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Sub-zero weather did not keep residents away from Sunday's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Morinville Legion. See pages 8 and 9 for our full Remembrance Day coverage in photos.
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The people save the steeple

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — The campaign to save the steeple of historic St. Jean Baptiste Church blew well past its goal Saturday night with revenues from the Enchantment Under the Sea fundraiser organized by Jennifer Laurence of Posh Weddings and Kathy MacDougal of Engravit. The dinner and dance drew more than 100 supporters who bought tickets to the event and bid on a large selection of silent auction items.

Laurence was pleased the event was able to add another \$6,800 to the fundraising initiative and to help push the goal well over the top. She and MacDougal were thanked by members of the parish for their assistance in the cause.

While Laurence's event put the icing on the cake, the campaign had met its goal by mid-week. As of Oct. 29 the People for the Steeple initiative was just \$1,100 shy of its \$250,000 goal. By Nov. 7 the number had grown to \$256,138. Saturday night's event pushed the final number to \$262,952.

Finance committee member Gib Boddez was pleased with what had been accomplished. "Seven weeks and we raised \$250,000," he said, adding he was appreciative of the generosity of those who made it happen. "I want to thank all of you guys because without you nothing would have happened. They say many hands make light work so when everybody throws in, this is what happens. We've reached our goal. Now if we can get the federal government to come up with their share, we've got a half million dollars to fix the church."

The parish had learned this fall they could apply for a federal matching dollar grant that could give them up to \$250,000 of the half million needed to do repairs to the church's steeple, damaged by years of rain and wood rot.

While the parish has been able to raise the cash needed to apply for the grant, there is no guarantee the application will be successful. That bridge is yet to be crossed. In the moment there is only a sense of relief and a sense of thankfulness for the generosity in reaching the first finish line. It is a thankfulness parish member Simone Chevalier wants to convey to the community on behalf of the parish.

"I feel extremely proud to belong to the parish and this community to have been able to accomplish this feat," Chevalier said. "It brings tears to my eyes. It's so emotional."



John Calverly plays fiddle as Elizabeth MacInnis of the Silver Hammers sings. The band was a big hit at the Enchantment Under the Sea fundraiser Saturday night.
— Stephen Dafoe Photo



From left: Emcee Paul Smith talks to organizers Jennifer Laurence of Posh Weddings and Kathy MacDougal of Engravit.
— Rory Turner Photo

MORINVILLE NEWS EDITORIAL**Thank you for two years**

Two years ago the first issue of Monday Morning News was delivered to businesses in town. It was a new publication built upon the desire to do four things: We wanted to bring news about Morinville to Morinville residents interested in reading about their community. We wanted to create a platform whereby local businesses could brand and promote themselves in an affordable fashion in a publication where news wasn't merely material to fill unsold ad space. We wanted to take part of the profit the publication made and put it back into the community. Not in large one-cause donations, but a little support here, a little support there, always looking to fill the need or make connection between groups where possible. Lastly, we wanted to have some fun.

Over the past two years we have had considerable fun attending events and even hosting a few of our own. We've enjoyed hearing your stories and then transmitting them to the community in words and pictures, and we've had fun simply being a part of the community we all have chosen to call home.

The publication has changed considerably over the past 104 issues. Originally called Monday Morning News, we shifted our publication day to Wednesday's earlier this year so we could bring you what happened on the weekend a little sooner. With that change came the name change to The Morinville News, a move that better united the print and on-line publications under one brand. But more than that – the name change better represented the publication's focus. We were not going to be another country newspaper that tried to cover every community and hamlet in Sturgeon County. Morinville was growing up and needed a publication to call its own, one the community could engage with.

The print edition started when a reporter, a fire chief, a musician and another guy got together to use news as a way to unite the community and do a little shop local campaigning. The Morinville News would not exist in print today without the arm-twisting and volunteer assistance of Ron Cust, Paul Smith and he who shall remain nameless. And though they have all gone on to their own projects, The Morinville News continues.

While we saw the delivery of news as an important element in the process of community engagement, the reality is we would not be able to publish this news magazine without the financial support of the businesses in and out of this town that have joined us in our vision.

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We are equally grateful to our readers who continue to make our publication disappear from newspaper boxes, store shelves, restaurant counters and from our paper carriers each week. Without your interest in knowing what is going on in Morinville there simply would be no need to publish each week.

We thank you all for the continued support.

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PROGRESSIVE VIEWS COLUMN

By Tristan Turner

Battleground Québec

Over the past few weeks Québec NDP/NPD delegates have been debating a significant issue that is likely to play a large part in the 2015 federal election; should the New Democrats dedicate resources to create a provincial NDP in Québec or should they focus all financial and volunteer efforts on preparing for the inevitably hard-fought 2015 federal election?

This is not a question that may be easily answered. However, it is one that has the potential to have a long-term effect on our democracy.

Québec is a microcosm in a very different political situation as contrasted with the rest of the nation. Provincially, all major parties, including the governing Parti Québécois, are left-of-center or moderate. This would mean that, if an NDP Québec was created, they would be competing with parties that provincially share very similar ideals and policy stances on many issues, with the notable exception of their stance on Québec sovereignty. While Quebecers showed federally an enormous support for the NDP, it is unclear whether that same result will be achieved on the provincial level.

