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MCHS is hosting Cheer Provincials this spring

By Stephen Dafoe
and Morinville Online

The Morinville Community High School (MCHS) Cheer team returned from Athabasca on February 4 with four first-place finishes.

MCHS took first place in Game Day and All-Girl Division for their zone and the CheerFest competition overall.

"It [the competition] acts as both our north central zone qualification and the CheerFest cheer competition," explained MCHS Cheer coach Amanda Bulger.

"This year, we have a very hard-working group of young ladies.

We have 18 athletes ranging from grades 9 to 12."

But the four wins are not the only point of pride for the school regarding cheer. The school will host this year's provincials.

That event, taking place at the Morinville Leisure Centre (MLC) on April 14 and 15, will see between 12 and 16 teams competing, each consisting of five to 30 athletes. It is the first time the school has hosted a provincial competition since the 1990s.

"We put in a bid to host back in 2019. The plan was to host in April of 2021, but when Covid hit in 2020, the Provincial

Championship was cancelled only weeks before it was set to go," Bulger said.

"So the teams that were set to host before us got the opportunity to host before it came to us."

Bulger said she sees the upcoming provincials as a good opportunity for the team, school, and community.

"Due to the specific requirements needed for a cheer competition to run, we never had the opportunity, as we never had the physical space here in Morinville," Bulger explained, noting that the competition needs

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Morinville Community High School's Cheer Team practices their routines on Monday, February 6, after taking four first-place wins at CheerFest in Athabasca on February 4. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**



Morinville Jets end a solid season with their ninth straight win

The Morinville Junior B Jets ended their 2022-2023 regular season with an 11-3 win over the Edmonton Royals. Sunday night's win was the Jets' ninth consecutive win. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**
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a complete set of mats for teams to warm-up and practice on right before they go on to the competition mat. "So without two gyms or a large enough space in one building, it just wasn't an option for us. With the Morinville Leisure Centre, that changed things and gave us the opportunity to place a bid to host."

Bulger and the team are excited to bring the Provincial Championships to Morinville and build awareness of the sport of cheerleading.

"We have three successful cheer programs here in town, at St. Kateri, G.H. Primeau and MCHS, so it will be nice to get the word out so people can come to check it out for themselves and see what the world of cheer is all about," Bulger said.

The April 14 and 15 event is open to the public, and Bulger said she would love to fill up the bleachers at the MLC.

"The competitions will be held on the arena side of the MLC, so there will be plenty of room for spectators to come and check it out," Bulger

said, noting tickets will be sold at the door. Although the time is yet to be determined, Bulger said the competition would start on Friday evening with Day 1 of the ASAA (Alberta Schools Athletic Association) Highschool Provincial Cheerleading Championships.

Saturday morning will start with the ACA (Alberta Cheerleading Association) Elementary and Junior High Provincial Championships.

"Both the teams from St. Kateri and G.H. Primeau will be competing in this event," Bulger said.

"The elementary and junior high event will consist of one event, with awards being presented at the end. Then on Saturday afternoon, Day 2 of the ASAA High School Provincial Cheerleading Championships will commence."

High school teams will compete on Days 1 and 2 with scores tabulated and awards given based on teams' two-run totals.

MCHS will compete in two divisions this year: the All Girls Advanced Division and the Game Day Division.

"The All Girl Advanced routine is a two-and-a-half-minute routine consisting of a cheer, stunts, tumbling, jumps and dance," Bulger said.

"The Game Day routine is three minutes and consists of four shorter routines that would be performed on the sidelines of a sporting event. The stunts and tumbling are not as elaborate and complex due to the nature of the division, but Game Day has become a personal favourite of mine due to the high energy and crowd-leading aspect of it."

Bulger said the upcoming competition would bring MCHS up against some of the best high school teams in the province.

"It's sure to be an impressive event showcasing a great amount of talent," she said.

The MCHS Cheer Team is currently looking for sponsors to partner to help offset some of the event costs.

Those interested in becoming sponsors can contact Morinville Community High School.



Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Light snacks and refreshment will be served.

We look forward to seeing you.

**When: Thursday February 16th, 2023
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An open letter to Morinville residents

Morinville's Infrastructure Services Team is responsible for snowclearing of more than 60 km of roadways and nine parking lots. They are often the first ones on the roads and understand how poor road conditions affect the daily commute.

