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## Coyotes howl

Melanya Misener of the GH Primeau Coyotes makes her way down the court towards the Crusaders net during the Coyote Girls opening game. The girls won the contest 32-10. Both the boys and girls teams finished with silver in the weekend tournament.

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# Community Champions

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Georges H. Primeau Middle School Principal Allan Menduk loads the final items into the school's time capsule Monday morning. The capsule, to be opened in 2065, contains items from the school, community and province. A special ceremony was held for students and special guests in the gym.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



## Primeau looks to Catholic education's bicentennial

by Stephen Dafoe and Lucie Roy

Georges H. Primeau students may be wrapping up a month of recognizing 150 years of Catholic education this week, but Monday was a glimpse forward to the Division's bicentennial. Students, staff, and guests participated in a time capsule ceremony.

Principal Allan Menduk, who will be 87 when the capsule is opened by future students and faculty in 2065, said the time capsule serves as a bridge between the present era and a new era. The capsule includes curriculum, games, popular novels, local newspapers, and pop culture items, as well as plenty of information about the school. There is also a write-up about Father Georges H. Primeau, the school's namesake.

"Over the past 50 years we've seen many changes in terms of teaching practices, philosophy, and technology," Menduk said. "Despite these changes, the concept of schooling has changed very little. The delivery of educational programming largely occurs through a model that was developed in the 1800s. It's intended to prepare youth for jobs that have existed for generations."

The principal went on to praise the current faculty for working hard to make education meaningful and relevant to the students. "They are progressive in their thinking, and they embody the transformative and transformational approach to classroom practices. They broke down these barriers for all students."

### Dignitaries look to the future

Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board Chair Noreen Radford said she was hopeful traditions present for the past 150 years are present 50 years



Lucie Roy Photo

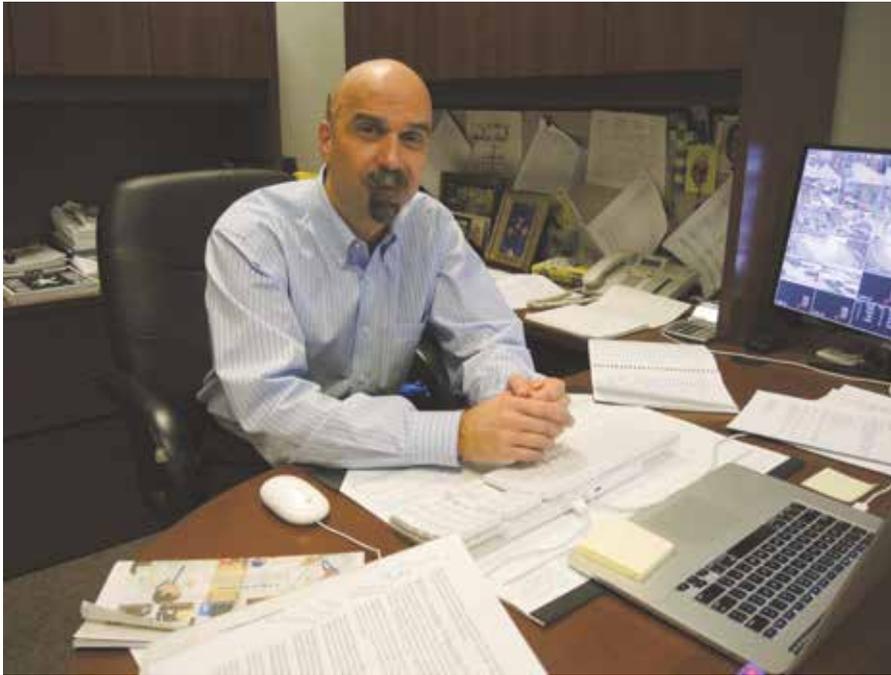
down the road. "It's my hope that ... our excellence of tradition and pioneering spirit of our founding members - the Grey Nuns - is still present in the schools." The board chair said a copy of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations video was being included in the capsule though she questioned whether the format will be relevant in 2065. "The USB stick was the state of the art technology in 2014 / 2015," she quipped. "I questioned whether this was still going to be able to be used [in 2065]."

Father Martin Jubinville also recognizes things change as time goes on. The St. Jean Baptiste priest offered some inspirational words to students and staff. "With the burial of the time capsule, we are acknowledging we are creatures who live through the passage of time," Father Jubinville said. "Time goes on every day. Things

change. Our world changes. We change and we grow, and somewhere in the passage of time, we have come to know that our God who is eternal journeys with us each and every day."

One of the students participating in the ceremony was Erica Ritter. The Grade 8 student shared her thoughts with future Primeau students in a letter about life today and in their day. "Life today consists of new technology, music, fashion and new ideas," she said. "Flannels and jeans are beginning to be the new fashion and guitars are being heard on the radio again. I predict life in 50 years to be much more high tech. Thinner, longer, smarter electronic devices, cars that are silent as they roll down the street, and advanced toys for the young. In the future, I think they will invent a no touch smartphone."

After the speeches, Principal Menduk placed the items into the time capsule and sealed the lid. The capsule will dry in his office for a few days before being put on display in the school showcase.



## MCHS university partnership begins

by Lucie Roy

Morinville Community High School (MCHS) is ready to make history with its English (ENGL) 1011 class starting Feb. 3. MCHS has partnered with NorQuest College and their University Transfer Program. A NorQuest professor will be joining MCHS faculty to offer the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MCHS Principal Todd Eistetter said the University Preparation Program has 13 students registered. "[It's] a pretty good number and next year they hope to increase that," Eistetter said. "We are the only high school in Canada that offers university English."

