Associate Medical Clinic
109, 9915 - 100 St, Morinville
Closing September 30th
To our valued patients and their families,

We are sorry to announce that after 46 years of serving the Town of Morinville the Associate Medical Clinic will be consolidating the clinics, and therefore closing the doors of the Morinville office as of September 30, 2019. Several physicians have retired, and we have been unable to replace them. We are unable to keep 2 offices open and staffed with physicians. We want to make sure all of our patients from the Morinville office know we are still able to care for all of our patients in St. Albert, located at 107, 22 St. Michael Street. The phone number to contact the office is 780-458-1234. Thank you for allowing us to be part of the community.

Associate Medical Clinic

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9am - 4pm Monday thru Friday
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Destined to be a future Stanley Cup champion? Maybe if touching it at a young age brings on the grace, grit and glory of the sport. Richard Beaumont placed his young son, Barry Beaumont in the Stanley Cup for their photo opportunity alongside Craig Berube, Head Coach of the St. Louis Blues. Berube hosted a special event for his home community of Calahoo on July 2nd to share the joy of the accomplishment of being a Stanley Cup Champion.

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Sturgeon barrel racer

Sturgeon County peewee barrel racer Josie-Gray Kosinski maneuvers her horse through the mud and around the pattern in 27.160 seconds at the Thorhild July 1 annual Canada Day Stampede.
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- Morinville Dr
- Sunnydale Road
- East Boundary Rd
- 94 St
- 100 St
- 101 St
- 104 St
- 107 St
- 109 St
- 100 Ave
- All School zones
- All Playground zones
- All other areas where speeding is a concern

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!

Uniformed members salute as the Canadian flag was raised in front of the Musée Morinville Museum during the Canada Day celebration on July 1 at St. Jean Baptiste Park. Despite a steady rainfall, dozens of residents showed up to enjoy the festivities. — photo by Grant Cree

Morinville Town Councillor Rebecca Balanko and other council members handed out hotdogs and warm cheer during the Canada Day celebration on July 1 at St. Jean Baptiste Park. Despite a steady rainfall, dozens of residents showed up to enjoy the festivities. — photo by Grant Cree

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Junior steer rider Brady Schlesiger from Gibbons made a 70 point ride at Thorhild’s annual Canada Day stampede July 1.

THE NAMAO MUSEUM SOCIETY will be hosting a BUS TOUR TO THE ONOWAY MUSEUM on July 20th. The bus will depart from the Namao Museum (24400 Hr 37 Sturgeon County) at 9:45 am and return at 2:00 pm. There will be a designated area for lunch in Onoway; please bring your own bag lunch. Cost $10.00 per person. Admission to the Onoway Museum by donation. To register, please call 780-973-5680 and leave your name and number. Limited space available.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES
Thursday 2 p.m. for Tuesday edition
The Free Press  780-939-3309  email: morinville@shaw.ca
Coaches and players of the CR Knights hockey club (Rivière Qui Barre-Calahoo teams) were given a special opportunity to have their photo taken with the Stanley Cup on July 2nd at the Calahoo Arena.

Craig Berube, Head Coach of the St. Louis Blues NHL Hockey team, was raised in Calahoo, Sturgeon County. Mr. Berube wanted to share the success by giving members of the community a chance to get a photo taken with the Stanley Cup.

---photo submitted by Amber Pearce

Dwayne Meakin took the opportunity to have his sons, Chase Meakin age 11 and Ty Meakin age 9 meet St. Louis Blues coach, Craig Berube and have their photo with the Stanley Cup on July 2nd in Calahoo, where Berube is from. The two boys play hockey with CR Knights (Calahoo/Rivere Qui Barre teams) and were very excited about the opportunity.

---photo submitted by Chantel St.Laurent-Meakin

Calahoo celebrates as Berube brings Stanley Cup home

---photo submitted by Brenda Fraser
6 year old Miguel Mejia-Lara of Sturgeon County enjoyed the Canada Day festivities in Legal with his family on July 1st with some face painting, jumping in the huge bouncy castle and some large sized family games.

---photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Harrison and Samuel Bullock were busy spreading some Canada Day cheer on July 1st in the Legal arena. They duo were busy playing with the Canada beach ball, and enjoyed some refreshments before the fireworks which were scheduled for later in the evening. Despite the break in the rain for the town’s evening festivities, the event was brought indoors and hotdogs were roasted on a BBQ outside of the main entrance instead of on campfires in the park.

---photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Community Bulletin Board

Do you need help getting the word out about your community organization?

Sturgeon County recognizes that volunteer community associations are vital to the health, well-being and social development of our community.

Sturgeon County’s Community Bulletin Board showcases non-profit, non-recreational organizations in our community, running the second week each month throughout in The Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review newspapers.

We can help you:
• promote your organization
• recruit volunteers and members
• advertise events & meetings

This is a great marketing opportunity and it’s FREE for groups that qualify.

For more information on how your group might qualify, please contact Ruth at 780-939-8335 or email rkiesser@sturgeoncounty.ca

Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a way to support your community and make a difference in Sturgeon County?

The St. Albert Food Bank is looking for assistance with their annual Food Bank Drive which takes place each year on the third Saturday in September.

We are looking for:
• Volunteer Drivers; and
• Volunteer Driver Assistants (to collect Food Items)

This is a fantastic, short-term volunteer opportunity for individuals, families or community groups. The more volunteers that step forward, the more households we can reach with this food drive.

How can you get more information?

Pick up an information package from Sturgeon County Community Services by emailing Marg at mclark@sturgeoncounty.ca or calling 780-939-8336.

Did you know...

The St. Albert Food Bank assisted 134 Sturgeon County families in 2018 and distributed 415,642 lbs. of food in the St. Albert/Sturgeon region.
Greensight looks to construct hemp processing facility in Sturgeon after Egremont plant

A facility to process hemp is proposed southwest of Egremont, just north of Buffalo Lake Estates. If all permits are approved relatively quickly, the processing plant should begin construction in about one month and be in operation this fall.

Greensight Agri-Holdings Inc. CEO Lawrence Mattar said his company has just over 40 acres of hemp being grown in Thorhild County this summer and more than 400 acres in Sturgeon County. More farmer production agreements are needed plus six full time staff for the processing plant.

“We want to be part of your community,” Mattar said during a recent open house Greensight held in Thorhild June 14. His intent is to have growing agreements with local farmers, hire local residents to work in the processing facility, and have it built and maintained by local contractors.

Greensight was established in 2018 with the goal of producing superior wellness products while maintaining sustainable production.

“We are in support of sustainable production, market development and co-operation,” Mattar said.

Greensight received its Industrial Hemp License from Health Canada in April 2019 and is currently growing hemp in five locations in Thorhild and Sturgeon counties. Dependent on having its processing facility, Mattar anticipates receiving the Canadian license for processing this year.

The $6.58 million Thorhild facility will consist of a 5,000 square foot processing facility plus a 6,000 square foot storage and drying building. No noise and no smell will be produced. Because the hemp plants are harvested young, they have very little fiber. What fiber there will be collected and sent to a co-processing plant.

Extraction of the hemp oil will be through a process using carbon dioxide (CO2). Because 99 percent of the CO2 gets recycled, the facility will operate using a single tank of CO2 that will be refilled every three or four months. Refinement of the product uses a small amount of ethanol (a 45 gallon drum of it will be stored on site), of which nearly 100 percent will be captured for reuse.

A primary product will be cannabidiol (CBD). CBD is being studied for therapeutic uses and has received market approval in the United States for use in treatment of two forms of epilepsy. Greensight also sees value in extracting hemp seed oil to sell as nutritional food additive because of its high concentration of Omega-3 and-6.

