

Ice Rescue important part of Morinville Fire Department training



Captain Steven Holubowich demonstrates manoeuvring out of a hole in the ice during ice rescue training on the Morinville Fish and Game Association pond on Sunday, April 16. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

By Stephen Dafoe

Those taking advantage of the warm weather on April 15 and 16 with a stroll around the Fish and Game Association pond may have noticed some commotion on the ice, people who had fallen through.

But the individuals in yellow suits were in the water intentionally, party of two days of ice rescue training conducted by the Morinville Fire Department.

Morinville Fire Department Deputy Chief of Training and Logistics Charles Lavallee

said the department has three in-house ice rescue trainers, all certified three years ago.

“We can provide our own ice rescue training now that I have certified trainers in-house,” Deputy Chief Lavallee said. “Two of them are training Captains, and one of them is the Platoon Captain that do all our ice rescue training from year-to-year.”

On Saturday, April 15, and Sunday, April 16, Captain Louis Lavallee and Captain Steven Holubowich took several Morinville firefighters

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From left: MCHS artists Dathon Potts, McKenzie Nolin, Danica Elliot and art teacher Tara Riccioppo (holding art by Romeo Anthony Courteoreille-Morin). - Stephen Dafoe Photo

Four MCHS Indigenous artists are taking part in ACACA art show

By Stephen Dafoe

This Mother’s Day weekend will see artists from all over displaying their art at Pembina Place in Redwater.

The annual Northern Zone Arts Show is run by the Alberta

Community Arts Club Association (ACACA) and hosted by the Redwater Art Society.

Four artists showcasing their art from May 12 to 14 are Dathon Potts, McKenzie Nolin, Danica Elliot, and Romeo Anthony

Courteoreille-Morin, four Indigenous students attending Morinville Community High School (MCHS) selected for sponsorship in the upcoming show.

“A friend of mine

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Roseridge Landfill Commission Recycling Coordinator Fred Cosgrove displays some of the materials accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Morinville on Saturday, May 13.

Roseridge hosting regional Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Morinville

As we say hello to warmer weather and the month of May, it is the perfect time to say goodbye to those cans, jars and bottles of cleaning solutions, old paint and other household hazardous waste products

accumulated over the year.

Roseridge Landfill Commission is hosting the first of two Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Roundups for 2023 in Morinville on May Saturday, May 13, from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Morinville Leisure Centre.

Participants do not need a landfill permit for this free event, and the event is open to the entire Sturgeon

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ELECTRONICS


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Household Hazardous Waste Roundup
Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Morinville Leisure Center parking lot

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Captain Steven Holubowich demonstrates ice rescue techniques during training on the Morinville Fish and Game Association pond on Sunday, April 16. – Stephen Dajoe Photo

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onto the ice to learn life-saving skills.

“We have these ice rescue water suits called Mustang Suits that are waterproof, that help the firefighters float in the water with these suits,” Deputy Chief Lavallee explained.

“It keeps them out of the ice-cold elements. We teach them how to get into these suits. They also learn different types of ice rescue techniques in order to perform ice rescue based on the victim’s capabilities of extricating themselves out of the water, or level of consciousness.” Lavallee said

firefighters learn several methods of retrieving people or animals from the water. The training always takes place as the ice starts to soften, and the danger of walking on it exists.

“To execute the training so it has some value to it, we have to wait until the ice is at that stage where you can break through; otherwise, it’s hard to teach when the ice is hard,” Lavallee explained.

“So we do wait until it softens up. It gives the guys the reality of the training – what they could come across in a real-life experience.”

Deputy Chief Lavallee said training is open for the entire department, but not all firefighters take it yearly due to job schedules.

This year, over half of the department’s 40 firefighters participated. The training saw the recertification of several firefighters, and the certifying of another 10.

“We feel it is a value for the town and the surrounding area because we have so many ponds in our town and surrounding area,” Lavallee said.

“It’s not something that’s utilized very often, but when you do need it, it’s great to have the capabilities of being able to perform that type of rescue for citizens of their pets.”



Morinville TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 27, 2023
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parking Lot of the Morinville Community Cultural Centre,
9502 100 Avenue
and individual homes in our community

Morinville’s Town Wide Garage Sale is back!

Join us at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre (MCCC) parking lot to enjoy some shopping and/or download the individual community garage sale map and choose where to shop! Food trucks will be on-site at the MCCC if you’d like to enjoy lunch out.

