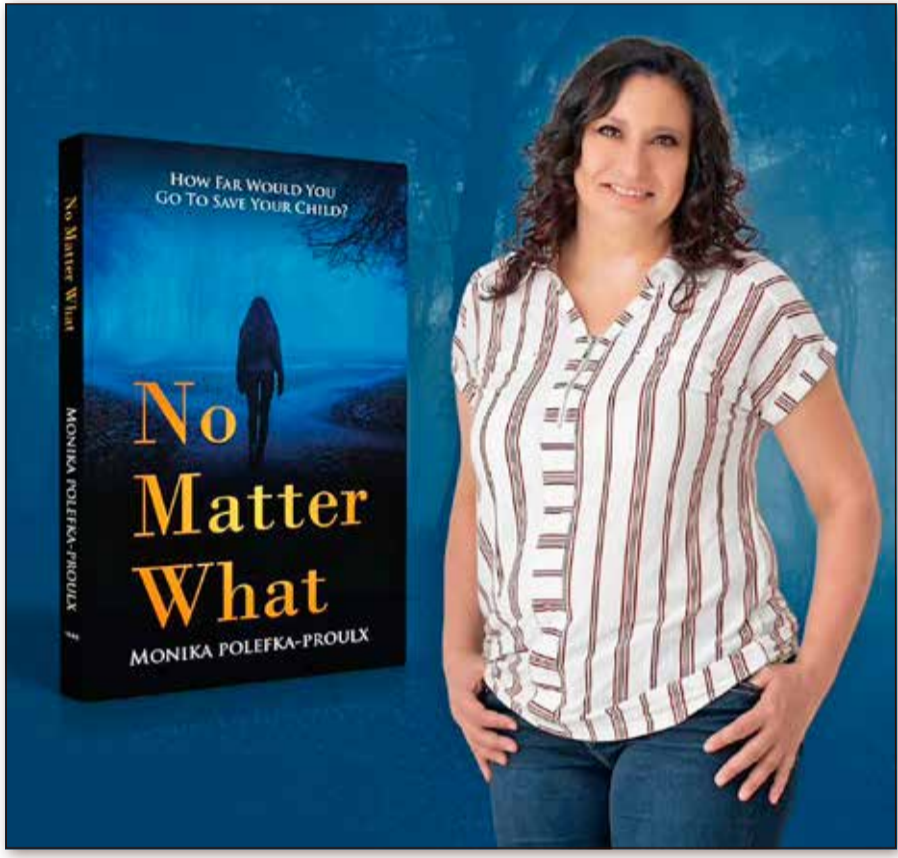


Upcoming Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association Zone 5 meeting aims to make a difference



Author Monika Polefka-Proulx, author of No Matter What, is one of several speakers at the Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association Zone 5 meeting at the Rivière Qui Barre Hall on Saturday, February 24.

By Stephen Dafoe

An area organization dedicated to being additional eyes and ears for the RCMP is hosting a special meeting for members and other fellow crime watch groups.

Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association is hosting the Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association Zone 5 meeting at the Rivière Qui Barre Hall on Saturday, February 24.

Zone 5 includes Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch, Barrhead & District, Strathcona and Smoky Lake Rural Crime Watch Associations. The upcoming meeting marks the first Zone 5 gathering since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is important to bring the communities – law enforcement, politicians, councillors and members – together to share their experiences, concerns and possible solutions/actions regarding crime," said SRCW Secretary Sherry Menard of the upcoming Zone 5 gathering. "Together, we can make a difference."

The event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., includes presentations on bullying, trafficking, property owner rights, and the RCMP's Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence (CAPTURE) program.

The CAPTURE program allows rural residents to help police protect their

property, family, and community by registering their security cameras with the program.

Menard said RCMP K-Division members will present on property rights, human Trafficking and the RCMP's CAPTURE program.

Another highlight of the February 24 gathering is an author's presentation on bullying.

"We are pleased to have Monika Polefka-Proulx, author of No Matter What, speak on a topic that is close to her heart – bullying," Menard said.