Often the assumption is that voters will cast their ballots provincially the same way they do in national elections, but the reality is that is not the case. For example, Manitoba has an NDP government provincially, but in the last federal election, Manitoba elected 11 Conservatives and only 2 New Democrats to office.

These concerns, along with the acknowledgement of the generally tumultuous nature of Québec politics, has given New Democrats pause on whether to enter the ring in the province that has ensured their Official Opposition status during the last federal election.

Mulcair himself seems to be having a change of heart on this issue. Initially, he emphatically supported the move to create a provincial NDP in Qué-

bec, but as-of-late, it appears he has taken a step back to analyze this political gamble. With the Liberals surging in the polls, and the Conservatives using public funds to advertise their policies, the next federal election is going to come down to the wire.

With the possibility of a three-horse race in 2015, the expenses of creating a provincial NDP in Québec may weaken the federal NDP's finances just enough to give an edge to the troublesome Conservatives.

With a minority government in place, the possibility of a Québec election occurring in the near future is not unlikely. This means that even if New Democrats were to create a provincial party in Québec tomorrow, it would be difficult to have the entire proper electoral infrastructure in place before Quebecers go to the polls.

However, it is important to note that with the support for Québec separatism on the decline, and the growing support of the New Democrats federally in the province of Québec many Quebecers who are federalist Social Democrats feel discouraged with their electoral provincial choices and would love to be able to have a political choice that embodies their federalist perspective, as well as their Socially Democratic ideology.

Suffice it to say that New Democrats face a difficult choice, between dedicating all resources to taking on the Harper government, or dedicating some resources to take on the weak government of Pauline Marois.

The decisions to be made over the coming weeks will have an effect on the direction our nation will take after the next federal election.

Once again, all eyes are on Québec.



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with
Joe Morinville



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- 1 Most people think I'm the editor of this publication, but the editor is from Ontario and only came to Alberta 10 years ago. So he doesn't know how great Morinville was. Only how great it is now. Besides if he were from here instead of the center of the universe, he'd spell chilies with one L instead of two like the stuffy English do.
- 2 Another reason the editor could not be Joe Morinville is because newspaper editors are humourless #@\$% and I'm quite funny as I'm sure you all know.
- 3 The final reason Joe Morinville could not be the editor? If I were the editor I'd pay myself more instead of the pittance the real editor pays me for what is the most popular part of this publication.
- 4 Some people think Joe Morinville (me) is Fire Chief Ron Cust, but the chief works for the government. Now I ask you - have you ever seen a government list that was limited to just 10 items?
- 5 Besides, Mr. Cust walks around in a fedora with a feather sticking out of it. If I wear a hat it's a ball cap and you can stick the feather.
- 6 Now some people say Joe Morinville is really Paul Smith. I've got shoes older than Paul Smith.
- 7 Second reason! Smith is a vegan and they don't name great burgers like the Joe Morinville Burger after vegans. They name vegetable sandwiches after vegans. The day they create the Joe Morinville Vegetable Sandwich, I'll go skipping naked through a field of daisies and call myself Rainbow Moon Child or some other hippy name.
- 8 Final reason I'm not Paul Smith. I do not own leather pants.
- 9 Now what really frosts my pumpkins is some people think Joe Morinville is not even a real person at all. No one's seen me? Hell! No one's seen the mayor lately either, but I don't see anyone saying he's not real.
- 10 Here's the truth, folks. After two years of guessing. I'll tell you who Joe Morinville is. I'm all of you. I get to say what you all are thinking and whispering about, and the cheap #@\$% of an editor pays me to write it each week.

Police busy with collisions

By Morinville News Staff

Sturgeon County — Morinville RCMP and volunteer firefighters have been busy responding to weather-related collisions.

Morinville RCMP were dispatched to a three-vehicle collision on Highway 37 near Range Road 244 in Sturgeon County around 8:20 a.m. Thursday morning. Upon arrival it was determined that an eastbound Chevrolet Blazer lost control and collided with a westbound Ford F-150. A westbound Dodge Ram then collided with the Chevrolet Blazer. As a result of the collision, the driver and lone occupant of the Blazer, an adult male, was transported via STARS ambulance to an Edmonton Hospital with undetermined injuries. The driver and lone occupant of the westbound Ford F-150 was also transported via ground ambulance with undetermined injuries. The driver of the third vehicle involved was not injured in the collision. A portion of Highway 37 was closed to allow police to conduct their investigation and for crews to deal with debris on the roadway. The road was reopened around 10:30 a.m.

Morinville RCMP were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 2, just north of Township Road 570 in Sturgeon County around 11:15 Thursday morning. Upon arrival it was determined that a southbound Nissan SUV lost control and collided with a northbound GMC Sierra 2500. The driver and lone occupant of the SUV, an adult female, was transported via ground ambulance to an Edmonton Hospital with undetermined injuries. The driver and lone occupant of the truck was also transported via ground ambulance with undetermined injuries.

Both collisions were still under investigation by our press deadline but police believe icy road conditions may have been a factor in both collisions.

