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MCHS bringing Legally Blonde to the stage in December

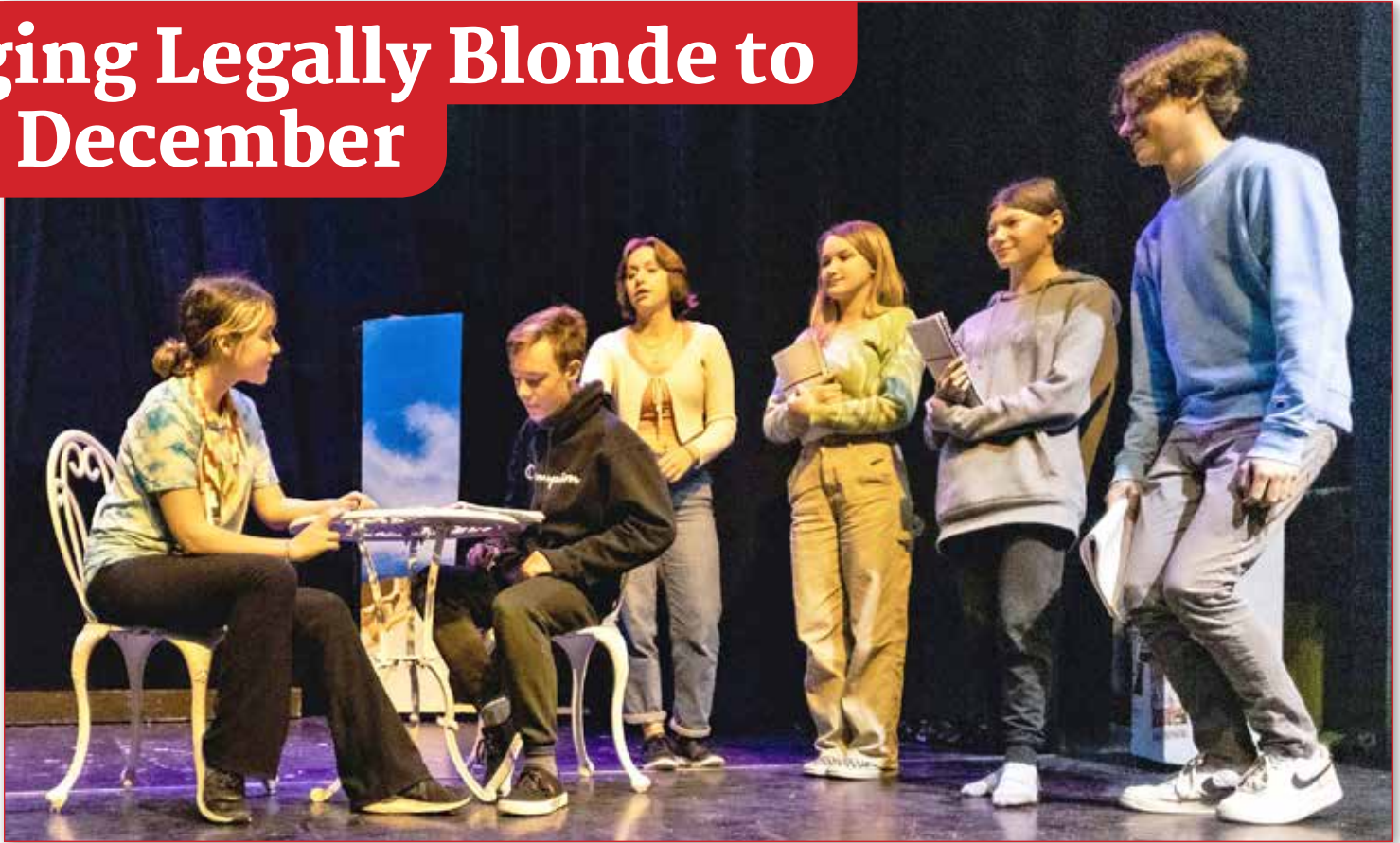
By Stephen Dafoe and Morinville Online

It's been a novel, a feature movie, and a Broadway play, and now it is Morinville Community High School's (MCHS) next theatrical production. Legally Blonde will perform at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre for a three-day run from December 14 to 16.

Following on last year's highly-successful production of Newsies, MCHS drama teacher and director Vanessa King said picking a show each year is challenging because there are many elements to consider.

