Youngster goes from pediatric stroke to co-principal in 6 months

by Amy Stibrand-Riexx

Six year old Brayden Pelletier went to school in Morinville as he did on any regular school day on September 18, 2018. What he didn’t know is that it was the day that would change his life and that of his family. Brayden suffered a pediatric stroke at some point during the day. His symptoms went undetected (as a stroke), however he did exhibit signs that were uncharacteristic of his day to day self which could possibly be misconstrued for an ear infection or fatigue. The signs combined together however, do indicate symptoms of a stroke. A pediatric stroke occurs in 1,100,000 children, making it so rare that he went about his day as best he could.

Brayden’s mom, Karen Pelletier picked him and his sister, Brooklyn up from their daycare provider after work day. She noticed that he seemed really tired and stated that Brooklyn informed her that Brayden fell asleep at school. Karen says she noticed he spoke in very short responses and was very tired. Following supper she sat with him to review his homework and she noticed that he wasn’t pronouncing the words correctly at which point she asked Brayden to look at her at smile — and only half of his face moved. Struck by panic and immediately thinking that he’s had or is having a stroke, she called her husband, Danny, and they quickly drove him into the emergency department at the Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert. Brayden was seen by a doctor right away who informed Karen and Danny that an ambulance was on its way to bring them to the Stollery Children’s Hospital. The doctor also suspected a pediatric stroke. Once they arrived at the Stollery, they were greeted by a team of six nurses and six doctors who brought Brayden for a CT scan which confirmed he had suffered a stroke to the left side of his brain at some point during the day. They have no confirmation as to where the blood clot had originated and there was no sign of it in the CT scan, however, the doctors suspect it is possible it may have passed through a PFO (patent foramen ovale) a hole (flap in his heart which was discovered as a result of the stroke). It may have allowed a blood clot to pass from one side of the heart to the other and into his brain. They unfortunately have no way of getting confirmation of a cause. Karen says, “This isn’t something you can ever prepare for and it’s hard to accept when your child was perfectly healthy and it changes in one day.”

Special thanks to the Stollery Children’s Hospital, says, “He’s strong, resilient and determined; and amazes me with the strides he has made.” He has had to rethink the simplest of tasks from feeding himself and writing with a pencil, to dressing and doing zippers.

He has had to miss out on activities he loves such as hockey and dirt biking but is excited that he can participate in baseball this spring and he has been back in school full time since February. He is now in the English program with the support of a 1-to-1 aid. Injury to the left side of the brain affects functioning for math, writing, and memory of letters and numbers. Karen states that Brayden is, “not the same kid,” since his stroke happened at such a young age and his brain has much development to occur, there is a possibility of a full recovery but they will work in time and with lots of hard work.

The Pelletier family are now determined to support the Stollery and hospitals that are very grateful for. They are monthly donors to the Stollery Children’s Hospital; and Brayden and Brooklyn were designated their school’s Jump Rope for Heart and Stroke Fundraiser and raised a whopping $815 — the most of any other students in the school. Karen says she is thrilled that Brayden was able to jump rope following all he has endured and hopes that he and his sister will bring awareness to their friends. As a reward of recognition for their efforts, the brother and sister were designated School Principals for the afternoon on April 16th. They announced positive tickets for fellow students, walked around to the classrooms to ensure students were working their hardest and brought treats for the teaching staff, and rewarded the students of the school with an extra afternoon recess!

May is Paediatric Stroke Awareness Month and Brooklyn is preparing a presentation about the effects of a stroke. The school will designate a specific date for her presentation to occur. Karen says it is now their mission to spread awareness and ensure everyone is aware of the signs of stroke as it can save a life. “It’s a very actonary is FAST: Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to call 9-11. Pediatric stroke is one of the top 10 causes of death in children, and there often is no precipitating factors or warning signs before it occurs.

Three United Conservative Party (UCP) MLAs now represent the local three county region. The NDP candidates came second in all three ridings, none of them had a close race. Dale Nally is the MLA for Morinville and the east half of Sturgeon County with Shane Getson representing the west side of Sturgeon County. Thordil and Smoky Lake are represented by Glenn Druery.

Unofficial results for the April 16 provincial election follow. The number of votes for each candidate will change as elections Alberta completes counting votes. Caps and Bold indicates elected, *indicates incumbent, although constituency boundaries have changed.

Morinville-St. Albert (includes east half of Sturgeon County and Morinville)

UCP DALE NALLY 11,998
NDP Natalie Binnie 7,388
AP Neil Korotash 3,556
AIP Mike Veliczek 19
GPA Cass Romyn 188
AAP Tamara Wysocki 171

Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland (includes east half of TDP)

UCP SHANE GETSON 13,684
NDP Oncel Carrler* 4,883
AP Donald McGuire 1,579
GPA Paul Millore 978
AIP Garrett Dufug 296

The Heartland eXtra

by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Brayden Pelletier earned the privilege of the position from their fundraising efforts for the school’s Jump Rope for Heart and Stroke Campaign. The Heart and Stroke Foundation is near and dear to their family after Brayden suffered a paediatric stroke while at school in September 2018.

