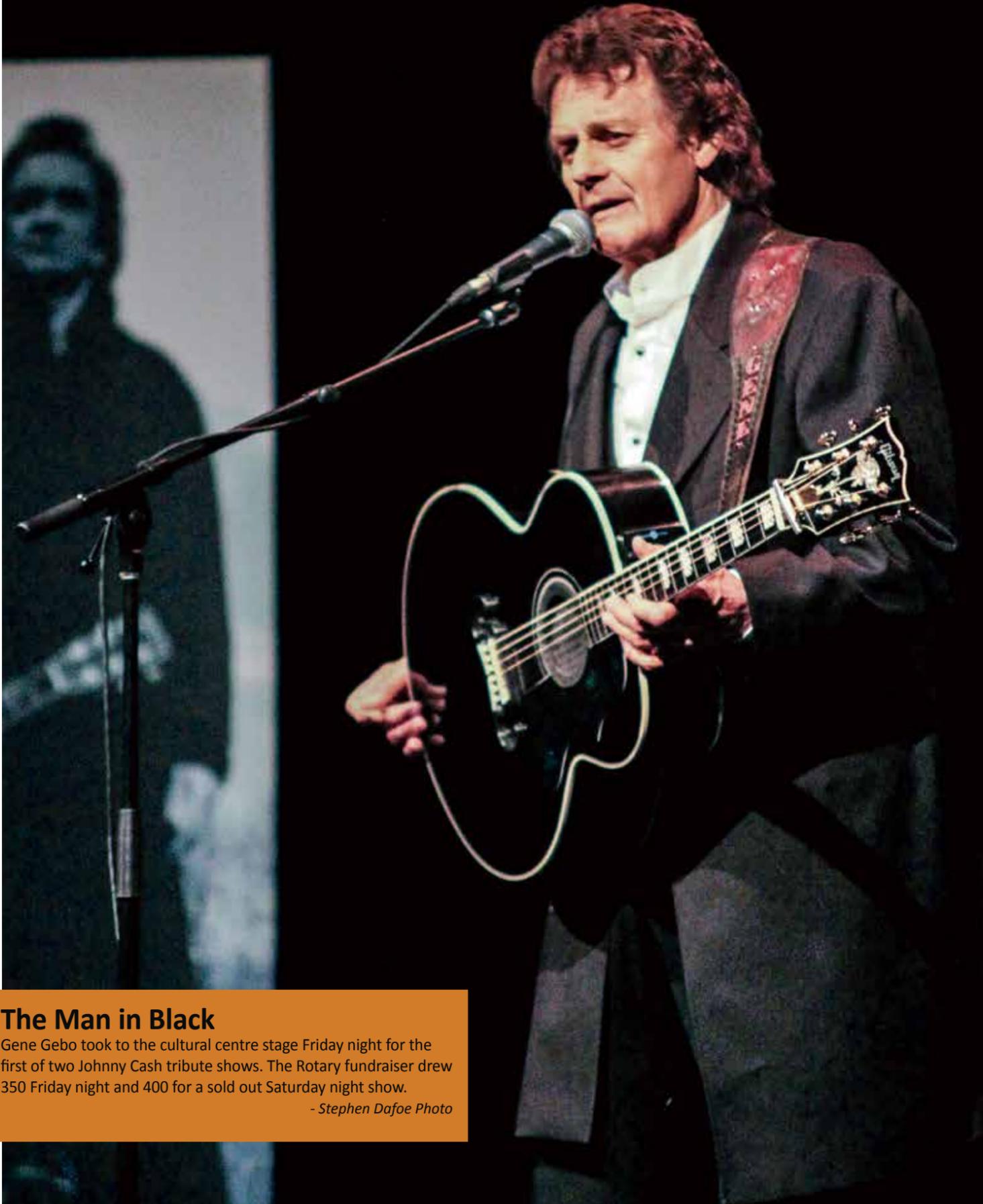


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Gene Gebo took to the cultural centre stage Friday night for the first of two Johnny Cash tribute shows. The Rotary fundraiser drew 350 Friday night and 400 for a sold out Saturday night show.

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MCHS students (from left) Benjamin Lawrence, Alyssa Ralph and Skylar Luomala will join MCHS teacher Greg Boutestein at SKILLS Alberta provincials May 11 and 12. The three students recently competed at regionals and qualified to move on to the provincial competition.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



MCHS students ready to show off their SKILLS

by **Stephen Dafoe**
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Three Morinville Community High School students will join MCHS teacher Greg Boutestein at Skills Canada Alberta at the Expo Centre in Edmonton May 11 and 12. Benjamin Lawrence and Skylar Luomala earned gold at the regional event and their chance at the provincial competition in video production. Alyssa Ralph competed regionally through an online submission qualifying process and won her provincial run in the graphic design category.

For one of the competitors, this year's provincial competition will be her second run.

"Alyssa is in her second year in a row and has always been a talented graphic designer," Boutestein said. "We had her go in last year, and she had no problem with the qualification. She made it again this year. She's gotten stronger as a designer and certainly has the ability and the talent."

For Lawrence and Luomala, the two-day event will be the first run for their skills on the provincial stage.

"Ben's been with me four years in a row. He's been with MCTV since Grade 9," Boutestein said, adding Lawrence previously competed regionally in Grade 10 but did not make it to provincials. "Skylar worked with me in Grade 9, and I haven't seen her for two years in my MCTV class. She signed up again this year and obviously she's been doing some shooting on her own. She's certainly has pieced together some interesting story telling stuff this year and produced more pieces than anyone in the class."