"We look at potential cast size and composition, vocal range and choreography, and we always want to pick a show that's going to be a star vehicle for as many of our actors as possible," King explained. "We also aim to pick a show that can't be easily compared to the previous show. We always say apples to oranges. Legally Blonde is our first real contemporary musical, both written and set in recent years."

This year's production is predominantly female, and King said the cast is excited to be playing girls for a change.



From left: MCHS students Jillian Andrews, Tristan Hilman, Lauren Andrews, Dalice Brown, Alana Mathieu, and Kaleb Imgrund-Harvey rehearse a scene from Legally Blonde, this year's MCHS school production. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

"It's really difficult to find a script that gives all our talented female performers roles they can sink their teeth into," she said.

"This script is full of fun, intelligent, diverse character representation,

and we're pumped to bring them to the MCHS stage."

This year's show has a cast of just under 30 students, and although yet to be assembled, the crew will comprise roughly ten more students.

King held auditions in mid-September, and rehearsals started five days later. Auditions take up two hours daily after school, with the

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Santa Store Auction is expanding its assistance to families this year

Auction items are set up for pre-viewing for the annual Santa Store Auction in this file photo. The 25th Annual Santa Store Auction takes place at Coach's Corner in Morinville on November 19. - Stephen Dafoe Photo [See the article at page 4](#)



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occasional eight-hour push on week-ends. Professional development Days see five-hour choreography-building sessions with the production's choreography team.

"Our cast has been amazing. They pick up on the songs and choreography really fast," King said. "It's so fun to watch the progress each rehearsal. One of the rules we have is that rehearsals are for rehearsing, not for learning your lines – meaning actors should come to each rehearsal already well-versed in their lines and lyrics for the scene we're practicing that day. This cast has been amazing for being off-script early, which makes rehearsals super productive."

Audience members familiar with the 2001 Reese Witherspoon film can expect differences but only a few good ones.

King said fans of the film would appreciate the lines made famous by

Witherspoon that pop up in the script.

"What the musical brings to the show, in our eyes, is a stronger message for female empowerment," King said. "Elle [the lead character] goes through a more dynamic character arch in the musical, and because of the musical numbers, we get to witness more of her transformation. We focus on the fact that at no point was Elle ever a dumb blonde. She just had different priorities. Watching her shift her priorities in the musical is so much fun."

Despite the odd timing of last year's production, *Newsies*, the show sold out its run. But King and her cast are looking forward to the return to their regular early-December run for the show.

"We're hoping that returning to the December schedule only improves our audience sizes," King said. "Morinville has always stepped up to support our shows, and we have always been so grateful. What's been



From left: Janessa Piché, Isabella Harding, Jillian Andrews, and Amy Begg rehearse one of the choreography numbers from the upcoming show – **Stephen Dajoe Photo**

positive for the MCHS Theatre Program is that since being a part of the Alberta Youth Theatre Collective (formerly Cappies), we now have audience members coming to see our shows from across the Edmonton area. We're hoping to continue to draw an audience from theatre lovers all around the area."

King encourages local theatre lovers to get tickets early and support this year's show on its three-day run in December.

"I think we've earned a reputation for the quality of shows that we put on at MCHS, and *Legally Blonde* is definitely going to live up to that

reputation," King said. "This show is a total bop! The script is hilarious; the songs are so catchy; the choreo is tight, the message is positive, and this cast deserves an audience. Grab all your sorority sisters and frat boys, and come see another amazing MCHS production!"

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets will be available soon at MCHS and Morinville Sobeys. Students will also sell tickets at the Morinville Christmas Market on December 4.

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Morinville Mayor Simon Boersma lays a wreath on the cenotaph during the Royal Canadian Legion Morinville Branch No. 176 Remembrance Day ceremony, held on Remembrance Day. – **Stephen Dafoe Photo**

Santa Store Auction is expanding its assistance to families this year

By **Stephen Dafoe** and **Morinville Online**

The 25th Annual Santa Store Auction in support of the Midstream Support Society takes place Saturday, Nov. 19, at Coach's Corner in Morinville, and organizers are looking for auction items for the fundraising event.

The annual auction has been a popular Morinville event for a quarter century. It is the charity's largest revenue source to help families in need provide a Christmas experience for their children.

But this year, auction proceeds will expand beyond the general mandate to provide toys and gifts for children who would otherwise not receive them.

"This year, we are doing things differently. We're going to try and accommodate for local families' needs," said committee member and volunteer Lisa Piche.

