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We believe it pays to **Shop in Morinville** and the third annual edition of the **Shop in Morinville** guide is now in your hands.

This Christmas edition is a showcase of what's on and what's on sale over the Christmas season in our community.

In addition to advertisements from local merchants who want to earn your Christmas shopping dollars, you will find a complete calendar of events happening during the **Lite Up the Night Christmas Festival** (centrespread) and articles on upcoming activities and holiday tips and trivia.

There is also an **OPPORTUNITY TO WIN \$500** to spend at the businesses participating in the guide.

All you need to do is visit four of the businesses in the shopping guide, complete the contest form and leave your contest entry form with any of the businesses in the guide. On Dec. 12 we will draw one winner of the \$500 prize, monies that can be spent at any of the shops or combination of shops in the **Shop in Morinville Christmas Shopping Guide**.

Good luck and good shopping.

Stephen Dafoe,
Publisher of The Morinville News

Shop in Morinville



Happy Holidays

The festive season is upon us and our thoughts traditionally turn to finding the perfect gifts and the best deals. Why? Because the holiday season is special and it's time to think of our family, friends and ourselves.

While we think about getting the right gift for Grandma, Mom, Dad or the kids, we often overlook the fantastic shopping opportunities we have right in our backyard. From the storefront businesses and home-based businesses to the local crafters and Christmas markets, the perfect gift is right in front of you.

You will find everything you need for your holiday feasts at our local grocery stores, which provide a great selection, competitive prices and helpful, friendly faces. And we can't forget to mention the superior service you get at our local cafes and restaurants, the perfect place to relax after a busy day of shopping or catch up with friends and family.

Morinville has a vibrant business community that is such an important part of what makes our town so great. They support local groups and sports teams and provide employment for a number of residents. They are also ambassadors for just how great Morinville is. In shopping locally, we show our business community just how much we appreciate their hard work and support.

Please enjoy the holiday season on behalf of the
Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce





Morinville Community Library Assistant Manager Cheryl Pasechnik poses with a few of the items up for bid in the library's upcoming silent auction.

Library Silent Auction is here

by Stephen Dafoe

The Morinville Community Library's popular silent auction is now on, a week-long event that offers patrons and visitors an opportunity to acquire some great items for their Christmas shopping lists while raising funds for library programming.

The event runs from 4 p.m. Nov. 24 until 2 p.m. Nov. 30 and organizers are hoping the event will be the largest yet. The library's last two auctions have raised a combined \$5,600 for the library, and they are once again hoping to hit a minimum \$2,500 from the upcoming event.

"It's a fun thing to come and support your local library," said Morinville Community Library Assistant Manager Cheryl Pasechnik. "We run it for a whole week ... and it's throughout the whole library. There are going to be toys, [Disney] collectibles, quilt sets, clothing, [and] special items from businesses in the community."

Pasechnik said it is not uncommon to see people coming in every day to monitor their bids to see if they have been outbid. All of the items and bidding sheets are set up throughout the library and bidding runs during every hour the library is open.

"We even have a bunch of people come at

the end of the auction to see if their bids have won. It's kind of fun," she said of the excitement that surrounds the event.

But while watching the bidding go on and up is exciting for library staff who organize and run the fundraiser, so too is the prospect of maintaining and expanding library programs.

"All the proceeds go to the programs and services of the library that otherwise wouldn't get funded," Pasechnik said. "Through it, we are able to do a lot of extra programs like the Lego Club and stuff in the library for families."

Expanded program offerings

Since reopening their doors after renovations in 2012, the Morinville Community Library has become increasingly busy and expanded the number of programs it runs. In 2014 the popular Library Lego Club went from a one-a-month event to twice a month. Their children's movie events now take place twice on professional development days to accommodate all the children who attend. Additionally, the library's writer's group has expanded from a biweekly to a weekly event.

For more information on the auction and programming, visit morinvillelibrary.ca or call 780-939-3292.

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Christmas Trees With Style

by Valerie Loeth, The Wheelbarrow Gardener

Have you ever looked through a magazine or seen pictures on Pinterest of beautifully decorated Christmas trees and wished you could produce the same result?

