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# Community Champions

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Jason Wood and his son Peyton watch as Lyle Quintal of Calahoo Waste Disposal operates his truck. The County businessman changed his plans Mar. 8 to bring one of his new trucks to Peyton's birthday party.

- Stephen Dafoe Photos



## Father gives his son garbage for his birthday

by Stephen Dafoe

A Morinville father went outside the bin to give his son the birthday he asked for. Jason Wood said he and his wife had asked their son Peyton what theme he wanted for his birthday party and were taken back when he said he wanted a garbage truck birthday. But not wanting to disappoint their soon-to-be four-year-old boy, Wood started figuring out how he could get a working garbage truck to show up at Peyton's Mar. 9 birthday.

"I like to go over and above and not just have a regular birthday," Wood said, adding his own Dec. 29 birthday meant he never got great birthdays as a child because of the proximity to Christmas. "I'm kind of living my birthdays as a kid through my son."

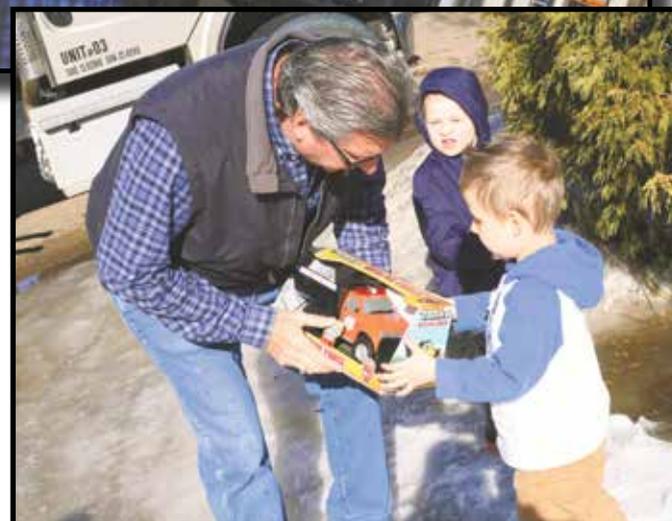
A Google search turned up Calahoo Waste Disposal and its owner Lyle Quintal, a man who was touched by Wood's quest to make his son happy. "He was touched by even the offer to come out here and do this with the kids."

Quintal dropped his Sunday afternoon plans and brought one of the company's new trucks. The County businessman spent about an hour showing Peyton and his friends how the truck operates, and even gave them a cab view of how garbage gets from the curb to the truck.

The Sunday visit was not Quintal's first time showing people his truck. "I've got 21 or 22 nieces and nephews and I think 24 great nieces and nephews. I've taken lots of my nieces and nephews ... over the years for a ride or for the day," he said. "It's great to be able to give back to the community." Quintal not only gave Peyton an up close look at the truck, he brought him a toy version as a birthday gift.

Wood said Peyton's interest in garbage trucks comes from the mechanical operations — the crushing, the horns, and other motorized operations. "Every week he is out of the front watching the operation of the garbage truck — how it dumps everything. That's just naturally his passion for trucks and how it works."

Young Mr. Wood was impressed. "I got to do everything on the garbage truck," he said after the experience."



**Above:** Calahoo Waste Disposal owner Lyle Quintal shows Peyton Wood how his truck works, and later presents him a smaller version of the same.



# Morinville Makes Top 10 Finalists In Kraft Hockeyville 2015

by **Stephen Dafoe**

Saturday night's edition of Hockey Night in Canada probably had more Morinville residents watching the Flames Vs. Avalanche game than might normally be the case. Kraft announced their Top 10 finalists in this year's Hockeyville contest early into the game.

Travelling west to east, Morinville was among the first to be announced among the top 10, an honour that carries with it \$25,000 whether or not the community proceeds any further.

Morinville Kings' President Wayne Gatza nominated Morinville for the contest back in late January and has worked tirelessly over the past weeks to promote Morinville to be in the top 10.

"I haven't been this excited since the Kings won the provincials," Gatza said in a phone interview shortly after the announcement Saturday night. "I was pretty excited and let out a big, loud woo hoo and jumped up and down. It's a big step forward for our community and our rec centre. As a member of the community, I'm very proud right now that we were able to come together as a group and push us into the Top 10."

Morinville shares the Top 10 honours with Morden, Manitoba; Dawson

Creek, BC; Bonnyville, AB; Haliburton, Ontario; Happy Valley – Goose Bay, NL; Saint-Joseph De Beauce, QC; Chatham, ON; Middleton, NS; North Saanich, BC.

Gatza said Morinville will need to continue to keep up the enthusiasm over the next week and beyond. "It's a big challenge to overcome those other nine communities that are in there with us," he said. "I look forward to even more support as we move forward."

Legal residents of Canada, 13 years of age and older, can begin voting on KHV2015.ca for their favourite Top 10 Entry for a period beginning on March 21. Voting will begin Mar. 21 at approximately 11 p.m. EST.

This process will narrow down the five east and five west contenders to one eastern and one western finalist. Another round of voting will take place starting Mar. 28. The final winner will be announced Apr. 4. That winner will receive \$100,000 in arena upgrades and a pre-season NHL game at their rink. The runner up will get \$100,000 in upgrades.

Gatza held a meeting on Monday to organize a big event to get out the vote when voting opens Mar. 21.

The Morinville News will bring those details to our readers on our website and social media as they are available.

