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Airlift operation

Police, fire and EMTs were called to the scene of a two-vehicle collision involving a truck and a motorcycle Friday night around 5:15 p.m. The driver of the motorcycle was airlifted to hospital by STARS Air Ambulance. The motorcyclist's condition was not known as of our press deadline. See full story Pages 6 and 7. - Morinville News Photo

Inset: STARS Air Ambulance lands near the scene of the collision - Dave McPhree Photo



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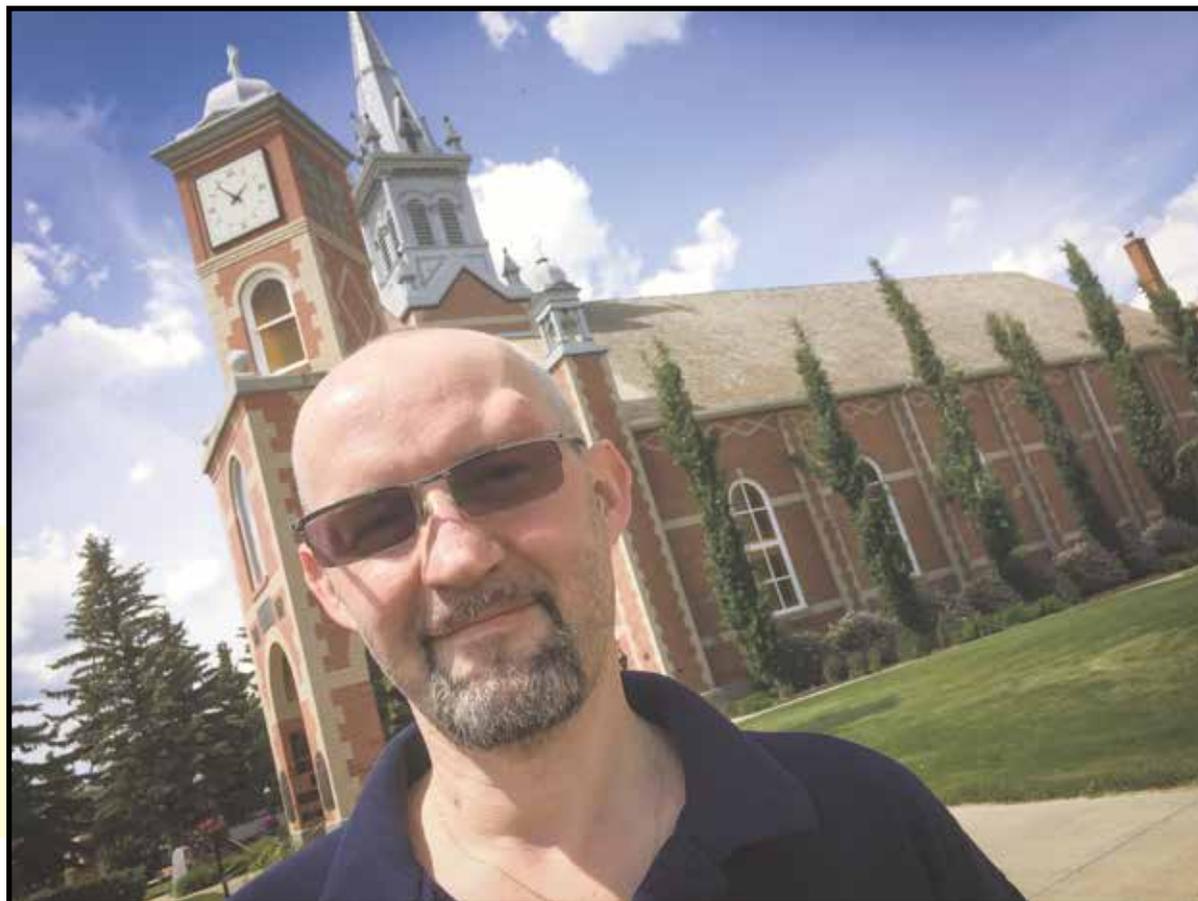
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Father Ignacy Warias, OMI, stands in front of St. Jean Baptiste Church in downtown Morinville. The Oblate priest conducted his last mass Sunday and was given a farewell luncheon at the Rendez-Vous Centre. Warius will next take on pastoral duties at St. Albert Parish.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



Priest leaving Morinville after six years

Morinville - After six years of serving local Catholics at St. Jean Baptiste Church, Father Ignacy Warias, OMI, is leaving Morinville to take on pastoral duties at St. Albert Parish. Father Warias came to Morinville from his last parish in Bonneyville, and though he still holds a big place in his heart for his former parish, he has greatly enjoyed his time in Morinville.

Reflecting on more than a half decade of serving area Catholics, Warius said his fondest memories are of the people themselves. "I would say the people. Working with the people, talking to them, listening to them, and growing those relationships," he said. "When I came here I said, 'I came to walk with you on your journey of life,' and I am thankful for being given the six years because I have been enriched in many ways by the people that I have met, working with them in different areas. Hopefully they have grown a little bit too by working with me."

Oblate Priest

Warius belongs to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a religious order founded in 1816 by St. Eugene de Mazenod, the Bishop of Marseille. "There was such a need after the French Revolution and people were poor and lost in life," Father Warius said of the Order's beginnings. "They were in need of help, so he [de Mazenod] started to speak their own languages and dialect in Provence. He

went to those other priests with zeal and starting with a few priests they [grew]."

The priest recalls his own beginnings in the Oblates, founded many years before by a priest he learned had a heart as big as the world. It is a model he has tried to emulate in an order that has fewer members than it has in the past. "There's still close to 300 Missionary Oblates working across Canada in parishes," Warius said. "The number is decreasing, so we try to focus and work on those areas where it is close to those who are in need, the inner city parishes, the historical parishes."

