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MCHS has comedic success with The Drowsy Chaperone

By Stephen Dafoe

Morinville Community High School (MCHS) concluded its latest theatrical show, The Drowsy Chaperone, over the weekend, captivating audiences with its blend of seasoned and new student talent.

Directed by Vanessa King, alongside alumni Alyssa Short and veteran contributor Riley Quinn, the musical comedy ran four shows over three days at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

MCHS has staged several notable productions in recent years, including Newsies, Legally Blonde, and last year's Matilda, alongside earlier shows like Willy Wonka and James and the Giant Peach. Many of these were larger productions with extensive sets and casts.

This year, King and her cast opted for a shift, taking on straightforward comedy - something the school hadn't tackled in years - with The Drowsy Chaperone.

Before Wednesday's matinee performance for Georges King said she was proud of her cast's work over several in nailing the overthe-top characters in the comedy parody-

"I think the focus on this show is a lot more about the acting craft because it's way less about the set and the changing parts and the huge production," King said.

"It's shrunk down to a New York City apartment, so we got to focus a lot more on that instead, which has been fun."

Written by Martin and

H. Primeau student, months, particularly ing 1920's musicals.

Bob

The cast of The Drowsy Chaperone closes a musical number with a dynamic tableau, drawing enthusiastic

applause from the audience during their December 11 matinee performance. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

McKellar, with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, the Tony Award-winning show debuted in 1998.

The play follows the Man in Chair, portrayed by MCHS veteran Avery Pelletier, who invites the audience to experiof the lead character's favourite Broadway Chair's apartment.

Joining Pelletier was Lauren Andrews as the Drowsy Chaperone, showcasing

her talent in her third ence the soundtrack musical with the school.

In her senior year, musical as it comes Amy Begg portrayed to life in the Man in the bride, Janet Van De Graff, while Kaleb Imgrund-Harvey played the groom, Robert Martin.

Other key roles

included Taryn Meyer as Best Man George, Benjamin Allain as Aldolpho, Bella Harding as Kitty, Liz Nelson as Mrs. Tottendale, and Drew Kolotyluk as Feldzieg. supporting

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The Drowsv Chaperone

Continued from page 1 cast and ensemble brought considerable energy and dedication to the production.

Aidin Farough took on the role of Underling, Bri Farough and Kara Suvan played the Gangsters, and Finn Dionne portrayed the aviatrix Trix.

Ensemble members included Kayden Fuder, Abriele Hughes, Reese Klettke, Hope Tucker, Ryder Langlands, Katie Fingler, Benjamin Veenstra, Maddie Blunden, Braelyn Allain, Evelyn Whitson, and Mikaela King.

Together, the cast delivered a vibrant and engaging performance that showcased student talent across all grade levels.



Aviatrix Trix, played by Finn Dionne, during one of the Drowsy Chaperone's musical numbers. - Stephen **Dafoe Photo**

The show had to do some shuffling. Lead Pelletier was in an accident recently and took on her role of man in chair quite literally, making her way around the stage in a wheelchair.

"We had some challenges because we had to figure out how do we do all the same blocking that we had planned for the previous twoand-a-half months,"

King explained.

"So, we pulled in an alumnus Avery Thompson as her at-home nurse. She will help her do the blocking that [Pelletier] couldn't do in the wheelchair. That was a fun hiccup."

While the cast were the show's stars, the set was also worth closely examining.

Past productions featured elaborate sets, including moving giant peach for James and the Giant Peach and media-ready stainedglass windows for dynamic settings in The Sound of Music.

In contrast, The Drowsy Chaperone employed a more straightforward set, requiring significant care and creativity to depict a New York City apartment styled as a small tenement or brownstone.

goal was contrast this



"We were really in love with our set. We created a New York City apartment, and because he's a Broadway connoisseur, we did as much memorabilia on the walls as we could,"; King explained of Pelletier's character's apartment, adding they tried to envision what a fan of Broadway would have on their walls.

Broadway star and bride-to-be Janet Van De Graff, played by Amy Begg, is carried

"We snuck in some Easter eggs - show playbills from our shows, from shows we've seen. There are a couple of photos from our show and things like that. It's incredibly detailed. It's made with lots of love."

One of the other behind-the-scenes takeaways from each year's show is that King tries to give

students as professional a theatre experience as possible, from rehearsals to the actual production.

Keeping with that experience, this year saw the return of the Alberta Youth Theatre Collective (AYTC), an organization that focuses on promoting and recognizing the work of young performers in Alberta's theatre scene.

This is the first year the collective will hold high school theatre awards.