For Grade 12 student Alyssa Ralph, her previous venture to Skills was a rewarding learning experience.

"I learned a lot and it better prepared me for what I'm going to be expecting this year," Ralph said. "I'm looking forward to what's going to be thrown at me this time and doing my best."

Skylar Luomala will make her first trip to provincials in May. Though out of the MCTV program for a couple of years, she has been developing her skills during that time.

"I made some short films on my own, and when I joined the program

again I used my previous knowledge from the class and what I learned when I was gone," Luomala said. "I think that helped a lot with regionals."

They are skills she is hoping to put further into play with Benjamin Lawrence, who will make his first provincials run. Lawrence previously made a trip to regionals in Grade 10.

"Unfortunately, I didn't know what to expect the last time, so our placement was rather poor," Lawrence said of the first regional run. "This time around I've had a couple more years of experience doing videography. I've got Skylar, who has not been in my program but has a lot of story-based skills on her own. This time around, I feel that we are fully prepared for the competition."

Lawrence went on to say that unlike the regional competition, the provincial version of Skills is more along the lines of what he and Luomala do at MCTV each week. "It's more of a promotional video-slash-news report style, and that's what we do at MCTV," he said, adding the team will still practice their skills ahead of the competition.

Though Boutestein is confident of his students' chances for success in the annual provincial competition, he said competing is a reward in itself. "You're looking at a great opportunity for kids to size themselves up against kids in similar disciplines at different schools in the area," he said. "Skylar has mentioned that it was cool to see all these other kids and the work they were doing in their buildings. Whether it is better, the same or whatever; it's a nice opportunity for them to network in a discipline they are pursuing. They are able to gauge themselves based on how they are doing with people that are passionate in their area."

The MCHS teacher added it never looks bad on a resume to say you've won regionally or provincially. "We're excited. We've got some very good talent this year, and I never like to speculate how people are going to do, but they all have the ability if they have the right project and design work," Boutestein said.

He encourages people who may have some time over the two days to come out and attend the free event. "It's definitely worth seeing these kids because there is a lot of collective talent in that room regardless of the discipline they are pursuing," he said.

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MCHS Principal leaving at the end of the year

by Stephen Dafoe
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After five years of being principal of Morinville Community High School, Todd Eistetter will say farewell to the school, staff, and students June 30. Eistetter has accepted a position with Edmonton Catholic Schools to become the principal of John Paul I Catholic School, an elementary on the south side of Edmonton.

Eistetter has worked at both high school and elementary levels several times over his long career and said there are both pros and challenges to both levels of schooling.

"The high school I've enjoyed because of all the different programs and initiatives that are part of high school and this age group," he said, adding watching students excel in academics, theatre, music, and sports has been enjoyable. "Leaving high school is going to be difficult for me."

Eistetter said he was looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of elementary education once again.

"It is more working with individual students and their families than perhaps at the high school level, and I am looking forward to the change and getting reacquainted with that age group, curriculum, programming, and the needs that are evident. I have to keep myself sharp, and I think that is one way to try and do it."

Though Eistetter felt the time for a change had come, and he is looking forward to the closest school posting to his home in more than two decades, he said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at MCHS.

"I've really liked the opportunity to get involved with the connections we've made with all the different people and organizations in the community," he said. "I think that is critical to any school but especially to a high school."



Eistetter said he appreciated partnerships with the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, Champion Petfoods and other businesses and community members who have sponsored scholarships or provided resources like the cultural centre.

Eistetter's legacy after a half-decade of service is a school he believes is ready to accept any challenge.

"I think the school is very well prepared. We're in a good position," he said. "I think we've got a good relationship with the community and with the parents. I think there are many different things that have happened here in the last four or five years that are very positive, and my successor has the opportunity to take this and continue growing, possibly in different directions that they see as being reasonable and relevant."

Developing school pride has been something important to Eistetter and his staff during his time at the school. Teachers and staff that want to be there have had a significant impact on the students, resulting in their seeing, feeling and being part of the school.

"I think part of it is believing in yourself, and believing in what you are doing and what you represent," Eistetter said. "The school is what we represent, and it's very much a collective. It's very much a collective, a team event. There are so many things going on; it's not one person, it is a collective. The more people that you bring into the picture, the more people who are willing to participate, the better things that will happen. That's what makes a school successful."

The veteran educator had nothing but good things to say about the school, its staff, students, and families, and said when he came to MCHS five years ago, they looked at what the school had been and what it could become.

"We realized that this was the gem nobody knew about," he recalled. "There were so many things happening here and had happened here that were so positive. But people just didn't know. People in the community and beyond the community just hadn't heard. Part of it is taking that pride in the school and telling people - this is what's possible now. How we as a school connect with the community is critical, and how the community connects with the school is critical. They have to go hand in hand."

Parent Council Chair Mel Christoffersen and co-chair Sheri Belland said they were sad to see Eistetter leaving the school and the Division.

"Todd Eistetter will be greatly missed in our community," they wrote in a letter to Morinville News. "We would like to wish him the very best in his future endeavours."

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

April 26 - May 1
Library Silent Auction

It's on once again - the Library's Silent Auction. See the advert to the right for full details and get you bidding on.

Thursday, 28 April
FREE Gardening presentation

A FREE Xeriscaping presentation is open to all residents and is about the best practices for developing gardens, including turf. Topics may include, (but is not limited to): plant selection, mulching, water facts/myths, water conservation, and water harvesting. The presentation is expected to take approximately 40 to 60 minutes, with 20 to 30 minutes for questions and answers afterwards.

