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## An annual Christmas musical tradition resumes in Morinville



The Morinville minstrels perform in this file photo. The Minstrels are once again organizing the annual Community Christmas Celebration, an event that started 44 years ago and was halted the past two years.

- Morinville Online Photo

By Stephen Dafoe and Morinville Online

A Morinville holiday tradition will take place at Morinville Community Cultural Centre in two weeks, marking the event's 42nd year and the first time since 2019. The Community Christmas Celebration, an interdenominational Musical Jubilee, takes place on December 22 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free; however, attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the Morinville Food Bank.

Former Morinville teacher, school board trustee, and Citizen of the Year John Unsworth started the annual celebration in 1978. The event has been a holiday staple in Morinville ever since; however, the pandemic and the loss of St. Jean Baptiste Church halted the event for the past two years.

The Morinville Minstrels took over the event from a dedicated team of volunteers six years ago and, having found a new venue, are once again organizing this year's concert.

Organizers say the evening's celebration "warms people's hearts and fills them with the spirit of the Christmas Season" as singers share their talents, singing together, joining hands, and creating a sense of community.

"It's a great event. We bring people together," said Morinville Minstrel and organizing committee member Judy Baker. "It's like the beginning of Christmas. This event has been going on for 42 years, and it brings people together - brings the community together. It's just a fun time."

This year's event will include The Morinville Minstrels, The Father's House, Morinville Community High School Band, and other groups and soloists performing Christmas songs.

Baker and her fellow organizers hope to fill St. Jean Baptiste Church for the celebration.

"Come and enjoy the evening and relax. It gives you the spirit of Christmas," Baker said.

The event originally scheduled to take place at Morinville Community High School changed venues to the Morinville Community Cultural Centre after a sponsorship donation from Pleasant Homes and Morinville Online/MorinvilleNews.com.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Tournament held over the weekend



U9 players took part in the 4 the Love of the Game Tournament over the weekend in memory of Dennis Blair Borduzak. The weekend's games started in Morinville with the Sturgeon Mustangs U303 taking on the CN Spurs. An alumni game was also held on Saturday night in Legal. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Tournament held over the weekend

By Stephen Dafoe and Morinville Online

Thirty-three years after Novice hockey player Dennis Blair Borduzak died, his memory is kept alive through a memorial tournament that celebrated its 25th year over the weekend.

The annual Love of the Game Tournament took place in Morinville and Legal from December 8 to 11, and brought together 16 local and visiting teams from across five divisions for 60 games of hockey.

Borduzak died following his Novice (now U9) year of hockey in 1989. The tournament's name pays homage to the late hockey player's number 4 jersey, which was retired in Legal in 2004.

"This is the 25th Anniversary of this tournament. This is huge. The name speaks for itself, 25th Anniversary," said organizer Tasha Tappauf prior

to the weekend-long event.

"It's just amazing that our little communities (Morinville and Legal) have been putting this tournament on now for 25 years. That's a celebration in itself. We obviously must be doing something right if this tournament is consistently well-known within the Alberta hockey community and sought after."

Tappauf was not alone in expressing enthusiasm for the annual memorial event. Tournament organizing committee member Kaylee Hewitt said being new to helping out, she had no idea how much hard work and heart are put into the events.

"As I left a committee meeting with a handful of notes and to-dos, I became emotional thinking about the family and what this must mean to them," Hewitt said. "I thought, If I ever found myself in the

same situation as this family and lost one of my children, and had the support and love of strangers that sat in a room to organize a tribute tournament for him, imagine how much that would mean to me. Sometimes it's about so much more than hockey."

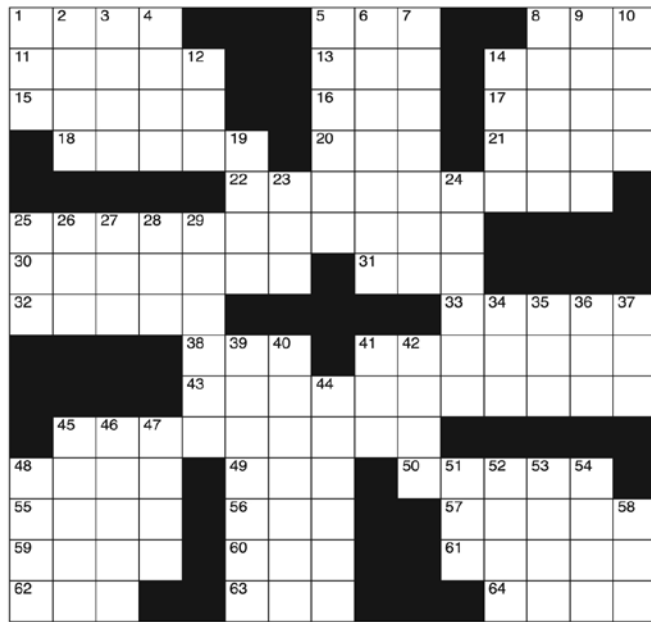
Organizers held two special events on Saturday, Dec. 10, in Legal. The first was the Borduzak ceremonial puck drop, and the second was an Alumni game featuring Dennis' past teammates from the 88-89 Novice hockey team.