Eistetter sees the program as a good opportunity for his students as they can earn five high school credits and three regular university credits for the same course. "It is a brand new course the school wrote that was accepted by Alberta Education. Our students will be the first ones in Alberta to earn these credits," he said, adding the program was approved in November. "It is a neat thing for MCHS and these students. It will make them more competitive when they are applying to University, which is what our hope is. It gives them a bit of a leg up on the thousands of other applicants. It makes them more competitive."



## Local leads Legion

St. Albert Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Br. 271 held their Joint Branch and Ladies Auxiliary Installation Ceremony Jan 18. Ladies Auxiliary President Shirley Pomerleau (above right) of Morinville was acclaimed as president for another year. The Ladies Auxiliary consists of more than 30 members from St. Albert, Morinville, Edmonton and Josephburg. Conducting the ceremony was RCL Alberta-North West Territories Command Ladies Auxiliary District 8 Commander Noreen Farren (above left).

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# Column: Gender revolution brewing in political backrooms

When federal votes are counted in 2015, our next prime minister will be a man.

But pull back the curtain.

For the first time in history, the three major federal campaigns in this country are being run by women and this might be the biggest leap forward in gender politics in recent memory.

We have endlessly dissected the number of women running provinces, leading parties, in cabinet, as candidates, but never before have we had a trio of women calling the shots in the race for the country's biggest political prize.

Conservative Jenni Byrne, New Democrat Anne McGrath and Liberal Katie Telford are three of the most powerful women in the country.

And the leader of the fourth federal party, the Green Party, is led by a woman, Elizabeth May.

It doesn't necessarily mean we are going to see a different tone in 2015, but when you have three women making the decisions, recruiting the candidates and setting priorities, it should be reasonable to assume that their presence will ultimately bring more women on board as candidates.

Reasonable, but there is scant evidence of that so far in 2015. Approximately two of every three federal candidates nominated are men.

Byrne has been there before. She guided Stephen Harper to his 2011 majority and officially



left his staff to move back to the party to look for a repeat earlier this month.

She is also notorious for her aversion to media attention and typically declined to talk to the Star.

She feeds on a reputation as a ruthless backroom operator comfortably well-versed in the dark arts of dashing political hopes and identifying the soft underbelly of opponents.

According to Paul Wells, in his book *The Longer I'm Prime Minister*, Byrne's zeal for delivering bad news and enforcing tough calls stood her in good stead with Harper shortly after she was installed as a senior adviser to the prime minister's chief of staff, Ian Brodie.

The 37-year-old Byrne was a Reformer back to her university days in Ottawa and her long-time loyalty to the prime minister is highly valued by Harper.

McGrath and Telford, by contrast, are well-known in Ottawa circles and are the antidotes to Byrne's dark, Darth Vader persona.

But make no mistake; all three are cool under pressure, single mindedly efficient and able to deliver tough edicts.

"I've done it many times," McGrath says.

"I take no pleasure in it. When you have to tell someone to step aside or they can't run, anyone can tell you how hard that is. I prefer not to do it, but I am totally prepared to do it if I have to."

McGrath was Jack Layton's chief of staff and



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was a familiar face to television viewers in the wake of the opposition leader's death. Before returning to helm Tom Mulcair's campaign, she was a regular on TV political panels and is accessible to the Parliamentary press gallery.

She turns 57 this week and is the only one of the trio to run for office. She also ran for the leadership of the Alberta NDP, but has a wealth of public service experience.

She was a teacher, but has held senior positions at Oxfam, the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Elizabeth Fry Society, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"One of the remarkable things about this is that it is so significant," she says of this power trio. "I mean, how could it have taken so long?"

Telford, 36, ran Justin Trudeau's leadership campaign and is a specialist in training candidates and volunteers, data analysis and organization.

She, like the leader and others in Trudeau's inner circle, has a young child at home.

Her roots are at Queen's Park, but she was also deputy chief of staff to one-time Liberal leader Stephane Dion.

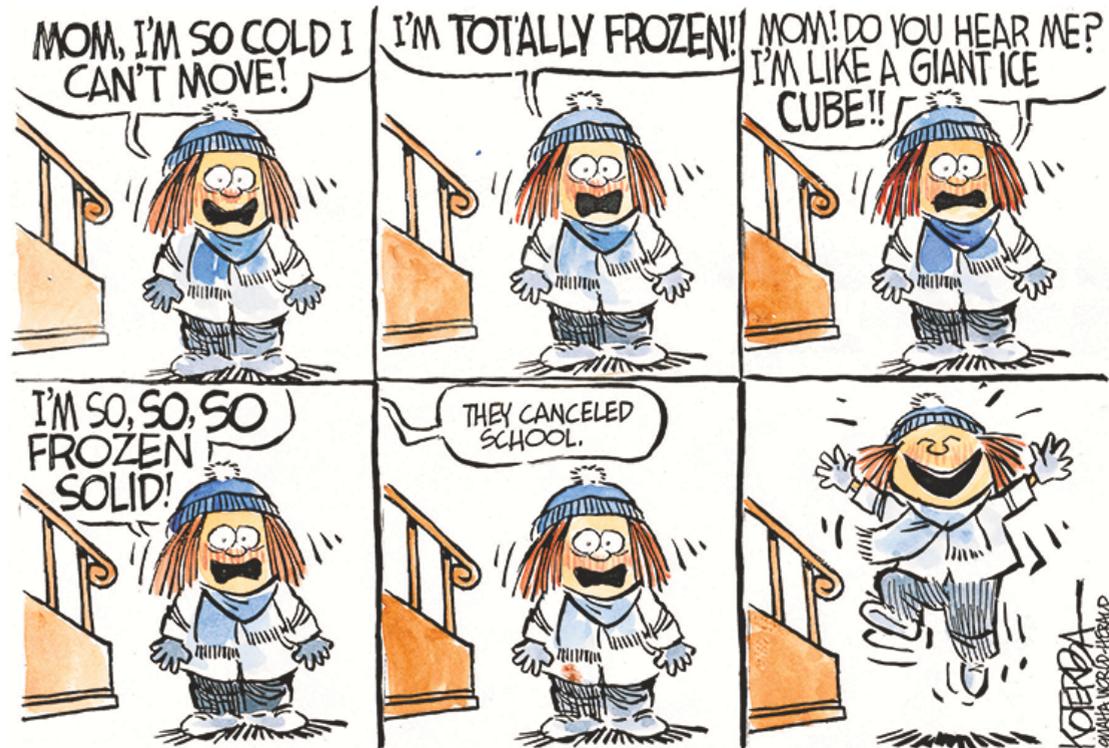
Trudeau once told journalist Susan Delacourt that he purposely chose Telford as his campaign chair to push back against those who counselled against her appointment.

