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# Morinville's Elisabeth Melvin honoured as Alberta's RCMP Chaplain of the Year

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville resident Elisabeth Melvin recently received the RCMP Chaplain of the Year Award for Alberta.

Selected from nearly 90 chaplains

across Alberta, Melvin's nomination came directly from her colleagues at the Morinville RCMP Detachment, where her dedication and compassionate support have left a significant impact.

Melvin said the award is part of a growing effort within the RCMP to recognize and celebrate the contributions of chaplains who provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support to RCMP

members and staff.

Each year, detachments nominate their chaplains, and a panel reviews these nominations to select a recipient who embodies the values of service, integrity, and empathy.

Melvin received several nominations from the Morinville RCMP Detachment.

"[I was] excited and very humbled because we have well over 80, close to 90 chaplains serving across the province," Melvin said of being chosen for the honour.

"I know their level of service and integrity, so for me it was almost hard to receive the award because of how many great people are out there. But at the same time, I'm very honoured."

In her role, Melvin provides a variety of services that are often unseen but deeply felt by RCMP members.

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# Morinville students soar to new heights in STEAM learning

By Stephen Dafoe

Wednesday, October 30, the Morinville Fire Department's Ladder 4 became an unexpected classroom as it was called to Four Winds Public School for a unique physics and engineering experiment. The challenge involved hoisting a pile of pumpkins into the sky for the Grade 8 and 9 STEAM students.

Vice Principal and STEAM Academy teacher Christina Dafoe explained the premise of the challenge: "The students must drop a pumpkin from 65 feet while protecting it with recycled materials,

within a \$20 budget, to prevent it from breaking."

The hands-on experiment followed prior tests conducted at heights of 5, 10, and 15 feet.

In preparation, students researched previous pumpkin drop experiments, learning about various materials and their properties.

They delved into the principles of physics, including gravity, force, and momentum, and

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Morinville Fire Department members drop one of six pumpkin capsules from Ladder 4, 65 feet above Four Winds Public School's bus zone. **- Stephen Dafoe Photo** 



#### Elisabeth Melvin

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RCMP chaplain is to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support for RCMP members and all employees for the RCMP in their area of service," Melvin explained.

"We do everything from recommendations to meeting for coffee to showing up and hanging out in the bullpen, hospital visitations, and emotional support. Just making sure they've got a confidential ear to lean on, to be able to share."

Morinville RCMP Staff Sergeant Darcy McGunigal spoke highly of Melvin's dedication and impact on the detachment.

"Until very recently, Elisabeth Melvin worked in our office for Sturgeon Victim Services, and she continues to serve as the detachment chaplain for Morinville," Staff Sergeant McGunigal said.

"In this role, she helps with encouragement and support for members, particularly in the event of any serious incidents that our members may have to encounter."

McGunigal said Detachment Chaplains are an essential resource for



Morinville's Elisabeth selected from roughly 90 RCMP Chaplains honoured RCMP be as Alberta's Chaplain of the Year. -Submitted Photo

any detachment, and Morinville was incredibly fortunate to have Lis as a part of the team.

"I have enjoyed working with several chaplains at different locations over the years, and I can say that Lis Melvin's sense of caring and compassion is unsurpassed," he said.

## **GAMES & PUZZLE WORD SEARCH**

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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COMPUTERS **CRYPTOGRAM** DEXTERITY HIDDEN PICTURE JIGSAW

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## **CROSSWORDS** 25 41 51 56 60 65

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

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Mama 44. Mythological bird 45. Dash 47. Hair product 48. Two-year-old sheep 51. Signs a deal 53. Conifer 55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia 56. Wife of Muhammed 58. British Air Aces 59. Ears or earlike appendages 60. Not caps 61. Deep-bodied sea dweller 64. Rural delivery 65. Feeling 67. Study of relations of organisms to one another 69. Room to argue 70. Question

#### **CLUES DOWN**

1. Cream puff 2. Road open 3. Stressed syllable 4. Thailand's former name 5. Cologne 6. Recounted

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7. Garment of cloth 8. Airborne (abbr.) 9. Reproduced 10. Emits coherent radiation 11. "Westworld" actor Harris 12. Smallest interval in Western music 13. Unstressed central vowel 15. Lives in 18. When you expect to get somewhere 21. Storage bags 24. One who covers with plastic 26. Cast out 27. Automobile

30. Repaired shoe 32. Belonging to the bottom layer 35. Possesses 37. Soda 38. Programs 39. In an unexpected way 42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal 43. For each 46. Unbelief 47. Seized or impaled

49. Arrive on the scene 50. Especially happy 52. Classic western film 54. Split pulses 55. Frida \_\_: Painter 57. Start again 59. Employee stock ownership plan 62. Young women's association

66. "The First State" 68. Computers need one

63. Frozen water

#### **STEAM learning**

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tested sample materials from different heights to assess their effectiveness.