Decorating a tree worthy of your neighbour's envy can be relatively simple if you follow some simple rules.

Prepare to spend some quality time creating your masterpiece

A beautiful tree takes time and if you limit your time to complete it, there is no opportunity to explore design possibilities. With a lighted tree give yourself a good 3-4 hours to decorate an average size tree. If you have a tree bigger than 9 feet or need to string the lights add on an additional hour or so.

Prepare all of your materials

Get out all your lights, ornaments, ribbon, picks and all of the necessary tools – scissors, wire, tape etc. Spread it out, you've got to be able to see what you have to work with, there is nothing worse than finding some great ornaments or ribbon you purchased last year after the tree is up.

Think outside the box. Don't limit your decorations to the traditional. If you love cooking, why not add some wooden spoons, measuring cups or even cookbooks into the tree? Are you a knitter? How about putting balls of yarn and knitting needles into the tree and why not add a knitted tree skirt. Christmas is such a whimsical time let your personality show in your design.

Stick to a theme

This is often difficult, we have collected a wonderful assortment of decorations over the years and it may be hard to find a theme in it all. If you have to, just base your theme on a colour scheme. If you're a collector of a certain type or design of ornament this is an easier task, but don't be afraid to shake things up. If you always have a (snowman tree) maybe this year you aim to have a more winter wonderland theme. You can still use some of the ornaments but this year you add frosted branches, snowflakes (they can be homemade) and white yarn balls.

Keep size in mind

If you have a 9-foot tree, small ornaments are going to get lost on it. One roll of ribbon or one string of lights is not going to give you the impact you want. The bigger the tree the bigger the ornaments can be. It's ok to put big 6-10 inch diameter balls on the tree or add in a cluster of 3-4 smaller balls instead of placing them on individually.

On average this is what you need for every 1 foot of tree:

100 lights
9 feet of garland or ribbon
25 ornaments



Who says the top of your tree has to be the focal point? What about adding a wreath to the middle of your tree, or creating a swish of ribbon, silk flowers and ornaments that sweeps across the tree on a diagonal. If you want people to be in awe you have to DESIGN your tree not just decorate it.

Don't be too critical of your efforts. There is an art to good design, but you can't figure it out if you don't practice and take risks. Take pictures during the process, the camera will expose bare spots, and spacing errors that your eye may not see. And finally, be proud of what you create, if you have put your time and heart into it then it is a beautiful representation of you.

If you'd like to see a tree with a design twist based on a theme, you can check out my red and white "Library" tree at the Morinville Public Library.