"She constantly fights against people who don't take her seriously, who belittle her, who say they can do a better job and not just men, not just older men, but everyone. And it's been a great reminder to me of the challenges that we're still facing in changing politics as a culture."

All three will retreat further into their backrooms as the campaign approaches, but their work will be on view every day. We'll likely see a typical political slugfest this year. But history has already been made.

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## Citizens on Patrol to collect condolences for fallen officer



In response to the recent tragedy in St Albert, early morning January 17th 2015, which resulted in the death of Cst. David Wynn, and serious injuries to Auxiliary Cst. Derek Bond, The Morinville Citizens on Patrol would like to invite all community members who wish to send their condolences, to drop off any notes, cards and/or letters at the Morinville Community Public Library.

Due to the high volume of condolences that will be received by the St Albert RCMP Detachment, and considering various formats that they will come in, this collection of notes, cards, etc. will be digitally copied and reformatted as actual photo books that will be delivered to the St. Albert RCMP Detachment for the families and for the St. Albert RCMP members and staff.

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**From left:** Sturgeon County Mayor Tom Flynn, Legal Mayor Ken Baril, Morinville Mayor Lisa Holmes, Hon. Rona Ambrose - MP Edmonton-Spruce Grove and Minister Responsible for Northern Alberta, Gibbons Deputy Mayor Louise Bauder, Bon Accord Mayor Randy Boyd, and Redwater Mayor Mel Smith.  
- Lucie Roy Photo

## Ambrose meets with local mayors on funding

by **Lucie Roy**

Sturgeon County mayors and local businesses met with the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Spruce Grove and Minister Responsible for Northern Alberta, Jan. 20 in pre-budget discussions. The purpose of the sessions was to get input from municipal and business leaders on job creation, growth and long-term prosperity. The meetings took place at

the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

"Our government understands that consulting directly with Canadians is an integral part of the budget process," said Ambrose in a release. "Many of the ideas brought forward in local pre-budget meetings have been included in the Federal budget."

Ambrose said the government is on track to balance the budget and want input from the people they represent on how the federal govern-



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ment can "continue to work on creating lasting prosperity."

Joining Ambrose at the roundtable discussion was Morinville Mayor Lisa Holmes, Legal Mayor Ken Baris, Gibbons Deputy Mayor Louise Bauder, Bon Accord Mayor Randy Boyd and Redwater Mayor Mel Smith.

Attached to Ambrose's meeting was some discussion on the Gas Tax Fund, monies given to municipalities from taxes charged at the pump.

Although the government announced what they called "predictable, long-term, stable funding for Canadian municipalities" last October, Ambrose did take some time to explain the program and what it means to communities like Morinville.

Ambrose said the fund was originally a one-time \$5 billion pool, which the federal government has now made into a permanent fund municipalities receive twice a year. "We've doubled it, we've made it permanent, and we've indexed it," said Ambrose. "That means quite a bit more money for municipalities that will go directly to them to fund their own priorities for infrastructure."

Ambrose said by legislating the fund permanently, municipalities know they will have the money in perpetuity. "They can plan, leverage it, and borrow against it," the minister said. "It's their money. It's in their coffers. They'll have it in

perpetuity."

In the case of Morinville, the per capita funding will amount to \$465,686 in revenue in 2015.

Mayor Lisa Holmes said most of her conversation with the minister during the closed-door roundtable discussion centered on the proposed rec facility.

"I appreciated Minister Ambrose taking the time to discuss funding with myself and the other Mayors as it allowed us to shine a light on our individual priority projects," said Mayor Holmes. "We talked not only about the Federal Gas Tax renewal, but also about accessing other sources of funding like the Build Canada Fund."

"Having the Federal Gas Tax program renewed last Fall allows municipalities to use it as a predictable source of income for the next 10 years. They have also given more power to Councils to choose how to spend those dollars so that we are able to apply it towards priority projects like the new Multi-use Recreation Facility if we choose to."

In addition to consulting with the region's mayors and local business leaders on their priorities, there is an online pre-budget survey open to all Canadians. The federal government is looking for answers to five questions.

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## Full house

Tim Schwalfenberg, a member of Northern Alberta Lego Users Group, spoke to about 25 area children about his passion for Lego. The special event was held at the Morinville Community Library Saturday afternoon and packed the program room.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



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# Wildrose members hold AGM in Westlock

by **Tristan Turner**

The Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock Wildrose Constituency Association (CA) held their Annual General Meeting in Westlock Jan. 20. Approximately 50 members and supporters were present, a number that made the event well attended in the opinion of several speakers and members.

Despite recent setbacks within the party and the entire executive stepping back for personal reasons, the organization elected a new executive and resolved to find a candidate in preparation for what may be an early provincial election. The evening included an opportunity to hear from party stalwarts on the party's current state.

Former President Barbara Wilson chaired the meeting and expressed concern that no one stepped forward to fill more than half of the CAs executive positions, and those who did were elected by acclamation.

"This CA is going to die if we don't have people stepping up," Wilson said, adding there was a need for renewal in the organization.