Registration Now Open

To register for rental space (\$20/each) at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre parking lot, have your address listed on the garage sale map (free) or for more information about the garage sale, please visit calendar.morinville.ca or call Community Services at 780-939-7839.

BYLAW 1618/23 Proposed Public Notification Bylaw

Notice of Proposed Bylaw and Public Hearing

In accordance with section 606.1 of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1618/23. The proposed Bylaw prescribes the methods of advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, and other things required to be advertised by Sturgeon County.

The Public Hearing will be held both in person and via videoconference:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

(or as soon as practical thereafter) at:

Sturgeon County Council Chambers
9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta T8R 1L9

In-person Speakers

If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register for the Public Hearing by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277.

Speakers participating through videoconference

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Requirements for all Speakers

All Speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.

Written Submissions

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission to Legislative Services by email at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions will be accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

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Alberta Government confirms funding for Hwy 642 Intersection improvements

At the April 25, Regular Meeting of council, Mayor Simon Boersma shared that he received a letter just prior to the meeting confirming that the Alberta Government has committed funds for intersection improvements.

In the letter, Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, confirmed that his department is committed to supporting improvements at the intersection of Highway 642 and Grandin Drive in the town of Morinville.

Transportation and Economic Corridors will contribute 60 percent of the project cost for the design and installation of the traffic signals at this intersection.

“This is an exceptionally heart-warming moment for me and all my council colleagues. We are working hard to ensure our residents’ safety while crossing HWY 642,” said Mayor Boersma. “The support from the Alberta Government is so appreciated, and I want to thank Ministers Nally and Dreesen for all their hard work on behalf of our community.”

Administration is working with Transportation and Economic Corridors toward executing a Memorandum of Agreement.

The balance of the funding is the responsibility of the Town of Morinville. This funding, which requires the approval of council, will be proposed for consideration in the 2024 capital budget.

Charging for the future



Left to Right: Councillor Larson, Minister Dale Nally, Mayor Holden, Councillor May, Councillor Laing, and Deputy Mayor Bidney.

Bon Accord is proud to introduce its 7 electric vehicle chargers! On Friday, April 21, Minister Dale Nally joined Bon Accord town council for a ribbon cutting to mark the official opening of Bon Accord’s electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

Two types of EV chargers are available for use: Level 2 and Level 3. Three Level 2 chargers are available at the town office. Three Level 2 and one Level 3 charger is available at the Bon Accord Arena. Level 2 chargers are free to use, while the level 3 charger incurs a fee per use.

Thank you to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) for bringing this opportunity to our community, and Dandelion Renewables for assisting with the grant application and installation.

The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a partnership of Alberta Municipalities, the

Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta. Funding for the Electric Vehicle Charging Program was provided by the Government of Alberta and Natural Resources Canada.

“We are proud to lead the “CHARGE”. Kudos to our town’s staff and Dandelion Renewables for their tireless effort to obtain grants and to gather all the required information to present to council. It was an easy decision, seven charging stations installed at no cost to our residents. Many of our ratepayers want to see their municipality accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles, including the installation of electric vehicle chargers.

Congratulations to all for working to keep our town in the forefront with its green initiatives!”

Brian Holden
Mayor – Town of Bon Accord



Emcee Barry Turner, Jodi Dancause and Lori McLaughlin take part in one of the big draws at the Morinville Fish and Game Association’s Brag Night held Saturday, April 22. – **Stephen Dafeo Photo**

PUBLIC HEARING - BYLAW 1621/23 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

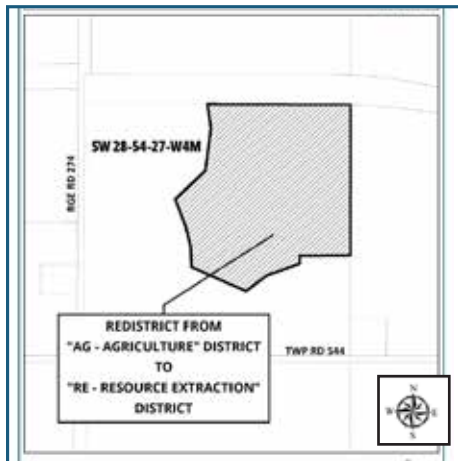
Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on proposed Bylaw 1621/23. This Bylaw proposes to redistrict a portion of land within SW-28-54-27-4 from AG – Agriculture District to RE – Resource Extraction District.

