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Morinvillians gathered by the hundreds at the Morinville Legion Tuesday morning to take part in the annual Remembrance Day ceremony.

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Remembrance Day Photos

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Right: Betty and Greg Fraser take the stage with their children to be recognized for the Frasers' 10-year service to their church and community. **Below:** Pastor Fraser responds to the praise offered by his congregation during the Nov. 2 event.

– Stephen Dafoe Photos



Pastor says people built The Father's House

by Stephen Dafoe

Morinville – Tears stream down Pastor Greg Fraser's face as he stands side by side with his wife Betty and children Mitchell and Michala on the Morinville Community Cultural Centre stage. Fraser's brother Doug has just told the story of how he broke his finger because Greg kept bashing his face against Doug's fist. But it isn't the story of childhood sibling fights that has the pastor shedding tears; it is the love he feels from those gathered on the stage and the love pouring his way from the roughly 400 who have gathered to surprise and honour the pastor after 10 years of leading his church, The Father's House Christian Fellowship.

The church has come a long way over the past decade. Originally called Morinville Christian Fellowship, the church had a struggling congregation of 30 when Fraser and his family came from Fort McMurray to Morinville, a journey through which daughter Michala cried all the way.

But father Greg got his daughter to write out a list of pros and cons about the move. Though that list contained more cons than pros, the pros have come to outweigh the cons over the past decade, as the family has become an integral part of the community they now proudly call home.

It is that same gentle, fatherly approach and the same sense of family that has led to the Father's House growing over the past 10 years. From 30 faithful gathered in a small hall, to a larger number gathered in the high school gym, and presently to a thriving and expanding church that takes over the entire cultural centre each Sunday

morning, The Father's House is attracting people of all ages to Morinville, as well as Bon Accord and Rochester where the church operates satellites.

But while lavish praise was sent Fraser's way Nov. 2 by his family, his friends and his church, the man was humbled by the experience. "I think I cried through half the worship," Fraser recalled. "Honour is such a huge part of our church family ... so for these guys to do what they've done and put this together – we had no idea. It's quite overwhelming."

Fraser said when he and his family came to Morinville the congregation was wondering if they should go on. But the church did continue on. "God just continued to do great things among the youth, among the children, among families, and we're probably well over 400 people today."

While Fraser and his congregation place credit for the success with the one they serve, the pastor also places the success at the feet of his congregation. "God's kingdom is the only kingdom that the highest value is people," Fraser said. "So the Kingdom of God is a family and that's why we're called The Father's House. The truth is that none of this would happen without the people. It's all about the people. Every person is a story. Every person is a minister. Every person has a ministry and a story of the things they have gone through, whether it be triumph or whether it be tragedy. We could sit and celebrate every person in that room for the influence and the effect their lives have had in this region."

One of those stories is that of wife Betty, whom Fraser refers to as an amazing woman of God. "[She's] very compassionate, very mercy-driven," Fraser said. "She's just an amazing support, an



amazing example of Christ-likeness to me.”

The welcoming and open nature the Frasers bring to their church family has become the culture of the church, one that empowers the individual and keeps the focus on empowering the collective in doing so. It is a come-as-you-are attitude that manifests itself in greeters welcoming regulars and newcomers as family.

That sense of welcoming many feel when entering The Father's House is something recent attendee Joe Gosselin has felt to the point where he said he was moved by the experience. “The Father's House is unlike any [church] I have ever attended,” he said, adding he was invited by his daughter and arrived in a suit and tie because that is what he expected. “Well I was one of three wearing a suit. The other two were the pastor and some guy I didn't know. People came in with their Tim Hortons, wearing ball hats, jeans, chewing gum etc.”

Gosselin said after the initial shock of realizing that perhaps he didn't know as much as he thought he did, he came to realize the church is just happy people have come to share the Word of God. “How you're dressed, what you're eating or drinking, doesn't matter, nor should it, I've come to learn,” he said. “The live band to sing the songs with will have you swaying back and forth as you sing.”

But it is the pastor Gosselin has particular praise for, as did the nearly 400 who attended the recent gathering honouring his 10-year commitment to his church and his community. “[He] has yet to fail to have me laughing out loud during his sermons,” Gosselin said. “I was sure this was the part to catch a few winks, but it's hard to sleep while laughing.”

Having grown from 30 to more than 400 in 10 years is evidence the church or its congregation have not been sleeping. In addition to weekly services in Morinville, Bon Accord and Rochester, the church meets during the week for a prayer group, hold a popular Soul Café event for area youth, and have recently begun a series of monthly information sessions on parenting, marriage and personal finances that will run until next summer.

“We're looking forward to the next 10 years,” Fraser said of continuing the Lord's work in Morinville. “My famous phrase with the church is ‘What's next, Poppa?’ As we continue to go forward I look forward to the stories and the families and the people that will be influenced for generations to come.”



Great day for Scouts

Above: Matt Maier of Alliance Pipeline presented 1st Morinville Scouts' Beaver with a cheque for \$3000 Nov. 5 during the organization's Wednesday evening gathering. The monies will be used to buy snowshoes, winterized tents and other equipment the scouts are in need of. The donation is the third Alliance Pipeline has made to the youth organization.



Top Left: Owen Eschuk learns the Scout handshake from Beaver leader Mike Anselmo.

Bottom Left: Owen receives his scarf as the final part of his being invested into Beavers. He was one of a number of local children to take part in the investiture ceremony.

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LETTER

Former smoker supports e-cigarette flavourings

Recently the Honourable Minister of Health made comments regarding the use of Personal Vaporizers or as they are also known - E-cigarettes. Of particular note were comments made about prohibiting e-liquid flavourings as a means to limit youth appeal. I would ask that the Minister read of my personal experience and opinion in the matter in hopes to provide a counterpoint and encourage further investigation prior to such a decision being made by one who has perhaps not had my experience as a smoker who has tried multiple times by multiple means to remove tobacco from my life.

