Two members of Morinville Fire Department (right) assist the Stars Air Ambulance with lift off from Highway 28 after evacuating a patient from a motor vehicle collision on July 21. “We were able to control the scene to ensure public safety and conduct a thorough investigation into the matter,” said Morinville RCMP Constable Dalton Rouse. --photo by Grant Cree. Feature on a police ride-along, page A4

Emergency services personnel with Sturgeon County, Morinville Fire Department and Alberta Health Services worked as a team on July 21 while tending to a driver involved in a motor vehicle collision on Highway 28. “One of the drivers misjudged his distance and rear-ended another vehicle, causing the other driver to have substantial non-life-threatening but serious injuries,” said Morinville RCMP Constable Dalton Rouse. --Photo by Grant Cree.
Highway 44 collision claims man

A collision in the Riviere Qui Barre area of Highway 44 claimed the life of a 36 year old man on July 24.

A car travelling northbound on Highway 44 collided with a semi truck travelling southbound at 3:26 p.m. The lone occupant of the car was declared deceased on scene. The 34-year-old man driving the semi truck suffered minor injuries. The truck was hauling lumber. The highway was closed and traffic diverted to allow the RCMP collision analyst to do the scene examination. The highway remained closed into the evening while a tow truck was used to clear the debris from the highway.

The investigation remains underway in relation to the cause of this collision, however police advised that no further updates will be provided.

[Image: Image of a house with a sign that says "Riviere Qui Barre - Space Travels Theme Day at Rivière Qui Barre -- The Telus World of Science's planetarium touched down in RQB on July 24. Here Sturgeon County Summer Events Leader Connor Van Brabant and astronaut Henry Kennedy-Croft pose in front of planetarium.

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- Prospective candidates must complete the required forms and provide a $25 deposit in order to be nominated.
- The Returning Officer will accept nominations between 8:30 a.m. on July 10 and 12 noon on August 6, 2019.

Please call the Returning Officer at 780-939-8377 to make an appointment to submit your nomination paper.

Visit sturgeoncounty.ca/election for more information.

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Senior’s Workshop - September 12

Connect with local seniors ages 50+ on September 12.

This full day workshop includes a hot breakfast, lunch, and some fun with Louis Pezzani and his Mind Magic.

There is a presentation by STARS Air Ambulance, an Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Disease panel discussion and information about Sturgeon County Walking Trails.

Return transportation is available from communities in Sturgeon County, but seats are limited.

To attend, please register online at sturgeoncounty.ca/programs by September 5. If you need help with online registration, call 780-939-8334 or stop by the Sturgeon County Community Services Office, 9610-100 Street in Morinville next door to Drayden Insurance.
by Grant Cre
Morinville RCMP Constable Dalton Rouse hosted the Free Press on a ride along on July 21. The sunny Sunday afternoon shift began when Const Rouse responded to a two vehicle motor vehicle collision east of Morinville. He activated the red and blue emergency lights on the roof of his marked RCMP cruiser, and soon arrived at the scene.

The collision occurred on Highway 28 south of Highway 642. All traffic was stopped as highly trained emergency crews calmly applied their saving skills to the injured driver who was transported to a local hospital via Stars Air Ambulance.

“What appears that due to a lack of attention, one of the drivers misjudged the distance and rear-ended another vehicle, causing the other driver to have substantial non-life threatening but serious injuries,” said Const Rouse.

Alcohol or drugs were not factors in the collision. The injured driver was transported to a local hospital and later released.

The constables at the scene were called and we investigated and discovered the vehicle was stolen.

“After we investigated, we found that the vehicle was stolen and later returned. The individual was not a suspect and we learned from our investigation that the vehicle was reported stolen last year in Edmonton.”

“I am concerned about the number of stolen vehicles that we have in our area,” said Const Rouse.

The vehicle was a two door compacts that was stolen in Edmonton, and later found in Morinville.

“This incident is a perfect example of how the public can help. If you see something, say something. We need the help of the community to solve these incidents.”

“Please report any/all vehicles that you believe may be stolen.”
Fortis Alberta Stakeholder Relations Manager Dora L’Heureux and Area Manager (Operations) Daryl Stratmoen present a cheque in the amount of $5,000.00 to Legal Mayor Carol Tremblay and CAO Robert Proulx. The awarded funds will be applied towards the upgrading of the light fixtures at Centennial Park to LED lights ($2,500.00) and to the boulevard tree planting project ($2,500.00). The Town had made applications through Fortis Alberta’s Save Energy Grant Program and Fortis Alberta’s Community Naturalization Grant Program.

Chamber mixer at library

Mark Stevens of Stevens & Company, Accounting Business in Morinville joined in conversation with Roberta Pawluk of the Morinville Chamber of Commerce and Betty McGrath, Library Trustee during the Chamber’s After Hours Mixer, hosted by the Morinville Community Library on July 25th. About 12 people were present for the event that is meant for networking and relationship building in the community.

—photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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The Town Office & Municipal Shop will be closed Aug. 5 for Heritage Day. The Council meeting of Aug. 5 is cancelled and resumes Aug. 19.

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Town of Legal

COMBINED PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION NOTICE

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, notice is hereby given that the 2019 Combined Property Assessment and Taxation Notices were mailed to all property owners on June 7, 2019. The 2019 Assessment Roll is open for inspection at the Town Office (9201 50th Street) from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. An electronic version can be found on the Town of Legal website at www.legal.ca.

Please speak to the Town of Legal Assessor, Dan Kanuka at 780-939-3510 with any assessment questions and prior to filing a complaint, as most concerns can be resolved before complaints get to the Assessment Review Board.

Assessment complaints must be filed within 60 days of the Notice of Assessment Date using the Government of Alberta’s “Notice of Assessment Review Board Complaint Form” and filed to the Clerk of the Local Assessment Review Board, Box 390, Legal, AB, T0G 1L0 along with the required fee as per the fee schedule below:

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Final Date for Assessment Complaints is by 4:30 pm August 14, 2019.

Taxes are due August 31, 2019. Payments received or postmarked after the due date are subject to a penalty even if a complaint is filed.
Morinville Boston Pizza construction going ahead now, says Landrex

by Grant Cree

“Due to inclement weather during this year’s prime construction season, the opening of Morinville’s Boston Pizza will be delayed until early next year,” stated Sophie Baran, Executive Vice President of Landrex, in a July 25 email to the Free Press.

“Construction on the site has officially begun and we are full speed ahead, hoping to make up for some of the lost time,” added Baran. “We wish for warm and dry weather going forward so we can get these Cactus Cut potatoes on the table sooner than later.”

Landrex is a St. Albert based land development and real estate company that also operates in commercial space and leasing, vertical construction, and home building. On May 1, Baran was the guest speaker at the monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

The new restaurant – which will include a licensed lounge – is expected to provide about 70 jobs, comprised of full and part time positions. “There will be a job fair in Morinville open to the general public for the IH,” stated Landrex Marketing Manager Madison Rayburn in the July 25 email. “We will likely occur approximately six to eight weeks before opening. We will give generous notice before we begin our hiring fair to ensure everyone is well informed of the dates.”

In addition to a Boston Pizza restaurant, Rayburn noted the remainder of the site (approximately five acres) is zoned as commercial, and is available for development. The large billboard on 100 Street advertising the restaurant opening in the fall of 2019 will be updated after Landrex receives confirmation on the construction timelines.

“Landrex is excited to bring Boston Pizza to Morinville,” stated Baran. “This community is very near and dear to our hearts and we’re pumped for what’s ahead!”
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80 ACRE HORSE FARM NEAR REDWATER

80 ac is a horse lover’s delight with newly built 2010 sq ft home on 10 acres, just a couple miles NE of Thorhild. Home is 1200 sq ft and less than an hour to northeast Edmonton. Over 1700 sq ft 3 bdrm, 3 bath home had major renovations done throughout home in 2016 3 new windows, 3 new doors, new flooring, fresh coat of paint, new lighting, new hardware & fixtures throughout. Home is located in a quiet development with 1000 sq ft fully fenced & completely & fenced cross property for horses. Home is beautifully maintained & very well maintained. The property is that it has city water. So much potential here for a new home buyer or investment property. Home ownership appreciated. A must see! $145,900. Call Glenn to view.
Province works to expand opportunities for skilled students

Education Minister Adriana LaGrange signed the Memorandum of Understanding at the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) meeting in Victoria, helping encourage young people, parents and educators to recognize skilled trades as a career of choice. Alberta and Ontario commit to enhancing opportunities in the skilled trades and expanding the apprenticeship model to other professions by promoting clear learner pathways.

“It is essential for education ministers to build a consensus around the need to enhance opportunities for students in STEM. Information sharing will ensure our students are given the tools they need to succeed, both now and in the future. This will lead to a more skilled workforce and give students the transferable skills to meet the demands of today’s global workforce and give students the transferable skills to meet the demands of today’s global economy and society,” states LaGrange.

“Alberta’s youth need to know that the skilled trades are a viable career path and not just something you fall back on. Apprenticeship education and skilled trades have every bit as much value, merit and worth as a university degree. This partnership shows our government is taking action to encourage our young people to consider a job in the skilled trades so they can go on to have a prosperous and fulfilling career right here in Alberta,” states Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education.

By expanding existing knowledge sharing and cooperation, Alberta and Ontario commit to data sharing, sharing information about effective practices and developing other joint initiatives in the skilled trades and expanding the apprenticeship model to other professions in the future and to end the continued high youth unemployment rate in the two provinces.