Historical restoration

It was Morinville's history that formed the backbone of a legacy Warius leaves behind. Soon after arriving in the community, it was realized the church itself was in need of major renovations. It is a project the priest is proud of, a half million renovation that was funded by a matching-dollar federal government grant. The parish received a \$250,000 grant to match the nearly third of a million raised inside and outside the parish in just seven weeks. "It was a big project with so many people involved," Warius said. "When people come together for the good cause, they do good not necessarily for themselves but for others. I think that is moving, and I think that is the spirit of God bringing us together. In the many different areas [of life here] and the many different fields that was happen-

ing, and I am thankful for that. I will always cherish those particular moments, but always those people.”

Warius said many moments during the past six years have shown him there is a great spirit in the community. “People from many paths come together for something that is important, not only for our parish but for the community,” he said. “I like that kind of spirit of unity and that spirit of oneness when people from many areas coming together for the good of the community. To me that is sharing the gifts that God blesses us with.”

Parish sorry to see him go

Lil Boddez, co-chair of the St. Jean Baptiste Parish Council, said Father Ignacy will be missed, but as with all essential services, they understand transfers are inevitable. “We wish him our best, and we thank him for all his great gifts of his many talents that he shared with us,” Boddez said on behalf of the parish. “A testament to his many gifts is his unwavering leadership, his boundless energy and his youthfulness.”

Boddez said above and beyond his pastoral duties of looking after the spiritual needs of the parish and parish activities, they are thankful for his hard work and support through the church’s recent restoration project, the improvements inside the rectory and the ongoing beautification of the church grounds. “These things were accomplished with the help of many individuals under his direction,” Boddez said, adding Ignacy never asks for help just to get something done; he digs in himself with whoever is willing to help. “It is a testament to his tenacity that our beautiful church and property look the way they do.

While local Catholics will miss Ignacy’s perseverance and willingness to join in on the work, an attribute he shared in common with the late Father Georges Primeau, Boddez said the Parish will miss his terrific sense of humour, his beautiful singing voice, his compassion, his guidance, but mostly his friendship. “St Jean the Baptiste Parish is very thankful for the past six years,” she said. “Father Ignacy was our pastor and our loss is definitely St. Albert Parish’s gain. We wish him all of God’s blessings as he continues his journey in his new parish.

Though the Parish will miss Father Ignacy, they are pleased that Bishop Paul Terrio assigned Father Brian Bricker as the church’s new pastor. Father Brian has spent most of the past year at St. Jean Baptiste Church as Assistant Pastor. “Father Brian has embraced Morinville as his home and we have embraced him as our Pastor,”

Boddez said of his reception among the parish, adding Bicker has a fondness for working and helping the young because he is a teacher. “He is very caring, has a great sense of humour, and is an excellent speaker. We know he will continue attending to the entire spiritual needs of the Parish now in the capacity of Pastor.”

St. Jean Baptiste Parish held a special farewell luncheon for Father Ignacy on Sunday afternoon.



Father Ignacy Warias poses during Sunday’s Farewell Reception at the Rendez-Vous Centre with a framed photo of St. Jean Baptiste Church, a gold Seiko watch with a picture of the church in the centre, and more than \$100 in five-dollar bills shaped like T-shirts. Warius also received a Memories Book with parishioners’ memories of him written inside.

Lil Boddez, co-chair of the St. Jean Baptiste Parish Council was master of ceremonies for the event. Paul Froment presented on behalf of St. Anne Council 5010 Knights of Columbus, and Andy Morin, Chairman of the Parish Council, also made a presentation. Presentations and speeches were followed by Father Ignacy cutting a cake.

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Editorial & Letters

Letter: Here's what we've heard from you on Photo Enforcement

Our first Council Coffee session was held June 25 on the topic of Morinville's Photo Enforcement Program. The purpose was not to reopen the debate; it was to open our ears to what your vision for the program is moving forward.

We heard from you that the photo enforcement program should focus on safety rather than money. If it is supposed to be about safety, it should be just that. As such, ticketing in transition zones was frowned upon while enforcement in school zones, playground zones and park zones was applauded and supported. Other comments included concerns about the recent increase in the number of Morinville residents being issued tickets, particularly near schools which also led to discussion on the need for more enforcement in those areas with the photo enforcement operator positioned in the lower speed zone when issuing tickets in school zones.

Locations were seen as key to the program. While preference seems to have been clearly on school and playground zones, there was also interest in monitoring construction zones and residential areas. Suggestions included dividing the Town into districts and establish four sites within each district to rotate photo enforcement through the sites and districts to give full coverage of residential areas. Other comments included reducing the speed limit in residential areas to 40 kilometres per hour and the availability of a clear process to request the portable speed education sign when residents feel there are speeding problems in their neighbourhoods. There was also a desire to see more enforcement on 100 Avenue and 100 Street either by photo enforcement or Community Peace Officers.

While some participants expressed their concern that the program is viewed primarily as a money-grab, there were some interesting thoughts on how the Town could make use of its share of revenues. Comments captured included that it makes sense to pay off the Morinville Community Cultural Centre

with photo enforcement revenues; however, monies could also be used for a future multi-use recreation facility. Regardless of the amount of the Town's share of revenue, participants were vocal in that revenues should always be used in the community for the community. The solar powered crosswalk lights funded through photo enforcement revenue were appreciated, but it was suggested that 50 per cent of all revenues should be directed towards road improvements, including crosswalk painting, solar signs, and other safety related issues. Other suggestions included more maintenance on Morinville roads with respect to line painting and general safety concerns.

Transparency on the program was important to many of those who participated in the Council Coffee. Comments captured included appreciation of Council's transparency in revisiting the program and opening it up to discussion; increase in reporting statistics from the various locations including accident reports which could be used to support the selection of various photo enforcement locations.

Additional general thoughts included mounting equipment on photo enforcement vehicles to make them more visible so drivers slow down, publishing a list of high flyers, using social media to announce enforcement locations as is the case in St. Albert, and a suggestion that the Town operate photo enforcement itself rather than using a contractor.

