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MCHS bringing Roald Dahl's Matilda to the stage



From left: MCHS Drama teacher and Matilda Director Vanessa King works with student actors Lauren Andrews, Kaleb Imgrund-Harvey, and Avery Pelletier. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville Community High School (MCHS) is bringing Roald Dahl's Matilda to the Morinville Community Cultural Centre for three nights on December 6 to 8.

Matilda is a beloved children's novel that tells the story of Matilda Wormwood, a brilliant young girl with an insatiable love for books and an uncaring, neglectful family. Despite her challenging home life, Matilda discovers she possesses extraordinary telekinetic powers. With the help of her

kind-hearted teacher, Miss Honey, Matilda uses her newfound abilities to stand up against the tyrannical headmistress of her school, Miss Trunchbull, and ultimately finds a place where her talents are celebrated. The heart-warming tale celebrates the power of intelligence, kindness, and the indomitable spirit of a determined young girl.

The December production marks the third Dahl story brought to the Morinville Stage. The school has previously performed Willy Wonka and James and the Giant Peach.

"I've always wanted to complete the trifecta, so I've been waiting to do Matilda for a while," King said. "You always have to wait for the right cast, and I think we've got it this year."

That cast consists of 35 student actors, including five from Georges H. Primeau Middle School, giving the range of performers from Grades 7 to 12.

Riley Quinn is returning as music director and vocal coach for his ninth show and will also do lighting.

November will see a general

call-out for the crew. In past productions, sets have been known to be large and elaborate. King said this time around, it will be a little lower scale with the set playing on the theme of books, something central to the story.

King said this year's production is a return to the family-friendly plays the school is known for.

"They are fun family shows, but they've got a little bit of that Roald Dahl quirkiness twist to them and some darkness, which makes

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Morinville Community Library has plenty to offer this fall

By Stephen Dafoe

Those looking for something interesting to do this fall should consider looking into the programs offered at the Morinville Community Library, which currently offers more than a dozen programs for everyone from pre-schoolers to seniors.

"Offering diverse programming to our community is a great way for us to connect with our patrons and residents and to give everyone the chance to feel included and have opportunities to participate in local programs and events barrier-free," said Morinville Community Library Program Coordinator Jessica Sheppard.

"We strive to have something for everyone and are always thinking of new and fun things to offer our community in the future."

Children's Programs

The MCL's Children's Programs include 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Cozy Corner Stories and Crafts, Parent-Child Mother Goose, Minecraft Club, and Studio Creative: STEAM Club.

The 1000 Books Foundation created the 1,000 Books Before

Kindergarten program, just as the name indicates: read any book to your child before they start kindergarten. Parents and caregivers can repeat books. A reading log is provided, as well as prizes.

Cozy Corner Stories and Crafts takes place on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. with stories, songs, rhymes, and a handout for the popular Cozy Corner Craft Kits.

Parent-Child Mother Goose runs from September 20 to November 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Morinville Community Library Program Room. It is a group experience for parents, caregivers, their babies, and young children that focuses on the power of songs, rhymes, and oral storytelling.

Minecraft allows young players to enjoy the popular game in a group setting.

Studio Creative: STEAM Club is an after-school activity for children 9-12 to help them learn about science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The group meets four times a month on Monday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Permission slips are required.



A window display at the Morinville Community Library showcases details on the many programs available to patrons and the community. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

Teen Programming

The library's teen offerings include the All Booked UP, Animanga Club, and Discovery Series.

All Booked UP is a monthly library book box subscription designed for teens aged 13 to 17 and focuses on Young Adult titles, some of which may contain controversial themes, mature content, and/or profanity. Parental guidance is advised.

The Animanga Club runs the second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the program room and involves movie events, contests and discussions of Anime and Manga.

The Library's Discovery Series is designed for teens 16 plus and has a creative DIY project and skill to try. Supplies and instructions are provided but limited in quantity.

Adult Programming

The MCL also has several programs for adults. These include Between the Covers Book Club, Shelf Indulgence Book Club, Downton Abbey Watch Party, Graphic Conversations, and the independent groups Knit Wits and Loose Threads.