I started smoking at the age of 12. Thirty-two years of pack a day usage later, in late September of this year; I picked up a vaporizer at a local vendor to see what the deal was. I'd seen these things at work and been told by everyone that was using them that they were former tobacco users. I didn't expect to quit tobacco. I expected to waste about 70 dollars on a lark.

On the advice of the vendor I started with a 24 milligrams strawberry flavour. He said "Use this for a week and then try to smoke a cigarette." Within four days I was always seeking the upwind side of the designated smoking areas, my sense of smell was coming back, and the odour from the second-hand smoke was comforting to me. In the four weeks since that initial purchase I have not had a physical desire to touch a cigarette even though for the first seven days I had the open pack I had in my possession when I made my purchase (since disposed of along with about 100 dollars of Nicorette lozenges from a previous attempt to quit a year ago). Mentally, I dread the idea of going back to cigarettes. This is largely due to the fact that my physical (hand to mouth) and addictive (nicotine) needs are met by a more appealing means. This is due to the flavours available. Providing a complete separation from the tobacco experience.

I've since dropped my nicotine levels by 25 per cent to 18 milligrams per millilitre and intend to step that down again as comfortable, at my own pace, until I am free of nicotine.

I never intended to quit tobacco; I wound up doing it anyway. It was the most seamless transition I ever made. I now understand why vaping has taken off like it has, and why industries involved in tobacco production and or NRT would and indeed should feel threatened by its prevalence. I hope the former goes out of business and the latter learns how to make a product with a

better than 10 per cent success rate. However, both of those entities, along with federal and provincial tax coffers, make their money from the person who keeps trying unsuccessfully to quit.

Is regulation needed? In my opinion, yes. No sales to minors, absolutely. Quality control standards in liquid manufacture would also be a good thing. Banning flavours? Not unless you want to seriously impact the positive effect on smokers trying to divorce themselves from tobacco. Perhaps removing non-nicotine "cigalikes" (which don't help with nicotine addiction at all and literally exist only to mirror the act and look of smoking), from gas stations and convenience stores might be a start. After all we don't sell fruit and candy flavoured alcohol there either (although our liquor stores are full of the stuff) also to protect our youth.

Should I be sent to the smoking area? That's sort of like sending a heroin addict to a poppy field, but I manage. Understand though please that you are sending a non-tobacco user into a wall of second hand combustion products and known carcinogens.

I would invite you to contact the Electronic Cigarette Trade Association of Canada (www.ec-taofcanada.com) as their members already have set policies regarding sales prohibitions to age of majority and liquid testing standards. I decided early on to only do business with members of this organization specifically due to these standards.

I would also point you to www.thra.ca, the Tobacco Harm Reduction Association of Canada as another source of information for your perusal in an effort to get information prior to making a decision that could impact many like myself who found a way to get free of tobacco when little else seemed to work. Both of these websites were very valuable to me when I was looking for information.

Again, while E-cigarette manufacturers are not allowed to make claims of cessation ability or health benefit, I can tell you; it was not my intent to quit tobacco. It just happened as a side effect of the products ease of use, the meeting of my addictive needs, and the palatability of the delivery system.

Regards,

**Thomas Kirsop,
Morinville**

Business Page



by Doris Jolicoeur, CD, ABR, CCSP

Associate Broker/Realtor, Professional Realty Group
Mortgage Associate, Verico Brokers for Life

Fall has hit, thankfully not winter, and prices have also fallen. Seems the decreased sale prices have also decreased the number of days it's taken a home to sell.

Last month, Morinville saw 17 single-family homes and two condos sell at average prices of \$336,817 and \$230,500, respectively. This is a 12.5% decrease over September's average home price of \$383,483, and a 4.7% decrease over August's. A year ago last month, the average price was 5.3% higher and 1.3% higher in 2012. Morinville's average home is now priced at 21.8% less than Edmonton and 20.7% less than St. Albert's. We normally see differences in prices in the 18% and 22% ranges, so this just shows that the prices in the city aren't changing the way Morinville and St. Albert's are. The average price in the whole of the Greater Edmonton Area in October was 21.1% higher, which is right around the prices in the larger communities.

Homes took 36 days to sell, which is a decrease of 22 days from September, 25 days shorter than in August, and they took 53 less to sell than in 2013. It took a Morinville home eight days less than Edmonton's homes and three days more than St. Albert homes to sell. Could buyers be moving to Morinville for less expensive homes?

Last month, the MLS System reported 1,818 new listings and 850 units sold, giving us a 47% ratio in the Greater Edmonton Area. In Morinville, there were more single family homes sold than the 16 that were newly listed. There are currently 37 single-family homes to choose from, ranging from \$195-\$530K, enough inventory for over two months.

Generally, winter slows the market activity. Will this year's November weather keep the number of units sold higher than average?

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Local businesses pave way for strategic plan

by Colin Smith

What are Morinville's three most important strengths from an economic development perspective?

That question was posed to local business people who attended a recent session devoted to development of a strategic action plan for the town's economy.

The meeting was held Nov. 5 at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre and organized by the Economic Development office of Town of Morinville Planning and Development Department.

"I was very pleased with the number of business leaders that made the time to contribute to the Town's economic development strategic action plan," said Shaun Goodeve, Morinville economic development coordinator.

Businesses were invited to the session as part of a working group to create the plan and asked their thoughts on the economic development strengths, weaknesses and threats affecting them.

To provide context, those attending were shown a number of slides, including one showing land use development in Morinville from 1999 to 2013 and the population growth of the community from its beginning to the 2014 population of 9,402.

Regional municipal tax rates were also compared. With a rate of 6.59 per cent, Morinville has the lowest non-residential taxes, with the average at 11.28 per cent, but the community is above the average 5.75 per cent for rate for residential property taxes.

Facilitators were on hand to keep the session on track.

"Through a facilitated discussion, we analyzed our strengths, opportunities, challenges and what we can act on now," Goodeve said. "We also discussed who our potential target market is and what Morinville's value proposition is."

