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Groundbreaking Ceremony: Town of Legal Arena & Curling Rink Facility Retrofit

The Town of Legal hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on July 19, 2024, at 3:00 pm, marking the official start of the retrofit of the Town of Legal's arena and curling rink facility, located in Legal, Alberta, Canada.

The design of the project began in early

2023 after the Town ice surface, female of Legal was approved for the Government of Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program, receiving a grant of \$7,159,360. The project included much-needed upgrades to the facility, such as an NHL-size

dressing rooms, referee room, accessibility features throughout the facility, and modernization of the lobby area. This project optimized energy efficiency systems, including an improved insulated building envelope and the addition of solar

panels, which reduced energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and lowered operating costs.

Updating this 60-year-old facility created opportunities to increase local usage, ensure sustainable operations, and provide excellent recreational services for residents of the Town of Legal, Sturgeon County, and the surrounding areas, including visitors to the community.

During the project term, the curling rink facility remained open for the regular 2024/2025 season, and the arena was scheduled to open for the 2025/2026 regular season.

The Town of Legal recognized those who contributed and provided support to this project: Government of Canada (Green & Inclusive Community Building Program), Province of Alberta (Community Facility Enhancement Program), Sturgeon County, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, Sturgeon Hockey Club, Legal Curling Club, and Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers Ltd.

"Albertans deserve access to modern and safe sport spaces. Today's funding grant for the Legal Arena and Curling Rink is giving Legal residents just that. By retrofitting their existing

facilities, we modernized amenities, improved energy efficiency, and made them accessible community spaces that everyone can enjoy," said the Honourable Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages.

"Hockey and curling rinks form the cornerstone of communities across this province. As MLA for Morinville-St. Albert, I'm proud of the collaboration between the Town of Legal, Sturgeon Hockey Club, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, the

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to right: Marc Rivard (Legal Curling Club President),

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Morinville Council Briefs



Could the Morinville Leisure Centre get a pool in partnership with a third party? A motion by Councillor Scott Richardson at the July 9 regular meeting will see Administration work with recreation and legal practitioners to develop a partnership and incentive model that would facilitate the development of an indoor or outdoor pool. That plan is intended to come back to Council during budget deliberations this fall.

By Colin Smith

The following Council briefs are from the July 6 regular meeting of Council.

Police Open House

The Morinville **RCMP** detachment will be taking part in an open house at the Fire Hall on October 5. Α multi-agency

partnership, the aim of the event is to receive community input on 2025/2026 policing priorities.

Other RCMP community engagement activities coming up

later this year were reported by administration to council at its regular meeting Tuesday, July 9.

These comprise a frauds and scams educational event in September, with the location and date to be announced; a Pop with a Cop Q & A session for youth November 14 at the MLC; and the Candy Cane Check Stop on December 12 at the Town Hall.

The RCMP has also been invited to attend the Bike Rodeo, Rock the Rails and Lite Up the Nite.

Condolences on the passing of prominent resident

Mayor Simon Boersma expressed his condolences to the family and friends of the late O'Neil Chevalier as one of the council protocol items.

Chevalier, the second-generation owner of Morinville Home Hardware, passed away on July 4 at the age of 84.

mavor de-The scribed Chevalier as a cherished family and community member. "A lot of lives were

touched by O'Neil," he said.

The family has long been a part of the Morinville community, Boersma added.

"It has seen it grow and grow with them, which is pretty amazing."

CAO Evaluation

The annual performance evaluation of Morinville CAO Naleen Narayan took place at the meeting on Tuesday, July 9.

The closed-door evaluation session, lasting just under two hours, included presentations by the CAO Recruitment and Evaluation Committee and consultants Keldar Leadership.

The closed session of council was said to be justified under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, section 19 Confidential Evaluations, and section 24 Advice from Officials.

Council also went into closed session to discuss a land matter, under FOIP section 16 Disclosure harmful to Third-Party Business, section 24 Advice from Officials and section 25 Disclosure harmful to Public Body.

Indoor or outdoor pool

Council has directed administration to look into the possibility of getting a third party to build and operate a swimming pool in Morinville.

It passed a motion put forward by Councillor Scott Richardson that council diadministration rect to work with reclegal reation and

practitioners to develop a partnership and incentive model that would facilitate the development of an indoor or outdoor pool for budget deliberations.

"The idea is to think outside of the box," Richardson said.

"The best case scenario would be something where a third party comes in and says we'll build a pool and we'll operate it."

Council remuneration committee

Members of the Council Communication Review Committee have now been appointed.