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# Editorial: That's how we did it in Morinville

If you trawl around Facebook or Pinterest long enough you are bound to come across some positive affirmation meme that uses a quotation attributed to Margaret Meade: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Entering a contest to be the next Kraft Hockeyville may hardly seem like a world changing thing, and yet for many hockey players, young and old, it is just that.

Enter Wayne Gatza, a man who twice in the last few years has pondered the what ifs of the sport he loves. What if we had a place for our hockey players to play beyond their junior careers? What if we started a Senior AA club in Morinville? Though some may have doubted it at the time, there is no doubting the fact the Morinville Senior AA Kings have twice ended in second place in the regular season. There is no doubting the club in its inaugural year brought high profile provincials to our community or in the fact the Kings hoisted that gold cup over their head at the end of it all.

And then there is the recent entry of Morinville

into the Kraft Hockeyville 2015 competition and Saturday's announcement we were in the Top 10.

Once again one man — Wayne Gatza — pondered the what ifs. What if Morinville was entered into that contest? What if the community rallied behind the idea? What if we made it all the way to the top and brought an NHL pre-season game and \$100,000 to town?

It was Gatza's enthusiasts for the project that got 150 people out to the Ray McDonald Sports Center on Superbowl Sunday — itself a pretty incredible feat. It was Gatza's enthusiasts that got Paul Smith and Ed Bulger to "Kraft" an original song about Morinville's love of hockey, two men who rallied the musical and non-musical troops together to record the same.

It was Gatza's enthusiasm that got the Morinville News, the St. Albert Gazette and 97.9 — The Range to get behind the idea. From the Green Bean's Hockeyville Burger to the library, Neighbors Vitamin Shop, Sobey's, Yorkshire Rose, and other businesses putting up displays in support, Gatza united our community on a common theme. All that remains is for us to vote this coming weekend to show our thanks.

## Basketball coach appreciative of support

Being the head coach of the Morinville Sabertooth Bantam Girls has been amazing!

There is a lot of hard work that goes into our practices and our games! The team has come a very long way since the beginning of the year and now understand that hard work really does pay off!

The girls have also learned something else, and this is where you come in. It is because of your support and hard work that our team has

an amazing sense of community! With all the support from our amazing parents, our awesome director and Morinville News our girls are SUPER STARS!

Seeing their faces in the paper week in and week out and seeing their progress updated weekly has meant so much to the team and myself! So I just want to say thank you for all the support for the gold medal winning Morinville Sabertooth Bantam Girls!

Thanks,

**Coach Jay**

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## Passing the bucks

Sturgeon County Councillors Pat Tighe and Susan Evans presented SRCW President Francoise Meunier with a \$2000 grant cheque Mar. 10 during the SRCW Annual General Meeting.

- Lucie Roy Photo

## Sturgeon Hockey Club

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by Colin Smith

## Northern Gateway Board appointee

Councillor Nicole Boutestein was appointed to sit as Morinville's representative on the Northern Gateway Pipelines community advisory board for north central Alberta. This Board is one of five community advisory boards established by Enbridge in the geographical regions potentially affected by its proposed pipeline.

The stated intent of the boards is to gather, receive and process information to arrive at a common body of knowledge; identify and discuss key areas of regional interest or concern; recommend improvements or enhancements to Northern Gateway; and educate the general public.

Councillor Brennan Fitzgerald was appointed the alternate representative on the board. The representative attending board meetings will receive payment in line with Council's remuneration and per diem policy.

## Library Trustee Appointed

Council has approved the appointment of Wayne Young as a member of the Morinville Public Library Board. Young's application for the position was recommended by the Town of Morinville Library Board following a review and interview. His term as a member at large on the library board extends until October 2017.

This appointment brings the number of members on the board to nine.

The Libraries Act states: "A municipal board shall consist of not fewer than 5 and not more than 10 members appointed by Council".

## Wetlands report

No known wetlands exist within the boundaries of the Town of Morinville according to a report presented to Council by Greg Hofmann, Director, Planning & Development.

The report based on the Alberta Wetland Policy was generated in response to expressed opposition to the South Business Area Structure Plan on the supposed grounds that the development would affect wetlands.

It indicates that any wet areas in Morinville do not meet the policy's definition of wetland, mainly because they have previously been modified by human activity.

## Railway whistles

Blaring train whistles may be annoying, but they are a key railway safety feature. In a report received by Council as information, Director of Corporate Operations David Schaefer pointed out that locomotive engineers are required to sound their whistles a quarter-mile before every public rail-line crossing.

While Morinville could attempt to have the trains exempted from having to blow their whistles before crossings in the town, it is a lengthy seven-step process that requires Transport Canada and CN agreement.

## World Poetry Day

March 21 will be World Poetry Day in Morinville. Council supported an administration recommendation to have Mayor Lisa Holmes make a proclamation of the day, as well as proclaiming April 2015 National Poetry Month.

The proclamation supports World Poetry Day inaugurated by UNESCO in 1999, as well as the 2015 Mayor's Poetry City Challenge issued by Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi earlier this year.

# Arena / Rec project gets another public open house

by Colin Smith

Morinville residents have an opportunity to learn how things stand with the arena/recreation facility project at an open house on March 26.

Those attending can discuss the findings from the six stakeholder user groups, as well as help set priorities for the project.

At a Feb. 27 meeting consultant David Ramsey presented Town Council with an overview of the stakeholders' meetings he facilitated.

