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Local educator honoured with National Teaching Excellence Award in STEM



From left: Students Joshua and Ethan Keller and Four Winds STEAM Academy teacher Christina Dafoe pose with Ethan's provincial award-winning amphibious robot. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**

By Stephen Dafoe

Christina Dafoe, a dedicated teacher at Four Winds Public School in Morinville, has received the prestigious National Certificate of Excellence for Teaching Excellence in STEM. This award, part of the Prime Minister's awards for teaching excellence, recognized her innovative contributions to education, particularly in

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

Sixty-nine of Canada's top educators have received this year's Prime Minister's Award. Of those, sixteen teachers received excellence. Five received

awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education and eight for Excellence in Teaching. However, Dafoe was one of only two in the country to receive the Prime Minister Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM.

Dafoe learned of her award nomination from her principal and vice principal, and then she got a call from the federal government.

"My principal told me he was nominating me

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Christina Dafoe at the National Certificate of Excellence. - **Christina Dafoe Photo**



From left: Victoria, Dominic, and William Doig stand by the Morinville Fire Department's Ladder 1.

Morinville Council approves Mobile Vendor Bylaw easing food truck operations

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A group of food trucks were part of the recent Morinville Festival Days, one of the permitted instances under the new Mobile Vendor Bylaw, passed by Council on June 25. - **File photo**

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Six-year-old Adelynne Rondeau decided on some patriotic face painting at the Canada Day celebration, held July 1 at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. – **Stephen Dajoe Photo**

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Morinville RCMP Detachment Constable Simon Lajoie stands with Morinville Fire Chief Brad Boddez at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. The department brought firefighters, Ladder 1, and plenty of gear to show residents and their children. – **Stephen Dajoe Photo**

PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 4 *Free Press*

SUDOKU

6			9	4				5
		3				8		
				8				4
		7	6				1	
					3			
5	9		1					
	6							1
2		4						8
	3				8	7	2	6

Level: Intermediate

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!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

CROSSWORDS

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55		56							57			
58									59			

CLUES DOWN

- About visual sense
- Part of a horse's saddle
- In a way, interchanged
- Rocker's accessory
- Very important person
- It precedes two
- Flavored
- Musical notes
- String instrument (slang)
- Mister
- Fine, light linen fabric
- Absence of bacteria
- Discounts
- Area units
- A description of one's life
- Gazelles
- Plumbing fixture
- Makes especially happy
- One side of something many-sided
- Frosts
- Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- Female animal species
- School terms
- Written law
- Unpleasant aroma
- Nuclear weapon
- One who challenges
- Opposite of first
- Able to be utilized
- Less interesting
- Implants
- Canister
- Gestures
- After B
- Romanian monetary unit
- Long-term memory
- Cash machine
- The Volunteer State

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

Aries, you may be full of more energy than you have had in a while, helping you to sail through all of your tasks this week at a record pace. Enjoy this wave while you ride it.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Taurus, heed your body's messages that it needs some rest right now; otherwise, you may not be up for social engagements that are on the horizon.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

You cannot hang out with every person who is trying to get a piece of your time right now, Gemini. It's likely you will need to space out socializing over a few weeks to meet with them all.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Cancer, you have been working hard to make professional progress, and it might be time to think about your next step. It could be time to take your talents elsewhere.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, you are often drawn to unfamiliar experiences that can teach you something new. This week could provide a host of opportunities to try something new.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

It is time to get off the fence and commit to one decision or another, Virgo. Your professional life hinges on your ability to take a path and then stick with it.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Libra, you might be tempted to accept every invitation that comes your way. However, it is better to be smart about the people with whom you associate.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, take a look at how things should operate before you hit the floor running. You want to be strategic in how you expend your energy; otherwise, you may experience burnout.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You lean toward being one of the more passionate signs in the zodiac, Sagittarius. That passion will be on full display this week. You'll wear your heart on your sleeve.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Domestic issues come to the forefront, Capricorn. You're inclined to spend time at home with loved ones. Take this time to work around the house and yard.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, your popularity is growing and it's time to get out there and hang with the movers and shakers. Soon even more people will learn who you are.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Strengthen your ideas with a concrete foundation, Pisces. Only then will your plan come to fruition in the right manner, leading to better success.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Book size
- Indonesian Island
- "The Sopranos" character
- Plants often found in stews
- Stern
- Atomic #52
- Often seen after a company name
- Silk garments
- Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- Type of beer
- Margarine
- Throw lightly
- Explains again
- Raccoon-like animal
- Sneaker parts
- Platforms