WHEN: Thursday, April 28, 2016
TIME: 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502-100 Ave.)

Tuesday, 03 May
3D Printing Club

If you would like to learn about the exciting world of 3D Printing, this club may be for you. Their first meeting is open to everyone and

takes place at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children under 12 need to bring a parent. Cost is \$40 per month.

Wednesday, 11 May
MCHS Spring Play
Suite Surrender

Morinville Community High School will be performing Suite Surrender, a comedic farce on May 11 at the cultural centre. Tickets are \$5 and available at the school office or at the door the night of the show. See our story on Page 10 for full details. Showtime 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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National Column:

Day of vindication for delighted Duffy

by Tim Harper

Had he so chosen, Mike Duffy could have left his familiar courtroom perch Thursday, made a hard right and taken a step on the long road to redemption.

He could have marched down the wide expanse of Elgin St. toward the War Memorial, veered left and into the Centre Block's east doors leading to the Senate chamber.

He could have sneered at the media throng, including former friends and colleagues, which has tormented him so over the past years.

He could have flipped the bird to his Senate colleagues who rushed to judgment, ignored due process and kicked him to the curb - "lancing a boil" as one once put it to me - and he could have had the last laugh at the Conservative MP for Calgary Heritage, one Stephen Harper.

It turns out Duffy was right. The plan by Nigel Wright to pay him \$90,000 in return for a public declaration of wrongdoing was a "monstrous conspiracy."

At least it was in the eyes of Justice Charles Vaillancourt, who provided as complete and thorough an exoneration of Duffy and as complete and thorough excoriation of Harper's PMO as any courtroom could possibly have heard.

It was a decision that is unlikely to immediately turn public opinion on Duffy or the Senate, but it was the day the ol' Duffster could have only imagined in his most vivid, Technicolor verdict-day dreams.

It was six hours in which every charge - 31 in all - was stripped of credibility and dismissed. It was a complete deconstruction, sometimes mocking, of an incomplete and inept Crown case, an indictment of the lack of rules and oversight in the Senate.

Then Vaillancourt capped his day with his unprecedented takedown of the ruthless gang in Harper's PMO, words delivered from the bench and destined to live in posterity to be studied by historians and political scientists.

This may not be the Mike Duffy most Canadians believe they knew, but this was the Duffy described by Vaillancourt Thursday - a credible, hard-working senator (as Harper himself had written on a photo introduced as an exhibit) who never padded expense claims, never ran away from questions about his residency and sought the advice of Senate leaders and was told he was doing no wrong.

If it was not the Mike Duffy we thought we knew, it was the Mike Duffy his lawyer Donald Bayne expertly sketched.

Oh, some of his contracts were unorthodox and perhaps some of his travel could raise eyebrows, but Vaillancourt could not find Duffy was evading Senate oversight because there was no oversight in the first place.

It was a late and taxing victory that clearly took a toll on Duffy, but it was a three-pronged victory nonetheless. His trial obscured Harper's early campaign messaging and played into the resounding defeat of the Conservatives, he has official condemnation of a PMO that was essentially found guilty of "mind-boggling" scheming by Vaillancourt and he was completely cleared.

It was Duffy's legendary gift of the gab that came to his rescue again.



Vaillancourt said his introduction of extraneous facts enlivened court proceedings, but never tarnished Duffy's credibility.

Duffy rambled on for hours in his defence, unchallenged, waxing on with remarkable clarity on everything from meetings with seniors or veterans, a Peterborough trip that was alleged to be a trip to buy a puppy, the great work done on his Cavendish residence by Prince Edward Island contractors, his work with an exercise consultant and a sudden interest in the fitness of seniors.

There will be those who dismiss Duffy as old news. The real intrigue of the case was the inner workings of the Harper PMO and it is yesterday's news, a government sent packing six months ago, now a historical relic.

That ignores the jolt of a respected jurist pronouncing on the inner workings of a Canadian government from the bench.

"The political, covert, relentless, unfolding of events is mindboggling and shocking," said Vaillancourt, who said Wright was moving PMO operatives and senators around like so many chess pieces.

"The precision and planning of the exercise would make any military commander proud. However, in the context of a democratic society, the plotting as revealed in the emails can only be described as unacceptable."

Ultimately, Duffy's free will was overwhelmed and he capitulated to the threats from "Wright and his crew," the judge found.

There you have it. Poor Mike. The problem that wouldn't go away for Harper's operatives.

It collides with the image of the cocky, verbose, self-preening Duffy, but as Vaillancourt asked: "Why is the PMO engaged in all of this activity when they believed that Senator Duffy's living expense claims might very well have been appropriate?"

Somewhere Thursday night, Pamela Wallin slept soundly. And Wright, eight months removed from his bible-quoting, altruistic explanation for his role in this case, should be tossing and turning.

Tim Harper is a national affairs writer. His column appears Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Copyright 2016 - Torstar Syndication Services

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Morinville Census 2016

The online portion of the Morinville census is now available until May 15 and PIN numbers have been distributed to all residents. You can access the census through our Morinville Census page at www.morinville.ca/census.

Residents who require a computer may access one in Civic Hall, or the Morinville Community Library. If you misplace your PIN number, please contact Jennifer Maskoske at 780.939.7852.

Door-to-door enumerators will be out between May 1 and June 30 to ensure an official count of all residents is captured. Door-to-door interviews will take no more than a few minutes.

Residents who complete their census online will be entered to win 4 tickets to a 2016-17 LIVE at the CCC performance of their choosing.

For more information, please visit the Census 2016 webpage at www.morinville.ca/census.

