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Musée Morinville Museum attendant Donna Garrett poses with one of the ten Banners of Remembrance placed along 100 Street for Veterans' Week. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

### Chamber picks its award winners for this year

By Stephen Dafoe

The annual Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce Gala took place on Saturday, October 28, at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre with an Around the World theme and the largest roster of nominees in recent history.

The Chamber received over 400 individual nominations was chosen as this for 53 businesses in eight categories this

time, plus Youth Entrepreneur and business integrity nominees. But not all of the nominees could walk away with the award.

The Ag Business/ Farm Family category nominees include Deb's Greenhouse, Bokey Blooms Farms, Rosy Farms, Chuck's Berry Farm, and Birchwood Meadows. Deb's Greenhouse

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Rick and Tammy Tipple or R.T. Septic and Water Systems Inc. were the winners of the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce's Legacy Award on Saturday, October 28.

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year's winner.

R.T. Septic and Water Systems was the Business Legacy category winner.

Other nominees included Black Bar Crossfit, Rene's Vacuum, Flynn Bros., and The Flower Stop & Gift Shop.

The New Business Category drew seven nominees: The Niche Hair Studio, Fusion World Rentals, Bon Accord Liquor Store, Free Spirit Ranch, Optimal Yoga

& Wellness, Movement Dance Studio, and Hair & Holistics. Niche Hair Studio was this year's winner.

Home-based business nominees include Skinsational, Nancy Johnson Fitness, Crazy Diamond Crystals, A Worthy Cookie, Dark Sky Distillery, J'Lynn Esthetics, and Christy Chubaty, Chartered Professional Accoun-Skinsational took home this year's award.

All Mixed Up won

the Small Business category award, drawing the largest number of nominees at 14.

Other nominees this year included Sturgeon Brewing Company, The Ice Hut, Smokehouse Grills & Purolator, Grass Theory, JLS Decals & Signs, Panchita's Taqueria, Morinville Pizza, Au Chocolat, Legendary Liquor, Black Bar Crossfit, Odin Renovations Inc., Madaflo Craftsman, and Rentz & Rover Pet Services.

Medium Celebrations Studio Flare Catering, Ok Elizabeth Tire Morinville, Bis- Brooklynn Drayden Insurance Van home the award.

ness category drew ria was this year's three nominations: Sturgeon Cleaning Service, Morinville Shell, and Atlas Premium Home Development with Sturgeon Cleaning Services winning this year.

Community Spirit is open to businesses and non-proforganizations that enhance the community.

Midstream Support Society, who have operated in Morinville for years, won this year. Other nominees included Fusion Thrift Shoppe, Morinville Adopt-A-Family, and Second Chance Animal Rescue Society.

Young entrepreneurs were also recognized at the gala

busi- with Emily's Petness nominees in- dana's, Willow Ralph clude Coach's Cor- - Panchita's Taqueria ner Sports Bar & and Movement Dance instructors Nelson, Payne, tro Di Madre Piccola, Kenzie MacRae, Jade Lersberghe, Ltd., and Animal Haley Oullette and Wellness Veterinary Grace Dundass, each Clinic. OK Tire took nominated for the award. Willow Ralph The Large Busi- of Panchita's Taquewinner.

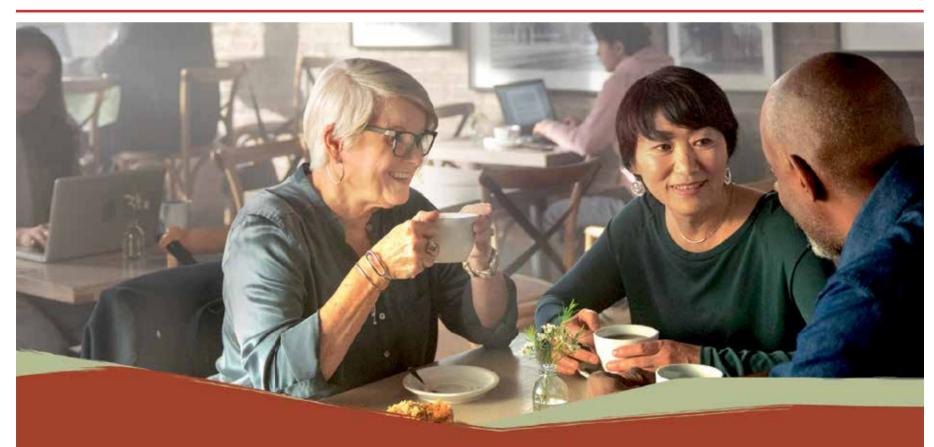
The Chamber also

has its own Integrity Award, which is selected and voted on by the Chamber. **Hunters Print & Copy** was chosen as the Integrity Award winner this year.