- Scored perfectly
- One's essence
- Strikes with a firm blow
- Makes tractors
- Music term
- Lack of energy
- Vestments
- and feathers
- Total
- Gobbler
- One with Japanese immigrant parents
- Type of braking system (abbr.)
- Home of Rudy Flyer
- Manageable
- Lugged
- Irritated
- Sea eagles
- Warm seasons

BACKYARD BASH WORD SEARCH

F	M	M	S	D	P	E	L	S	D	T	A	O	T	F	A	W	M	K	L
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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| BACKYARD | BUFFET | ENTERTAIN | HAMBURGER | OUTDOORS | SAUSAGE |
| BARBECUE | BUNS | FLIP | INFORMAL | PARTY | SMOKED |
| BARK | CHARCOAL | GRILL | MARINATE | PATIO | STEAK |
| | CHICKEN | GUESTS | MEAL | SALADS | TEMPERATURE |
| | | | | | WOOD |

Morinville Council approves Mobile Vendor Bylaw easing food truck operations

By Colin Smith

The way has been eased for food trucks to set up in Morinville.

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 25, Council approved the Mobile Vendor Bylaw.

This is the first town bylaw to address the operation of mobile vendors, in particular food trucks, whose numbers have increased in recent years.

Up to this point, food trucks have been subject to the same regulations as permanent business establishments, including a Land Use Bylaw requirement for a development permit whenever they set up.

The new bylaw sets out specific rules and regulations for mobile vendors intended to facilitate their operations in the town while limiting negative impact on local brick-and-mortar businesses.

An amendment to the Land Use Bylaw passed at

the same time made mobile vendors exempt from the requirement for a development permit.

Mobile vendors will continue to require a Morinville business licence and now must fill in a one-page form on an online check-in portal.

Food trucks will be allowed in three pre-approved public locations: the skate park, the baseball diamonds, and the splash park and outdoor rink area.

They can set up on private property if they have written authorization from the property owner, authorization that must be produced upon demand of a peace officer or development officer.

Vendors who want to park along the street will need to obtain a temporary road closure permit, which can be approved in "as little as 72 hours."

Amendment of the Land Use Bylaw now allows food trucks to operate in residential areas, either on

private land with landowner permission or parking along the street with a temporary road closure permit.

Food trucks would not be able to operate in the road right-of-ways along 100 Street and 100 Avenue. An exception would be if they are operating as part of a special event that has obtained a temporary road closure.

The proposed bylaw stipulates that if operating on town-owned land, mobile vendors must hold \$2,000,000 in liability insurance and show proof of that upon request.

"Removing the requirement for the development permit will make it much easier for mobile vendors to come in to provide service in Morinville," Economic Development Officer Stephen Novak told council.

"I think we've done a good balance of the ability to come here, at the same time maintaining that

local businesses are important to us as well, so not stepping on their toes too much."

Since the introduction of the draft bylaw some council members have been concerned that it is still too rigorous.

A review of the bylaw is required by March of next year, following passage of a motion at the May 28 council meeting.

During second reading of the bylaw at that meeting, Councillor Scott Richardson stated, "I worry that it's too restrictive. I find this is going to be too cumbersome for people coming into town."

Second reading of the bylaw was approved, with a vote of four to three. Mayor Simon Boersma and Councillors Jan Anheliger, Maurice St. Denis and Ray White were in favour and Councillors Rebecca Balanko, Stephen Dafoe and Scott Richardson opposed.

On Tuesday, June 25, Councillor Ray White

moved third reading of the bylaw.

"There is some peace of mind for me in having the bylaw reviewed in March of next year to see how it worked and get some feedback from the operators of mobile vendors and just to see if there can be improvements to the bylaw," said Mayor Simon Boersma. "Having the Chamber of Commerce on side was very important to me. Especially when local business is looking at it."

The vote approving third reading of Mobile Vendor Bylaw was five to one, with Boersma and Anheliger, Balanko, St. Denis and White in favour and Councillor Stephen Dafoe opposed.

Once the bylaw was approved, councillors in attendance voted unanimously for passage of the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

Councillor Scott Richardson was not at the meeting due to a family emergency.

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

WORD SEARCH

CROSSWORDS

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5	9	2	1	7	4	6	8	3
8	6	9	7	3	2	5	4	1
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this year, and I'm very proud of that," she said, adding the recognition extended to her students in showcasing what they do. "It's an incredible feeling because you know that it's not just you, but it's the community around you who has done this as well. I'm humbled to accept it on behalf of our schools."