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Clockwise from top left:

Sergeant Mark Mathias and Constable Cindy Blackmore lead the procession at Morinville Community High School Nov. 8 — Stephen Dafoe Photo

The father and daughter team of Primeau student Bianca Charland and Garrison firefighter Sergeant Al Charland played the Last Post and Reveille at the Georges H. Primeau School Remembrance Service Nov. 8. — Lucie Roy Photo

Tyler Ettel holds a wreath just prior to the Colour Guard procession being piped into the Ecole Notre Dame Elementary School gymnasium Thursday. — Lucie Roy Photo

Georges H. Primeau School teacher Ashley Moss tapes the last of the wreaths onto the portable display board just before the Remembrance Service. The 21 wreaths and poppies represent each class and each wreath contained the names of the students in the class. — Lucie Roy Photo

From left: Major Angell, Deputy Mayor Nicole Boutestein, MPES Principal Wayne Rufiange and MLA Maureen Kubinec at the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at MPES Friday morning. The program included Why We Wear a Poppy by Mrs. Hamilton's Grade 4 and 5 class, laying 12 wreaths representing each class, In Flanders Field by Mr. Olson's Grade Two Class, opening remarks by MLA Kubinec, guest speaker Major Angell, Remembrance Day Song by the MPES Music Club, a slide presentation of the Veteran's Week activities at the school and the song God Bless You Canada. — Lucie Roy Photo



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Let's see your happy reflection

Residents express opinions at budget open houses

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — Council Chambers were opened last Tuesday and Thursday night for a pair of budget open houses. The two sessions drew a total of about 30 residents, the majority of those on the Thursday evening.

On both nights residents had an opportunity to look at the details of the various capital and operational projects being considered for next year and hear a 25-minute formal presentation on how tax money is collected and spent in Morinville. Participants were given an opportunity to put their money where their mouth is by spending a handful of play money on projects they deemed worthy, an interactive element that will give Administration an idea of what projects resonate with residents.

Council gave first reading to the 2013 budget Oct. 23. As laid down at first reading Budget 2013 consists of an \$11 million operating budget combined with a proposed \$3.6 million in capital projects. Chief Financial Officer Andy Isbister said ratepayers will be looking at no more than a 2 per cent increase in the municipal portion of their 2013 tax bills even if Council were to pass the budget exactly as presented at first reading. That tax increase, coupled with a 2 per cent increase in real assessment growth, will see an additional \$246,184 going into town coffers next year.

Councillor Lisa Holmes said the 2 per cent target identified at first reading was not a Council directive. "In this year's budget we didn't focus on a percentage rate," Holmes said. "We looked at what needs to be done; the projects we've started that we need to continue. The things that we feel are important to move the community forward — operationally or capital. We've never had the conversation of a percentage of what our taxes are going to be increased this year. We'll see what happens when we have the open houses and see what the priorities are."

Isbister agrees. "The 2 per cent was a number I felt comfortable with bringing forward to council," Isbister said, adding he understood people in Mor-



Residents listen to Morinville's Chief Financial Officer Andy Isbister speak about the budget process Nov. 8. — Stephen Dafoe Photo

inville pay a fair amount in taxes. "We want to keep it as close to inflation as we can. I felt 2 per cent was something I could bring to Council that maybe they would support."

CUTS WILL BE COMING

If the two open houses are any indication, Council will be chipping away at the 14.6 million proposed budget in order to slim spending down. Maintaining a 2 per cent tax increase and funding everything in the budget would deplete Morinville's operational reserves to approximately \$8,500. It is a situation that is unlikely to happen and the two open houses gave Council some direction on what should be trimmed or cut. "If everything was approved, we would have our homework to do between now and this time next year because we couldn't bring the same kind of budget forward again," Isbister said.

One participant who was pleased with her participation in the open house was Linda Lyons. "I was extremely pleased with their efforts and the presentation they did," Lyons said. "They clarified a lot of my questions with their boards and my thoughts are I wish they had included some of that stuff in the presentation." Lyons said she was glad to get clarification on how the Town of Morinville's various capital projects are funded through capital reserves and provincial grant allotments.

The Nov. 13 Council meeting included a public forum to allow residents to provide further input. As of press time five residents were slated to address Council with their budget concerns.