Between the Covers Book Club is open to everyone. Each month the library has a new title available at the start of the month. Club members meet in the program room on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss the book.

The Shelf Indulgence Book Club is a new adult club for those who enjoy romance novels. The group meets after hours on the last Friday of the month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss the genre and

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Supplementary Assessment and Tax Notices

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Supplementary Assessment Roll for Sturgeon County used for 2023 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST, at Sturgeon County Centre (9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta).

Details of your 2023 Supplementary Assessment can be requested by contacting an assessor at 780-939-0601 or assessment@SturgeonCounty.ca



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November 20, 2023

NOVEMBER

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them really interesting for us to do as a high school."

Normally, casting takes place in mid-September, with the cast hitting the ground running, learning lines and the music.

"This show is very challenging with the timing of all the lines, but they picked it up really fast," King said, noting that only a few weeks in they have already choreographed two of the production's big ensemble numbers.

"This cast is really great when it comes to just working together, picking up the choreo, and being

practiced before they come to rehearsal."

Rehearsals take place each day after school, with additional rehearsals on weekends as required.

The cast has already done a public performance of the opening number at the St. Jean Baptiste Parish Dinner.

"That was cool because it forced us to get this eleven-minute number show ready within the first two weeks of rehearsals," King said. "That was a neat out of the pan, into the fire type thing."

In the titular role is MCHS

theatre veteran Avery Pelletier, whom King said really embodies the whimsical yet wildly intelligent character.

"We just thought this could be the right group for this show," she said.


Tickets have yet to be available for the show, but King said she hopes also to have them online this year.

"We are returning to the family-type Christmas show this year, so we are hoping to bring the whole community together for this show," King said.

"Matilda is a great show for kids and their parents. There is definitely something for everybody in this show, and it's just a little dark and twisty enough to appeal to everybody."



Mayor Simon Boersma (center) talks to two residents at the Budget 2024 Open House held at the Morinville Leisure Centre on Tuesday, October, 10.



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The fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local municipal access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the Town of Legal. This local access fee will be increased from \$10.68 (15%) to \$15.18 (20%) of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy related riders. This calculation is based on 640kWh consumption in 30 days.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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FAUCET	ISLAND	REMODEL	VANITY
	KITCHEN	SHOWER	

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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!

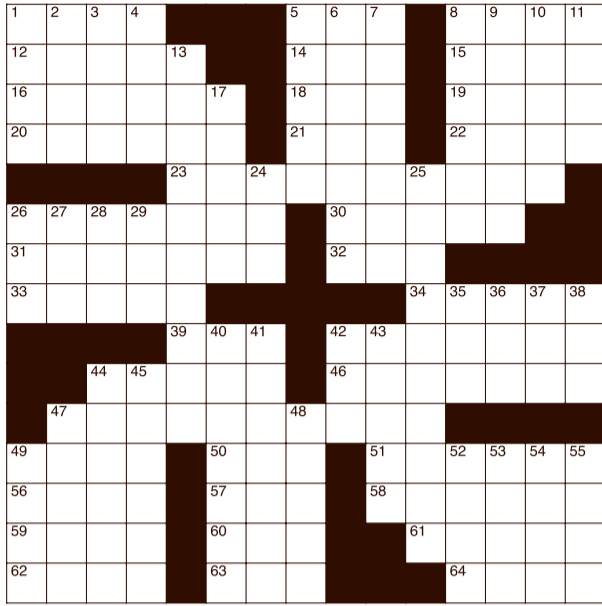
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CROSSWORD



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2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They __
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. __ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: __ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people

- living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England
- ### CLUES DOWN
1. A dissenting clique



The Morinville Fire Department's open house, held on Saturday, October 14, was a great success, drawing a good crowd despite the chilly weather. This annual event held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, aimed to engage the community and educate residents about fire safety. Part of the day's activities involved Morinville Fire Department members demonstrating vehicle extraction tools. - Lucie Roy Photo



