

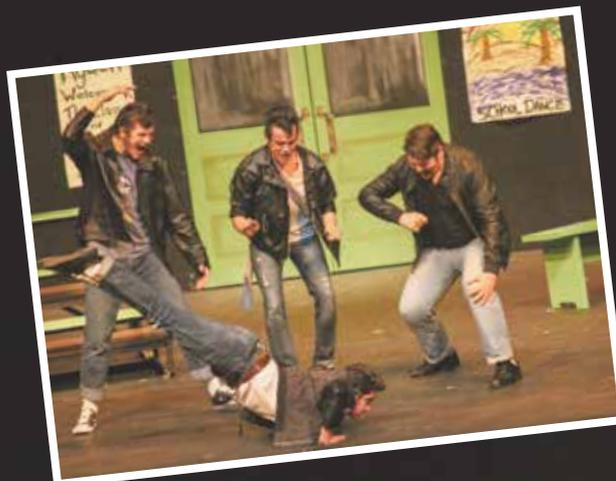
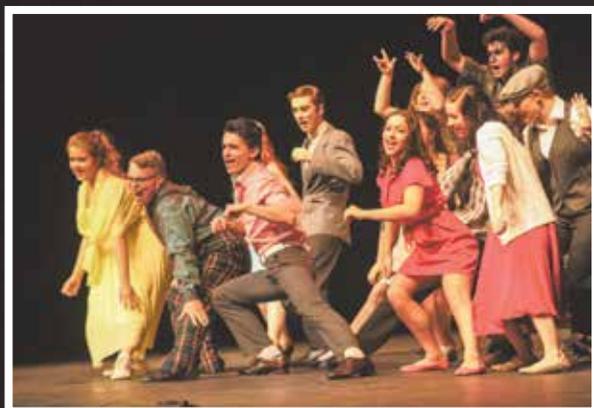
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Grease was the word

Morinville Community High School concluded a successful three-day run of *Grease: The Musical* Friday night at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. See pages 16 and 17 for story and photos.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos

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Fathers Martin (left) and Mario (right) Jubinville are the new priests at St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Church.

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Morinville's new fathers are brothers

by **Stephen Dafoe**

After six years of serving local Catholics at St. Jean Baptiste Church, Father Ignacy Varias, OMI, left Morinville late last summer to take on pastoral duties at St. Albert Parish. Father Varias has recently been replaced by Father Martin Jubinville and his twin brother Mario as pastor and associate pastor of the parish. Although the two priests are new to pastoral duties at the historic church, they are in no way strangers to the church or the community.

"We grew up in Alberta," said Father Martin Jubinville, adding his family traces back through six generations of Franco Albertans. "The majority of time we lived two miles east on an acreage outside Morinville. In high school we moved to Penticton. Being back in Morinville, this is the same parish where we served the mass and took the sacraments."

Father Mario said one of the significant changes from when he and his brother attended church in Morinville in their youth is the language spoken. "One way that has changed for sure in arriving here is that there is not a Francophone mass," he said. "There is one mass that's partly split with some French. But I think that demographic has changed."

Close path to the Parish

Father Martin was ordained in 2002, and served the faithful in Ft. McMurray, St. Paul, Smokey Lake and Vilna before moving on to serve in Barrhead for six years.

Like many who hear the call, he heard it early on in life. "It was something I began to think about in high school, and it was a combination of a number of factors," he said. "Certainly one of them was a call to living the faith in everyday life, a call to prayer, and I think it was embracing that even in high school. It began to be a nice way to experience friendship with God."

A trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina, combined with some experiences among Christian friends on his return, moved him further on the path to choosing faith as a vocation.

His brother, Father Mario, answered the call five years later in 2007. "We

had always been practising - even as altar servants here from first communion and up," he said. "We always had a sense of the importance of faith. Church always meant something. I remember in high school having experienced a real sort of spiritual thirst, and taking time with the sacred scriptures and prayer of the Rosary. Through a few years of considering it and considering my experiences, I made the decision for the priesthood

Initially Father Mario looked into the religious vocation with the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominicans) because of his strong academic background and a thought that he might like to serve God by teaching. After four years, around the time when he was considering taking his vows, he realized his heart was really being called to serve as a priest.

Father Mario spent one year as an associate pastor in Bonnyville before becoming pastor in Bonnyville for another year. This was followed by three years serving at Cold Lake First Nations, Elizabeth Metis Settlement, and Frog Lake First Nation.

First posting together

The twin fathers arrived in Morinville to take on their duties Oct. 18; Father Martin as Pastor, Father Mario as Associate Pastor.

"It is the first time we have a placement together, which will be really marvellous," Father Martin said, adding he and his brother did work at Camp St. Louis for a number of summers. "We're hoping that will make it so we can just get a lot more work done."

The priests' duties include oversight of the parish, being stewards of the sacraments, and working with Morinville's Catholic schools. "I think there will be lots of really good work there to just help the people of God have a wonderful experience of faith and [an] enriching experience of religion and spirituality with the rich Catholic tradition," Father Martin said.

Father Mario is also looking forward to his role assisting Father Martin as Associate Pastor, particularly working within the scope of the Year of the Family by providing faith support to the parish's many young families.

Morinville students give warm welcome to newcomers

by Lauren Stromner

Students from Morinville Community High School (MCHS) delivered holiday cheer and bins filled with household and food items to 10 refugee families Dec. 5 as part of the school's ongoing efforts to give something back to the community.

"Because we wanted to deliver the items on Dec. 5, we had less than a week to raise awareness for the refugee charity drive," said MCHS teacher Rosie Kruhlak. "Considering the short time frame we had to collect the items, the response has been outstanding and truly heart-warming."

When refugees first arrive to Canada, Edmonton Catholic Social Services provides them with a temporary shelter at the Rotarian Centre for Newcomers where they can get used to the change of climate and the Canadian lifestyle. After two weeks, the refugee families are placed in more permanent homes, but they need virtually every household item as they have left their homeland with little or no money or possessions. "We saw a real need and responded accordingly," explained Kruhlak. "Our goal of filling the 10 bins was easily surpassed."

Students from MCHS have been collecting items over the past week to donate to these refugee families. The MCHS Interact Club contributed the bins and other supplies, while the Me to We Club from G.H. Primeau Middle School contributed about 100 mugs, boxes of hot chocolate and other sweet treats for the new arrivals to Canada.

When students arrived at the Rotarian Centre, the staff led the group on a tour of the shelter, and gave the students some insight on the process refugees go through after entering Canada. Students also got to meet the refugee families and present the bins of donations.

"There are so many charities to contribute to at this time of year and we, at MCHS, are thankful to everyone who gave to the refugee charity drive," said Kruhlak.



Students at MCHS collected more than 10 bins of household items to give to refugee families who have just arrived in Canada.