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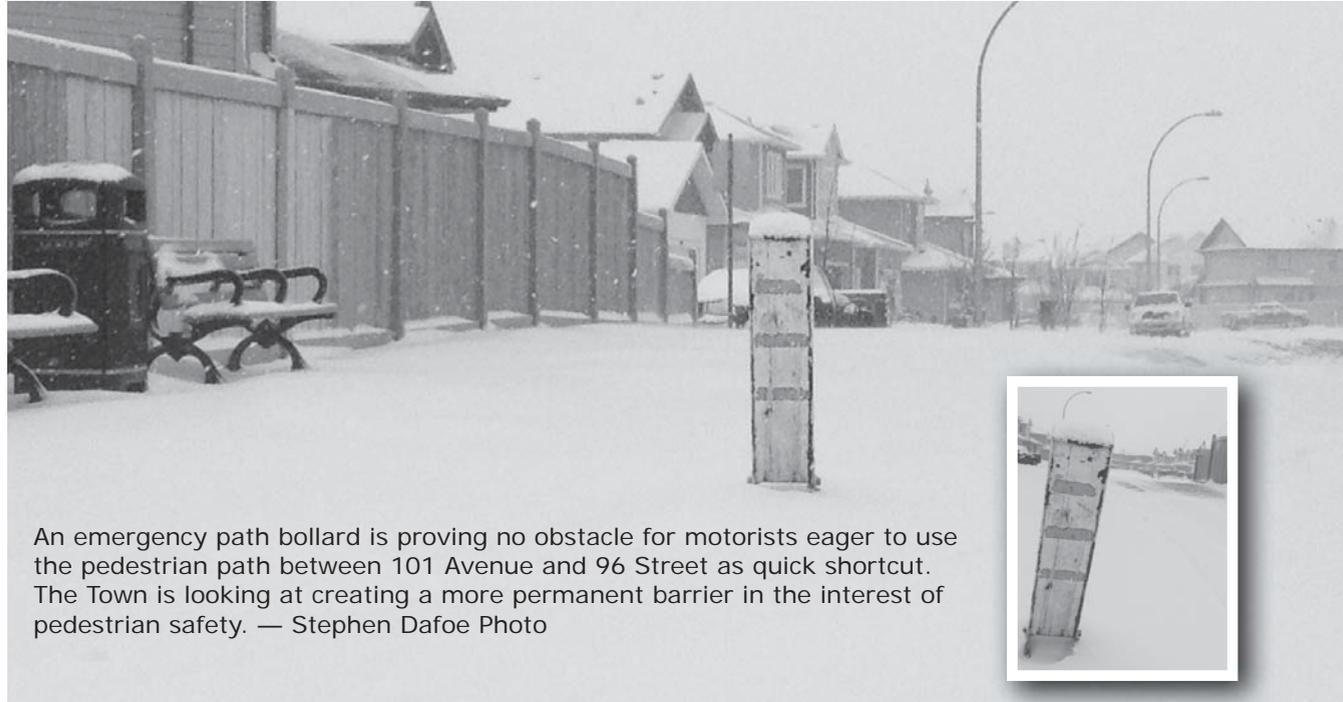
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Town reminding residents pathways are not motorways

By Stephen Dafoe



An emergency path bollard is proving no obstacle for motorists eager to use the pedestrian path between 101 Avenue and 96 Street as quick shortcut. The Town is looking at creating a more permanent barrier in the interest of pedestrian safety. — Stephen Dafoe Photo

Morinville — A small post behind Morinville Community High School is causing concern with the school's principal and Morinville's Community Peace Officers. The bollard, designed to prevent vehicles from driving on a pedestrian pathway, has not deterred a number of motorists from using the pathway as a shortcut between 101 Avenue and 96 Street.

Community Peace Officer Sergeant James Alaeddine said the pathway is designed for emergency vehicles; the bollard originally of a type that would bend on a hinge when an ambulance or fire truck drove over it. The problem was emergency vehicles were not the only ones driving over the bollard to gain quick access from one street to the other. Despite signs clearly marking the path as emergency vehicle access only the public have been using the laneway.

"People have just been driving through it all the time and the school principal was complaining," Alaeddine said, adding it is a safety issue for pedestrians who use the path. "People are using it as a short cut. The students are standing back there during their breaks and what not. We don't want pedestrians getting hit."

To try and combat drivers driving over the bollard, a pin was put in to prevent it from toppling. That has resulted in a bent bollard and vehicle tracks

around the now stationary post. "If somebody hits that thing, they're going to be up for a surprise," Alaeddine said. "We want to put snow piled up on both sides because I can't sit out there all the time and catch people."

The peace officer has caught a couple people - a construction worker on one occasion, a parent dropping off a student on another. Driving on a boulevard carries with it a \$115 fine under the Traffic Safety Act and Alaeddine said people will get a ticket if caught.

"We don't want anyone to get hit," he said. "There are little kids going through there to Primeau School. They use that as a pathway to get home. Those kids are pretty small and if it is snowing and they are wearing white coats they won't be seen as well."

The peace officer said motorists must remember the pathway is a pathway for pedestrians and emergency vehicles only and is not to be used as a shortcut. "It is for emergency vehicles. The fire department is right on the corner and if they want to get to the Lakes or Primeau School - that's what it is meant for," he said. "Now we're looking to put some barricades or even a T-bar up there. We want to educate the public. We don't want to sit there and give out tickets."

15th Annual Santa Auction ready to help those in need

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — For a decade and a half residents have been gathering for an evening of good fun and good bids in aid of a good cause. The 15th Annual Santa Auction is set to take place at Coach's Corner Nov. 17, once again raising funds for the Midstream Support Society's Santa Store, a venue through which parents are able to acquire gifts for their children they would not otherwise have.

Auction organizer Deb Kruger said proceeds from the live charity auction would assist underprivileged families at Christmas time. "A large majority of it is in support of the Morinville Santa Store," she said. "There are two different sides of it. There is the Midstream Support Society that handles all the background financial aspects of it. And every year we have a cast and crew of volunteers that go out and solicit donations and are responsible for the auction side of it."

The focus leading up to the annual auction is getting the auction items participants will bid on. Kruger said this year has seen items coming in at a little slower rate than normal, but she remains hopeful things will ramp up as auction day arrives. "It's a little bit slower this year," she said. "The feeling I'm getting from the people that actually pound the pavement and knock on doors is that it is a bit of a tougher year for businesses who have taken a little bit of a downturn. I'm certainly optimistic but I can't say we are at the same place we were in previous years."