The excitement built as members of the Morinville Fire Department dropped six pumpkins, each encased in protective capsules, from the top of Ladder 4.

Teams of STEAM students and their enthusiastic Grade 5 and 6 peers watched, cheering as each team's capsule was released. The designs ranged from cushioned bases to wellwrapped capsules equipped with parachutes, showcasing both the student's creativity and engineering skills.



Four Winds Public School students Ben Bjorklund, Philip Davis-Gerry, Enver Hibbs, and Grayson McAleer examine one of two surviving pumpkins at the STEAM Academy's Pumpkin Drop event on Wednesday, October 30. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

A highlight for the students gathered to watch was Firefighters dropping several unprotected pumpkins to the tarp below.

While the event provided a lively break from regular schoolwork for the younger students, it was another lesson in

applied science. "It's all about using engineering and the design process in a fun way for the kids," Dafoe remarked.

Dafoe received the National Certificate of Excellence for Teaching Excellence in STEM as part of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence. She was one of only two educators in Canada to receive the award this year.

Publisher's The author of this article, Stephen Dafoe, is not related to the subject, Christina Dafoe, beyond having the same surname.



One of the six pumpkin capsules makes its way towards the crash-landing zone. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

## Public Sale of Land

Notice is hereby given that under the provision of the Municipal Government Act, Sturgeon County will offer for sale, by public auction, in Council Chambers at the Sturgeon County Centre, Morinville, Alberta on Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., the following lands;

Legal Description	Acres
Quarter FRL W1/2, Sec. 1, Twp. 54, Rge. 26, M. 4	2.47
Quarter NW, Sec. 31, Twp. 57, Rge. 25, M. 4	3.58
Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 0624924	4.05
Lot 9, Block 3, Plan 8020061	2.17
Lot 19, Block 3, Plan 7820387	3.44

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate

Sturgeon County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

Terms: A non-refundable down payment of 10% of the reserve bid by cash, bank draft, or certified payment to be made at the public auction with the full payment to be made within 30 days following the auction.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Morinville, Alberta, November 4, 2024.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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taxation@sturgeoncounty.ca





#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED **ADVERTISEMENT BYLAW PUBLIC NOTIFICATION BYLAW 2024-10**

It is Town Council's intention to hold a public hearing as part of their consideration of Bylaw 2024-10 - Public Notification Bylaw. Bylaw 2024-10 would, under s. 606.1 of the Municipal Government Act, allow electronic advertising methods to fulfil statutory advertising requirements for proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, and other decisions and actions that are legally required to be advertised.

#### REPRESENTATION

If you or someone you represent is affected by the proposed bylaw, you may address Council at the public hearing by attending the meeting in-person or by participating virtually. The Public Hearing is to be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6 p.m.

In-Person: Those wishing to address Council in person may attend: Council Chambers, 5025 - 50th Ave Bon Accord

Virtual: The Public Hearing may be viewed online at: https://www.youtube.com/@

Persons who wish to attend virtually can either verbally speak or submit a question or statement to Council by email until the Public Hearing is closed. To arrange to verbally speak virtually you must pre-register with the Town Manager by Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 12 p.m. by email cao@bonaccord.ca or by calling 780-921-3550. Persons who wish to address Council in-person are not required to register to speak. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes and permitted to speak only once.

To provide an emailed question or statement to be read out during the hearing you may email it to cao@bonaccord.ca until the Public Hearing is closed. Only one email per person is permitted. Written submissions will be received by the Town Manager by mail at Town of Bon Accord, Box 779 Bon Accord, AB TOA 0K0, or by email to cao@bonaccord.ca until noon on Wednesday, Nov 27, 2024. These must include your name, civic address, and be dated. Written submissions received by this date/time will be included as part of the council meeting agenda package.

A copy of Bylaw 2024-10 is available for inspection at the Town of Bon Accord office building, 5025 50th Avenue, Bon Accord, AB, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or by email by contacting the Town Manager, noted below.

DATED at the Town of Bon Accord, in the Province of Alberta, this 6th day of November 2024.

