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## Morinville's Marion Peterson sets sights on Nationals in Cambridge after provincial victory

By Stephen Dafoe

After her record-setting performance at the CPL Provincials in Whitecourt three months ago, sixty-one-year-old Marion Peterson from Morinville is gearing up to represent her town and compete in CPL Nationals in Cambridge, Ontario.

The prestigious powerlifting event will occur on Sunday, July 30, 2023, and will feature 90 lifters from across Canada who have previously qualified in provincial competitions.

Peterson's remarkable journey began when she clinched the top spot in her division and weight class for full power at the provincial championships. Not only did she secure first place, but Peterson also set a new Canadian national deadlift record by successfully lifting 120kg (264 pounds). Additionally, she achieved a full power total of 246kg (541.2 pounds), further solidifying her dominance in the sport.

Expressing her enthusiasm for the upcoming competition, Peterson said, "I'm feeling good. I'm excited. I want to go and hopefully get some more records that I didn't get in the provincials. I really want to get my squat and my bench."

The determined athlete has worked diligently since the provincials to enhance her performance. Peterson revealed that she has progressed, increasing her bench press by five pounds, squat by 10 pounds, and deadlifts by 11 pounds.

Peterson's coach, Scott Wallace, acknowledged the significance of these incremental gains, emphasizing the challenges of reaching higher weights at this

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## Exploring Morinville's Past: Students Immerse Themselves in Local History at MuséeMorinville Museum



## By Stephen Dafoe

Two classes of École Notre Dame Elementary School Grade 1 students visited the Musée Morinville Museum on Wednesday, June 28, to step back in time to learn about the founding of Morinville and the Indigenous peoples who were here before French and German settlers came to the area in the late 1800s.

MuséeMorinville Museum Attendant Donna Garrett said she sees about six to eight classes visit yearly.

Attending local community museums as part of school classes offers value to students' educational experiences. These excursions allow students to expand their knowledge beyond the confines of textbooks and classrooms, enabling them to engage with tangible artifacts and immersive exhibits.

On the June 28 visit, students enjoyed trying a rotary-dial phone, something that fell out of fashion long before they were born

Students and visitors can view exhibits highlighting the region's early settlers and pioneers to displays featuring indigenous culture and artifacts. The MuséeMorinville Museum offers a range of historical information, including the community's military connections and even local art.

"They learn about what it was like to be a settler, a pioneer," Garrett explained, noting that the Museum's old-fashioned school room is usually a hit with the younger grades. "They were interested to learn that when the pioneers came and when the settlers arrived, there were no stores so they had to make their own

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Marion Peterson trains her bench press in Morinville on June 28, one month ahead of her Nationals competition in Cambridge, Ontario on July 30. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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level of competition.

"Training Marion has been really good. She doesn't miss a session. She comes in, works hard, does everything I ask of her and never complains," he said. "She fights through any minor injury she has. She does what needs to be done."

Wallace also noted Peterson's impressive gains in just a few months.

"For Marion to have that big gain provincials and now come back put between and on five pounds in a

couple of months is Peterson has her huge."

Peterson expressed her gratitude for the support from her family, friends, and the broader community who have learned about her powerlifting journey.

Eager to make her mark at Nationals, she confidently stated, "I'm looking to take two more records for sure."

Competing in the Raw Classic category, which recognizes the heaviest bench press, squat, and deadlift separately and the heaviest combined total from those three lifts,

eyes set on breaking more records.

Having already claimed the Canadian record for deadlift and combined total at the provincials, she now seeks to secure the records for bench press and squat at the upcoming Nationals in Cambridge.

Peterson's story of determination and passion for powerlifting is genuinely inspiring.

Starting her fitness journey as an aerobics instructor in her 20s, she later found her calling in weightlifting after Town of Legal

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training with Scott that lifting heavy Wallace at his home gym, Crusher's Gym.

Her dedication to training and love for the adrenaline rush

weights provides propelled her to success in the sport in her first year in it.

As the countdown

to Nationals continues, Marion Peterson trains diligently, dedicating three days a week to specific exercises.





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École Notre Dame Elementary School Grade 1 student Gemma Craib tries out a rotary phone during a school visit to the MuséeMorinville Museum on the last day of school, June 28. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo** 

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clothes. We talk about how they spun the spinning wheel and used that to make yarn for toques and mitts and things."

