 780-939-4341.

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Morinville Council and Sturgeon School Division trustees listen to parent concerns on school site options.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Council and SSD meet with parents

by Lucie Roy

An information session was held in the Morinville Public School gym Tuesday night with Mayor, Council, staff members, Sturgeon School Division Board trustees and roughly 12 parents in attendance. The agenda was regarding a request for a new Morinville Public School site and covered the school site allocation process from the Town, the new school planning and design Phase 1 from Sturgeon School Division and the current status of the Sturgeon School Division site identification needs.

More information was to be covered at the June 23 Morinville Town Council meeting.

The one-hour meeting provided two opposing views – build it now or look into the long term for the best decisions affecting the future of the school, students, community and growth. Parental concerns included being short sighted in fast decision making.

One thing that was evident from the session is that the Morinville Public High School would not be built in 2017 as this would require shovels in the ground this summer.

The four potential sites discussed for the school were South Glens, Westwinds (by No Frills), the current arena and Sturgeon School Division lands, and on the new recreation facility lands east of town.

The discussion evolved around the different schools, different size allocation and parking required.

Time Constraints

Sturgeon School Division Chair Terry Jewell emphasized the requirement for a site allocation now as he said, "no site, no dollars" in reference to the $750,000 awarded by the Government of Alberta for the planning and design of a new 1000 student Grade 5-9 school. The ultimate plan is to have a school that would have the capacity to accommodate Grades 5-12 as enrollment warrants. The Sturgeon School Division cannot access the promised funds nor initiate the planning and design until the Town identifies an appropriate and serviced site.

The Division is currently under pressure to obtain a site or lose their current top-five standing for a new school and go back to the end of the waiting list. The concern is the three- to four-year waiting period before they can build a new school, and not going to the bottom of the list.

The current public school just received six modulars and will have another five or six before the school is built. Discussions took place as to bussing the students to Namao, Camilla, and Sturgeon Composite High School as alternatives should a new facility not be built by the time the modulars reach capacity.

Old Arena / SSD lands site

The school would have to be built around the arena, which would still be in use until the new rec facility is built. The school would share the existing green space for soccer and other school sports programs.

Although Council has received an estimate of $2 million to demolish the arena and curling rink, they have not made a decision on demolishing all or part of the facility.

South Glens

Future school sites are indicated in the South Glens Area Structure Plan (ASP); however, no activity is expected there for several years as the developer is not ready to move into future phases.

Westwinds

Located in the No Frills area of town, there is no development activity expected for several years in the land identified for a school site, but Mayor Holmes told parents the land would not be large enough to accommodate a junior-senior high school.

New Recreation Centre area

The planning for the proposed centre is still in the early stages. Timelines and information currently available do not indicate if the school division can have some land to build a school that is timely enough for their requirements. Some parents felt this location would be ideal for the students as they would have many recreational opportunities open to them; sports academy, swimming teams and other options. The proximity is ideal for two high schools within a short distance for sports and events competitions.

Other options

Having modulars added to the Sturgeon School Division Office Building while they wait for a school site was suggested by a parent in attendance. Selling the land SSD is sitting on and relocating their Division office with the new school at the new Muti-Plex/Recreation Centre was also suggested.

Visioning

The decisions made now affect future generations. The previous Council's long term planning was not there. Concerns were expressed that even though there was no school built in Morinville since 1994, there were no long-term plans in place, despite previous Councils knowing more schools would be needed as Morinville grew and knew their responsibilities.

Left to make the decision now are the current Council and School Boards.

Morinville's Director of Planning and Development Greg Hofmann explained the Area Structure Plan (ASP) and how much reserve land developers are obligated to contribute.

"There are three kinds of reserve: Municipal Reserve (MR), School Reserve (SR) and Municipal School Reserve (MSR)," Hoffman explained, adding he did not think there are any MSR in Morinville that is available. "There is school reserve in three of the four schools and MR is the vast majority of public land that has been created in the Town of Morinville. That is your parks. So there hasn't been any reserve land at SR for a very long time to the best of his knowledge."