Town of Bon Accord PER: Jodi Brown, Town Manager 780-921-3550 cao@bonaccord.ca



Morinville artist and art instructor Fred Bahr, one of the vendors at this year's Apple Fest and craft sale stands with his paintings. - Stephen Dafoe Photo



From left: Lorelei M and Sharleen H serve up some homemade apple pie at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre's Annual Apple Fest and Craft Sale event, held on Saturday, November 2. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

## New provincial economic growth estimates

**ATB Economics** 

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As we inch ever closer to 2025, we have some hot news about... 2023?

As the kids would say, "that's yesterday."

Readers of The Twenty-Four will know that we talk a lot about gross domestic product (GDP) because it provides a measure of an economy's economic output.

Calculating GDP, however, is not easy, there are different ways of doing it, nice to add up all the receipts of transactions in the economy. but that's not technically possible and probably not worth the time.

At ATB Economics, we pride ourselves on simplifying things. But there's no way around it - this one is a bit messy. So here we go.

Each spring, Statistics Canada publishes provincial-level GDP estimates known as the "by industry"

series. Then, in the fall, it publishes a different set of estimates known as the "by expenditure" series. The latter is the most frequently cited measure of overall GDP growth at the provincial level and the one we use for forecasting purposes.

Stillwith us? Almost at the punchline.

What this means is that the estimate of our "official" reading for Alberta's GDP growth last year has changed from 1.5% (based on the "by industry" series reand the information leased in May) to 2.3% needed takes time to (based on the "by excome in. It would be penditure" series released today). Note that the "by industry" data have also been revised, which translates into \$7.8 billion more real economic output in Alberta in 2023 than previously thought. That's still below population growth of 3.9%, but much higher than previous estimates.

The new numbers also show that Alberta's real GDP growth last year was tied with Saskatchewan for the second highest

increase among the provinces after B.C. and not, as the previous data indicated, in fifth spot.

All told, Alberta's economy performed reasonably well considering the headwinds generated by high inflation and elevated interest rates. The year prior, Alberta's economy grew by 6%, second fastest among the provinces.

The provincial rankings point to real differences in economic performance that help us understand where growth is occurring and why.

According to the latest numbers household consumption and exports were responsible for the rise in Alberta's GDP in 2023, largely offsetting a pullback in business investment.

And not to brag (ok, a little bragging), our original forecast for Alberta's GDP growth in 2023 of 2.5% was almost bang on today's revised estimate, but we adjusted it downward in light of the data from Statistics Canada that came out in Mav.

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy



Mrs. Zazulak's Grade 4/5 class at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy explored creativity and innovation with new centers during Makerspace.







The Bon Accord Agricultural Society recently donated \$2,500 to Lilian Schick School's Breakfast Program, which helped ensure that students started their day with a healthy breakfast.





Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) members dressed in WWI uniforms pose with their display at the Morinville Military History Living Library, held at the Morinville Leisure Centre on Wednesday, November 6 during Veterans' Week - Stephen Dafoe Photo





Military vehicles sit outside the Morinville Leisure Centre on Wednesday, November 6. The vehicles are from Valour Park Association, whose mission is to preserve the Canadian Army's mechanized military history. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

Morinville's LAV III Monument casts a silhouette against the setting sun on Wednesday, November 6. -

Stephen Dafoe Photo



**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE** 

#### Morinville RCMP execute search warrant recovering stolen items, drugs, and guns from gang affiliated property

On October 4, 2024, Morinville RCMP received a report of a stolen vehicle that was being tracked using the vehicle on board GPS system. Police were able to track the vehicle to a property on Highway 37 in Sturgeon County.

Police attended detaining 5 occupants and secured the property pending investigation. Officers from the Morinville RCMP detachment obtained and executed a search warrant locating:

- · Stolen 2018 Dodge Ram 3500 and 2017 Ford F350 pickups;
- · A stolen 2014 Moto Guzzi California motorcycle;
- A stolen electric bicycle;
- 1 loaded hand gun;
- 1 imitation hand gun;
- · A rifle;
- A taser;
- 13.5 grams of cocaine.

Along with the stolen property, firearms and drugs, police located several items associated to the Warlocks Motorcycle

"The seizure of stolen property, drugs, firearms demonstrates the close ties that many of these Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs have with crime in our communities," says Staff Sergeant Darcy McGunigal.

The investigation into this matter continues and charges are pending. If you have any information on this investigation please call the Morinville RCMP Detachment at 780-939 1600.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips. com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.



Mayor Simon Boersma was the guest speaker at the November 6 Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Boersma provided an update on the work of Council and the municipality and noted that the community had seen \$45 million in approved construction value this year, and a 63 per cent increase in development permits year-to-date. - Submitted Photo

#### **SUDOKU**

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Gibbons, Alberta, celebrated the 10th anniversary of their display in honour of all veterans, a meaningful tribute to those who served. The occasion was marked with the addition of an animal memorial, cenotaph, piper, and other special features, further enriching the community's remembrance of the sacrifices made by veterans. The display served as a poignant reminder of the courage and dedication of both human and animal service members, fostering a sense of reflection and gratitude among all who attended.

## PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

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#### **SUDOKU**

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#### HOROSCOPE

#### ARIFS

Mar 21/Apr 20



#### TAURUS Apr

Apr 21/May 21

Personal growth and self-improvement may be on your mind right now, Taurus. Set some new goals that align with your values. You may want to take a class to learn new skills as well.

#### **GEMINI**

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, focus on long-term financial goals in the days to come. If you don't have a plan for investing meaningfully, you could sit down with an expert and get some ideas.

#### CANCER Jun 22/J

Try to engage in some thoughtful conversations with greater frequency, Cancer. Accepting that you can learn from others is a great way to grow personally and professionally.

#### **LEO** Jul 23/Aug 23

You might want to stay closer to home this week, Leo. You've been burning the midnight oil quite a bit lately. Family matters need attention right now, so prioritize them.

#### VIRGO A

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, romance takes center stage for you, and you may find yourself suggesting new date ideas with your partner. Or this might be an opportunity to find a new romantic interest.

#### HOROSCOPE

#### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct



#### SCORPIO Oct 2

sibilities in the days to come.

Scorpio, important negotiations or projects will certainly put your communication skills to the test. Keep an eye on the details and stick to the facts to avoid any misunderstandings.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**Nov 23/Dec 21



Sagittarius, if you have been having any difficulties, voice your concerns to those who are willing to lend an ear. Keeping it all bottled up inside is not a healthy path forward.

#### CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20



Showcase your talents and ideas at work this week, Capricorn. Others can benefit from your experience and it may inspire changes or discussions that prove fruitful.

#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 21/Feb 18



Aquarius, stick to your personal values and don't make concessions, whether with friends or in the workplace. It's important to have conviction in what you do.

#### PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20



Use any momentum you have for tackling new projects, Pisces. There's much to do between now and the new year and you will have to get busy sooner than you may have thought.

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### HISTORY

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Double Word Puzzle
Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

Answer: Explore the world



This is the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere.

ynswer: Geography



Asia is the largest continent in the world by area. It stretches from the Mediterranean Sea to the Pacific Ocean.

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English: Soil
Spanish: Tierra
Italian: Terra
French: Terre
German: Erde





Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Antique map

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

## AND CLAIMANTS

Of the Estate of Malcolm Dwight Smith who died on October 16, 2024.

If you have a claim against this Estate, you must file your claim by January 31, 2025.

with MaryAnn Kyllo (Executor)

at Box 337 Lundbreck Ab T0k1H0

If you do not file by the date set out above, the Estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Cathy Visscher of St. Albert, AB on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the age of 76 at Sturgeon General Hospital. Cathy was born on January 5, 1948 in Bolsward, Netherlands. She came from a family of five chil-

dren; she had three brothers (Randall, Paul and Ralph) and one sister (Annette).

Cathy was predeceased by her parents, Oepke and Riemke; brother Paul; sisters-in-law Sandra, Cathy and Marguerite; brother-in-law John; nephew Brad; niece-in-law Charlaine; great-nephew Nathaniel. Cathy will lovingly be remembered by her husband of 56 years, Henry; daughter Julie (Jamie); sons Travis (Carissa), Matthew (Michelle), Daniel (Natalie); grand-children Jessi Anne (Jacob), Austin, Aaron (Lou), Levi, Hayden, Reid, Sahara, Cole, Mackenzie, Cori, Charlotte, Theodora, and Hauke; nieces, nephews and many friends.

Cathy loved curling, tennis, playing cards, sewing, shopping, watching the grandchildren in their many sporting endeavours and spending time with friends and family. She valued and cherished special relationships in her life and was blessed with lifelong friendships.

Cathy was a woman of faith and taught her family the value and peace of a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. She created many lasting relationships through attending the St. Albert Christian Reformed Church along with the St. Albert Alliance Church.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Sturgeon General Hospital for their care and compassion during Cathy's last days.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date, scheduled for the Spring of 2025. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson Association of Alberta.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

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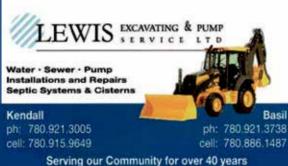
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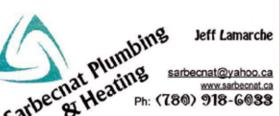
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