The next steps are to collate the responses from the evening and launch the same questions in an online survey format. The online survey will seek responses from both residents and other businesses.

"All of this information that we are gathering will inform the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan that we anticipate to be completed early 2015. The Strategic Action Plan will guide initiatives that attract and expand our local business community."

Goodeve said there was a strong social media presence both promoting and during the event itself and he foresees increasing use of this medium to communicate with the community in the future.

He added, "One business that participated last night commented on our input form 'I am impressed with what I am hearing and seeing out of this Economic Development Working Group'."

The Economic Development office was established within the Planning and Development department in the fall of 2013 after completion of planning and development documents articulating a long-term vision for the community.

The role of the office is to support and grow Morinville's existing business community, along with attracting and recruiting new businesses.

The town business community includes more than 440 firms in sectors including manufacturing, light industrial, commercial and retail. One third of those are home-based businesses.

Morinville Remembers

A pictorial collection of Remembrance Day 2014



Clockwise from top left: Soldiers march in the parade. An RCMP officer lays a wreath. A cadet stands at the cenotaph. Special guests listen to the ceremony at Notre Dame Nov. 6. A cadet holds the Canadian flag at Georges H. Primeau. Students hold a wreath at Morinville Public School.

Background: Memorial tributes made by a Morinville resident honour the memory of each Canadian soldier killed in active duty in Afghanistan.

- Photos by Lucie Roy & Stephen Dafoe

MCHS gathers to celebrate excellence

by Stephen Dafoe

An endless stream of award recipients crossed the Morinville Community Cultural Centre stage Tuesday night as MCHS students, alumni, parents and friends gathered for the school's annual awards night. This year 279 awards, valued at \$76,015 were handed out in recognition of a variety of academic achievements.

Awards included those in career and technology studies (11 awards), fine arts (6), Cultural and religion (3), Canadian Mathematics Competition Awards, leadership awards (3), service awards (4), Grade 12 Business Community Awards and Scholarships and a number of others.

Topping the academic awards was the Governor General's Academic Medal presented by Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Board Chair Noreen Radford to Lena Krause. The award is presented to the student with the highest combined average in Grade 11 and 12.

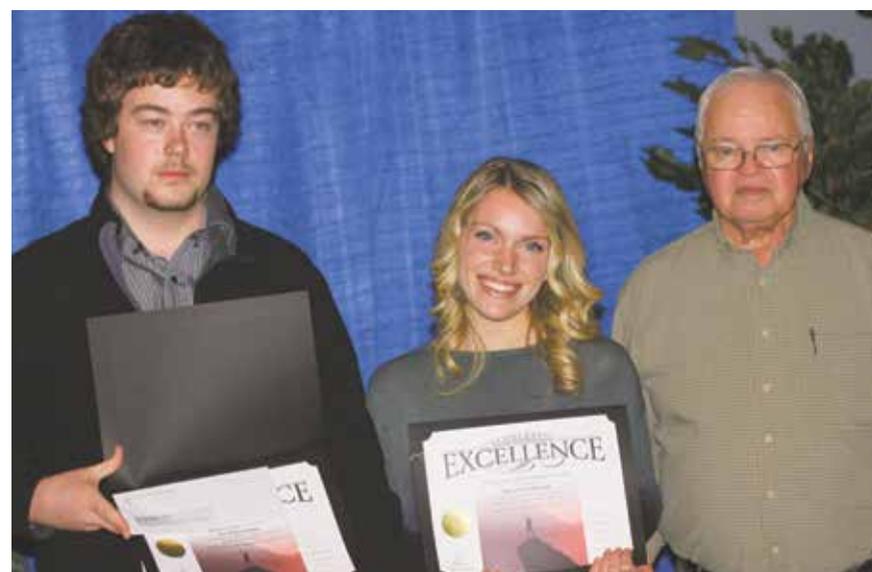
The Alexander Rutherford Scholarships encourages the pursuit of excellence by recognizing outstanding achievement. The award, supported by the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, was presented to 24 students this year. The combined value of the 24 awards was who will receive a total of \$52,200.

A large number of awards were also given out for academic achievements at the Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 levels.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Board Chair Noreen Radford said she was thankful to the community for recognizing MCHS student success by sponsoring the large number of awards. "What an awesome evening," Radford said. "This is the best part of my job and seeing the kids recognized. I'm sure the students appreciate the monetary awards. We appreciate their academic success."

MCHS Principal Todd Eistetter was also pleased with the evening. "There was probably close to 500 people here for it and a large number of the students who had graduated and won awards were here for it," Eistetter said. "It's a lot of work by the students, the parents, faculty, community members. I think it's a real group effort. The old proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." I think this [awards night] really highlights that. We had over 50 award sponsors from different community organizations. I think it really highlights that proverb and shows that it's true."

Top award winners for the evening were Jared Kernahan who walked away with seven awards: Business Community Award Math 30-2, English 30-2, and Social Studies 30-2, an Alexander Rutherford Scholarship, Palmer Award, Grade 12 Honours, and the Knights of Columbus Top General Grade 12 Award. Ben Lawrence also walked away with a handful of awards, six in all: the Photography/ Videography Award, Cayley Canadian Math Contest Grade 10 3rd place, Personal Growth English 10-1 ATA, Phil Whiting Memorial Award Science 10, Grade 10 Honours, Knights of Columbus Top Honours Grade 10.



Top: Honour students receive their certificates. **Above:** Jared Kernahan and Kyrsti MacDonald received the Knights of Columbus Grade 12 Top Academic Honours Award from Paul Froment.

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Registration forms are also available at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. **Deadline for registration is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 26.**

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.

DP211/2014 – Major Home Occupation, 10102 – 103 Ave (Lots 17, 18 & 19, Block 3, Plan 7731R) – Discretionary Use (R-1A 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 780-939-4361 or visit www.morinville.ca/planningnews.

