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Prepping for playoffs

Morinville Jet veteran Aaron Baumgartner participates in a skills competition Feb. 2 during team practice. The Jets played their final two regular season games Feb. 4 and 6 and are set to enter the first round of CJHL playoffs this weekend.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



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Monday Morning Newsmakers



Something about birds

Henriette Smith spends a little bonding moment with her caique parrot, Rhyland. The Edmonton Eskimos-coloured parrot is a species common to the Amazon Basin of South America.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



New downtown office

It seems only fitting that a news publication whose goal is to be at the centre of what's going on in the community would choose to locate in the centre of the community they cover.

Monday Morning News and **MORINVILLENEWS.COM** will soon be opening an office in Paras Place, right in the heart of downtown Morinville.

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Morinville's looking for final input on 25-year plan

By Stephen Dafoe

The Town of Morinville is hosting two public forums this week to give Morinville residents another chance to participate in shaping the community over the next 25 years. *Morinville 2035: Growing Together*, the title of Morinville's Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP), is nearing completion after many months of work and public consultations, the most recent being a two-day workshop last November.

The two public open house sessions are set for Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the sessions the community will have an opportunity to see an overview of Morinville 2035 and the Town of Morinville's supporting three-year strategic plan. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the draft document before it goes to council for final approval.

"This is the last public consultation piece," said Mayor Lloyd Bertschi of the upcoming open houses, adding he hopes residents will continue to participate in the process. "We encourage the entire community to get behind this because this is the vision of the community for the community. Hopefully they'll come out and give us their input."

The MSP, which looks at Morinville's future from six different pillars: governance, cultural, social, economic, infrastructure and environmental was formed largely from the input of residents,

business owners and other community groups.

"It's been put together by members of the community, not be the Town Council and not by our administration," the mayor said. "We did hire the consultant, but the consultant worked with the people of the community to see what we should look like in 25 years."

Bertschi said once completed and adopted it will be council's responsibility to put together three year plans with the overarching goal of 25 years in mind, not just the current three years.

"Hopefully what that will help us do is break out of the election term planning which has been typical of most municipalities," the mayor said. "We've done a reasonable job of working past that, but there's always that term ending that you want to have things accomplished by. Hopefully by having

that longer vision we'll be able to span the election cycle and move the community in the direction the community wants to go."

The draft *Morinville 2035: Growing Together* document is available on the Town's website at: www.morinville.ca/town-government/strategic-and-business-plans/morinville-sustainability-plan. Hardcopies of the report are also available at the town offices' main floor reception area.

Those wishing to attend the sessions are asked to contact Kim Wieringa at the town office or by e-mail at kwieringa@morinville.ca.

Both sessions will take place in council chambers on the second floor of St. Germain Plaza, 10125 - 100 Avenue.





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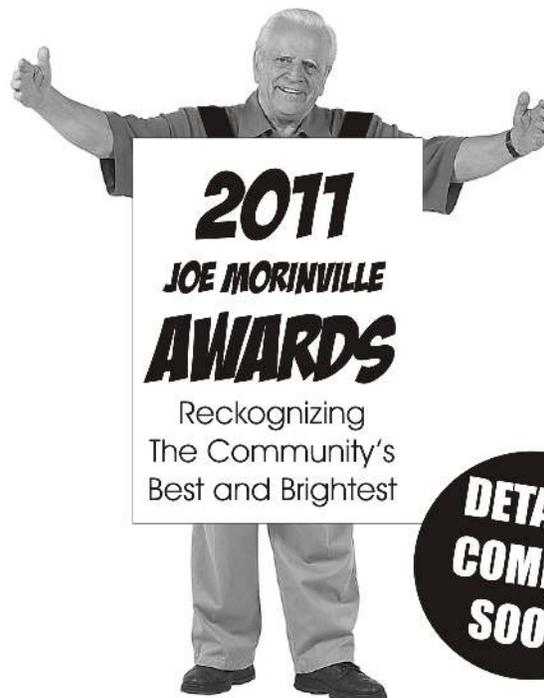



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Monday Morning Editorial

Snark one up for the Wildrose

One of the last things Premier Stelmach said in his recent announcement about stepping down as PC leader was that the next provincial election would see US wedge-style politics being used to attack personalities. He was, of course, referring to the Wildrose party; a party whom he defined as an extreme right party that would disguise itself as a moderate party by focusing on personality.

