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Horizons Leadership Conference returns to MCHS this month



From left-Morinville Community High School student Finn Dionne, teacher Tara Ricioppo, and student Rowan Weinmeier stand outside the Morinville Community Cultural Centre where the one-day Horizons Leadership Conference will occur on Wednesday, October 23. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville Community High School is hosting the Canadian Student Leadership Association's (CSLA) Horizons Leadership Conference on Wednesday, October 23, to encourage student leadership.

This one-day event will unite student leaders and teacher advisors to develop leadership skills and promote collaboration among local schools.

This past winter, Morinville Community High School held its first Horizons Leadership conference, bringing students together to develop leadership skills in a collaborative environment.

MCHS teacher and

organizer Tara Ricioppo said with a bunch of seniors graduating in June, the new school year found half of its student council composed of new students. As such, having another oneday event was seen as an excellent opportunity to build leadership skills.

"Because we're the host school, they get to be spirit leaders," she said, noting MCHS students will work with students from visiting schools.

"They get to test out their capabilities of leading a small group."

Ricioppo sees the upcoming event as a great chance to come together for valuable training with engaging speakers at an event that is nearby, affordable, and includes a light lunch.

Students can bond, learn from each other, and enjoy the experience of connecting with students from schools different with approaches.

"Sometimes when we are in our own little schools, we do the same thing," she said, adding the event provides a valuable opportunity to meet new people and make friends.

The Conference will kick off with registration and keynote speeches, followed by a provided lunch and sessions including the Horizons Thinktank and a student share session, concluding with

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U11 Sturgeon Sting player Casen Borduzak drops off some paint at the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics round-up in Gibbons on Saturday, October 5. The U11 Sting came out to volunteer for the event. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Sturgeon Spirits seek support for Phoenix Tournament

By Stephen Dafoe

The Sturgeon Composite High School Senior Boys Basketball team is hoping the community can help with funding as they prepare for the Cactus Jam Basketball Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona, from December 27 to January 3.

The team, the Sturgeon Spirits, is looking to raise \$46,000 to cover travel expenses and offering several ways residents and businesses can contribute.

"[This is] an opportunity to grow our team culture while participating in a high-level basketball tournament," said Katlynne Mann, speaking on behalf of the team.

"Every little bit helps. Great experiences come at a cost. We don't want finances to be the reason any team member isn't able to join us." The team has already raised about \$2,000 but still has a long way to go.

The Spirits are collecting bottles and old vehicle batteries, auction donations, and monetary contributions to meet their fundraising goals.

In return, sponsors will be recognized through promotional materials and the team's social media channels, highlighting the community's role in making the trip possible.

"We have been building for this for years," Mann shared.

"The team is beyond excited to put years of preparation and practice to the test."

Those looking to help can get involved in several ways. Donors can drop off bottles and vehicle battery donations at the large parking lot behind the school near the sea can.

New items, gift cards, and certificates for the team's online auction, which starts November 1 on 32Auctions, can be delivered to the school office.

Additionally, monetary donations can be made through the team's GoFund-Me page for direct support.

The Spirits are also running an online 50/50 raffle in support of both the Senior Boys and Senior Girls basketball teams, with tickets priced from \$5 to \$20.

Ticket sales end on December 7, with the draw taking place the same day at 5 p.m.

Mann said the response from the community has been unbelievable.

"People are beyond gracious. The community has been very supportive and encouraging to help students gain

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U11 Sturgeon Sting players haul a flat-screen television to the bin at the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics round-up in Gibbons on Saturday, October 5. The U11 Sting's came out to volunteer for the annual event.– **Stephen Dafoe Photo**



U11 Sturgeon Sting player Izik Martushev drops some electronics in the bin at the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics round-up in Gibbons on Saturday, October 5. The U11 Sting came out to volunteer for the event. **- Stephen Dafoe Photo**

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Horizons Leadership Conference

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closing remarks.

The Keynote speakers are Ian Tyson and Larissa Franklin.

Tyson is a professional speaker and stand-up comic with more than 35 years of experience working with schools, conferences, and businesses.

Larissa Franklin, a high-performance athlete and mentor, will share her friends, and it was "All It Takes" mentality, encouraging students to pursue excellence with and authenticity passion.

Both speakers will offer insights that and enmotivate student courage leaders.

One student who took part in the previous event and is looking forward to the upcoming Horizons Conference is MCHS student Rowan Weinmeier.

"It was so amazing. It brought a lot of the students, not only the student council members at our school but also the community of everybody in different schools," Weinmeier said.

"I made a lot of really, really fun."

Another student returning for this month's event is Finn Dionne.

"It was a great way to get to know people on council a little bit better, as well as people we would never see ever

again in different schools," Dionne said, adding it was fun to connect with people, particularly younger students.