The game was coached by their former coaches who came out-to-play members of the Borduzak family, family friends, and members of the community.

Organizers said they will donate a portion of the funds raised from the 50/50 draw and raffles during the event to a local initiative in honour of Dennis' legacy.

## CROSSWORD

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### Crossword Clues

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
- 5. Supervises interstate commerce
- 8. Touch lightly
- 11. Relating to bees
- 13. Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 14. Mosuo culture religion
- 15. Italian village
- 16. Stiff bristle
- 17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
- 18. Cause to lose courage
- 20. Examines animals
- 21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Having easily perceived thoughts
- 30. Removed surgically
- 31. Principle underlying the

**CLUES DOWN**

- 2. Imitated
- 3. Latvian capital
- 4. Irish goddess
- 5. Taste
- 6. Dried
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Mother of Perseus
- 9. Evergreen coniferous trees
- 10. Refuse to comply
- 12. Negative
- 14. Hyphen
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. One who tends the furnace
- 25. Small amount
- 26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. The whole quantity
- 28. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
- 29. One's opinion
- 32. Popular airline
- 33. Antelopes
- 38. Peacock network
- 41. Utter repeatedly
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Father
- 49. Popular BBQ dish
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Atomic mass unit
- 57. Afflicted in mind or body
- 59. Indian mythological figure
- 60. Mild expression of surprise
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Brew
- 63. Doctor of Education
- 64. Impudence

- 32. Popular airline
- 33. Antelopes
- 34. Holds ashes
- 35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
- 36. Side-blotched lizards genus
- 37. Legislator (abbr.)
- 39. Concentrated bombardment
- 40. Took for oneself
- 41. Nigerian City
- 42. Thousands of pounds
- 44. Inspired
- 45. Secret clique
- 46. Expression
- 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Comedian Carvey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resistance fighters
- 58. Criticize

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On Saturday, December 3, the Gibbons Fire Department and the Town Of Gibbons put together a Christmas Party where they congratulated Chief Eric Lowe on 25 years of service. In honour of his dedication to the Gibbons Fire Department and to the Town of Gibbons, the Gibbons Fire Hall has been re-named The Eric D. Lowe Fire Hall. – Town of Gibbons Photos



# A Successful Cocktail Reception for Fill A House Campaign!

Jandel Homes hosted its annual Fill A House cocktail reception and silent auction last night (December 6) at their Meadows of Morinville Sales Centre.

They once again partnered with the Morinville Adopt A Family program, which helps ensure that families in Morinville and Sturgeon County enjoy a wonderful Christmas season by providing them with Christmas hampers.

“We are so happy to return to an in-person event this year! The last two years,

we’ve had to hold our auction online due to Covid, so it was great to see everyone’s faces again last night. We know it’s been a tough couple years for many families, so we are even

more blessed to be able to help those in need this Christmas season.”

Not counting 2022, the Fill A House campaign has generated over 4,600 toy donations, brought in 9,600 food items and raised more than \$109,000 in monetary contributions!

Donations of toys, non-perishable food items and toiletries are being accepted at the Meadows of Morinville Sales Centre until December 9th. The Fill A House Campaign will wrap up with its cheque presentation on December 13th.



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## Sturgeon County to continue engaging regional partners on Villeneuve Airport area before presenting to EMRB

Sturgeon County withdrew its application to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) – which details its plans for the Villeneuve Airport area – and will resubmit those plans in the new year.

The EMRB's 13 member municipalities were set to review the application for the Villeneuve Airport Area Structure Plan (VAA ASP) on December 8. The County

withdrew the application to allow for additional consultation with regional partners before resubmitting in early 2023.

*“The Villeneuve Airport is a key regional economic asset. While we are confident in our application, we see this as an opportunity to further engage our regional partners and strengthen our plan, which will support more than \$1.8 billion in economic benefit and more than 1,750 jobs in the*

*region.” - Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw*

Municipalities must refer new development plans to the EMRB – a requirement under the Municipal Government Act – so plans can be evaluated for consistency with the EMRB's Regional Growth Plan. In its recommendation to EMRB members, EMRB administration identified a few items in Sturgeon County's application that it considered

to be inconsistent with the Regional Growth Plan.