Though input from our Council Coffee provides us with some solid points for consideration, we still want to hear from you moving forward. Please feel free to contact us at allcouncil@morinville.ca with your vision for the Photo Enforcement Program.

The Town website (www.morinville.ca) will continue to be updated as new information and resources become available.

Deputy Mayor Stephen Dafoe

Letters & Columns



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I see the government has a survey on the internets what you can vote on a new licence plate for Alberta to use. I don't know why we need a new plate but I bet with everything going on and their chances in the next election they do not want Wildrose Country on the plates anymore. Not sure what plate gets picked, but I bet more Albertans will vote for stupid licence plates than vote for the next premier. Anyway here's my ideas.

1 I think mountains are pretty to look at and I used to not mind hiking through them a bit, but there is more to Alberta than mountains. They ought to have put some hoodoos on there like they got in Drumheller. Slogan could of been Hoodoo ? Wedoo! That's Hoodoo. Or something clever like that.

2 Or how about the pirate ship from the West Edmonton Mall or maybe them little submarines. We had more submarines in that mall than the Canadian Navy has at sea. That'd be good on the plate.

3 I think a real winner would be to divide the province in half and give the north half an Oilers licence plate and the south half a Calgary Flames plate. Maybe not such a good idea. We got us enough road rage now without needing any more.

4 You know, with everyone getting customized licence plate numbers with clever sayings, they ought to let people design their own licence plate to put it on. That way the government could raise lots of money from all those people that want to be all special and unique. We'd have more licence plates with selfies on them than Facebook does. Be all right. Might eliminate some distracted driving because you all know you drive and look at the Facebook all the time.

5 They say the new plates have reflective coatings so you can see the plate better. That's important. But they also say it is so photo radar can see it better too. Well that will be real popular here in Morinville because then the photo radar guy can hide even deeper in the bushes with his camera. He'll be able to hide so deep in the bushes he'll think he's camping. If'n you ask me, I wish he'd stay there and become a deep woods hermit.

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Motorcyclist airlifted to hospital after Friday collision

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville – A 54-year-old Calgary man was airlifted to hospital after a two-vehicle collision on Highway 2 and Cardiff Road Friday evening. Morinville RCMP, Morinville Fire Department and EMTs were called to the scene during the evening rush hour at approximately 5:12 p.m.. STARS Air Ambulance dispatched STAR-3 to Morinville shortly after and landed on Highway 2, north of the collision. The man was taken to hospital with undisclosed injuries.

Acting Staff Sergeant Mark Mathias told Morinville News Saturday afternoon that the 54-year-old Calgary man was driving a motorcycle northbound on Highway 2 when a southbound Ford F150 (that had been driving south) turned east on Cardiff road in front of the motorcycle.

The collision backed up northbound traffic on Highway 2 for approximately 3 kilometres as police rerouted northbound traffic off Highway 2 and down Cardiff Road until the highway could be re-opened.

Mathias said the collision is still under investigation and that no charges have been laid at this time. The motorcyclist's condition was not available by press deadline.



Work is currently underway on a series of traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 2 and Cardiff Road. The new light-controlled intersection is being designed by Al-Terra Engineering, the company hired by the province to implement the lights promised last fall by former Minister of Transportation Ric McIver. Although those lights were scheduled to be operational by the fall of 2014, Mayor Lisa Holmes recently announced via social media the lights would be operational by the end of July.

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This Page: STARS-3 arrives on the scene to transport the motorcyclist to hospital.

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Along came a spider

A Barn Funnel Weaver (*Tegenaria domestica*) sits waiting in its web on a Morinville porch.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



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Thanks to those who attended and those who participated



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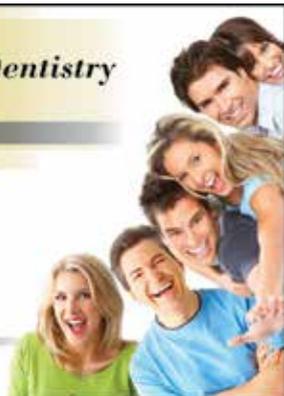
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Preventing and Coping with Serious Illness Through Digestion: Celiac Disease

As we continue in our series of Health Through Digestion, we are making a slight shift from understanding the basic components of a healthy digestive system to exploring a few of the common diseases which are closely linked to our stomach et al.

The first such disease that comes to mind is Celiac Disease a condition where what you eat is what makes you sick. Here we'll turn it over to the experts who can best explain it, the Canadian Celiac Association.

Definition:

Celiac disease is a medical condition in which the absorptive surface of the small intestine, the villi, is damaged by a substance called gluten. This results in an inability of the body to absorb nutrients: protein, fat, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, which are necessary for good health.

Although statistics are not readily available, it is estimated that 1 in 133 persons in Canada are affected by celiac disease.

A wide range of symptoms may be present. Symptoms may appear together or singularly in children or adults. In general, the symptoms of untreated celiac disease indicate the presence of malabsorption due to the damaged small intestine.

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, rye,

triticale, barley. In the case of wheat, gliadin has been isolated as the toxic fraction. It is the gluten in the flour that helps bread and other baked goods bind and prevents crumbling. This feature has made gluten widely used in the production of many processed and packaged foods.

Symptoms

Common symptoms are anemia, chronic diarrhea, weight loss, fatigue, cramps and bloating, irritability.

Although some or all of these symptoms occur in celiac disease, some can also occur in many other diseases more common than celiac disease.

In other cases, sufferers from gluten-intolerance develop an intense burning and itching rash called dermatitis herpetiformis. The intestinal symptoms of celiac disease may or may not appear in dermatitis herpetiformis.