That meeting, in which Council was acting as the arena/rec facility steering committee, was open to the public, but only one non-press resident showed up.

The committee decided to hold an open house at which ballpark figures associated with different construction methods, amenities and services would be presented. An additional meeting with user groups is to follow this event.

Council received a written summary and oral presentation of Ramsey's findings at its Mar. 10 regular meeting.

There was general agreement among the groups that the most important elements for the new arena/rec centre were facilities for hockey and curling, as well as a field house and walking tracks.

There was a lack of interest in a firing or archery range, climbing wall or outdoor space. Food service and conference facilities were also considered of minimal importance.

For the facility to be sustainable, partnerships with all levels of government from municipal to federal were considered vital, along with partnerships with industrial/commercial entities so that beneficial spin-offs could be achieved.

The report concluded there is a strong sense from the user groups that this is a much-needed facility, and that given a transparent and open decision-making process, it could be a significant catalyst for the long-term prosperity of the town.

Opinions diverged on two main issues: provision of aquatic/swimming pool facilities and partnership with schools. The major concern is apparently that schools attached in some way to the new facility will mean that access to facilities will be more difficult due to scheduling issues.

Council met with both school divisions prior to the Mar. 10 meeting to discuss possible locations for their respective school projects.

All user groups cited swimming pools as something they want, but then at least half of those involved stated they didn't want this type of facility provided. Also at issue was what specifically is desired from an aquatic facility, such as toddler

pools, lane swimming, leisure swimming facilities and so on.

The report suggested that as a result of the decision on whether to have a swimming facility should be made on "economic, affordability and utilization criteria" in the immediate, mid-term and long-term time frames.

Meanwhile, Town Council is awaiting a report on the current condition of the Ray McDonald Sports Centre.

"We had anticipated the report would be available on March 10, 2015 based on [the] completion date of the work," said Morinville Chief Administrative Officer Debbie Oyarzun.

"However, there were a few small items that were still required — i.e. caulking — that the contractor needed to complete before the engineer could do a final inspection and generate the report."

Oyarzun said this work has now been completed, and the engineer should be able to submit a report in time for the Mar. 24 Council meeting, or at the latest for the meeting on Apr. 14.

The Mar. 26 open house will take place at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Free childcare will be available.

For more information visit [Morinville.ca](http://Morinville.ca) and click on arena / rec link.

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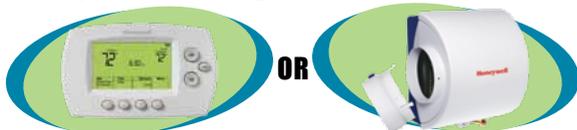


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## Sturgeon County Mayor speaks of collaboration and rec funding



by Lucie Roy

Sturgeon County Council has been busy building relationships in the region according to Mayor Tom Flynn. The mayor was the guest of the Morinville Rotary Club Mar. 11 and began his presentation praising the service club for their own collaborative efforts.

"You have spent a lot of time in the last few years advocating for collaboration and cooperation in our communities to build the place we live in," Flynn said. "This is work that needs to be done."

Flynn said his Council is working hard on collaboration because they believe fully understanding their partners helps everyone move forward. "We meet a lot with [the]Town of Morinville, City of St. Albert, and the school boards," he said. He finds his neighbours to be like regional councils that want to work together.

Flynn said he committed during the election to building better communities, ones with a strong community identity, spirit and pride. That is what his Council has been working towards.

"In a year we allocate somewhere over \$800,000 annually to recreation, community groups, volunteers and annual support to seven

community arenas and other recreational facilities," Flynn told Rotarians. "That gets spread out in different fashions all throughout the community."

Flynn said the County has been working with the towns to come up with a new recreation funding formula. "It is not an easy job to sort that out because we want to make sure that whatever we come up with is fair to all communities around us," he said.

The current model uses a flat fee given to each of the towns as well as to fund arenas in Riviere Qui Barre and other locations.

Flynn said the new formula remains to be seen and could be a flat fee to everyone, something related to usage or a combination of usage and flat fee. "We are not sure where that is going to go," he said. "Our challenge is to make sure it is fair to all of our communities."

The mayor said he has been asked about the County's anticipated tax revenue from industry a lot over the past couple of years and received plenty of lists of what to do with the monies.

Flynn said the Northwest refinery is being built right now and moving along fairly well. The mayor said there are currently up to 2000 people on site daily. He expects that number to double by this time next year. There are about 1800 to 2000 people on site each day and about this time next year about 4000 people per day on that site building. The plant is expected to be open and running in 2017.

"We have to plan for the future when those revenues show up, but we have to recognize exactly what the province is going through today," he said. "They budgeted based on what might be and right now they are feeling some pain. So we have to think about that as we think about those future plans. If we budget on operational things or any of those revenues as we come forward, they may or may not be there, and industrial growth is like that."



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Morinville Community High School held their annual Open House and Job Fair Thursday night, an opportunity for students, future students and their parents to see what the school had to offer and what the world outside the school had to offer those graduating soon.



**Above:** Theatre teacher Vanessa King applies a wound to Dana P. in Student Productions.



**Left:** Construction teacher Ben Wisniewski demonstrates bow making techniques.

- Lucie Roy Photos

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**DP027/2015** – Driveway Access, 9705-104 Avenue (Lot 16, Block 40, Plan 072 7060) – Maximum Width Variance (R-1B District).

**DP028/2015** – Single Detached Dwelling, 9202-96 Avenue (Lot 1, Block 24, Plan 002 3117) – Minimum Required Front Yard - Variance (R-1A District).

For further information or to arrange for an appointment to view the above development permit(s) or plans, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-939-4361 or visit [www.morinville.ca/planningnews](http://www.morinville.ca/planningnews).

Persons wishing to appeal the above noted decision(s) of Morinville's Development Authority must do so by filing a "NOTICE OF APPEAL", along with payment of a \$200 non-refundable fee to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, NO LATER THAN April 1, 2015. Appeals can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by calling 780-939-4361.



## Spring / Summer Community Guide

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The survey should take no more than 10 minutes.

The survey can be completed online at:

<http://morinville.fluidsurveys.com/s/2015CommunicationsSurvey/>

Hard copies will also be available at the following locations:

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- Morinville Community Cultural Centre
- Town of Morinville Public Works
- Morinville Public Library
- Various local businesses within Town



If you wish to complete the survey over the phone, please call 780-939-4361 and we will be happy to assist you.

**Survey will close April 22, 2015**

For further information, please contact Felicity Bergman at 780-939-7854 or via email at [fbergman@morinville.ca](mailto:fbergman@morinville.ca)



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### COLOURS OF EASTER

A colour of Easter is a parent/child evening program exploring tradition. Exercise your creativity while decorating Easter Eggs, baskets, and cookies. The fun continues with a small Easter Egg Hunt

**When:** Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Morinville Community Cultural Centre 9502-100 Ave.

**Instructors:** Marie Hurtubise & Jennifer Berry

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# COP volunteers recognized

Kristine Jorgenson Photo

Morinville residents Fred and Vera Neveu are the latest recipients of Morinville Town Council's Pride of Morinville recognition. The couple was nominated for the award by a member of the public for their 14 years of service to the Morinville Citizens on Patrol (COP) program. They were also recognized for their work with the provincial COP organization.

The mayor praised the couple for the time and energy they have given to Citizens on Patrol.

"It's been a significant impact that you've made on our community to make it safer. I especially like the initiative that you do when you go around and test car doors to see whether or not they're locked. That's had a really positive change for people to start to realize that this community is not a small town anymore and we need to make sure that we take care of it," Mayor Lisa Holmes said before presenting the couple with the award.

Morinville Citizens on Patrol serves Morinville and Cardiff residents by working with the RCMP and the community, conducting vehicle, bicycle, and foot patrols to assist police. They also conduct vehicle speed education sessions and seasonal theft from vehicles awareness programs.

Citizens on Patrol started in Morinville in 1994 when the Community Policing Advisory Committee sought a partnership with RCMP to address the issues of break and enters, vandalism, impaired drivers, and young offenders.

Since that time they have been extra eyes and ears for police, reporting suspicious activities persons or vehicles in the area.

More information on the organization is on their website at MorinvilleCOP.org.



Morinville Citizens on Patrol volunteers Fred and Vera Neveu pose with Morinville town Council after receiving the Pride of Morinville award Mar. 10. The Morinville couple have a long history with the organization at the local and provincial level.

- Kristine Jorgenson Photo

## Adopt-a-Pet



This big sweetheart's name is Hobo. He is approximately 10 years old. He was neutered previously and brought into our care. Hobo is very affectionate and loves attention. He likes to take naps, especially underneath his blanket. He has been vaccinated, dewormed and microchipped; all that is left for this big guy is to find his forever home! Come down and say Hi to Hobo at the Morinville Vet Clinic.



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## Thanks To Everyone Who Went Looking

### Easter Egg Clue Hunt



Congratulations To Anneliese Coppin for finding the special egg that wins the prize



# Wildrose picks their candidate



**BMW Wildrose Party  
Candidate  
Glenn van Dijken**

by Morinville News Staff

When the ballots were counted at the Westlock Memorial Hall Saturday night, Glenn van Dijken emerged the victor, defeating Morinville resident and former Town Councillor Joe Gosselin in the race to be the Wildrose Party candidate for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock in the next election. That election could be called as early as the end of March.

Van Dijken, 52, and his wife Barb have been farming since 1983, initially in the Barrhead area. They now operate a grain farm near Dapp. Over the years, they have raised five children, four of whom have graduated from university, with one still at the U of A.

The Wildrose candidate has been active in the community, including coaching football and baseball and serving on the council of the Cedar Creek Christian Fellowship church.

Van Dijken has taken part in a number of boards of directors. He currently sits on the Federated Co-operative Limited board of directors and is currently chair of the FCL Audit Committee.

A founding director of the Western Hog Exchange, van Dijken served two years as chairman and five years as vice-chairman. He also spent twelve years on the Neerlandia Co-op board of directors, including six years as president and three years as vice-president.

Van Dijken has been a member of the Wildrose since 2009 and was a founding member of the local

Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock constituency association.

In a Morinville News interview prior to Saturday's vote, the candidate said he was a strong believer in conservative values, and wants to ensure Albertans are properly represented. He feels that politics in the province no longer gives people the power to decide on issues.

"I'm looking to be the candidate for Wildrose to essentially get power back in the hands of people," he declared at the time. "I'm hoping to improve the political climate."

Van Dijken believes the opportunity for all party members to make a difference is what sets the Wildrose Party apart from others.

"The Wildrose party believes in the philosophy of representatives answering to the constituents," he said. "Free votes in the legislature allow us to represent constituents."

Van Dijken victory in Westlock makes the next provincial election a two-way race. Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock MLA and Minister of Culture and Tourism, the Honourable Maureen Kubinec was previously proclaimed the PC candidate by the Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock PC Association. Morinville News freelancer Tristan Turner has also announced his intention of running for the NDP nod in the constituency. Whether the candidacy is acclaimed or contested remains to be seen. An announcement is expected within two weeks.

# Human Trafficking presentation educates

by Lucie Roy

More than 40 people from Morinville and Legal attended a presentation at the Cital Centre on human trafficking, presented by David Bouchard, president of the Magdalene House Society. The Society is a charitable organization that provides a safe environment for the full recovery of people that have been exploited by Human Trafficking. The Legal Catholic Women's League hosted the presentation Mar. 11.

Human trafficking is considered the fastest growing crime worldwide. Bouchard educated people on the signs and possible red flags on this abuse.

"Human Trafficking is the modern day slavery, and it is alive and well in Canada," Bouchard said. "The youngest on record was 12 years old. A report from the Canadian Women's Foundation indicates 93 per cent of Canada's trafficking victims come from Canada."

Those number are up from a 2007 report. At that time, 60 per cent of those being exploited in human trafficking in Canada were Canadian, the other 40 per cent from other parts of the world.



Human trafficking is the act or recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threats, coercion, abduction, fraud, or deception. Abuse of power for the purpose of exploitation, forced labour or services are also considered human trafficking.

"Anyone can become a victim of human trafficking regardless of nationality, ethnicity, age, gender or socio-economic status," Bouchard said, adding the exploited can be Canadian citizens, permanent residents, temporary workers, international students or refugee.

The presentation covered the key distinctions between trafficking and smuggling. Smuggling comes with consent, trafficking does not.

The Catholic Women's League, who hosted the event, has a long involvement in the eradication of Human Trafficking. In 2013, the national council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada urged the federal government to enforce the criminalization of the purchase of sexual services. In Alberta, many parish and diocesan councils have assisted the initiative by doing awareness

and fundraising events. In 2013, all members of the Knights of Columbus in Alberta were asked to take a more active role in the fight to end human trafficking.

More information on Magdalene House Society is available on their website at [magdalenehouse.ca](http://magdalenehouse.ca).

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February, our coldest month yet this winter, showed a decrease in home prices and the number of units sold and a longer number of days it took to sell these homes.

Last month, Morinville saw 10 single family homes at an average price of \$340,840. No condominiums sold in Morinville last month. Single family homes sold at 10.6% less than they did in January when they sold for \$381,163, but February's price was 4.5% higher than December. A year ago last month, the average price was 0.7% higher and 5.9% higher in 2013.

Morinville's average home is now priced at 19.5% less than Edmonton and 27.7% less than St Albert's. The average in the whole of the Greater Edmonton Area (including Morinville) in February was 20.9% higher than Morinville's price.

Homes took 98 days to sell, which is an increase of 28 days from January 64 days longer than in December, but they took 23 more to sell than in 2014. It took a Morinville home 58 to 60 days longer to sell than average Edmonton and St Albert homes.

In February, the MLS system reported 1,428 new listings and 547 units sold giving us a 38% ratio in the Greater Edmonton Area. January showed higher sale prices, lowered number of days on the market, and lowered percentage differences to our neighbor-

ing larger communities. Last month our numbers seemed grim, but I honestly feel they were greatly influenced by the weather. With interest rates dropping to as low as 2.69% on a five-year fixed rate, the banks are doing their best to counter effect all the doom and gloom people are speaking of. Will March show a reboot more like January's sunshine and lollipops?



## MORINVILLE Housing Report

by Doris Jolicoeur,  
CD, ABR, CCSP

Associate Broker/Realtor, Professional Realty Group  
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### New Grade 8 and 9 Program in Morinville

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## Suspicious vehicle call results in multiple charges

by Morinville News Staff

RCMP responded to a suspicious vehicle call in Sturgeon County, north of Edmonton early Thursday morning and wound up arresting and charging a 48-year-old Spruce Grove woman and a 46-year-old Edmonton man with a number of charges.

Morinville RCMP says they quickly located the suspect vehicle on Sturgeon Road and determined the vehicle had a number of stolen goods from the surrounding subdivisions, including brass street signs from the rural subdivisions. The vehicle also had a number of tools police believe would have aided the suspects with their crime as well as what is believed to be Methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia.

Police say the area around the Sturgeon Valley near St Albert has been hit hard recently with various brass signage, lettering, and numbering getting stolen. This signage is believed to be then re-sold to scrap metal businesses.

The 48-year-old Spruce Grove woman has been charged with possession of stolen property exceeding \$5000, possession of stolen property exceeding \$5000 for the purpose of trafficking, and two counts of breach of recognizance. The 46-year-old Edmonton man was charged with possession of stolen property exceeding \$5000, possession of stolen property exceeding \$5000 for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of Methamphetamine under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Neither name of the accused was released by RCMP.



**Clockwise from top:** Students view an old map of Canada. Former teachers Maxine Chalifoux, Rachell St. Martin and Diane Tellier look over old school albums in the Notre Dame Library. Gabrielle Coveney looks at the Notre Dame Convent High School Sweater worn in the 1940s.



