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Sunrise Boutique embraces community and style



By Stephen Dafoe

A new women's clothing store has raised a ray of sunshine on 100 Avenue. Sunrise Boutique opened recently at 10607 100 Avenue in the former Legendary Liquor location between Shell and Pizza Hut. The shop offers women's clothing and accessories in a

bright, welcoming environment. "The Sunrise Boutique was created for myself as I was looking for something to do," Sunrise Boutique owner Deb O'Donoghue explained, noting she has always been an entrepreneur and owned other businesses in the past. "I was bored at home, and I'm like,

"What am I going to do?" That question led to soul-searching and crafting a list of what makes O'Donoghue happy. Coffee and sunrises were at the top of that list. "We're out in Sturgeon County, and I take pictures every day of the sunrise. Sunset is beautiful too, but the sunrise

and my coffee go together," O'Donoghue said. "I had all of these pictures. That makes me happy, so I started this list. What I also knew was the days that I got up, had my coffee, showered, and put something nice on, I felt better. So, it [the businesses] came from all of that.

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Cardiff residents return from Indigenous games with medal

By Stephen Dafoe

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is an event that celebrates the rich cultural heritage and athletic prowess of Indigenous communities across North America. The games, held July 15-23, saw Levi Dickson (16) and Tehya Dickson (15), residents of Cardiff Echoes and students at Paul Kane, return to the area with medals. Tehya Dickson came home with a silver medal in the 800 free, one silver medal, and one bronze medal in relays. Brother Levi came home with four medals: a bronze medal in the 50-metre backstroke, a bronze medal in the 200-metre backstroke, a silver medal for the 100-metre backstroke and

another for relay. "This experience couldn't have been any better. It was surreal. I am so thankful for the memories our whole team made and how well and easily we all bonded through the week," Levi Dickson said. "I have never had more fun in my life. NAIG 2023 is definitely one for the books. I swam well, which was one huge goal, and coming home with those medals made things that much better. Levi Dickson said after 10 years of competitive swimming, he would not be continuing in the sport but felt NAIG was the best way he could ever think of to end his years. "It's been tough at times, but swimming and the amount I swam has taught me a lot, Levi Dickson said. "I have learned

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"[I thought] I can probably put something together that other women would love."

From those thoughts about what made her happiest, Sunrise Boutique was born, a woman's clothing store that is as much about community as the clothing available to customers.

"We need to bring back community. My other business always had a little sitting area and coffee," O'Donoghue said, adding that she created an area in the store for women who like to come in and sit."

Although an entrepreneur with many years of experience, selling clothing was new to her.

"I started it in my home. I was just doing open houses. I ended up with so many clothes I had to move out," O'Donoghue said with a chuckle. "I'm with the Garment Group, and it's a company where we have 25 wholesalers that they find for us."

O'Donoghue said she initially found the variety a little overwhelming but started picking stuff she loved.

"I'm going to bring stuff into the store that I love. If I love it, it's coming to the store," she said. "It's really funny how when the orders started arriving, they just all kind of went together. You could match them. You could turn outfits into it."

Both her daughter and her son's girlfriend help O'Donoghue at the store, both of whom the proprietor says have been wonderful at putting together the store's displays.

"Women are welcome to come in. We're doing some events just to keep community and have stuff for women to do," O'Donoghue said, adding a sense of community, helping small businesses, and a desire to keep things local is important to her. "If we have what they need, they'll shop local."

Though open on 100

Avenue for a short time, the response has been great, with customers thanking O'Donoghue for bringing her type of store to town and for having great prices.

"It makes me feel good," O'Donoghue said. "It's been busy or steady."

Events like the Girls Just Want to Shop event, held July 25, are important to O'Donoghue and Sunrise Boutique, a great example of how the shop owner wants to mix retail with a sense of community.

"It's just a place to come and have fun. Have a coffee—we always have free coffee on," O'Donoghue said. "We just want it to be a warm, welcoming place."

Sunrise Boutique is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

They can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093216884691&mix-tid=LQJ4d>.