The committee was established in April by bylaw to provide community oversight of town council pay and benefits.

The committee members, appointed by CAO Naleen Narayan, are Fred Bahr, Brian Brost, Kelvin Colliar, Rainer Cubos and Kelvin Kuzyk.

Administration is now working with the members to set an initial meeting date for the committee.

Spreading wildfires prompt evacuation orders and put oil production at risk

ATB ECONOMICS

With the wildfire situation worsening and reaching Jasper, our thoughts go out to everyone affected and we join other Albertans in hoping that conditions improve quickly.

Wednes-As of wildfires in the province and some 17,500 evacuees (not including visitors to the Jasper area who had other places to return to). The most significant impact is the human toll of the disruption and property loss. We are monitoring the potential economic impacts.

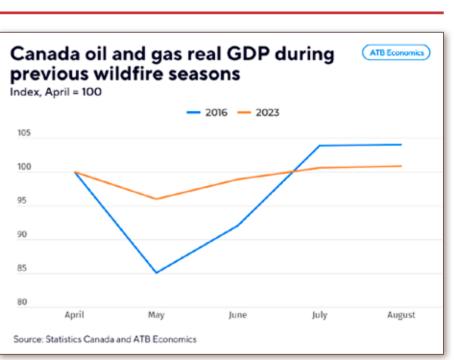
and past wildfire seasons to go on.

Major energy producers have put staff on high alert implemented and emergency response measures.

So far the actual impact on production minimal. appears but risks are elevatday afternoon, there ed. Suncor indicated were over 175 active that it temporarily curtailed some output at its Firebag site. The situation on the ground is evolving, but some sources state that nearly 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil equivalent are presently at risk based on proximity to major wildfires. Last year, about 300,000 bpd of crude oil equivalent were offline for a period of time in May, primarily natural gas and natural gas liquids.

Fortunately, conditions improved, and the disruption was relatively short-lived. Canadian oil and gas output (as measured by real GDP) fell about 4% in May 2023, but recovered fully by July.

All in, the disruption to production was estimated to shave about 0.1 percentage points from Alberta's GDP growth last year. But the impacts could be much higher. The 2016 wildfires in the Wood Buffalo area provide an indication of the downside risk. The 2016 fires hit the major production center in Alberta's oil sands region, temporarily shutting in more than a million bpd of oil production. That year the drop in oil and gas GDP was 15% in May. The estimated net



impact to Alberta's 2.48 million visitors restaurants

The situation is highly dynamic and we don't have a complete picture, but we have some early indications

annual GDP growth that year was a reduction of 0.6 percentage points.

Outside of energy production and local business activity, a sector that will be deeply impacted by the current fires is tourism. Jasper National Park attracted in 2023 including 475,000 last July. Around 25,000 visitors and residents have been forced to evacuate.

The entire national park is under an evacuation order, which poses a significant threat for businesses such as hotels and

ing out of the area and relying heavily on the busy summer months.

The latest report is that the wildfire has reached the Jasper townsite, but the extent of the damages to property and infrastructure remain unknown.



Danielle Frey takes helm at Morinville **Community Library**

By Stephen Dafoe

Danielle Frey steps into her new role as the director of the Morinville Community Library, bringing extensive experience from her previous positions in Spruce Grove, Gibbons, and Rocky Mountain House.

As she joins the Morinville community, she aims to understand its needs, envision potential expansions, and introduce dynamic programming to meet the evolving demands of library patrons.

Frey said she first got involved in libraries when she was finishing her undergrad in Red Deer and seeking a job as a student.

That quest for work led to the Red Deer Public Library, where she worked as a page,

shelving books.

"I figured out that libraries are amazing places to be, especially public libraries, and that's kind of how I started out," Frey said.

Frey went on to get her Master of Libraries and Information Studies degree at Western University in London, Ontario, in 2013 and returned to Alberta, getting a job in a school library in Rocky Mountain House.

Moving into public libraries, Frey spent three years in Gibbons as the Library Manager in the new library in the community's new recreation centre.

"Gibbons was a great little community," Frey said, noting she had taken over from a long-serving

"It librarian. was a new start for the board, and the community was great. [I] got to know the regulars."

One of Frey's fond memories from her time in Gibbons was a successful Lemon and Lavender High Tea fundraiser, which the board had organized.

Frey's most recent role was at the Spruce Grove Public Library, where she spent six years as senior manager.

The Library Director said moving to Spruce Grove from Gibbons was a significant change.

"The staff there and the community are amazing," Frey said, noting the library had a different dynamic from Gibbons.