"We're going to make sure we have toys under the tree, but we want to make sure that if a bill hasn't been paid, or there's some kind of stress – the washing machine's not working – that we can pay for the actual problem. Sometimes, it's not toys. Sometimes, it's something else."

Piche went on to say with gas prices and general inflation hitting residents' pocketbooks harder, the Midstream knows this year will be a more challenging year than others.

To that end, hamper support has increased, and both the Auction and Midstream donated \$3000 each to the Knights of Columbus' annual Christmas Hamper program.

But to do that community work, the

auction needs donations. Organizers are looking for auction items, gift certificates or monetary contributions.

Community members can drop off items at Coach's Corner, or iCandy Optical Ltd. Donors can also call Lisa Piche at 780-292-5734 to arrange for a pickup of the item.

"We all know how we've been personally hit by gas prices and utility prices," Piche said.

"So those people who are making less money, working at places that aren't paying higher wages; they're really going to be hurting this year. So we want to just make sure those people are taken care of. We're targeting basic needs and making sure people are covered."

The Nov. 19 Auction starts at 7 p.m., with viewing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Coach's Corner owner Kal McDonald confirmed with Morinville Online that tables for this year's event are all booked.

Last year the Santa Store Auction raised \$17,355.

Anyone who knows a family who could use support this year can contact Kim Mills at the Town of Morinville 780-939-4361.

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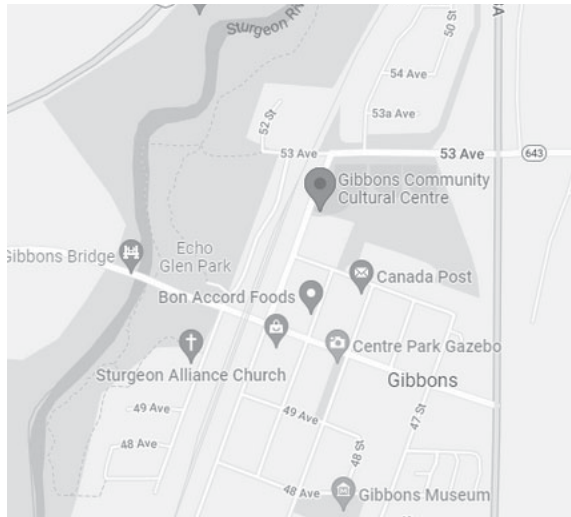
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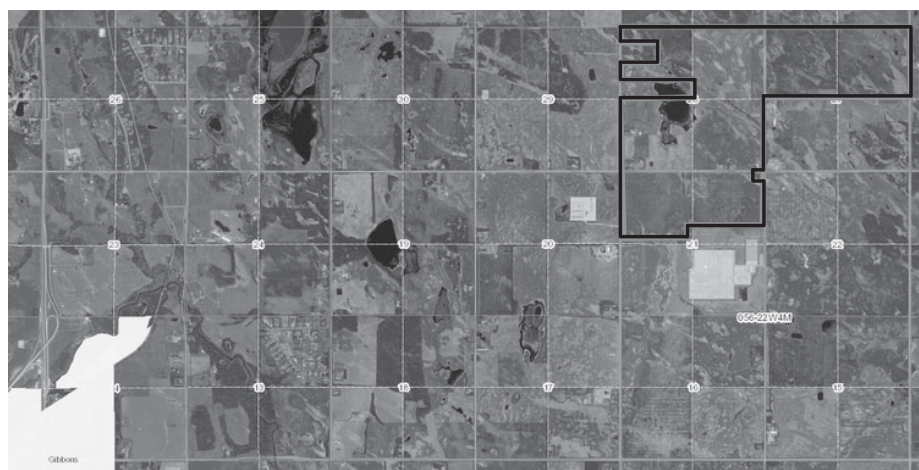
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It was a beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony & Liturgy at Legal Catholic School which was led by the Grade 5/6 class and their teachers Mrs. Crowston & Mrs. Boudreau.