- Lauren Stromner Photo

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Morinville News Editorial Pages

Letter: High School students offer opinion on TFW program

We are grade 12 students currently enrolled in Social Studies 30-1 at Morinville Community High School in Morinville, Alberta. Our studies so far have led us to examine basic economic principles and theories. During a class discussion the topic of Temporary Foreign Workers was raised. Most of us have already entered the workforce and some of us have worked alongside TFWs, so we believe that our observations and concerns regarding the TFW program are valid and should be acknowledged.

Every student in the class who has worked with TFWs empathizes with their situation and agrees that the TFWs have a very strong work ethic. There is concern too; that certain employers could take advantage of a labour force that is desperate to earn the money that is being sent "back home" and this makes for workers who will accept whatever conditions to keep their jobs. We strongly believe that TFWs should be paid the same as their Canadian counterparts. If there is such a demand for fast-food workers then why haven't wages risen to meet the demand? Why, in fact have profits risen with the major franchises while wages have remained stagnant? Do we really need restaurants and stores to be open 24/7? Nowadays graveyard shifts are manned with TFWs because companies "couldn't hire local". It's as if these jobs are created specifically for TFWs.

We students recognize that TFWs fill the "mundane" jobs that some Canadians regard as beneath them. However, as teenagers, we need these entry-level jobs to gain experience. We do not view this as "entitlement". Priority should be given to Canadian workers because we live here our entire lives and have, and will, continually contribute to society. The money we earn from part-time jobs goes straight back to our local economy. We worry about losing not just these "starter" jobs but also jobs for which we have to earn a university degree or obtain a ticket such as in the trades. Who will speak up for the loss of jobs for middle-class Canadians?

A few of us have already had negative experiences with the TFW program. At [a St. Albert business] one of our classmates had his hours cut back drastically when TFWs were hired. It reached a point when it was no longer feasible to work for a few paltry hours and so he quit. Another student works for a St. Albert restaurant where five TFWs were brought in and he had to train them. Today he is the only Canadian left in the kitchen and one of the TFWs he trained is the kitchen manager while he remains in the same position.

We believe that the TFW program has become a quick fix to hiring cheap labour and that it has not been monitored for abuses. How many Canadians have lost their jobs to TFWs or have had their work outsourced? What will be left for ordinary Canadians? Now we are advised by Stephen Poloz, the Bank of Canada Governor, to make ourselves more marketable when we graduate from post-secondary studies by interning for free. If there is such a labour shortage then why are so many Canadians unable to find work? How much advertising is actually done by companies to hire Canadians before they apply for TFWs or consider shipping the work out of Canada?

Canadian corporations are reaping respectable profits. It is time they invested in the labour force of the country that has enabled them to build their businesses in a stable and democratic environment.

Our studies have now moved on to democratic institutions and citizen participation. We may or may not be anarchists, socialists, conservatives, liberals, or even reactionaries but we are all fiercely loyal to Canada and its democratic institutions. That is why it is so vital that our voices, and the voices of all Canadians, be raised in unison.

Feel free to share your story or comment on the concerns we've expressed.

Signed,
Social Studies 30-1 Class MCHS



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Congratulations! You have shown the world and our community what great citizens you are. You are true role models for other students. Rona Ambrose.

MCHS students recognized by Health Minister

Federal Minister of Health, the honourable Rona Ambrose sent congratulations to MCHS Rotary Interact students last week. The commentary was in response to an article in the Morinville News by Lauren Stromner on the students' volunteerism.

"Congratulations," Ambrose wrote. "You have shown the world and our community what great citizens you are. You are true role models for other students."

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Results in from reader poll

Over the past week, we asked our online readers what sections of our publication were most important to them. This information lets us know where we are, and where we should be focusing our attention in the future. With the new year ahead and changes on the horizon, this information will be of great value to **The Morinville News**.

Thank you for participating in our poll. Below are the results:

First Place

11.53% votes were cast for stories about Community Events

Second Place

11.28% votes were cast for our People Stories.

Third Place (tie)

10.78% chose stories on local and new businesses and 10.78% wanted Council Briefs and news stories about budget, bylaws, etc.

Fourth Place (tie)

9.02% chose editorials, letters and opinion columns and 9.02% chose Police Briefs.

Fifth Place

8.77% found Arts and Culture stories of importance to them.

Sixth Place

7.52% wanted to see school news and photos included in our paper.

Seventh Place

7.02% selected Joe Morinville as something they wanted to see.

Eighth Place

6.02% of you want to read about sports stories, including local teams and school sports in our paper.

Ninth Place

5.01% selected food and health stories (recipes, nutrition, health)

Tenth Place

3% selected Comics and Puzzle Pages among their choices.

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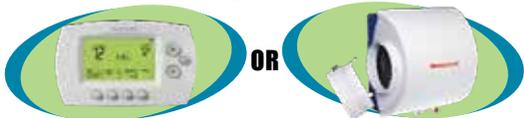


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Town defends snow removal process

by Colin Smith

A major snowstorm like the one that hit the Morinville last week makes a mess of the roads and streets. It also generates complaints like the one received by the Morinville News from a resident living near Notre Dame School, who noted the snow had not been removed from his street by mid-Sunday morning.

In his complaint to Morinville News, Luc Aubuchon questioned the adequacy of the town's snow removal efforts. Aubuchon said his wife was unable to take her car out on the uncleared street, and said he felt it was unsafe for Notre Dame students who use it.

"How long does it take them to start cleaning the street?" he asked. "I understand that there is a storm. We know that it will snow every year. We need a plan for it."

A Morinville resident since 2001, Aubuchon is originally from Quebec. There municipalities are much more efficient at dealing with snowstorms, he believes.

"Anywhere east of Toronto they know how to deal with snow."

While reluctant to address any specific complaint, Town Public Works Manager Claude Valcourt stated residents have to realize that clearing away all the white stuff can take some time. "They need to exercise patience when there is a big snowfall," said Valcourt. "Realistically, it can take two, three or four days."

To handle snow removal, there are seven people in the Roads Department, along with an array of equipment that includes two graders, two plough-sanders and two loader-mounted snowblowers. Parks Department employees take care of clearing the trails, and Utilities Department workers may be called in if necessary. Contractors are also on call to truck the snow away as needed.



According to Valcourt, \$120,000 was made available in this year's budget for snow removal. He pointed out that the actual costs vary from year to year depending on how much snow falls. Snow clearance operations kick into action when there has been an accumulation of five centimetres, although sanding may take place after less has fallen.

In line with Morinville's Snow and Ice Control Policy, snow clearance follows a strict system of priorities. Main roads, such as 100 Street and 100 Avenue, are done first, along with trails and sidewalks adjacent to Town-owned properties, including Civic Hall, the Community Cultural Center and Public Works Shop, along with Fire Department bays access.