"A little bit more of a big city feel rather



New Morinville Community Library Director Danielle Frey stands in the stacks of the new library she leads. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

than the small-town vibe that was in Gibbons, but lots to learn. "

Frey joined the Morinville Community Library as Director early in July and feels she has some big shoes to fill taking over for outgoing Library Director Isabelle Cramp.

"The first week I was here, we had a lot of time to talk about things that she had already set in place, and she's very thorough and

organized and helped with the succession and transition," Frey said, noting she was thankful to have a whole week with the long-serving director.

"Now I'm in my first week on my own and still continuing to meet the staff and the community. It's been really good."

Now that she has taken the helm, Frey said her initial goal is to get to know the community and get a handle on the

community's needs.

"I know the community is growing, so I see potential for a reenvisioned library in a different space or a bigger space," Frey said of potential long-term plans.

"I know libraries are always running out of space, so that's always top of mind for anyone who works in the library."

Regarding programming in the existing space, Frey

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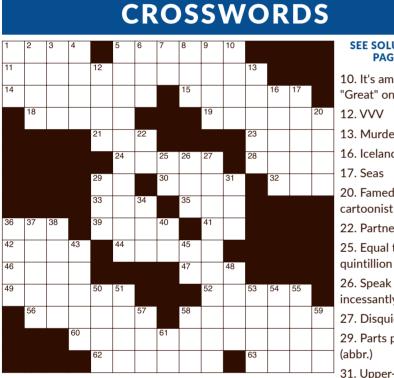
The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 176 Morinville held its 3rd Annual Memorial Show and Shine on Saturday, July 20, honoring Master Warrant Officer Christopher Burns. Katie MacLaren (above) spoke on behalf of the family of Master Warrant Officer Christopher Burns. The event featured more than 25 vehicles, including a 1923 Ford Model B Pickup and a 1962 Chevy Impala, with awards for People's Choice. -Lucie Roy Photo



Gerry Gaetz with the 1932 Ford Model B Pickup Street Rod at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 176 Morinville held its 3rd Annual Memorial Show and Shine on Saturday, July 20. – Lucie Roy Photo



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- 28. Midday rests
- 29. Expression of acidity
- 42. Square measures 44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages 46. Present 47. Afflict in mind or body 49. Duty 52. Municipality in Stockholm 56. In a normal way 58. Rode a bicycle 60. Charitable 62. Verandas 63. Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

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- 38. Baseball legend Yogi 40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans 43. Fishing net
- 45. Tinseltown 48. MacBeth's wife was one
- 50. Took a spill

Danielle Frey Continued from page 3

praised the dynamic programming already in place at the Morinville Community Library. But she also sees an opportunity to continue with tried and true programs while adding new offerings. "I'm really open to

exploring that with our program coordinator," Frey said. "I know she has a lot of good ideas."

Like most people who work in libraries, Frey is a reader herself, preferring non-fiction over fiction.

"I enjoy reading non-fiction and business and leadership books. That's probably not a surprise for the role that I'm in,"



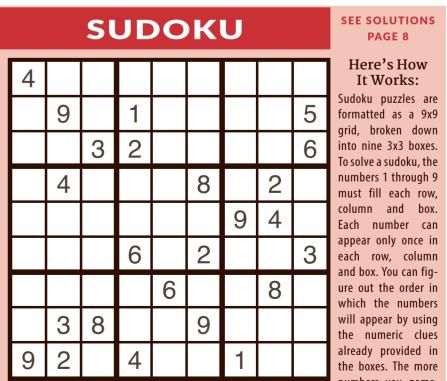
"I do enjoy just learning or reading about libraries as well. One of my favourite books is The Library Book by Susan Orlean. It gives you a nice perspective on library workers."

When not working at the library, Frey keeps busy with her family, particularly her young daughter.

"I'm focused on family and, outside of work, that's my main hobby right now," Frey said.



The full Buck Moon was orange in the sky around 11:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, and a more normal hue around 1:45 in the morning. - Stephen **Dafoe Photo**



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Federal Government, and the Government of Alberta. It's this kind of teamwork that ensures projects like this move from concept to completion," said Honourable Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction.

"We are proud to contribute to the improvements at the Legal Arena and Curling Rink," said Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw.

"Sturgeon County is committed to working with our municipal partners to provide recreation services and amenities that are accessible and enhance the high quality of life that our residents value.

"Today, we are not just building an arena; we are creating a community hub and gathering space for generations to come.'