The Public Hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at:

Sturgeon County Council Chambers, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta.

The Public Hearing will also be livestreamed at sturgeoncounty.ca



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Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to **Jonathan Heemsker** in Planning and Development Services at jheemsker@sturgeoncounty.ca or **780-939-1398**.

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PUBLIC HEARING - BYLAW 1622/23 Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council is requesting public input on Bylaw 1622/23. This Bylaw proposes to redistrict a portion of NE-27-54-27-4 & NW-27-54-57-4 from AG – Agriculture District to RE – Resource Extraction District.

The Public Hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at:

Sturgeon County Council Chambers, 9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta.

The Public Hearing will also be livestreamed at sturgeoncounty.ca



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Any inquiries regarding the proposed Bylaw should be directed to **Rebecca Schapansky** in Planning and Development Services at rschapansky@sturgeoncounty.ca or **587-404-9866**.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20



Aries, even though you have been making great progress, you have some more work ahead of you this week. Overcome any distractions that get in your way.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21



Taurus, you may want to avoid crowds this week. Use this opportunity to enjoy some quiet, alone time to recharge. There will be time for socialization in the weeks ahead.

GEMINI May 22/June 21



You may be called in as a mediator this week, Gemini. It may be challenging to remain impartial, as you are friendly with both people involved. Tread carefully.

CANCER June 22/July 22



Cancer, there are a few decisions that you will need to make in the days to come and they are not to be taken lightly. Give each ample time and consider all angles.

LEO July 23/Aug 23



An opportunity all but falls into your lap, Leo. Make sure you jump on this because opportunity may not knock again. The benefits are too big to pass up.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22



There is not much more help you can lend to a situation, Virgo. This week you may have to accept that you have simply done all that you could do. Move on and focus on the future.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23



Expect some strange things to happen to you this week, Libra. The unexpected could be the breath of fresh air you need, especially if your schedule has been stagnant.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22



Scorpio, assist a loved one as much as you can this week. You may need to be a devoted caregiver or a listening ear. Whatever the case, handle it with undivided attention.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21



Sagittarius, a deep focus on health may compel you to get around to making some changes you've been planning. Embrace this newfound resolve.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20



Capricorn, allow others to take the lead when a project ends up coming across your desk. You could learn something from the expertise of others if you emulate their actions.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18



Aquarius, you have left no stone unturned in a situation that involves relocation. Now it is just a matter of wait and see. Give it a few weeks, then move on.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20



Pisces, others have very positive things to say about you, especially during the course of the next few days. Relish in their attention.

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Roseridge hosting regional Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Morinville

County Region, regardless of where participants live.

"Until our new facility opens in 2024, household hazardous wastes are not accepted at Roseridge. We ask that residents safely store their household hazardous waste on their property for these regional events, where they can dispose of them for free. These events help us keep these items out of the landfill."

Roseridge currently holds a spring and fall event. The second event of 2023 is planned for Gibbons in the fall.

"Roseridge has taken on this role from the municipalities to support a regional effort and collaboration," Berry said.

"Rather than each of the municipalities duplicating the service and offering it on their own, we're doing it on behalf of the entire region."

Household hazardous waste

products include, but are not limited to: acetone, ant/wasp spray, barbecue starters, antifreeze, car waxes and polishes, glues, hair colouring, aerosol hair spray, nail polish remover, paint thinners, rechargeable batteries, shoe polish, spa and pool chemicals, weed killers and windshield washer solutions.

Household cleaners regarded as household hazardous waste include abrasive cleaners, aerosol air fresheners, all-purpose cleaners, ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, drain cleaners, fabric softeners, glass cleaners, laundry starch, laundry stain removers, mildew removers, oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, toilet cleaners, and tub and tile cleaners.

"If you are unsure, bring it," Berry said, noting the default should be to bring everything.

In addition to the household


hazardous waste, the event will include an electronics roundup where they will accept anything with a plug, from old hair dryers to television sets.

The Prospects Hockey Club will also collect automotive batteries to fund their program during the event. Barry and the Commission hope for another successful event and encourage the area's residents to come out regardless of whether they live in Morinville, Redwater or anywhere throughout Sturgeon County.

"It's completely free. It's convenient. It's in town. Stop in and bring it, even if you have one or two items," Barry said.