Heavy equipment operators work under challenging conditions and immense pressure to get things done quickly and safely for the community.

The Town's snow program relies on the direction provided by the Snow and Ice Control Policy, which defines the level of service to be delivered and sets thresholds for clearing snow on different street types.

A recent policy review maintained the threshold for residential road clearing at 15 cm of compacted snow – balancing factors such as safety, cost, and community feedback. Roads may become more difficult to travel as snow levels approach the threshold.

The Town takes its responsibility seriously for providing a safe work environment while delivering the snow program. While frustration is understandable, it is no excuse for the abuse that is being levelled at Town staff while performing their duties.

The following behaviours are unacceptable and will not be tolerated:

- Verbal harassment
- Threatening behaviours
- Physical altercations and abuse
- Physically impeding their work

Please give our employees room to do their work safely and treat them with respect. They are simply performing their duties as directed by our approved service levels.

Our employees have been stopped in the

streets while operating their equipment, only to be cursed at or have objects thrown at them. While causing distress and slowing road clearing progress, it is also creating an unsafe work environment.

It is my legislated and moral obligation to ensure the safety of our staff – an obligation that I take very seriously. That is why I have asked that these incidents be reported, including those requiring intervention from Enforcement Services.

Many of our staff are members of this community, and it saddens me to have to share that they are experiencing harassment outside of the workplace. Several no longer feel comfortable going out in public to shop or pick up their children from school. I ask you to please be respectful of their personal time and use the proper channels to provide your concerns and feedback.

Resident feedback is welcomed and appreciated when provided respectfully and through the appropriate channels.

The best way to connect with us or report a concern related to snow and ice is by visiting: www.morinville.ca/concern. For additional information about Morinville's snow program, please visit our winter maintenance page at www.morinville.ca/snow.

Because of the feedback we have received to date, we will undertake a survey in the early spring. This will provide a forum for residents to express their feedback regarding the snow program.

Best Regards,
Naleen Narayan
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Morinville

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For Disposal of Municipal Reserve Land

You are invited to participate in a Public Hearing regarding the disposal of a portion of Town-owned land designated as Municipal Reserve (MR) and legally described as Plan 072 8989; Block 10; Lot 40MR. Please email Legislative Services at legislativeofficer@morinville.ca by 4 p.m. on **February 27, 2023**, with your written comments, or to register to speak in person. These comments will be reviewed as part of the public hearing process. A copy of the report relating to the public hearing can be found by visiting www.morinville.ca/councilcalendar and selecting the link to the February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

What is the Disposal of MR Land about?

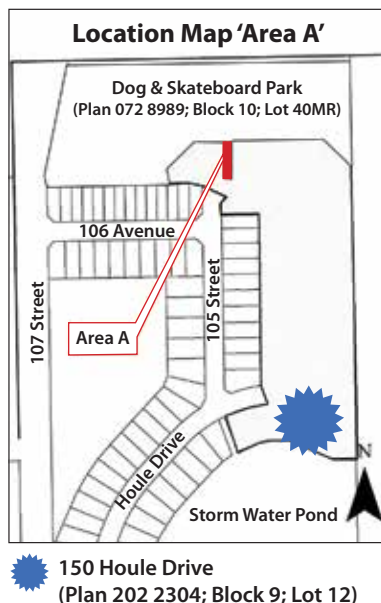
A portion of Town-owned land designated as Municipal Reserve (MR) is shown in map (Area A, marked in red). The purpose of its disposal is to allow for consolidation with the adjacent parcel located at 150 Houle Drive for residential development. This will not impact existing amenities provided on the adjacent site, such as the dog park and skateboard park. Town Administration supports this proposal as it aligns with the Town's plans and policies.

Public Hearing for Disposal of MR Land:

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023,
at 4 p.m.**
Civic Hall, 10125 100 Avenue,
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How Do I Get More Information?

Any questions regarding the proposed amendment, contact: Planning and Economic Development at 780-939-7635 or planning@morinville.ca.



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Legal School chosen as grant recipient



The GSACS (Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools) Education Foundation Group chose Legal School as the recipient of their most recent grant that allowed the school to buy two class sets of decodable books that can be used for the Division 1 home reading program!