Hofmann said they should have plans moving forward for the next round of schools, so the current situation does not happen again. "We can make sure we are not in this position again," he said. "At the first opportunity we are looking at reviewing plans and make sure next stages of development include those sites."

Council is planning a similar meeting with Greater St. Albert parents and board in the future. No date was announced for that meeting.

County fun

Three-year-old Zoe Cornelius gets her face painted at the Sturgeon County Open House held at the County office on 100 Street Thursday afternoon. The annual event is an opportunity for residents to meet and greet Council and staff.

Morinville looking for the best local gardens

by Stephen Dafoe

For almost a decade, the community's best gardens have been showcased in July with prizes and the bragging rights that come with being labelled a winner in the Best Gardens Competition.

Now in its 8th year, Community Development Coordinator Allen Jacobson is once again putting out the call for nominees. Deadline to nominate a garden is July 17 and judges will make the rounds July 25 between 9 a.m. and noon.

"I think it is a great opportunity to acknowledge the gardeners we have, the people that are interested in beautifying not only their part of the town but the town, in general," Jacobson said. "You see the pride they take in their gardens, in their property, and in their town by extension."

Vegetable Gardens are a new entry this year based on feedback from the judges during the 2014 contest. "We noticed that a lot of backyards had vegetable gardens," Jacobson said, adding the judges felt it was a missed opportunity. "We noticed fantastic gardens and thought to add it to the contest this year."

Judges will be looking for quality, variety, and design when judging the new vegetable garden category this summer.

The **Unique Container Garden** can be a single container or a group of containers. Containers could exhibit a few different species; however, organizers say the judges will also consider the use of a single specimen.

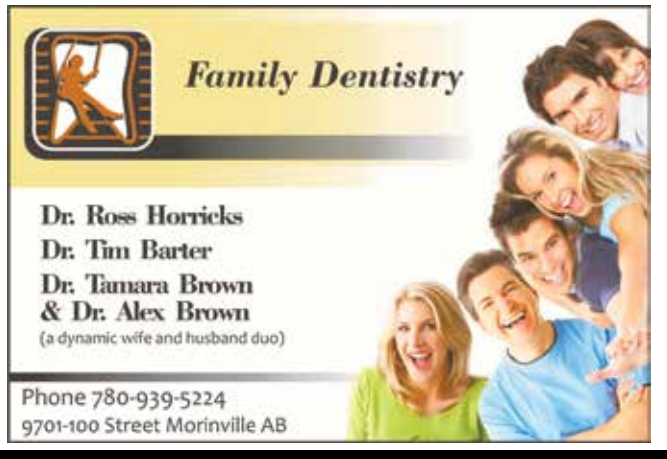
Front Yard/Garden Aesthetics will have judges awarding points for the first impression of a residence and the front garden area. Judges will be looking for a front garden that is welcoming, functional, balanced and appropriate for the home.

The **Outdoor Living Area** category has judges looking for more than a deck/patio with nice furniture. Judges will be looking for areas that demonstrate how to maximize the enjoyment of a specific area in the outdoor living space even through the changing weather patterns.

Emphasis on design elements and the variety of plant material, as well moisture retention, will be the criteria judges will use in awarding the best **Perennial Garden** category winners this year.

Regardless of the category, residents have less than a month to nominate themselves, a neighbour, or simply a garden they admire on the drive to work.

Nominations are available online at Morinville.ca or at Community Services office at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502-100 Avenue). Nominators can also contact Allen Jacobson at 780-939-7832 or ajacobson@morinville.ca.



Rotarians gather

Clockwise from top left: Rotarian of the Year was presented to Nicky Coughlin. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Syl Haisan by President Brian Reed and the President Award to Linda Kilian. Morinville Rotary Club outgoing President Brian Reed was presented a plaque by incoming President Sheldon Fingler at the Rotary 2014-2015 Year End event.

- Lucie Roy Photos

The Morinville Rotary Club held a special evening for outgoing president Brian Reed June 17 at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Incoming President Sheldon Fingler presented outgoing President Brian Reed with a plaque.

A number of recognitions were also presented that night.