Whether the Wildrose is extreme right or just right of centre is a matter for its members and the province's voters to determine, but they are a snarky bunch lately, and I say that as someone who holds a party membership.

Last Thursday, in response to Ted Morton's claim that the Wildrose's weakest link was that they have no environmental policy, the party offered a response the likes of which one would expect from an American cable news personality like Glenn Beck or Rush Limbaugh not a party looking to lead this province into the future.

Morton's statement was false and could have been easily refuted and cleared up by the Wildrose simply issuing a statement of what that policy was and when it was created.

Instead, the party chose to issue a press release with snarky commentary that referred to Morton as "wannabe captain of the PC Mothership" in it's opening sentence and went on to further depths of snark:

"We're not sure if the Internet connection aboard the Tory spacecraft is faulty or if the suddenly softer Ted isn't quite up to speed on the technology, but the Wildrose environmental policy

has been available for all to see since September when it was released in Fort McMurray."

While that is a far cry from the American-style attack ads Stelmach warned us about, it is spot on the level of political discourse that lies at the heart of those types of ads and strategy. It is snark (an amalgam of the words snide and remark) and it is snark that is ruining our public and private conversations, not to mention our political discourse.

How can we ever hope to discuss the issues that affect the people of this province if the discussion of issues is overtaken by the ramblings of people who use pejoratives and rhetoric instead of respect and intellectual persuasion to get their points and counterpoints across to the voter?

It is that snarky behaviour, that incessant carping on every perceived weakness or faux pas the Tories make that has prompted me to take a step to the left and a step to the centre to

look at the Alberta Party, an up-and-coming movement that thus far has not offered up any of the raspberry blowing, school yard snark one would find in a high school hallway or Internet newspaper's comments section.

School yard snark can be forgiven due to the snark hurler's age; Internet snark due to the anonymity of those offering their pithy and often uninformed commentary. What then is the Wildrose's excuse?

No matter what strengths the party has as a governing option, they've lost some credibility with this voter who has little patience left for snark in the political arena.



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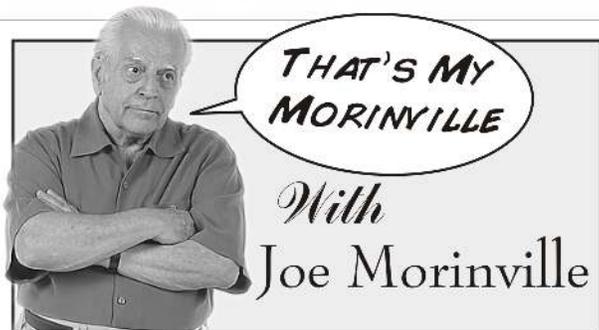
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This Week
**JOE'S VALENTINE'S
 HITS AND MRS.**

Old Joe Morinville has been in more than enough hot water with regard to gifts for my Sweetie for Valentine's Day.

Morinville #11 8807 -100 street Morinville next to Herbal Magic west of Tim Horton's.

Items that didn't go well in the past:

- 1/ Beta machine with stereo (Made sense in 1983)
- 2/ Meat Slicer (I did not do this, but I heard of someone who did!)
- 3/ Appliances (That is just stupid and if you do, get a big one so she can not pick it up and throw it at you.)
- 4/ No Clothes (Always got the wrong size, wrong colour , wrong style, wrong fit. You get the picture)
- 5/ A car (I bought the one I wanted, but it lost something in the translation.)