Arterial roads and the Community Cultural Center parking lot are second on the priority list and are done once the main roads are cleared. Finally, the snow is removed from residential streets and lanes. For this purpose Morinville is divided into five zones, with clearance scheduled on a rotating basis. "We respect the zones as much as possible," Valcourt said. "Because if we don't it gets us in trouble."

Snow is generally pushed to both sides of the road if there are sidewalks with a boulevard



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between them and the curb, or to the side of the road that doesn't have a sidewalk.

Valcourt said work continues until all of Morinville's streets, back alleys and pathways are cleared. This ensures that contracted solid waste and recycling services are uninterrupted, and people can use the back alleys to get to their homes.

However if there is another snowfall, crews go back to clearing the main and arterial roads, before recommencing at the point where they left off.

Operations Manager Donald Fairweather said the day starts early when the snow falls. "We aim to get the graders out about 3:00 or 4:00 so the roads are graded for commuters," he said. "We try to make sure the major routes are done by 5:00 or 6:00." Crews don't start working in the residential areas until 7 a.m. to keep noise disturbance to a minimum.

Signs announcing street parking restrictions for snow removal purposes are put up 24 hours in advance of work being done. Follow-up is then done with residents through telephone calls and other means. Both Valcourt and Fairweather stressed the importance of residents respecting the snow removal parking restrictions and urge residents to park elsewhere when the signs are up on their street. He added that having to deal with streets where vehicles have not been moved delays operations.

"The better people are at complying with the process, the quicker we can get it done, and the quicker we can get it done, the cheaper we can get it done," explained Valcourt.



Rotary District Governor Linda Robertson spoke to Morinville Rotarians during their Dec. 3 meeting.

- Lucie Roy Photo



NABI Director Dar Schwanbeck talked to Chamber members Dec. 3 about growing their business in 2015.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



A budgeting they did go

Morinville Mayor Lisa Holmes and Councillors Nicole Boutestein, Brennan Fitzgerald, Stephen Dafoe, and Barry Turner spoke with approximately 15 Morinville residents during a Budget Open House at Town Hall Dec. 2.

Council received a Draft Budget Report in October, took it out to residents in a series of presentations and coffee conversations during November, and gave First Reading to the 2015 Budget at their Nov. 25 meeting.

Council was scheduled to give Second and possible Third Reading to the Budget at their Dec. 9 meeting.

Topping the list of expenditures for 2015 is \$13.7 million to address recreation, including relacing the arena. An open house will be held on that topic Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the cultural centre.

- Lucie Roy Photos



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An Open Letter to the Mayor and Council from The Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce and The Rotary Club of Morinville

Morinville at a Crossroads

It is important that we provide some context for the observations and questions that follow.

We have been informed through the local media that the Mayor and Council have made a decision about a new Arena/Recreation Complex to be opened in the fall of 2015. This announcement is received with mixed emotions and raises lots of questions within our organizations and among the residents who have spoken with us.

It has always been our goal to support and help bring forward a process that allows all residents meaningful input into a decision that will affect our community for the next 50 years. We believe our region is at a crossroads. Morinville and Sturgeon County have an exciting opportunity to build a comprehensive facility that will enhance the quality of life for all our citizens and encourage growth and development.

Growing communities and regions need to offer people a broad range of recreational activities. With this in mind, we feel now is a critical time to ask a number of questions about the process to this point.

Morinville Town Council and Morinville Town Administration are asking the residents of Morinville and Morinville's business community to blindly accept a \$13,750,000.00 dollar figure as a budget allocation to go ahead with an Arena/Recreation Complex Initial Phase. (Budget 2015).

To date, we have had only one Arena Open House on this project, which took place on April 28, 2014. There has been no detailed or concise information as to what we as a community and as taxpayers will receive for the \$13,750,000.00.

There is another Arena Open House scheduled for December 11, 2014 which would take place after the Third Reading, and possible final approval of Budget 2015, scheduled for December 9, 2014.

Does this action by Council and Administration live up to the Vision and Mission Statement of the Town of Morinville?

Vision

- ◇ Morinville, the family choice, embracing the past to build our future through:
- ◇ Exhibiting inclusive, open, and fiscally responsible governance;
- ◇ Maintaining and celebrating small town culture;
- ◇ Promoting social and community wellness;
- ◇ Encouraging, facilitating, and supporting opportunities for a vibrant, diverse and independent economy;
- ◇ Efficient and sustainable planning, implementation and protection of municipal infrastructure;
- ◇ Respecting the environment and promoting responsible use of land and resources.

Mission

We work together to build a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community through our commitment to the future well-being of Morinville.

Critical Questions:

- 1/ How does the consultation and communication process to date live up to the mission statement of "working together"?
- 2/ Will the planned facility serve the wants and needs of all residents?
- 3/ What does the planned Arena/ Recreation Complex include?
- 4/ Where will the facility be located?
- 5/ Will the Town of Morinville be building a \$13,750,000 facility that is used by the surrounding County and other municipalities?
- 6/ Will the citizens and businesses of Morinville be solely responsible for the capital costs and the ongoing operational costs of this facility that is being used by the County and other municipalities?
- 7/ Is there an operational business plan in place for the Arena/Recreation Complex and will this plan be shared with citizens before approval for this project is given by Morinville Town Council?
- 8/ Will the planned facility contribute to a "vibrant and diverse" economy?

Do Morinville residents and businesses deserve a better way?

Morinville residents really do deserve the opportunity to be included in a welcoming and open dialogue about the future of their community.

What Morinville residents and businesses do not deserve is another Open House like the April 28, 2014 presentation where narrowed choices were directed and marketed.

Yes. Citizens and businesses do deserve a better way.

Morinville citizens and businesses deserve a way that is fair to all concerned, that builds good will and better friendships and is beneficial to all concerned.

To this point many feel as though they have been left on the outside and have only been invited to "participate" in decisions that have already been made.

There is a better way that more fully includes citizens, businesses, community organizations, all regional municipalities, school districts, industry, and other possible partnerships.

We encourage our Mayor and Council to exercise the leadership needed to open up the consultation and communication process on this most important topic. We should all be working together, discussing and debating what is best for all our citizens, businesses and our community. That is what "maintaining and celebrating small town culture" is all about.

That is what "maintaining and celebrating small town culture" is all about.

Yours truly,

Simon Boersma

President Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce

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One dead after weekend collision on Highway 44

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville RCMP, Morinville Fire Department and EMTs were called to the scene of a two-vehicle collision at noon on Saturday.

The collision occurred north of Township Road 564 on Highway 44 and involved a 5-ton grain truck and a pick-up truck.

Police say the driver of the southbound grain truck attempted to avoid the collision but was unable to do so.

The driver of the northbound pick-up truck suffered serious life-threatening injuries as a result of the collision and was taken to hospital by ground ambulance.

Morinville RCMP reported late Sunday afternoon that the driver of the pick-up had succumbed to their injuries and passed away.

RCMP say charges are not anticipated.

The deceased's name is not being released at this time.