Nicky Coughlin received Rotarian of the Year as well as a plaque for Secretary. Alanna Hnatiw also received a plaque for being Treasurer.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Syl Haisan and the President Award to Linda Kilian. MCHS teacher Rosie Kruhlak received the Youth Service Award for her dedication and leadership to the MCHS Interact Club. Kelley Perras received an Appreciation Award on behalf of Kelley's Cafe and Bakery.

A presentation to Special Honorary members Wally and Rosie Sczebel was also made.

There were numerous pin presentations. Tom Bell for his 12 years of 100 per cent attendance and recipient of the Paul Harris Plus 7 Award,

Simon Boersma took away three pins: fundraising effort, President elect pin, and the membership pin for bringing in new members,

Assistant District Governor Syl Haisan received a pin for 24 years of 100 per cent attendance.

Historical and Cultural Society to host their fifth Canada Day in SJB Park family event

by Morinville News Staff

Red and white will be proudly displayed July 1 when the Morinville Historical and Cultural Society raise the flag in honour of Canada's 148th birthday. The Society picked up the ball on a dormant Canada Day festival in 2011 and are now planning their fifth event.

Although the festivities and participation have grown, organizer Murray Knight says patriotism and a sense of community remain at its core.

"I'm happy," Knight said. "I'm happy because I live in a community that people do care, and there are a lot of prideful people in the community."

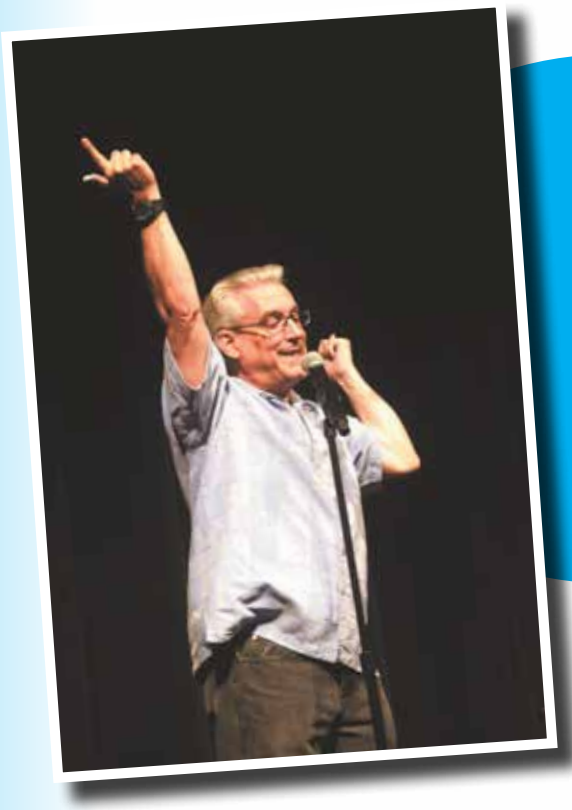
Once again the celebration will carry the family picnic in the park theme, something of personal importance to Knight. "It's the ability to bring families out," he said. "When you can sit at things as a grandma and grandpa, moms and dads — that's all it is. It's about families."

Knight and his committee are hoping to see lots of people out to this year's event that coincides with the 200th birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald and the 50th celebration of our maple leaf flag. Knight said the four flags that have flown in Canada over the years would be on display during the event.

This year's event starts at noon with a free hot dog lunch supplied by Morinville Town Council. Opening ceremonies will commence at 12:45 p.m. and include the raising of the flag and singing of the National Anthem at 1 p.m. The serving of cake, ice cream and watermelon will follow the formal portion of the event. Other activities include face painting, bouncy castles, games and live music in the park from noon until 2:30 p.m.

But long before the Canadian flag rises overhead, residents can look to their feet for another reminder of the day. Organizers are planning to place small Canadian flags on the lawn of every home in Morinville once again. Anyone interested in volunteering to place flags overnight can contact Knight at 780-939-3925.

Although this year's St. Jean Baptiste Festival was devoid of fireworks, this year's Canada Day festivities will include them. However, those expecting to watch the fireworks from the comfort of their decks may be disappointed. Knight said this year's display will be shot off at a lower elevation and that people are encouraged to view them closer to the Morinville Public School grounds where they will be launched. Fireworks are scheduled to be let off at 10:45 p.m.