Diagnosis

1: Screening - Until recently physicians had to rely on clinical signs to suggest the diagnosis and to select which patients should have further investigation to prove the diagnosis. Since these signs may be vague or

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- 1/2 bunch of fresh mint
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) fat-free plain yogourt
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) extra virgin olive oil

Add All Ingredients

1/ Boil the baby potatoes in salted water for 12 to 15 minutes, or until soft but still holding their shape. At the same time, fry the bacon in a small frying pan over a medium heat until golden and crispy on both sides. Put the bacon on some paper towels once done.

2/ Drain the potatoes, then return to the pan and allow to steam-dry with the lid off for a few minutes. Pick the leaves off your herbs, then put the yogurt, parsley and mint leaves into a serving bowl with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Add the lemon zest and juice, then add the extra virgin olive oil. Squeeze some of the potatoes between your thumb and forefinger until they burst open a little then toss all the potatoes in the dressing. Break over the crispy bacon then take to the table.

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of varying severity this may be difficult. Now simple blood screening tests are becoming available to help this process.

2: Biopsy - A definitive diagnosis can only be made by a small bowel biopsy. The biopsy is performed by a specialist in the gastrointestinal field. The biopsy must be done before treatment is started.

Treatment

Celiac disease as yet has no known cure, but can usually be effectively treated and controlled. The treatment of celiac disease is strict adherence to a GLUTEN FREE DIET FOR LIFE. This requires knowledgeable dietetic counselling and frequent "up-dates" as commercial food contents change.

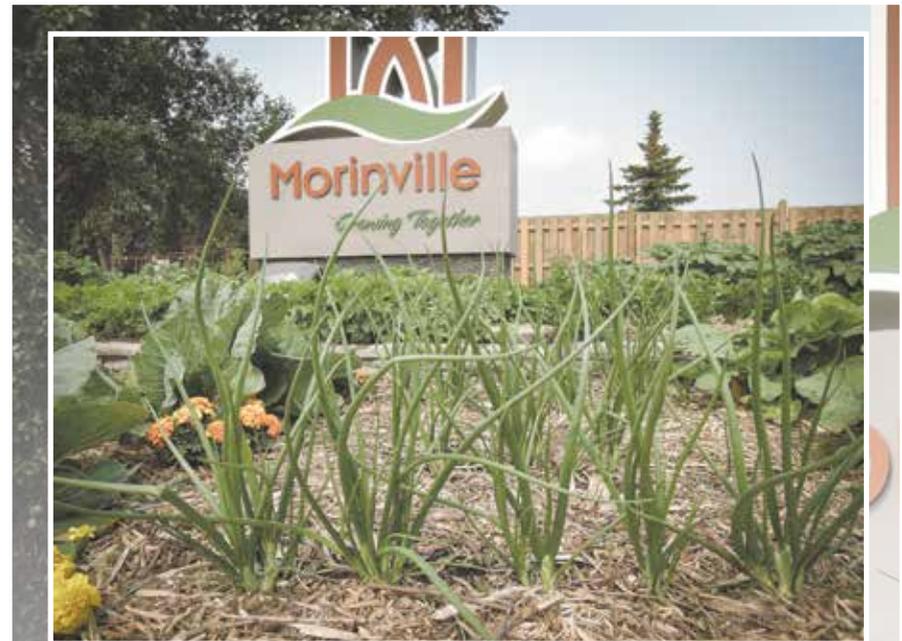
Celiacs must be alert to hidden sources of gluten such as HVP/HPP (hydrolyzed vegetable/plant protein); malt; spelt; kamut; and certain drug products.

Today's processed and packaged foods have many hidden sources of gluten which can be unintentionally ingested. Particular care should be taken in the selection of soups, luncheon meats and sausages.

There is a great variation in sensitivity to gluten among those with celiac disease, and although one may have no obvious symptoms, damage to the intestinal lining may still occur.

There are many more symptoms associated with celiac disease and, because it can mimic a whole host of other conditions, it can be difficult to diagnose. The great news is that once you have a definite diagnosis and a plan in place, symptoms will lessen, your body will heal, and you can go on to lead a healthy, active life.

Avoiding gluten is one of two main areas to be concerned with when diagnosed with celiac disease. The other is ensuring your body gets the nutrition it needs while it regenerates itself. This can be challenging when addressing the issue solely from a dietary standpoint. With celiac disease, the ability of the body to absorb fat, calcium, magnesium, fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K, folate, iron and vitamin B12 can be difficult. Since vitamin K is necessary for blood to clot, you can see why supplements can become a crucial part of your plan to stay healthy when living with celiac disease. See Neighbors Vitamin Shop for a large selection of non GMO supplements free of wheat, soy, dairy, gluten and preservatives.



Urban planting

Incredible Edibles is a project that incorporates edible plants into public landscaping. The planting bed at the east entrance to Morinville includes chamomile, zucchini, Nasturtium (edible flowers), turnips, onions, cabbage, tomatoes, potatoes, celery, spinach, Swiss chard, carrots and coriander. This is one of four main locations for the project. Other locations include Public Works, the flower bed behind the Town Office, and beside the Fish and Game Clubhouse. There are fruit trees at Fish and Game, outside the gazebo opposite the Bob Foster Extreme Sports Park, Saskatoons at the trail entrance to South Glens and cherries and plums on the grass triangle beside the trail and Storm water lift station. Additionally, there are concrete planters that have herbs in them on 100 Avenue.

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Competition looking for gardening excellence

by Stephen Dafoe

Morinville – Local gardeners have until July 28 to register for Morinville's Annual Best Garden Competition. Judges will once again be looking to reward gardeners for the design and maintenance of their gardens and will be entering competitor's yards Jul. 30. As in previous years, the hometown pride initiative is first and foremost about cultivating community pride along with cultivating an excellent garden.

"There's so many gardeners in the area. It's an opportunity for people to just demonstrate their gardening skills and share their love and passion for gardening with the community," said Allen Jacobson, Morinville's Community Development Coordinator/Event and Volunteer Specialist. "It's a big celebration of community and of gardening and beautification of the town."