École Notre Dame Grade 1 teacher Colleen Van Brabant said as part of the Grade 1 curriculum, students study communities in the past and how the past affects the present. "We thought this [visit] would be a wonderful way to end the school year and see exactly how Morinville's past influences the way the kids live today."

One of the Museum's displays in partnership

with Alexander First Nation is an indigenous display, allowing students to view the area's First Nation culture and history.

"We talk about how they lived and talked about the teepees and how they could be disassembled and reassembled if the tribe wanted to move to a different area," Garrett explained.

The MuséeMorin-ville Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. The Museum is located in the basement of the Notre Dame Apartments, nestled at the back of St. Jean Baptist Park on 100 Avenue.



## Murray Knight Canada Day Flags

The Morinville Historical and Cultural Society in partnership with the Town of Morinville would like to thank all volunteers who helped with the organization and distribution of Canada Day flags in honor of Murray Knight, a true Canadian.



#### Dear Class of 2023.

As we approach the culmination of your high school journey, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible growth and achievements you have accomplished. You are on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, and I am filled with both pride and excitement for each and every one of you.

Throughout your years in high school, you have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a remarkable ability to adapt to challenges. You have faced adversity head-on, never losing sight of your dreams and aspirations. The world has thrown curveballs your way, but you have shown that you can rise above them and emerge stronger than ever.

Your time in high school has provided you with a solid foundation, but it is up to you to build upon it and create your own path. Pursue your passions and follow your dreams, even if they seem big or unconventional. Believe in your abilities and trust in your own unique talents.

Never underestimate the power of perseverance. There will be obstacles along the way, but do not be discouraged. Embrace failures as learning opportunities, for they provide the stepping stones to growth and personal development. Believe in your own potential, and let your setbacks fuel your determination to achieve greatness.

Remember the support system that has surrounded you throughout your high school journey - your friends, teachers, and family. Cherish the memories you have created together and hold onto the invaluable lessons they have taught you. They will continue to be your pillars of support and strength as you embark on new adventures.

Above all, be true to yourselves. Follow your passions, pursue your purpose, and make a positive impact in the world. As you navigate through life's challenges, always strive to be compassionate, empathetic, and inclusive. Use your unique voices to advocate for change and make a difference in the lives of others.

Class of 2023, you have the power to shape the future. Believe in yourselves, embrace the journey, and never stop reaching for the stars. Your potential is limitless, and I have no doubt that you will leave an indelible mark on the world.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone, and may your future be filled with opportunities and success.

With heartfelt wishes,

## Sherri Devolder

Principal

Sturgeon Composite High School

### Valedictorian Speech By Sherneese Krywko

Good afternoon families, staff, friends, and, most importantly, my fellow graduates of the class of 2023. It is truly a great honor to deliver today's valedictorian speech.

Today is a day that many of us have been dreaming of since we were kids. In fact, our parents and guardians are probably the happiest ones here today whether it is because we have finally finished highschool or whether it is because they don't have to take care of us anymore remains a mystery; regardless, today is super special.

Graduation is really exciting, but it can also be a little scary. Some of us might not know what path to take next, or what we want our futures to look like. As helpful as google was for finding answers in school, there's no website that tells you how to live your life or what the right choice to make is - I mean, there

probably is, but it might not be the best source to trust. But sometimes that's the beauty of starting a new chapter of your life. Nobody can write it except for you.

You, and only you, get to discover what kind of person you want to be and what kind of life you want to live. We don't have to know right now exactly what we want to do with the rest of our lives, even though it seems like we should. So don't be afraid to go and see the places you've always wanted to see, or try something that you've always wanted to do.

In the midst of all of it, you might just discover something new about yourself. Will we make mistakes along the way and change our minds a million times? Probably, but that's okay. Well, our parents probably won't think so when we're on our fifth major and they still pay for our tuition, but it's still okay. If there's one thing that twelve years of school has proven, it's that you

are never alone.

To all the amazing teachers and staff, thank you for supporting us, encouraging us, and putting up with us regardless of how hormonal or cranky we got. T

hank you to our parents and guardians; we likely wouldn't even be here graduating today if you hadn't woken us up every morning for school or reminded us to do our homework. And to all my fellow graduates, thank you for being some of the best people I have ever met. Even though I will probably forget everything I learned in math class, I know that I will never forget you guys and the memories we have made together.

