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Camilla School cutting Footloose in Morinville

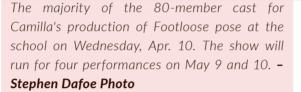
By Stephen Dafoe

After a successful run with Rock of Ages in 2023, Camilla School is bringing the 1980s classic Footloose to the stage for four performances on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10. There will be a 12:30 p.m. matinee and a 6:30 p.m. evening show each day at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

Camilla School teacher and director Chris Layton said choosing this year's show was easy. "I'm a child of the '80s. That's a classic tale of your parents don't like what you're doing. I think we all went through that," Layton said.

"When Elvis came out, my dad's parents were not happy. When I was listening to Iron Maiden and Metallica, and I still do, my parents weren't happy. Every generation goes through it, and it's a classic tale."

Footloose was released cinematically on February 17, 1984, and the cult classic is celebrating its 40th anniversary. A remake hit theatres in the fall of 2011. The version Camilla will perform is a theatrical production by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie, based on Pitchford's original 1984 screenplay. Once again this year, Layton has



assembled two casts for the four shows, again comprising 80 students from across a broad spectrum of ages and interests.

"We started in September. Kids have been giving up after school, Saturdays, starting in March, lunchtime, recess, whenever we can fit in a spare anything," Layton said. "They are the hardest working kids. I'm just so proud of them."

The title song, wellknown throughout tory of ever," Layton the past 40 years, certainly helped with enthusiasm, as did previous efforts.

"Ninety percent of our cast of Rock of with Rock of Ages, Ages came back, and for some of them, their schedules didn't jive. Boy, there were some long faces when schedules didn't

jive," he said.

The upcoming fourshow run is a family-friendly production, and although Layton said there are a couple of scenes in the films that he would not want to put on stage, the youth-edition scripts are suitable for all audiences.

A crew of seven backs the 80 actors each night. "I've given them more responsibility than I've ever given in the hissaid of the behindthe-scenes crew. "All I have to do is stand They're theatrical backstage. doing it all."

As was the case the set and lighting play a significant role. Although he did not want to spoil the

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Morinville Allocates \$2,500 Grant to Sturgeon Hockey Club for 2024-2025 Season Support

By Colin Smith

The Sturgeon Hockey Club will be receiving \$2,500 in grant funding from the Town of Morinville in support of its 2024-2025 season.

The Support Grant application approved by the council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, was one of two received so far this year.

A decision on the other application, from the Morinville Curling Club, was deferred until after a meeting between representatives of the club and administration scheduled in May.

As reported by Community Services Manager Jennifer Potocnik, the Sturgeon Hockey Club sought Support Grant funding to cover an increase in ice fees for its 2024-2025 season.

This was due to the loss of the Legal Arena, currently closed for construction,

which resulted in the need to secure ice elsewhere at a higher cost.

The Morinville Curling Club applied for a grant to pay for facility rental, contracted services, hosting the Provincial Master's Championship (which took place in March), specialized equipment, operating, marketing, and capital expenses. Both clubs had requested the full \$5,000 in Support Grant funding that can be allocated to

any group in a year. However, \$5,000 is the total amount available for all Support Grants in 2024.

Council was presented with options for dealing with the applications.

These were allocating a percentage of the funds to either or both the Morinville Curling Club and Sturgeon Hockey Club, giving the full \$5,000 available to

one or the other, or postponing the allocation of funds to either organization and awaiting further applications this year.

Potocnik noted that the curling club had already held the Masters Provincial Championship, toward which the grant money was to be directed.

Also, the club received the full \$5,000 Support Grant in July of 2023.

Although having received a grant in a previous year does not disqualify an applicant from getting another, it is preferable that the money be distributed more widely, said Potocnik.

Councillor Scott Richardson made a motion to divide the \$5,000 between the two clubs, with \$2,500 going to each organization.

Support for the motion was announced by Councillor Ray White.

that we should be significantly looking at the curling rink," he said. "I do support them getting the other \$2,500."