Jim Turnbull is the new CA President, Fred McDougall is Vice President of Membership, and Edward Goodliffe is VP of Fundraising. Vacant positions include the Chief Financial Officer, VP of Policy, VP of Communications and the CAs Secretary.

The CA acclaimed 10 Directors at Large, a third of the 30 they are allowed, members who assist in general leadership and volunteering tasks, including fundraising drives and events.

Although many announced they were stepping down from their positions

on the executive, it was shared they did so for personal reasons and not as a result of the recent floor crossings by high profile party members. They expressed their willingness to assist in other ways.

Despite strong attendance, and the filling of some key positions, several members expressed concern about the average age of members in attendance. One Wildrose member said he hoped the CA could bring in more 'young people' between 45 and 55.

## Party pep talk

Attendees heard from several party guest speakers who spoke of the recent collapse of the Wildrose caucus in the legislature, where nine members, including leader Danielle Smith, crossed the floor to the PCs. Each of the speakers did their part to lift party spirits.

Former president Barbara Wilson began the proceedings by saying everyone present could use a pep talk. "I've never felt so betrayed in all my life," she said of the recent floor crossings.

Former Morinville Town Councillor and Wildrose supporter Joe Gosselin also spoke at the meeting. Gosselin addressed the group about the need "to quickly find a candidate" for the riding, and shared that he would put his name forward as one of the candidates. "We need a candidate soon, whether the election is in the spring or 2016," Gosselin said.

Whether the CA will acclaim a candidate or have an election remains to be seen.



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# Town gathers input on new rec facility and finally announces its location



Facilitator Dave Ramsay works with the first of six stakeholder groups on the new arena / rec facility Jan. 21.

- Lucie Roy Photo

## by Morinville News Staff

Council allocated \$13.75 million for a rec facility in the 2015 budget, a starting point figure. Public stakeholder meetings promised at the December arena / rec facility open house to guide what the final figure might be kicked off Jan. 21 and continued with three additional sessions Jan. 22, 24 and 26.

The sessions were designed to provide specific interest groups and the

general public an opportunity to provide their hopes for the new facility prior to the initial development stage.

Prior to the first session the Town announced earlier in the day it would hold "a significant land announcement" Jan. 27 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Details on just where the new facility is to be located were not available by our press deadline. See Morinville-News.com for details on the Jan. 27 announcement.

Last Wednesday night's stakeholder session, the first in the series of the Future Arena/Multi-Use Recreation Facility User-Group Stakeholder Group Meetings, took place in Council Chambers with 10 people in attendance. Thursday's event drew a group of 15. Details on Saturday's and Monday's sessions were also not available by our press deadline.

The first group consisted of sports groups not presently using the arena. The session was hosted by Councillor Rob Ladouceur and facilitated by Dave Ramsey. Sturgeon County Councillor Jerry Kaup also attended the session.

Thursday's session, which involved groups currently using the arena, was hosted by Councillor Gord Putnam will host the session. A stakeholder session for Community Groups took place Saturday, morning, hosted by Councillor Barry Turner. Corporate and Business groups met with Deputy Mayor Stephen Dafoe Monday evening.

There are still two sessions remaining: Public and Private Institutions will meet with Councillor Nicole Boutestein Jan. 29. The General Public group will meet with Councillor Brennan Fitzgerald Feb. 5.

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# Chamber looking to fill its board

by Stephen Dafeo

The Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce is looking for a couple of members to serve on its executive. The Chamber presently has an executive of eight members, but President Simon Boersma said he'd like to see that number increased to 10.

"We can run with eight or nine, but we would like to have 10 members to properly present to the business community as a whole," Boersma said. "We want a broad range of businesses represented at the board table."

Boersma said the commitment is not cumbersome; the chamber meets 10 times each year. Board meetings take place for about 90 minutes to two hours prior to the business organization's monthly luncheons. The board does not meet in July and August.

Beyond that, executive are part of a broader communication link with local businesses and are part of the teams that put on the annual Leap into Spring Expo, golf tournament, and business gala.

"We understand that this is a volunteer exercise and we all run our businesses," Boersma said, adding the executive understand board members may need to leave a meeting to take a business call. "You don't [have to] throw your business to the side just because you are a board member at that point. We're all for business."

The president is hoping chamber members will consider volunteering with the board and experiencing some of the enjoyment he has had over a number of years. "It's a great networking experience," he said. "It is even bigger than going to the luncheon. I've gotten to know a lot of great people over time that I didn't know existed in other industry. I get to know politicians that I never knew ... and I get to hear some speakers that I would never hear."

Although the executive will be elected or acclaimed at the Annual General meeting in June, Boersma said the board can appoint two additional members at any time.

For more information call the Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce at **780-939-9462**.



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You are invited to attend a Public Hearing for a Land Use Bylaw Amendment and provide your comments directly to Council. If you prefer to write to Council, send your written comments to the Legislative Officer before 4:30 pm on February 9th, 2015. These comments will be reviewed as part of the hearing process.

**What is the Land Use Bylaw Amendment about?**  
The purpose of Bylaw 1/2015 is to amend the Land Use Bylaw to insert the Commercial and Industrial Service (CIS) District. Planning & Development supports this proposed bylaw.

**How Will This Affect Me?**  
The proposed district will better provide for visually attractive commercial and industrial activities to locate in high visibility areas of a business park, such as along major transportation routes and at main access points, within business/commercial strips. No amendments to Schedule "A" - Land Use District Map are proposed in this bylaw.

**How Do I Get More Information?**  
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Town of Legal Finance Assistant Anna Keane, CRB CEO Malcolm Bruce and CRB Chair Nolan Crouse at Legal's Regular Council meeting Jan. 19.