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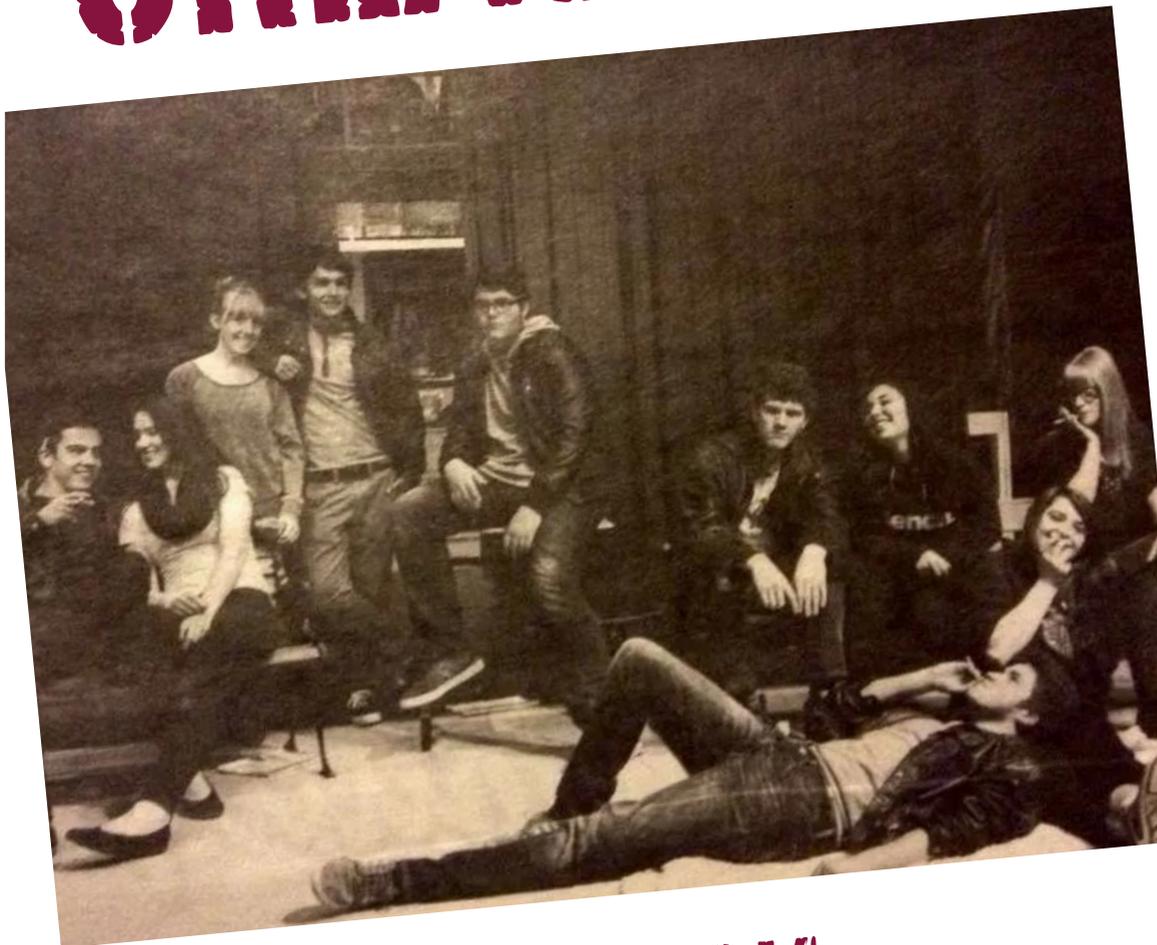
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Strange But True

by **Samantha Weaver**

- Between 1659 and 1681, it was illegal to celebrate Christmas in Massachusetts. If you were caught celebrating, you would be fined five shillings.

- St. Nicholas is actually a historical figure, although the name was spelled differently. St. Nikolaus was the bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, and he died on Dec. 6, 343. In different regions of the world he is known as Klaus, Nickel, Sünnerklas, Seneklos, Pelznickel, Knecht Ruprecht, Weihnachtsmann and Christkindl. Sometimes he travels on foot, and sometimes he's shown riding a white horse, a reindeer, a mule or even a goat.

- In 1712, Cotton Mather said, "The Feast of Christ's Nativity is spent in Reveling, Dicing, Carding, Masking, and in Licentious Liberty ... by Mad Mirth, by long Eating, by hard Drinking, by lewd Gaming, by rude Reveling." Doesn't sound much like today's celebrations, does it?

- If you think that Christmas has only recently become a nightmare of consumerism, consider that as early as the mid-1820s, Santa Claus was being employed to sell Christmas goods.

- Clement Clarke Moore, the author of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" (more popularly known as "The Night Before Christmas"), was born during the American Revolution and died during the Civil War.

- The modern image of Santa Claus was invented by American cartoonist Thomas Nast in the late 1800s. Until his cartoons were published at the end of the 19th century, no one really pictured Santa as a fat, jolly old man with white hair.

- The first image of a Christmas tree to be printed in the United States appeared in Boston in 1836. It was an illustration to a book written by a German immigrant.

- There is no Biblical or historical reason to place the birth of Jesus on Dec. 25. It was only in the fourth century that the Church officially decided to observe Christmas on Dec. 25.

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The Christmas season is a time to stop and remember the important traditions, including fruitcake. Sit again with your children or friends, regardless of their age, and watch a Christmas cartoon! Here are the ones what I like.

1 Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (1964). Burl Ives was such a great singer and he was great as the snowman in this cartoon. That was always my favourite part. Knowing that a great folk singer like Burl Ives could also have a second job as a cartoon snowman. What's a singer like Justin Beiber gonna do for a cartoon? They don't allow them kind of cartoons on the TV.