Businesses and individuals who wish to donate items for the auction can do so by dropping off items at Coach's Corner on 100 Street or making contact by emailing santastoreauction@gmail.com.

GET THERE EARLY ON AUCTION NIGHT

There is no charge to attend the auction event but Kruger said people should come early. "It runs just like you would see any live auction," she said. "People are invited to arrive early. We've had a packed house for the past seven or eight years. It's really important that you get there early."

On arrival, participants register with their contact info and are given a bidding card. Viewing of auction items begins at 4 p.m. The auction begins at 7 p.m.

Organizers are hoping for a packed house again this year. "We would love to see everybody out there," Kruger said. "It's a good reason to do your Christmas shopping and it double dips as contributing to a great cause."

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Community Christmas Concert looking for community help

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — For the past 33 years the Annual Community Christmas Celebration has helped Morinvilleans kick off the holiday season. This year organizers are looking for a little help to kick off the celebration itself. The event takes place at St. Jean Baptiste Parish and provides the community with an evening of multi-denominational Christmas music and fellowship.

Committee chair Leanne LaRocque said a couple committee members who were going to take over the event this year were unable to do so due to personal reasons. "I agreed that I would stay with the committee for another year and I'm looking for some fresh faces to join the committee," LaRocque said. "A lot of the planning is in place but there is a lot of work liaising with the various groups who will be participating."

That liaising consists largely of working with the church and community choirs, bands and soloists to determine what songs they will perform and what their requirements are in terms of equipment and accompaniment. "Although the framework is there; there is a lot of checking with the various participants," she said.

LaRocque would ideally like six additional committee members, people who could potentially add some new ideas and connections to the mix. "The more people you have thinking about it the more creative we become," she said. "Sometimes we've had a theme. Sometimes we've based the celebration around a book or a play. When you've got more minds working on it you become more creative. When you have a committee of three, you are focusing just on what needs to be done. Many hands make light work."

LaRocque said there are about four meetings between now and the event as well as the follow up with the group they are liaising with.

LONG HISTORY

John Unsworth, a former Morinville teacher, school board trustee, and Citizen of the Year, started the annual celebration in the late 1970s. In its inaugural year, staff and students of École Georges P. Vanier School invited parents and the general public to a traditional Christmas concert in the school's gymnasium. The response was so positive Unger organized the first full Community Christmas Celebration the following year at St. Jean Baptiste Church, inviting other Morinville churches to participate in the event. Over the next eight years the event evolved into what organizers say was the community's most anticipated annual event. Unsworth moved to British Columbia in 1988 at which time the annual celebration was taken over by a small group of dedicated volunteers who wanted to see the event continue.

The Community Christmas Celebration takes place Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jean Baptiste Church. Donations to the Knights of Columbus Christmas Hamper program are welcomed and encouraged.

Those interested in helping the celebration committee can contact Leanne LaRocque at Georges H. Primeau School — 780-939-3593.

Home-based businesses unite for one big show

By Morinville News Staff

Morinville — Everything from children's clothing to home décor will be on display at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre this weekend when the doors open on the 5th Annual Snowflakes and Stars Christmas Market. Organizer Kelli Allen said this Saturday's event would be bigger and better than before with more vendors and more opportunities to help local groups raise funds for their respective causes.

"Currently we have 43 vendors and 33 of those are Sturgeon area vendors," Allen said in an interview a week before the show. "There is a high percentage of strictly local business people and crafters and artists. So I think that is absolutely fantastic."

Allen, who has organized and run the event each year, said she began the show because she needed a place to connect with potential customers. "It all started because I wanted some place to showcase what I was doing five years ago, and it's kind of taken on a life of its own," she said. "It started at the Rendez-Vous Centre with 20 tables and now it's going to fill up the cultural centre. People from all over just love to come to this event to check out what Morinville has to offer."

The business owner and event organizer said she feels it is important to put home-based businesses under one roof to let people know what is in their community. "Even though this is a small town, not everyone knows what there is to offer in town," Allen said. "So often people run to the city because they want something. In reality, many of those things in the city are available locally. You just have to know where to look. So this is a great platform for all these people that have all these great things to offer — whether it's a service, something creative, something delicious. [It's a chance] to get out there and promote themselves and show they are local."

Of the nearly 50 vendors lined up thus far, Allen said there are vendors selling home décor, health and wellness products, jewelry and fashion items, crafts and treats, children's clothing and accessories, art and even gourmet food.

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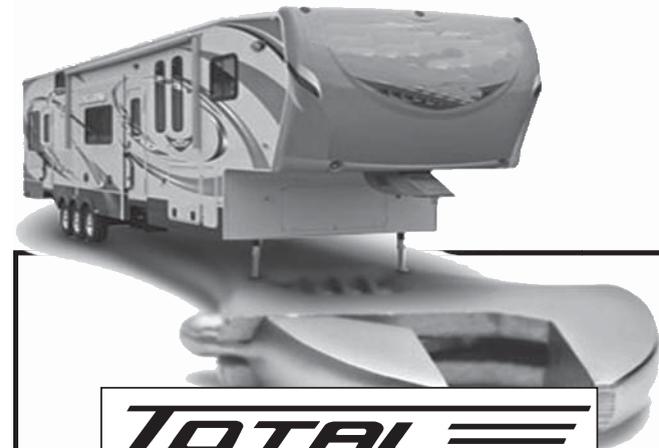
As has been the case each year, this year's show will include an opportunity to give as well as receive. Allen said several local fundraising initiatives have been given an opportunity to take part this year.