The Chamber chose to hold the annual event on a Saturday this year, rather than the usual Thursday, to allow more time for networking after the dinner, entertainment and awards.



On October 25, the Muttart Conservatory Adult Field Trip group had boarded the bus and headed to Edmonton for an evening of botanical wonder. They expressed their gratitude to everyone who had attended, as it made their first adult field trip a great success. They encouraged everyone to stay tuned for updates on future adult field trips on the Town of Bon Accord Facebook page or www.bonaccord.ca.



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### **Communities in Bloom Pioneer Commemorative Project**

Courtesy of Bon Accord and Area Communities in Bloom

Kowalski family members, Bon Accord Communities and Bloom (CiB) members and Town of Bon Accord Council and administrator met at the Bon Accord Cemetery to dedicate a plow and sign installation to the pioneers of the region. Many area pioneers are buried in this cemetery.

Kevin Kowalski stated that next year his family will have farmed in this community for 130 years. A donation to CiB made by the Kowalski family, with a caveat to create a lasting tribute to the area pioneers, initiated this project. They suggested something in the cemetery.

Town Council approved the concept and CiB executed the plan. Addition pioneer families added to the fund and a sign was agreed upon. But what to put on the sign? What truly symbolizes the pioneers? Horses, plows, grain and many more ideas were bantered about. The donation of a real plow by Diane Stretch-Stang, granddaughter of John and Katherine Kowalski, rounded out the idea and was quickly added to the plan. CiB built the cement plinth and attached the plow. The sign, designed by CiB and built by Tom Bland of Roughneck Manufacturing, completed the installation.

The Kowalski Family present were Kevin Kowalski, Tammy (Kowalski) McArthur and Diane Stretch-Stang. "We should, as our pioneers, push forward with the



same fortitude that they did," underscores Mayor Brian Holden. "I believe we must honour their legacy by continuing to push forward and build on what they have done for our great town."

The Town of Bon Accord would like to thank the Kowalski family and Diane Stretch-Stang for their contributions in making this project a great success. We would also like to thank the CiB volunteers for their hard work in making this plan a reality!

# MCHS student takes silver in Kung Fu

By Stephen Dafoe

A 14-year-old Morinville Community High School student has returned from Calgary with a silver medal in her sport. Sturgeon County resident Olivia Laporte competed in the WKU World Championships from Oct. 16 to 23. At that competition, she took her medal in kung fu softstyle forms – Junior Female (Age 13-14).

Laporte had hoped to win gold but is pleased with the win, given some stiff competition.

"I was a little disappointed that I didn't win gold, but the style of the girl I went up against is really tough to beat," Laporte said. "She did Wushu Kung Fu, and that seemed to be a favourite of the judges. There was some really tough competition, and I had to go up against some black belts, but it was a cool experience."

Laporte got into the sport after hearing her father's stories of his

years in karate and her own desire to get into martial arts.

"I looked up the difference between Karate and Kung Fu, and I liked the style of Kung Fu better because of its circular movements," Laporte said. "I like everything about Martial Arts. It teaches discipline, and even if you feel tired, you push yourself to go and feel better after. I feel stronger after each session, and it makes me want to do better."

Laporte trains at the Canadian Ging Wu Martial Arts Association, where the teachers told the students about the WKU National Competition in Calgary last May that they would have to compete to qualify for Team Canada. In total, ten students from the school went. Team Canada was the largest country represented, with more than two hundred athletes in attendance. Canada ranked fourth overall in the competition.

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Olivia Laporte competed at the WKU World Championships in October in kung fu soft-style forms - Junior Female (Age 13-14).