What you should get her instead is the following:

- 1/ A bottle of Mission Cabernet Merlot (red) from (the old government) Morinville Liquor Store at 10012- 103 street(The girls will help you out if you need more booze!)
- 2/ Maybe a nice white Mission Hill Chardonnay from the Liquor Stop and Shop at 9513-100 street Morinville
- 3/ Gallo Zinfandel (White) My Sweetie loves this and so do I now!) That is what was recommended at Spirits in



- 4/ Flowers will not get you in trouble so you should buy a dozen red roses from The Flower Stop at 9918-104 street Morinville
- 5/ Go into Vintage Petals and pick out a nice Boutique and have a cup of tea while you wait. The brick building across from Sobey's (Ask Noreen to give you Joe's special)
- 6/ How about a nice Gift Card from Entheos Wellness Center (Mt sweetie loved the one I got her for Christmas)
- 7/ Chocolates at Guardian Drugs or Sobey's will get you out of jam.
- 8/ Diamonds will definitely get you out of football and hockey watching trouble. Go to J.M Turner Goldsmith at 9602-100 Street (Tell him Joe sent you to get the diamond earrings' he picked out for his Sweetie)
- 9/ Buy a Tim Horton Card loaded with lots of money if your Sweetie is a coffee nut! (of course you know where it is located look for the line up!)
- 10/ Last but not least a nice meal at either Don's Bistro for the best steak or Alexis Pizza for a Pizza to die for meal (if you have a have dozen kids that must come with you and your sweetie for supper)

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Monday Morning Newsmakers

Morinville Legion recognizes excellence

Photos and story by Lucie Roy



Morinville Royal Canadian Legion member Lucien Beaupre was presented the Legionnaire of the Year Award by Morinville RCL President Emmanuel Allard. Beaupre is the first recipient of this award at the Morinville Branch. The presentation took place Jan. 29 at the Annual Awards night.

Other milestones that evening included the first four recipients of the Branch Service medal, awarded to Linda Getzlaf, Bob Peterson, Gerry Morrow and Wayne Willis.

The new 2010 membership award was presented to Claude Phaneuf and MaryLou Wagler. The only other person to receive a membership award was Dennis Compagnat in 2008.

The Legion also celebrated a membership milestone that evening. When Jeffrey Barclay paid his membership card he was the 300th member of the branch.

The evening included more than \$7,000 presented to Senior and Youth organizations in the communities of Morinville, Legal and Alexander First Nation.

Morinville Royal Canadian Legion member Danny Clarke chats with Bernie Honish of the Alliance Church and Legion Padre Gary White. The Alliance Church received a Certificate of Merit at the Legion Annual Awards Night.

Certificates of Appreciation and Merit were presented to 10 businesses/organizations and 65 individuals. Business recipients included Hunters Print and Copy, Sobeys, Fish & Game Association, Tim Hortons, Legal Lions, Morinville Greenhouses, Sal's Famous Donairs and Pizza and the Town of Morinville.



The Kuchta family: Orest, Marilynne, Justin and Shelby each received a Certificate of Appreciation at the awards night. The community-minded family have numerous hours of volunteering at the Legion and in the community.

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KEEPING MORINVILLE CONNECTED WITH WHAT'S GOING ON

Match wine with your food like an expert

(NC) Serving a favourite wine with good food is the classic way to anyone's heart and a little know-how will kindle admiration, too. Experts tell us it's important to know when to either contrast the flavours, or complement them.

"For this reason, shoppers need more precise information about the characteristics of the wine before the purchase," says Jaime Moore, a brand manager at the Australian vintner, Lindeman's. "Our entire Bin line is now updated with useful details of that kind."

On the label of the Bin 65 Chardonnay for example, the local winemaker, Wayne Falkenberg, tells the shopper that this particular vintage "combines flavours of peach and melon with a soft, smooth finish. The palate is soft and smooth with gentle oak influence and cleansing acidity, creating a crisp yet lengthy finish. The nose shows citrus fruit aromas, stone fruit notes and subtle hints of integrated spicy oak."

Take a look at these pairing tips, courtesy of Lindeman's, starting with matches to avoid. Everyone's taste is different, says Moore, but generally:

Avoid:



Red wine with fish: due to the tannins in red wine, its flavour with fish may turn metallic. Some lighter reds might work, but generally stick to white wine for a guaranteed match.

Red wine with soft cheese: the tannins react the same way to

the richness of this dairy food, so best rule-of-thumb is to match red wine with hard cheese and white, wine with soft creamy cheese.

