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Seniors transforming anti-fraud education by bridging the language gap

By Stephen Dafoe

In the battle against online fraud, a group of seniors in St. Albert, led by Linda Ensley, the Executive Director of the St. Albert Seniors Association, decided it was time for a change. Frustrated by previous anti-fraud training that seemed to be missing the mark, these seniors took matters into their own hands. Their revelation? The problem wasn't with them; it was with the language. Ensley said the course began after several seniors approached her, saying they had been defrauded. Despite having previously taken anti-fraud training through police or other agencies' resources, the message was still not getting through.

"We sat down and did a focus group with these beautiful, open and wonderful seniors who were willing to tell us why it was that they kept getting defrauded and what it was that they weren't understanding that was keeping them from being protected," Ensley said. "Here's what they told us. They didn't understand the language that we were using."

Ensley cited an example of a senior in her 80s who was left utterly confused by the term for a web address – URL (Uniform – Resource Locator), which sounded like the word urinal to her and understandably made no sense regarding how that might be a caution for online fraud awareness.

"If you are hard of hearing a little bit, and you have no context for what a URL is, it sounds like a urinal," Ensley said.

Noting that it was the program designers

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STOP THE SCAM
Cellphone or Internet Service Provider Scam Defence

- ⚠️ If you receive a call from someone that is claiming to be a representative from your service provider. Let them know that you will call them back and end the call. When you are wanting to contact your service provider, find the legitimate phone number of the company and make the outgoing call.
- ⚠️ Never provide personal information or financial information over the phone unless you are the person that initiated the call to the agency or institution.
- ⚠️ If you are requested to ship a cellphone that you received to an unknown address, never do it! Ship the cellphone to the verified address of the service provider instead.

Tips to stop a Cellphone or Internet Service Provider Scam

Oktoberfest fundraiser coming to the Cultural Centre



A Tirolerhut (Tyrolean hat) and a pint of beer, two well-known symbols of Oktoberfest, sit on a bar top. The Morinville Curling Club will host Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 23. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

By Stephen Dafoe

Globally, Oktoberfest runs from Saturday, Sept. 16 to Tuesday, October 3, but the Morinville iteration of the German celebration will take place on Saturday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

Past President and Morinville Curling Club Director Gary Kearns said the club was looking for a date for a fundraiser, dance, and silent auction with an eye on the fall ahead of the curling season.

"September 23 was open to us, and what a wonderful opportunity to put together an Oktoberfest in the town because there hasn't been one in quite a while," Kearns said. "We thought – it's just before the curling season starts, and so we can generate some potential interest in the community. Folks that are interested would still have time to sign up. It's a nice kickoff for the curling season as well."

The September 23 event will

have a dance with live music by The Hedstroms, a silent auction already growing with donations, a 50/50 draw, a food truck with Bratwurst dogs and other food items, and beer, including German beer.

Kearns explained that the Morinville Curling Club was doing fine financially before the pandemic, but pandemic restrictions affected that, necessitating some additional fundraising.

"We weren't able to curl, and when we were able to curl, it was in a limited fashion," Kearns said. "During that period of time, our revenues dropped substantially, and our expenditures increased. So, prior to COVID, we were flush, and post-COVID, we are really in a pickle with not a really good financial situation."

Kearns and the other organizers hope the community will assist the fundraiser by coming out for the evening on September 23 for live music and an entertaining evening with lots of fun and frivolity.

"Oktoberfest has been

around for over 200 years, starting first in Germany, and it's a worldwide phenomenon," Kearns said. "If you haven't been to an Oktoberfest, come out and sample ours. You won't be disappointed."

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and available at Sobeys Morinville, The Morinville and District Chamber of Commerce Office, online at Eventbrite or by contacting the curling club at info@morinvillecurlingclub.com.

"We're hoping this may turn into an annual event where residents from the town and surrounding area will be able to celebrate with us the amalgam of the great sport of curling with the traditional celebration of Oktoberfest," Kearns said, adding tickets are limited to 375. "So, Hurry Hard to pick up your tickets."

Anyone wishing to donate items to the silent auction can call Gary Kearns at 587-222-3408 or visit MorinvilleCurlingClub.com and contact the president or vice president.