This facility will be both Health Canada and European Union (EU) certified. Engineering director Trevor Kuhn noted that it is important because it enables Greensight to export its product to Europe where CBD oil sells for triple the Canadian price.

During the June 11 Thorhild County council meeting, Coun. Richard Filipchuk suggested an agricultural facility be built in the area to educate the public, let know what hemp is and what it means to farming generally. The open house is not a requirement of the Municipal Government Act, but is required by the county as part of the development permitting application process.

Coun. Richard Filipchuk suggested an agricultural tour so people could see what the plant looks like.
Industrial hemp could be lucrative cash crop locally

Growing industrial hemp for a proposed new local processing plant could be the crop diversification some area farmers are looking for. For processing into wellness products the hemp crop is harvested young, at between 30 and 40 days, so farmers could grow two crops each year.

Greensight Agri-Holdings Inc. is in the permitting process for a hemp processing facility near Egremont in Thorhild County and hopes to have it built this year. It will require up to 140,000 lbs of hemp per year as feedstock. After the Thorhild plant, Greensight hopes to build a larger facility on land it owns in the Morinville area of Sturgeon County.

Greensight Engineering director Trevor Kuhn said the single biggest factor in choosing the site for the processing facility, which will be supplied with hemp from local farms, was the high water table. “We did some work in the area and saw how wet and moist the ground was,” said Kuhn during Greensight’s open house in Thorhild June 14. “We feel this area has the best soil and precipitation. The high water table is an advantage. We got quick germination here.”

“It’s great for Thorhild County and it’s great for agriculture producers,” said reeve Kevin Grumetza of the proposed processing facility and the crop feedstock it will require. “It (hemp) may not fit in everybody’s crop rotation, but it’s an opportunity for some.”

This year Greensight Agri-Holdings Inc. CEO Lawrence Mattar talks about the hemp processing facility his company proposes to build in Thorhild County.

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Sturgeon County
Division 2 electors expected to go to polls on Sept. 17

Electors in Division 2 of Sturgeon County can expect to go to the polls on Sept. 17 to elect a councilor to replace Susan Evans, who resigned at the end of June.

On July 9 council will be considering an administration recommendation “that Council fix September 17, 2019 as the date for the Division 2 by-election, and that Council appoint Jesse Sopko as Returning Officer and Lisa Schovanek as Substitute Returning Officer.”

Division 2 includes Cardiff immediately south of Morinville as well as the rural area east to Highway 28 and then irregular narrowing to take in as far south as the boundary with St. Albert.

Prior to Evans, Division 2 was represented by Tom Flynn, who went on to serve as Sturgeon County Mayor prior to current Mayor Alanna Hnatiw.

Council accepted Evans resignation June 28 but did not attach her letter of resignation to either the agenda or minutes of the meeting and she has not responded to a media request to comment on the resignation. Evans did not attend the June 25 regular council meeting and release from the County states the resignation was submitted June 27.

There are over two years remaining in the current council term, with the next General Municipal Election to be held in October, 2021.

In a media release the County Mayor is quoted as stating, “Susan’s work ethic and commitment to her role on Council was very much appreciated. I wish to thank Ms. Evans for her valuable contributions to Sturgeon County during her time as Councillor.”

Residents of Division 2 are advised by the County to contact Hnatiw with any constituent concerns until the councillor vacancy is filled.
Grayson Perron is only 2 but he’s big enough to play his version of life-sized connect 4! He and his parents enjoyed playing with the game in the Legal arena for the town’s Canada Day festivities. There was also a large version of kerplunk and snakes and ladders for families to enjoy. The main attraction however, was the “sticky wall” inflatable where individuals were suited up in a velcro suit and jumped up to stick on the tall wall. —photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Sturgeon County team ropers Dylan Kosinski and Jarrett Johnson race out of box right behind their calf and rope it in 8.2 seconds at Thorhild’s annual Canada Day stampede July 1.