Upcoming Town Events

Xeriscaping Presentation and Q&A Thursday April 28, 2016

This presentation is free and open to all residents and is about the best practices for developing gardens, including turf. Topics may include, (but is not limited to): plant selection, mulching, water facts/myths, water conservation, and water harvesting. The presentation is expected to take approximately 40 to 60 minutes, with 20 to 30 minutes for questions and answers afterwards.

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Location: Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502-100 Ave.)

For more information call Public Works at 780.939.2590.

National Youth Week May 1 - 7, 2016

National youth week will be celebrated the week of May 1-7, 2016 at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. There will be daily events as well as a Youth Connect Conference on May 6 & 7. For more information, call 780.939.7839, or visit our website at www.morinville.ca

Pitch In / Operation Clean Sweep Wednesday May 4, 2016

Join us in our annual sweep through town and community clean-up that involves groups, businesses, residents and town departments. For more information, call 780.939.7839.

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Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Morinville Fire Hall (10021-100 Street)

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Fire Advisory Issued for the Town Of Morinville

On Monday April 18th, the Morinville Fire Department issued a fire advisory due to dry conditions and the possibility of extreme grass fires. Morinville Fire Department is asking all residents to exercise extreme caution when using their approved/permitted fire pits. Should residents have any questions, please call the Morinville Fire Department at 780.939.4162. For the most up-to-date information regarding fire alerts or bans, please check the Town website, social media pages, or www.albertafirebans.ca.

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Regular Council Meeting May 10, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Committee of the Whole Meeting May 17, 2016 | 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Regular Council Meeting May 24, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Council Highlights — available online

Council highlights provide a short, informal update on what occurred at the Council Meetings. To access the highlights, visit www.morinville.ca

Property taxes going up by 3 per cent

by **Tristan Turner**
Morinville News Correspondent

Morinville taxpayers now have an idea of how the Town Budget will affect their own budget with some clear numbers from Administration on tax rates. At their Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received a report from Shawna Jason, Interim Director of Financial Services for the Town, who informed Council that to support the 2016 budget, ratepayers would be paying approximately \$61.40 more this year, based on a home valued at \$300,000.

This increase includes a \$0.27 increase to Sturgeon Foundation requisition, and a \$1.64 increase to the school requisition, both rates that are not set by the Town. The municipal tax increase is \$59.49 based on a \$300,000 home, a three per cent rise over last year.

The total percentage increase from last year's final total is 2.24 per cent after the lower percentage increases are averaged out with the Town increase.

These rates were brought to Council Apr. 26, where motions to set the rates were to be brought forward for discussion and debate. These numbers represent what would be needed to be raised in taxes by the Town to meet their budget numbers.

These numbers are averages assuming a \$300,000 property value, so individual resident's bills will be different come tax time, particularly if the assessed value of a property significantly changed due to renovations or other changes.

Town now taking donations for LAV III Park Monument

by **Morinville News Staff**

The Town of Morinville announced Wednesday it had received notification from Canada Company that the community has been selected to receive one of 250 reconitioned LAV III (Light Armored Vehicle) as part of their National LAV III Monument Program.

Town Administration has been actively assisting Morinville resident and retired soldier, Trooper Jayson Wood in the application process since June of 2015.

Wood made a presentation on the project to the Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce earlier this month and told local business owners the location for the new monument was a park site on the east side of Morinville on Highway 642 by the pump house.

In addition to the LAV III unit, he park area will include trees, monument signage, and other park amenities.

It will cost \$51,000 to acquire, transport and secure the LAVIII. Wood and the Town are hoping to raise the funds in the community and the Town is accepting monetary donations on behalf of the community.

Additional funding will construct a memorial for MCpl. Byron Greff, a Morinville resident with 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Greff was one of 17 killed on Oct. 29, 2011, in a suicide bomber attack which struck an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) vehicle.



"This new installation will be a welcome addition and will serve as a lasting and very tangible symbol of our community's unwavering support for our military members and their families," said Mayor Lisa Holmes in a Town press release Wednesday. "We are pleased with the early interest from the community and business leaders who wish to assist in the fundraising efforts for this project."

Donations can be made at Town Hall (10125-100 Avenue, 2nd Floor) Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A tax receipt will be issued for donations over \$25.

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Discussion heats up during Council photo enforcement policy review

by **Tristan Turner**
Morinville News Correspondent

Town Council discussed the municipality's Automated Traffic Enforcement Policy at their Apr. 19 Committee of the Whole meeting, with fiery comments to match. The issue was one of heated debate and interest both before and after the plebiscite vote two years ago decided to keep the controversial traffic enforcement tactic.

The discussion came following a report from Administration, given by Director of Corporate Operations David Schaefer, which overviewed the Town's photo enforcement policy, seeking feedback from Council.

Most of the discussion was around concerns Council had about the perception that the program is about money for the Town, rather than safety. Councillor Stephen Dafoe repeatedly brought up Cardiff Road and other parts of town where he said, "Clearly, there's some gravy going on," and brought up the potential of a system where enforcement hours cannot be higher in any one zone than the amount spent in any one school zone in the town.

Currently, the majority of photo enforcement revenue is used to pay down approximately \$800,000 in remaining debt on the Cultural Centre. Dafoe suggested that more of the money raised through the program should be spent on capital investments to improve road safety, including proposed rumble strips on Cardiff Road, repainting pedestrian crossings, or pedestrian crossing lights, including the \$125,000 project budgeted for 107 Street and 100 Avenue. "Then I think we could show to the public [that it is about safety]," Dafoe said.