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The Town of Morinville is currently accepting applications for SNOW HAUL CONTRACTORS



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Double Diamond 4H Multi Club

By Club Reporter Quaid Sonnenberg

Each member of the club did a great job of representing 4-H over the past year. It was a great year filled with lots of memories that will never be forgotten.

Every one of the projects kept the members very busy by doing a variety of workshops to improve and develop new skills.

Beef members regularly attended workshops to improve upon their judging and showmanship ability's. This was all topped off with the annual achievement day that was a terrific representation of how much the members put into their animals.

Vet Science members learned a lot of new information regarding to animals. It was a great year in which every member enjoyed. They attend a variety of workshops about many different topics such as how to dehorn a steer, floating a horse's teeth and they also learned about the respiratory system.

Horse members attended riding workshops each month. They had a great time doing a bunch of different activities that helped them become a more complete rider. This was ended by an achievement day at Meakin's arena.

The achievement day was a fantastic time spent completing different challenges and obstacle courses. It was a great way to complete the year.

Explore 4-H members attend a bunch of fun workshops which included cooking and baking, visiting an apiary, growing vegetables as well other fun things. The members had great time! They ended the year with their achievement day where members did a skills challenge.

Small engines members worked on their engines all year long. It was a very good learning

experience for the members. Their achievement day was a lot of fun. Their engines were judged, and they had burgers and hotdogs at the projects leader's house.

Members also worked on their judging throughout the year. They attended the Regional Judging Competition at the Barrhead Ag Barn.

A group of members also attend the Provincial Judging Competition at Lakeland College. It was an amazing experience and hopefully a team will attend next year.

The 2022-2023 year was completed with a banquet at Busby Hall on August 30, 2023. It was a fantastic time in which members received their long-awaited awards. Please see the list of awards below:

Club Champion Steer – Haisley Sonnenberg
Reserve Champion Steer – Tanner Felske
Champion Heifer – Ella Huot
Champion 2-year-Old Cow/Calf – Ella Huot
Champion 3-year-old Cow/Calf – Garrett Felske
Top Int. Small Engine Project – Brock Beaulieu
Top Jr. Small Engine Project – Riley Bowers
Top Int. Vet Science Project – Haisley Sonnenberg
Top Jr. Vet Science Project – Derek Snyder
Explore 4-H Project Gifts – Chelsea Beaudin, Kyia Ford, Kiara Burnstick, Kaira Chamzuk, Cassie Storms, Dava Semler.
Top Jr. Horse Project – Janessa Lawrence
Top Int. Horse Project – Ella Huot
Top Sr. Horse Project – Katey Tufty
Top Sr. Judge – Garret Felske
Top Int. Judge – Quaid Sonnenberg
Top Jr. Judge – Tanner Felske
Jr. Steer Record Book – Tanner Felske
Jr. Heifer Record Book – Tanner Felske

Jr. Cow/Calf Record Book – Tanner Felske
Int. Steer Record Book – Ella Huot
Int. Heifer Record Book – Ella Huot
Int. Cow/Calf Record Book – Ella Huot
Sr. Steer Record Book – Macy Kaliel
Sr. Heifer Record Book – Garrett Felske
Sr. Cow/Calf Record Book – Garret Felske
Jr. Small Engines Record Book – Riley Bowers
Int. Small Engines Record Book – Brock Beaulieu
Sr. Small Engines Record Book – Chloe Bowers
Jr. Horse Record Book – Janessa Lawrence
Int. Horse Record Book – Ella Huot
Sr. Horse Record Book – Katey Tufty
Jr. Explore 4-H Record Book – Dava Semler
Sr. Explore 4-H Record Book – Kiara Chamzuk
Jr. Presentations – Tanner Felske
Int. Presentations – Ella Huot
Sr. Presentations – Jenna Snyder
Jr. Public Speaking – Mikayla Normandeau
Int. Public Speaking – Chloe Bowers
Sr. Public Speaking – Macy Kaliel
Top Rate of Gain – Derek Snyder
George Sim Memorial (Most Sportsmanlike Beef Member) – Garrett Felske
Bob Burns Memorial (Most Improved Judge) – Ella Huot
Top First Year Member – Elise Meakin, Janessa Lawrence, Dava Semler
Clever Awards – Jemma Mahe, Rebecca Lawrence, Kaci Ford, Cailin Stoby, Joe Perreault.
Each year 4-H is a great time in which you are encouraged to learn new skills and meet new people. Members that will be joining in the upcoming year can expect to have an enjoyable experience.
Double Diamond 4H Multi Club reorganizational meeting will be held October 2, 2023, at 7pm at the Busby Hall. Can't wait to see you there!