Laughs for the library

Stand up comedians Mike Dambra (left) and Ken Hicks (right) performed at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre June 19 during the Library Comedy Show. Hicks provided 30-minutes of comedy about family life and the need to "see the funny in life." Dambra, the headliner, took endless shots at the community and audience members in his rapid-fire 45-minute set. The annual fundraiser drew about 110 people. In addition to being a fundraiser, the annual comedy show aligns with the library's goal of providing outside-the-library programing.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos

Band finale

Georges H. Primeau School held their Grade 5 and 6 Finale Concert June 15 in the school gymnasium. A packed house attended the finale concert.

From left: Ty Melnyk and Karmen Lush play trombones during the concert. Grade 6 Band member Denali Coughlan plays the Alto Saxaphone during a short practice run in the classroom prior to the show.

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Around Town

Local news in pictures

Street planting

Public Works employees spent the day planting Brandon Elm trees on 100 Avenue June 16. The trees are a hardy variety that can withstand winter weather as well as accumulated road slush from winter ploughing.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Car heritage at Heritage Lodge

Karl Stein and Mary Benson take a look at some of the vintage automobiles at Hritage Lodge on Friday. Members of the Morinville Redliners Car Club popped by to help out with the lodge's Fathers' Day Show and Shine.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

We can be heroes

Wonder Woman and Batgirl were a popular part of last weekend's MPS Children's Carnival. The cosplayers took part in this year's festival, helping out with the carnival and posing for lots of photos.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Seniors entertained

Heritage Lodge residents were entertained by Ted and Val Borys June 16. The couple entertained seniors with their accordian playing skills.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Hard work for hunger

Seven Primeau Me to We students helped make hamper bags at Sobeys for Friday's Hunger Happens in the Summer event to support the Morinville Food Bank. The initiative collected more than 2750 pounds of food and more than $500 in donations.

- Submitted Photo

Planting helpers

Annabella (6) and Seth (2) Boisvert help their mom plant some plants at Lafarge's Ready-Mix Plant outside Morinville. The local company invited local Girl Guides and their families to a barbecue and garden planting. This was the third year that they have joined Lafarge's biodiversity efforts to plant a pollinator garden. The girls receive community service badges for helping to pollinate, and beautify the neighborhood.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Sports Briefs

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Can-Log rolls into town

The Morinville outdoor arena was turned into a logging camp for a day on June 21. Can-Log rolled into town to take part in this year's St. Jean Baptiste Festival. Looking for something different for the festival this year, the Morinville Festival Society voted to relace fireworks with a day-long lumberjack competition. The new event drew a steady audience of lumberjack fans and those interested in seeing a variety of impressive skills.

Male and female competitors from the United States and Canada spent Fathers' Day in Morinville competing in everything from axe throwing to splting logs with axe, saw and chainsaw, all looking to walk away with $6500 in prize money.

The Morinville Festival Society is hoping to make the event an annual one with the long-term goal of getting the Morinville stop on television.

Details on the winner of Sunday's event were not available by our press deadline.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos

They're open for sports

Plenty came out to congratulate the Richardson Family on the official grand opening of Morinville Sports Saturday. The family held a free hot dog lunch to introduce people to their business. The store is located next to The Flower Stop on 100 Avenue.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Running for a cause

The 3rd Annual Jessica Martel Memorial Run took place Sunday. The 5-kilometre walk/run started five minutes after the 10-km and had more than 100 participants. The event is a fundraiser for the Foundation.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Fishing fun with the Legion

Thank you to all who participated in the Legion's annual Phil Grant memorial fish derby. Winners Nathan Snoek, Angelica Aviles, Eric Snoek and Noah Coen-Andrew.