Gangsters, played by Bri Farough and Kara Suvan threaten Broadway producer Feldzieg (Drew Kolotyluk) with a Toledo Surprise during a key scene in MCHS' production of The Drowsy Chaperone. -

Stephen Dafoe Photo





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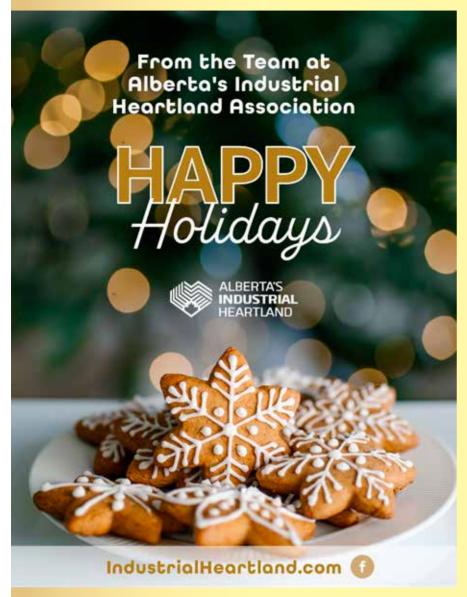




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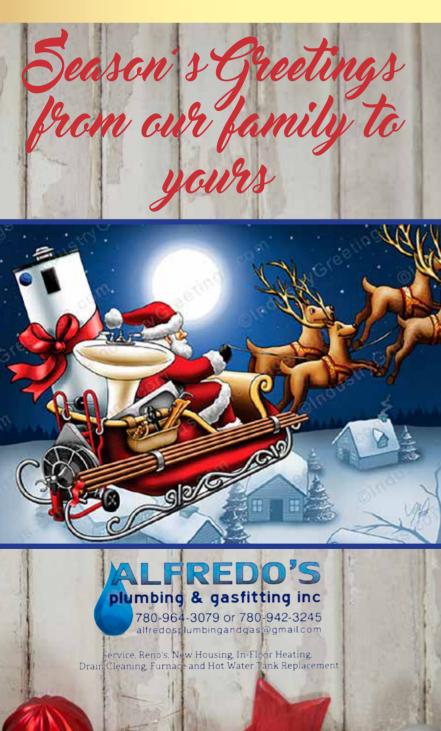












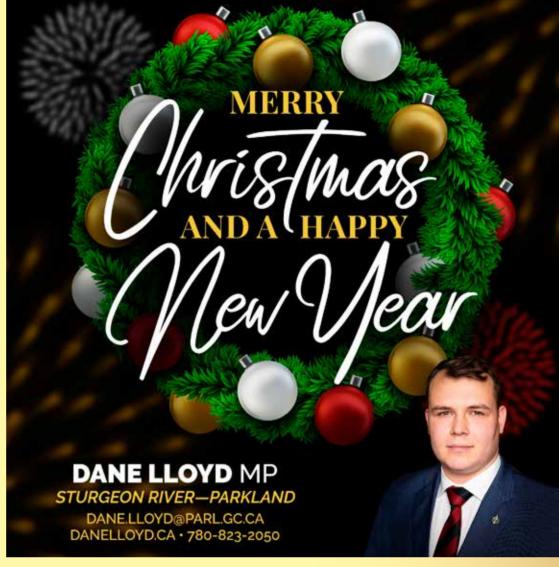




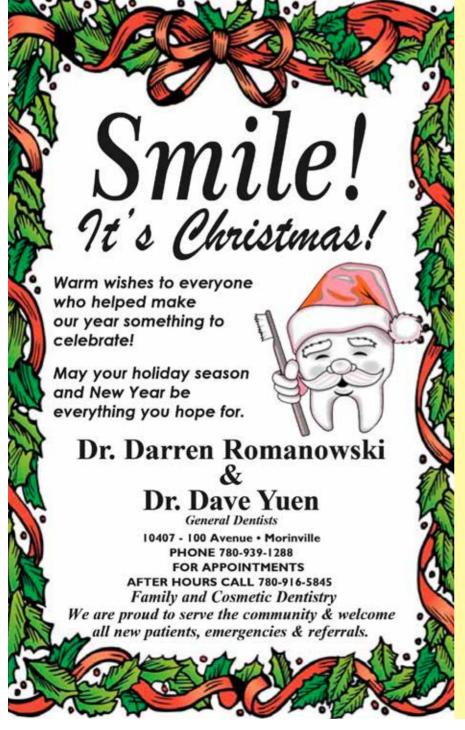
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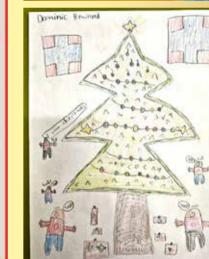




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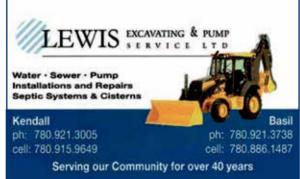


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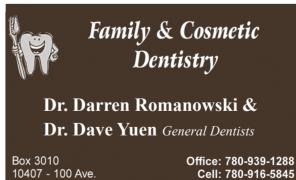
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NEW LISTING

10 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

This newly subdivided lot has al kinds of potential. It is on the SE corner of Range Road 225 and Township 614 and is only 2 miles south of paved highway 661. Great

spot for a future hobby farm as it is currently mostly open pasture land. It's fenced on two sides and survey stakes mark the corners. Located in a fairly quiet, private area of Thorhild County, less than an hour to Edmonton. Lots of wildlife in the area. Great building spot, weekend getaway or set up a hunting camp. \$129,900 Call Heather to view.



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