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Welcome

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Softly Falls the Snow

Morinville Minstrels

1st Reading

I saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

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O Come All Ye Faithful Congregation

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Amid The Winter's Snow

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2nd Reading

Mary's Boy Child Congregation

Silent Night Candlelight Procession

Brian Grant with an organist

Little Drummer Boy

Ecole Notre Dame School Choir

Joy To The World Congregation

Hey Moon

The Father's House

C'est Noel, Viens Chanter

St. Jean Baptiste Parish French Choir

I Wish Everyday Could Be Like Christmas

Morinville Public Elementary School

3rd Reading

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem Congregation

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Morinville Christian School

Hallelujah, He is Born

The Bulger Family

Closing Prayer

Father Martin – St. Jean Baptiste Parish

Let There be Peace on Earth Congregation

Feliz Navidad

The Bulger Family

Song Lyrics

Hail Hail To The Newborn King

Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, hail to the guiding Light
That brought us tonight to our Savior

Halle, hallelujah
Halle, hallelujah
Halle, hallelujah
Halle, hallelujah

Come now, let it shine so bright
To the knowing Light of the stable
Kneel close to the Child so dear
Cast aside your fear and be thankful

Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, hail to the guiding Light
That brought us tonight to our Savior
Chorus

Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, hail to the guiding Light
That brought us tonight to our Savior
Chorus

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant, tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come
ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;
(Chorus)

Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, Glory in the highest;
(chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Son of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;
(chorus)

Joy To the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart
prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Mary's Boy Child / Oh, My Lord

Mary's boy child Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.
And man will live for evermore,
because of Christmas Day.

Long time ago in Bethlehem,
so the Holy Bible said,
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

Hark, now hear the angels sing,
a king was born today,
And man will live for evermore,
because of Christmas Day.
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

While shepherds watch their flocks by night,
they see a bright new shining star,
they hear a choir sing a song,
the music seemed to come from afar.

Hark, now hear the angels sing,
a king was born today,
And man will live for evermore,
because of Christmas Day.

For a moment the world was aglow,
all the bells rang outthere were tears of joy and
laughter, people shouted
"let everyone know,
there is hope for all to find peace".

Now Joseph and his wife,
Mary, came to Bethlehem that night,
they found no place to bear her child,
not a single room was in sight.

And then they found a little nook in a stable all
forlorn, and in a manger cold and dark,
Mary's little boy was born.

Hark, now hear the angels sing,
a king was born today,
And man will live for evermore,
because of Christmas Day.
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

Oh a moment still worth was a glow,
all the bells rang outthere were tears of joy and
laughter, people shouted

"let everyone know, there is hope
for all to find peace".

Oh my Lord
You sent your son to save us
Oh my Lord
Your very self you gave us
Oh my Lord
That sin may not enslave us
And love may reign once more

Oh my Lord
when in the crib they found him
Oh my Lord
A golden halo crowned him
Oh my Lord
They gathered all around him
To see him and adore

(This day will live forever)
Oh my Lord (So praise the Lord)
They had become to doubt you
Oh my Lord (He is the truth forever)
What did they know about you
Oh my Lord (So praise the Lord)
But they were lost without you
They needed you so bad
(His light is shining on us)

Oh my Lord (So praise the Lord)
with the child's adoration
Oh my lord (He is a personation)
There came great jubilation
Oh my Lord (So praise the Lord)
And full of admiration
They realized what they had (until the sun falls
from the sky)

Oh my Lord (Oh praise the Lord)
You sent your son to save us
Oh my Lord (This day will live forever)
Your very self you gave us
Oh my Lord (So praise the Lord)
That sin may not enslave us
And love may reign once more end of lyrics

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Shining afar through shadows dim
Giving the light to those who long have gone
Guiding the Wise Men on their way
Unto the place where Jesus lay
Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star the hope of light
Guiding the pilgrims through the night
Over the mountains 'til the break of dawn
Into the land of perfect day
It will give out a lovely ray
Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory dawns
Give us the lamp to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star the hope of rest
For the redeemed, the good and the blessed
Yonder in glory when the crown is won
Jesus is now that star divine
Brighter and brighter He will shine
Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory dawns
Give us the lamp to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on
Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

About The Celebration

The Community Christmas Celebration was started in 1979 by John Unsworth, who was at the time the music teacher at GP Vanier School. Over the next 10 years, John built the celebration into a tradition in Morinville. When he moved to B.C. - a small group ensured the celebration would continue.

A Special Thank You

The Celebration Committee would like to offer a special Thank You to Eddie Bulger and his family for leading us in song. And Thank You to all of you for coming to the 36th Annual Community Christmas Celebration.

Celebrate the WONDER of Christmas

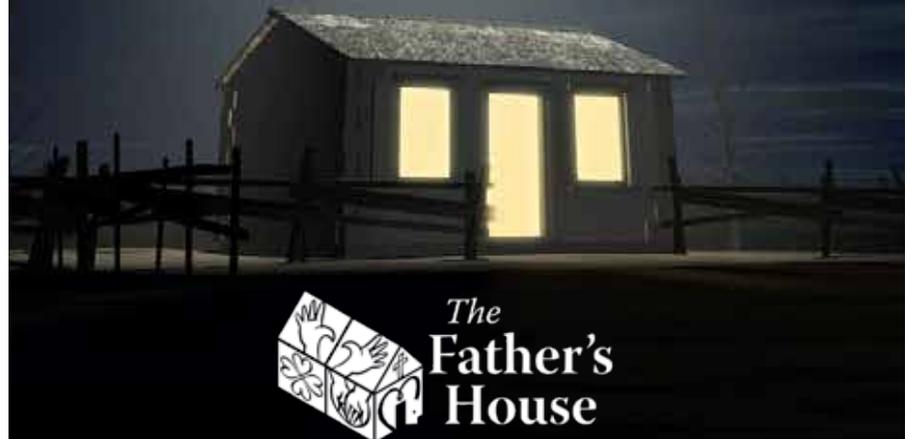
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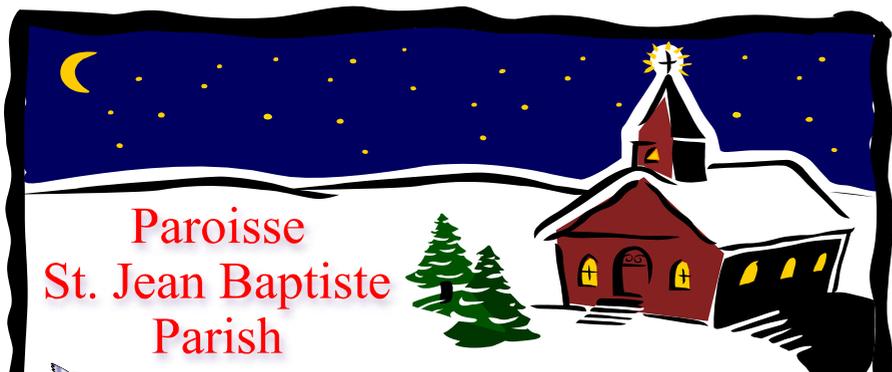
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FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY	- Saturday, Dec. 27 th	- 5:00 pm	
	- Sunday, Dec. 28 th	- 9:00 am	11:00 am
NEW YEAR'S EVE	- Wednesday, Dec.31 st	- 5:00 pm	
NEW YEAR'S DAY	- Thursday, Jan.1 st	- 10:00 am	
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	- Saturday, Jan 3 rd	- 5:00 pm	
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Celebrate Sweet Season With Homemade Candy