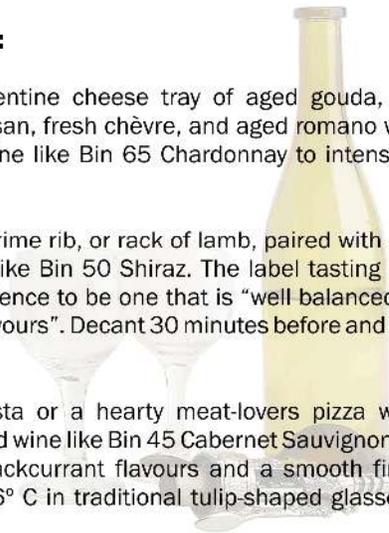
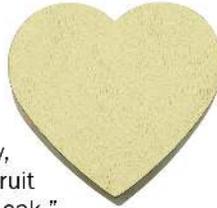
Dry wine with sweets: sugary desserts deliver abundant sweetness to the palate which will completely alter the taste of the dry wine you were drinking with the main course. Better to switch to a sweet wine at dessert time.

Serve:

A Valentine cheese tray of aged gouda, aged parmesan, fresh chèvre, and aged romano with a white wine like Bin 65 Chardonnay to intensify all flavours.

Filet mignon, prime rib, or rack of lamb, paired with a full-bodied red wine like Bin 50 Shiraz. The label tasting notes suggest the experience to be one that is "well balanced with plum and spice flavours". Decant 30 minutes before and serve at 14° to 16° C.

Tomato-based pasta or a hearty meat-lovers pizza with a medium-bodied red wine like Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon, with "rich mint and blackcurrant flavours and a smooth finish". Serve at 14° to 16° C in traditional tulip-shaped glasses for maximum taste.



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Monday Morning Business

Chamber looking for help in rediscovering former businesses

By Stephen Dafoe

Each year the Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce's Trade show offers residents and visitors to Morinville an opportunity to learn about long-standing and new businesses in the area. But this year's show is adding an extra element, a look back at Morinville's 100 year history of commerce.

Tying into Morinville's centennial celebrations, the Chamber has partnered with the Morinville Historical and Cultural Society to put together a retrospective of Morinville's business community over its past 100 years as a town.

Historical and Cultural Society Director Murray Knight said the society is honoured to be a part of the project and are looking forward to helping the chamber with the research into Morinville's business past.

"They want to salute the businesses past to present in the Chamber, so they are providing us with a list of names of businesses, and our goal is to flesh them out, find pictures through our records or other means," Knight said. "The whole goal of this is to put together some dates, locations, business name, longevity of the business and put that in a PowerPoint presentation."

Knight explained the presentation will be run throughout the spring tradeshow to give visitors a glimpse at Morinville's business past while people take a look at the community's commercial present. It is a glimpse of Morinville's past that Knight believes may surprise some who view the show, particularly those who are new to the community.

"Over at the museum we were looking at some pictures and there's a picture of Main Street there with a couple hotels, a livery stable, a general store, and you can see the church in the back," Knight recalled. "It was pretty nice - dirt streets with a couple ruts in it, wooden sidewalks. This was a bustling town. There were businesses. It was a centre of commerce."

But Morinville has changed gradually from the dirt road days, even over the past 30 years since Knight moved to Morinville when the community had a population of around 3,500. "Some streets just down by the Royal Bank weren't even paved in those days," he said. "They were still gravel."

Local businessman Jim Turner, one of the organizers of this year's trade show, has also seen the changes in Morinville's business community over the years.

"When I was a teenager, Paul's Confectionary used to be the place," Turner said. "There was an arcade in there, pinball machines, a barber shop. That used to be sort of the

hub where people would pick up their paper and get the latest news."

It is this glimpse into Morinville's recent and distant commercial past that the Chamber is hoping to assemble with the help of the Historical and Cultural Society and the community.

Turner said the Chamber of Commerce is currently looking to the public and business community for assistance in gathering the raw data the Historical and Cultural Society will work with.

"It's a call out to have them bring in information or photographs of the old stores or pictures of them [former business owners] at their work," Turner said. "Just looking at the whole history - especially if they're new to town - I'm sure people, even who have been around for a long time, will enjoy a nice step back in history they'll get to reminisce about."