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On Saturday, November 5th, 2022, Robert Flese of Egremont passed away peacefully at the age of 73 years surrounded by family. He is survived by his daughters, Tanya Strembiski (Russ Oetiker) and Serena Flese; former wife, Sandra Antoniuk; cousin, Michael Flese; close family-friends, Perry and Kathy Ray; step-son, Jonathan Strembiski (Bronwen); grandsons, Damon Strembiski and Sebastien Strembiski; sister,



Betty Kutcher (Dennis); many step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life luncheon on Saturday, November 19, 2022 starting at 12 pm at the Redwater & District Pioneer Club, 4916 - 50 Street Redwater, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to the Alberta Cancer Foundation at the Cross Cancer Institute: www.albertacancer.ca/donate.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 20) 

You may become impatient with the slow progress of a project at work, Aries. Before you get your feathers all ruffled, figure out if bringing more people on the team may help.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) 

It may have taken a while, but you'll start to see some results from actions you initiated weeks ago, Taurus. Your steady pace will pay off in a big way.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) 


Lean on all of your social contacts this week, Gemini. If you're looking to get out of the house and have fun, they will probably have some ideas on where to go.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) 


Be on guard with issues concerning your love life and relationships, Cancer. Things that were working out smoothly may need a little extra attention for the time being.

LEO (July 23 - August 23) 


Luck will manifest itself in some surprising ways over the course of the next few days, Leo. Seemingly out of nowhere you will have a good turn of events that propel you forward.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 22) 

Negotiations will go in your favor this week, Virgo. Therefore, if you've been seeking a raise or a promotion, you may see that the tides have finally shifted in that direction.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23) 

Watch out for overspending that can derail the careful budget that you have set in place, Libra. It may be wise to leave a credit card at home for the next few days.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22) 

Brace yourself, Scorpio, as things could get a bit wild this week. Energy levels rise and tempers may flare. Figure out the best way to stay calm amid this confusion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) 

Plenty of good vibes are coming your way, Sagittarius. You just need to figure out if you're going to share some good fortune with others and when that will occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) 

A sweet connection with someone else could happen this week, Capricorn. This may be the start of a lasting relationship, whether it is romantic or platonic.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 18) 

Don't be afraid to showcase your natural talents, Aquarius. Your unique skill set enables you to have a little fun with others and show off a bit at work.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) 

Figure out ways to connect with the life force that is all around you, Pisces. Try meditation in the outdoors to blend two experiences.

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SCHS in Namao held a Remembrance Day Ceremony commemorating the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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RCMP

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



Morinville RCMP on scene of two vehicle collision

Morinville RCMP were on scene of a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision at the traffic circle at Villeneuve last week. Two heavy tanker trucks collided causing damage to the vehicles and traffic disruption to north bound traffic on Hwy 44 at Hwy 633. The trailers were damaged however were not leaking fluids. No injuries resulted from the collision.



NEW LISTINGS

BUNGALOW ON DOUBLE LOT

Very solid, well built bungalow on a huge 130'x110' double lot in the hamlet of Thorhild. Upgrades include new paint, main floor flooring, shingles on both house and garage as well as upgraded attic insulation. Gorgeous classic sculptured ceiling in living room and well kept mahogany doors, trim and cabinets. This home features double 3/8" drywall throughout the main floor. Basement is partially finished with a 3 pce bath and large family room. There is plenty of room to add another bedroom and make a bit smaller family room if needed. The huge yard has lots of large, mature native trees along with apple, crabapple, chokecherry and plum trees. Lots of room to park an RV, set up a playground, or to have a massive garden. There is even a clothesline. Good sturdy single detached garage finishes this great property. **\$179,900. Call Heather to view.**



NEW LISTINGS

5.51 ACRES WITH UPGRADED BUNGALOW

Beautiful 5.51 acres with classic 1091 sq ft 3 bedroom bungalow. Upgrades over the past few years include all new windows, flooring, complete bathroom renovations, paint and hot water tank. Gorgeous original mahogany cabinets, doors and trim throughout. Basement has had one wall completed with old barnwood for a future family room or bedroom and it has roughed in plumbing for future bathroom. There is a great cold room/storm shelter at one end of the basement. Outside you will find an older garage, greenhouse, small barn and lots of storage sheds which would make great chicken coops or animal shelters. There is a nice fenced and cross fenced pasture area on the north side of the yard suitable for horses. The north west is surrounded by large, mature bush for a great windbreak and there are numerous flowering shrubs, decorative trees and fruit trees planted throughout the property. Lots of room for a future garden. Located just a few miles SW of Thorhild. **\$299,900. Call Heather to view.**