"If this project is about cash, then it's about cash. If it's about safety, it's about safety. I just think that we should be clear with the public on what it is actually about."

Schaefer responded saying "If this project is a cash cow, that cow's pretty lean," commenting on a decreasing rate on offences being sent despite increases in traffic flows in high-speed areas of town. He further clarified that officers working on traffic enforcement are not paid a percentage of each ticket they write, they are paid an hourly rate. Further, while the photo radar company is paid a percentage of tickets, their system is automated and sends tickets when their systems detect speeding, so they "have no way to pad their books."

Councillor Turner asked Administration to focus on the policy itself, asking that public concerns about enforcement practices being more about enforcement income than safety be reflected in real changes to the policy. He encouraged more controls and language to be put in the policy to reflect the policy as a safety program, not about revenue generation.

During the discussion, Councillor Boutestein brought up the possibility of introducing controls in the policy to direct the program to spend more time in high-risk areas like school zones rather than high-speeding areas like Cardiff Road. Mayor Holmes responded by suggesting a scoring system that could be used for every site, assigning points to different priorities of the program and reporting the value of each chosen site to Council and the community.

As well, Councillor Putnam's concerns were related to capturing the public's frustration with the program and seeing real change in how it is operated. "Where the water gets muddy here, is if the program was just about safety and there was no revenue generated from the program, we would have an easier time [supporting it], and I think the public would have an easier time supporting it if it wasn't about generating revenue," Putnam said.

Putnam also had concerns about the installation of more and more technologies, including red light cameras, and was worried if they kept being tied into revenue generation for the town, the safety component of the program could become lost on the public.

"I think that's a real slippery slope because you've got a safety issue, and you've got what revenue is generated from that on the side... we've got to be proactive and see why [other communities] are getting rid of photo radar, it's because we keep hitting the public with [violations]... and eventually, they could say, forget about this whole thing," Putnam said.

Dafoe at one point during the meeting clarified that photo enforcement was brought to Morinville following a vote of Council, and suggested it could also be removed by a vote of Council.

The answer from Administration was yes, but Mayor Holmes redirected the conversation.

The discussion concluded with Councillor Putnam saying that Council's concerns should be worked into policy at a future Administrative workshop session between Administration and Council before coming back to a Council meeting.

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Knight reports to Town Council on Heppler House, asks to get direction

by Tristan Turner
with files from The Morinville News

Following up with Council on a historical home relocation plan, Murray Knight of the Morinville Historical and Cultural Society gave a presentation on the organization's interest in a nearly 100-year-old property along 100th Avenue.

Often called the Heppler House, the home was first constructed in 1920 by a Mr. Desantel, who sold it to JC Heppler, a notary public, after the building's attic had caught fire. Heppler repaired the fire damage and subsequently bricked the home in the late 1920s.

The building and a neighbouring structure will soon make way for a new 15,000 square foot Professional Building, and will be required to be moved to another property if it is to be preserved.

Knight shared with Council that moving the building professionally, and getting a new basement constructed for the building at its new site, would cost approximately \$61,290. The figure includes two quotes from McConnell Movers Ltd. and basement construction by Homes by 2 Broz. This figure does not include potential additional costs, including servicing and asbestos removal, among other smaller items.

If the structure is not moved, it will be demolished, but landowner Rick Dozois has committed to commemorating the structure in the new development and offering anything the Museum wants out of the structure

Mayor Lisa Holmes asked Knight if "there was only one or two building we could save, is this the one?" Knight responded saying that he "honestly doesn't know," and that he hopes the Town and the society remain in contact about these potential projects. Knight was keen on the Town potentially developing a new policy to deal with these historically relevant structures in the future, as more similar situations may develop.

Knight also mentioned the possibility of the society operating a new outdoor Museum potentially on the Town's new 77-Acre plot of land just east of town, earmarked for a new arena and other potential community recreation projects. Potentially this is where the Heppler house could be relocated, and could be the first step in a larger museum project.

Being clear with the Town, Knight said the point of his Apr. 19 visit was to provide info on what the approximate cost of the project would be and to put the ball in the Town's court. If they wanted to save the structure and move it to Town land, it would cost more than \$60,000 to Town taxpayers.

Knight did, during the end of his comments, say, "I'll just remind you that, when you don't have a past, you don't have a future."

Council did not make any commitments or comments about whether or not they supported moving the home, nor Knight's vision of a new outdoor museum during the meeting; however, Committee of the Whole is not a decision-making body.

The issue may come forward and be discussed with a potential motion at a future regular meeting of Council.

Preliminary clinical results show improved outcomes for child sexual abuse survivors

by Stephen Dafoe
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The University of Alberta and Little Warriors announced Apr. 18 that the Be Brave Ranch's four-week intervention program significantly reduces the psychological impacts of child sexual abuse. The announcement is based on the preliminary results of the clinical trials performed at the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch and suggest a breakthrough for the lasting mental health of child sexual abuse survivors.

The Journal of Child and Adolescent Behaviour published the results, and U of A doctors Dr. Peter Silverstone and Dr. Jacqui Linder, who developed the Ranch's program, say the results confirm the program's success in the significant reduction in symptoms. Results include a 25 per cent reduction in child post-traumatic stress disorder scores (PTSD), fewer children experiencing PTSD (14 children, down from 26), and significant reductions in depression and anxiety.

"The Be Brave Ranch offers the caliber of comprehensive treatment that child sexual abuse survivors need and deserve," said Little Warriors founder and Chair Glori Meldrum in a release Monday. "With peer support, various therapies to reach different personalities, and full program immersion, we have seen significant impacts and growth."