Anyone with information on Morinville businesses of the past can send the information directly to the Chamber office by e-mail, fax, regular mail or by dropping the items off at the chamber office off prior to their Mar. 1 deadline.

Katherine Cust (left) and Chamber manager Jaye Parrent hold a couple of glimpses of Morinville's business past. The Chamber is teaming with the Morinville Historical and Cultural Society to put together a 100 year retrospective of Morinville's business past. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Kid Sport program helps provide resources to get Morinville kids active

By MMN Staff

A new program the Town of Morinville is connected with allows children from lower income families to participate in sports they might otherwise not be able to join in.

The KidSport Alberta program raises funds in communities to pay registration fees for children to participate in sports programs and also gathers used sports equipment for participants to use.

Town of Morinville Recreational and Cultural Coordinator Melonie Dziwenka said she discovered KidSport last year when she was putting together the Active Living Fair.

"I was trying to look for all the different organizations that can help with active living and this [KidSport] and Jump Start came up as potentials," she said, adding a representative from KidSport set up

a booth at the trade fair. "It's allowing children to be active without having a financial barrier."

The program gives Morinville's lower income families another avenue to help make sure their kids are active and not left on the sidelines of youth sport.

"It basically gives our lower income families access to a different group that can help pay for some of the activities that didn't fall under the PATH program that is currently offered," Dziwenka said, noting PATH does not allow for the purchase of sports equipment. "By families accessing this money, it allows our program to be used for other things, too. So it's kind of spreading the dollars around more."

Dziwenka explained the program is open to children 18 and under and that families can apply by picking up a form at the town offices or by applying online at

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Ms. Daisy is still looking for someone to drive her home?

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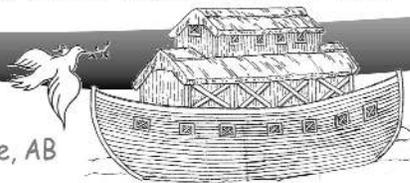


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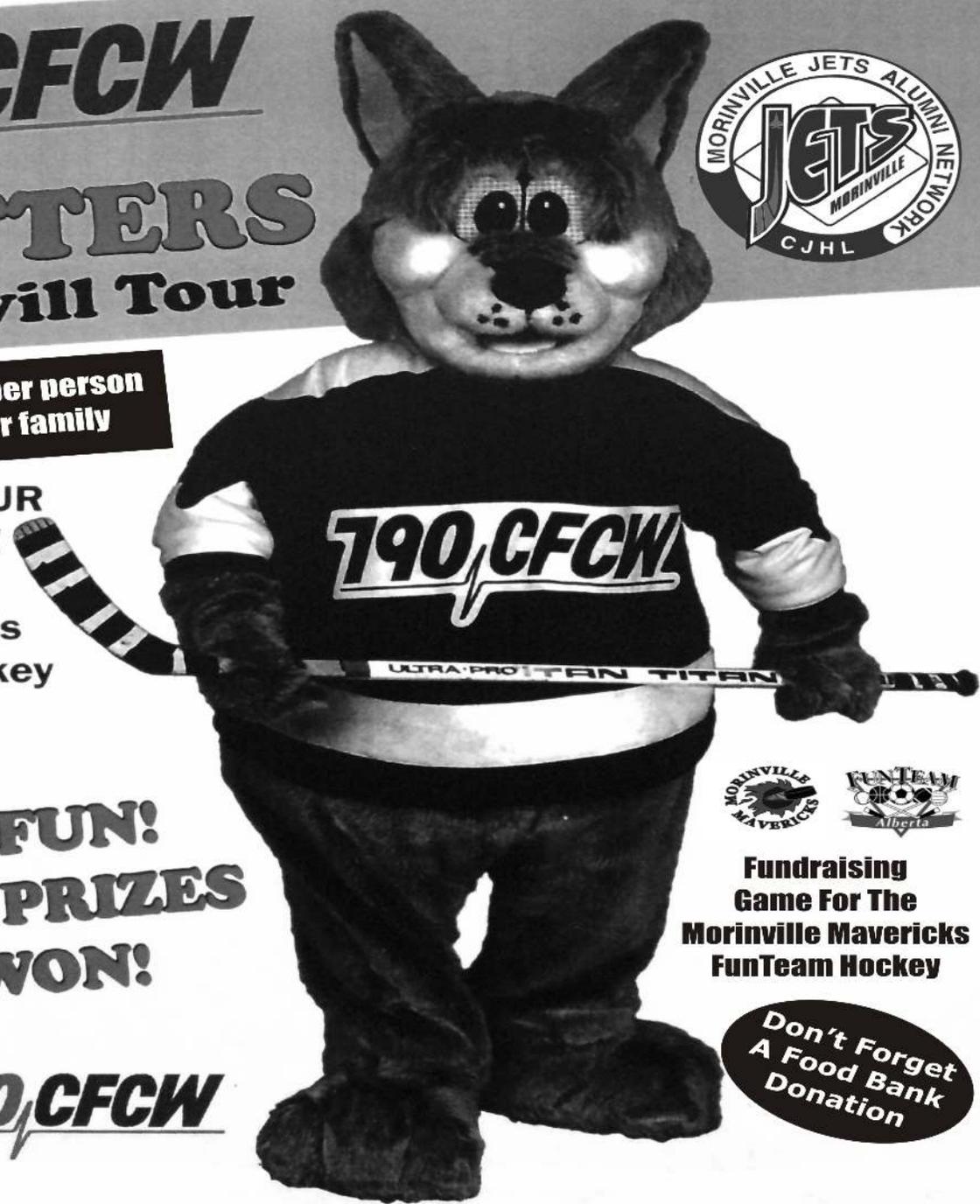
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CFCW Critters to take on vintage Jets