Communities in Bloom tie in

Jacobsen sees this year's contest as a special one because Morinville re-entered Communities in Bloom in a non-competitive category. Judges are set to come through Town June 28, the same day nominations for the Best Gardens contest close, to judge the community as a whole. "We're going to tour them around the town and show them what businesses have done, what community groups have done, what the Town has done - especially how we're working in concert,"



Jacobson said. "It's perfect timing."

Jacobson is hoping to show judges from outside the community the serenity those inside the community have created independently and collectively. A highlight in viewing previous garden nominees has been that sense of serenity gardeners have created in their own back yards or the visually striking displays many gardeners created in their front yards. Those elements will earn points again this year both in the Communities in Bloom judging, but particularly for those nominated for the local contest.

Four categories to enter

Once again this year gardeners can be nominated for one of four categories: curb appeal, perennial gardens, outdoor living



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The curb appeal competition rewards the gardener's ability to wow passers-by. Judges will be looking for first impressions, overall effect, use of space and materials and any special features and focal points the front garden might have. Additionally, points will be awarded for selection of plant materials, with textural contrast and plant combinations playing a role.

The perennial garden competition is open to gardeners with five or more species of perennials and those whose perennials make up at least three quarters of their garden. Judges will be considering a number of factors, including first impressions, visual impact, rhythm and flow and the use of colour. Additionally, judges will be considering the succession of bloom, as well as the health and vigour of the individual plants.

With the outdoor living area competition there is more to it than having elegant patio furniture on a nice deck. This part of the competition rewards the gardener / landscaper for their ability to maximize outdoor enjoyment through Alberta's ever-changing weather patterns. The area must have plants, although these may be growing in containers. Some of the elements judges will be looking for include visual impact, balance, proportion, location and quality of workmanship.

Weird, wild and wonderful will once again be the aim of the unique container challenge, an element of the competition open to business owners as well as homeowners. The goal is to create a one of a kind container arrangement. Judges will be looking for several elements, including intrigue, visual impact, proportion, placement and integration into the garden.

Prizes will once again be gift certificates winners can use to add to or maintain their gardens.

Jacobson said the four categories offer four ways to reward residents and their efforts to beautify their own property. He is encouraging local gardeners to nominate themselves or their neighbours for the contest. "If you think that your neighbours put a lot of effort into it and has enhanced the neighbourhood; that's a really positive thing," he said. "A lot of times we go through life not really acknowledging what people do, and that's an acknowledgement of not just what they do for themselves but for the rest of as well. Sometimes it's an inspiration for you to go ahead and beautify your own neighbourhood."

To nominate a local garden for Morinville's 7th Annual Best Gardens contest contact Allen Jacobson before 4:30 p.m. July 28 at 780-939-7832 or by e-mail at ajacobson@morinville.ca.

Housing Report

by Doris Jolicoeur, CD, ABR, CCSP

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Morinville's always been known to be a few months behind our surrounding larger communities, but the gains in the housing market we experienced last month might show the gap tightening.

Last month Morinville saw 26 single family homes and nine condos sell at average prices of \$382,353 and \$234,388, respectively. This is a 7.2% increase over May's average single family home price of \$356,805, and a 6.6% increase over April's. A year ago last month, the average price was 13.8% lower and 14.9% lower in 2012.

Morinville's average home is now priced at 10.2% less than Edmonton and 19% less than St Albert's. This is where the gap is tightening. Most months I've had to report gaps between Morinville prices to Edmonton at about 18% and to St Albert at about 25%. The average price in the whole of the Greater Edmonton Area in June was only 12.2% higher.

Morinville homes took 37 days to sell, which is a decrease of 20 days from May, 22 days shorter than in April, and they took 14 less to sell than in 2013. Morinville homes sold in the same number of days as they sold in the whole Edmonton CMA. Contrarily, it took a Morinville homes four days longer to sell than average Edmonton homes but took just about the same amount of time to sell as average St Albert homes.

In June, the MLS system reported 1,828 new listings and 1,218 units sold, giving us a 67% ratio in the Greater Edmonton Area.

Given the market growth shown in June, I would have to expect a much smaller increase in prices for July, that's if the market shows an increase at all. As for the incredible decrease in days it's been taking a home to sell, I would love to see this continue.



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Children's performer Mary Lambert was the first of two performers to entertain at the Morinville Community Library's Summer Reading Program this summer break. Lambert's show took place in the library's program room July 9. The popular children's performer's show included songs and plenty of audience participation. The library will host children's performers Peter and Mary Aug. 6 at 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for those not registered with the Summer Reading Program.



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PROVINCE

Province looking for votes on new plate design

by Morinville News Staff

Edmonton - Three new Alberta licence plate designs await voters in a new online provincial survey that launched July 8 and will run until Aug 19. The plate with the most votes will be Alberta's new licence plate. Albertans can vote on one of the three designs at alberta.ca/licence-plate-survey.cfm.

"Alberta is the best place to live, work and raise a family; and these three designs are all inspired by the pride Albertans have in their home," said Premier Dave Hancock in a July 8 press release on the plates. "The natural beauty of our province is on display in all three designs. I know Albertans will enjoy having a say on what their new provincial licence plate will look like."

The province will release the new licence plate in the spring 2015 and regardless of the design, the new plates will include Alberta's new logo, the Alberta Government's website address, and a reflective coating that makes the plate easier to see under low light conditions, as well as easier for infrared equipment to read.

Doug Griffiths, Alberta's Minister of Service Alberta, applauded the new features. "Our current licence plate is more than 30 years old and lacks features to help make our roads and communities safer," Griffiths said in the release. "This new plate will make it easier for police to spot vehicles that are unregistered, uninsured, or stolen."