Everywhere you look, there are holiday delicacies - and a staggering, even alarming, array of sweets. There is eggnog in the dairy section, Italian Panettones on every bakery aisle and oodles of Christmas cookies for sale. But the star of all the Christmas confections, kind of like the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall, is the huge variety of holiday candies. Candy is a decadent pleasure throughout the year, but at Christmas-time it is a beloved staple, a classic confection.

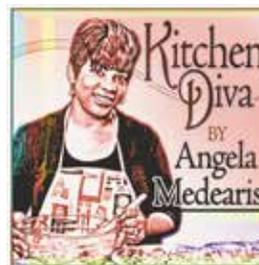
Candy canes, the most famous candy of the season, date back to the 17th century. Legend has it that a very wise minister gave sugar sticks to the restless children in his congregation. When making these homemade treats, he turned the top of the sticks downward to resemble a shepherd's staff. Much later, stripes were added, and the candy cane led the way for the multitude of colorful hard sugar candy shaped like ribbons, bows and disks, indicative of the holiday season we enjoy today. Amazingly, well into the early 21st century, many of these candies are still manufactured or are made by skilled home cooks.

During the holiday season, candy has become a special and festive part of the celebration of Christmas. Holiday candy may be the "once-a-year" luxurious chocolates you order from a specialty store. Or, the season may spark memories of a cherished recipe for homemade fudge or the divinity you make from your mother's recipe.

The idea of making homemade candy may seem daunting. Many of the candies that our mothers and grandmothers made required a high level of skill and patience. Without the hands-on training passed down through generations, and with the pace of our modern lives, homemade

candy at Christmas could quickly become a lost art. For those who want to preserve our past, Christmas is the best time to pull out the recipe for that sweet family favorite. Be daring, and try your hand at making candy. Your friends and family will be glad you did.

Home cooks have invented, and sometimes re-invented, many simple candy recipes. These are the best kind of recipes, ones that are not intimidating and are accessible even to novice cooks. Another important ingredient in a homemade candy recipe is that it can become a family tradition. Try this easy recipe for Christmas Confetti Candy. It's great as a gift or to share with holiday visitors.



CHRISTMAS CONFETTI CANDY

2 pounds white chocolate chips
1/2 pound red and green peppermint sticks or crushed candy canes or crushed peppermint candies



1. Melt chocolate in the microwave on high for 30 seconds, watching carefully so that it doesn't burn. Stir and heat for another 30 seconds, as needed, stirring until smooth.
2. Stir in crushed candies. Spread on parchment-paper-lined baking sheets. Chill in refrigerator 8 to 10 minutes.
3. Break into small pieces; store in airtight containers. Makes 20 servings (about 2-1/2 pounds)

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Cucumber Rolls

- 1 English cucumber, one end trimmed
- 1/2 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (60 mL) finely chopped sundried tomatoes
- Toothpicks

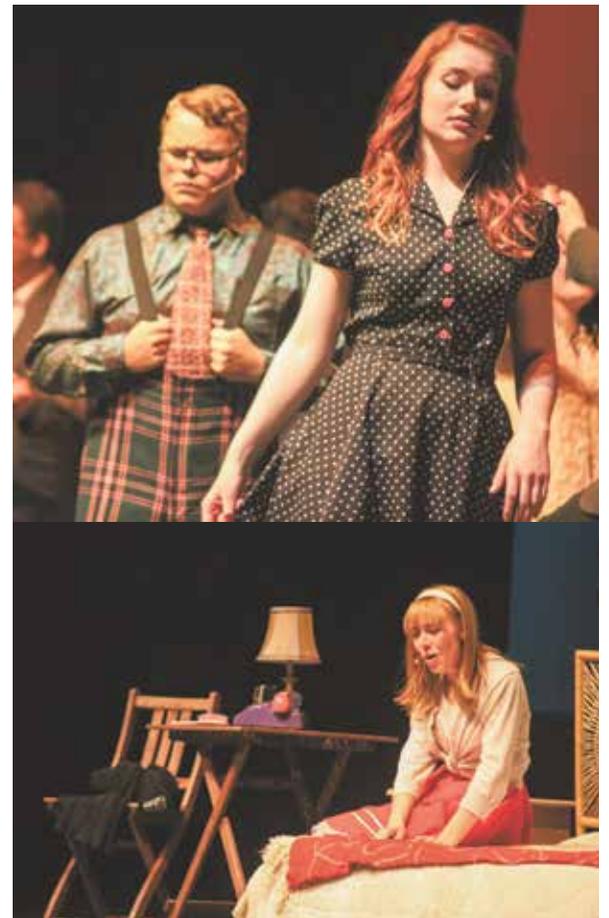
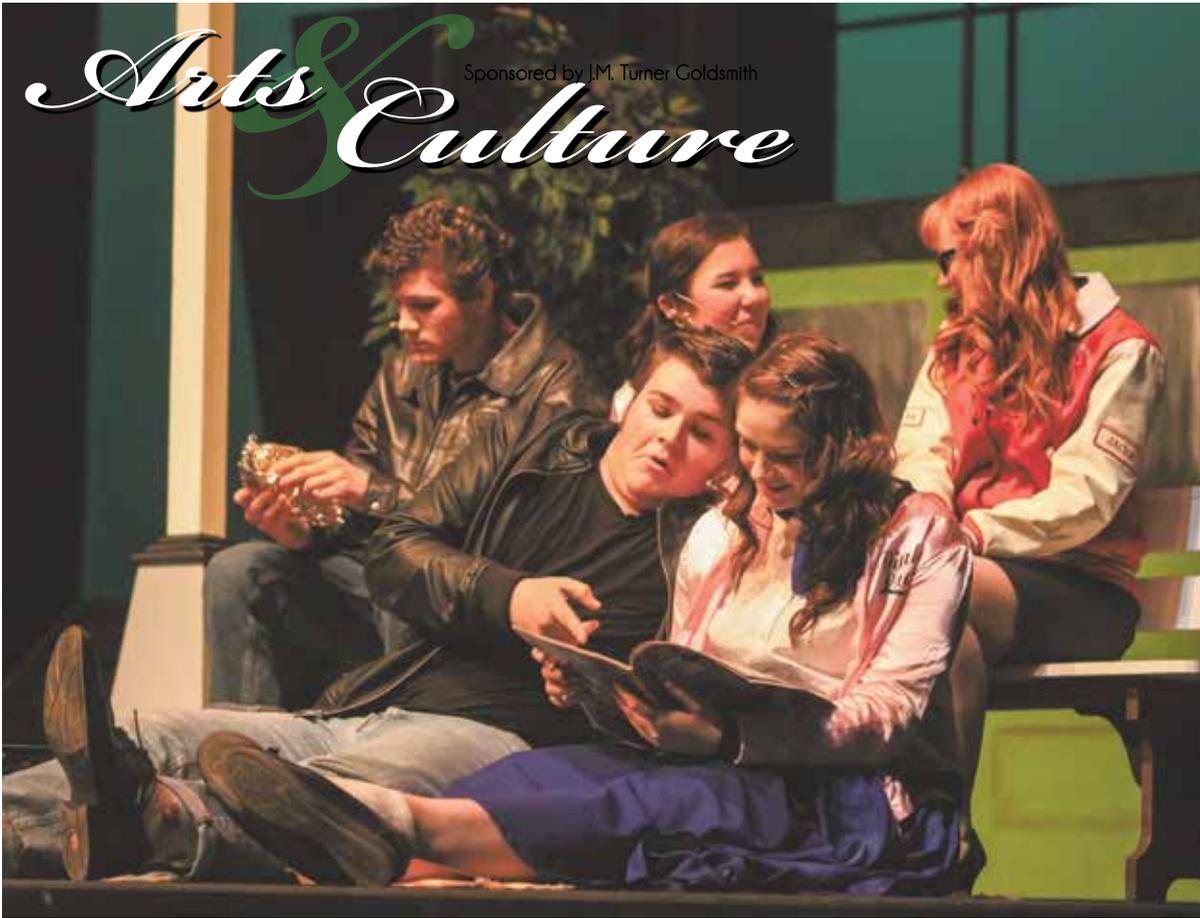
Directions

- 1/ Slice cucumber lengthwise into 10 inch long x 1/8 inch thick slices. Sprinkle with salt and let stand for 15 minutes. Pat dry.
- 2/ Spread about 1 tbsp (15 mL) cream cheese over each cucumber.
- 3/ Sprinkle with sundried tomatoes. Starting at trimmed end, roll up. Secure each with toothpick.

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Ambitious Grease: The Musical lives up to its stage reputation

by Stephen Dafoe

Morinville Community High School actors spent the fall putting in plenty of hours rehearsing the school's annual Christmas season play, a necessary investment given the school took on one of its most ambitious productions to date - *Grease: the Musical*. Those hours of rehearsal paid off as the cast brought the classic of musical theatre to the Morinville Community Cultural Centre stage for three successful nights last week.

Though many in the audience would be familiar with the 1978 John Travolta and Olivia Newton John movie of the same name, the play predates the film by seven years and its subject matter by two decades. Set in 1959, the musical followed the lives of 10 working-class teenagers in a production that provided numbers familiar and unfamiliar to those who have seen

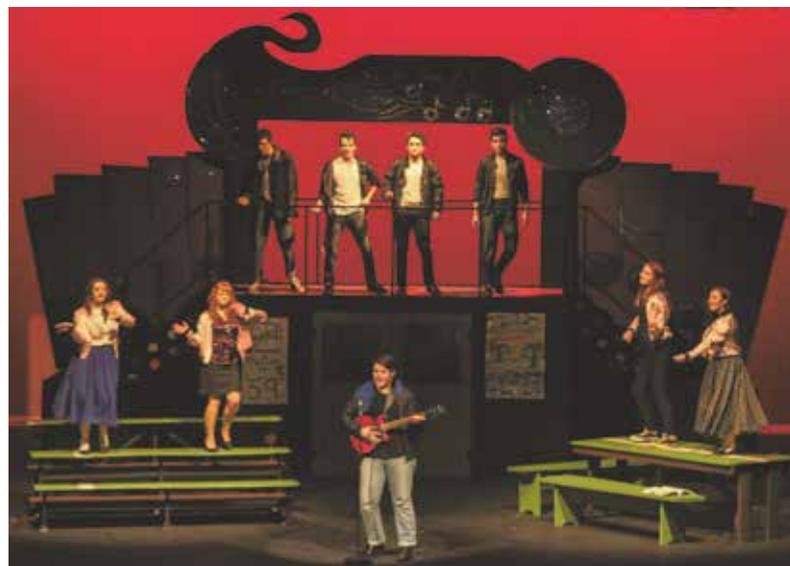
the movie version.

Leading the cast were Albert Nault as Danny Zuko and Michaela Siemens as Sandy Dumbrowski. Both actors turned in excellent performances in terms of lines and lyrics, as did the entire cast of 33 actors playing minor to major roles. Timeless songs, excellent choreography and a good dose of humour made for a great entertainment mix.

Director Vanessa King was joined by co-director Keegan Mabbitt, an MCHS alumnus who has worked with King on seven school plays. The directors were joined by Angeline Charrois and Riley Quinn as vocal coaches.

The three-night run was the first time MCHS has done its major play on the cultural centre stage. That change of venue allowed the production to have full light, sound and seating.

The school is set to do another production in the spring.



Opposite page clockwise from left: Greasers hang out in the park, Betty Rizzo gives Eugene Florczyk the brush off. Sandy Dumbrowski sings in her bedroom. **This page:** Cast members perform on the elaborate set.
- Stephen Dafoe Photos

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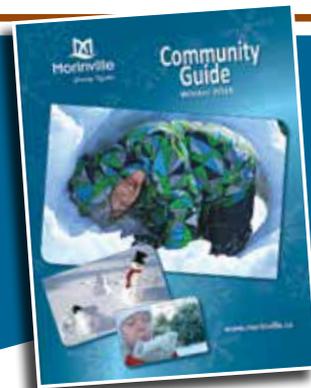


When: Friday, December 12 • 9 - 11 a.m.
Where: Morinville Community Cultural Centre
Instructor: Marie Hurtubise
Fee: \$25/parent and child • \$5/each additional child



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Congratulations to the Best Lights Winners

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2nd Stacy Paquin (9508 - 97A Ave.)
3rd Peg Johnson (10113 - 104 Ave.)

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Dec. 12 ROAD GAME 8:00 p.m.
Jets vs. St. Albert Merchants

Dec. 14 HOME GAME 6:45 p.m.
Jets vs. Strathcona Bruins



Dec. 13 ROAD GAME 8 p.m.
Kings vs. Rocky Rams

Dec. 20 HOME GAME 8:30 p.m.
Kings vs. Westlock Warriors

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Seniors' Funspiel

Sixteen teams took to the ice on the weekend for the two-day Morinville Seniors Funspiel at the Morinville Curling Club. Teams from Sturgeon County, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, St. Albert and Legal played for fun, trophies and prizes Saturday and Sunday, then concluded the event with a supper banquet.

Far Left: Team members - third position Bob Jennings, lead Edith Lander and skip Forest Robinson sweeping in the rock on ice four Saturday morning at the Morinville Curling Club. They were playing against the Leo Falls team. Teams played all day Saturday and Sunday and followed the funspiel with awards and prizes prior to a supper banquet on Sunday. **Left:** Team members Norm Houle and Norma Forsyth leading the rock towards their third, Ernie Bokenfohr, on Saturday morning.

- Lucie Roy Photos



Atom A take silver

It was a silver finish for the Sturgeon Hockey Club Atom A Mustangs in the Frozen 6 Tournament over the weekend.

After working their way to the gold-medal game, the Mustangs fell 9-3 in the final game to the Stony Plain Predators.

Far Left: Dominique Cyr celebrates the Sturgeon Atom A Mustangs second goal in the first period. **Left:** The team moves in to confront a Stony player.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos



Rolling in dough

RV City Morinville presented the Sturgeon County Junior Roller Derby Association with a cheque for \$1000, monies that will be used for new Team Jerseys. In addition to the jersey sponsorship, the local business also made bumper stickers for the group.

The SCJRDA practice Wednesday and Sundays at Morinville Public School. For more information call 780-995-5389.

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Kings win on the road

The Morinville Kings travelled to Slave Lake Sunday afternoon to take on the Winterhawks in their second matchup of the season. The Kings emerged from that outing with a 12-1 victory, their second win against the struggling club.

Just as they had in their 6-3 win over Slave Lake Oct. 17, Morinville once again won the game by a good margin, building from a 3-1 lead after 20 to a 9-1 lead after two periods. Another three goals in the final frame gave the Kings an 11-goal margin.

The Kings take to the road Friday night to face the Rocky Rams at 8 p.m., and head to Westlock a week later to face the Warriors once again. Game time is 8:30 p.m. at the Westlock Rotart Spirit Centre.

Jets streak ends...

...and starts

It was a rough weekend for the Morinville Junior B Jets over the weekend. A loss Friday night ended the club's winning streak at five games, and the flu made its rounds through the roster making for a tough haul Sunday night.

Though the Jets suffered an 8-3 loss to the North Edmonton Red Wings on the road Friday night, a less-than-chipper club pulled out a 1-0 win over the visiting Beverly Warriors Sunday night. The Jets earned their goal in the opening frame and kept the Warriors off the board for the remaining two.

Friday night's road loss was the Jets' second loss to the Red Wings in three outings this season, both of those by a good margin. After defeating the Wings 5-3 early in the season, the Jets fell 6-2 at home in November and 8-3 Friday night on the road.

Trailing the Wings 2-0 at the end of the first period, the Jets managed to pocket one with five minutes left in the middle frame. That goal was answered a minute later to end the period 3-1. The Wings piled on another two goals in the first five minutes of the final period before the Jets picked up their second a couple minutes later. The Wings picked up their sixth on the power play with 10:31 left in the game. The remaining seven minutes saw the Red Wings score twice, the Jets once, to give the Wings an 8-3 victory.

The Jets have a pair of games this week. The club takes on the St. Albert Merchants Friday night at 8 p.m. in St. Albert and takes on the Strathcona Bruins Sunday night at 6:45 p.m. at home.

The Jets end 2014 with another pair of games the following week - a Dec. 19 road game to take on the Spruce Grove Regals and a Dec. 21 home game against the Sherwood Park Knights.

The New Year will see the Jets work their way towards CJHL playoffs with another dozen games, contests equally split between road and home games.

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by Sam Struckhoff

PHOTO: Michael Fassbender in *Frank*

Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)

Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) -- or "Starlord," as he tries to get people to call him -- is an aspiring space bandit who stumbles into possession of the All Powerful Space Gem. Well, it turns out that a merciless alien warlord really needs that space gem for his space genocide. The Galaxy's best hope lies in Starlord and his reluctant allies: an ill-tempered raccoon-hybrid (Bradley Cooper), a green assassin lady (Zoe Saldana), a rampaging

alien who doesn't get figurative language (Dave Bautista, also known for pro wrestling and MMA) and a talking tree guy (Vin Diesel).

It's everything you want from the Marvel super-summer movie, with enough of a twist so it doesn't feel like a recolored Avengers. If you missed it on the big screen, it's still well-worth picking up before the inevitable sequel.

Dolphin Tale 2 (PG)

In the last movie, a dolphin named Winter received a second chance thanks to a prosthetic tail fin and a group of dedicated humans. This time around, Winter loses her tank mate, and it's up to a pair of teenagers (Cozi Zuehlsdorff and Nathan Gamble) to care for Winter and help find her a new companion. There's some human-based drama, too, but the real draw lies in the sea creatures, the struggles to care for them in the right way, and the aquatic photography.

Some critics have panned it as a little too saccharine-sweet. It's certainly sentimental, but there is drama enough to entertain without stealing too much screen time from the pretty animals. This is a feel-good flick that families and aspiring biologists can enjoy together.

When the Game Stands Tall (PG)

The De La Salle Spartans high-school football team had an unbelievable winning streak of 151 games under the leadership of coach Bob

Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel). Then in 2003, out of nowhere, they started losing. A series of off-the-field tragedies coincide with the losing streak, making it even more important for coach to get everyone's spirits back up. While the football scenes are intense and engaging, the stuff before kickoff and in the locker-room just doesn't have the tension.

Frank (R)

An eccentric and inspiring musician spends his life wearing a cartoony paper-mache head and writing music in a notation system that he invented himself. By Frank's side are his soul-mate (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and a somewhat bewildered young drummer (Domhnall Gleeson). This oddball semi-adventure follows a brilliant-yet-bizarre frontman whose character is drawn from several real-life rockers with complicated or unique personas. Oddest of all was the decision to cast Michael Fassbender in a role that hides his face for the duration. If you've got an urge for a flick with some spunk and a skewed perspective, give Frank a chance to weird you out in a good way.



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Upcoming Community Events



Arena and Rec Open House

The Town of Morinville will be holding an arena and rec centre open house at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on Dec. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Midstream Santa Store Program

The Santa Store program will operate differently this year. Kindly list three (3) items your child is requesting for Christmas and our committee will strive to ensure that one of those wishes are fulfilled. You will receive a phone call with a time and date to pick your "order" up at the Midstream Thrift Store before December 19th. Your privacy is our top priority, and as such, volunteers at the Midstream Thrift Store do not have access to your file and are unable to answer questions regarding your appointment or your gifts. If you have questions or concerns regarding the form or your appointment,

please contact Susan Swanson at 780-554-1979.