Meldrum went on to say the clinical trials offer confirmation of the work she and those involved with the ranch have done.

Meldrum is not the only one pleased with the clinical results. "Successful programs can not only reduce the suffering of child survivors but can also significantly lower future health care costs by changing the health trajectory of children," said Dr. Peter Silverstone, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. "These initial results demonstrate that the application of multiple, intensive



Brandi Robinson (center) and her daughter speak to Little Warriors founder Glori Meldrum at the opening of the Be Brave Ranch on Sept. 27, 2014. Clinical trial results of the Ranch's program were released Apr. 18.

— Morinville News File Photo

treatment methods can impact the individual and overarching outcomes of child sexual abuse. In layman's terms, we have uncovered new hope for this horrific crime."

Morinville resident among first to benefit from treatment

Morinville resident Brandi Robinson's daughter was among the first group to receive treatment through the Ranch's full year program when the facility opened in the fall of 2014.

"The positive results are not at all surprising to me," Robinson said of the Apr. 18 announcement. "This is why I poured my heart and soul into this Ranch. The program was designed around what actually works, what has already been proven, and brings all of those services together in one place where children can get comprehensive, intensive healing while they're still kids — all combined into a one-year-long

program."

Robinson said she believed it would take years to find the healing the program offers if the services were sought individually. As such, she believes many would give up and never get the treatment they need.

"Personally, my daughter was able to participate in the pilot project of the program and given her response, the fact that it has been proven effective is not at all a shock," Robinson said.

"My daughter is forever changed by her time at the ranch. The healing she received is immeasurable. The hope I received can never be expressed adequately. I'm just thrilled that the world now knows what I've known all along — that it is possible to return our stolen children's childhoods to us while they are still kids. For that, I am forever a fierce Little Warriors supporter."

The full Journal of Child and Adolescent Behavior article on the Be Brave Ranch clinical trials is available online at bebraveranch.littlewarriors.ca/clinical-trial-results.

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County unveils campus concept

Right: Sturgeon County Councillor Susan Evans spoke on the County's current properties that are owned, leased or for sale.

by **Lucie Roy**
Morinville News Correspondent

Sturgeon County held an open house Wednesday night to inform residents about the County's vision for a common campus. Sturgeon County employees are presently located in nine buildings on six sites, and four County departments are housed in leased space.

Sturgeon County purchased 50 acres last year, approximately 1.5 kilometres east of Morinville along Highway 642, which will serve as the proposed location for a future County Campus. That Campus would consolidate the majority of Sturgeon County staff and resources at one location.

A two-building and three-building concept was on display at the Community Meeting held Wednesday night at the Sturgeon County Centre. No cost for the proposed project was identified during the meeting.

The land is located beside the Town of Morinville's newly acquired 77 acres to be developed for recreational purposes. Sturgeon County will have their land serviced at the same time as the Town and both venues could have the same access point.

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MCHS Spring Play offering a hilarious farce

by Stephen Dafoe
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Morinville Community High School's annual spring play hits the stage May 11 for one show only. This year's production is Michael McKeever's 2011 play *Suite Surrender*, directed by MCHS Grade 12 students Leith Hutton and Jared Loseth.

Though a modern play, the production is a period piece set during World War II.

"The play is about two Hollywood divas in 1942, and these two divas totally despise each other, but they are doing a banquet together for a war benefit," said codirector Jared Loseth. "They go to the Hollywood Palm Beach Royale Hotel and with mixed identities and stuff, they wind up in the same suite somehow. The entire plot of this thing is just a comedy about dealing with each other."

Codirector Leith Hutton said the play is reminiscent of the farces of the late 1940s and 1950s.

"I selected this because I thought it would work well for more of a broad audience," Hutton said. "I thought our talent pool was well suited for it. When push comes to shove, you've got to go with your gut, and that's what we did."

Directors Hutton and Loseth selected the play in February and began auditioning in March. The cast of nine has been in rehearsals ever since. Those rehearsals started with Wednesdays and Thursdays but have ramped up to daily, including weekends, as the cast put the finishing touches on the show.

Those interested in seeing MCHS' latest production will have but one opportunity to do so. Unlike the school's multi-night annual production, the spring play is for one night only.

"When it's one single performance, your actors really get into it," Loseth said. "When you are acting on stage, you always get from the audience; you always feel from the audience. So when it's one performance, you want to give it your all."

Hutton agrees with the one show format. "When it's one performance you get into the leave-it-all-on-the-stage mentality because this is your one shot. It's one and done," he said. "With bigger productions like [the school's last production] *Mary Poppins* where the cast had multiple days, if one day went poorly, they could make it up the next day. This is a one and done. It gives your cast the ultimatum: you do this and it's yours."

Both directors feel their cast of seasoned MCHS actors and theatrical newcomers will be great in the upcoming comedy farce.

"We're blessed because we have a nice mix," Hutton said. "It's such a blessing because the veterans help the newcomers, and the newcomers give such a fresh perspective so we don't get caught up in the old mill of this is how we have to do this."

Loseth said the mixed cast was feeding off one another and giving each



Above: Jared Loseth (left) and Leith Hutton (right) are directors of *Suite Surrender* performing for one night only at the cultural centre May 11.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

other good advice and criticism throughout the rehearsal process.

Both Hutton and Loseth are in Grade 12, making *Suite Surrender* their final production at the school. As such, both are looking to make the shift from acting to directing memorable for their audience and themselves.

"It's our final curtain call. We want to put as much into it as we can while we still have the time," Hutton said.

Suite Surrender takes place at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre May 11, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the school's office during school hours or at the door the night of the show.

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ATV, bike and foot chase

by Morinville News Staff

A man is to appear in Morinville and Westlock provincial courts after police say he went on a jaunt on an ATV, bicycle and his feet Saturday morning.

Morinville RCMP responded to a request from Westlock RCMP Saturday morning to assist with an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) believed to be stolen and involved with other property related crimes.

After abandoning the ATV the suspect attempted to flee police on a stolen bicycle, but after encountering mechanical problems with the bike he tried continuing his escape on foot. Police apprehended the suspect after a brief foot chase in Morinville.

Through the joint investigation, Jay Evan Carifelle of no fixed address has been charged with two counts of break[-and-enter] from the Town of Westlock, and two counts of breaching his recognizance after being released from custody for similar offences in the City of Edmonton two days prior. Additional charges arising from the incident in the Town of Morinville include three counts possession of stolen property (including the stolen ATV), resisting arrest, fleeing police, and driving an uninsured and unregistered vehicle on a highway.

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Sturgeon Hockey Club celebrates its stars

by Lucie Roy

Sturgeon Hockey Club held their Annual Awards Night and Annual General Meeting Apr. 19 night at the Rendez-Vous Centre and handed out a dozen awards to vlunteers, coaches and players.

Above: Group Photo of winners - **Back row:** Dylen Starman, Logan House, Adam Scharmann and Chris Lizotte. **Front row:** Greg Northcott, Vincent Lamanna, Evan Whitson, Matheo Matsuba and Reid Lutgen. **Absent:** Ryan Rivard recipient of the Leigh Kilarski Memorial Award Best Sportsman Atom Level, and Jason Donald recipient of the Bradley Arcand-Yellowdirt Memorial Award Best Winger Midget Level.

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Jeff Puchala presented the Brian Puchala Hockey Camp Award to Reid Lutgen.



Neil Hanssen and Jeff Krukowski presented the Dacs Jan Mitchell Gray Award, Outstanding Bantam Player to Logan House.



Neil Hanssen and Tate McNelly presented the Nicholas Deschenes Award, Outstanding Peewee Player to Vincent Lamanna.



Neil Hanssen and Tony Arcand with the Bradley Arcand-Yellowdirt Memorial Award, Best Winger Midget Level, the recipient Jason Donald was absent.



The Richardson family presented the Jeff Richardson Memorial Award Top Junior Goaltender to Mattheo Matsuba.



The Richardson family presented the Jeff Richardson Memorial Award, Top Senior Goaltender to Dylen Starman.

Column: Perfect Planters

by Valerie Loseth
The Wheelbarrow Gardener

Planter gardens are becoming very trendy for both homes and businesses. With the building of bigger houses and less yard space, planter gardens are a great way to add interest and colour to your yard where it's just not feasible to have a regular style garden or to provide additional growing space in preferred areas.

Whether it is a beautiful statement planter that welcomes guests at your front door, a flower basket full of gorgeous blooms surrounding the deck, or a herb planter just outside the kitchen door, there are plenty of great ways to add planters gardens around your space. An advantage of these gardens is that you can put them where you want and change them seasonally which adds to the value and visual interest throughout the year.

Whether you are growing flowers veggies or herbs there are some things to consider before you get started. Here are a few tips to help you create that perfect planter garden, one that you will be proud to show off and one that would be the envy of all your neighbours.

SCALE: The size of your planter pot versus the area in which you are going to display it must be in proportion to one another. A small pot on a big staircase at the entrance to a large home is not going to give you the visual impact that you desire.

For statement planters especially at your entrance, the planter pot should be big enough provide visual weight against the size of your door and vestibule and have enough planting area to hold several medium sized plants or one big plant or shrub or a combination of both.

If you have tall vertical lines to the design of your home like a two story, choose planters that are at least 36 inches tall. If your house is a long low bungalow a shorter pot will do but make sure the diameter of the planting area is at least 14 to 21 inches.

If your planter is shorter and you need more height, you can add height by adding in tall or climbing plants, branches, trellis, or decor elements. So don't feel that you have to go and buy a new planter if you don't have something tall to start with.

With planters in other areas of your yard, you will want to consider what's growing in them and how much watering will they need. Larger planters require less watering but more soil and plants to fill it. If you're grouping planters, then you will want several different sizes to get the impact you desire.

EXPOSURE: Knowing what kind of environmental conditions your planter will be exposed to during an average day is a must in order to make good choices on what type of planter pot you purchase and what kind of plant material you're going to put in it.

Observing the conditions in the area several times a day and at several

points throughout the year will help you in the decision-making.

Keep in mind other important factors such as how much rain does it receive, is it located under an overhang or is it in a wide open area. Is it in a windy location, will you have to support delicate plants that easily break. Will you need to move it to look after it and how much time are you willing to spend to keep it looking good.

DESIGN PRINCIPALS: You may not be a designer but if you follow a few basic principals, choosing your plants to create a beautiful design will be easy.

Think of your planter in thirds vertically. You will need tall, medium and short plants to fill the vertical space. Don't confine yourself to just annuals, perennials and shrubs are great for adding texture, colour, and longevity.

You will want to find a balance between, strong heavy leaves or flowers and delicate, airy ones both in texture and in colour. Consider the colour of the leaf just as much as the colour of the flower. Flowers fade, the leaves last all season.

Again thinking in threes, you will want to choose these types of plants. A thriller, something that will be a strong focal point, it will hold a prominent spot in the planter. A Spiller, a plant that can soften the edges by trailing or spilling over the sides, and finally a filler, a plant that is subtle but will fill in the spaces and carry colour throughout the planter.