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- On Thursday, November 27, the bus will be making the rounds and gathering donations from area schools and businesses that have signed up to be collection points.
- On Friday, November 28, the Morinville Community Bus will be at Chris & Tracey's No Frills from 9:30am to 1:00pm, and Sobeys Morinville from 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

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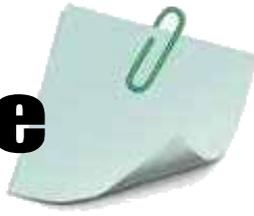
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Sibling builders reach milestone

by Stephen Dafoe

Denis and Andre Morin have been building homes in Morinville since 2002. Twelve years later the sibling builders and owners of HomesBy2Broz broke ground on their 100th home, a single-family product on the corner of 97 Avenue and Grandin.

Andre Morin said he and his brother built their first home on the corner of 107th and 101st after brother Denis talked his brother into coming back to Morinville to get into the building business. "Our family has been here since 1966," Andre Morin said, adding he moved away from the community in 1989 but returned in 2002 to join his brother in business. "He said, 'Come back. I have a piece of land and we'll start building some houses.'"

Family first, business second

Despite being blood brothers, the siblings say the partnership has been a good one. "Some days are good. Some days are bad. As long as you have more good days than bad days, it works out," said Denis Morin. "Sometimes you've got to hold back a little because it's family first. Business is business, but family comes first."

The first step was for Andre to get his real estate license, something Denis already had. The same year the two brothers developed their piece of land into seven residential lots and started building. "His background was real estate; mine was roof and floors and design," Andre Morin said. "It's a good combination with the way it's been working. I'm out in the field. He's in the office doing the PR work and paperwork. I'm out on site making sure everything gets done."

Over the past 12 years the two brothers have continued to meld their different skills to build a product they are proud of, a home they would



HomesBy2Broz owners Andre and Denis Morin stand in front of their latest home. The project, the company's 100th home, will be ready for occupancy in the spring.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

live in themselves. "We built the first house as if we were going to be moving into it," Andre Morin said. "So we put a lot of things into it we liked. We had a pretty good idea of what people wanted."

Those elements - quality doors, stone fronts, and plenty of windows to allow natural light in, are all elements the brothers have kept an integral part of their product over the years.



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But regardless of the ingredients that go into their homes, the Morins have one simple ingredient that has kept them going. "We love what we do," Denis Morin said. "There is nothing like getting it from paper to shingle and everything in between. It makes you excited to get somebody into a house that is excited to have it. It's not just a product. You put your heart and soul into it."



The company has had a record year in 2014 doing what they love. "The market has been strong. The phone has been ringing, and we have been building product and selling them," Denis Morin said. "We want to keep on rolling into 2015." The brothers built 10 homes in 2014, 25 per cent more than the eight they usually build in a season.

The brothers are looking to continue putting heart and soul into building projects in the coming year. Though they will continue to build the homes they have, they are both wanting to develop a larger project for seniors, a development that would be larger than apartments and condos currently on the market but smaller than the product they are building now. "Morinville needs it because there is nothing here like it," Andre Morin said.

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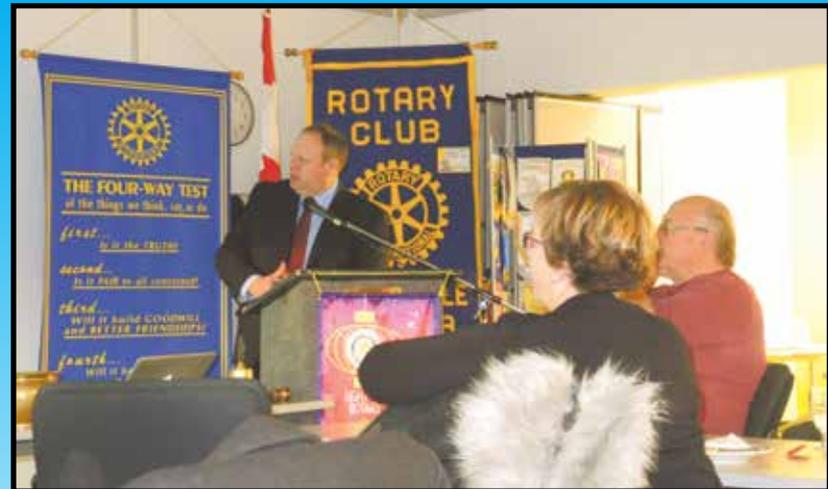
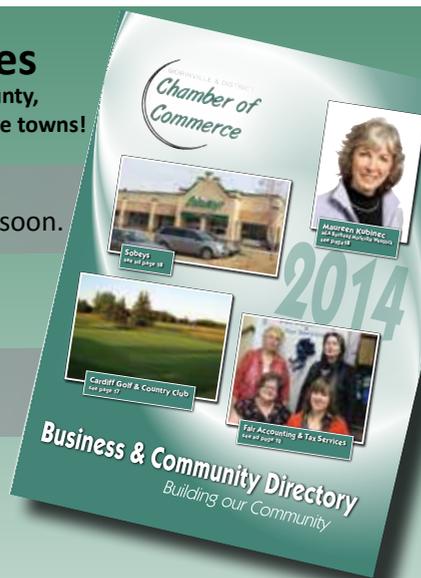
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New building marks renewed commitment for local law firm

by Stephen Dafoe

Rising above 100 Street in Morinville's downtown core is a brand new 5,300 square foot office building for the law firm of Putnam and Lawson. The building is nearly three times the size of the firm's former location across the road. The project broke ground Apr. 1 and Gord Putnam, Andrew Lawson and their staff open the doors Nov. 12 on a new chapter in the 28-year-old law firm's story.

Putnam said the company's current journey began one day when he walked out of his old office wondering where he could build a new one. "I looked across the street and saw this old house with the trees and Rene [his partner] went and asked if they were interested in selling. She [the owner] said I've been waiting for 10 years for someone to come and knock on my door," Putnam recalled.

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the firm's current staff, as well as provide room for the firm to continue to grow.