Not many slogans have been used on Alberta plates. The vehicle registration plate from 1928 on the 1928 Model A Ford at the Musée Morinville Museum has no slogan. The first slogan on an Alberta licence plate was Drive Safely on the 1940 plate, replaced two years later with simply Canada. That was subsequently removed. In Canada's Centennial year plates carried the words 1867-1967 along with a stylized maple leaf. The slogan Wild Rose Country first appeared in the 1973-74 series of reflective plates on top of the plate. Passenger plates were blue. From 1977-1980 the plates were black on yellow. The slogan moved to the bottom of the plate in 1983-84. In 1988 a souvenir plate for the XV Winter Olympic Games in Calgary was also issued.



Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith was critical of the new plate move and the end of "Wild Rose Country."

"While we are thankful for the new safety features on the reflective license plates, it's hard not to see the jaded politics being played by the PCs," Smith wrote on her official Facebook page. "Once again, the PCs are spending millions of dollars to distract from their record and misguided priorities."

Once the new plates are available drivers can receive a new plate from their registry agent at registration or annual renewal. They can also purchase the new plate ahead of their regular renewal time for a fee.

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IN PHOTOS

Photos by Lucie Roy and Stephen Dafoe

Here's some of what our cameras caught around Town between July 7 and July 13.

MONDAY



Let's play ball

Top: A member of the Longriders is safe at home base during a game against the Phantoms July 7. Above: Phantom member Selena Turner at bat. There are 32 teams in the League this year, playing ball in four Divisions from May to August. Playoffs will be held Aug. 16-17, and the Annual Redeye Tournament is to be held Aug. 22-24.

- Lucie Roy Photo

WEDNESDAY



Left: Nate Chauvet and Owen Lefebvre were being bubble attacked by Koah Crichton at the Rotary Spray Park July 9. **Below:** Owen Lefebvre enjoys the good weather and good equipment at the park. He was one of more than 40 out to the park for the afternoon.

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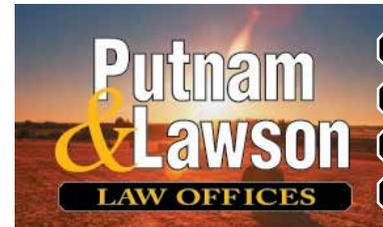
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Crafty

Conceta Inconditi paints a bear and sofa at the Adult Day Program July 9. The program takes place Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Morinville.



THURSDAY

Laura Kieser was one of several people enjoying a game of bean bag toss at Heritage Lodge Thursday afternoon.



THURSDAY

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June winner for Our Morinville

Our June edition of Our Morinville saw lots of entries, particularly animal and nature shots. The winner of the contest was Peter MacArthur for his picture of Richardson Ground Squirrels taken at Cardiff Golf Club. Peter will have \$100 to spend at any of our Morinville News advertisers.



This page - clockwise from top left: Neil Lavallee said he was doing some work in his yard but stopped to take this shot of a great sunset. Aberta McAuley sent in these photos of frogs.

Opposite page - clockwise from bottom left: David LeBel sent in these three shots of life at the LeBel cabin on Lee Lake in the Crownsnest Pass. Sharon Lloyd sent us this colourful photo of lilies in her garden.





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Left: Arinn Young poses with her gold medal and the Team Canada trophy - Arrin Young Photo **Middle:** Young during the gold medal game against Germany. **Right:** Young with Team Canada at the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship - Phillip MacCallum / Wheelchair Basketball Canada

Legal athlete is a wheelchair basketball World Champion

by Stephen Dafoe

An 18-year-old Legal athlete is a world champion after helping take gold in the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship June 28 in Toronto. Arinn Young, who graduated from Morinville Community High School last month, was named to the national team earlier this year.

After working her way through five days of competition, she and the rest of Team Canada entered quarter-finals against Australia, emerging with a 63-47 victory. That win propelled Canada to the semi-finals, where they defeated the Netherlands 75-74 in the final seconds of play. Canada took on Germany in the final June 28 and earned a 54-50 win. It was the first time Canada had beat the Ger-

man team since 2006.

"It was pretty exciting," Young said of the experience, noting a big surprise awaited her at home. "I came home to a bunch of family waving Canada flags in my driveway. I was really tired from the trip and I wasn't expecting a bunch of family cheering me on at home as well. It was so heart-warming to know my family supported me through it all."

Lifelong athlete

Young began her athletic career playing stand up basketball, which she said was her favourite sport. Though she tried lacrosse one year, she continued to play basketball enthusiastically until

knee injuries ultimately prevented her from playing any longer. She retired from stand up basketball last year after taking another injury during the first game of zones. The injury did not prevent her from playing a half game during provincials, but that game would be her last of stand up basketball.

The athlete said her desire to continue in sports is due to having grown up playing sports her entire life. Beyond that, it is the sense of family and camaraderie she encounters on teams that makes sport appealing to her.

A family friend whose daughter has spina bifida initially recruited young to wheelchair basketball. Young said she was nervous to try out the sport because she had never tried it before. "When I got there people were really happy I was there," Young recalls. Though a world champion today, Young confesses her game has gotten considerably better. "I was probably the most terrible wheelchair basketball player when I started but they said I had potential."

That potential quickly manifested itself on the court. Young took 4th place at Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Women's National Championship with the Edmonton Inferno in Richmond, B.C. in 2012, and followed it up with a 1st-place win at CWBL Women's National Championship with Edmonton Inferno in 2013. Young was also named All-Star in Longueuil, Quebec the same year.

When she was asked to play for the national team and participate in the world championships, Young said she could hardly believe it. "My heart was so big to find that out, and the first thing I did was called my mom, my parents, and they were really excited," She said. "They were crying on the phone and I was nearly in tears. It's just something I always wanted to do."

The elation continued when she arrived in Toronto and was presented with her Team Canada jersey. "Just to have Canada on your jersey, representing your home country in your home country, is such a great experience," she said. "I'm just so proud and I still cannot believe I won gold. It's just hitting me now that we are world champions."