The Legal School was awarded the grant approval in late December.

The school is grateful to FOLSS (Friends of Legal School Society) for their monetary contribution towards the remainder of the project costs.

The funding of this project allowed the purchase of sets of books with a variety of decodable texts that have high interest topics.

This will allow students to build upon, practice and use their newfound literacy skills. Reading research

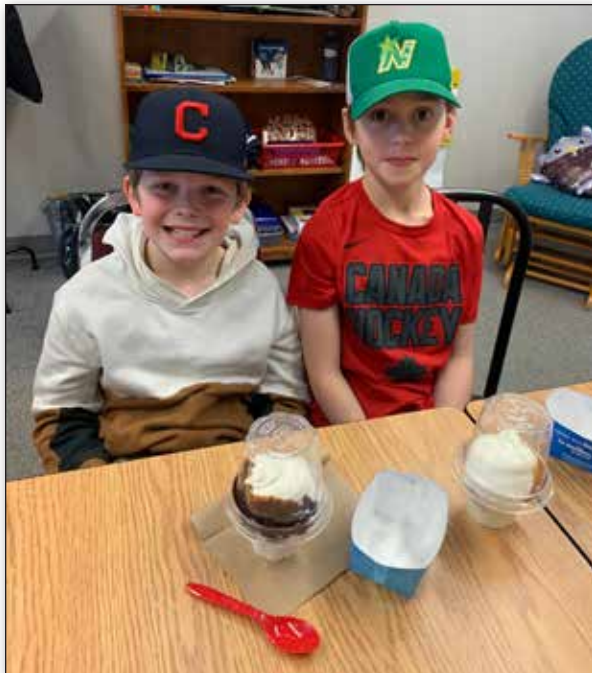
has identified that student success is enhanced through innovative pedagogy related to the Science of Reading.

The ability to acquire books and resources to support this pedagogy naturally ignites creativity and new ideas among the staff.

Some high-interest decodable books were also purchased for students in Division 2.

Decodable text can also be used for students in older grades so that they are successful and confident at reading books that can be decoded quite easily.

The staff is very passionate in their professional development and devoted to effectively implementing strategies that are research-based to improve student learning and engagement and quite excited to use these new resources.



On Friday, the Legal Catholic School honored the Titans for their outstanding display of being Safe, Proud, Responsible, and Respectful (SPRR) students during the month of January. The celebration included a DQ luncheon in recognition of their exemplary behavior.



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Fun By The Numbers:

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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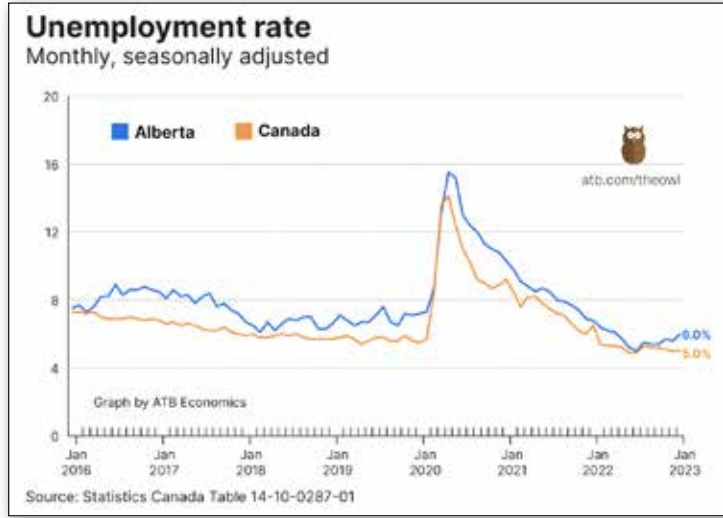
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- LEARNING
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- QUIET
- REFERENCE
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- STUDY



Jobs added in January

Employment in Alberta in January 2023* increased by 0.9% or about 20,700 positions compared to December 2022 – the fourth monthly increase in a row.

However, because growth in the number of people searching for work in the province grew at a faster rate than total employment, Alberta's unemployment rate in January rose to 6.0% from 5.6%** in December.

The national economy added about 150,000 jobs for a monthly increase of 0.8%.