Dafoe has been an educator for 13 years, initially at Sturgeon Heights in St. Albert, where she operated a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) club in addition to her regular teaching role. When she moved to Four Winds, which opened in 2019-2020, she also started a STEAM club at the school.

In its first year, that club had 100 members. As the school had a Dance Academy and a Sports Academy, the members of the STEAM Club wondered why the school couldn't also have a STEAM program.

"I went to the principal and proposed it," Dafoe recalled, noting the principal took the idea to the Sturgeon School Division Board. "We were able to get up and running the next year in 2020-21 with a class of just 25 grade 5 and 6 kids."

At the end of its third school year, the program had full classes for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8/9, with waiting lists for all grades.

Through the school's STEAM Academy, Dafoe integrates emerging and unique teaching practices and tools, giving her students cutting-edge experiences in robotics, coding, 3D printing, animation, graphic design, and invention/iteration. STEAM education rolls out into real-world challenges and competitions at regional and provincial levels.

"I believe what makes it [STEAM] popular is just that hands-on, real-world challenges, and being able to be creative in your thinking and you're learning," Dafoe said, adding that she teaches skills during the first hour of class, followed by a challenge incorporated into the second hour called a genius hour or passion project time. "It's a time for them to explore an area of STEAM they're passionate about. Then they create their learning

experience, and I help facilitate and guide it along the way."

Dafoe said that by the end of three months, students would showcase what they'd learned to the rest of the class and other school classes. "Many of them take on those projects for their next genius hour, so it's all learning together," Dafoe said.

Two of Dafoe's students, Joshua and Ethan Keller, were excited for their teacher's recognition on the national stage.

"At first, I was like, 'I don't exactly know how to feel about it,'" Grade 6 student Joshua Keller said. "Excitement went through my body when I heard about it."

For brother Ethan, Grade 9, there was pride in the accomplishment. "I was extremely proud of her. She completely deserves it. I still think she's underappreciated even with getting this award," Ethan Keller said. "She's just such an amazing teacher, honestly. I was just so proud of her."

Both students find a similar appeal in STEAM. For Joshua, it is the enjoyment of learning new things that can help in everyday challenges and creating what his mind envisions. For Ethan, STEAM appeals to his passion for science. "I get to follow my passions, and I do what I want," Ethan Keller said, adding that Dafoe is always there to help. "She's always there to help me, no matter what I need."

With four successful school years wrapped up, the program is looking to grow with new challenges and innovation in 2024-2025, including a partnership with FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics, sponsorship for new robots called REV robots to enhance the Grade 8 and 9 program, and using Lego SPIKE primes.

"Our Academy has now grown throughout our division," Dafoe said. "We now have other Academies that have sprouted in programs have sprouted in Gibbons, Namao, and Sturgeon Heights. Sturgeon Composite is now integrating STEAM programs within their high school so that when they [students] move on, they have something to move on to."




Sturgeon County is creating an Agriculture Master Plan (AMP), which is a strategic roadmap to guide agriculture-related initiatives for the next 10 years.

Earlier this year, we asked for your ideas and thoughts about the state of agriculture in Sturgeon County. Your feedback was used to identify themes, priorities and potential actions for the draft master plan.

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Sturgeon River-Parkland MP Dane Lloyd speaks to Morinville resident Rob D'Aoust at Lloyd's annual community BBQ, held at Putnam Law in Morinville on Thursday, June 27. - **Stephen Dafoe Photo**

\$1000 donation from Servus Credit Union

Submitted by Fred Malott Treasurer, Legal Lion's Club

The Legal Lions Community Transportation were the recent recipient of a \$1000. donation from Servus Credit Union. The Lions Club submitted an application through the online Community Engagement program on the Servus web site. The funding will help offset costs for seniors' transportation to events and activities throughout the Edmonton and surrounding area. Lion Transportation director Fred Malott was

extremely happy to receive the donation as it will help to defray costs for the seniors in our community, as well seniors in other surrounding communities who utilize our transportation service. It is imperative that we offer programs to seniors who do not have any other affordable transportation available to them. They will be able to access groceries and go shopping, go to museums, go on tours, view Christmas lights in the city, go for lunch, go fishing, and be active individuals within their communities.

It is important to seniors that we strive to help them by providing services that will allow them to Age in Place and allows them the opportunity to enjoy life in the communities where they have lived most of their lives. The Lion's Transportation has been operating for 39 years offering low-cost transportation to members of the community. Servus Credit Union partners with local organizations that offer free or reduced fee initiatives that help people to enjoy community and cultural activities.



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