More training and competition ahead

With high school and her first world championship behind her, Young is pushing on in her sport with an eye towards more wheelchair basketball success. Young will be moving to Toronto to attend a sports academy there as well taking some courses at Centennial College to figure out what she might like to do after her career in wheelchair basketball is over.

Until then Young has a long road of training and competition ahead. She trains in the gym in her chair three times a week in Edmonton and because upper body strength is so essential to the game, she hits the weight room three times a week as well. "I'm really busy with training all the time, and sometimes I'll box because it is good for your shoulders and your arms," she said, adding chair skills also form part of the training regime. "You do nonstop pushing for a long time. It's crazy how much upper body strength you need. Young estimates she spends about 24 hours per week training in and out of the gym."

Thankful for successes in sport, she is confident others can achieve success as well. "When you think you can't do something, keep trying. You will get somewhere and succeed," she said.





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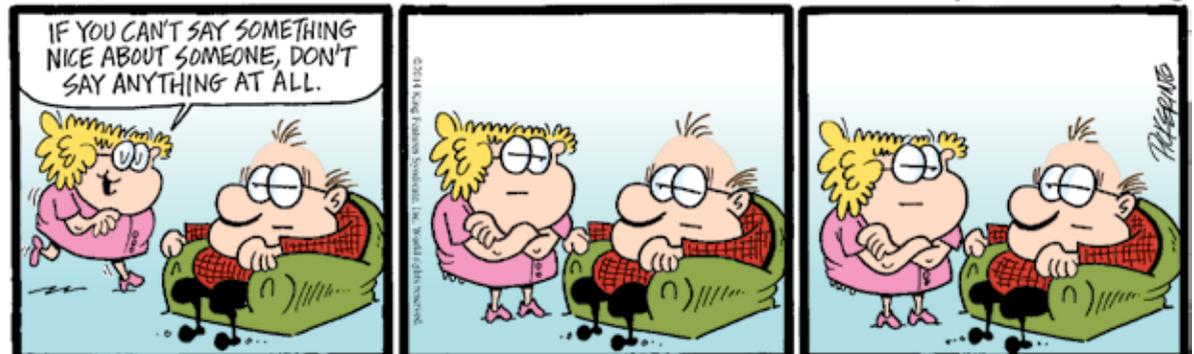
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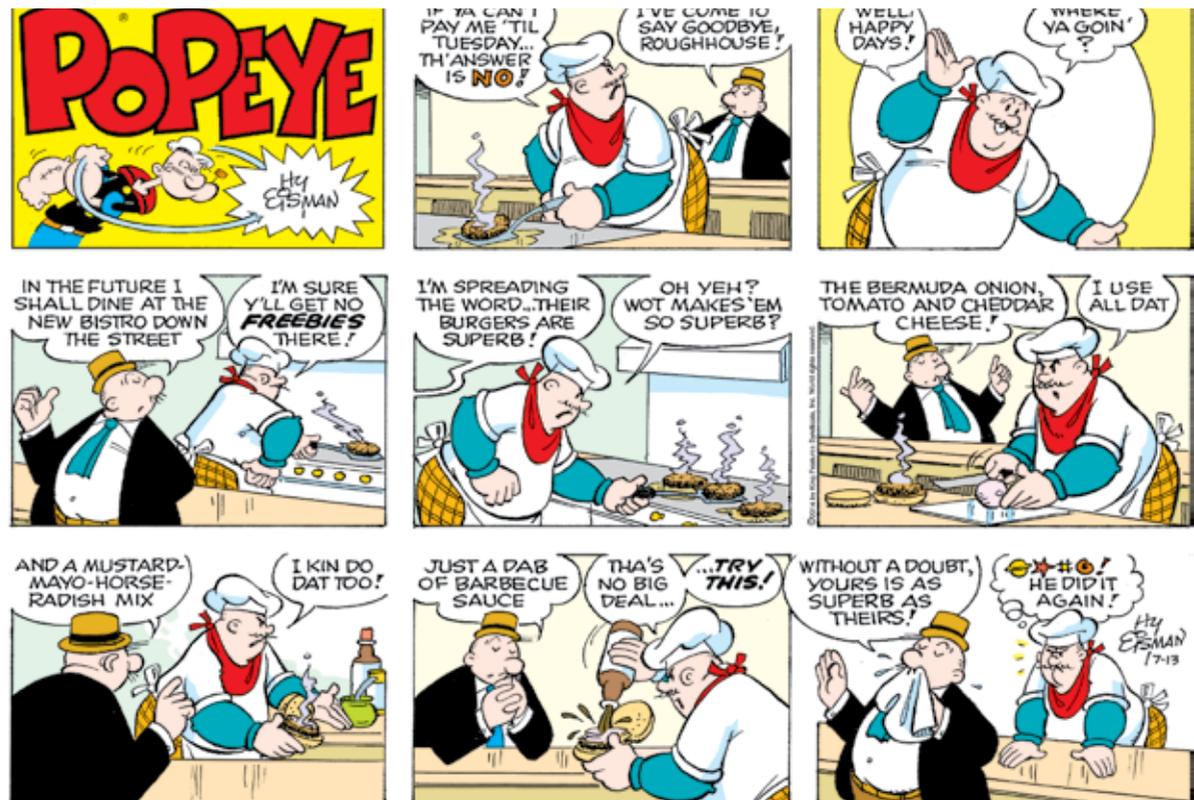
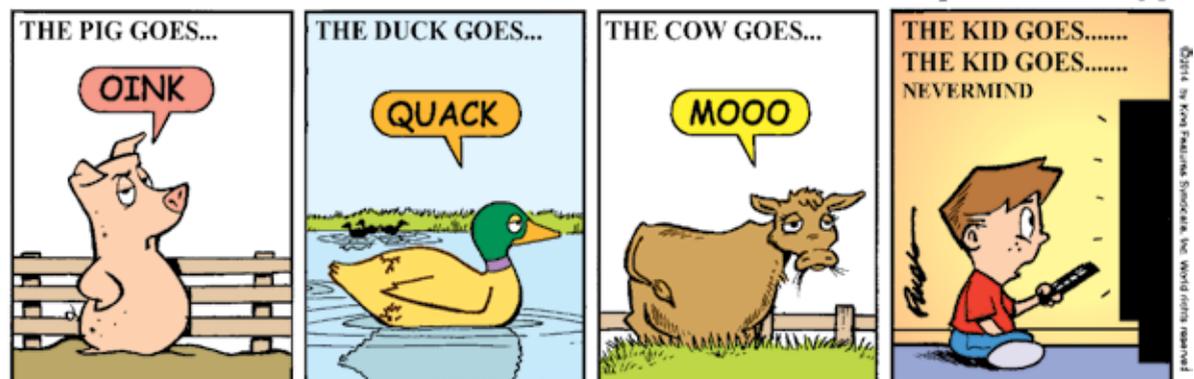
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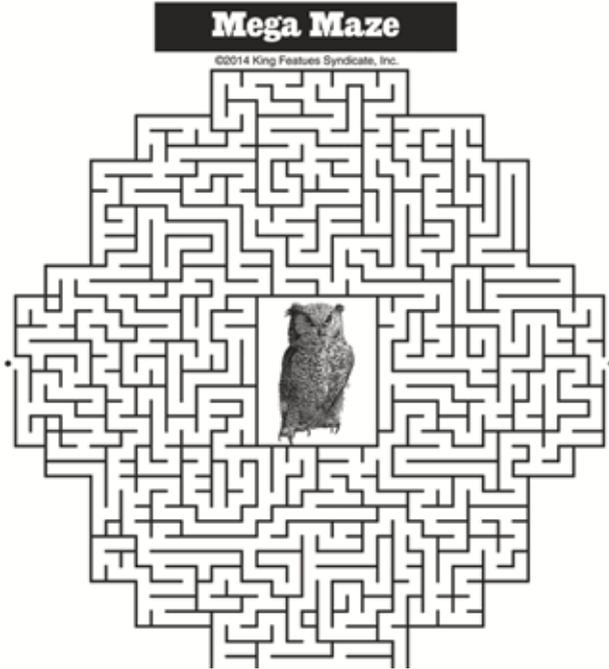
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CENNTENIAL CELEBRATION - SEPTEMBER 5-7