2 How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966). Boris Karloff was a great actor who made a lot of horror movies and was also the voice of the Grinch. He's from the generation where horror movies were scary. Now they are just disgusting with people's guts falling all over the screen. I realize that's got nothing to do with the Grinch. I just got side tracked.

3 Frosty the Snowman (1969). This cartoon was a good one too and it was made when the kids was little. Then they made some sequels that no one has heard of. Everybody knows the song, but not a lot of people know a cowboy named Gene Autry was the first to record it.

4 A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965). If you do not want a Charlie Brown Christmas tree, then you better buy one from the Scouts over at Home Hardware. And I'll repeat that in the grown-up voice from Charlie Brown. Wamp waaa, waaaa, wumpp waaa!

5 The Year Without Santa Claus is probably my favourite of all time. It's the one where Santa gets sick and takes a holiday. So a couple elves try to do his job and make a mess of it because of a couple bad guys named Heat Miser and Snow Miser get to fighting in it and then Mother Nature comes to sort them out. It's kind of like the Lord of the Rings, except Santa Claus is the old wizard in it.

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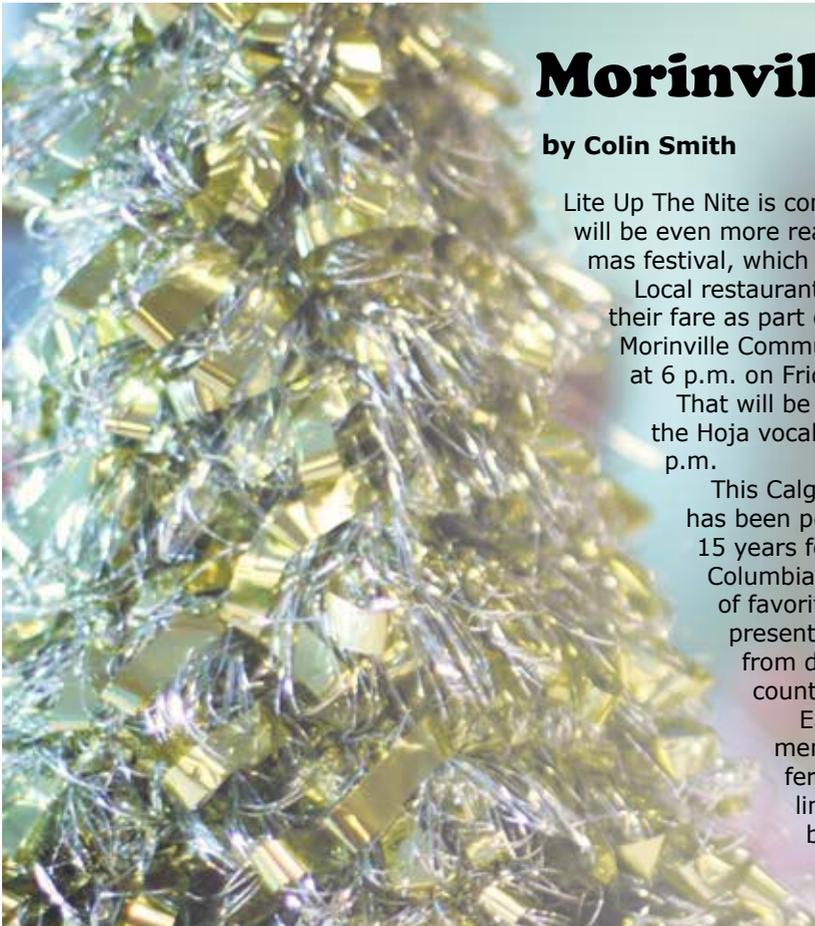
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All proceeds help support programs and services at the Morinville Community Library



Morinville is ready 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 November 28 to 30.

Local restaurants will be offering up samples their fare as part of A Taste of Morinville, at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 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 favorite 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, November 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 kids including crafts, games, face painting, bouncy



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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 Farmer's 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, November 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 community 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 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.



Gregory Palmer puts his list in at the Santa mail box at a recent Morinville Farmers' Market. Canada Post employees will collect them before the Lite up the Nite parade on Nov. 29 and deliver them to Santa Claus.