"Bring those one or two items and keep them out of the landfill." Roseridge Landfill Commission is a regional partnership between Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Sturgeon County, and Redwater.

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Danny Getzlaf looks at an Oilers logo donated by Coach's Corner to the Morinville Fish and Game Association's Annual Brag Night, held Saturday, April 22. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

MTR Toy Ride returns to the road in June

By Stephen Dafoe

It has been almost six years since Morinville business owner and motorcycle enthusiast Marty Robillard passed away at 54, but the fundraising motorcycle ride he helped get on the road continues again this year in his memory.

The Mr. MTR poker run will take place on Saturday, June 3, departing from the Gibbons Legion and making its way around the region.

The event is a partnership between the UN NATO Veterans Sturgeon Crew and the Morinville Lions Club. Proceeds from this year's event will go to the Veterans Association Food Bank.

Technical Automotives owner Deborah Robillard said her late husband loved to ride a motorcycle and particularly loved the annual scenic ride.

"It started with my husband, Marty. He always wanted to give back to the community,"

said Technical Automotives owner and Morinville Lions Club member Deb Robillard. "When he passed, we decided to turn it into a memorial run in his memory."

Since teaming up with the Sturgeon Crew vets, proceeds went to the Gibbons and Morinville Legion's Poppy Funds for the first two years. This year, proceeds will go to the Veterans Food Bank Association of Edmonton.

"A lot of the vets that participate in the run, it holds a place in their heart," Robillard said. "We're all for that as well, to help them in any way we possibly can."

Pre-registration for the ride is now open for \$25 per participant and \$20 per passenger. The price includes one poker card for the poker run, and participants can purchase additional cards at \$20. The best poker hand wins \$250, and participants do not need to be on the ride to buy poker cards.

Those interested in riding can register at Technical Automotives Inc. (9802 - 90 Ave., Morinville) or by calling 780-939-3976 or 780-970-8139.

Those wishing to register on the day of the ride will pay \$30 per rider and \$20 per passenger at the Legion. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Kickstands will go up at 10 a.m. sharp.

A post-ride barbecue is included with registration, and there will be a 50/50 draw, poker run and door prizes.

"Come out. Support the cause," Robillard said. "It's very important, not just to the vets, but everyone else. They've sacrificed a lot to give us the freedoms we have today."

Robillard said organizers hope those not riding will come out to the Gibbons Legion to support the event by purchasing a hamburger at the barbecue, some 50/50 tickers or poker cards.

Change to operational hours at Morinville Town Hall

Please be advised that effective May 1, the operational hours of Morinville Town Hall will be:

- Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a lunch closure between 12:30 and 1 p.m.
- Closed statutory holidays.

In addition to in-person, the Town of Morinville can be contacted in the following ways:

- Through our website at: www.morinville.ca or by calling 780-939-4361.
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Four MCHS Indigenous artists are taking part in ACACA art show

asked if we'd be interested in sending some student art to the Redwater Art Show," said MCHS art teacher Tara Riccioppo, noting that the art will travel to other shows after the upcoming event.

"The Redwater Art Society offered to sponsor [students] that had Indigenous backgrounds. There are seven students showing, and four have Indigenous roots.

Four Artists - Four Styles

Artist Romeo Anthony Courteoreille-Morin's interest in art began at an early age.

"I can remember I started out with crayons and stuff like that, and I started to venture more with the medium as I aged," Courteoreille-Morin said, noting that oil paints are the preferred style these days.

"My main style is graphite on paper or oil on canvas. I like to go for more of a blotchy look. I feel it adds more personality to the characters I paint. I like artists like Van Gogh." Beyond that, the artist takes inspiration from the people and places Courteoreille-Morin encounters.

For 15-year-old Danica Elliott, COVID boredom prompted her to pick up the art supplies. "I was bored out of my mind, and I just started doodling on paper," she said. "I got my first sketchbook and

started moving on in art. I got really interested in realism and animals."

Elliott said adding shade and being able to change the shape of an animal through the use of shading is what attracts her to the style.

Sixteen-year-old McKenzie Nolin said art began in childhood. "I drew a lot when I was a little kid," Nolin said. "I practised every day for hours on end, and I just saw a lot of passion in it." Nolin's art aims for realism; the artist works in various mediums.