- Lucie Roy Photo

## Legal Council Briefs

by Lucie Roy

### Capital Region Board visits

Legal Council held their regular meeting Jan. 20 with a small agenda. St Albert Mayor Nolan Crouse, Capital Region Board (CRB) chair, and Malcolm Bruce, the CRB's new CEO attended the meeting to bring Council up to date on CRB activities.

Crouse said the board has reached out to municipalities in a road show type program over the past few months.

The CRB chair's recap included what the CRB and its committees are doing as not all municipalities participate in all projects.

The CRB was formed to deal with regional matters after the dissolving of the Alberta Capital Regional Alliance (ACRA). The organization deals with four areas: making sure there is market affordable housing process, thinking and planning in the region, making public transport in region especially in municipalities, and making sure land planning in region and also putting in place geographic system for region.

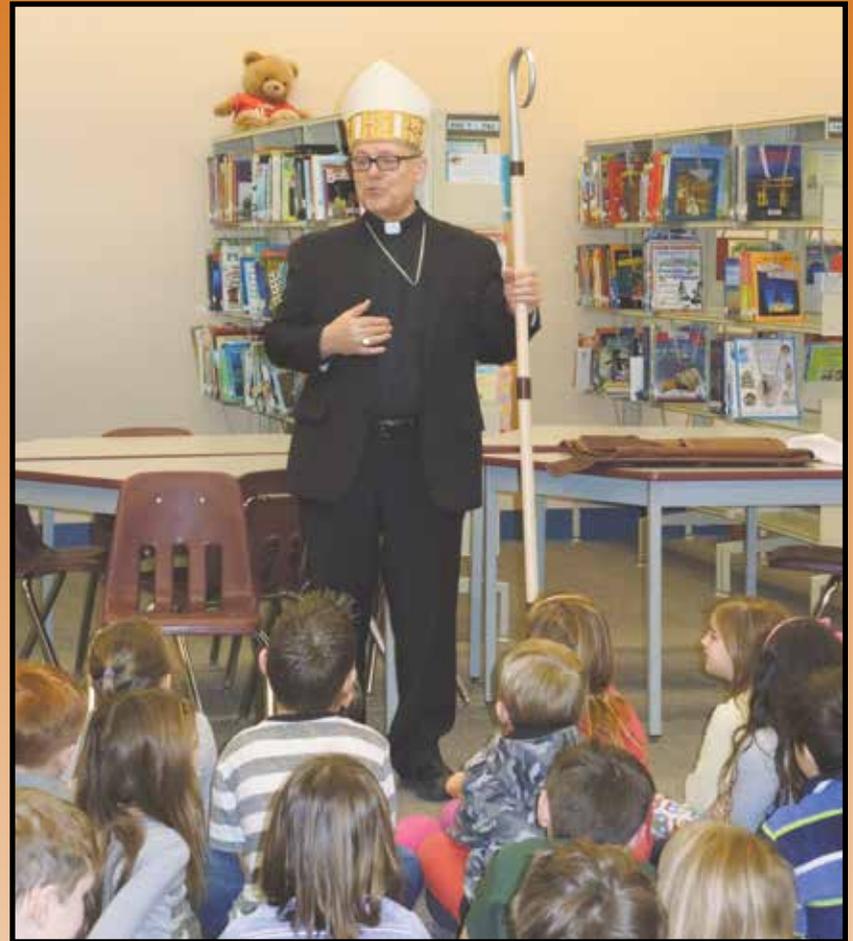
"In the last five to six years lots of work has been put in these categories," Crouse said. "[In the] last few weeks there has been an agreement to go towards economic development." The board has given staff direction to work at an Administrative level with local CEOs, Chambers of Commerce so they can mutually benefit.

The discussion touched on the Legal Lions' bus and transportation and transit and seniors. Transit is one of the areas the CRB is involved in.

### Concerto to include St.Paul

Legal has been invited to St. Paul's Concerto Celebration. The community is the ninth to join the Conseil de developpement economique de l'Alberta's (CDEA), an association of communities of French heritage, joined together for economic opportunities.

Legal, St Albert, Morinville, Falher, Municipal District of Smoky River, Lac La Biche, Plammondon, Beaumont.



## Bishop visits shools

by Lucie Roy

The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Paul was in Legal and Morinville Jan. 19. Most Reverend Paul Terrio visited Legal School and Morinville's Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School before dining with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools board.

During his Pastoral visit, the Bishop spoke of the symbols of his office, including the silver pectoral cross and ring. Other regalia explained to students included the mitre (a traditional ceremonial headdress) and the pastoral staff, which has a top shaped like a shepherd's crook. The pastoral staff symbolizes the role of the bishop as the good shepherd.

Of the four Roman Catholic Diocese of Alberta, Saint Paul represents a Catholic population of 105,000 Catholics. The Diocese has 21 parishes, and Bishop Terrio said the Diocese is in need of more priests.

Terrio took over the Diocese of St. Paul in December 2012. He has been a priest for more than 40 years, having also served in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain. He was appointed Bishop in October 2012 and ordained in December of that year.

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# Mary's Veil coming to the Arden

by Stephen Dafoe

A cast and crew of 44 will bring the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus, to the Arden Theatre stage for four performances running Jan. 30 to Feb. 1. The production is a fundraiser for the West Sturgeon Aging in Place Foundation's dementia unit.

The two-act musical by composer and playwright Sandra Brenneis demonstrates the depth, courage and strength of what the playwright sees as a powerful and faithful woman.

The first act begins with Mary's parents longing for a child late in life, follows Mary's life as a young woman, and ends with the death of her husband, Joseph. The second act looks at Mary's life during the time when Jesus enters His ministry and progresses through Jesus' crucifixion.

Brenneis said she based Mary's Veil on Apocryphal writings and theological interpretations of those accounts.

Beyond what the playwright sees as a "beautiful and powerful story," the motivation behind the musical is the same as it was 13 years ago when Brenneis first put pen to paper.