## A Blast From the Past

Former Notre Dame and Vanier staff gathered at Notre Dame school for a blast from the past event, part of the school's celebrations of 150 years of Catholic Education. The former faculty shared stories about their careers and where they taught. They also spoke of the land where Notre Dame was and how it was an open field with no houses around it, smoking areas in school, and laughed at the many little things that they remember.

**From the back row:** Paul Riopel, Regina Welsh, Marina Filice, Wendy Thompson, Linda Gibson, Rachel St. Martin, Theresa Kaye and Ray St. Martin. Second row; Louise Froment, Norma Erickson, Diane Tellier, Debbie Martin, Maxine Chalifoux and Maureen Purves. Front row, Vivien Pezer, Pat Sloan, Kathy Swerda, Maurice Froment, Simone Gervais, Denise Houle, Lil Andruchow and Debbie Kelly.

-Lucie Roy Photos

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## And the band played on

Grade 5 Band members Corey Taute, Jonathan Gurba, Cade Van Brabant and Josiah Prokopchuk were putting in some last minute practice before going on stage. The Primeau Grade 5 and 6 Final Concert was held Mar. 10 on the MCHS stage. More than 30 Grade 5 and more than 20 Grade 6 students took to the stage before a packed audience.

- Lucie Roy Photo

## Jukebox Leigh

Jukebox Leigh and his band were the entertainment for the Silver Shoes Pub Night at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre Thursday night. Leigh performed a variety of popular tunes, including traditional country numbers, Beatles songs and some Canadian pop classics.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



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The whole idea of cooking and eating seasonally is to adapt our menus accordingly. But as spring approaches and the weather thaws, we know that soon there will be stalls and stalls of delicious food. While we're waiting for spring peas and new potatoes, we still can enjoy some cool-season delicacies.

Greens of all kinds thrive best in cooler weather. Many also mature quickly. That's why in early spring you'll find them almost everywhere. From lettuce and spinach to collards and chard, these leafy foods are at their best when in-season and fresh-picked. They are tender and sweeter, and often hardly resemble the same vegetable you find in the grocery in the middle of summer.

The greens family of cruciferous vegetables also includes broccoli, Brussels sprouts and cabbage. They're a great way to add antioxidants to your diet, and contain significant amounts of vitamins A and C, as well as potassium and fiber.

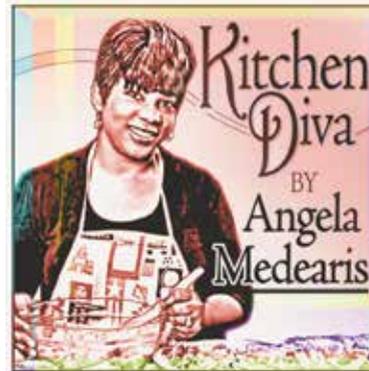
If you're planning a vegetable garden, planting greens is an easy way to get it started. In the coldest regions, some varieties of greens can be planted after the threat of frost and will be ready by late spring. In more temperate regions, they



can be planted in the fall. Once the plants are established, they can take a few days of freezing temperatures. You can even plant them in already established perennial beds. Some, like chard and kale, are quite lovely to look at.

When cooking with greens, the sky's the limit. They can be sautéed, pureed, steamed and tossed in salads. With many varieties to choose from, now is the time to replace the spinach in your standard recipes with collards, turnip greens or kale. You also might want to liven up your salads by adding dandelion greens, endive or mache. Many greens can replace fresh basil to make a delicious and interesting pesto.

For a twist on a traditional spaghetti dish, try my recipe for Collard Green Ribbons with Garlic, Lemon and Pasta. Cutting tender collard greens into ribbons and tossing them with olive oil, garlic, lemon and pasta transforms it into a delicious and hardy new dish.



## Collard Green Ribbons With Garlic, Lemon And Pasta

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- 5 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon agave syrup or honey
- 3 ounces Parmesan cheese
- 2 lemons, cut into wedges

**1.** Bring a big pot of salted water to a boil, and cook pasta according to package directions. Drain quickly, reserving a bit of cooking water, and set aside.

**2.** Cut out center rib of each collard green. Stack a few greens at a time and roll them up into a cigar-like shape. Slice across the roll as thinly as possible (1/8 to 1/4 inch). Shake up the greens and give them a few chops so the strands aren't so long.

**3.** Heat a heavy-bottomed 12-inch skillet over medium heat and toast pine nuts until they start to turn golden and fragrant. Pour nuts out of skillet and save for later.

**4.** Return skillet to medium heat and pour in 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Sprinkle in a big pinch of red pepper flakes, garlic and lemon zest, and stir. Once oil is hot enough to shimmer, toss in all the collard greens. Sprinkle greens with salt, pepper and agave or honey. Saute greens for about three minutes, stirring often to keep from clumping.

**5.** Remove pan from heat. Scoop greens into pasta pot and toss with another drizzle of olive oil, adding pasta water if necessary. Divide onto plates, top with pine nuts and Parmesan shavings, and serve with two big lemon wedges per person. Serves 4.

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## SRCW picks their winners

by Lucie Roy with Morinville News Files

Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch's (SRCW) annual Poster Contest wrapped up Tuesday night at the Rendez-Vous Centre with two dozen winners being recognized at the association's Annual General Meeting.

The contest was open to students in students in Grades 1 to 9 in Sturgeon County schools. Submissions closed in December.

Students were given the choice of designing an 8 1/2 X 11 poster reflecting the themes Rural Crime Watch, Crime Prevention and/or Report a Poacher. A variety of mediums, including pen, pencil, coloured pencil, crayon, paint, felt pen or original computer generated works, were acceptable.

Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch (SRCW) Association Poster Director Dolly Bolen announced the winners in the 2015 poster contest and made presentations to the students who placed in first, second and third place.

There were 24 winners this year. Two received first place and one received second place at the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association (APRCWA) level.

Nicole McRobbie of Guthrie School received first place for Grade 5 at the local and provincial levels. Doveina Bolen from Primeau School took first place at the local level and second place at the provincial level for Grade 6. Cameron Pellerin from Georges H. Primeau took first place at the local level and first place at the provincial level for Grade 7.

Three winners were from Bon Accord Community School, eight from Morinville Colony School, six from Camilla, two from Guthrie, three from Primeau, one from Legal and one from MCHS.

SRCW members Karen Cassidy and Margaret Romanowski assisted in the judging and presentation. In addition to the cash and certificate prizes, every winner was also presented with a First Aid kit from SRCW.



Upcoming Games



The Morinville Jets season is over. They would like to thank their fans for the support they received this season. See you in the fall.



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## Sabretooths take silver at provincials

by Morinville News Staff

The Morinville Orijen Bantam Sabretooths followed their City Championship win with a road trip to Calgary on the weekend for provincials. The girls returned to town with silver and the honour of being the second-ranked team in the province.

The girls opened play on Friday night with a 48-35 win over Peace River. In that contest, the girls advance slowly from an impressive 20-6 first quarter lead to a 34-14 lead by the half. Another two quarters of buffer gave the girls a 40-22 lead and a 48-35 finish.

Saturday saw the Sabretooths take on Northwest Calgary in the semi-final. The girls built from a 13-3 first quarter lead to come back from the half leading 22-9. Morinville continued to pass the ball and push the lead through the remaining two quarters to lead 30-18 and finishing 40-31.

The girls battled back in the gold-medal final against Calwest from a first quarter 20-9 deficit to losing the contest by just eight points — 47-39. The efforts earned them a well-deserved second-place finish in the province.



## Floor curling

Emil Schiller, president of the Alberta Floor Curling Association, indicates to his team mate where the rock should be delivered. Twenty-four teams from Zones 5, 6 and 7 came out to the Alberta Floor Curling Association Floor Curling Tournament at the rendez-Vous tournament Friday.

- Lucie Roy Photo

## Wolves take 3A Zones

The MCHS Wolves Senior Girls took 3A Zones Saturday afternoon with a 50-32 win. They are off to provincials in Taber next weekend. We hope they do not break the town's new bylaw for not allowing more than three people to gather in one place.

- Submitted Photo



## Primeau takes fifth place

G.H.Primeau's mixed relay team (8x200m) came in 5th in the Running Room Games finals Saturday night at the Butterdome. They qualified in preliminaries Mar. 10, advanced from the semi-finals Saturday morning and then placed 5th in the finals Saturday night.

- Submitted Photo



## Basketball Zones

The MCHS Wolves defeated the R.F.Staples Secondary School Thunderbirds in the opening game of Zones Friday. Morinville Community High School hosted the North Central Alberta School's Athletic Association Senior Boys Basketball Championship on Friday and Saturday. Teams from Barrhead, Athabasca, Westlock, Whitecourt, Edson, Drayton Valley Onoway and Morinville were competing for the Championship title. Zone results were not available by our press deadline.

- Lucie Roy Photo



## Something to cheer about

The Morinville Community High School Cheer Team does a demonstration in the school gymnasium Thursday night during the school's annual Open House & Job Fair.

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by Linda Thistle

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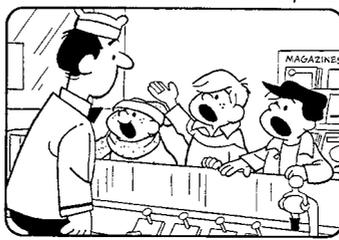
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Trivia Test Answers  
1. South Africa; 2. Harry Truman; 3. An unbranded range animal; 4. 8.34 pounds; 5. Peru; 6. The French term "m'aidez" or "help me!"; 7. 560; 8. 776 B.C.; 9. Ken Curtis; 10. Jupiter's Ganymede

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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5 Two-timer  
8 Feathered missile  
12 Playwright Hansberry  
14 Reverberate  
15 Skilled at painting  
16 Neighborhood  
17 That woman  
18 Look for typos, maybe  
20 Mixed metal  
23 — moss  
24 Harness strap  
25 Badmouthed big-time  
28 Distant  
29 Give a leg up  
30 Deteriorate  
32 Tire  
34 Taj Mahal city  
35 Pay attention  
36 Weapon since 1952  
37 Go back  
40 Festive  
41 Sandwich cookie  
42 Related to "the sum of



- the parts"  
47 Active one  
48 Eternally, to a poet  
49 Catch sight of  
50 Scooted  
51 Penn or Combs
- 8 Inadequate supply  
9 Farm measure  
10 Comical Caroline  
11 Frog's cousin  
13 Wan  
19 Right on the map?  
20 "Bow-wow"  
21 Fall faller  
22 Old Italian money  
23 Boastful, perhaps  
25 As one  
26 Blackbird  
27 College
- quarters  
29 Coffin stand  
31 Bill  
33 Speculation  
34 Bottomless pits  
36 Tresses  
37 Took the bus  
38 Cupid's alias  
39 Second in command, often  
40 Singer Campbell  
43 Eggs  
44 Sock part  
45 A Gershwin brother  
46 100 yrs.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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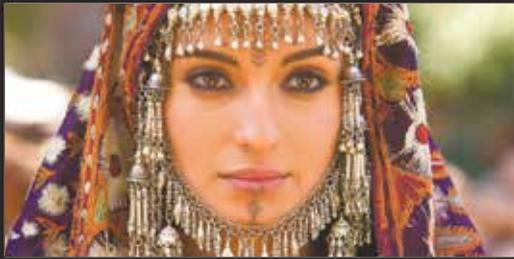