Midstream Hamper Program

The Midstream Support Society partners with Morinville's Knights of Columbus to ensure all residents are able to prepare a festive meal in the comfort of their home during the holidays. This year, hamper delivery is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19th between 4-6pm. Alternatively, pick up is available between 3:30-6pm at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre located at 9913-104st (across from the arena). You must bring government issued identification with proof of address for pick up. Note that delivery is available to in-town Morinville addresses only. Residents of outlying areas may pick hampers up between 3:30-6pm. A member of the Knights of Columbus will call in advance to confirm delivery.

Completed forms may be dropped in the "Santa Store" lockbox at the Midstream Thrift Store (9922-101 Street) during business hours, between Monday and Friday 9:30am-3pm. They will accept applications for the Santa Store and Christmas Hamper Programs until Friday, December 12th.

Community Christmas Celebration

The 36th Annual Community Christmas Celebration will take place at St. Jean Baptiste Church in Morinville Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Non-perishable food items and cash will be accepted for the Knights of Columbus Hamper Project. All are welcome.

Library Corner

Happenings at the Library this week...
 Click on **EVENTS** on our website for all the new programs at the Library!
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- It's Movie Time!**
How to Train Your Dragon 2
 Friday, December 12 1:00 pm
- Writers Night**
 Every Tuesday night at 6:00 pm
- Between the Covers Book Club**
 Wednesday, December 10th 6:30 pm
 The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes
- Cozy Corner Stories**
 Thursday, December 11th at 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Drop by the library and say hi to our new Hermit Crabs "Fred & George". Check out the Clapping Claws Book Review on Morinville Library's Facebook page!

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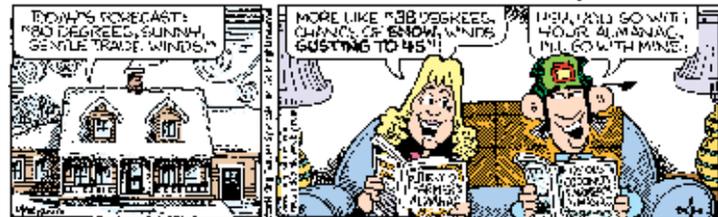
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



DIFFICULTY: 1. Cover is missing. 2. Pendant is missing. 3. Book has fewer pages. 4. Search is different. 5. Jacket is shorter. 6. Bow is different.

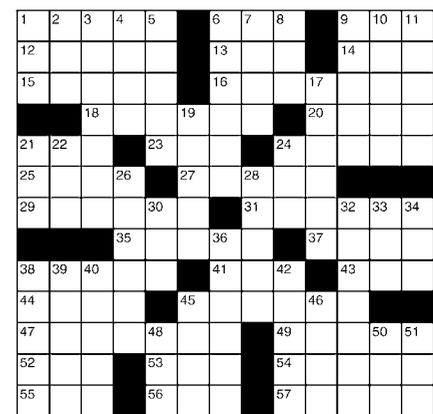
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1. 2,557; 2. Edgar Allan Poe; 3. Superman; 4. Jacob Schick; 5. Alabama; 6. The Temptations; 7. W (Wolfram); 8. Portugal; 9. Mercury (Dies Mercurii); 10. A gang

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- 1 Throws
- 6 Golfer Ernie
- 9 Recipe meas.
- 12 Actress Sevigny
- 13 Diving bird
- 14 Greek H
- 15 Memorial rockpile
- 16 Straw hat
- 18 Wee
- 20 Chooses
- 21 Drone
- 23 Noshed
- 24 Got up
- 25 Raw minerals
- 27 Refrain syllables
- 29 Madden
- 31 Diminish
- 35 Miami stop on the PGA tour
- 37 "Get lost!"
- 38 Decorative novelty
- 41 Prune
- 43 B&B
- 44 Change for a five
- 45 Stuff tossed overboard
- 47 Michael Phelps, e.g.
- 49 Wit
- 52 Coffee break hour
- 53 Favorite



- 54 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
- 55 Billboards
- 56 Storefront sign abbr.
- 57 Overcaffeinated
- 7 Darth's kid
- 8 Tackle moguls
- 9 Beat
- 10 Undoes dees
- 11 Analyze grammar
- 17 Swamp
- 19 Say
- 21 Weeding need
- 22 Grecian vessel
- 24 Hearty brew
- 26 Cathartic drug
- 28 Apportion
- 30 Stickum
- 32 Shine softly
- 33 A billion years
- 34 Rouen refusal
- 36 Warnings
- 38 — Rica
- 39 Single
- 40 Jockey's handful
- 42 "Poppycock!"
- 45 Scoff
- 46 German car
- 48 Speedometer
- 50 Bullring bravo
- 51 Crimson

DOWN

- 1 Junk bond rating
- 2 "Eureka!"
- 3 Thinner
- 4 Ms. Spelling
- 5 Cathartic drug
- 6 Time for an egg roll?

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1. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMDLXVII?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the story "The Murders in the Rue Morgue"?
3. TELEVISION: What superhero pops up repeatedly in episodes of the "Seinfeld" sitcom series?
4. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the electric razor?
5. MOVIES: What was Forrest Gump's home state?
6. MUSIC: What group performed the hit "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone"?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element tungsten?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What modern European country was called Lusitania in Roman times?
9. LANGUAGE: In Latin names for the days of the week, what god is represented by Wednesday?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of weasels called?

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MORINVILLE Housing Report

by Doris Jolicoeur, CD, ABR, CCSP Associate Broker/Realtor, Professional Realty Group
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November seemed to come in like a lamb and out like a lion when it came to the whether this year. I'm sure some of us were quite grateful for the lamb! The lion of the whether at end month definitely decreased activity in the housing market, with over half of the offers on single family homes coming in in week three. Week four saw little activity.

Last month, Morinville saw eight single family homes and one condo sell at average prices of \$343,250 and \$189,000, respectively. This is a 1.9% increase over October's average single family home price of \$336,817, and a 10.5% decrease over September's. A year ago, last month, the average price was 4.5% lower and 27.1% lower in 2012.

There was no real change in the market when

comparing Morinville to neighboring communities as our town's average home is now, as it is normally, priced at 20.7% less than Edmonton's. The gap between Morinville and St Albert homes seem larger than the normal (22% ish) at 28.4%. The average price in the whole of the Greater Edmonton Area in November was only 22.5% higher than Morinville. Keep in mind that home prices in St Albert and Sherwood park affect this average.

Last month, Morinville homes took 80 days to sell, which is a huge increase of 44 days from October, 22 days longer than in September, and nine more than in 2013. It took a Morinville home 31 to 34 days longer to sell than average Edmonton and St Albert Homes, which is a much larger gap than the norm.

In November, the MLS system reported 794 new listings and 717 units sold giving us a 90% ratio in the Greater Edmonton Area. Historically, from November to January, as fewer homes are listed, our sales to listing ratios tend to stay above 90%.

With prices up year over year and month over month, days-on-the-market nearly double but inventory down, this winter is a good time to sell your home. You should experience less showings, longer possession, and a more relaxed process.

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