The building is built by Whitson Contracting, a family business that are clients of the law firm. "They have a great reputation and they've been absolutely marvellous," Putnam said. "They helped us redesign the building. I originally designed a box - they got us right down to the practical stuff that I didn't necessarily have a handle on."

The new-look building will coincide with a new-look brand for the long-time business, an updating of the logo and slogan for the partnership that began 18 years ago when Putnam and Lawson took over from the previous owner, Tom Walter. "We are now moving into this new phase of planning for the future," Putnam said. "We're making a big investment in Morinville because of people like Jesse [Inkpen, one of the firm's young lawyers], and younger lawyers coming on," Putnam said. "Eventually there will be succession and transition, but we're really just committing to the community with this build."

Putnam and his partner will be keeping their Gibbons office open. The company has long been known as a regional law firm serving Sturgeon County. The law firm's new slogan - Your Neighbour, Your Lawyer - speaks to the company's philosophy, the new office to the need to expand the business to satisfy a growing region and clientele.

But just as the company has grown quickly, so too has the building. Putnam said his contractors anticipated an eight-month build for the project, but were done in six, allowing lots of time for interior finishes over the past month. That look is what Putnam describes as country contemporary, a look designed to appeal to the firm's mix of urban and rural clients. "We like to have a mix of both," Putnam said of the interior design, adding the mantle above the fireplace comes from a farm in Pincher Creek that was owned by the grandson of the author of O Canada. It is a piece of Canadiana that continues through to the selection of art that is on the walls, decor that will include a painting of a prairie scene by Putnam's fellow Rotarian Monty Johnson.

Beyond the cosmetic appeal, Putnam said the building is set up for functionality as well. "It's designed for us to be able to meet clients in a meeting



Opposite Page: Lawyer Gord Putnam poses in front of his and partner Andrew Lawson's new 5,300 square foot building.

Above: Putnam leans on the mantle of the building's fireplace.

room that is separate from our offices, which is really important," he said. Although the company has a new-look building and a new-look branding, little will change in how the firm looks at the communities they serve. "We're big on community service and that's why our slogan [is] Your Neighbour, Your Lawyer," Putnam said. "We totally believe in supporting the community that supports us. That's one of our huge things and that's why we support the festivals and the hockey teams and soccer teams, the bake sales and all that kind of stuff. Our commitment to the community is to be involved."

MONDAY



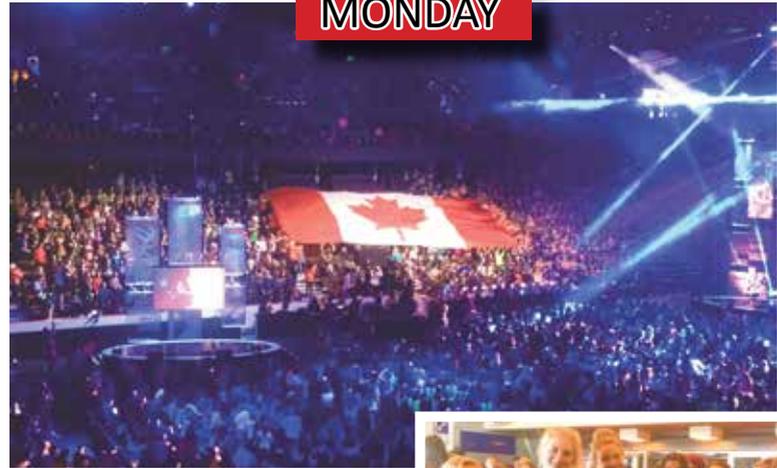
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The Mayor's Club

More than 80 Grade 1 students from Morinville Public School visited Mayor Lisa Holmes in Council Chamber Nov. 3. The students were the first to become part of the Mayor's Junior Mayor's Club initiative. While in Chambers, students played games, including Name that Councillor. Additionally, the Grade 1 students took an oath promising "to love and care for the Town of Morinville, to keep my community clean and safe and to be kind and respectful to every person that [they] meet." Mayor Holmes will be hosting Grade 1s from Ecole Notre Dame and Morinville Christian School in the future.

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MONDAY



We Day

Above: Students from all over Alberta participated in the WE day at the Calgary Saddledome. Featured entertainers included; Neverest, Alyssa Reid, Virginia to Vegas, and Nikki Yanofsky.

Right: Seventeen of the students from MCHS participated in the WE day in Calgary to learn about empowerment and community service.

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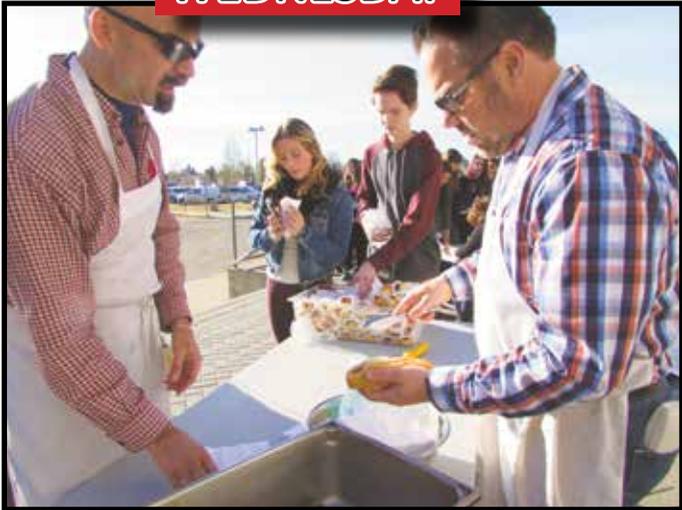
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One HOWL of a lunch

Principal Todd Eistetter and Vice Principal Wade Michael help serve the HOWLS lunch to the selected students at MCHS who show Honor, Ownership, Welcoming, Leadership, and Safety.

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Crime Watch

Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch (SRCW) hosted the Zone 5 Crime Watch meeting Saturday at the Rendez-Vous Centre. More than 45 attended the event. Alberta Rural Crime Watch President Trevor Tychkowsky provided an update on the Alberta association itself and on other Zones in the province.