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## Couch Theatre

DVD Reviews

by Sam Struckhoff

**PHOTO:** Maria Valverde in Exodus: Gods and Kings

**Annie (PG)** — This update of the classic musical has all the good intentions and chipper outlook of the original, but loses a lot in the song-and-dance department. Quvenzhané Wallis plays the spunky little girl stuck with a manic, abusive foster mom (Cameron Diaz). Annie has a chance encounter with Will Stacks (Jamie Foxx) — a mega-loaded businessman running for mayor of New York — and her irrepressible cuteness makes her the perfect campaign accessory.

For starters, Foxx is the only leading performer with any singing chops, and yet he seems restrained. Choreography and big show-stopping visuals also seem cut back. This take on the show is certainly updated — the movie constantly reminds you that it's 2014 — but that doesn't pay off in excitement or charm.

**Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13)** — Director Ridley Scott gives the *Gladiator* treatment to the story of Moses in this very loud biblical epic. Moses (Christian Bale) is the adopted son of the Egyptian Pharaoh Seti (John Turturo). Seti find a prophecy in chicken guts, and Moses gets put next-in-line for the Pharaoh's throne, which royally upsets the Pharaoh's natural son, Rhamses (Joel Edgerton). The Man Upstairs gets involved, and a lot of computer-generated mayhem follows. Ridley Scott has made it clear that he's a non-believer directing a Bible story, which actually is pretty common among Hollywood biblical epics. The hullabaloo and visual wizardry of the film's action sequences feel more like interruptions than developments. Also, in order to irritate Moses into saving his chosen people, the Lord takes the shape of a young boy -- probably the most annoying and bratty interpretation of the Almighty.

**Song of the Sea (PG)** — Irish animation director Tom Moore caught everyone by surprise in 2009 with the beautiful and original feature *The Secret of Kells*, which got him an Oscar nomination that

should have been an Oscar win. Now he's done it all again — used Irish folklore as inspiration to create a gorgeous and thoughtful family-friendly animated movie that should have won an Oscar. *Song* tells the story of Ben and his little sister, Saoirse, who find themselves in a watery adventure beset by friendly and dangerous mythological beings.

**Top Five (R)** — Chris Rock directs, writes and stars in this raunchy comedy about the absurdities, trials and plain-wrongness in the entertainment industry. Rock plays Andre Allen, a comedian trying to transition into serious work. He's also about to marry an obnoxious reality TV star. Much of the film follows Allen as he goes about his day with a reporter (Rosario Dawson) who's doing a profile on him and his contradictory image. The movie is easily Rock's funniest movie, and has the added benefit of featuring (apparently) every funny person he felt like inviting to the set.

## TV RELEASES

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Turn  
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## Upcoming Community Events

What's Next

in your community

### March is music month...

... at Higher Grounds Espresso Bar. **Saturday March 21st.** Jacob Lienau will be appearing with friends commencing at 7:00 pm. This event will be a ticketed one, phone 780.974.5240 for details. **Friday March 27** will feature the very talented Paul Wolda, starting at 7:00 p.m.

### The Hunt Is On

Grab your baskets and join the Morinville historical and Cultural Society Apr. 4th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ray McDonald Sports Center for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Details in next weeks edition of The Morinville News.

### Permaculture Workshop

Permaculture teacher and designer Kenton Zerbin will offer a workshop at the Morinville Community Library Sunday, Mar. 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is by a donation of \$20 to \$50 per person. Tickets available at the library's front desk.

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## Library Corner

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### Lego Club

Saturday, March 21st 1:00 - 2:00 pm

### Minecraft Club

Monday, March 23rd 3:30 - 5:30 & 5:30 - 7:30 pm

### Word Docs

Tuesday, March 24th 6:00 pm

### Between the Covers Book Club

Wednesday, March 25th 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

### Kozy Corner Stories

Thursday, March 19th 10:30 am

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## Yorkshire Rose - a little bit of Whyte Ave. right here at home

**by Morinville News Staff**

A new business opened recently in the Six Stones building on 101 Street, around the corner from Quinn's Plumbing and Heating. Yorkshire Rose is the product of Julie Puchala, who promises to offer her customers flowers and gifts with attitude by bringing a bit of the Whyte Avenue vibe to Morinville.

"I was visiting my cousin in Yorkshire, England this past summer. He asked me if I knew what a Yorkshire rose was. I just liked the sound of it and thought it was perfect for my new store," Puchala said. "I'm hoping to fill a void that is

needed in town. I'm wanting to promote local shopping again, giving customers something they are going to the city or St. Albert for."

The store is eclectic in nature, offering a variety of fresh flowers, home decor, and the Gnome's Cupboard products, custom designed succulents and other fresh plant creations by Wheelbarrow Gardener Val Loeth. The company will also be selling a variety of seasonal pre-packaged teas.

The store will be having their grand opening Mar. 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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