Town of Legal Council - Councillor Pat Hills, Councillor Fred Malott, Deputy Mayor Carol Tremblay and Councillor Andy Beaton with Honorable Dale Nally (Minister of Service Alberta & Red Tape Reduction)

"The Town of Legal's hockey and curling rink facility is an important focal point of recreation activities for residents of the community and surrounding areas, and the much-needed upgrades to the facility will ensure continued access to community services and programs in a safe, barrier-free, modern, and energy-efficient facility," said Trina Jones, Mayor of the Town of Legal. "On behalf of the

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools board of trustees, we were happy to engage in consultation and collaboration with the Town of Legal regarding this exciting arena project. "We were pleased

that we were able to contribute property that would allow this facility to be a project we can all be proud of.

"We are proud to be a partner in a project that will not only serve the students of Legal



Deputy Mayor Carol Tremblay (Town of Legal) and Mayor Alanna Hnatiw (Sturgeon County)

School but the entire Legal community," said Lydia Yeomans, Board Chair, GSACRD.

"The groundbreaking for the new Legal Arena is an exciting day for the Sturgeon Hockey Club.

"We can't wait for this premier facility to open, where SHC players, coaches, and volunteers alike can continue to create lifelong memories and work together as one big team in growing the community of



Tour of existing Arena Lobby

Legal and the entire surrounding region. A community arena is where kids dare to dream, and the cheers of the crowd fuel the fire and passion in the hearts of our players.

"We are very excited to start a new era of Sturgeon Hockey in Legal and are ecstatic about the endless possibilities that playing minor hockey in this beautiful facility will create," said Gene Connors, President, Sturgeon Hockey Club.

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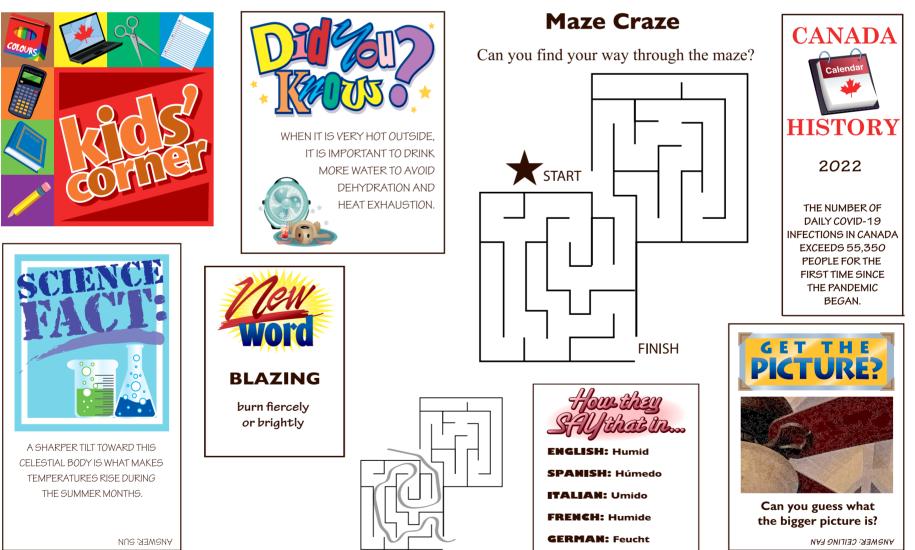
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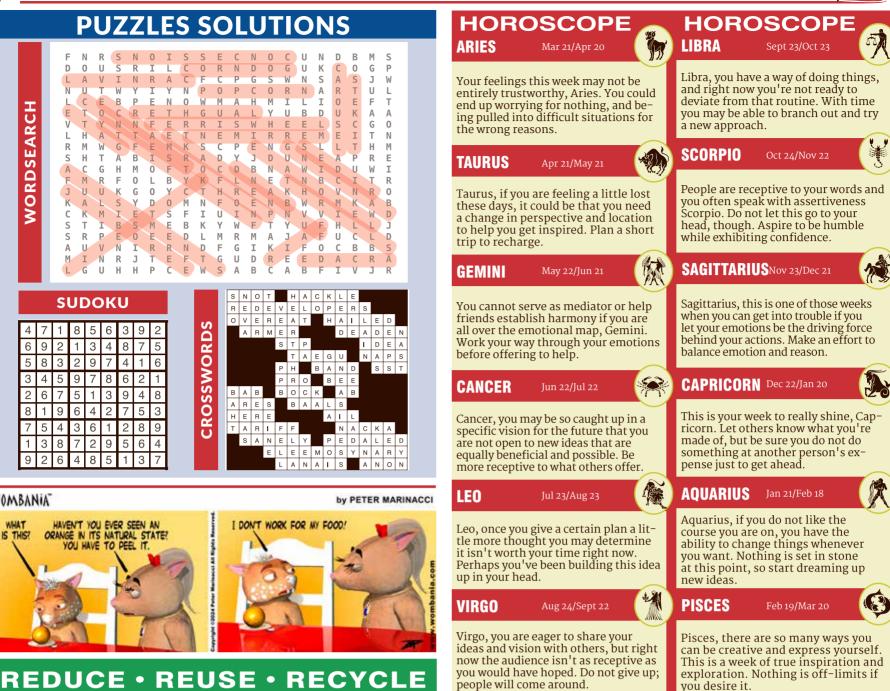
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built in wine rack opening onto the dining room - perfect for entertaining! Completing the first floor is an office space, a 2pc bath, and a mud room leading to the TRIPLE ATTACHED garage. Upstairs are three bedrooms with closets along with a 4pc bath. Down the hall is the primary bedroom with vaulted ceiling and a beautiful 5pc ensuite as well as a walk in closet. Basement has a large rec room and cold storage. Outside is a HEATED 40x60 SHOP with an attached 21x40 covered shed. If that's not enough there's 17 acres of grassland! On CITY WATER AND SEWER, with IN FLOOR HEATING, next to Camilla School with easy access to Hwy 44 and Edmonton. Zoned commercial. \$895,000. Call Glenn to view.