- Lucie Roy Photo

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Fill-A-Bus ready to bust the bank again this year

by Colin Smith

The annual Fill-A-Bus campaign in support of the Morinville Food Bank will once be taking place during Christmas festival week, on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28.

A partnership between Morinville Community Services and the Morinville Food Bank Society, what was originally a one-day event has been put on for more than five years.

The goal is to fill the Town of Morinville's community bus with as many items for the food bank as possible, said organizer Melodie Steele, facility-booking coordinator for the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

"On Thursday the bus goes from school to school and from business to business collecting non-perishable food items and personal care items," she said.

Once filled, the bus is weighed, the items are unloaded at the Morinville Food Bank and then it goes out again.

The next day, the bus will stop at two Morinville grocery stores. It will be on location from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at No Frills and then from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Sobeys. Santa Claus will also be in attendance.

"Residents who are going to the grocery store anyway will have the opportunity to help fill the shelves of the Morinville Food Bank," said Steele.

Last year's Fill-A-Bus event took in 7,255 pounds of food items, along



with cash donations of \$3,231 for the food bank from businesses and residents.

In addition, Champion PetFoods donated a whole pallet-load of bags of pet food weighing in at 2,930 pounds.

"It's nice for the food bank to be able to provide food for pets. They are obviously the first to go without if families are having trouble making ends meet," said Steele.

The record for the event was set in 2011, when 7,469 pounds of food were collected.

Steele would like to see that record surpassed with this year's Fill-A-Bus to ensure enough food is donated to meet the food bank's requirements through the Christmas season and well into the new year.

"Families in need happen all year long," Steele pointed out. "There are always people who find they may need a little extra."

The goal is to put as much as possible on the food bank's shelves to meet those needs.

A portion of the donated food is shared with the Knights of Columbus to help them make up their Christmas hampers. Members of the organization help out by volunteering with a Fill-A-Bus.

That's something other members of the community can do as well.

"If anyone's interested we're always looking for cheerful, helpful volunteers," said Steele.

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On Dec. 13 we will draw one lucky winner of a \$500 prize to be spent at any business or combination of businesses listed below.

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Lite Up The Nite Christmas Festival

Nov. 28 - 30

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4:00 pm **Deadline for Best Lights Competition**
Call Community Services at 780-939-7839

6:00 pm **A Taste of Morinville** (Featuring Local Restaurants)
Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502 - 100 Ave.)

7:00 pm **Hoja Vocal Ensemble** - Family Fun!
Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502 - 100 Ave.)

8:30 pm **Morinville Jets Alumni Game & Silent Auction**
Ray McDonald Sports Center (9908 - 104 Street)
(free admission with food bank donation)

Fill-A-Bus

9:30 am - 1:00 pm No Frills (8901 - 100 Street)

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm Sobey's (10003 - 100 Street)

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Lions Pancake Breakfast with Santa
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Photos with Santa

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Annual Christmas Farmers' Market
Morinville Community High School (9506 100 Avenue)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Christmas Parade
Starting point - MCCC (9502 - 100 Ave.)
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After the Parade

6:30 pm **Light up the Park** at St. Jean Baptiste Park

6:30 pm **Fireworks** at the open field next to Morinville Public School

5:30 pm **Morinville Jets Hockey Game**
Ray McDonald Sports Center (9908-104 Street)

8:30 pm **Morinville Kings Sr. "AA" Hockey Game**
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

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DIFFERENCES: 1. Ball plate is missing. 2. Hat is different. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Swing seat is smaller. 5. Fence board is broken. 6. Radio is missing.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

X IT OUT! See how quickly you can find missing digits, represented by X's in the multiplication problem shown. As a starter, note that two times something (X), at upper right, results in a 10 or 0. Also note that the same digit elsewhere multiplied by three is shown to result in a 5. See if you have the patience to puzzle it out from there.

Time limit: Five minutes.
FYI: Missing X digits range in amount from 1 through 5.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{XIX} \\ 3 \times 2 \\ \hline \text{X3X} \\ 3 \times 2 \times \\ \hline \text{X2X5} \\ \hline \text{1X8X30} \end{array}$$

Answer: 415 multiplied by 382 equals 158530.