"Mary's Veil and the people who bring it to life, bring me more than I could give," she said. "I love the sound and sight of one of my plays coming to life." The playwright said the group of people who gather to volunteer their time for an important cause continue to inspire her. "It would be impossible to immerse myself in Mary's beautiful and powerful story without recognizing the strength that comes from living a life of acceptance and service like she did."

A cast and crew of 44 bring Mary's story to life. Brenneis said many of the cast were with her from the beginning, experienced and skilled people she has come to rely upon to make things happen. "Our children have



grown up on the stage and are now holding lead roles," she said. "I am filled with pride and awe when they sing and perform."

Some of Brenneis' longstanding cast have stepped back this season, but new cast members are giving the production a different vibe. "Our many new members bring a fresh energy and enthusiasm that helps to rekindle the passion when the rehearsal season feels long," she said. "Every member of our cast, crew and team work hard, often laugh and create something important together."

Colleen Soetaert is one of the three women playing the titular character in the musical. Like Brenneis, she sees the production as an important one. "I think it shows the strength and faith of a woman who is asked to serve the Lord," Soetaert said. "She watches her son go through His ministry in answer to that, and I think every parent can relate to watching and guiding. We know there are times when we can't control what's going on, and you give it to God. We surrender to God."

Beyond the touching and poignant moments Soetaert sees in the play, she believes there are many purely entertaining ones as well.

Mary's Veil plays the Arden Theatre in St. Albert Jan, 30 at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 1 at 2:30 p.m. All seats are \$25 and are available through Ticketmaster at 1-855-985-5000 or by calling the Arden Theatre at 780-459-1542.

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## Carnivale

**Left:** World champion hoop dancer Dallas Arcand performed at Georges H. Primeau School for their Carnivale and Father Primeau Day celebrations Friday. Also performing was Dallas Arcand Junior.

**Right:** Primeau Student Kennedi Knight tries the maple sugar taffy during the Carnivale

- Lucie Roy Photos



## The Little Prince

Monster Theatre's production of The Little Prince took place at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre Saturday. The children's performance, which drew an audience of 75, was Monster's original adaptation of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's 1943 novella of the same name. The book is the story of a pilot stranded in the desert who meets a prince who has fallen to Earth from an asteroid.

The titular role was played by Nancy Kenny and playwright Tara Travis played the stranded pilot and other roles.

Clockwise from top left: The prince and the pilot meet. One of the planetary inhabitants. The prince wins a vote. The prince has an uncomfortable interaction with a king.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos

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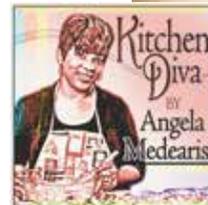
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Every day, somewhere in the world, an anthropologist is studying old pottery and other ancient remnants of our society, giving us new insights into our culinary past. Soup, the simple un-apologetic dish that is as classic as a black dress, has always been considered a primitive meal. But recent discoveries show that soup may be even older than originally believed.

Scientists at Harvard University have found 20,000-year-old pottery that shows evidence of being exposed to fire. No one knows for sure what was heated, but there are many reasons to believe it was a broth cooked up by our ancient ancestors.

Fast-forward thousands of years, and there is more information available about the one-pot meal called "sop," which referred to a piece of bread eaten in broth. By the 17th century, the word "soup" was being used to describe a potage, or broth. What we know today is that soup, in all its flavors, has humble beginnings. But plain or fancy, complicated or straightforward, it is an ingenious way to have a complete meal in one bowl.

Soup, in its many international versions, is an edible ambassador of its origin. From rich, spicy Mexican soups to light Asian broths, soup is as distinct as the people and the countries from which it comes. If most Americans were asked to say the first word that comes to mind when they hear the word "soup," it would be "chicken" or "beef." This reflects our distinct history and what was available to our ancestors.

The early origins of soup consisted of the boiled carcass of an animal. As the early settlers began to have success agriculturally, vegetables were added to the pot. The slaves of the Ameri-

can south, who had little in the way of meat, harkened back to their African roots and were inventive in making soups and stews with vegetables of all kinds. Gumbo, a word from West African dialects meaning okra, originated this way. The soup consisted of a variety of meats, and thickened with okra or "file," a powder made from ground sassafras leaves.

Although some soups are cold, most are hot, and when frost, snow or chilly air prevail, soup is a wonderful way to create a one-bowl meal. The beauty of soup is that it can reflect whatever you have on hand. It's a great way to use leftovers or make the most of half bags of rice or macaroni, a random carrot or potato, or a mixture of greens. It's also an incomparable way to get the most of meat trimmings or to just be luxurious and cook a chicken for no other reason than to make the best chicken soup ever.

My recipe for Creamy Chicken Soup is truly a meal in a bowl, and a bright, spicy and flavourful remedy for a cold and dreary day.

**CREAMY CHICKEN SOUP**

- 8 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into bite-size pieces
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 4 cloves garlic, minced  
 1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
 6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth  
 2 large Yukon gold potatoes, chopped  
 2 cups fresh sweet corn kernels or 2 cups frozen corn kernels  
 1 1/2 cups whipping cream  
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 2 bay leaves  
 2 green onions, roots removed, white and green parts chopped, optional

**1.** In a 5- to 6-quart Dutch oven, cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon pieces with a spoon; set aside. Reserve 1 tablespoon of drippings in pan.

**2.** Add chicken to pan. Sprinkle with poultry seasoning and a teaspoon of salt and black pepper. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until chicken is no longer pink; remove from pan.

**3.** Add sweet pepper and onion to pan. Cook and stir until tender. Add chopped jalapeno and garlic; cook and stir for 3 minutes.

**4.** Stir in flour and remaining salt and pepper. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Add broth and potatoes. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cook, uncovered, for 10 minutes or just until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork, stirring occasionally.