By Stephen Dafoe

The Morinville Mavericks FunTeam are looking to pack the Ray McDonald Sports Centre Feb. 17 for a showdown between the barn-filling CFCW Critters and some vintage members of the Morinville Jets. The hockey game, which organizers are calling a true family event, is a fundraiser for the FunTeam program which has grown considerably since its introduction in Morinville a few years ago.

Mavericks spokesman and former Morinville Jet Tim Quinn said the Mavericks are hoping to raise \$10,000 through the evening's game and silent auction, the latter of which will be split between the Mavericks and École Georges P. Vanier School's playground equipment initiative.

Quinn said the idea to bring the Critters to Morinville was the brainchild of Ray Meunier, one of founders of the Morinville FunTeam program.

"We had gotten grants from the town and all of that has been very helpful, but we were facing having to raise fees and we didn't want to have to do that," Quinn said, adding the program wants to continue to keep fees manageable for families. "This opportunity came up. We got our name on a list and were lucky enough we got picked."

But while the Mavericks are sure the event will help them with the future growth of their increasingly successful hockey program, they are also confident that the faceoff between former Morinville Jets and the CFCW Critters will provide an evening of laughter and enjoyment for those who come out to take in the game.



Mavericks FunTeam spokesperson Tim Quinn holds a poster for the upcoming CFCW Critters / Jets Alumni game being held in Morinville Feb. 17. The family event is a fundraiser for the local all-ages alternative to minor hockey.

"The way [they] described them to me is like the Harlem Globetrotters on skates, less the skill," Quinn said of the popular Critters, adding the fundraising hockey team sells out arenas wherever they go. "It's all for fun. They do a lot of really fun things that are interactive with the crowd. It's their way of giving back to the community. They have a pretty loyal following. These events are well attended."

Quinn said he's warned his fellow Jets alumni who are coming out to take on the Critters that they may be the butt end of a joke.

While the Mavericks have plenty of action lined up on the ice, they have a fair bit lined up off the ice as well. Quinn said one of the highlights of the evening will be a silent auction with some pretty high-profile and high-end items up for bid.

One of those items is a complete furnace package valued at between \$6,500 and \$7,500. Quinn, owner of Quinn's Plumbing and Heating, said he's put together a package that features the company's best furnace with the best

parts and features.

"If you bid four grand on it, you're saving three," Quinn said of the silent auction item. "I felt like we needed something and luckily I've got the contacts to do it. My guys have stepped up and they're donating their time for the install."