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RIDDLE-ME-THIS! What never asks questions, but demands many answers, especially during the holidays? Give up? The doorbell (or telephone).

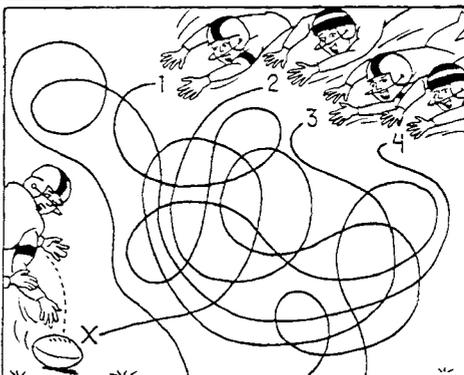
NOTEWORTHY STEP-WORDS

'TIS the season for fa, la, la, la, la's. You are asked to complete words above having stepped off components in accord with these definitions:

1. A bare of trumpets.
2. Glamor girl of the 1920s.
3. Site of 1996 Olympic Games.
4. Curved weapon used by a pirate.
5. A second-story man, for instance.
6. Popular ice cream flavor.

Afterwards, see if you can make up another set of words that will fit.

1. Fanfare. 2. Flapper. 3. Atlanta. 4. Cutlass. 5. Burglar. 6. Vanilla.



GRAB BAG! Which player grabs the fumbled ball — 1, 2, 3 or 4? Pick one, then trace line to see if you are right.

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In Italy, 'Santa' Rides a Broomstick

In Italy, the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on Jan. 6 with a national holiday, is very much like our traditional Christmas celebrations in North America. Epiphany commemorates the 12th day of Christmas when the three Wise Men arrived at the manger bearing gifts for Baby Jesus. The traditional Christmas holiday season in Italy lasts through Epiphany.

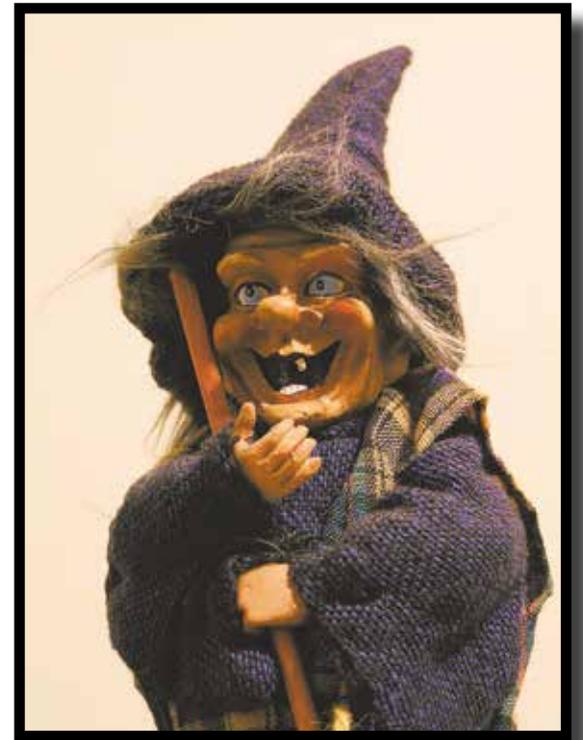
Epiphany's equivalent of Father Christmas, La Befana, arrives on her broomstick during the night of Jan. 5 and fills children's stockings with sweets and toys. Like our very own Santa, La Befana will leave coal for all those naughty children! It's said she carries a broom to sweep away the old year to make room for the new.

Legend has it that the night before the Wise Men arrived at the manger, they stopped at the shack of an old woman to ask directions. They invited her to come along, but she said she was busy sweeping and cleaning her house. Later that night, she saw a great light in the sky and decided to join the Wise Men bearing gifts that had belonged to her child who had died. She got lost and never found the manger. Now La Befana flies around on her broomstick each year on the 11th night, bringing gifts to children in hopes that she might find the Baby Jesus.