Left: Sturgeon rural Crime Watch President Francoise Meunier and Secretary Sandra Wasnea listen as guest speaker RCMP Constable Dalton Rouse gives a presentation on Environmental Home Protection Design, also referred to as target hardening. Topics included lighting the yard, locking doors, glass break alarms, and yard alarms. **Right:** Sturgeon County Mayor Tom Flynn, SRCW member Therese Gervais.

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Lite Up Culture

Town planning to Lite Up the Nite

by Colin Smith

Lite Up The Nite is coming up and this year there will be even more reasons to take in the Christmas festival, which runs Nov. 28 to 30.

Local restaurants will be offering up samples of their fare as part of A Taste of Morinville, at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28.

That will be followed by a performance of the Hoja vocal ensemble at the centre at 7 p.m.

This Calgary-based a cappella group has been performing for more than 15 years for audiences from British Columbia to Ontario. Their repertoire of favourite songs from the '50s to the present spans many styles of music, from doo wop to rock, and from country to disco.

Each of the group's three members sings a variety of different voice parts including bass lines, lead vocals, tenor and baritone parts, instrument sounds such as guitars and trumpets, beatboxing and drum noises, and assorted sound effects.

"This will be good fun for the whole family," said Allen Jacobson, Morinville's community events coordinator.

Jacobson anticipates that around 3,000 people from all over the area will take in the many Lite Up the Nite activities, almost all of which are free.

"It's going to be a great weekend," he said. "There is a lot going on."

It all begins at 9:30 a.m. on Friday when a bus and Santa Claus appear at No Frills for the Fill-A-Bus event in support of the Morinville Food Bank. Everyone is encouraged to bring a donation to help fill the bus. It will be at No Frills until 1 p.m. and then at Sobeys from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The deadline for the Best Lights Competition is also on Friday, at 4 p.m. For information call Community Services at 780-939-7839.

At 8:30 p.m. the Morinville Jets Alumni Hockey Game and Silent Action will take place at the Ray McDonald Sports Center.

Events on Saturday, Nov. 29 kick off with the Lions Pancake Breakfast with Santa, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rendez-Vous Centre, 9913-100 Avenue.

The Children's Festival, featuring free activities for children including crafts, games, face painting, bouncy castle photos with Santa, runs from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. There will also be performances by Major Conrad Flapps at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and a hot dog lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

The Annual Christmas Farmers' Market will be going on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Morinville Community High School.

The cultural centre is the starting point for the Christmas Parade at 5:30 p.m. During the parade, which will likely have 25 to 30 entries, postal workers will be going along the route collecting children's letters addressed to Santa and members of other groups will be handing out cups of hot chocolate and apple cider.

Following the parade is Light Up the Park, during which the illuminated displays in St. Jean Baptiste Park are lit, and then fireworks will be set off.

"It's a nice thing," said Jacobson. "The kids love it."

Hockey fans can enjoy the Morinville Jets game at the Ray McDonald Sports Center. After that is the Morinville Kings Sr. "AA" Hockey Game -- free admission with food bank donation.

On Sunday, Nov. 30 there will be a free family skate with Santa from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Ray McDonald facility. Also on tap is a family movie at the cultural centre, with free popcorn and pop. The showing of *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, starring Jim Carrey, begins at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5:45 p.m.

Judging of the Best Lights Competition by a group of seniors and youth will begin at 6 p.m.

Jacobson said one of the best things about the inclusive, family-oriented event is that it brings people together.

"As well as being a celebration of the Christmas season, it's a celebration of the great community that is Morinville," he said.



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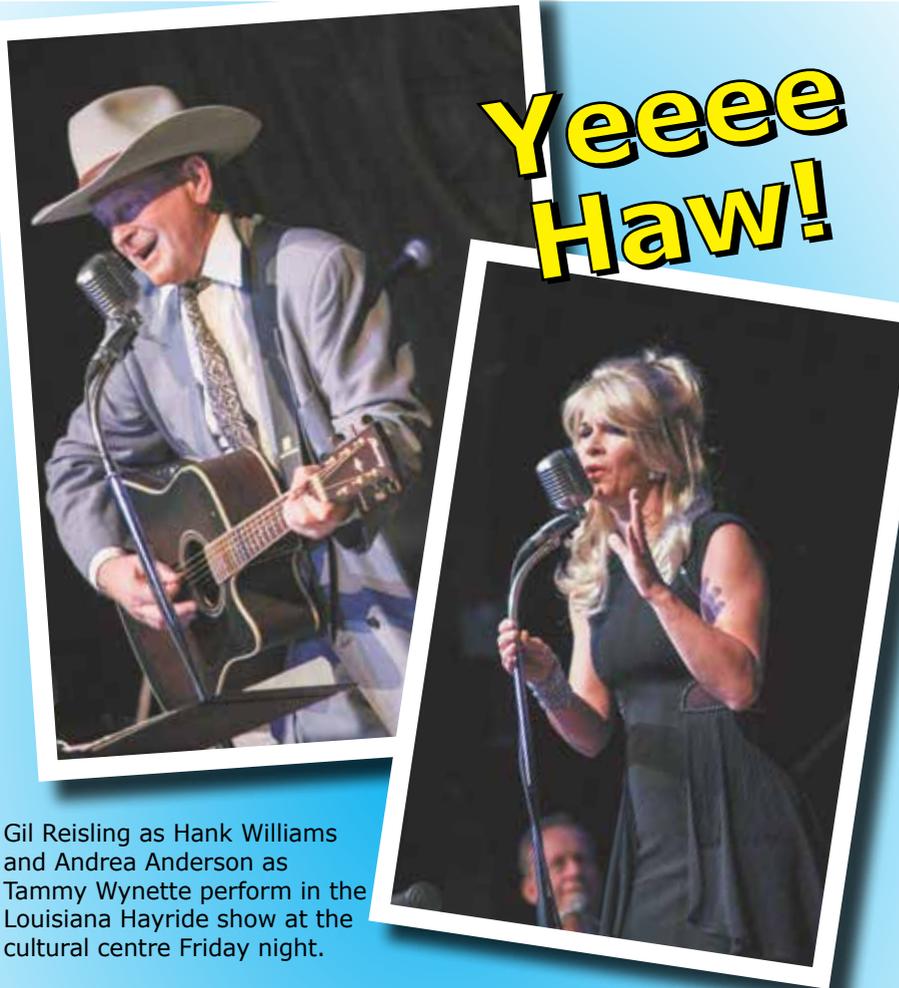
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The Louisiana Hayride was a live radio show broadcast from the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium and broadcast on KWKH Radio from 1948 to 1960.