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Anheliger then proposed an amendment to Richardson's motion calling for approval of a \$2,500 grant to the hockey club and postponement of a decision on granting funds to the curling club.

Anheliger indicated she would like to see others have the opportunity to access the grant funding.

At the behest of Councillor Stephen Dafoe, the amendment was split into two parts to be voted on separately, one that Sturgeon Hockey Club be granted \$2,500, the other that a decision about a grant to the Morinville Curling Club be postponed.

Both amendments passed unanimously.

"I strongly believe Mayor Simon Boersma and Councillor Maurice St. Denis were not at the meeting.

There was then a unanimous vote in favour of Richardson's original motion.

During the discussion, Dafoe noted that the council could see more applications seeking the entire \$5,000 amount of the Support Grant.

"We may want to gauge whether \$5,000 is sufficient or whether it is too much," he said of allowing people to apply for the full funding total.

Support Grant funding is intended for community-based

groups, or persons that conform to the guidelines set out in the Community Grant and Support Policy. Applications

events,

accepted in the areas of Arts and Culture, Community Development, Family and Community Support Services and Sports/ Recreation.

activities,

are

Applicants are required to match 50% of the requested amount either in funds, in-kind contributions, or a combination of both.

Funding also is made available through Community Grants, which can be up to \$2,500.



A crow's flight path to an evergreen perch is seen in this composite photo.- Stephen Dafoe Photo

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and front counter enhancements.





École Notre Dame takes home some bronze!

What is the APEGA Olympics? Science It is an event for grades 1-12 to experience hands-on science in an organized competition.

The event was organized by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA). It took place at the University of Alberta Butterdome.

There were 100 teams for Division 2, grades 4-6.

"A big focus of the event is introducing students to science,

technology, engineering and math - specifically engineering and geoscience," said Keely McPhee, APEGA outreach coordinator. (from CTV news)

École Notre Dame had three teams compete for grades 4-6. For many of them, it was their first time and they really got into it. It is high pressure at times as they are timed to complete the tasks.

One task was to send an egg down a zipline and create a receptacle to keep it

safe and it couldn't be bigger than the specified measurement parameters.

Two of our teams attained bronze. One of the grade four students told me, "The judges were good, one even gave us pointers to improve our score for next year and I think we will."

"I loved seeing the kids get excited about science, learn to collaborate, and see how science ties into the real world." Mme Sliger - coach for Notre Dame.





Morinville RCMP investigate thefts from community mail boxes

On April 17, 2024, Morinville RCMP mail until you return: received a report from Canada Post • Report any mail theft to police; advising that 4 community mail boxes were broken into overnight. The locations of the thefts occurred on 101a street, 99 street, and 105 avenue in Morinville. While RCMP continue their investigation, we are asking residents to be mindful of suspicious activity in the area and take some precautions. There are several tips in safeguarding yourself against mail theft including:

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Sturgeon County Council approves 2024 property tax rates

Sturgeon County Council approved a 1.37 per cent municipal tax rate increase.

means This а property valued at \$500,000 will pay \$26 more in municipal taxes in 2024. A business valued at \$1 million will pay \$148 more.

Property taxes help pay for municipal services, including snow clearing, road and bridge construction and maintenance, parks and trail improvements, drainage infrastructure, animal control, and much more.

Some highlights from Sturgeon County's 2024 Budget include:

• New investment in much needed fire services equipment to elevate

community safety. · Open space development with construction of pathways enhancing recreational access for residents.

• Major Infrastructure improvements including:

-Paving of Range Road 231 from Gibbonslea subdivision north to the railway tracks.

-Paving of Range Road 251 from south of the Cardiff Golf Course to the entrance on Carbondale Road.

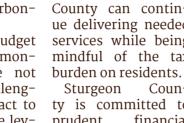
"This year's budget and tax rate demonstrates we are not without our challenges and must react to maintain service levels amid rising costs outside of our control," said Mayor Alanna Hnatiw.