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discipline and how to juggle my time between swimming, school and friends, and I can now end that time of my life happy about what I have done."

Tehya Dickson said she was extremely nervous going into NAIG as she wasn't sure what to expect, and she wanted to do well.

"It was such a great experience," she said. "The culture, meeting new people from all over the place and being able to develop new and long-lasting friendships was one of the best parts."

Dickson said she was happy with how she swam, as she had struggled with swimming for a bit.

"I was right on my times that I wanted them to be," Tehya Dickson said.

Like her brother, she is not continuing with swimming, but has found another new sport she loves even more, rugby.

"So, hopefully, I can attend more

indigenous games through rugby," Dickson said. "NAIG was the best way to have ended things for me, and I am sad to be done, but also need to move on to something else that makes me happy."

Mother, Stacy Dickson shares in her children's happiness in participating in the games.

"It was such an experience. They have come home with new friends from all over the place and many, many memories that will be forever cherished," Stacy Dickson said. "They couldn't be happier that they went and got to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event for them."



Levi Dickson in the pool during one of the 2023 NAIG events. Dickson earned four medals during the July 15-23 games in Halifax. - Stacy Dickson photo

Tehya Dickson earned three medals during the 2023 NAIG. Dickson, like her brother, is leaving the sport of swimming. - Stacy Dickson photo

Tehya Dickson (left) and Levi Dickson (right) pose with their medals earned at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). - Submitted Photo taken by NAIG Volunteer





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Morinville Legion Memorial car show honours fallen soldier

By Stephen Dafoe

The Morinville Legion Branch No. 176 held its Second Annual Memorial Car Show and Shine on Saturday, July 22. Approximately 20 vehicles were displayed in front of the Legion on 101 Street for car and truck enthusiasts.

Organizer and Morinville Legion Branch No. 176 member Mike Adams said that each year, the Legion chooses a fallen soldier.

"Last year, we chose [Corporal] Nick Bulger, who died in Afghanistan in 2009," Adams explained. "This year, we chose [Corporal] Ainsworth Dyer, who died in a friendly-fire incident in 2002. It is to memorialize the veteran and who they were to us, and their community."

One of the vehicles on display at the Memorial Car Show was a Bentley, driven up for the event from Mexico by Dyer's best friend Jason Campbell.

Campbell said he first met Dyer in Wainright.

"We went out that night and had some beers. It was either we were going to scrap it out or be best buddies. Thankfully we were best buddies because we would have wrecked the bar," Campbell said. "He was a big dude and a strong man. Probably one of the strongest guys I was ever in a gym with."

Although Campbell said he doesn't need an excuse to drive his 2008 Bentley, which he bought last year in Toronto with 50,000 kilometres, the real reason for the journey up from Mexico was to honour his friend's memory.

"Hopefully, he'd do the same for me, which I'm sure he would have," Campbell said.

Of the roughly 20 cars out in the summer sun as part of the memorial car show was a local vehicle that originally travelled from a far



Marlon Rakowski and his daughter Aurora stand by the family's decommissioned 2002 Nissan Atlas fire truck. The Rakowskis, active in the treasure-hunting community, use the vehicle to carry their gear and finds, and the entire family around the area. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



From left: Morinville Legion Member and Memorial Car Show organizer Mike Adams and Jason Campbell stand in front of his 2008 Bentley, which he drove from Mexico to attend the car show dedicated to his best friend, the late Corporal Ainsworth Dyer. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



Gerald Whitter and his wife show the original paperwork for his rare pink 1971 GMC Sierra, which he bought from Western GM on June 8, 1971. The colour was a custom colour in that model year. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Marlon Rakowski brought his Treasure Seeker, a 2002 Nissan Atlas fire truck, to the show.

Rakowski said he bought the decommissioned Japanese fire truck about six months ago.

"They took all the stuff off and sent it on down here," Rakowski said. "I came across a guy who bought it and couldn't keep it because he was getting into a mortgage."

The July 22 car show was Rakowski's second with the fire truck. He took the bright red vehicle to the NAPA Show and Shine during Morinville Festival Days in June.