BUNGALOW WITH DOUBLE ATTACHED GARAGE IN THORHILD

1434 sq ft home with full basement features a large kitchen with lots of cabinets and corner pantry, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry room, 3 pce main bath and 4 pce ensuite. Upgrades over the years include windows, metal roof, new drywall, and flooring. The main bath has a newer corner shower and the ensuite has a newer soaker tub. Furnace and hot water tank installed in the last few years. There is laundry hookups both upstairs and in the basement. The basement also has a chimney for a wood burning stove. The basement exterior walls are insulated and it is waiting for your future development. The 24'x24' attached garage is insulated and finished inside and has one overhead door. The framing is in for a second overhead door. **159,900. Call Heather to view.**



101 ACRES OF FARM LAND WITH OLDER HOME BY RADWAY

SOLD \$425,000



FAMILY HOME IN THORHILD

SOLD \$179,900



UPGRADED HOUSE AND SHOP ONLY \$149,900

Cute house, gorgeous landscaping, and great shop all on a 105'x130' lot in the Hamlet of Newbrook, about 1 hour northeast of Edmonton, just off highway 63 to Fort McMurray and close to Long Lake Provincial Park. This 2 + 1 bdrm bungalow has seen many upgrades in the past few years including shingles, main floor flooring, bathroom upgrades to both the upper and lower floor bathrooms, new stair railing, lighting, paint, exterior and interior doors, baseboards and window trim. 36'x30' heated shop with single overhead door and lots of room to park an RV unit. Beautiful mature trees, firepit area, flower beds and lots of room for a future garden. Newbrook is on municipal water and sewer. **\$149,900. Call Heather for more info.**



GRAIN LAND NW OF THORHILD

80.21 acres of cultivated grain land just a few miles NW of Thorhild. Mostly open cultivated land with a dugout and spring creek going through it. Good opportunity to add to your land holdings, start a hobby farm or could be a good holding property for investment with income potential. Excellent possibility of subdividing another 10 acres out of this property. Adjoining 80 acres with homesite is also listed for sale. **\$184,900. Call Heather for directions.**



80 ACRE HOBBY FARM WITH HOME BY THORHILD

This is one of the nicest modular homes I've seen. 2013 built 20x76 modular home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths for a total of 1520 sq ft. Lots of cabinets with all stainless steel appliances and island with sink and dishwasher. Large primary bedroom with walk in closet and 4 pce ensuite with corner soaker tub and separate shower stall. Garden doors from the dining area lead to maintenance free front deck. Posts have been sunk into the ground for future back deck as well. Gorgeous firepit area amongst the trees behind the home. Extremely private property surrounded by mature trees. About 50 acres of the west end of the property is hay land and there is a dugout and some pasture land. Auto waterer in pasture. Comes with a vinyl sided storage shed and horse shelter. **\$399,900 plus gst. Call Heather to view.**



78.53 ACRES FOR THE NATURE LOVER

Gorgeous fully treed land about 1 hour north of Edmonton in Thorhild County. Approximately half large, mature spruce trees with the south end deciduous trees. There is an access off the range road and a trail was cut into a bit of clearing for camping. It has become a bit overgrown but could easily be cleared out once again. Great opportunity to build your cabin or dream home. Great for hunting or nature lovers with lots of wildlife. Owners have seen lots of deer and moose. Excellent possibility of subdividing a 10 acre parcel from this piece. Adjoining 80 acres with homestead also for sale. **\$147,500 Call Heather for directions.**



COMMERCIAL LOT IN THORHILD

Great exposure for this lot as it's located right on the corner of two major highways. This 1.07 acre lot is fully fenced with chain-link fencing and has had geotech fabric laid down with many, many yards of gravel on top which gives a very solid base. So many possibilities here. Storage lot for equipment or rvs. Build a drive through restaurant, motel, bar. Bring your imagination. **\$114,900 Call Heather for more info.**



7.02 ACRES BY REDWATER

What a great opportunity for a future hobby farm just a mile north of Sturgeon County boundary NE of Redwater. Over 1700 sq ft 2+1 bdrm home built in 2001 with heated double det'd garage. Main floor features huge kitchen, living room, huge front entry, hot tub room (could be renovated to bedroom or office), den, 2 bdrms and 1 1/2 baths. Finished basement has a 3rd bdrm, 3 pce bath and family room. Features oak cabinets with island, wood stove, and huge tiered back deck. Absolutely gorgeous landscaping with many mature planted trees. There is a large grass area south of the yard with a dugout that would make a great future horse pasture. Storage shed, chicken coop and other outbuildings would make other great animal shelters. Less than a half hour to Fort Saskatchewan and only a few miles from highway 63 if heading to Fort Mac to work. **\$325,000. Call Heather to view.**



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