Polefka-Proulx is an author, publisher, and coach whose

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Morinville Lions Club seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year

By Stephen Dafoe

The Lions Club of Morinville is currently accepting 2023 Citizen of the Year nominations.

Morinville and Sturgeon County residents have until Saturday, April 27, to send their submissions for that volunteer, couple, or family with exceptional qualifications.

The Citizen of the Year, a tradition

started by the Lions Club in 1968, is dedicated to those who provide services to the community.

The Lions recognize volunteers every year for their service. As chosen by the residents, one or more prominent volunteers will be presented the certificate and trophy on Saturday, May 25, at the

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Not only did the Jets collectively have a great season, but some of the roster topped the league charts. Ethan Dechamplain, Cody Laliberte (above), and Jacob Klassen take the top three spots with 105, 85, and 78 points this season, respectively. Graeme Hampton took the eighth spot in the top ten with 68 points, the most ever by a Jets' defenceman. Jets' goalie James Hunt took a team record with 25 wins and tied the league record for most wins by a goalie. – Stephen Dafoe Photo



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Morinville Lions Club seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year



From left: Morinville Lions Club President Tina Gougeon, Morinville-St. Albert MLA Dale Nally, 2022 Citizen of the Year Anne Stalzer, Councillors Rebecca Balanko, and Maurice St. Denis. - Stephen Dafoe File Photo

Rendez-Vous Centre when the Lions officially celebrate their 75th anniversary in the community.

"It is to recognize the volunteer work they do," explained Morinville Lions Club President Tina Gougeon of the long-standing purpose of the award.

Nominations should include how long the

nominee has been a resident of Morinville or Sturgeon County, their group involvement, accomplishments over the past year and up to ten years, and commentary on the nominee's commitment and personal involvement in the community.

Nominations should also include whether the nominees'

involvement significantly contributed to the community in the past year, how past experiences made a difference, and what the person has done to receive a nomination for the past year or years.

The Lions are hoping to have many nominations to pick from this year.

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or family member that has done a lot of volunteering and want people to know what they have done, nominate them for this honour," Gougeon said, adding a

committee of three Lions members and the previous Citizen of the Year recipient judge all nominations, which are kept confidential.

Nominations can be

sent to The Lions Club of Morinville - Box 3150 Morinville, AB. T8R 1S1.

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- Council Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings
- Board and Committee Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards
- Public Hearings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Notice

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	March 5	2:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	March 12	9:00 AM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	March 13	9:00 AM
Economic Development Advisory Board	March 13	1:00 PM
Governance and Council Services Committee	March 14	1:30 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	March 19	2:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	March 26	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	March 27	9:00 AM

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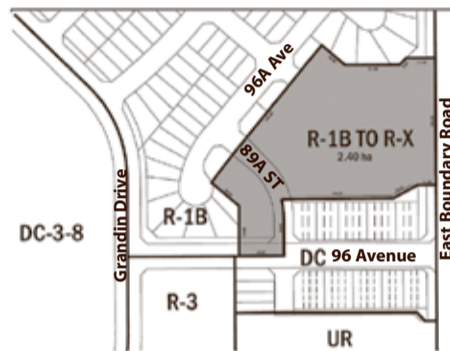
Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw No. 6/2024

You are invited to participate in a Public Hearing for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment (LUB), Bylaw 6/2024. Anyone intending to speak in-person at the public hearing is encouraged to register in advance, but not required to do so. Written comments are required to be submitted by **4 p.m. on February 26, 2024**, to be reviewed as part of the public hearing process. To register to speak in-person or submit written comments, please email legislativeofficer@morinville.ca.

A copy of the report relating to the Bylaw can be found by visiting www.morinville.ca/councilcalendar and selecting the link to the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

What is the Land Use Bylaw Amendment about?