"I'm so excited this year. We've always supported the Morinville Food Bank and we will be accepting food bank donations again," she said. "We are also once again this year supporting Morinville Tiny Tots

Preschool. They are in desperate need of a new location for their program." The preschool will be selling raffle tickets. Allen said all participating vendors are donating a raffle item to aid the cause. Additionally, Morinville Public Elementary School's Parent Fundraising Association will be running the concession at the event.

Allen said the combination of making people aware of what home-based businesses are in town, combined with the fundraising element, makes for a great show. "I just think it's going to be a fantastic event," she said. "Just come down, check it out, have lunch and see what's going on."

Snowflakes and Stars takes place Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Admission is free of charge.



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Make dinner time family time says Alouette, Sott Flory

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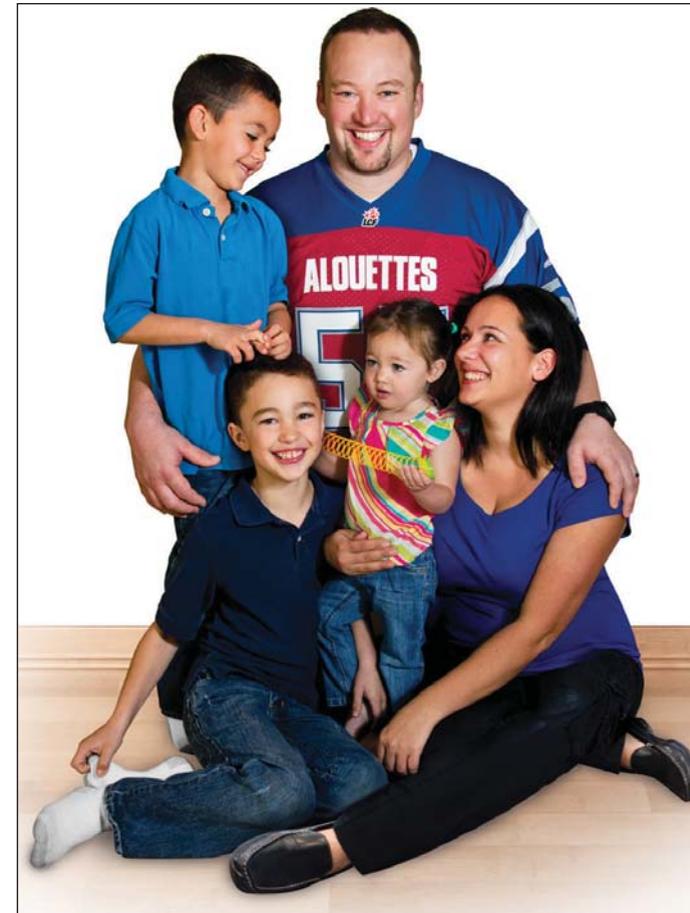
"My family is my number one priority," says eight-time CFL all-star, Scott Flory, offensive lineman for the Montreal Alouettes. "Everything we do, we do as a family and with the CFL schedule taking me on the road throughout the season, it's important to my wife Natasha and I, to spend as much quality time as we can together."

But let's be honest, being a parent to three kids takes a lot of agility and effort too. Every day is game day – regardless if you're a professional athlete or not – and a busy dinner time can feel like the 4th quarter when you are down a few points. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Grey Cup, the CFL is teaming up with Nestlé to share how their players deal with family life and its everyday meal challenges. Here, Scott and Natasha share their tips on winning at dinner time:

Everyone to the table "Dinner time is our time to reconnect," says Scott. "We talk about our day and the kids tell us what they learned in school." Get your kids talking by not only asking about their day, but how they felt about it: Was it a good day? Sharing emotions is a healthy habit to get into at any age and the dinner table is the perfect place to open up.

Kid-friendly meals quickly It's safe to say that most kids like pizza, and the Flory kids are no different. "They could eat Delissio pizzas all the time," laughs

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Scott. "And it's all about balance — getting the kids to eat something that doesn't take long to prepare so we can get off to our next activity," says Natasha. Pizza is great paired with a green salad or raw veggies and meals are a great time to encourage kids to drink milk. The family favourite, Nesquik, for example, allows you to make milk fun and delicious with the chocolate flavour kids love, while you control the amount.

Dessert days While the Florys don't eat dessert with every meal, when they do, the kids' love ice cream. "Our kids love Mini Drumstick cones and as parents we love them because they're a small treat that always brings big smiles," says Natasha.

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Country singer Brett Kissel coming to Morinville

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — It has been 18 years since country singer Brett Kissel got his first guitar, 11 since he cut his first album and began playing country fairs and rodeos with some regularity. That 11-year-old musician / entrepreneur is now a 22-year-old seasoned performer with more than a decade of experience under his leather boots. Kissel will open Morinville's Light up the Night Festival this weekend with a show at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre Nov. 23 at 8 p.m.