MAINTENANCE: You must take into consideration how much time you're willing to spend looking after the planter. Watering is the most important factor. Make sure you are aware of the watering requirements of the plants that you choose; you want them all to be similar. Choosing a lightweight potting soil that has a water retention element will help keep the soil moist, and topping the soil with bark mulch or moss will help reduce moisture loss due to evaporation.

If you want to use a lot of annuals, keep in mind that you will have to dead head most to keep them blooming. Even though annuals can bloom for the whole season, perennials can add beautiful texture and can withstand drought conditions a little better. If you have chosen to plant grasses or shrubs, you may have to do some occasional pruning to keep the wayward branches trimmed and the plant tidy. Finally, it is imperative that planters are fertilized on a regular basis. With all the plants that are cramped into such a small space, the soil quickly becomes depleted. I recommend a balanced water soluble fertilizer that is added on a weekly watering schedule.

If you would like more information on any of my recommendations, or perhaps you would like either a consult on what plants to put in your planters or you would like me to custom design something for you. You can email me at thewheelbarrowgardener@gmail.com or visit my website www.thewheelbarrowgardener.com for more ideas.



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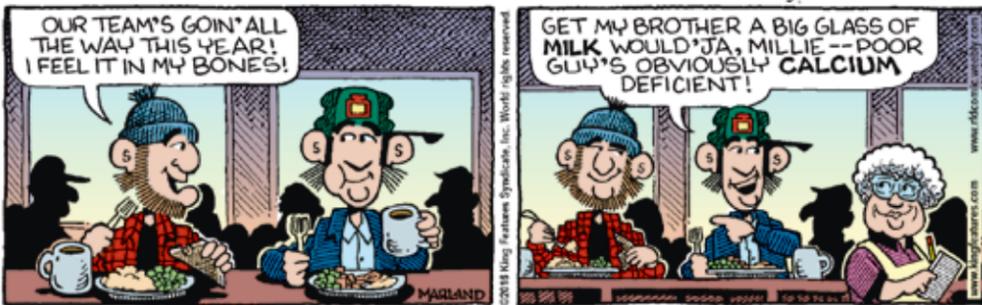
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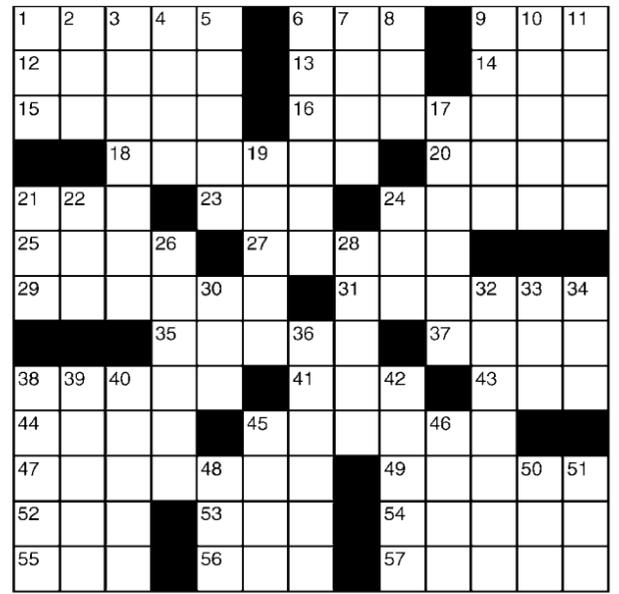
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ended a chess game
- 6 Rule, for short
- 9 Lawyers' org.
- 12 Accustom
- 13 Acapulco gold
- 14 Varnish ingredient
- 15 Hammerstein's contribution
- 16 Fond of reading
- 18 Jacks
- 20 Being, to Brutus
- 21 "Bali —"
- 23 Evergreen type
- 24 Sasquatch's kin
- 25 Siberian city
- 27 Album item
- 29 Colleague
- 31 Have-not
- 35 William's mum
- 37 Actress Gilpin
- 38 Jeans material
- 41 Indiana Jones' pursuit
- 43 Upper limit
- 44 Vicinity
- 45 Siege
- 47 Sickly



- 5 Starbucks option
- 6 "Everybody Loves Raymond" brother
- 7 Cupid's alias
- 8 Sticky stuff
- 9 Elite group
- 10 Deep-voiced singers
- 11 Liniment targets
- 17 Maintain
- 19 Panorama
- 21 Ad — committee
- 22 I love, to Livy
- 24 Singer Sumac
- 26 Alaskan bear
- 28 In two places
- 30 Edge
- 32 Hungry
- 33 Mound stat
- 34 Wardrobe malfunction
- 36 "Guys and Dolls" lead
- 38 Pythias' pal
- 39 Love poet's Muse
- 40 Salamanders
- 42 Gold measure
- 45 One side of the Urals
- 46 Docket entry
- 48 Little demon
- 50 Witness
- 51 Dined

DOWN

- 1 First name of 52-Across
- 2 Whatever number
- 3 — taffy
- 4 Ms. Brockovich

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6		7	1			9		
	9			6		8	1	
	8			5	2		4	
	1			6			5	2
4		8	5			7		
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	3			2	7	5		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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A	R	A	I	S	H	K	I	S	M	W



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Young entrepreneur

Seven-and-a-half-year-old Aiden Rookes was showing the entrepreneurial spirit with his iced tea and lemonade stand Apr. 19. He told us he made \$13.25 in the first hour and a bit. The young businessman built his own table.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Exploring the wonders

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- Stephen Dafoe Photos