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stand any increase may be challenging for residents and business owners, we believe this is a responsible and balanced decision that allows us to deliver on our commitments now and into the future."

Sturgeon County's 2024 Budget was developed through extensive Council discussion and public input. This budgetary increase ensures the County can continue delivering needed services while being mindful of the tax

Sturgeon ty is committed to prudent management the sustainable delivery of critical services for our growing



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The 1.37 per cent increase is lower than the municipal tax rate previously considered during budget deliberations last

"While we under- community. In Bud- December at 2.13 per cent.

Since then, increased assessment values and an operating surplus from 2023 allowed Council to reduce the 2.13 per cent tax rate down to 1.37 per cent.

Residents' final property tax bills are dependent on their property's assessed value. Assessment details can

be viewed online at SturgeonCounty.ca/ PropertyMap.

The County is also required to collect additional education, seniors' lodging and Designated Industrial Property (DIP) tax on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

Learn more about the property assessment and tax program at Sturgeon-County.ca/Tax.



Rotary Club of Morinville Sturgeon members gathered on Saturday, April 13 in the Sobeys Morinville parking lot for a bottle drive. The Rotary has collected bottles for the past few years, using funds raised for several community initiatives.- Stephen Dafoe Photo





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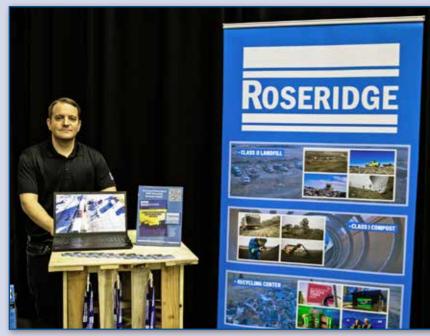
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Thank you for your support and congratulations to the Class of 2024! 🎉 🞓



Roseridge Landfill Commission Director of Operations Zachary Breshears operated the commission's booth at the Sturgeon County's Country Living Expo on Saturday, April 13, providing info to area residents on landfill operations and upcoming events, including the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Round-Up in Morinville on Saturday, May 11.- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Another swallow? Core inflation moving in the right direction

By Mark Parsons, **ATB ECONOMICS**

Last Wednesday, Tiff Macklem said the Bank of Canada is getting more confident inflation is heading in the right direction.

They just want to see more data to be convinced. Or in the words of Governor Macklem, "We're seeing what we need to see. We just need to see it for longer".

In other words, one swallow doesn't make a summer, but maybe a couple more could.

Less than a week later, we now have another month of data, and it looks pretty good overall.

Yes, the headline annual inflation rate rose from 2.8% in February to 2.9% in March. But that was expected because of higher gasoline prices. Consumer pricaverage, which strips out base year effects, are below 2% for both measures.

Shelter remains the key source of inflation, rising +6.5% y/y. Mortgage interest costs remain a big driver, adding nearly a percentage point to headline inflation (excluding mortgage costs CPI inflation was 2%). This effect will dissipate as rates shift lower. Rent inflation (+8.5% y/y)remains high and will likely prove more durable due to ongoing housing supply issues.

Food prices are very elevated, but they continue to rise at a slower annual rate. In March, the increase was 3.0% y/y. So the burning question - is this enough to cut in June? On its own, probably not. But (up 10.4% y/y) addwe do get another ed more to annual inflation print next inflation in Alberta month, and that than nationally (up could be the deciding 4.5% y/y), with the factor. Either way, partial reinstatewe are getting close. the easing core inflation trend (if it factor. Natural gas holds), along with recent cracks in February and March, the labour market. would be enough for higher than a year the Bank of Canada to justify rate in March 2023. cuts in June. But we wouldn't be surprised if the Bank berta's annual core waits to cut in July inflation rate was

data) and announce alongside a new set of projections.

In Alberta, the annual inflation rate eased from 4.2% to 3.5%, but remained above the national average due to faster growing energy prices.