The purpose of the proposed Bylaw 6/2024 is to amend Land Use Bylaw 2/2024 by redistricting 2.40 Hectares of a portion of land (see grey area in map below) legally described as NE 34-55-25-W4 and located within the Juniper Heights neighborhood from the Single Detached Compact Residential (R-1B) District to the Residential Mixed Form (R-X) District. Administration supports this proposal as it aligns with higher-level plans.



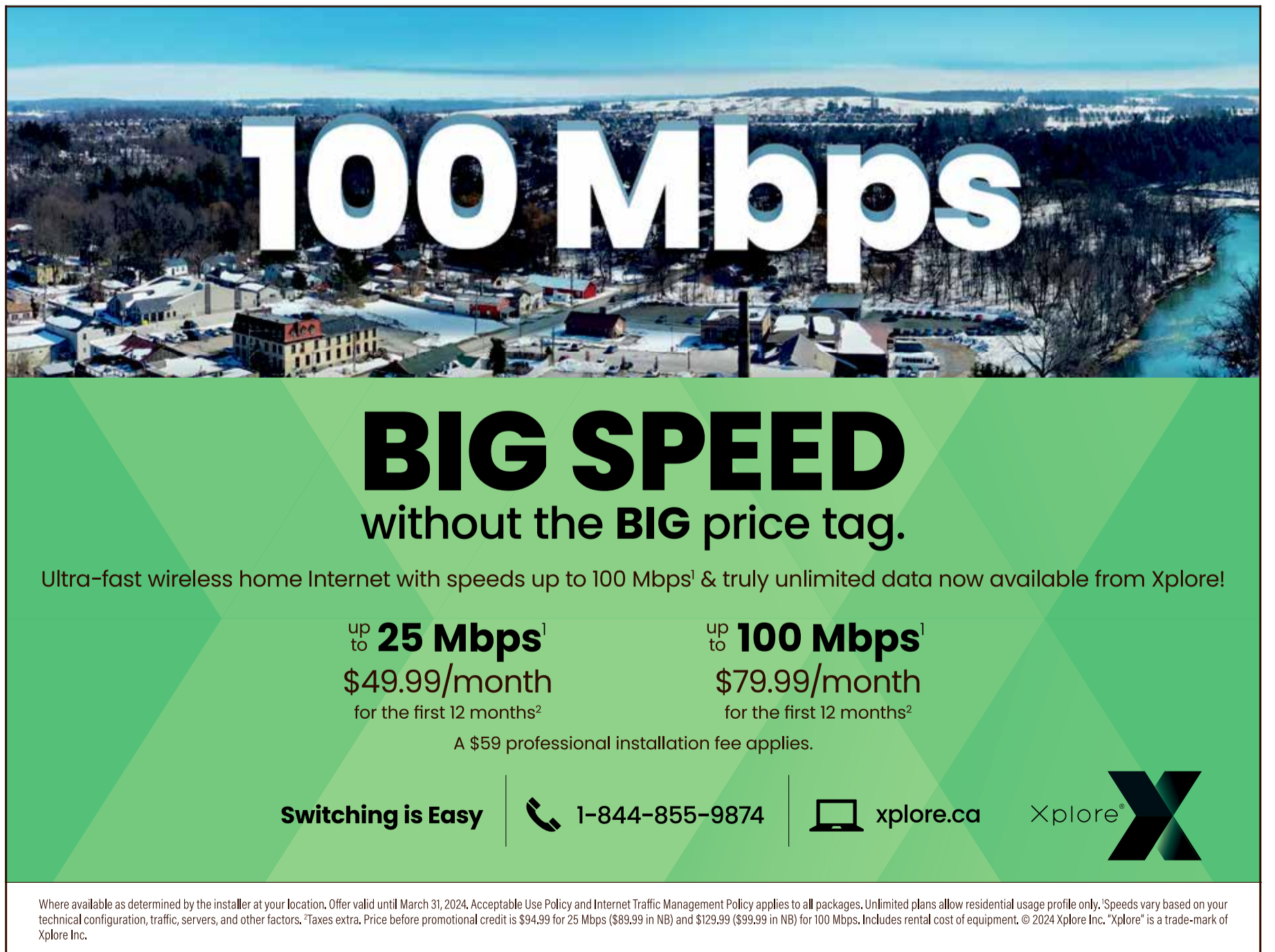
Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 6/2024:
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 4 p.m.
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company, Reach Love Connect, has two parts: Reachout Publishing and Unreachable Reach, a family coaching program, She also coaches' families of troubled teens, using her 5-STEP R.E.A.C.H process to identify Root causes, Open Eyes and acknowledge blinders, Attack negative behaviours and influences, Chase family harmony, and