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Board and Committee Meetings: SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards
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Youth Advisory Committee	Nov. 6	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Nov. 7	2:00 PM
Remembrance Day	Nov. 13	Closed
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Nov. 14	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	Nov. 15	1:00 PM
Calahoo Villeneuve Sand & Gravel Advisory Committee	Nov. 20	9:00 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	Nov. 20	6:30 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Nov. 21	2:00 PM
Council Budget Meeting	Nov. 22, 23	9:00 AM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Nov. 28	9:00 AM
Winterfest	Nov. 30	4:00 PM

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Pull together your dream team, Aries, because you are going to need all the help you can get at this point. The week is jam-packed with many different events.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, now is not the time to employ tough love if a friend or family member comes to you looking for help. You have to keep an open mind and a willingness to assist.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Your clever brain has a lot of creative ideas running through it, Gemini. It's just a matter of zeroing in on one and then putting a plan into effect. Recruit some friends.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



If you believe and have faith, you will receive what you need this week, Cancer. Your patience finally may pay off in the form of just rewards. Keep your eyes open.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, your desires are limitless and you want things to go exactly how you envision them. However, sometimes you have to make compromises or concessions, like this week.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



It's possible you may find refuge in relationships this week, Virgo. Surround yourself with the people closest to you who are pillars of support when you need them.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, do not put a half-hearted effort into self-care this week. You deserve to pamper yourself to the fullest level right now. Book that spa appointment or getaway.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



You might be caught in a daydream this week, Scorpio, which typically is not your modus operandi. It's alright to let the brain wander a bit as long as you come back down from the clouds.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, are you able to work from home this week or take some PTO? You likely can use the opportunity to avoid crowds for a while until your energy stores build up.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



People often appreciate your frank way of sharing information, Capricorn. However, this week you may need a little more finesse. Don't be too blunt when conveying ideas.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, shift your focus from what you lost or missed out on to all of the things you have and enjoy. A simple change of perception can do a world of good.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Things could be so much easier if you go with the flow instead of swimming upstream like salmon, Pisces. This is not a battle you want to pick this week.

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the books read.

The Downton Abbey Watch Party is a drop-in program running every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. where attendees watch the show, enjoy tea or coffee, and discuss the program and the period in which it is set.

Graphic Conversations is an 18-plus program that meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to socialize and chat with those interested in pop culture topics, including anime, comics, video games, and tabletop games.

The library also hosts two independent groups, Knit Wits, and Loose Threads.

Knit Wits Spinning Yarns gets together every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to work on individual projects in a group setting. All skill levels are welcome to participate.

Loose Threads, a quilting group, also works on individual projects in a group setting. The group meets on the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month, except holiday Mondays, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sheppard and the library hope to see more people participating in programs

this fall.

"If I could say one thing, it would be to encourage our residents to take advantage of their local library and to try us out," Sheppard said.

"Our programs are affordable, and most are barrier-free, are open to different age groups, and cover a wide variety of interests, including arts and crafts, literacy development, early childhood learning, and so much more."

In addition to the library's regular programs, they also run several workshops yearly. Details on the programs are available at MorinvilleLibrary.ca.

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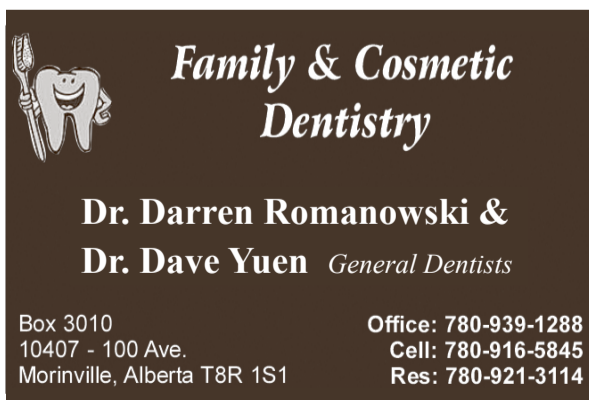
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