The VAA ASP is a development framework, and its approval means new investors can confidently consider investing in the region. The plan carries out the direction of the Villeneuve Airport

Area Master Plan, which provides an overall vision for future development in the area. The VAA ASP creates future-ready development strategies and demonstrates a tenacious focus on local and regional economic growth and diversification.

The lands surrounding the Villeneuve Airport are prime for investment in many sectors, including aviation and aerospace, defence, research and testing, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy research, agri-innovation and logistics.

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The Morinville Community Library has been mixing crafts, recipes and Christmas stories for the second year as a lead-up to Christmas. The 24 Days to Christmas Countdown, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morinville-Sturgeon, started on December 1 and runs until Christmas Eve on December 24. Each day, the library's website features a story video, craft instructions, or a recipe prepared for patrons and their families to enjoy. You can find details on each day's activity at <https://www.morinvillelibrary.ca/programs/24days> or you can visit the Library for a sheet of QR codes to access the program. – Stephen Dafeo Photo

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The Rotary Club of Morinville-Sturgeon's Brian Reed (left) and Monty Johnson (right) presented a \$400 cheque to students of Morinville Community High School for their HOWL's Lunch program. HOWL's Lunch program rewards students for their honour, leadership, team work and spirit. - **Submitted Photo**



# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)

Aries, no matter how much you try to tip the odds in your favor, this week is much more about the luck of the draw. Keep a positive outlook and things may turn out in your favor.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21)

Taurus, if winter's chill is getting you down, you may want to plan a getaway to somewhere warmer. That may be just what you need to recharge.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)

The two sides of your personality are lately at odds with one another, Gemini. You have to make an important decision, so seek out a friend for advice.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22)

Cancer, you lean toward an optimistic view on most things, but it is alright to be realistic at some points along the way, or even slightly skeptical. Balance is key.

**LEO** (July 23 - August 23)

Leo, if you are feeling under the weather this week, you will have to put on a smile and push through. It is the holidays, after all. Seek as much help as others can muster.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, you are on borrowed time regarding your finances. Take a careful look at your budget this week and make the tweaks necessary to stay afloat if income wanes.

**LIBRA** (September 23 - October 23)

A companion animal in your life needs some attention, Libra. There may be some vet bills to contend with, but luckily you can handle that without much issue.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)

The activity you have been turning to provide mental stimulation just may not be cutting it any longer. Start to explore some other options and see if there may be a better fit, Scorpio.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

A health issue that has been getting the better of you for some time will be resolved for in the days to come, Sagittarius. It'll be birthday good news. Start celebrating.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Capricorn, after a tumultuous few weeks, things in your life finally settle down. Embrace the opportunity to rest and do not take on any new projects until next year.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, things may not be going completely according to plan on the professional front. But at home you have gotten into a solid groove. Use this win to boost your mood.

**PISCES** (February 19 - March 20)

There is much more to a situation than meets the eye, Pisces. Delve deeper to learn about a person's true motivation.

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### 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.**



### 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.**



### 7.02 ACRES BY REDWATER

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### STARTER HOME WITH HEATED GARAGE

Perfect starter home, retirement home or for an investor in Thorhild. Comes with a fantastic 26'x24' insulated, heated garage built in 2008. Garage has a steel i-beam to lift motors and two 10' high overhead doors. The home features a newer electrical panel, linoleum and laminate flooring, furnace and h/w tank. There is 1 bedroom and a 3 piece bath on the upper floor. Bsmt has a toilet and shower in the laundry room. The rest of the basement is one open room. There is a sink and small cabinets in this room as well. Large back deck, gas line for bbq, storage shed and beautiful mature trees complete this property. **\$99,900 Call Heather to view.**



### 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.**



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#### AFFORDABLE LIVING IN MORINVILLE!

Main floor has an open concept kitchen and dining room, living room with french doors and beautiful brick fireplace, 4pc bath, primary bedroom with 2pc ensuite and two additional bedrooms (one with laundry). Lower level has an additional large bedroom, den, separate toilet, sink, and storage room with shower. Outside is a 25" x 22" garage and large yard with two storage sheds and garden space that is gorgeous in the summertime! This bungalow shows pride of ownership with many updates - freshly painted, new driveway put in 2018, updated windows, flooring, countertops, screen doors, eavestroughs, garage door, hot water tank, plumbing fixtures - and humidifier and reverse osmosis put in this year! **\$339,900. Call Glenn or Tara 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 rv's. Build a drive through restaurant, motel, bar. Bring your imagination. **\$114,900 Call Heather for more info.**



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