Our paths may go separate ways, but the shared experiences we've had will always keep us connected. I know today seems like the end to a lot of things, but it is just as much as a beautiful beginning. And as far as endings go, I would say that this was a pretty happy one.

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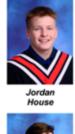


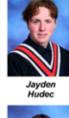






















































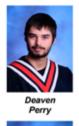
















































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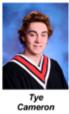
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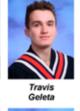
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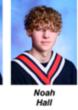








































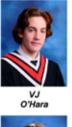














































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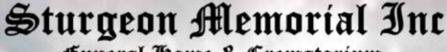
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Morinville Fire Department members served up a barbecue lunch for seniors and their families, during Heritage Lodge's Canada Day celebrations. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo** 



Face painter Charlie Ball works on Heritage Lodge resident Paul Lafleche during the Canada Day celebrations. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



Brian Maxwell sings during Heritage Lodge's Canada Celebrations. Maxwell was joined by Laura Despres in singing a number of classic country and folk songs. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



Children colour on the giant colouring wall at Morinville's indoor Canada Day celebration, held at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on July 1. -Stephen Dafoe Photo

#### **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. \$294,900. 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.



## **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 LISTING **4.99 ACRES BY BUSBY**

Room for everything on this 4.99 acres with a 2400 sq ft 1 1/2 storey home that has 5 bedrooms 3 bathrooms and a full unfinished basement that is framed in for

an additional 2 bedrooms. House was originally built in 2009 on a crawlspace but was lifted and had a full basement installed in 2013 Bsmt has roughed in plumbing for another bathroom and a wet bar This home was built for energy efficiency with walls built from structural insulated panels (30-50% more efficient). It has in floor hot wate heating system powered by 2 electric boilers that were installed in 2013. Features 2 sided wood burning fireplace, large kitchen/dining room, moveable island, double oven, gleaming wood ceilings, main floor laundry, chair lift to 2nd floor and more. Master suite has 2 w/i closets, gorgeous ensuite, and private loft area with door to future balcony. Double det'd garage with loft space above. Lots of fruit trees firepit, trails throughout the trees. A few minutes SW of Busby, just ove a half hour to Edmonton. \$499,900. 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.



## **10 ACRES BY BON ACCORD**

Need more room? Look no further! This property boasts an immaculately kept home, quonset, and two shops on 10 acres! The bi-level AIR CONDITIONED home showcases pride of ownership and features an open concept main level

with a dine in kitchen, living room with beautiful brick inset fireplace, dining room, sun room, boot room, closet with sink, 4pc bath, and the primary bedroom with a 3 pc ensuite. Lots of light and beautiful tall ceilings. On the lower level are 3 additional bedrooms, a den, a 3pc bath, laundry, and separate entrance into the double garage. The shop behind the home is heated, 50x40 feet with a 14' door, the quonset is 62x38 feet and the shop next to it is 40x30 feet. Both quonset and second shop have 12' doors. At the back of the property is a cattle shed and fencing set up, the rest of the property is partially fenced with an electric gate at the entryway. Minutes from Morinville with easy access to Highway 28, this property is a great opportunity for those looking to expand! \$750,000. Call Glenn to view.



#### **WESTLOCK BUNGALOW** WITH DOUBLE GARAGE

This over 1200 sq ft bungalow features a sunken family room on the main level, large kitchen with an abundance of cabinets and high end appliances (including double oven), living room with w/b fireplace,

3 bdrms and 2 baths on main. Bsmt has a bdrm, 3 pce bath, laundry room, huge rec room with wet bar and w/b fireplace, wired for surround sound and has a large cold room (big enough for the freezer and storag space). Upgrades in the past 10 years include flooring, paint, shingles, siding with 2" styrofoam under it, windows, furnace, tankless hot water, appliances and interior doors. Garden doors from family room lead to deck in the large fenced back yard. There is a 16'x6' storage shed with b/i shelves and a 26'x22' insulated and sheeted garage. This great property even has a great spot to park your RV. \$309,900. Call Heather to view.













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