La Befana is represented as an old lady, wearing a black shawl and covered in soot who enters houses through the chimney carrying a bag or hamper filled with her gifts. Children hang their stockings on the evening of Jan. 5 awaiting her arrival.

Italians spend their day on Jan. 6 opening their doors to welcomed visitors, watching children unwrapping their gifts and laying out tables full of cakes and traditional Italian liqueurs.

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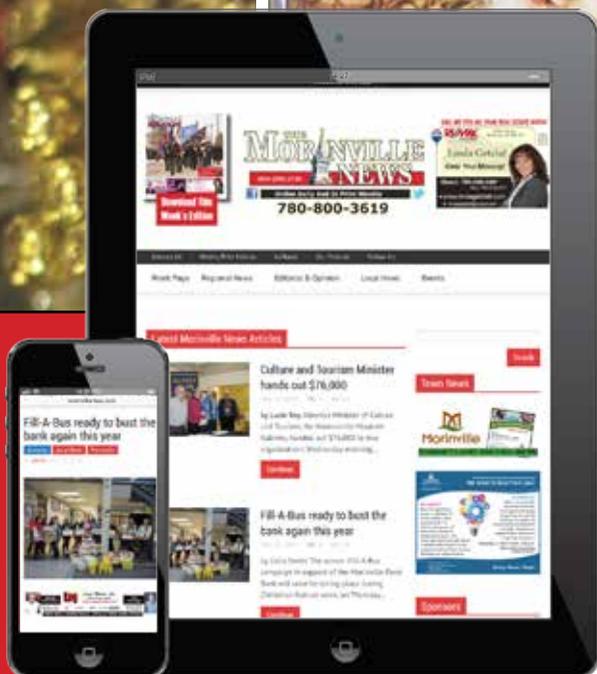


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Light Up the Night

There is lots to do this weekend during Morinville's Light Up the Night Festival. See stories on pages 8, 10, 11, 14, and 15, and ads on pages 2, 3, 15, 18, and 19. Also see our 2nd Annual Shop in Morinville Guide, sent to your mailbox this week.

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1. What instrument was the carol "Silent Night" first played on?
2. Electric Christmas-tree lights were first used in what year?
3. Good King Wenceslas was king of what country?
4. In North America, children put stockings out at Christmastime. What do their Dutch counterparts use?
5. The poinsettia, a traditional Christmas flower, originally grew in what country?
6. In Syria, who traditionally distributed Christmas gifts?
7. In Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker," who is the nutcracker's main enemy?
8. What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
9. What is the day after Christmas known as?
10. When visiting Finland, Santa leaves his sleigh behind and rides on what animal?

Answers:
 1. Guitar 2. 1895 3. Bohemia 4. Shoes 5. Mexico 6. The Wise Men's camels 7. The King of the Mice 8. Jingle Bells 9. Boxing Day 10. A goat
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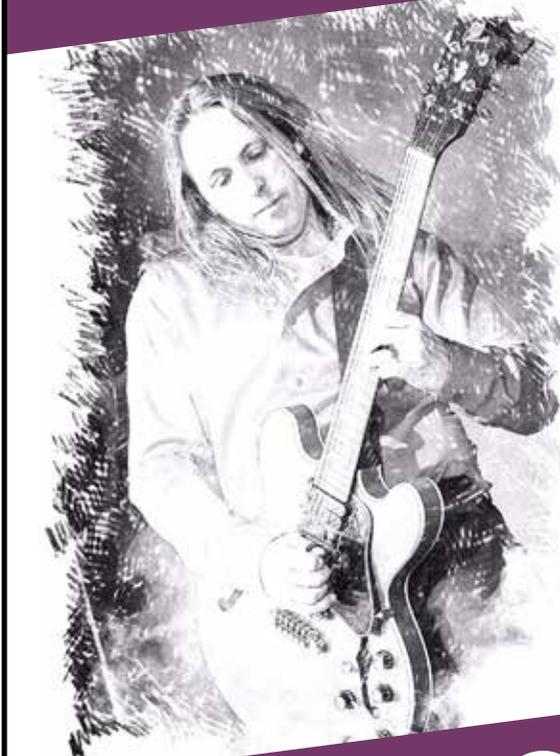
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