- Submitted Photos

Taking it to the street

Nineteen-month-old Flynn Postill plays a little street hockey Friday afternoon before the downporing of rain. Residents of 86 Street held their third annual block party, an opportunity for old neighbours to get together and for new families to get to know their new neighbours.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Firefighters' challenge

The annual St. Jean Baptiste Festival provided Morinvillians and visitors an opportunity to watch a variety of alternative sporting events. One of those was the Morinville Fire Department's Annual Firefighters' Combat Challenge, often referred to as the toughest two minutes in sports. Competitors must ascend a scafold carrying a fire hose, haul another to the top of the scafold, then wind their way through an obstacle course of firefighting skills, culminating with dragging a rescue mannequin the length of the course. Above: Morinville firefighter Josh Cust pulled off an impressive time of 1:26 in the first round, defeating his competitor from the Bon Accord Fire Department by almost a minute.

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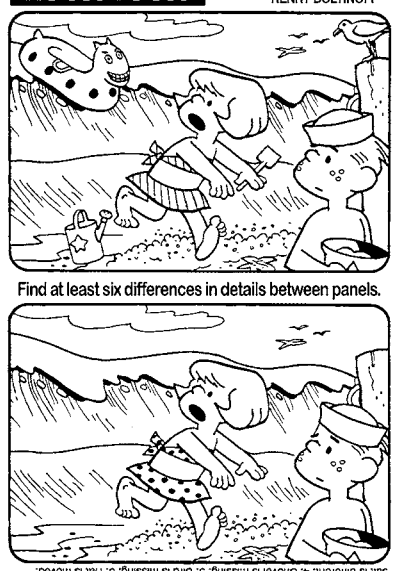

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Morris; 2. Matthew ; 3. Cocoa Beach, Florida; 4. Phnom Penh; 5. Member of Parliament; 6. Sir Christopher Wren; 7. Sleigh; 8. Bubba; 9. Uranus; 10. Hurricane winds

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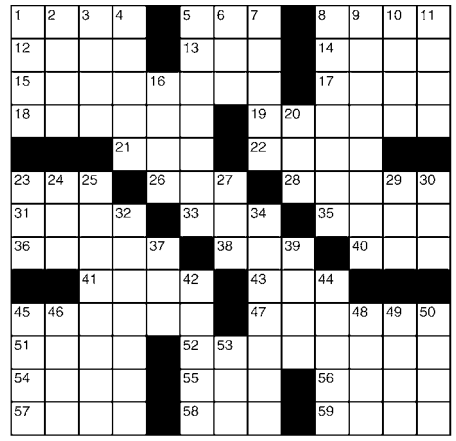

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28 Make into law
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33 Homer's interjection
35 Arizona river
36 Variety show
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40 Back talk
41 Advantage
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11 "Cheers" serving
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20 Guitar's cousin
23 Georgia's ex-status (Abbr.)
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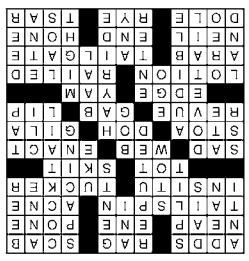

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ADVERTISEMENTS: What was the name of the finicky cat in the Nine Lives commercials?
2. RELIGION: Where in the New Testament can the full version of the Lord's Prayer be found?
3. TELEVISION: Where did the astronaut Tony Nelson live in "I Dream of Jeannie"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Cambodia?
5. TITLES: What is an M.P. in Great Britain?
6. ARCHITECTURE: Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London?
7. MUSIC: What is the means of conveyance in the Christmas song "Jingle Bells"?
8. MOVIES: In "Forrest Gump," what was the nickname of Forrest's best friend in the Army?
9. ASTRONOMY: What is the next planet beyond Saturn in our solar system?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What does the Saffir-Simpson scale measure?