**5.** Stir in chicken, corn, cream, cayenne pepper and bay leaves. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaves. Top with green onion, if desired. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

*Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.divapro.com. To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook.*

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# Box Puppet Play Is Easy to Stage

Column:  
**Donna's Day** Creative family fun  
 by Donna Erickson

Turn a dreary winter's day into a "play day" filled with whimsical box puppets your family can make. Pick characters from a favorite book and retell a story "puppet show" style. Or mix and match characters from several books. You might even create some puppets that look like family members, for an even livelier troupe. Use extra props and make funny voices and sound effects for a memorable performance.

Before you begin making your puppets, collect a few empty food boxes, such as single-portion cereal boxes, which are quite easy for younger children to manipulate. As your cast of puppet characters grows, it's definitely fun to use boxes in a range of shapes and sizes.

## Here's what you'll need:

1 single-portion cereal box, paper lining removed and open end glued shut. (For a larger puppet, use a standard-size cereal box.)  
 Poster paint and brushes  
 Markers  
 Construction paper  
 Glue and scissors  
 Odd and ends, such as felt, ping-pong balls, cotton balls and yarn for beards and hair.

## Here's the fun:

With the front of the box facing you, draw a horizontal line around the middle of the box. An adult should cut along the line on the front and two narrow sides of the box. Do not cut the line on the back of the box. Instead, make a fold on that line so you can bend back the two connected halves of the box. Insert your fingers and thumb in the openings to test moving the "mouth" of the puppet.

Paint the outside of the box or cover it with construction paper. If you are making safari-style puppets, you might want to use adhesive-backed paper in tiger, lion or zebra prints.

Add craft supplies to represent the appearance of a book character or person in your family or neighborhood. Glue on ping-pong balls or plastic milk-jug lids for eyes. Make a dot in the center of each one with a marker. Add yarn or cotton balls for hair, and felt or craft foam for ears. Don't forget to make a tongue and glue it inside where the box opens and closes. Draw teeth or lips on the outside of the box. Add other details to create a distinct personality.

*Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."*

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## Morinville nominated for Kraft Hockeyville 2015

by Morinville News Staff

Morinville is one of more than 300 communities currently nominated for Kraft Hockeyville 2015. The annual competition provides one Canadian community with a pre-season NHL game and a half million in cash to put into their local arena.

"I nominated us for Kraft Hockeyville 2015 to make sure that we have a place for all of our teams to play," Gatza said. "Right from initiation to our senior team, plus our fun hockey program, ringette program, and our recreational hockey."

In putting forth the nomination, Gatza spoke of the community's love of the game and Morinville's spirit of volunteerism.

Although the competition is in its initial phase of having Canadians nominate their community, Gatza is preparing for the voting phase, which takes places Mar. 21 to 23, and is looking to that volunteering spirit to make things happen.

"We're going to have some events that we want people to come out and support," Gatza said, adding he is looking for volunteers willing to do what they can. "If they want to help organize. If they want to help [to] get banners hung up. Anything to promote Kraft Hockeyville would be wicked because it's going to take a lot of effort to make sure that we get into the top 10."

Gatza set the country is split into east and west with five communities in each direction forming the 10 finalists. Those top 10 communities will be announced Mar. 14, a week before public voting begins to narrow the 10 down to just two finalists who will shoot it out for the big prize.

The top winner will host an NHL pre-season game and receive \$500,000 for their community's arena. Second place receives \$200,000. Each of the remaining eight top 10 finalists will receive \$25,000.

One Morinville resident and familiar face around the ice is Joel Chevalier. The local business owner, hockey player and hockey dad is looking forward to the opportunity for the community. "Being nominated into Kraft Hockeyville is an exciting opportunity for Morinville to show its dedication to our community and our hockey," he said. "I look forward to sharing our experiences."

For more information on Kraft Hockeyville 2015 and Morinville's nomination, visit [khv2015.ca/en/nominations/profile/ray-mcdonald-sports-center/](http://khv2015.ca/en/nominations/profile/ray-mcdonald-sports-center/). Those taking local hockey photos are asked to use the hash tag #khv\_morinville when posting on Twitter or Instagram.



### Coyotes basketball

The Coyotes Boys basketball team took on Essmy Saturday morning in game two of a two-day basketball tournament at Primeau and MCHS.

Both the Boys and Girls took silver in the tournament. Gold for both divisions went to Lorne Akins. The Boys lost 23-19 in the final round. The Coyote Girls lost 31-18 in their final.

The MCHS Senior Girls host a basketball tournament this weekend at the high school.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



### Pre-game Dance Party

The Sturgeon Atom Girls held a bit of a party before their game Friday night, the opening night of a nine-team Atom girls Tournament. The Atom Girls lost their opener 2-1 to Strathcona Friday night but won their Saturday morning game against Airdrie 5-0. The Girls lost 3-2 to Okotoks Saturday night and were set to play in a consolation final in Legal Sunday morning. Details were not available by our deadline.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



## KOC offers Free Throw contest

by Lucie Roy

Notre Dame students took part in the Knights of Columbus' Free Throw Championship Wednesday and Thursday during their lunch hour, each student taking 10 shots at net.

Students practiced their basketball free throws during lunch recess Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday, the students' 10 shots will be formally recorded and the top female and male shooters, in their respective age and gender divisions, will be invited to take part at the district level. There is also a provincial and international level.

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Jack St. Onge said the competition was reinstated a few years ago in Morinville. The competition is open to students aged 9 and 10, and all contestants receive a certificate in recognition for their participation.

## Morinville hockey Roundup

by Morinville News Staff

### Jets fall prey to Hawks

The Morinville Jets fell from a 2-1 lead against the Fort Saskatchewan Hawks to lose the game 5-3 Friday night. The Jets found themselves scoreless in the second period and trailing by another two goals in the final frame when the Hawks scored one on the powerplay and another shorthanded.