“The grey wave is building with over 3,000 skilled tradesmen retiring each year in Alberta. These highly rewarding, high-tech, in-demand occupations provide huge opportunities for our youth. We are committed to giving every high school student in Alberta the chance to explore their career passion by linking learning and earning, and potentially discovering career paths essential to Alberta’s and Canada’s economic success. What an exciting time for our youth to be taking advantage of these opportunities,” states Andy Neigel, president and CEO, CAREERS: The Next Generation Foundation.

This agreement demonstrates Alberta’s leadership in strengthening skilled trades training to help prepare our students for success in the economy of today and tomorrow. By working with other provinces, the government is taking a collaborative approach to develop a skilled workforce for our next generation.
Morinville RCMP seek assistance to identify theft suspects --

July 25 at approximately 8:30 a.m., three unknown individuals entered a rural property and drove away with two white Dodge 5500 flatbed trucks. One truck is 2015, the other is 2017. RCMP are looking for public assistance in identifying the three suspects and locating the stolen flat bed trucks. The suspects entered the property driving a black Ford Escape. They searched through several vehicles before fleeing with the two trucks and the Ford Escape they arrived in. The Ford escape was seen driving in the Namao area at approximately 1:00 p.m. approaching rural residences looking for fuel. The license plate associated to that Ford Escape is BTX3121. RCMP believe it is related to the earlier theft. Investigation reveals that the Ford Escape was stolen on July 20 from Parkland County. Suspects #1 is: First Nations, short dark hair, wearing a great windbreaker/blue jacket and blue jeans, blue backpack with yellow straps, approx. 5’7” tall / 125 lbs. Suspect #2 is: wearing a black jacket and dark jeans. Suspect #3 is: wearing a cream and black jacket and grey windbreaker, approx. 20 years old, early twenties, approx. 5’7” tall / 125 lbs. They searched through several vehicles before fleeing with the two trucks and the Ford Escape they arrived in. The Ford Escape they arrived in. The Ford Escape was seen driving in the Namao area at approximately 1:00 p.m. approaching rural residences looking for fuel. The license plate associated to that Ford Escape is BTX3121. RCMP believe it is related to the earlier theft. Investigation reveals that the Ford Escape was stolen on July 20 from Parkland County. 

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Suspect #3: wearing a cream and black jacket and blue jeans.

If you recognize, or see, this Ford Escape or the men in the photos, contact the Morinville RCMP at 780-939-4520 or your local police. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TipLine), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app.
Alberta government says it will restore certainty in the electrical system

Government is restoring investor confidence in Alberta’s electricity system by returning to a cost-effective, reliable energy-only market. Reviewing which market-based system is best for Albertans was a government commitment, and this decision comes after stakeholders— including industry and consumers—expressed overwhelming support for maintaining Alberta’s energy-only market, rather than creating a complex capacity market. Feedback was received through consultations and written submissions, states the province.

“Albertans and investors need certainty in our province’s electricity market system, not an experiment. The energy-only market works. Investors want to participate in it and provide Albertans with reliable and affordable electricity,” states Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy.

Currently, there are nearly 5,000 megawatts of natural gas, wind and solar generation projects fully approved in the province. This decision provides additional investor certainty in putting shovels in the ground, and will result in additional jobs for Albertans.

Alberta has been operating an energy-only market for electricity since 1996. In 2016, the previous government announced the province would transition to a capacity market, which would have been operational in 2021.

“The former government’s ideological meddling with our electricity system resulted in the return of the Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs), costing consumers $2 billion. The response from industry to maintain an energy-only market was overwhelming, and this is yet another example of promise made, promise kept,” states Savage.

Energy-only market versus capacity market

A key difference between the markets is how electricity generators are paid.

• In energy-only markets, electricity generators are paid only for the electricity they produce in real time when electricity is required.

• In capacity markets, electricity generators are paid for their overall ability to produce electricity, in addition to the electricity they produce and sell in real time.

Government will table the necessary legislation and amend regulations to stop the implementation of the capacity market as soon as possible.
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Morinville "Champ" encourages kids to play safe – "PLAYSAFE, spot the danger before you play!" That's the message Avery MacAdams, 5, of Morinville, delivered along the recent K-Days Parade route in Edmonton. Avery, a right leg amputee, is a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program. Through his role as a Safety Ambassador, he encourages kids to be aware of the dangers in their play environments. Avery is well qualified to pass on the PLAYSAFE message as he knows what it is like to live without a limb and has met children who have lost limbs in accidents.

Working to beat the rain
Road construction crews were battling against the threatening clouds on July 24th along highway 2 near Morinville with paving underway along a great stretch of the southbound double lane highway.

--photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock