by Grant Cree

Students and staff of Morinville Community High School (MCHS) hosted the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta on March 20 to share their experiences about the GROWS agricultural program and other educational activities. The Honourable Lois Mitchell is a patron of the GROWS program, and she requested to see that and other MCHS programming highlights.

“The Lieutenant Governor is involved heavily in agriculture, so anything involved with that she is really up for,” said MCHS Principal Don Hinks. “This is a great opportunity for the school. She’s here not just to see the GROWS program, but also for us to highlight some of the other cool things we’re doing at MCHS.”

Hinks added the MCHS staff and students were excited to host the Lieutenant Governor, who serves as the Queen’s representative for Alberta. “We were just over the moon because we just didn’t see these people very often,” he said. “For them to come into the school is a big deal for all of us.”

The official visit included several dignitaries with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools. One of them was Board Chair Joe Becigneul. “Her visit today is important because with this school in Morinville being in the heart of agricultural land, it’s a program that you wouldn’t necessarily see offered in an inner-city,” said Becigneul. “It’s important to the kids and it’s important to the community.”

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Local voters east of Hwy 2 to select MLA from 5 candidates; on west side there’s 4 choices

Which side of Hwy 2 Sturgeon County residents live on determines how many candidates they get to choose from in the upcoming provincial election April 16.

Morinville residents and Sturgeon County residents east of Hwy 2 are in the Morinville-St. Albert riding that has five candidates. Dale Nally is running for the United Conservative Party (UCP), Natalie Birnie for the New Democratic Party (NDP), Neil Korotash for the Alberta Party, Cass Roymen for the Green Party and Mike Van Velzen as an independent.

West of Hwy 2, in the new Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland riding, are four candidates. NDP incumbent MLA Oneil Carlier presently represents the current Whitcoull-Steeve. Anne constituency. Running against him are UCP candidate Shane Griesen, Alberta Party candidate Don McCargar and independent Gordon McMillan.

These were the candidates as of last week. March 29 is the last day a candidate may register.

The Morinville-St. Albert riding covers the east half of Sturgeon County, but has its greatest number of voters residing in St. Albert. The Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland riding has Hwy 2 as its eastern border and it runs west beyond Mayerthorpe.
County prepared for frozen culverts, washouts, flooding

With the coming of spring, warmer temperatures mean melting snow and potential problems with flooding, washouts, frozen culverts and potholes to name a few issues. Mayhew was one of the County preparedness officers and the transitions were underway. On March 12 the March 12 Committee of the Whole was held to discuss the Frozen Culvert and Washout Mitigation Planning, with the committee members scheduled to attend. The County saw 496 call-outs in 11 days, about 45 per day (up 137% from 2017) in the short time frame seen for the thaw impacts. Mayhew pointed out they have enhanced capabilities for 2019 with the addition of another loader and the four units spread through the County (Vil-leneuve, Lily Lake, Opal Road stock pile and the Morinville yard) to address graveling. For paved roads an asphalt hot box will allow for more timely and effective repairs on pavement and a dedicated crew will address pavement defects, he added. An enclosed trailersteaming unit was also added for 2019. Following an advertising campaign in Feb-rury, Mayhew said “we have a fairly healthy list of contractors, equipment and suppliers.” Crews will be working extended hours from 8 am to 9 pm with on-call service providing a contact person for emerging issues 24 hours a day seven days a week, he said. The on-call service will support the proactive flooding mitigation plans. Advance inspections, steam- ing and snow clearing was already underway in known trouble spots as part of the spring response strategy. Priority areas include Cardiff Pittsburgh (Echos, Pro-North Industrial Park, Vil-leneuve, Riviere Qui Barre, Sturgeon Industri-al Park, Braum Village, Skyglen Subdivision, Heritage Industrial Park, Alcomdale and select Township and Range Roads (Top Rds: 543, 544, 564, RR’s 271, 270, 265, 264). Priorization (triage) guidelines for emerging issues remain the same as 2018 with immedi- ate damage occurring to public/private infra-structure the number one priority, high risk of damage priority two, and medium to low risk of damage priority three.

Cassidy Bodcher and Brenna Stewart (background), students of the Morinville Community High School’s self directed Jazz Band, played a variety of songs including Crazy Train as part of the pre-show during the High School’s Coffee House event on March 20th at the Community Cultural Centre. –photo by Amy Hibbard-HiscocK
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Town, County talk recreation as part of Intermunicipal Framework

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by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

Andrea Vestby is a mother, wife, worship leader and Christian Contemporary Singer/Songwriter who lives in Morinville with her husband, Chad and blended family of 10 children. She’s happy, following her dreams and has the support of her family and friends. This wasn’t always the case. In 2008, Vestby found herself in a time of distress, anguish and hurt as her marriage of 15 years came to an end. She felt rescued from the pain of an abusive relationship but it all came at a cost — being a single mom of 6 children, having to change her life plan and picking up the pieces wasn’t easy. She turned to song writing as her creative outlet and she believes that God gave her these songs. Her debut album, Beyond the Fall-out, is inspired by her feelings of being lost, and feeling pain, and having the guidance of God to help heal her heart.

The album has seven songs that were professionally recorded. Vestby says, “I have a wooden box I have kept my songs in for over 10 years. I’ve kept them to myself and shared some to only family and close friends.” As part of her redemption story, she had an incredible man enter her life who has encouraged her to share her songs and not keep them hidden. Her husband, Chad Vestby is her Manager and believes that the process of producing her music to share, has helped to bring some closure to her past.

Having no previous experience in the music industry, and no network to initiate anything with, the husband and wife team set out to learn! They put a few rough recordings on youtube to get some initial exposure, and Chad reached out to Mr. Troyer of Evergreen Sound in Calgary for the work he did on a music recording project. Chad reached out to Mr. Troyer and sent him some preliminary notes about Andrea’s project. When they had their initial meeting, Troyer encouraged Vestby to start with songs that tell her story and will help bring closure. This is where Beyond the Fallout originated and blossomed.

Starting with piano tracks recorded at the Prairie Bible College on a grand piano, to having a band record tracks on 4 of the songs, to recording vocals and back up vocals and adding in artistic touches of an orchestrator/composer; the mixes were reviewed by mid December. Vestby’s first single, Hardest Time of Year was released on November 28, 2018 and emulates a message that although Christmas is a beautiful time of year, it is the hardest time of year for some people. The song was written during the first Christmas when Vestby was alone with her children following the end of her first marriage. Both Andrea and Chad claim to have a new appreciation for the music industry. They note that in Canada, we are very big US music consumers and that there is so much talent in Canada that goes unrecognized. Vestby says, “in taking this step to share my songs, I hope to inspire others that have hidden their talents to share them. You never know who you’ll meet or who you will encourage.” She adds that her main objective is to share her words in hopes of bringing healing to those who can relate to her story.

Beyond the Fallout will be released on all digital and streaming platforms on March 29th. Her ‘little’ track is released to 3 radio stations at this time — 1 in Ontario and 2 in the US. 10% of sales /donations from the album will be donated to local organizations who are committed to end domestic violence, including the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation based in Morinville, and the Sexual Assault Association of Edmonton. Vestby will be performing a Songs and Stories session at 10:30am on March 31st at The Father’s House meeting at Lilian Schick School in Edmonton. Vestby will be performing a Songs and Stories session at 10:30am on March 31st at The Father’s House meeting at Lilian Schick School in Edmonton. Vestby will be performing a Songs and Stories session at 10:30am on March 31st at The Father’s House meeting at Lilian Schick School in Edmonton.

After hiding her written songs in a wooden box for 15 years, she has ventured out with the encouragement of her husband, Chad Vestby, to share her words, her story from which the album is based. Since the album was inspired by healing from an abusive past, Vestby will be giving 10% of all sales /donations for this album to local organizations committed to end domestic violence. —photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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“Facilities like these are the beating hearts of the community where people come together, it makes a community a community,” said Morinville Mayor Barry Turner on Mar. 17 about the closing of the Ray McDonald Sports Center.

Mayor Turner was joined by dozens of residents and hockey enthusiasts that afternoon when the Town hosted a ceremony to mark the last official day of hockey in the facility. Earlier that day, a few families laced up to enjoy their final skate in the arena that will close at the end of this summer.

“I guess it’s sad and exciting at the same time,” said Janice Kluss, who enjoyed skating that afternoon with her children Kayla and Owen.

“There’s a lot of good memories here, but it’s exciting for new memories,” she said, referring to the Leisure Centre scheduled to open in May.

Morinville Kings Head Coach and General Manager Wayne Gatza also attended the closing ceremony. “I’ve been here a long time, my son grew up and played all of his hockey here,” said Gatza, who has coached in the arena since 1996. “We used to love coming here. I lived here practically, so it’s a sad day because there is a lot of history leaving here.”

During his speech to an audience in the spectator seats, Mayor Turner stood on the ice and spoke of the historical connection the Ray McDonald Sports Center has to Morinville. He explained the original building was constructed in 1942 as an Automotive Building. It was used by thousands of Canadian, British, Australian, and New Zealand airmen as a drill and recreation hall during the Second World War.

After the war, the building closed in 1946 and was used by the Exhibition Association until about 1959 – when tenders were called to have the building removed or demolished.

Ray McDonald seized that opportunity for Morinville to have an arena. He teamed up with local volunteers who arranged for transport, funds, and resources to transform the structure into an arena. Although the building didn’t have a roof, the first hockey season began in 1960.

“Players and fans were in awe of the new facility as they were fully aware of the vision, sacrifice, and hard work that brought the project to completion,” said Mayor Turner. “That strength of the community and dedication of the volunteers is something to celebrate and something that survives to this day, making Morinville a great community and place to call home.”

Immediately following the mayor’s speech, Zamboni operator Roland “Rolly” Hebert did a symbolic final clearing of the ice. An employee with the Town since the early 1980s, Hebert was a fixture at the facility. For almost 40 years, he’s worked his ice clearing magic thousands of times, and will continue to do that in the new facility.

When the ice was ready for a final game in the Ray McDonald, players with the Sturgeon Mustangs Atom 1 faced off against the CNN Spurs from Bon Accord-Gibbons. “I was just talking to the kids before the game, and we talked about how that could amount to pressure on them,” said Scott Richardson, Head Coach with the Mustangs. “Being the last team in this building during a playoff game is an honour.”

Although Mar. 17 marked the final day of hockey in that arena, the facility will operate until the end of this summer. “We will continue with some dry floor programming and the [St. Albert] Rams Lacrosse program has booked some time here as well,” said Tyler Edworthy, the Town’s Operations and Program Coordinator.

During an interview with the Free Press, Mayor Turner spoke about what happens next. “The arena portion is going to be shut down and the Town is going to plan to demolish the arena portion,” he said. “The curling rink will continue to function. We’ve still got to look at tendering the contract and looking at the budget to complete the work.”

He emphasized that the Ray McDonald Sports Center has been an integral piece of Morinville’s history and spoke of its replacement. “The new Morinville Leisure Centre has got some big shoes to fill, and I look forward to some more great memories there, so today is a bit bittersweet.”

Farewell to the Ray McDonald Sports Centre

Zamboni operator Roland “Rolly” Hebert did a symbolic final clearing of the ice on Mar. 17 in the Ray McDonald Sports Center arena. The facility will close at the end of this summer. –photo by Grant Cree
Morinville council to decide which of your pockets it will take rec centre funds from

The town of Morinville still has to decide which one of the taxpayer pockets to take its recreation funds from when it sets up the 2019 property tax bylaw in April.

Council heard a verbal report from administration March 19 on the potential for a Recreation Levy to pay for the cost of operation the new recreation centre — recently renamed the Leisure Centre.

Corporate and Financial Services director Shawn Jason explained to council that the Municipal Government Act defines the assessing of taxes. She said it allows for a Special Tax Bylaw for certain services, including recreation. She said that it can be based on the property assessment, a per parcel of land basis, or by property frontage for the special tax. She also pointed out that recreation funding can continue to be done through the annual operating budget.

The total volume of tax dollars being collected won’t change as the special tax will just be an additional line item on the tax bill and in theory the town will reduce the property tax for municipal purposes by the amount that it is collecting through the special tax. If a per parcel formula is used the impact of a recreation levy will be eased for property with assessments to that of lower cost housing which have a lower assessment and pay less municipal property tax than expensive homes.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence Griffin suggested that if the town passes a recreation levy it needs to be clear that it is for operating the new rec centre, not to pay for the building.

CAO Stephane Labonne said legislation requires that the use of the funds collected through a special tax levy be specified in the bylaw.

Jason told council that if considering a special tax levy councillors need to determine the scope of the use of funds collected: operational, debenture, or for capital costs, and whether it will also include such things as the museum. She noted there is a tight timeline if council is considering using a special tax levy because the property tax bylaw will be presented to council early in April with final reading expected that same month.

Mayor Barry Turner noted that when completed the town’s long term financial plan could define when and where a levy is appropriate, and Jason agreed the plan will look beyond recreation into all areas and identify funding gaps.

Griffin commented that considering a recreation levy now is like trying to hit a moving target because council also doesn’t know what sponsorship funds will be contributed to the new facility and is in the midst of talks with Sturgeon County regarding an inter-municipal collaboration framework which could have the rural municipality contributing more funds to the facility.

With only one regular council meeting remaining before April’s introduction of the property tax bylaw, council chose to do nothing during the Committee of the Whole meeting and that remaining March meeting was later cancelled without explanation.

The report was just accepted as information.

**Sidewalk by Rendez-Vous Centre will be fixed**

Morinville seniors will be getting some attention by the town regarding the public sidewalk adjacent to their facility.

“We have found the public sidewalks on the west side of the Rendez-Vous Centre are in such a way that in the summer, after a heavy rain, the water lies fairly deep at most points from our south door to the north main door of our building. In the winter we experience thawing on nice days and freezing at nights to create a solid mass of ice along this same area. The landscaping on either side is higher than the sidewalk creating a valley with nowhere for the water to go,” states a Feb. 27 letter from the Morinville Rendez Vou board of directors to the town’s Public Works department, with the Mayor copied.

Councillors Rebecca Balanko and Lawrence Griffin raised the issue of the sidewalk at the March 12 council meeting where the letter was included with the agenda. Griffin agreed with the letter telling council “the sidewalks there are disturbing.”

CAO Stephane Labonne told council that staff are addressing the sidewalk.
Ron and Charmaine Krywko specialize in growing CDC Raezer green pea seed on Krywko Seed Farm west of Morinville.

“It’s a very strong variety, with good standability and good seed color retention,” said Ron. About 15 percent of the Krywko farm’s 3,000 acres are used for seed production. Although they presently specialize in green peas, they previously also grew canola, wheat and barley seed. During close to 35 years of seed growing Ron has grown many seed through the Alberta Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers to wholesaling it via Tritesta and Agricore. He presently retail markets it himself. Krywkos grow registered and certified foundation seed which they sell to seed growers and to commercial farmers. Most of the seed is sold in Alberta although some goes to eastern Canada.

“There’s not a lot of green pea seed in the area,” said Ron. “There’s a lot of yellow peas.” He feels Raezer is well suited for our growing region and has great color retention, lodge resistance, and high yield potential. Krywkos also grow commercial peas for food. “Ironically, split peas are worth more than whole peas,” Ron said. “Yet as a producer you get docked for split ones in your sample.”

He has grown peas since he started farming in 1985. Today, peas are an important part of crop rotations. “The benefits of a pulse crop on the soil just makes agronomic sense,” he said. Ron has always farmed separately from his parents, Ed and Paullette Krywko. Five years ago he and Charmaine purchased the home quarter, where he grew up, from his parents. It is part of their farm family on which everyone lends a hand. The Krywkos have five children, Cesylia, Sherneese, Kelsey, Desmond and Marshall. Marshall is married to Becca and they have a young son, Weston. Marshall recently began his own farm operation. Ron sees family farms as a vital part of Canada’s culture and food supply.

“Family farms are so important to food safety,” he said. “And it’s a way of life and teaching your family the basis of life and of teaching your children it becomes your life.”

That is becoming more important as consumers look for locally grown foods and information on how they were produced. “I believe the general public likes locally grown food,” said Ron. “I’ll support businesses in Morinville before going to St. Albert or Edmonton.”

He believes that, like other businesses, family farms need to be slowly grown to keep up with the economy. He feels it would be a sad day when farms are all corporately owned by large companies. With that in mind, Krywkos are considered EXPANDING into hump or faba beans.

“It will be challenging in the future with the cost of equipment,” said Ron. “Agriculture is huge dollars. You’ve got to spend a lot to make any money. The general public doesn’t understand what it costs to farm.”

Because of the high production costs, he believes food does not belong in the free trade system. “We can’t compete with other countries,” Ron pointed out. “They can produce food for a lot less, yet we sell into the same market. We have to rely on export markets.”

He hopes that by being recognized for quality and meeting industry standards, Canadian products can get a premium price.

Krywkos stay current on agricultural practices and attend industry conferences. They placed second in Alberta in the 2015 Western Canadian Proving Ground Yield contest with 81.3 bushel per acre canola.

Apart from working on the farm, Krywkos enjoy a winter trip so someplace warm. In summer Ron enjoys golfing with his boys on local courses.

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LAKEFRONT LIVING AT MORINVILLE

This beautifully upgraded 3 bedroom home in Sunrich Lakes Estates in Morinville is move in ready. It has had numerous updates over the past years including new floors, new windows, 6 granite fireplaces, new furniture & paint. The home is zoned R2 & has a huge laundry room with sink & counter tops, built in desk & back door leading to a large deck.

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1340 SQ FT BUNGALOW

This 1340 sq ft bungalow with a finished basement is in the perfect location for a family or rental income. Built in 2010 the home features new floors, new windows, new kitchen, new appliances, new bathrooms, new paint & new fencing. The house was built by a local builder & is in excellent condition. "The perfect home for a family or rental income." New.

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This 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath home was built in 2016. It shows like new. Main floor features a large kitchen with walk in pantry, a huge living room with large windows, an office/den, a master bedroom with a 4 pce ensuite & an in-floor laundry. The upper floor has 4 large bedrooms, a huge FR, 2 pce bath and a large bonus room. The home is fully finished & has A/C & in-floor heat with a 2400 sq ft garage. This home is in a great location in north Edmonton with lots of opportunity for your business.

90 ACRE HORSE FARM

This 90 acre horse farm is a great opportunity to live on a farm and run your own business. The farm features a 158 ac of good grain land, a 1340 sq ft house & garage, a 48'x32' heated shop with 2 large bays, a 6.74 acre hobby farm, a 1580 sq ft barn & 40'x28' barn each with 7 stalls & tack rooms, a round pen, 3 pastures, a covered front porch, high and vinyl plank flooring & a 140 ac of excellent farm land. The barn is in excellent condition. The farm is ready to go & has a 10 year lease with a corporation for 140 ac of excellent farm land. The barn has hardwood floors, granite countertops & paint in the kitchen, huge sunken LR, main floor laundry & kitchen. This farm is a great opportunity to live on a farm and run your own business.

1580 SQ FT HOUSE & GARAGE

This 1580 sq ft house & garage is located in the Legal of St Albert with lots of opportunity for your business. The property includes 3 buildings, one 100 sq ft corn crib, one 150 sq ft corn crib & one 500 sq ft barn. This is a great opportunity to live on a farm and run your own business.

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$324,900
- 1137sq. ft 2nd floor
- 4 bdrms / 2 baths
- Fully finished basement
- Single att'd garage

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$292,900
- 1074sq. ft bungalow
- 4 bdrms / 1.5 baths
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- Fully finished

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MLS# E4141410
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- Out of subdivision

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- 874sq. ft bungalow
- 2 bdrms / 1.5 baths
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Gibbons capital plans are one third of last year’s

After two years of significant investments in capital items, the Town of Gibbons has a much less ambitious capital plan for 2019. Council reviewed a draft 2019 capital budget totaling $988,000 during its March 13 capital budget meeting. Last year the capital budget was over $3 million.

“We intentionally kept it low key in terms of expenditures,” said assistant CAO Debbie Turner. “We want to ensure all the projects from last year get wrapped up.”

This year two infrastructure projects are planned. Paving 50 street in Williams Park (over top last year’s sewer projects) is estimated to cost $358,000 with $364,000 to come from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant and $174,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) grant. Design of the stormwater outfall line in west Gibbons will use $780,000 of MSI funding.

Turner said there has been erosion by that outfall line for 10 years, and both the town engineers and Alberta Environment are aware it needs work. The $700,000 earmarked for it this year should be enough to provide an idea of what will take for the town to meet environmental requirements and re-establish the line.

This year the front parking area south of the arena main doors will be paved using $125,000 in MSI funds. Community Services director Mike Dubreuil said paving the arena parking lot is the “most hotly contested concern by the public.”

Because the area is paved, dirt gets on hockey bags and then tracked throughout the arena. Coun. Darren McCann said he feels it is “100 percent accurate to pave the area parking area, especially given the interior upgrades that were done to the building.

With the outdoor ice rink in a new location, landscaping and drainage need to be done so water properly drains from the area past the cultural centre towards the Sturgeon River. Landscaping around the outdoor rink and heated skate shack will be done with $100,000 from reserves.

Work on the Recognition Wall in Centre Park will be done with $50,000 from funds from the sale of land.

Public Works superintendent Eric Lowe said the $70,000 budgeted from reserves for a Tool Cat (with trade) may instead be spent on a skid steer that can do the same amendments.

Reserves are also planned for the $20,000 sound and audio system for the Cultural Centre. “It’s a full audio-visual system, and it’s user-friendly,” said Dubreuil. “This has been going on. We always seem to be making it happen when hosting major events.”

Purchase of a skid mounted steamer unit for steaming culverts has $14,500 designated from reserves.

MSI funds on other projects and using reserves on again be used for the debenture.

The 2018 audited financial statements are not yet done. In 2018 the town paid off some debt. Five years earlier, at the end of 2012, Gibbons had $4.2 million in debt and a debt limit of $6.7 million. A decade ago, in 2007, it had total debt of $747,000 and a debt limit of $4 million.
Young farmer, Ian Middleton of Manawan Farms, north on Highway 2 from Morinville had a booth at the Country Living Expo at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on March 23rd. At age 18 he built a livestock farm on his parents' grain farm and he's growing!

What started with 2 pigs when he was in 4H in grade 9, led to more pigs, and now to chickens and cows. He now proudly sells free range pork, beef and eggs off of the farm and makes deliveries in the Edmonton area. He wants to set up a shop on the farm after he takes his meat cutting program to maintain a more sustainable business.

--photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

4 year old Kennedy Groten of Morinville was sketching a butterfly onto a clay pot with the help of her mom, Kayla Groten during the Country Living Expo that was held at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on March 23rd. --photo by Amy Hibbard-Hiscock

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**Four Winds Public School Information Night**

**Monday, April 8, 2019**

6:00PM—7:30PM

**Four Winds Public School**

545 Grandin Drive, Morinville

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**Early Childhood Programs**

**Moms, Dads & Tots - Free!**

(Parents/Caregivers with children ages 0-3 yrs.)

**Cardiff Hall**

Course: 5302WS19

Time: 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Date: Mondays, Apr. 1–Jun. 17*

**Calahoo Community Centre**

Course: 5204WS19

Time: 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Date: Thursdays, Apr. 4–Jun. 13

**All About Play** (2 Days Per Week, 3–4 yrs)

Cost: $220

Cardiff Hall

Course: 5308WS19

Date: Tues./Thur., Apr.2–Jun.13

Time: 9:00–11:30 a.m.

**ABC, 123** (2 Days Per Week)

Cost: $220

Calahoo Community Centre (3-5 yrs)

Course: 5212WS19

Date: Mon.–Wed., Apr.1–Jun. 19*

Time: 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Riviere Qui Barre – St. Emerence Parish (3-5 yrs)

Course: 5514WS19

Date: Mon./Wed., Apr. 1–Jun. 19*

Time: 12:30–3:00 p.m.

Cardiff Hall (3 1/2-5 yrs)

Course: 5316WS19

Date: Tues./Thur. Apr. 2–Jun. 13

Time: 12:00–2:30 p.m.

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**Youth Programs**

**Home Alone** (10–11 yrs)

Is your child at the age where they want to be left at home alone? If so, consider arming your child with useful information to help them stay safe when being left alone at home for the first time. Topics including fire and cooking safety, telephone and door expectations, Internet safety and first aid will be covered.

Course: 8602WS19

Date: Thursday, June 20

Time: 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Location: Sturgeon County Centre

Cost: $15

Register by: June 13

**Babysitter Safety** (11½ yrs. +)

Become an Alberta Safety Council certified babysitter. This session will cover child development, safety practices including, cooking, first aid, telephone and general indoor and outdoor safety. You must turn 12 within 6 months of the course date. Bring a bag meal for both days!

Course: 8603WS19

Date: Fri., June 7, 5:00–9:00 p.m.

Sat., June 8, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location: Sturgeon County Centre

Cost: $40

Register by: June 1

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**Adult Fitness Programs**

**Anything Goes Fitness Camp**

Join Teresa for a different workout each week. The work outs will consist of Tabata, HIT, muscle and conditioning plus body bar & Bender ball workouts. You will use high intensity intervals to improve cardio and strength. Sounds easy, doesn’t it? But don’t be fooled. This program will push you to your limits. (7 classes) Age 16+. (Children are not permitted in the gym during sessions)

Location: Calahoo Community Centre

Instructor: Teresa McIlvee

Course: 6202WS19

Date: Mondays, Apr. 1–Apr. 29*

Time: 7:15–8:15 p.m.

Cost: $40

Course: 6203WS19

Date: Wednesdays, Apr. 3–Apr. 24

Time: 7:15–8:15 p.m.

Cost: $40

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*No Classes on April 22 (Easter) and May 20 (Victoria Day)

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**How to Register**

Go to sturgeoncounty.ca/programs, call 780-939-8334 or visit the Community Services office at 9610-100 Street in Morinville.
Gawreluck replaced by Birnie as NDP candidate

Shawna Gawreluck withdrew from being the NDP candidate for Morinville-St. Albert three days before premier Rachel Notley announced on March 19 that the provincial election will be held April 11. Gawreluck was replaced on the ballot by Natalie Birnie, the Acheson Business Association executive director.

On March 16 Gawreluck posted the following announcement on social media.

“Is it with great sadness that I have chosen to step aside as the NDP candidate for Morinville-St. Albert. As the election becomes imminent, and campaign work intensifies, I have realized that balancing my family, my job and campaign duties has become unsustainable for me and my loved ones.

“My family is my everything, and I cannot support them with less than 100% of my commitment and my heart – and they deserve my everything.

“My family needs to be my focus and I can no longer give my full efforts to the election. I have chosen to stand aside and make way for another NDP candidate to step into this role in time for the coming election.

“This was a difficult decision to make, and I have been truly honoured to serve as your candidate. I won’t be able to respond to your messages at this time, but please know that I appreciate your understanding and support.

“I want to extend my full support to our new candidate, Rachel Notley and our entire NDP team while they are continuing to fight for you.”
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These young hockey enthusiasts were among the last residents to enjoy some Family Skate ice time in the Ray McDonald Sports Center arena on Mar. 17. The facility will close at the end of this summer. (L-R): Kayla Kluss, 13, Kohen Knijerski, 10, Owen Kluss, 11, and Kaden Knijerski, 13. —photo by Grant Cree

4-H members look forward to show, sale day
Bon Accord 4-H has been a busy club. In the month of January there was a calf tour to check up on all the members’ calves since the show will be coming up just around the corner. Also, in January some members did their presentations after working hard to prepare them and they did a great job! For those who chose instead to do speeches, they presented their topics with enthusiasm in early February. The speeches were also very interesting topics, educational and well done!

For fun activities in the month practiced judging animals such as goats, feeder steers, replacement heifers and other things like plants, woods, grains and welding. Also, some of the members attended Frosty Fun which is a winter camp, where they enjoyed the weekend.

For the March meeting, which was held at the Oakville Boys Ranch, members played games with some of the Oakville boys and members had lots of fun. March 9th some of the members attended a sausage making day that took place at NAIT which was an interesting day.

Congratulations to Bon Accord club members who continued on to Districts for their presentations and speeches and placed, well done!

Approaching the end of our 4-H year is Bombers which always takes place on Mother’s Day weekend. Bombers weekend is a few days where members get to prepare for the 4-H show, by practicing the things they will do on the actual sale day. Other than preparing themselves they also prepare their 4-H steers by making them look their best, from the hair to the ears, from the ears to the end of their tails, they do a great job! For those who chose instead to do speeches, they presented their topics with enthusiasm in early February. The speeches were also very interesting topics, educational and well done!

The tour started on March 8 in Edmonton, March 9 in St. Albert and finished on March 10 in the Ray McDonald Sports Centre.

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Ron and Charmaine Krywko, holding grandson Weston, stand with a picture of Ron at 16 years old in the 850 Massey Ferguson combine. See story page A7.
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The Gravel Haul 2019 consists of loading, hauling and spreading of aggregate material to gravel roads within Sturgeon County from four identified stockpile locations.

- Site “1” – Legal Site, located at NE-35-57-25-W4M.
- Site “2” – Lily Lake Site, located at NE-19-57-23-W4M.
- Site “3” – Opal Site, located at SE-17-56-22-W4M.
- Site “4” – Villeneuve Site, located at NE-10-54-27-W4.

Copies of Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained commencing March 18, 2019 at the “Alberta Purchasing Connection” located at http://www.purchasingconnection.ca/.

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Jordan Kluthe
Operations Supervisor-Gravel Roads
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The Gibbons and Bon Accord CNN Spurs Midget 1 hockey team members celebrate following the final playoff game of the season. They won silver in the Northern Alberta Interlock Midget Tier 2 league. In the photo are assistant coach Wayne Carey (Standing L-R), forward Colby McLean, defence Dylan Thimer, forwards TJ Edwards and Ryan Stefanik, assistant coach Tyler Kampjes, forwards Colten Brennies and Connor Carson, defence Travis Nikiforuk, forward Keaton Boddle, defence Aidan Mifflin, assistant coach Brett Kampjes, and head coach Andre Schlesiger. Front row: defence Eric Nikiforuk, forward Beau Schlesiger, goalies Keegan Richards and Cole Carey, forward Joey Michalczyn, defence Jax McBain and forward Jamie Daige.

CNN Spurs Midget 1 wins silver

The Gibbons and Bon Accord CNN Spurs Midget 1 hockey team won silver in the Northern Alberta Interlock Midget Tier 2 league. The CNN Spurs had finished first overall in the regular season with a 17-6-1 win-loss record and one of the lowest penalty minutes totals.

“It was a very successful year for this team,” said manager Leanne Carson. “The CNN Midget 1 team began the season with many players who had never played together on the same team. They quickly developed a great chemistry and worked hard together all season long. There was leadership and respect displayed at any given time from every one of the players. We finished first place overall in the regular season in the Northern Alberta Interlock League, with the second lowest penalty minutes.”

In the playoffs the CNN Spurs had a tight and exciting final series with Vegreville, with one goal differences and two of the three games going into overtime. CNN took home Silver.

Carson acknowledged “all of our coaches for your help and support and making this an incredible season to remember.”

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