The Jets were to play a homegame Tuesday night against the North Edmonton Redwings. The club play the Edmonton Mustangs Sunday night at home. Game time is 6:45 p.m. at the Ray McDonald Sports Center.

### Kings end the season in 2nd place

The Morinville Kings ended their second season on the ice in second place. Saturday night's home-ice makeup game with the Rocky Rams was a battle for the Kings against the basement-dwelling Rams. The Kings lost 4-3 in a shootout. The Kings lead 2-1 at the end of the first, but found themselves tied 2-2 at the end of the second and 3-3 at the end of the third.

Although it has been certain for some time that the Kings would end the season in second place as they did last year, just who they would play in the first round of NCHL playoffs remained unknown. With the bottom two teams in the league having played their final games Saturday night, the Kings are set to play Slave Lake in the opening round, a best-of-five series that will start this weekend. Game one is in Morinville Jan. 31 at 7:15 p.m.



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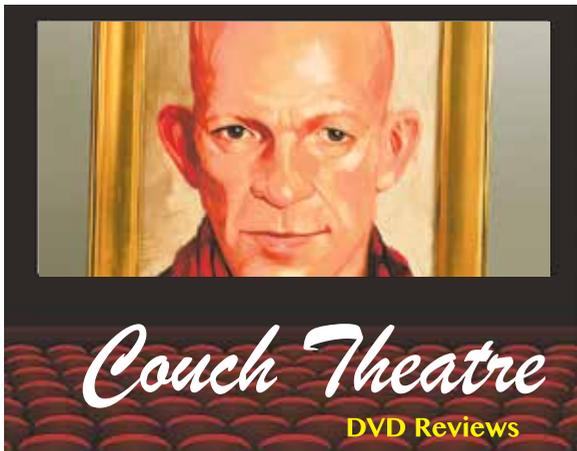
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by Sam Struckhoff

**PHOTO:** Self-portrait from *Art and Craft*

**Fury (R)** — Sgt. Collier (Brad Pitt) — or Wardaddy, as he is called — has led his tank crew through carnage of World War II, all the way from North Africa to Germany. “Fury” is the name of their Sherman tank, manned by Wardaddy, “Bible” (Shia Lebouf), “Gordo” (Michael Pena) and an uncouth hillbilly called “Coon-Ass” (Joe Bernthal). Near the end of the war, the hardened crew gets a fresh-faced typist (Logan Lerman) as a new assistant driver. His first task: find his seat and wipe up the remains of his predecessor.

Director David Ayer (best known for gritty crime dramas like *Training Day* and *End of Watch*) shows battle in brutal intensity. It’s a grim affair, but the mood and tone match the severity of what’s going on. The movie shows heroism in war without chest-beating or draping itself in a flag.

**The Book of Life (PG)** — This animated feature mixes pop culture and Mexican folklore to make an adventure about life, death, love and goofiness. Manolo (voiced by Diego Luna) is a passionate young guitarist who’s competing with a narcissistic soldier (Channing Tatum) for the love of the fairest — and toughest — young lady in town. This love triangle has the attention of the gods of the afterlife, setting up Manolo for an adventure through the worlds of the dead.

The mythology of the movie is a lot of fun, especially the colorful and exciting *Land of the Remembered*. The film was produced by Guillermo del Toro, and his fantastical and ghoulish sensibility is reflected here. Last year was a good year for animated flicks, and this one ranks among the best in its class.

**The Judge (R)** — This family/courtroom super-drama reaches out for a hug while smothering your face with pages of old Grisham novels. Hank (Robert Downey Jr.) plays a big-city lawyer who journeys back to his unloved small-town roots for his mother’s funeral. Hank’s father (Robert Du-

vall) is a judge — and windbag — who has ruled his small-town Indiana courtroom for decades. Just as the family tension thickens, Judge Father is arrested for a hit-and-run homicide. In his desperate hour, the high-and-mighty patriarch must rely on his son’s defense.

**Art and Craft** — For years, the most prolific art forger in U.S. history got hundreds of fakes into museums and collections. His forgeries looked masterful, and he mimicked the works of artists from a wide array of styles and eras. Most of his art supplies were things you could pick up at Wal-Mart. He lied and schemed to pass off his work as the originals, but he never really made any money doing it. He wasn’t trying to. This documentary sits down with the unassuming middle-aged man, and puts light on a surprising human story.

### TV RELEASES

Masterpiece: Downton Abbey Season 5  
 Marie’s Mind for Murder: Set 1  
 Mama’s Family: Mama’s Favorites — Season 4  
 Regular Show -- Mordecai Pack  
 Maison Close: Season 1

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## Upcoming Community Events



### Hot Dogma Talent Night

Higher Grounds Espresso Bar will be holding an open mic talent night Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. Entertainers interested in performing need to sign up no later than Jan. 29. See story Page 2 of this issue. For more information call Higher Grounds at **780-939-5154**.

### Board members needed

The Morinville Public Library Board is currently looking for a couple new members to fill out the 10-member board. If you have an interest in your community library and its successful operation, please visit the library for further information on what is required to be a board member.

### The Boxtrolls are coming

The Morinville Community Library will show the movie The boxtrolls Jan. 30 at 1 p.m.

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Click EVENTS on our website for all the new programs at the Library!  
[www.morinvillelibrary.ca](http://www.morinvillelibrary.ca)

**Celebrate the Winter! Join our Winter Blues Reading Program**

Open craft time each week - Friday, Feb. 6th 4 - 5 pm  
(small fee for supplies)

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Check our website for more information!

**Between the Covers Book Club**  
 Wednesday, January 28th 6:30 - 8 pm

**The Movie Buffs**  
 Screening Thursday, January 29th 6:30 pm

**Gaming Night**  
 Friday, January 30th 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
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