Kissel said concert attendees should expect a high-energy performance. "I've been cooped up for the past year not doing a lot of shows because I've been exclusively dedicating this year working on my new album," he said. "So I've been back and forth to Nashville. Out of the 11 months we've seen come and go of 2012, I've been in Nashville for probably six or seven of them. I cannot wait to see a very high-energy show and a lot of excitement coming

from me now that I get to hit the stage again."

Born and raised in St. Paul, Kissel said he enjoys playing smaller communities. "To go do a smaller community like Morinville is great because I feel that I've got a lot in common with folks from small towns," he said. "At the same time I don't mind if I play Calgary, Vegas, Nashville or L.A. I've been fortunate to play all those cities, but at this stage in my career, especially being a small town guy, I'm more than happy to come out and play a smaller community."

NEW ALBUM

Just as Kissel's venues have gotten bigger over the past 11 years, so too has his album count. The singer released his first album Keeping It Country more than a decade ago and used the profits from the first album to begin working on his next. His new album Started With a Song is his sixth album but the first he is hoping to take international. "I've saved enough money to make this my



national and international debut," Kissel said. "I'm really treating this as my first album. I'm treating this as my introduction to the big Canadian country music scene as well as the international country music scene. We'll be releasing it out of Nashville."

Kissel said the new album's name was chosen from one of the album's tracks, the title inspired by a philosophy the performer learned from his manager. "My manager pounded it into me that hit songs make hit artists and that the most important thing is to be true to yourself and true to your music," Kissel explained. "That's why over the past two- / two-and-a-half years I've been writing songs. I've written over 150 songs for this album. It all starts with a song."

That wealth of songs has been whittled down to 16 and will probably be whittled down to less than a dozen when the album is released. Kissel said if he had his way he'd keep all 16 on the album.

TRUE TO THE MUSIC

Whatever number of tracks ultimately remains on Started With a Song, they each carry Kissel's belief in providing his fans with songs with a positive message. "I just want to make sure when people are turning on one of my songs that they can just forget about their troubles and enjoy what they hear," Kissel said. "I grew up on a cattle ranch in St. Paul. So it's also very important for me to have an element of true country in there and rural roots. I grew up listening to the classics all my life. I'm only 22 but I'm a real student of traditional country music. So I always want to have an element of that in my music."

Kissel feels his new album bridges the gap between traditional country and major market country radio. "I just want to make sure when people turn on one of my songs they enjoy what they hear, get a good sense of who I am as a person, and they can forget about their troubles for three-and-a-half minutes at least," he said.

Residents will have the chance to see Brett Kissel live Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general seating, \$20 for seniors and \$10 with student ID. For more information visit www.morinvillecommunityculturalcentre.ca.

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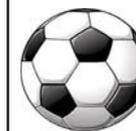
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Morinville housing report

By Doris Jolicoeur, CD, ABR, CCSP
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It has been an extremely busy summer in real estate in Morinville. Hopefully, the following article is the long awaited monthly report that I have been neglecting over the past few months.

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Sales were up 33.3% from 12 in September to 16, down 11.1% from 2011 and up 77.8% from 2010.

The average single family home was on the market for 86 days last month. This is a 25-day increase from September, a 11-day increase from August, and a 25 days more than single family homes in Edmonton.

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Library standing up to bullying

By Stephen Dafoe



Morinville — Displays and interactive activities will mark the Morinville Community Library's contribution to anti-Bullying Month this week. Library employee April Heppleston spent time over the weekend setting up a showcase display to visually depict the issue and library patrons will be able to contribute to the display throughout the week by putting down their thoughts on bullying.

"We're going to put a spotlight on National Anti-Bullying Week by putting a display in the library that has been built by the members of the library and will continue to be all week by anyone that comes into the library," Heppleston said. "It's sort of audience participation."

Patrons will be asked to jot down a name they have been called in the past, positively or negatively. Additionally, an anonymous form can be filled out that allows patrons to reflect on some of the names they were called in the past and what that means to them now. "We are asking the public to share with us names they have been called and how that has changed their life or how they have changed that name to a benefit," Heppleston explained. "

As well as the display spotlighting the issue, the library has brought in a number of books on the issue and the related topic of self-esteem. "We will

Morinville Community Library Staff member April Heppleston shows some of the books available at the library this week as part of their participation in Anti-Bullying Month. — Stephen Dafoe Photo

have materials on hand for every age level that have to do with bullying, right into adulthood because bullies come in all sizes, shapes and ages," Heppleston said.

Although creating an environment where people feel safe and secure is an overarching goal of library staff year round, Heppleston added the library is a great place to do research on various social issues that negatively affect families.

"We have had numerous parents and grandparents who have stepped forward and said they are looking for books to help the children and really looking for the tools," she said. "It's a very big issue. I've had women in tears talking about how beautiful the child is and yet the child can't see they are beautiful. We will do what we can to turn that around."

Library Manager Isabelle Cramp agrees the resources are much needed. "I think for us to be able to provide supporting books for parents to access when it comes to bullying — it fits us responding to the needs of the community," Cramp said. "Bullying is very prevalent in the news nowadays. I think every kid comes home at some point saying they've been bullied. It's an ongoing concern when we're seeing younger people going into depression and committing suicide over things like that. So I think it is a topic that is very serious and we are very happy that we are able to provide any kind of information that can help parents or adults or teens deal with this issue."

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Morinville Jets winless through the weekend

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — The Jets were oh for two over the weekend, falling 3-1 to the Beaumont Chiefs Friday night and 3-2 to the St. Albert Merchants Sunday night.

The Jets ended the first and second periods Friday night in a 1-1 deadlock with the Chiefs. With 11 minutes left in the final frame Beaumont scored to shift the balance to 2-1 in their favour. Their third was sunk into an empty net after the Jets pulled their backstop for a chance to push the game to overtime.

Sunday was the first opportunity for the Jets to take on the Merchants in Morinville's barn. The game did not go the way the club hoped. Trailing 1-0 at the end of the first, the Jets fell further behind in the middle frame, trailing 3-1 by the end of the period. Although the Jets ripped St. Albert's mesh to bring it within one



Morinville Jet Nick Pratt celebrates his goal as St. Albert's goaltender looks for the puck. — Stephen Dafoe Photo

with 4:18 remaining in the game, they were unable to get the goal they needed to push the contest to overtime. The team now stands with a 10-6-0 record.

The Jets have a light load over the next couple weeks with only one game each week - both home-ice games. The Jets take on the Stony Plain Flyers Sunday night at 6:45 and return to the Ray McDonald Sports Centre for a Saturday night game against the Leduc Riggers Nov. 24. The Annual Alumni Game will precede the regular season game at 6 p.m.

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Former Morinville Jets Assistant Coach Alan Fraser joins Terry and Marjorie McRae and the captains of the Morinville Jets and St. Albert Merchants in a ceremonial puck drop at Sunday's game. — Stephen Dafoe Photo



Morinville Jets honour Nick McRae on Remembrance Day

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville — The Morinville Jets held a special moment of remembrance before Sunday night's home game to honour the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers and the memory of teammate Nick McRae who was killed Sept. 3 in an ATV accident south of Edson.

McRae, remembered for his love of life and his ability to spread that love to those he came in contact with, was honoured prior to the game when the team retired his number 11 jersey. The team has worn McRae's number on their sleeves this season in memory of their fallen teammate and raised a number 11 Jet jersey to the rafters near the scoreboard Sunday night where it will remain. McRae was buried in this actual Morinville Jets jersey.

Former Morinville Jets Coach Scott Rodda, a man who delivered a moving eulogy at McRae's funeral in September, organized the jersey night and spoke of McRae's love of life and love of hockey.

A Nick McRae Award has been established in his memory as well as a scholarship. The former recognizes players with the qualities and attitude McRae possessed on and off the ice; the latter will be awarded to a Morinville Jet apprenticing in a trade as McRae did.



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Canadian figure skating champions and Olympians, Cody Hay and Anabelle Langois (now Hay), visited GH Primeau school Nov. 5. The pairs skaters (brother of Primeau teacher Travis Hay) spoke to students about setting goals and overcoming obstacles along the path. Students also had the unique experience of seeing the Olympics through the eyes of an athlete.

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The shape of art

École Notre Dame ECS student Owen Lefebvre takes a look at sculptor Kostyniuk's Liberation From Natural Forms display at the school library. The Alberta Foundation for the Arts Traveling Exhibition Program has numerous Kostyniuk pieces on temporary display at the library, works used to teach shapes, colours and the force of nature and human interaction on the world as he sees it. The display includes five concept drawings, eight sculptures and three relief sculptures.

— Lucie Roy Photo



Play to learn

Families First Society Parent Link Centre Program Coordinator Bev Thompson spends a little time with Benjamin Hennie at the Morinville Creative with Kids Program Nov. 5. The Monday morning program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and gives children an opportunity to learn through play and parents access to peer support. The program runs until mid-December.

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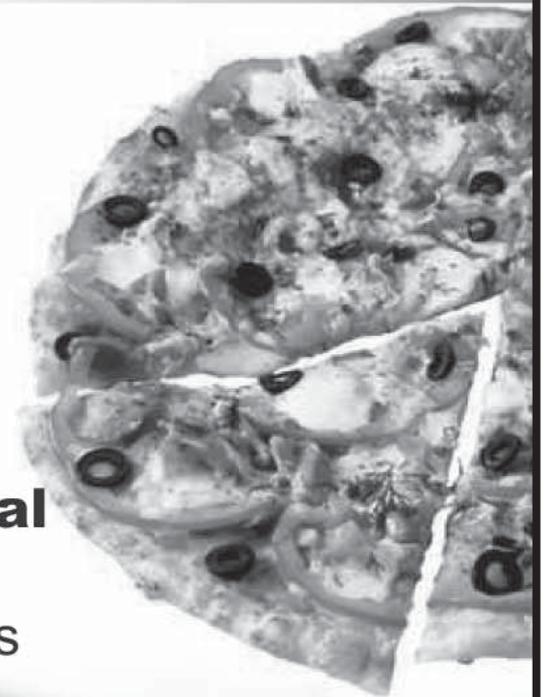
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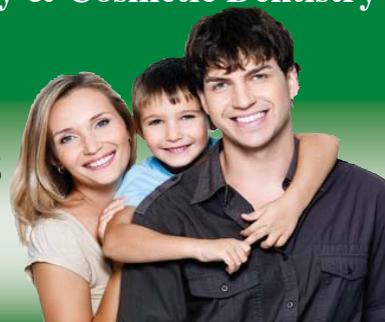
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