About 400 local and area residents came out to see that live show recreated on the cultural centre stage. The independent production combined the songs of Hank Snow, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline, Willie Nelson and a number of other country legends. The three hour performance moved on to Vegreville Saturday night and will play in Okotoks Nov. 13.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos

Auction kicks off a season of giving

by Morinville News Staff

For the 17th consecutive year, Coach's Corner will open its doors for the Annual Santa Store Auction on Nov. 22. The annual fundraising event for the Midstream Support Society's Santa Store raised more than \$22,765 last year for a community program that ensures low-income families are able to provide a Christmas for their children. Santa Auction committee member Lisa Piche said the event is an important one because every child should have something to look forward to at Christmas. "I encourage people to donate because I want to believe that we live in a community where we all help each other in times of need," Piche said. "These are children that go to our schools and play with our kids. Some times we have to remember that it could be us in that situation. Someone gets injured or loses a job or divorcees. There are so many reasons people may find that they are short on money at Christmas. By donating we are all working together to support our community."

Though last year was a record year for the auction, the goal this year is \$25,000, monies that will provide for the Santa Store as well as the annual Christmas Dinner the society puts on in the community.

But putting on the event takes a lot of generosity from a variety of people through the downation of volunteer time to put it on, the businesses and individuals who donate the items to be auctioned, and the people who pack coach's Corner to bid on the items.

Auction items needed

Though the opening of the Midstream Support Society's Santa Store is still more than two weeks away, the committee's present focus is the upcoming auction and ensuring there are plenty of items for people to bid on.

Committee teams are already making the rounds looking for auction items from businesses and the public. The sky is the limit for auction items.

Those interested in donating auction items can drop them off at Coach's Corner on 100 Avenue or can contact s_swanson@shaw.ca. Everything from hockey tickets to original artwork is welcomed. Registrations to bid start at 5 p.m. on Nov. 22; however, people are urged to start arriving as early as 2 p.m. to get a seat.

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We Scare event scares up a truckload of food



From left: Grace Lesburg, Kirsten Whitfield, Taylor Strand and Madison Brisson help teacher Angela Boucher load a van with food bank donations Monday morning. The four students are part of the Me to We group that took part in the We Scare Hunger event Halloween night.

– Stephen Dafoe Photo

by Stephen Dafoe

A number of Georges H. Primeau students went without bags of candy Halloween night so that Morinville and area families won't have to go without food.

Approximately 14 Me-to-We group members at the school participated in the annual We Scare Hunger campaign, carting wagons around town and trick or treating for Food Bank donations rather than candy.

That food was loaded and carted to the Food Bank Nov. 3. Isabelle Skjersven of the food bank

said the students collected 770 pounds of food, an amount that will be matched by Stu Trenchard of the the Morinville Sobeys.

Teacher Dianne Hutton said the Me-to-We group has been at the school for three years and has expanded from 15 students to 45.

The ongoing school group is part of a national emphasis on giving back to the community.

A number of students from Morinville schools travelled to Calgary Nov. 3 to take part in We Day, a motivational gathering that includes performances from major celebrities, each sharing their stories on making a difference.

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1/ Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Slice shrimp into 1/2-in. (1 cm) pieces and toss in a bowl with chili paste. Set aside.
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3/ Meanwhile, add linguine to boiling water and cook according to package directions, reserving 1/4 cup (60 mL) of pasta water before draining. Stir reserved water and linguine into the shrimp mixture along with basil, salt and pepper. Toss together and serve.

RECIPE
of the week

Food & Health Pages



Isaac Collinge was one of 24 MPS students at the Morinville Food Bank Nov. 4 sorting all donated items. MPS collected 775 pounds of for their project We Scare Hunger Haunted House Food Bank Drive.

- Lucie Roy Photo



Plant tour

Notre Dame Grade 4 classes took their turn touring the Morinville Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant Nov. 3 and 4. Teacher Dolores Ricard said it was part of their Social Studies Natural Resources in Alberta curriculum under farming and industry.

Seed Cleaning Plant Manager Joanne Borle said the plant is more than 60 years old and one of the oldest businesses in Morinville. The plant is one of 73 in Alberta and they have performed in the top five for the last few years. They process more than 1.3 million bushels per year and are the only one in Alberta with two plants under one roof and one of only three plants certified organic.

Above left: Notre Dame student Ava Jensen looking at the seen screen.

Above right: Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant Manager Joanne Borle was demonstrating with miniature screens how the equipment works to clean foreign matter from the grains.

- Lucie Roy Photos



Community Gardens Award

Val Loseth presented Morinville Community High School student Hadla Omar with an Urban Agriculture Award during the school's award ceremony Nov. 4. The award was available to a student who has taken rgw Urban Agriculture program and demonstrated an interest in gardening and agricultural activities. The award came with a certificate and a \$50 cash prize. See Page 24 for awards night story.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Upcoming Games



Nov. 16 HOME GAME 6:45 p.m.
Jets vs. Spruce Grove Regals

Nov. 21 ROAD GAME 8:00 p.m.
Jets vs. St. Albert Merchants



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Left: Brayden Arcand takes a strong chance during the second. **Above:** Wayne Gatzka, who scored the winning goal, moves in for the puck with a Westlock player.