While the other artists present their creations mainly in two dimensions, Dathon Potts' work is in three, through masks. Potts said his start in art happened when he had a couple of ideas. "I looked at folklore for a bit, and I decided to get some ideas off of it," Potts said, adding his creations started on paper in one of the sketchbooks he got for his birthday. "Then I just got thinking, 'I can make masks.' I could try my best."

That trying produced results. First, a mask of a deer, and secondly, a gas mask, then an executioner - each focusing on the fearful.

"It's kind of like the Wendigo - the deer, the one that hunts down people and eats

them," Potts said. "I got the idea that this is something scary. I can make it."

Indigenous Influences

For the four artists, Indigenous culture plays varying roles in their art.

Courteoreille-Morin said none of the pieces created to date had been influenced by indigenous culture, but that may soon change.

"I have ideas in my sketchbook that I haven't actively painted yet."

Danica Elliott said being Métis has had a bit of an effect on her work. "Growing up Métis, I've always been taught to care for the Earth and care for the animals," the artist said.

"I like animals, so I just continue to draw animals. I think my culture has influenced that."

McKenzie Nolin said being Indigenous does not influence her art but that she'd love to express her culture in her art.

Dathan Potts' Wendigo mask is an example of an Indigenous influence in his work. "It's supposed to scare people. You're not supposed to talk about him," Potts said of the Indigenous folklore.

First Show For Artists

Three prominent ACCA-selected artists will jury the show, with selected works going to a province-wide show later this year.

The upcoming ACACA show is Courteoreille-Morin's first.

"I'm excited, definitely. A little nervous, too," the artist said. "I'm hoping to get some good critiques. I'm hoping to be able to further improve my technique."

Similarly, the Mother's Day weekend event is a first showing for Danica Elliott. "I think it's shocking because when I made these pieces, I was just doing it for myself," she said. "It's crazy to think that people from around Alberta and around the communities will see my art."

McKenzie Nolin is excited to take part in her first art show. "I'm excited but also nervous," Nolin said. "Being my first art show, I don't really know how it's going to go. I'm sure it'll be fun."

For Potts, though looking forward to the show, there is some reluctance that his creations may be gone after the art show and sale. "I also have hope that they will do good," Potts said.

Teacher Tara Riccioppo sees the upcoming show as a good experience for the student artists. "Their lives are changing so much, and there are not a lot of opportunities for this experience," she said, noting that many student artists only display their art online on galleries like DeviantArt. "It's great, but there is something about actually seeing an art show in person." Riccioppo said she is planning a field trip



Masks by MCHS artist Dathon Potts. - Stephen Dafeo Photo

on the first day of the event so students can experience the setup and display of an art show and network with other artists. "We would be a part of seeing all of the works," Riccioppo said. "They wouldn't just be handling their work but all of the works that are coming in for the exhibits and sculptures. It is a good experience to see how you view artwork."

Redwater Art Society has planned a weekend with music, vendors, wine, and a silent auction. The art show takes place the same weekend as the Town's Community Wide Garage Sale, allowing garage sale shoppers to see art in one trip to Redwater. More information on the event can be found at redwaterartsociety.ca.



COMMERCIAL LOT IN THORHILD

Great exposure for this lot as it's located right on the corner of two major highways in the Hamlet of Thorhild. 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. Thorhild has city water and sewer. **\$99,900. Call Heather for more info.**



2.32 ACRES FOR ONLY \$249,900

Great opportunity here for an affordable acreage in Sturgeon County, just a few miles west of Legal and less than 1/2 hour to Edmonton. 960 sq ft bungalow built in 1973. Kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms and 4 pce bath on main floor. Basement has a walkout door to the yard, 2 pce bathroom and is framed for 3 more bedrooms. Upgrades over the years include windows, kitchen cabinets, some flooring and complete bathroom upgrades. Both front and back decks have maintenance free railings. There is also a mechanical lift to allow access to the back deck and house with a wheelchair. The 2.32 acres is well treed and mostly fenced. There is an older garage that would also make a nice barn or large chicken coop along with a storage shed. Only 1 mile off pavement. **Call Heather to view.**