Huge margin elects UCP Nally, Getson, Van Dijken

Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock (includes Thordil and Smoky Lake counties)

UCP GLENN VAN DIJKEN* 15,975
NDP Theresa Tischuk 4,442
AP Wayne Rufuine 2,091
AIP Buster Malcolm 826
IND Brad Giroso 268

The official ballot count will be declared April 26. At that time Elections Alberta should have voter turnout statistics for each riding. A rough calculation indicates overall voter turnout was near 70 percent. In 2015 it was 57 percent.

Election day polls and local advance voting were counted on election night. Ballots cast during the advance polls by electors who voted at polling stations outside their voting area (voters ‘anywhere’ ballots) were counted April 17-20. Redrawing of the provincial electoral ridings changed the local representation to three MLAs instead of four. After the 2015 provincial election area residents were represented by two NDP and two Conservative (Wild Rose Party) candidates.

Province abbreviations are: United Conservative Party-UCP; Alberta New Democratic Party-NDP; Alberta Party-AP; Alberta Independence Party-API; Alberta Advantage Party-AAP; Green Party of Alberta-GP; Independent-IND.

Map: By A. Hibbard-Hiscock

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Two students from École Georges H. Primeau Middle School perform in The Lion King play during a matinee on Apr. 16 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

Primeau students roar with success presenting Lion King play

by Grant Cree Students of École Georges H. Primeau Middle School performed in The Lion King play on the evenings of Apr. 16 and 17 in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. One day after their final show, the young actors were on stage for their peers to enjoy the popular story.

“We are doing a matinee performance for all of our students to have a chance to see the hard work that our drama production has put into place for the last few nights,” said Allan Mendecek, the school principal before the matinee on Apr. 18.

“The Lion King is a great play for this particular age group,” he said. “It brings in humour and brings up various issues and challenges that they themselves may be experiencing. For example, sometimes aspects of alienation or feeling lonely or having to make new connections and friends. Those sorts of things.”

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Set realistic goals to achieve success

by Grant Cree

Learning how to manage time and set realistic goals increases your chance of success in every area of your life. That was the message Jayme Baxter shared with several participants who attended a one-day seminar on goal setting. The activity took place on Apr. 18 at a classroom in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. Baxter is the Youth in Business Coordinator with Community Futures Tawatinaw Region.

Her goal for that day was to help others to achieve their personal and professional goals through intelligent planning and consistent action.

“In today’s world we live in a time when it is so fast-paced,” Baxter told the Free Press after the seminar. “Everything is go, go, go. We’re always looking for the next thing and we don’t take the time to just be and enjoy where we are at right now.”

During the “Goal Setting and Getting Things Done” course, participants learned a variety of life skills on goal achievement. They included topics ranging from overcoming procrastination and time management to self-motivation and setting goals.

“The most popular topic today was managing time,” said Baxter. “How do I manage my time? How do I prioritize things? So what I talked about was simply to one task, Not 12 or 15. Pick one thing that you can accomplish and feel successful about.”

The seminar was presented in partnership with the Town of Morinville, the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce, Sturgeon County and Community Futures Tawatinaw Region.

—photo by Grant Cree

Commander of Canadian Army holds town hall with Army Reserve soldiers

Lieutenant-General Jean-Marc Lanthier, Commander of the Canadian Army, held a town hall meeting with Army Reserve soldiers on the evening of Apr. 17 at the Jefferson Armoury in Edmonton. —photo by Grant Cree

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Gibbons Branch #226 has its 70th Anniversary this year. Auxiliary members invite the public to a By-invitation afternoon tea at the Legion Hall on May 5th. This public by-invitation afternoon tea is a by-invitation afternoon tea.

The 26 ladies in the Auxiliary support Legion events such as the weekly Friday night movies, Remembrance Day services and more. They raise funds through selling Nevada tickets, raffles and Bar Top Deck, which operates like a 50-50 raffle, and invest those funds in the community.

“We welcome youth to apply for our bursary,” said Katie Mabbutt. “Check out the criteria at the school office.” One of the criteria is the student must have a connection to a veteran.

The Gibbons Legion Ladies Auxiliary was established Feb. 2, 1949. Delta Gibbons served as the first president. Meetings were held in the Community Hall basement until moved across the street to a new building. The Hut. It was the site for tea, November 11 services, raffles, Christmas parties, dart tournaments and barbecues. Today members continue to assist the local Legion Branch in all its endeavors and also participate in the Alberta-North West Territorial conventions. Donations are made to Community Bursary, sports and hospital funds, the food bank, fire department, local youth groups, seniors, and other community groups.