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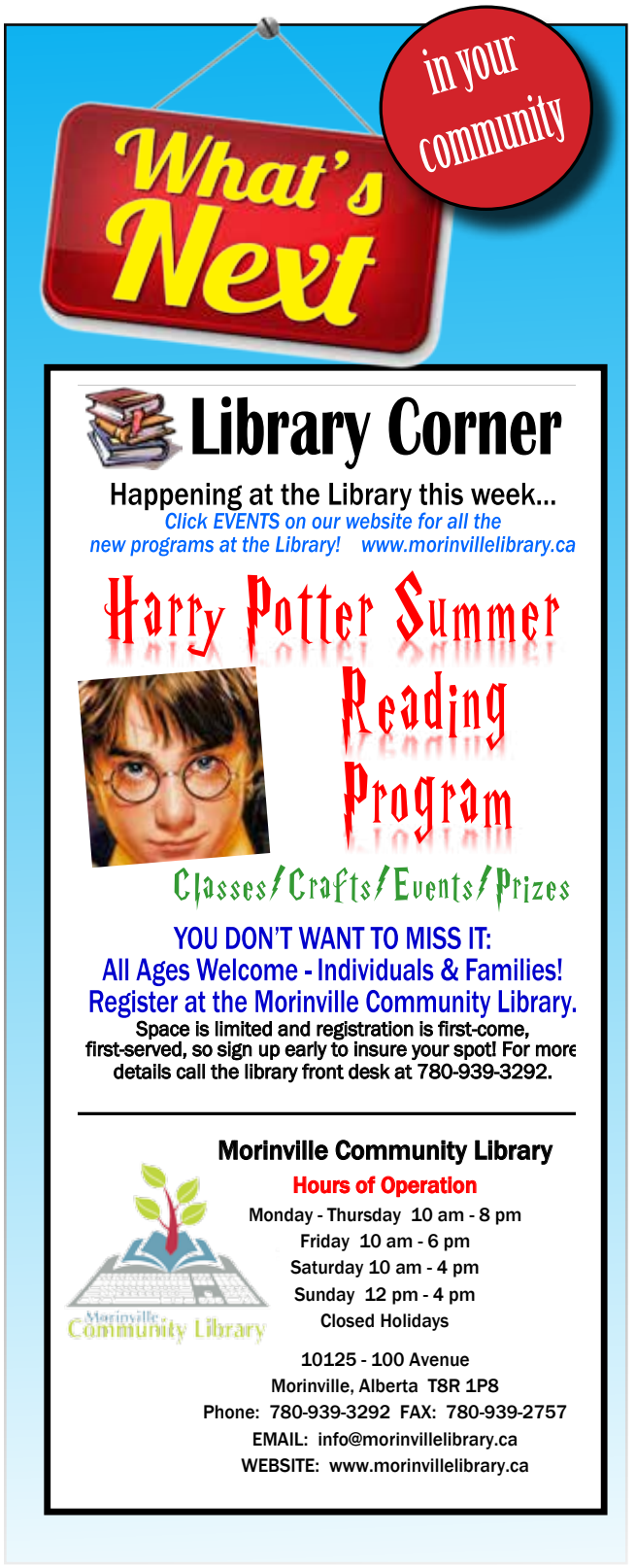

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12:45 p.m.	• Opening Ceremonies	• Cérémonie d'ouverture
1:00 p.m. / 13h00	• Raising of the Flag in front of Musée Morinville Museum • O Canada (Sang in English and French) • Canada Day cake / ice cream watermelon	• Lever du drapeau en face du Musée Morinville Museum • Ô Canada (Chanté en anglais et en français) • Gâteau de la Fête du Canada Crème glacée / Melon d'eau
3:00 p.m. / 15h00	• Closing Ceremonies • Prize giveaways	• Cérémonie de clôture • Remise des prix
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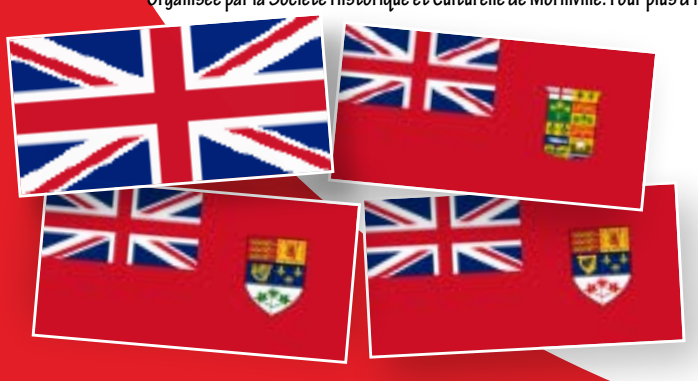

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