SMOKY LAKE BUNGALOW WITH HEATED GARAGE

Just over 1400sq.ft move in ready bungalow right in the heart of Smoky Lake. The kitchen was completely renovated in 2012, with new cabinets, built in hidden dishwasher, counter top gas stove, built in microwave and oven, beautiful hood fan, and engineered wood floors. There is a great butler's pantry with cabinets that match the kitchen. 2012 renos also include main floor bathrooms, new moulding and trim, main floor light fixtures, and a high efficiency furnace. The basement is prewired for surround sound for optimal movie night enjoyment. The oversized primary bedroom has 3 closets and 3 pce ensuite. The house boasts RAYOMAX windows and is a spacious open floor plan. Garage and house roof redone in 2009. The oversized 28X30 heated garage, low maintenance deck, and a newer fence complete this must see house. Smoky Lake has everything you need with doctors, dentist, grocery stores, close to many lakes and is about an hour and 15 min to Edmonton. **\$299,900. Call Janine 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.**



GORGEOUS ACREAGE CLOSE TO EDMONTON

A rural hillside gem! Walk into the foyer and see the living room to the left, flowing into a bright dining area right off a kitchen with GRANITE counter tops and updated appliances! The open concept kitchen has a casual dining space and den with HARDWOOD floors and a gas fireplace. The den opens to a large back deck with a beautiful gazebo and hot tub. The highlight of the main floor is the giant family room with a WET BAR! 2pc bath across the hall. Upstairs is a WHOLE WING for the primary bedroom - the bedroom itself with french doors, a bonus room, and a massive 4pc ensuite. Finishing up the upstairs are three additional bedrooms and a 4pc bathroom. Attached is a double oversized garage. If all of this still isn't enough space for you, there's a full basement for development opportunity! Situated on 1.54 acres this property is a green haven with beautiful gardens and a treed lot. Central AIR CONDITIONING, storage sheds and room for your RV. Easy access to Hwy 28 and Edmonton. Don't miss this treasure! **\$699,000. Call Glenn to view.**



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Beautifully upgraded 3 bdrm 2 bathroom 16x80 mobile home on a huge pie lot that backs onto a park in a cul-de-sac in Redwater. Home was built in 1991 and had a new metal roof and vinyl siding installed in 2007. Hot water tank was replaced in 2012. Since 2015 it has had a new furnace and air conditioner, new appliances, new high end laminate and linoleum throughout, new interior doors, baseboards and trim, windows, light fixtures, toilets, bathroom vanity and sink, bottom kitchen cabinets and countertops, sink and taps, and more. All expansion strips were removed and joints filled in and the whole house was painted. Vaulted ceilings, skylight, pantry, built in china cabinet, huge master bedroom with soaker tub, walk in closet and large 2nd and 3rd bedrooms are some of the features. Yard is fenced with a gate to the park and has two nice storage sheds. There are extra pilings already in for a deck or addition. Room for a garage on this lot. You own the lot so no rent! Must be seen! Move in ready! **\$139,900 Call Janine to view.**



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Newly fenced land with easy access to Hwy 44 and Hwy 2. Municipal water line and fiber optic cable runs in front of the property, possibility to hook up to property. Minutes NW of Morinville, great opportunity for a new build or investment! **\$174,900. Call Glenn to view.**



NEW LISTINGS

FORT SASKATCHEWAN CONDO

Fresh paint and flooring in this 1 bdrm unit with private balcony and in suite laundry. The building is close to shopping, and restaurants, parks, and walking trails, with easy access to the main highway. There is a fitness room located in the building across the parking lot. Comes with one assigned powered parking stall and the building is equipped with an elevator and security intercom system. Low condo fees which include water, sewer and heat. **Only \$124,900. Call Janine to view.**



DESIRABLE CARDIFF BEAUTY

This 1380 sq ft 3+2 bdrm bungalow has been extremely well kept and nicely upgraded over the years. Upgrades in recent years include high end laminate flooring, shingles and eavestroughs (2016), and fabulous kitchen renovations. There is an abundance of cabinets with lots of storage space and countertops. Nice peninsula with bar stool eating area. Garden doors lead to maintenance free deck with gas line for bbq. In the past 3 months most of the home has been painted, new kitchen appliances, new furnace, central air, and security system were installed and attic insulation was upgraded to R60. Features w/b fireplace in living room, 3 pce ens and w/i closet in main bdrm. Fully finished bsmt with flex room and family room. The 2 bsmt bdrms have w/i closets. Gorgeous spa like bsmt bath with corner jacuzzi tub and separate shower. Heated double garage with 220 plug, fenced yard, storage shed, fenced dog run and play set complete this great property on a pie lot in Cardiff (just a few minutes north of St Albert). **\$420,000. Call Glenn to view.**



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.**



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