The current executive members are president Cherie Koenig, secretary Heather Williams and treasurer Liz Muki. Mabbutt said the Auxiliary is pleased to have had some new members during the past few years and welcomes more to join. Gibbons life member Marg Koenig is now the Alberta-NWT Command president.

—photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

The Gibbons Legion Ladies Auxiliary celebrating 70th anniversary

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Gibbons council approved its 2019 capital budget with no changes to the draft it previously reviewed. Council unanimously approved the capital budget, without discussion, during its Agenda Meeting on April 9. The 2019 capital budget totals $988,000. Assistant CAO Debbie Turner said council previously had a closed session discussion regarding possibly adding an item to the capital budget, but, if desired, that could be done by council resolution at a later date.

CAO Farrell O’Malley offered “a great big thank you” to the staff and workers on the budget. It was echoed by mayor Dan Deck on behalf of council.

This year paving 50 street in Williams Park (over top last year’s water and sewer projects) is estimated to cost $318,000 with $364,000 to come from the funding from the sale of land provides $50,000 for work on the Recognition Wall in Centre Park.

A skid steer was purchased using $70,000 originally budgeted from reserves.

Reserves are also planned for the $20,000 sound and audio system for the Cultural Centre.

**Sturgeon County Artist Frances Pelletier will be one of 47 artists at the St. Albert Painters’ Guild (SAPG) Spring Show and Sale, Alive! The event will take place in the Rotary at St. Albert Place Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Opening Reception will be on Friday, April 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A variety of mediums, styles and subject matter will be on display at this annual event. Pelletier’s mixed media painting, Jaune En Juliett will be part of the show and sale. Hurry down to avoid disappointment, many of the SAPG loyal art collectors purchase art on Friday morning at every show to get the best selection.**

**Alive!** St. Albert Painters’ Guild 2019 Spring Show & Sale features 47 artists

Alive! Art will come Alive during the St. Albert Painters’ Guild 2019 Spring Show & Sale, Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Opening Reception will be on Friday, April 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A variety of mediums, styles and subject matter will be on display at this annual event. Pelletier’s mixed media painting, Jaune En Juliett will be part of the show and sale. Hurry down to avoid disappointment, many of the SAPG loyal art collectors purchase art on Friday morning at every show to get the best selection.

The front parking area south of the arena main doors will be paved using $125,000 in MSI funds. Landscaping and drainage around the outdoor rink and heated skate shack will be done with $100,000 from reserves.
Students jump at opportunity to vote

by Grant Cox

More than 200 students at Gibbons School participated in a student voting program for the 2019 Alberta provincial election. On April 15, students in Grades 6-9 lined up in both gyms between 12 to 12:30 to cast their votes.

The organization ‘Student Vote Alberta’ highlight- ed participation in the province-wide simulated vote. It involved more than 165,000 elementary and high school students in 1,229 schools representing all 87 electoral divisions across Alberta.

Before the April 15 Student Vote, students learned about democracy, informed citizenship, and how to research the political parties and their platforms.

“We’re doing this because in Grade 6 we actually cover the provincial government as part of our cur- riculum,” said Susan Johnson, a Grade 6 teacher at Gibbons School. “We’ve been studying it, and the Grade 9 students are also interested to know what is going on as far as the elections go.”

Since the Student Vote took place one day before the actual provincial election, all results were kept confidential. “We aren’t allowed to release the results until after the real election is over,” said Johnson on voting day. “It’s a big thing, so we can’t even release all results until after the election polls are closed tomorrow night. It’s all top-secret.”

Regardless of the election results, Johnson described the experience as beneficial for all stu- dents. “They seem quite engaged about it,” she said, noting that several helped run the vote by volunteer- ing for roles that happen at polling stations. “They seem to be quite passionate about their opinions and their beliefs.”

Gibbons School scheduled the student vote over lunch-time for a specific reason. “It’s just like the real world where people have the option to go vote on their free time,” explained Johnson. “We’re trying to stage it so they make the choice or don’t make the choice.”

Johnson emphasized that participating in the Stud- ent Vote program was entirely up to the students themselves. “We’re not making them do this in class,” she said. “We covered the material in class so they’re informed, but they have the option.”

According to Student Vote Alberta, the simulated vote resulted in the UCP winning on a majority gov- ernment with 49 seats. The NDP formed the opposition with 35 seats, and the Alberta Party won 3 seats. While the vote and the official opposition party matched the actual provincial election, the seat count was down for the UCP and up for the opposition NDP and the Alberta Party (which was shut-out of the legislature seats by adult voters).
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TOWN OF BON ACCORD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REPEAL OF NORTHEAST BON ACCORD AREA STRUCTURE PLAN BYLAW 2004-06

Pursuant to Sections 230, 606, and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, the Council of the Town of Bon Accord hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw No. 2019-04 Repeal of the Northeast Bon Accord Area Structure Plan. The Northeast Bon Accord Area Structure Plan affects the following lands: 

- NE 15-56-23-W4
- NW 18-56-23-W4
- SE 19-56-23-W4

The proposed repeal of the Bylaw is deemed necessary to correct an error in the description of the area that is shown as the shaded area on Figure 4-1 of the Northeast Bon Accord Plan Area. The proposed repeal of the Bylaw is necessary to correct an error in the area description. This hearing is being held to consider the proposed Bylaw.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, a public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw will be held:

Date: May 7, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Council Chambers
5025 30 Avenue
Bon Accord AB T0A 0K0

FURTHER, TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a verbal or written representation may do so at the hearing, or by providing the representation to the Town’s Chief Administrative Office before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019. It would be beneficial for individuals to provide advance notice to the Town of Bon Accord at (780) 921-3550 of their intention to make a presentation at the hearing. AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT a copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected at the Town of Bon Accord office during normal business hours.

To obtain more information regarding the proposed Bylaw, please contact: Dianne Allen, Manager Economic Development, Town of Bon Accord – Phone (780) 921-3550 OR Kyle Miller, Planner, Municipal Planning Services – Phone (780) 486-1991
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PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Bylaw No. 1432/19 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385

In accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1432/19. This bylaw proposes to amend numerous items in Sturgeon County’s Land Use Bylaw including but not limited to, farm help accommodations, modular dwelling districts, resource extraction overlay, and secondary suites. Key changes to make the Land Use Bylaw more effective include:

- Farm Help Accommodation
  - Has been added to the bylaw and is intended to make sure that farm help accommodations remain a use for farm operations only.

- Suites
  - Regulations around suites have been changed to differentiate between secondary, garage and garden suites as different uses. Regulations have been changed to limit the size of the suite and floor area for those impacts on surrounding landowners. Regulations on suites have also been relaxed to allow for shared private sewage systems.

- Modular Dwelling District
  - This new district has been proposed to accommodate the existing modular home developments in Sturgeon County.

- Resource Extraction Overlay
  - This has been changed to reduce restrictions of the existing bylaw when constructing or subdividing within the area of the overlay.

Other Amendments include clarification of technology, changing minor regulations to be more effective and user friendly (e.g. increasing the maximum fence height from 5.9 ft to 6 ft for simplicity).

The Public Hearing shall be held on: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a submission in writing and/or registering to speak, either in favor or in opposition to the bylaw, by contacting Legislative Services (phone: 780-939-8299 or email legislative.services@sturgeoncounty.ca). Please note that all verbal presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes and must be summarized in writing to form part of the public record. Although those all in attendance wishing to speak will be heard, persons registering to speak at the Public Hearing will be first.

Any inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw must be directed to Arjen de Klerk in Planning and Development Services at ardenklerk@sturgeoncounty.ca

Sturgeon County Council Chambers, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta
What should be done with the Trans Mountain pipeline if the federal government ever gets the expansion built? Sturgeon River—Parkland Conservative MP Dane Lloyd and Gibbons councillors speculated on different courses of action in March.

“If your party is successful in the next election, what happens with the pipeline the government purchased?” asked Coun. Amber Harris. “Can you say it’s in the national interest and build it?”

Lloyd said a decision on marine wildlife is presently being considered. “This project has been over consulted,” he declared. He said a Conservative government would consult, but not overly. Because taxpayers own it, once it gets built the government would look at selling it at a rate that will get the taxpayers’ $4.5 billion back plus interest. He said the Trans Mountain pipeline is currently operating at break-even to a loss.

CAO Farrell O’Malley suggested keeping the Trans Mountain and using its revenues to fund different things, such as Olympics, across the country because if everyone had a stake in it, they would support it. “My thought is government should stay out of business,” said Lloyd. He pointed out that a privately owned pipeline pays “massive taxes” and provides many jobs.

In May 2018 the federal government paid $4.5 billion for the planned Trans Mountain pipeline expansion to ensure it got built. In September an appeal court determined further consultation with Indigenous communities and a review of the marine shipping issue is needed. The expansion pipeline is still not started and the federal government announced another delay following the Alberta provincial election.

Gibbons School Grade 6 students participate in the province-wide Student Vote Alberta on Apr. 15 in the school gym. The activity involved more than 165,000 elementary and high school students in 1,229 schools representing all 87 electoral divisions across Alberta. In this photo, Trystyn Sidor (left) receives his voting slip from polling station volunteer Avyln Kreller. Story page A9. —photo by Grant Cree