Heal the family unit. Polefka-Proulx is the author of No Matter What - How Far Would You Go to Save Your Child? SRCW is hoping attendees will benefit from the various presentations on offer during the gathering. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., and the event starts at 10 a.m. Membership is required to attend the February 24 meeting

and is available to Sturgeon County residents at the door for \$25. Those interested in attending can RSVP to sturgeonrcwa@gmail by February 20. SRCW is also holding its annual general meeting (AGM) in Gibbons on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Elections will take place that night focusing on filling the organization's vacant president position.

How to get the government money available to you

(NC) Let's face it: no one loves doing their taxes. But, in addition to being your civic duty, it's your doorway into receiving many of the federal rebates, benefit or credit payments you could be eligible for. Here are four ways to make sure you get all the money you're entitled to from the federal government.

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While some benefits and credits are issued automatically, there are others you need to apply for. This includes the temporary Canada dental benefit for children under 12, and the new Canada Dental Care Plan rolling out this year that reimburses part of dental care costs.

uncashed cheque but you can't find it, you can ask for a new one to be issued. Government cheques do not expire so if you do find one that got tucked away somewhere, take it to your financial institution to deposit the money into your account today.

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Plus, with direct deposit you'll never misplace a government cheque. Learn more at canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit.

File your taxes on time

All you have to do to receive many government payments, including the Climate Action Incentive Payment or the GST/HST credit, is file your taxes.

The Canada Child Benefit also uses information from your tax return to make sure you get your maximum payment. Even if you didn't make any money last year, your benefit payments won't be issued until you file your return, so file on time, every time.

Find forgotten cheques

Who doesn't love reaching into an old coat pocket and finding a \$20 bill you forgot about the last time you wore it? Many of us unknowingly have uncashed government cheques waiting to be deposited, some worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1646/23 Road Closure Bylaw

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1646/23.

The property owner would like to bring the existing outdoor recreational uses on the lands into compliance and develop a recreational plan for their land as a whole at 302 57000 Highway 44.

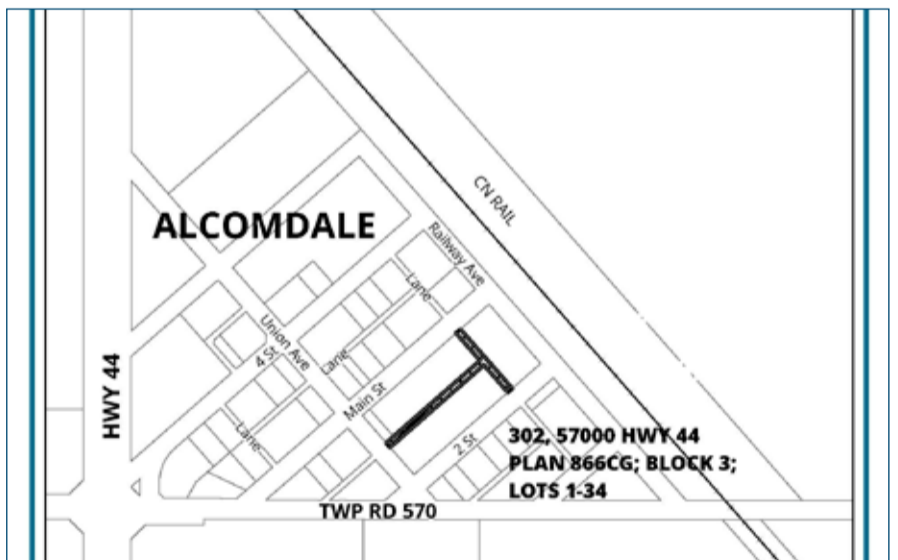
Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
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Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

The land was recently rezoned to REC – Recreational District and the intent is to consolidate all the land into one lot which requires the formal closure of the existing road right-of-way.