Connecting the Community 2023 State of the County Address and Open House

Join us to hear from Mayor Alanna Hnatiw about the exciting things to come as part of the 2023 State of the County Address.

Following Mayor Hnatiw's presentation, there will be an opportunity to speak to Council and County staff and learn more about what we're doing and how we are building a bright future for Sturgeon County.

We're holding two events, pick the one that works better for you!

Doors: 6:00 pm

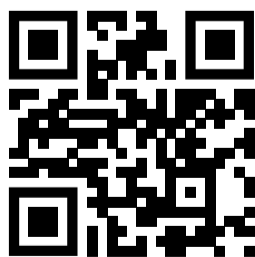
Mayor's Address: 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Open House: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

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6:00 - 9:00 PM

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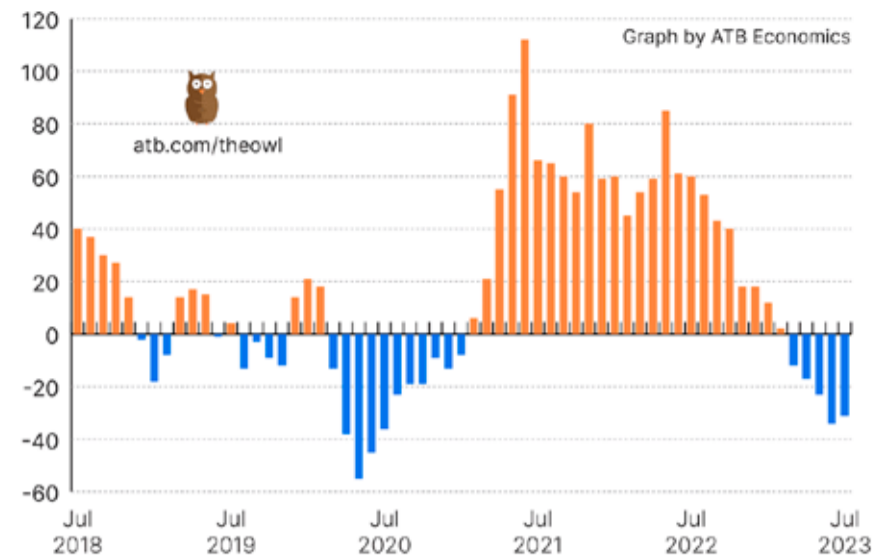
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The dollar value of Alberta's international merchandise exports was higher in July than in June.

However, exports continued to trend well below the record-setting levels seen last summer when energy and agriculture prices soared.

The value of the goods Alberta exported to foreign markets increased by 1.9% in July compared to the month before, but was down by 31% compared to 12 months earlier – the fifth year-over-year drop in a row.

While Alberta's exports have come off their peaks, they were 11% higher than in July 2021.

Representing about three-quarters of the total value of Alberta's international sales, energy exports almost single-handedly account for the year-over-year (y/y) pull-back, falling 37%.

It's a similar story for chemicals (-19% y/y) and forest products (-37%), which have both come off last year's peaks.

While agriculture exports were higher than last July (+9%), they too have come off their unusually high levels posted last fall, winter and early spring.

The port strikes in BC influenced the July trade numbers for Canada.

Statistics Canada reports that exports leaving BC Marine terminals fell 23%, with declines in exports to Japan, South Korea, and India.

However, with grain terminals remaining open, exports to China rose as a result of higher canola shipments. Alberta saw declines in its exports to several Asian countries between June and July but this was more than offset by higher exports to the U.S.

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SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 6

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Seniors transforming anti-fraud education by bridging the language gap

and writers at issue and not the seniors who lacked the terminology, they set out to simplify the fraud prevention information.

"It's our fault that we were not being basic enough. They didn't really understand how the Internet worked, what to look for, and how to understand the language. Even the language on the Canadian anti-fraud site, which is good, was not working for them because the language was not basic enough," Ensley explained.