Morinville Kings on the win

by **Stephen Dafeo**

The Kings won two straight over the weekend with a 5-4 OT win in Westlock Friday night and a 7-4 victory over the Rocky Rams Saturday night.

As they had the week before, the Kings poured it on in the third period of Friday night's road game to face the Westlock Warriors.

After trailing 2-0 at the end of the first and second period, the Kings pounded back with two goals early in the third period to bring it to 2-2. A third Westlock goal was answered with two more from the Kings to bring it to 4-3 with 9:26 left in the third. A late period contribution from Westlock brought the game to 4-4 and drove the contest into overtime.

Despite trailing by two for the first 40 minutes Friday night, Wayne Gatzka brought the Kings their overtime win with an assist from Timothy Nolte and Joel Pelletier.

Saturday night brought the Kings back home for a matchup with the Rocky Rams, a club that enter the Ray McDonald Sports Center 0-4 this season and averaging 2.5 goals per game.

Little changed in the way of luck for the Rams. The Kings took them down 7-4 to earn back-to-back weekend wins and give the Rams an 0-5-0 record this season.

Leading 3-1 at the end of the opening frame, the Kings built to a 6-3 lead at the end of 40 minutes. Both sides rippled the mesh in the final frame, giving the Kings a three-goal margin on their win.

Goals were spread throughout the club with six shooters pocketing seven goals. Dalen Paul picked up goal six and seven to earn himself another four points.

The Morinville Kings travel to Edson Nov. 15 for an 8 p.m. game. The club returns to home ice Nov. 22 for the rematch.



MCHS Coaches' Choice

The MCHS Coaches' Choice Award was presented to Katie Krupa and Haiden Hurtig Nov. 4 during the high school's annual awards night. The award is presented to the female and male athlete who demonstrate sportsmanship, active participation, and team leadership while maintaining strong class attendance and a good academic standing. Krupa and Hurtig received a certificate and a \$250 cash award. Re/Max Real Estate, Brent Melville was the sponsor of the female athlete award, and Serge Froment of Froment Chiropractic was the sponsor of the male athlete award.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Red Wings clip Jets in home-ice contest

The Morinville Jets fell 6-2 to the visiting North Edmonton Red Wings Sunday night.

The Jets ended the first period trailing the Red Wings 1-0, but were trailing 3-1 at the end of 40. The final frame did not add much for the Jets, who managed one goal during the period to Edmonton's three.

Sunday night's home-ice loss brings the Jets to a 9-5-1 record this season and places them in fourth place in the Capital Junior Hockey League.

The Jets take to the ice against the Spruce Grove Regals at home Nov. 16 at 6:45 p.m. and take to the road Nov. 21 for an 8 p.m. game against the St. Albert Merchants.



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Wednesday, November 12th 6:00 pm

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Monday, November 17th 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Knit Wits

Tuesday, November 18th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Scrap that Page!

Wednesday, November 19th 6:00 pm

Cozy Corner Stories

Thursday, November 13th at 10:30 am - 11:00 am



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TRIVIA TEST by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE:** What 19th-century novel's opening line is, "Call me Ishmael"?
- HISTORY:** The Battle of Hastings was fought for control of which country?
- U.S. STATES:** How much did the United States pay Russia for the Alaskan territory in 1867?
- MUSIC:** Who sang the duet in the pop song "Ebony and Ivory"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is Mount Vesuvius?
- TELEVISION:** Who played Morticia on "The Addams Family" TV series?
- INVENTIONS:** Who pioneered the concept of a blood bank?
- ENTERTAINERS:** Which entertainer also is known as "The Divine Miss M"?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which company featured the ad slogan: "A diamond is forever"?
- FAMOUS QUOTES:** What 20th-century civil-rights leader said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"?

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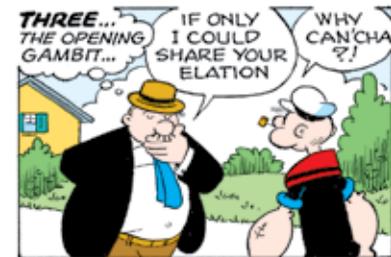
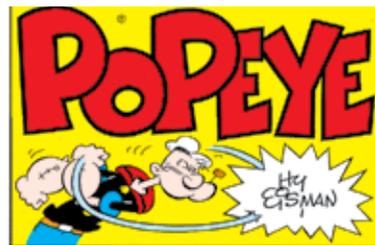
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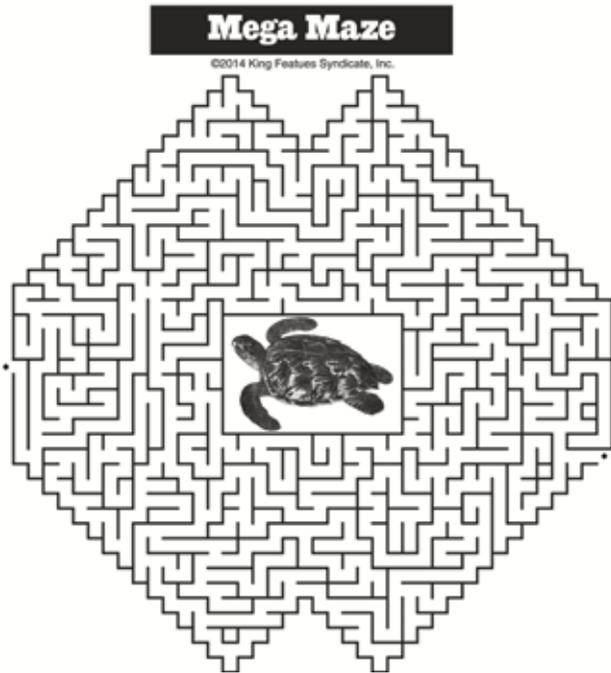
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Trivia Answers: 1. "Moby-Dick" 2. England 3. \$7 million 4. Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder 5. Italy 6. Carolyn Jones 7. Dr. Charles Richard Drew 8. Bette Midler 9. De Beers 10. Martin Luther King Jr.

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by Linda Thistle

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