But the silent auction, which Quinn said has already got a wide range of great items, is not just benefitting the Mavericks. The team will be splitting the proceeds with Vanier School to assist with their plans to purchase new playground equipment.

Additionally, visitors to the evening's entertainment are encouraged to bring a food bank donation. The Morinville Food Bank Society will be on hand to collect donations of non perishable goods.

"The ideas are just flowing," Quinn said. "I think it's going to be a real classy event. Mayor Bertschi's going to be there to drop the puck."

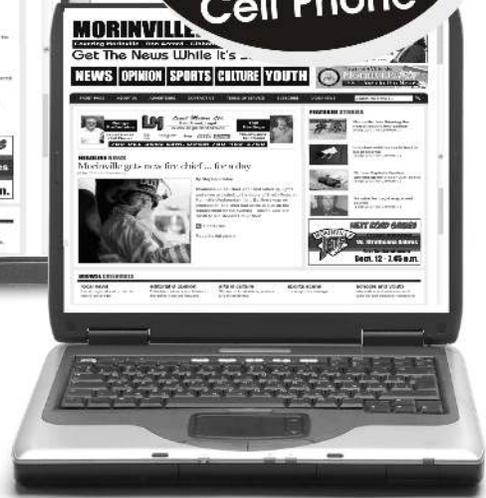
The Critters / Jets game takes place Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.



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Monday Morning Sports



Taking one for the team

Morinville Jet rookie Nick Pratt shows off his playoff haircut during the team's 2010-2011 CJHL season photo shoot Thursday night. Pratt's Fryer Tuck-like hairdo topped anything his team mates came up with. The Jets played their final regular season game Sunday against the Beaumont Braves, a contest that determined the Jets final position and competition for the playoffs. -Stephen Dafoe Photo

 **Capital Junior Hockey League**

Morinville Jets
17-14-5 record
3rd spot in West Division
7th spot in league overall
As of Feb. 3

 **Noralta Junior Hockey League**

Morinville Titans
16-6-4 record
4th place in league overall
As of Feb. 3

KAMHL
Northern Alberta Midget Hockey League

Morinville Warriors
2-26-0 record
7th spot in West Blue
Last place overall
As of Feb. 3

Playoffs

Morinville Jets will be in CJHL playoffs

Morinville Titans will be in Noralta playoffs

Morinville Warriors did not qualify for playoffs

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Wishing the Morinville Jets the greatest of success in playoffs this year

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Monday Morning Calendar

Monday Feb. 7

Floor Curling & Bridge

The Morinville Senior's Rendez-Vous Centre holds floor curling Mondays and Fridays at 1 p.m. The centre's Bridge Club also meets Monday's and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Yellow Rock Dancers

The Morinville Yellow rock Dancers dance every Monday night from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the Morinville United Church basement. Contact Jeannine Laberge at 780-939-7437 for more information.

Brand Launch

The Town of Morinville will be celebrating the launch of its new brand at Town Hall tonight from 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

Tuesday Feb. 8

Coffee Time

The Morinville Senior's Rendez-Vous Centre hosts Coffee Time Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Darts

Youth darts are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion

Council Meeting

Morinville Town Council will hold its regular biweekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Public is welcome.

Wednesday Feb. 9

Rotary Meets

Morinville Rotary Club meeting at 7 a.m. at Don's Bistro on 100 Avenue.

Beginner Bridge and 500 Club

The Morinville Senior's Rendez-Vous Centre holds Bridge for Beginners Wednesdays at 9 a.m. 500 Club is held at 1 p.m. with pool, shuffleboard and other open activities.

Thursday Feb. 10

Knitting Club & Euchre

The Morinville Senior's Rendez-Vous Centre is the place to be for knitting action Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Euchre takes place Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

Story Time

The Morinville Public Library will hold a story time session this morning from 10:15 - 11 a.m. geared to children aged 3-5. The 45-minute program includes storytelling and crafts. The program builds the children's listening skills, their interest in books, and helps develop creative skills through the craft sessions. Drop-in rate is \$3 per child.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets at the Morinville Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Call 780-433-1818 for more information.

Friday Feb. 11

Public Skating

Public skating is held at the Ray McDonald Sports Centre Fridays from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Attention Morinville Community Groups

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