This was the fifth consecutive uptick. The national unemployment rate was unchanged from the month before at 5.0%. Compared to January 2022, employment in Alberta was 0.9% higher (+99,400 positions) and by 0.8% (+746,300) nationally.

*The Labour Force Survey estimates for January are for the week of January 15 to 21, 2023.

**Alberta's unemployment rate in December 2022 was originally estimated to be 5.8% but was revised down to 5.6% by Statistics Canada.

Morinville Jets end a solid season with their ninth straight win



Stephen Dafoe Photo

By Stephen Dafoe and Morinville Online

The Morinville Junior B Jets ended their 2022-2023 regular season at home Sunday, February 5, squaring off against the Edmonton Royals. In that contest, the Jets emerged with an 11-3 win over the Royals, their ninth consecutive win.

The Jets were strong on Sunday night, leading the Royals 3-1 after one and 8-2 after two. By that point in the game, the Jets outshot the Royals 45-15.

The final frame saw the Royals grab one more, while the Jets grabbed another three to take the game 11-3.

Sunday night's win brings the Jets to a 28-9-1 record this season for 57

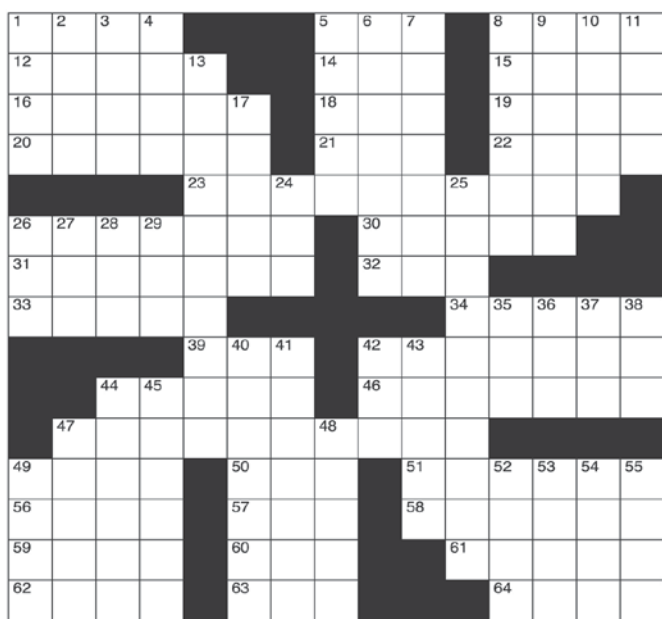
points and second place in the CJHL's West Division.

At the time of their last game on February 5, it was certain the Jets had a spot in the upcoming playoffs, it was not certain that they would have a first-round bye with St. Albert.

The third-place North Edmonton Red Wings still had two games left in their season, and winning both of those games would have knocked the Jets out of second place. However, the Red Wings fell 4-2 to the Stony Plain Flyers on Wednesday, February 8, putting them out of any hopes of second place. As such, the Morinville Jets will sit out the first round of the CJHL playoffs and enter the second round when the opening round concludes.

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CROSSWORD



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64. Christian ___, designer

CLUES DOWN

1. Cuckoos
2. Skin issue
3. City in central Japan
4. Sorrels
5. Twinned diamond
6. Canadian province
7. Monetary units
8. Head honcho
9. Goddess of wisdom
10. Part of a play
11. Get rid of
13. Applicant
17. Bowling alleys have many
24. Explosive
25. "The Say Hey Kid"
26. Ultrahigh frequency
27. No (Scottish)
28. Make a mistake
29. Credit card term
35. Keyboard key
36. Woman (French)
37. In the middle of
38. Score perfectly
40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
41. Deadly disease
42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
43. Belch
44. Member of U.S. Navy
45. "In ___": separate from others
47. Examine extensively
48. Adjust
49. Tattle
52. Actor Pitt
53. Gulls
54. Within
55. Exceptionally talented performer

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. River in Tuscany
5. A way to represent
8. Rocker's guitar
12. Civil Rights group
14. Brew
15. Scratch
16. W. Asian country
18. The Eye Network
19. Clarified butter
20. Part of the Cascade Range
21. Downwind
22. A way to steer
23. Loop
26. Not ingested
30. Swampy coniferous forest
31. Musician
32. Signing
33. Containing iron
34. Part of a theorem or proof
39. Veterans battleground (slang)
42. Of enormous proportions
44. Italian city
46. Come before
47. Balm
49. Undergarments
50. Male parent
51. Ropes
56. Ear part
57. Investment vehicle
58. Dictator
59. Cain and ___
60. A type of code
61. Border river along India and Nepal
62. It's what's for dinner
63. Consume