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sq ft 2 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow has been substantially remodelled since about 2019. Main floor features a large living room/kitchen and large back porch with main floor laundry as well as the bedrooms and bath. Bsmt has roughed in plumbing and is waiting for the new owners development ideas. Upgrades include h/w tank, furnace, windows, painted stucco, metal roof and all new bathroom, flooring, kitchen cabinets, paint and flooring. The huge lot has lots of natural bush at the back along the back alley and offers lots of privacy around the fire pit. There is plenty of room to build a shop. Zoned commercial but presently used as residential so there are many options for future uses. 2 vacant commercial lots on 1st street are included in this package. Home comes completely furnished so just bring your clothes and move in. \$235,000. Call Heather to view



BUILDING SITE BY NEWBROOK 24.8 acres bordering

the Hamlet of Newbrook, about 1/2 hour NE of Redwater on Hwy 63. This is the remainder of the quarter that much of the hamlet of Newbrook is built on. Currently being used as

metal clad garage with 220 power. Upgrades in the past few years include septic tank (2021), shingles (2016), vinyl windows, bathroom renos and all new flooring. Lots of cabinets (and island) in the large eat in country kitchen with garden doors to back deck, main floor family room, formal living room with corner wood burning stove, large master bedroom with walk through his and hers closets and 4 pce ensuite. Two additional bedrooms and 4 pce bath complete the main floor. Basement has a 3 pce bathroom, is framed and partially drywalled and ready for buyer to finish. Lots of planted trees, flower beds and shrubs and plenty of room for a future garden. Located right on pavement, but set well back from the highway for privacy. Less than an hour to Edmonton, just about 15 min NE of Redwater. \$279,900. Call Janine to view.

with separate entrance to basement from outside. 40'x24'

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NEW LISTING

2.24 ACRES

NORTHEAST OF

REDWATER

Spacious, well kept, 1470 sq ft 3

bdrm, 3 bath modular home on

full partially finished basement

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

of this property. There was a gravel pit that has been mostly reclaimed. Nice hard pad still there which would be great for a shop and parking area. Some black dirt still piled up and a bit of gravel piled there. Seller is willing to spread this however buyer would like. Good 5 strand barbed wire fence and a dugout in the northeast corner so would make great pasture land. Only 2 miles south of pavement and close to Half Moon Lake. Build your house and have land to raise a few animals. Or use it for hunting, quadding and snowmobiling. \$399,900. Call Heather for mor info.



77.16 ACRES NEAR EGREMONT

Fenced pasture land located just two miles west of Egremont (a few minutes north of Redwater). Lots of great

building sites with power lines running on both the range road and township road bordering this property. A nice mixture of open land and large mature spruce, pine and poplar. Approximately 40 min to Edmonton. Nice spot to start your own small hobby farm, weekend retreat or rent the land out in the summer and use it for hunting in fall. \$225,000 plus gst. Call Heather for more info.

asture land with lots of open land and a few treed areas. Nice building sites. Zoning on this land allows for many possibilities for use. Build your dream home on a nice sized acreage, subdivide some lots to expand the Hamlet, maybe start a business ventures. Good possibility to get County approval for any of these uses. May be possible to tie into residential utilities. \$132,500 Call Heather for directions.



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.

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