FRIDAY JULY 25TH

6:30 p.m. Mini Parade (Main Street)
7-12am Fun In The Park (Cladell Park)
7:00 p.m. Iron Chef Competition
Pre-Register by calling 780-961-3773
7:00 p.m. Family Baseball Tournament
7:30 p.m. Soapbox Fun Derby
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Hot Dogs
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Kabobs
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Outdoor Dance—Games & Prizes
Clowns & Train Rides
Beer Gardens

SATURDAY JULY 26TH

6:45am Gates Open
7-9:30am Pancake Breakfast
8:00am Family Baseball Tourny
10:30am Parade (Main Street)
11-2pm Farmers' Market
11-3pm Show & Shine
11:30-1am Beer Gardens
11:30-1:30pm Train Rides (1 ticket)
11:30-1:30pm Quarter Carnival & Face Painting (Arena)
11:30am Caricaturist (Arena)
11:30-1pm Reptile Experience (Arena)
11:30-1pm Missy Piper - Clown
11:30-2:30pm Balloon Twisting
12-4pm Pony Rides (3 tickets)
12-4pm Petting Zoo
12-4pm Bouncy Castle (1 ticket)
12-4pm BINGO (Gazebo)
12-8pm Mechanical Bull Rides
12:30pm Coin Dig
2:30pm Demolition Derby
3-8pm Horizontal Bungee (3 tickets)
5pm Beef Roast Dinner
6:30-9:30pm Various Local Talent
10-2am Oilcity Sound Machine
DARK Fireworks

VENDREDI ~ 25 JUILLET

18h30 Mini défilé (rue Principale)
19h00- Divertissements pour toute la Famille Minuit (Parc Cladelle)
19h00 Tournoi de baseball famille
19h00 "Compétition Iron Chef" (35/personne)
19h00 Derby de caisses à savon

vendredi soir divertissements dans le parc

Hot dogs
(commandité par le comité de la Fête au Village)
Brochettes
(commanditées par Legal Super Mart)
Crème glacée
(commanditées par Servus Credit Union)
Clown et Randonnées en petit train
Jeux et prix
Bar à bière sur la terrasse
Danse en plein-air

SAMEDI ~ 26 JUILLET

6h45 Ouverture du site
7h00-8h30 Déjeuner de crêpes
8h30 Tournoi de baseball en famille
10h30 Parade
11h00-14h00 Marché fermier
11h00-15h00 Expo auto-brille
11h30-1h00 Bar à bière sur la terrasse
11h30 Randonnées en petit train
11h30-13h30 Jeux de fête foraine à 25 cents et maquillage (Ariane)
11h30 Caricaturiste (3 billets)
11h30-13h00 Expérience reptile (Ariane)
11h30-13h00 Missy Piper le clown
11h30-14h30 Artiste d'animaux en ballon
12h00-16h00 Mini-zoo
12h00-16h00 Jeux gonflables (1 billet)
12h00-16h00 Promenades en poney (3 billets)
12h00-20h00 Taureau mécanique (3 billets)
12h30 Foulle de monnaie
12h00-16h00 Bingo (Pavillon)
14h30 Derby de démolition
15h00-20h00 Bungee horizontal (3 billets)
17h00 Souper de rôt de bœuf
18h30-21h30 Divertissement musical
22h00-2h00 "Oil City Sound Machine"
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