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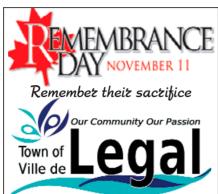
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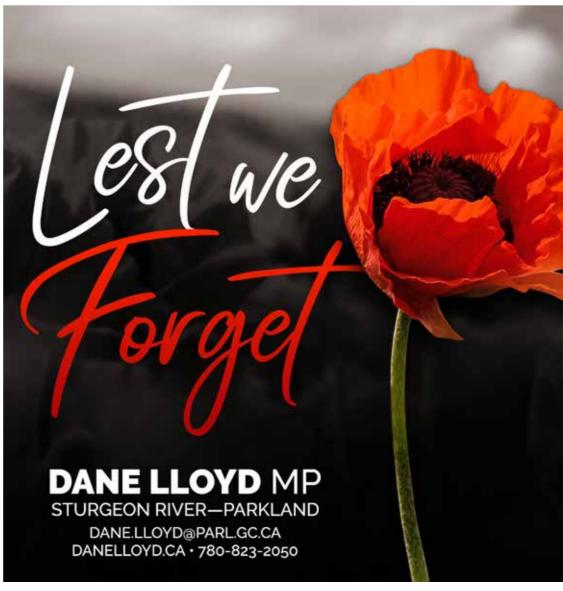
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Remembrance Day in Canada is a time when the nation collectively pauses to honour the sacrifices of its veterans and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Observed annually on November 11th, this day holds deep significance, as it marks the armistice signed in 1918 that ended World War I.

Canadians from coast to coast come together in solemn remembrance, wearing the iconic red poppy to commemorate the fallen and show gratitude for the freedoms they enjoy today.

Across the country, Remembrance Day ceremonies are held in communities both large and small, where veterans, active-duty personnel, and civilians gather to remember those who have given their lives in service. The poignant sound of the bugle playing "The Last Post," followed by a moment of silence at 11:00 AM, is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made in the pursuit of peace and the need to ensure that the memory of these heroes lives on for future

Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the past and a solemn commitment to a peaceful and harmonious future.





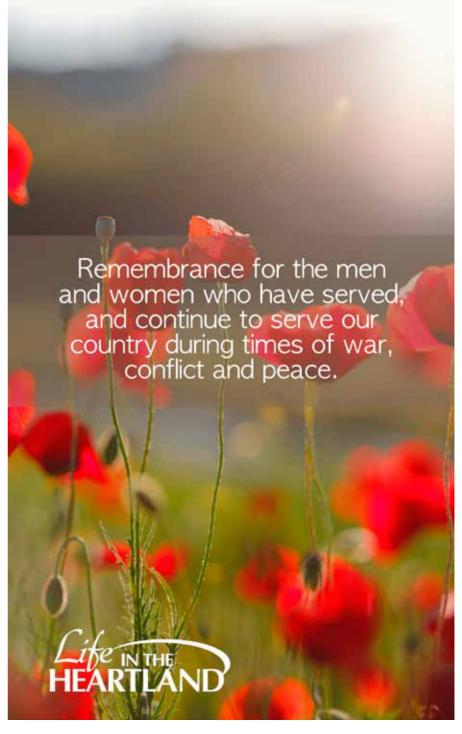






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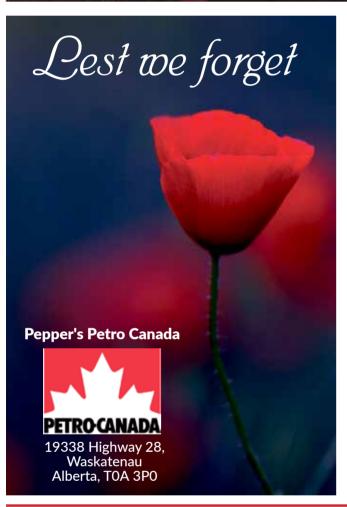




## REMEMBRANCE DAY



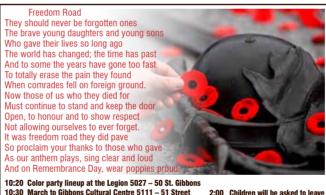






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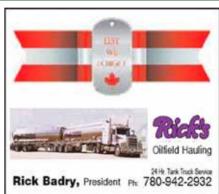
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This month's competition saw Laporte do something for the first time.

"I just started learning the fan this year, and I entered into the competition in that division," she said. "I had never performed fan at a competition before, so doing it against black belts at World's was a little scary. Even though I didn't win that one, I'm glad I did it."

Laporte, currently an orange belt, plans to work her way to black belt in the sport and, beyond that, hopes to teach others at her kung fu school.

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