A bylaw is needed to formally close the existing road right-of-way.

View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/public-hearing-bylaw-1646-23-road-closure-bylaw



Questions? Contact us!

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Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377 to pre-register.

Speaking via videoconference

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Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Watching the Public Hearing

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Michelle (6) and Benson (3) Carpenter show off their Valentine's Day card crafts that they just finished making at the Morinville Community Library on Saturday, February 10. The drop-in program was available for children up to the age of 12. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1647/24

Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1647/24.

Sturgeon County is proposing amendments to the Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw 1385/17) Public Open Space District (POS) and Environmental Preservation (EP) Districts:

- To remove reference to the terms 'public' in order to focus on land use and not ownership.
- To amend the list of permitted and discretionary uses within both districts.

A bylaw is needed to amend existing bylaws, and a public hearing must be held.

View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1647

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)

Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)

Questions? Contact us!

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Landing Trail School



Landing Trail embraced the spirit of the 2024 Winter Walk Day on February 7th with enthusiasm!

After an uplifting assembly, students and staff ventured outdoors to enjoy the beautiful afternoon.

The Town of Gibbons treated us

to hot chocolate, adding a cozy touch to our adventure.

It was a perfect blend of outdoor fun and community bonding!

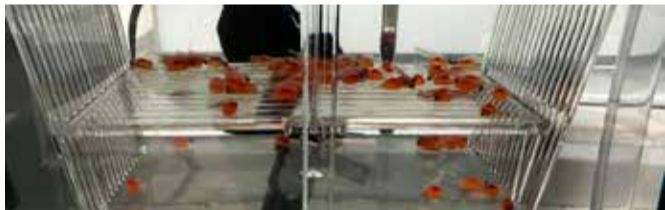


Gibbons School



Gibbons School is proud to be participating in the FINS (fish in schools) program for the second time this year. Students and staff will have a chance to watch the fish grow from egg all the way to fry. Grade 5F is in charge of cleaning the tank, caring for the fish, and keeping the chemistry in the aquarium balanced. They will also

be releasing the fish into the Gibbons Trout Pond in the month of May. It is a great hands on experience for students to learn and engage with, and it is awesome that the fish stay in our community. Drop by the office to check out our little fishes on their life cycle journey!



John William Kieser

It is with deep sadness and much love for, that we announce that John passed away on February 4, 2024.

He leaves to mourn his wife Diana, his children; Stacey (Serge), Kyla (Mel), Jesse (Christine), Kirk, Amanda (Michael), stepchildren; Scott (Sarah), Melanie (Doug). 17 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. His siblings; Charlotte, Ray, Kathy, Glen, Kevin, Mona. Numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

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ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a measure of controversy has found its way into your life, but you may want to avoid letting others know your feelings. Keep conversations to trivial topics this week.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Advice about how to handle a confusing financial matter may not be resonating right now, Taurus. You may need to review the data a few different times.

GEMINI May 22/June 21

Gemini, consider another's perspective more closely in the days to come. A different point of view may help you to more clearly define your own outlook.

CANCER June 22/July 22

Setting boundaries right now could be difficult for you, Cancer. You are always caring for others and that may affect how involved you get in another person's issues.

LEO July 23/Aug 23

Share your light and vitality with another person this week, Leo. You can boost this person's mood or even change his or her perspective dramatically if you so desire.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, heated emotions between you and a family member could drive a wedge in your relationship for some time. It is best to carefully weigh your words before speaking.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, pursuing the truth about a situation may seem very important to you and even urgent. But will having all of the answers really change much right now?

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, be careful not to take everything that people say to you at face value right now. You need to vet all information for yourself before you make decisions about anything.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

You may be feeling sorry for someone even if they didn't ask you to weigh in on a situation, Sagittarius. You simply can't help getting involved, but remember to listen.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a quiet and practical approach is the way to sort through a confusing situation that arises this week. Your detailed-oriented nature will help you go through all the facts.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

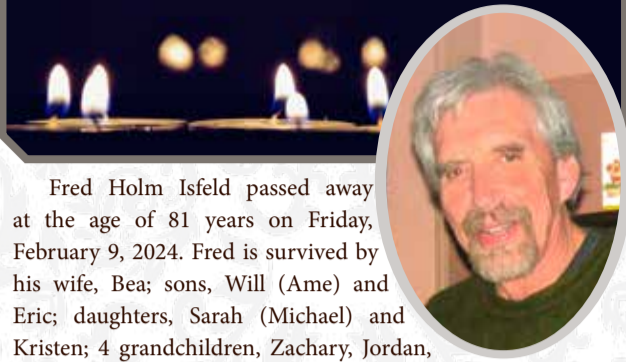
You may not be happy with the direction a family member, friend or even your larger community is moving at the current moment, Aquarius. Consider ways you can help.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

You may be feeling pulled by the demands of a few different people in your life right now, Pisces. It's probably best to give things more thought before making any decisions.

Fred Holm Isfeld

March 4, 1942 ~ February 9, 2024



Fred Holm Isfeld passed away at the age of 81 years on Friday, February 9, 2024. Fred is survived by his wife, Bea; sons, Will (Ame) and Eric; daughters, Sarah (Michael) and Kristen; 4 grandchildren, Zachary, Jordan, Samantha and Jeremy; siblings, Jean, Pauline, Bert, Art and Paul; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Eric and Eliza; siblings, Marshall, Dave, Bennett, Shirley, Dorothy, Hazel and Freda; and Maureen mother of his children Will and Sarah. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in memory of Fred to Alberta Lung Association, Po Box 4500, Station South, Edmonton, Alberta T6E 6K2 or organization of your choice. A private family service was held on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

Trudy Kathleen Owen

On December 14th 2023, Trudy Kathleen Owen passed at the tender age of 63.

She is survived by her children Ian Bakewell, Kim (Chantel) Bakewell, Kelly (Brian) Harrison, her 7 grandchildren and her partner Regis.

Trudy leaves behind her four brothers; Edward (Eilleen), Robert (Sheryl), Warren (Beverly) and John (Paula) and her two sisters; Carol and Sherry (Scott) along with countless nieces nephews and extended family.

She is predeceased by her parents Alice Margaret Lillian "Judy" Owen and "Bill" William John Owen.

A celebration of life will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion in Gibbons, AB (5027-50 Street) on February 24th from 1pm-5pm.

ONUSHKO Henry

Nov 6, 1927 – Feb 7, 2024



It is with sadness we announce the passing of Henry Onushko on Feb 7, 2024 in Radway, Alberta at the age of 96.

Henry is survived by his wife of 68 years Vivian, son Kory Onushko, daughter Pam (Bill) Yakymchuk, Grandchildren; Alice Thomas, Meghan (Matt) Berube, Kayla (Darren) Wagil, Cody (Brandi) Yakymchuk, GreatGrandchildren; Emery, Eli, Kamryn and Kade, Siblings; Dolores (Mike), Doris, Shirley (Doug), Rosemarie (Leslie), Janet (Marvin), Nora (Gene), Zenon (Muriel), Russel (Carol) and many nieces and nephews.

Henry was predeceased by his parents; John and Katie and 3 sisters; Ruth, Olga and Patsy.

Henry enjoyed life on his farm spending time with family, his miniature horses and collie dogs. Henry's life was a long and full life and he leaves many happy memories for his family to treasure.

A sincere thank you to the Radway Continuing Care staff who looked after Henry with care and compassion for the last year.

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