Electricity prices continued to put upward pressure on headline inflation in Alberta, although the impact is fading. The 26% y/y increase was entirely due to base period effects, as \$25 rebates and a rate cap of 13.5 cents kw/h were in place in March 2023. On a month-over-month electricibasis, ty prices have declined the last three months, and should soon start subtracting from the annual inflation rate.

Gasoline prices ment of the fuel tax We still think that starting January 1 likely a contributing prices fell between but remained 11% ago due to low prices Excluding energy and food prices, Al-

to buy more time 2.5% - below the na-

(and gather more tional rate of 2.9%.

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Bon Accord Community School

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earnings to a local animal shelter.

We are so proud of their efforts on this project and the way the whole school community came out to support this event!



Lilian Schick School

Lilian Schick School teams showcased traps and amphibious their innovation at vehicles our students and teamwor

Building raccoon



es excluding gasoline decelerated 0.1 points to 2.8% yearover-year (y/y).

The real progress came from trend or core inflation, which strips out some of the more volatile movements.

The trim measure of core prices eased 0.1 points to 3.1% y/y and the median measure dipped 0.2 points to 2.8% y/y. More importantly, annualized changes in the 3-month moving

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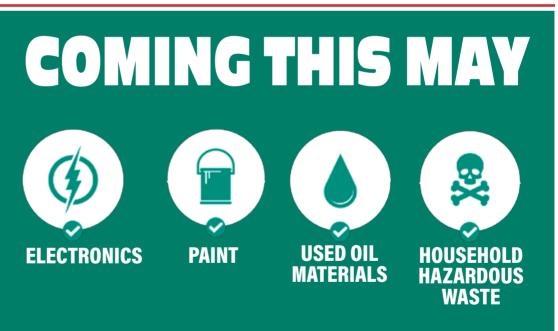
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Household Hazardous Waste Roundup Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Morinville Leisure Center parking lot.**



Camilla School

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surprises, Layton said

the set is all moving

pieces built with the

help of parents. "Par-

ents built the whole

thing, and we'll have

some kids doing some

of the painting. The

parents have been

great. This communi-

ty is awesome."

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14 ACRE HOBBY FARM IN THORHILD COUNTY This 2-bedroom bungalow features a spacious kitchen, large living

room, and a large versatile porch/ flex space. Upgrades include newer windows, shingles (2015), furnace

(2020), hot water tank (2021) and porch heater (2021). Both kitchen and bathroom have been completely remodeled since 2010 as well. Lots of room in unfinished basement for customization by adding additional bedrooms or family room. Bsmt roughed in for shower and sink. A heated 30X30 shop, along with outbuildings including a quonset, hip roof barn, and stable with 3 stalls add functionality and plenty of room for all your horses, cars, RV, toys, and pets. Large dugout, garden space, and planted trees complete this great acreage. **\$424,900. Call Heather to view.**



This cute, well kept 3 bedroom bungalow in Westlock is move in ready. Renovations over the years include newer flooring and paint, new windows, furnace and h/w

tank in 2016, bathroom renos in 2017, shingles in 2017, front and back decks, backflow valve installed in both washer drain and floor drain, and new front door and patio doors. Wall has been opened up between kitchen and living room to allow for a more open concept. Features include a built in vacuum system, pantry, solar light tube in kitchen, patio doors in back bedroom allow access to back deck and fenced yard with storage shed. Basement is partially finished with a family room space, laundry area and den which could easily be a 4th bedroom if window was made a bit larger. There is roughed in plumbing for a bathroom in the basement. Just needs flooring and ceiling installed to finish the basement. This is a great starter home or small family home. Would also be great for an investor as all the work has already been done. \$210,000, Call Heather to view