But the Atlas is not just for sitting on the side of the road on display. Rakowski, who is active in

the treasure-hunting community with his daughter Aurora, uses the truck to load all of their gear in it on their adventures seeking treasure.

"I was looking at one of the small white ones, and when this came across that we could haul the whole family in here and make noise with it, and it had room for our stuff. We can go metal detecting, magnet-fishing, rip around. We even just drive around and clean up the town - trash, bottles. You got to do your part. If you are going to take treasure out of the ground, you might as well take trash. Leave it nicer than you found it."

Rakowski's fire truck took third place in the truck category

at the show.

Another bright vehicle at the Memorial Show and Shine was Gerald Whitter's 1971 GMS Sierra 1500, which came from Western GM in a bright pink colour.

Whitter is the original owner, having bought the half-tonne on June 8, 1971. "I just liked the colour," Whitter said, noting that he recently redid the truck in that original colour.

The unusual hue was a custom colour in that model year, only available to Canadian dealers. The inside of Whitter's truck indicates it was supposed to have been blue. Some descriptions of the rarely coloured truck indicate the GM colour was called Coral Ice.



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Closing date: **August 18, 2023**



The organizers were proud to have the presence of the SAYFC Young Farmers during their ASB tour. The group enthusiastically participated in the tour, which included sampling local food and visiting various producers and agricultural industries in the area. For an in-depth account of their experiences in Sturgeon County, you can read the SAYFC Agri Tour Travel Blog.

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2023 Dale MacMillan Memorial Scholarship recipients

By Sturgeon County

Shelby Pierce and Julianne Roe are the Dale MacMillan Memorial Scholarship for Community Leadership recipients for 2023. Sturgeon County Council presented the awards at the July 18 Council meeting.

Shelby is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts degree program (Sociology), at the University of Alberta. She is employed with the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation and a member of the Sturgeon County Youth Advisory Committee.

Julianne is also studying at the University of Alberta in the Bachelor of Science degree program (Nutrition and Food Science). She has helped in numerous volunteer roles through 4H in Bon Accord, Morinville, and Legal. She is currently a member of the University of Alberta Agricultural Club.

For Julianne, receiving the scholarship makes her feel proud of all her volunteer experiences and what it means to residents and her.

“Through volunteering, you become closer to your community,” said Julianne. “You have a sense of pride and accomplishment in helping to make your community a better place.”

Eventually, Julianne would like to use her degree to help her rural community by supporting producers as they market their products.

For Shelby, it is an honour to be chosen for

the award that has such a strong focus on volunteerism.

“I value the time and effort that was given to me by volunteers growing up,” said Shelby. “By giving back that same effort and time, I hope to make an impact on someone else.”

In the future, Shelby would like to work in counselling continuing to help others.

The award is presented to a Sturgeon County resident enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution who also practises community leadership and involvement.

Two scholarships worth \$2,000 each were awarded in 2023. The awards are made possible through the Calahoo-Villeneuve Gravel Community Enhancement Fund.

Dale MacMillan was instrumental in helping achieve a balance between residents and gravel extraction operations in the Calahoo and Villeneuve areas. The scholarship also recognizes his commitment to community involvement.

The Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee ensures the sustainability of the scholarship fund, evaluates the applications, and selects the recipients. Applications are accepted in early April until the end of May.

More information on timelines and eligibility is available on the Dale MacMillan Scholarship for Community Leadership webpage on Sturgeon County’s website.



Congratulations are in order for the winners of Legal's Best Yard 2023! Their hard work and dedication have paid off, impressing the judges with their exceptional landscapes. Securing the prestigious 1st place is the property located at 5207 - 53 Street. Coming in at a commendable 2nd place is the property situated at 5220 - 45 Street. The organizers extend their heartfelt appreciation to all participants for contributing to the success of Legal's Best Yard 2023. Their efforts have added beauty to the community and inspired others to take pride in their outdoor spaces. The organizers look forward to witnessing even more stunning entries in the future and express their gratitude for all participants. Well done, and keep up the fantastic work!

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