Ensley pulled together twenty-five groups, roughly 100 seniors, representing various languages, cultures, and backgrounds to remedy the situation. Participants ranged from 50 to 100.

"We put them in these focus groups, and we hired some writers to begin to write us anti-fraud material," Ensley said. "We handed it over to them and let them come back with 'we don't understand this. We don't understand that. This makes no sense. That makes no sense.' We started from ground zero and used over 100 seniors to help us clean this up."

Ensley said the seniors for whom English is a second language were particularly helpful in ensuring the language used was more translatable. The program is available in seven different languages.

"It was really exciting," Ensley said of

the work for which she wrote and successfully received a grant to develop the program. She notes the project was a partnership between the Edmonton Senior Centre, St. Albert Seniors Association, and the Chinese Seniors Association with funding from the Edmonton Community Foundation. "The three of us got together and worked our tooshes off and got this website built."

Ensley says the results have been positive since the site's launch. Recently, she received an email from a senior who found the courses valuable, having been a target of an attempted scam. "We want as many people as possible to know how easy it is to cause financial harm to not only seniors but 'youngsters.' We are in our mid-70s, so this technology is difficult to negotiate," the letter read. The website, located at <https://seniorfraudalert.ca>, includes information and even videos, all acted by senior actors, to help those taking the online program navigate and avoid the world of online fraud.

Ensley hopes area seniors will take the online program to help keep someone's hand out of their pockets.

The course can be taken all at once, taking a couple of hours, but it is also broken into segments so participants can do the course a bit at a time.

SPOT THE SCAM

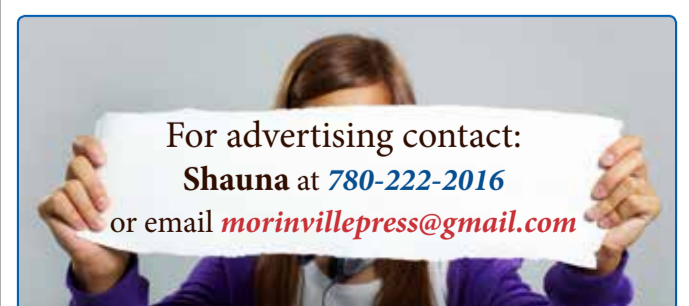
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Tips to spot a Cellphone or Internet Service Provider Scam



A white-breasted nuthatch has a late afternoon snack. - Stephen Dafoe Photo





Seniors from various parts of the county gathered in the Town of Legal to relish an afternoon of music and entertainment during the 2nd annual "Seniors in the Park" event. This delightful gathering took place last week beneath the Citadel Park gazebo.



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A small plane passes in front of an orange moon on August 28. - Stephen Dafeo Photo



A yellow-rumped warbler plays peek-a-boo behind some elm leaves. - Stephen Dafeo Photo



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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, a goal you have been working toward is nearing completion. Take time to reflect on all it took to make the goal come to fruition.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, try to get away on a vacation, even if it's just a weekend jaunt. There's never been a time you could use a little getaway more than right now. Push this into the priority zone.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, it is time to get more movement into your daily activities. Don't you want to be in the best possible health? Incorporate more exercise gradually with activities you enjoy.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



A partnership will get even stronger this week, Cancer. It could be a relationship with a spouse or even a business partner. You'll benefit from this added strength.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



You may take immense pleasure from doing mundane chores this week, Leo. Washing windows, organizing the garage, sorting through unused clothes - these are all things to keep busy.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Your chart lands you in the sector of romance, creativity and passion this week, Virgo. Embrace all of these elements in your life to the fullest.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, even though you have been a veritable social butterfly lately, you may need to rest your wings for a little bit this week. Slow down and stick closer to home.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, people might be quick to call you mysterious this week, but you just might be an open book. Share as much as you desire with others.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, define what you consider valuable, then do everything in your means to pursue those things. Setting goals can help.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, get ready to take center stage these next few days and bask in the limelight. Everyone seemingly wants to get a piece of you and you might be pulled in different directions.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



You are coming off of a season of easy living, Aquarius. But don't expect the apple cart to be upset. The times of smooth sailing have only just begun.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



It's all about team spirit right now, Pisces. Don't do anything alone for the next several days. You need people in your corner cheering you and others on.

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