NEW LISTING

3+1 BEDROOM IN LEGAL Affordable family living in Legal! Nice bright main floor with large picture window in living room and patio doors leading from the dining

area to the back deck. Down the hall upstairs is the primary bedroom with a two piece ensuite bathroom as well as two additional bedrooms and a four piece bath. Downstairs is a back boot room and second entrance to the backyard and garage as well as stairs down to a large family room, fourth bedroom, new three piece bathroom and laundry room. The fenced south facing backyard has room to let kids, dogs or friends run around, as well as a crab apple tree and access to the oversized single detached garage. There's also a sizeable parking pad in front of the garage as well as a back lane giving you room to park the RV or other vehicles. Newer shingles, kitchen cabinets, main floor flooring, bathrooms and hot water tank. This home is perfect for a growing family looking to make a space their own! \$274,900. Call Glenn to view



20 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

This enchanting 20-acre parcel offers an idyllic setting for those seeking tranquility and privacy. This pristine land provides the perfect canvas for crafting your weekend

escape or constructing your dream home. Perfect opportunity to set up your homestead with a good mixture of trees for windbreak and privacy and open land for pasture and gardens. Lots of open land to the south makes this a great location for off grid living with solar panels. **\$99,900. Call Heather for more info.**

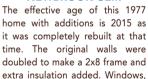


ALMOST 20 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

Nestled on 19.89 acres of serene countryside, this property offers the perfect blend of tranquility and functionality. A charming 1344

sq ft 1980's built bungalow boasts large eat in kitchen with island and pantry, living room, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on main floor. The lower level of the home is partially finished, offering a roughedin rec room, two additional bedrooms, and a convenient two-piece bathroom with the potential to add a shower/bathtub. This level also provides a walk-out door. Features include large windows both upstairs and downstairs. 3 West facing windows have recently been replaced. Livestock facilities, including fencing and corrals, make it suitable for agricultural pursuits, while several outbuildings offer storage space for equipment and toys. \$375,000. Call Heather to view.

NEWBROOK GEM



doors (interior and exterior), siding, metal roof, bathrooms, flooring, crown mouldings, furnace and paint all were done in 2015 or later. Must be seen to be appreciated. High end custom cabinetry throughout the home with granite countertops in the kitchen. Built in ss appliances, induction stove, pull up mixer shelf, pullout shelves, island kitchen, garden doors to maintenance free deck, huge w/i closet in master bedroom, 5 pce ensuite with two counters and sinks and soaker tub, and custom cabinetry in the office are some of the features. Total of 3 bedrooms and a den as well as enclosed, heated front porch. Heated single garage and asphalt back driveway. No lot rental, you own the 50x150' lot. \$199,900. Call Janine for more info.





ONLY \$154,900 FOR 2 BEDROOM BUNGALOW IN LEGAL

Looking for affordable living that's move in ready? This 2 bedroom bungalow in Legal is perfect for first time buyers, investors or seniors

who aren't quite ready to give up their pets and move into a lodge. Many upgrades over the years including furnace, vinyl siding and windows. Renos in the past year include all new bathroom with stacked washer and dryer and on demand hot water heater, new counter tops and backsplash in kitchen, eavestroughs, sump pit and pump. Fresh paint thoughout. Brand new carpet in bedrooms and lino in bathroom and back entrance and the living room/kitchen flooring is only a few years old. Large 75'x66' fenced lot with fire pit, flower beds, deck and plenty of parking space for a couple of cars and holiday trailer. Or build a garage if you like. Ramp is also in place for easy access with wheelchairs or walkers. Legal is a great small town that's only a few minutes north of Legal. Move in ready! \$154,900. Call Glenn to view.





rural retreat, the perfect spot to grow all your own food, or a place to unleash your creativity, this 12 acre parcel with bungalow and array of outbuildings and amenities offers

boundless opportunities. The house is just under 1100sq ft featuring 3 bedrooms upstairs and 1 downstairs. Plenty of outbuildings, including a 40X70 quonset, double garage, barn, chicken coops, and sheds. New septic system installed just last year. Plenty of room for all your vehicles, equipment, animals and toys. Very pretty setting with lots of large, mature trees. Conveniently located just a mile off pavement, less then an hour from Edmonton, a few minutes NE of Redwater. \$299,900. Call Janine to view.



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