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It sounds like the students at École Notre Dame Morinville had a blast with their crazy hair do's last week! This is a fun and creative way for kids to express themselves and show their individuality. Allowing students to let loose and have fun with their hair can also help to create a positive and relaxed atmosphere in the school. Celebrating unique and creative hairstyles can promote self-confidence and encourage students to embrace their individuality. It's always great to hear about students having fun and being creative! - École Notre Dame Morinville

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

You might feel caught up in a daze this week, Aries. Your mind continues to wander, but your thoughts will settle down soon enough.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Make an effort to bring more people onto your side, Taurus. You can't possibly win everyone over, but others might be receptive to your ideas with the right approach.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

A sit down with a higher-up could be in order soon, Gemini. Explain your attributes and what you have been doing for the company and make an effort to compromise, if necessary.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Cancer, you are still following through with resolutions to be more organized. Start slowly and build up to bigger projects when you gain confidence in your abilities.

LEO (July 23 - August 23)

Celestial energy has you temporarily doubting your abilities, Leo. Normally you are quite confident in your creativity. Give things a little time to settle down.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, excitement could be on the horizon. Caution is needed, but don't hesitate to embrace the renewed vigor this development inspires.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23)

Libra, this week you may start micromanaging other people without even realizing it. You certainly want things to be in order, but sometimes you have to let others be.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Retail therapy has its allure this week, Scorpio. If you must buy, direct your purchasing dollars toward a sweetheart for Valentine's Day or another special occasion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Sagittarius, ground yourself with the small luxuries in your life that bring you joy. This could be the company of friends or cherished mementos.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Misinformation seems to circulate with ease, but don't believe everything you hear this week, Capricorn. You may need to do some fact-checking of your own.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, you could be tempted to indulge in a little gossip as the rumors start flying this week. Take the high road and resist the urge to join in.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)

Pisces, if you feel a little off your game this week, find a friend who can offer you a pep talk. That's all you need to bounce back.

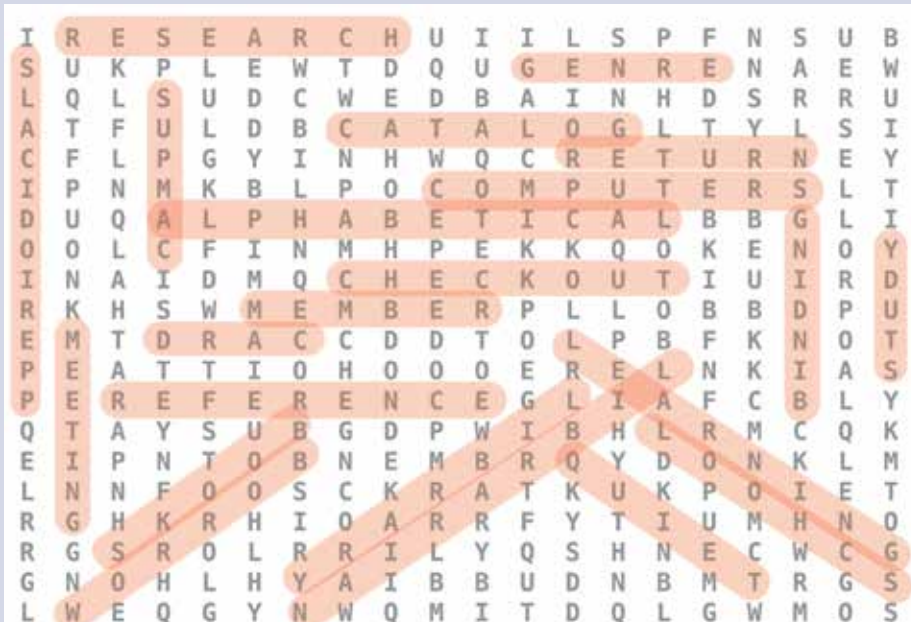
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