"It's not that hard to get to know people; it's really fun, and if you put the work in, you can be good at reaching out to others and making an actual social circle."

Both Dionne and Weinmeier encourage students to participate in the October Horizons Conference.

"It was really insightful hearing the speakers talk about their own experiences at different conferences and different events," Dionne said.

"It was empowering because it made a lot of other kids feel like, "Hey, maybe I could do that at some point, too."

Conference, The open to junior high and high school students, costs \$35 per

participant or \$30 for CSLA member schools.

Teachers attend for free, but a teacher advisor from each participating school is required.

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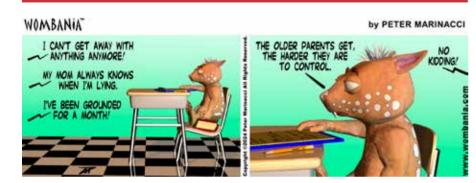
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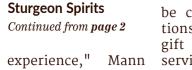


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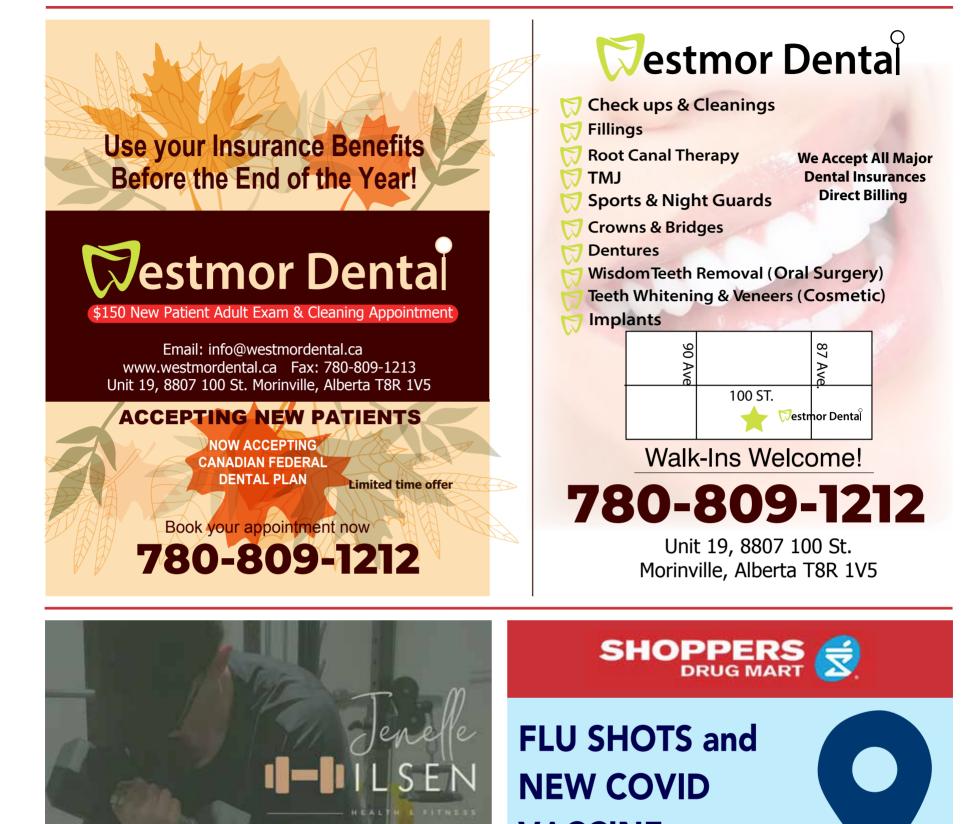
said, noting they will

be collecting donations of new items, gift cards, business services, and other items until October

25 for the online auction going live on November 1. "If you are able donate], you to

helping are students gain valuable life experience, grow friendships

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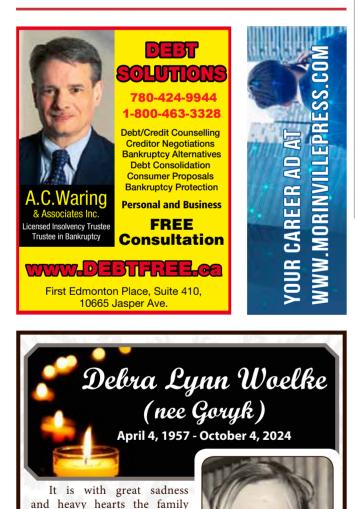




Morinville Fire Department Lieutenant Michael Gouthro shows Olivia how to use a fire hose during the Department's open house to kick off Fire Prevention Week on Saturday, October 5.- Stephen Dafoe Photo



From left: Four-year-olds Elizabeth Anderson and Colby Spurvey hold on to the Town of Morinville Rescue 5 truck during the Fire Prevention Week open house on Saturday, October 5 at the Don Found Fire Station in Morinville. - Stephen Dafoe Photo





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